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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Terrance M. Johnson, Esq.
North Pier Chicago
455 East Illinois Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: *Rudofski vs Diocese of Joliet*

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Father Howlin

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As per a Court Order, I am enclosing Diocesan records of Father Howlin consisting of the following:

- 1.) **Priest file of Father Howlin** (total pages 733)
- 2.) *A Privilege Log*, for documents in this priest file.
- 3.) **Review Committee Records** - consisting of 116 pages with bate stamp numbers and an approximate equal number of pages of "*responsive comments*" by Father's Canonical Representative and the "*Review Committee summary of evidence*" and exhibits.
- 4.) *A Privilege Log* for two pages of those Review Committee records.
- 5.) **Review Committee Minutes** of June 24, 2004 – Finding the allegations credible.

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- 6.) **Investigative Records** – consisting of interviews and documents that were not part of the Review Committee records and also photographs of two victims. The logistics involved in conducting a multi-state investigation is not included.
- 7.) **A Privilege Log** for multiple photographs of two of the victims.

Names of Accuser

The only accuser whose name has been made public is that of [REDACTED] who filed a lawsuit.

In view of compiling a significant number of documents for this priest involving multiple investigations in several states, I have not had adequate time to produce the records on another priest this week.

My Best Regards,

SPESIA & AYERS

By: 
James C. Byrne

JCB/skm
Enclosure

cc: The Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon, JCD
The Honorable Michael Powers
Mr. Patrick Bradley, Esq.
Mr. Joseph M. Laraia, Esq.
Mr. Stuart L. Bressler, Esq.

ORDERS	DATE CONFERRED	ORDAINING BISHOP	PLACE	DATE CONFERRED	EXTRAORDINARY APPOINTMENTS	DATE RELIEVED	
INSURE							
RST MINORS							
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ACONATE							
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	May 27 '61	Bishop McNamara	St. Raymond Cathedral				
		ASSIGNMENT	DATE LEFT	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH		
6	17	61	Naperville, St. Peter & Paul	Ass't.	6	12	65
6	12	65	<i>Chicago, St. Peter & Paul</i>	Asst	6	17	67
6	17	67	<i>St. Charles, St. Ignace Sem.</i>	Prof.	6	16	75
6	16	75	Lombard, St. Peter & Paul	Assoc.	1	27	75
1	27	76	Joliet, St. Paul the Apostle	Assoc.	5	5	77
5	5	77	3 year leave of absence (to Kentucky)	Missionary	4	14	02
4	14	02	Administrative Leave				

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] PLACE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] HOME PARISH: [REDACTED]

NATIONALITY: [REDACTED]

FATHER'S NAME: [REDACTED] MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: [REDACTED]

READING KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH: [REDACTED]

SPEAKING KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH: [REDACTED]

PUBLIC SPEAKING RATING: [REDACTED]

PREPARATORY EDUCATION: [REDACTED]

DEGREES: [REDACTED]

REMARKS: [REDACTED]



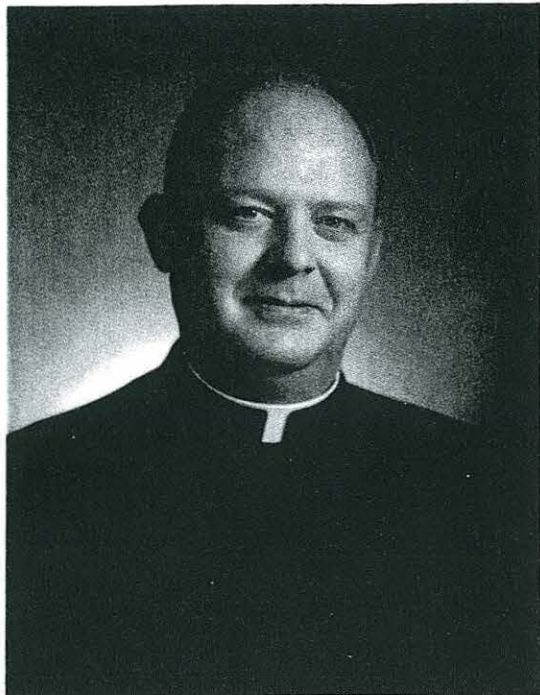
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DIOCESE OF JOLIET

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Name CARROLL D. HOWLIN
(first) (middle) (family)

Born _____
(date) (place)

Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name

Ordained _____
(date) (place)

Parish of First Mass _____

Other Parishes of Residence

SCHOOLING

Philosophy _____ Theology _____

Languages _____

Graduate _____ Degrees _____

Executor of Will _____ Relatives in Religion _____

APPOINTMENTS

Parish

City

Appointment Date

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ST. MARY OF THE LAKE SEMINARY
MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS

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Thursday May 8, 1958

The Most Reverend Martin D. McNamara, D.D.
Bishop of Joliet
Joliet, Illinois

Your Excellency:

I am writing this letter to humbly ask if you would consider receiving me into the Diocese of Joliet to serve both you and the people of the Diocese as a Priest. I have received permission from His Eminence, Cardinal Stritch, to transfer from the Archdiocese of Chicago for reasons which I shall state and upon which the body of my request to you is based.

My remote reason for asking to change to another Diocese is my desire to work in a smaller diocese. I was born in a small town and have since lived a number of years in suburbia. That atmosphere has always appealed to me much more than that of a large metropolis. If the proper environment promotes more effectual work, then I believe a smaller Diocese would help me to better realize my vocation.

The proximate reason, however, for my decision rests on my own apparent academic deficiencies. Latin seems to be a major obstacle in the progress of my studies. I have not failed in any of my subjects, but academic marks fail to indicate assimilated knowledge. I know that Latin is a basic barrier for me in assimilating the Sacred Sciences which are the essence of the academic preparations for the Sacred Ministry. This is a constant source of worry and anxiety to me, with a consequent tenseness and nervousness. Although this is a personal decision, it has been made with the help of competent advice.

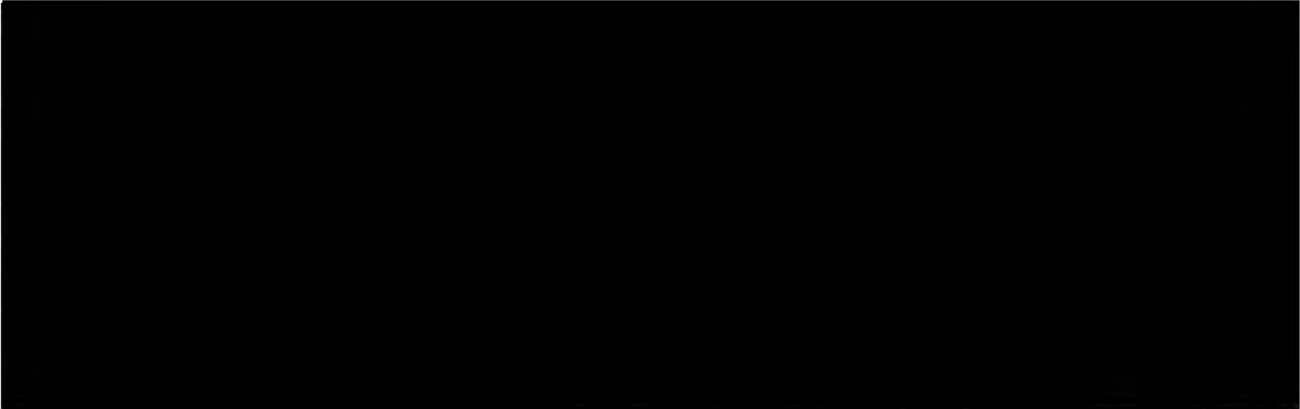


These two elements then, a desire to serve in a smaller Diocese and a hope that I could continue my studies with a greater peace of mind at another Seminary has motivated me to make this request.

Although I know very little about the Joliet Diocese, I have been able to accumulate enough knowledge to ask permission to serve you. My reasons for choosing Joliet can be

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briefly stated: Joliet is a relatively small Diocese with a need for Priests; Your Excellency does send men to Seminaries where the vernacular is used (e.g. St. Procopius); the Diocese is not far enough from my home to inflict any animus on my parents. From these factors and many other small details which I have seen and have been told, I believe that I would be happy in the Joliet Diocese and would be very willing to serve you to the best of my ability.



With these contingencies prevailing, I ask Your Excellency to consider my petition and will hopefully await your decision.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Mr. Carroll D. Howlin

Mr. Carroll D. Howlin
Theology I
St. Mary of the Lake Seminary
Mundelein, Illinois

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SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE SEMINARY
MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS

June 14, 1958

OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

The Most Reverend Martin D. McNamara, D.D.,
Bishop of Joliet,
Chancery Office,
310 Bridge Street,
Joliet, Illinois.

Dear Bishop McNamara:-

I am enclosing the transcript of credits of Carroll Howlin,
as well as a copy of his Baptismal and Confirmation records. [REDACTED]



Cardinal Stritch had given permission for Carroll Howlin to leave Chicago in April last.

Carroll went to school at [REDACTED] in Chicago when his family moved here and took instructions and was baptized by Father George Walsh on May 17, 1944, when he was ten years old. [REDACTED]

He has difficulty with Latin; his High School work was done at [REDACTED]. He is a personable young man; he has been a good seminarian, and has been serious about his vocation. I think he will be able to do satisfactory work in his theological studies, and I recommend him to your kind consideration.

With every good wish, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Malachy P. Foley

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Malachy P. Foley, Rector.

CHANCERY OFFICE

310 Bridge Street

Joliet, Illinois

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June 17, 1958

Mr. Carroll Howlin

Dear Carroll:

I have been informed by Bishop McNamara that you are anxious to obtain an opportunity to study for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Joliet. Would you be kind enough to see me in this office Monday morning June 23 at 11 o'clock. I would appreciate if you would bring with you a letter of recommendation from your pastor.

With all best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Daniel L. Ryan
NOTARY

DLR:dlt

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*Carroll
Dale
Howlin*

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5 October 1959

Carroll Dale Howlin
St. Procopius Seminary
Lisle, Illinois

Dear Carroll:

I wish to advise you that a dispensation from the Holy Office was executed on October 2, 1959, dispensing you from the impediment of Canon 987 §1 and the irregularities of Canon 984 #1 (ad cautelam) and Canon 985 §1, so that you may be admitted to first tonsure and the minor orders. We will seek another dispensation before major orders.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
Assistant Chancellor

BLK:cb

cc: V. Rev. Maur Blouky, O.S.B.
St. Procopius Seminary
Lisle, Illinois

Carroll Howlin

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12 January 1960

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cletus F. O'Donnell
Archdiocese of Chicago
719 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Monsignor O'Donnell:

Many thanks for the testimonial letter of the Ordination
of Carroll Howlin.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
Assistant Chancellor

RLK:db

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
Chancery Office
719 NORTH WABASH AVENUE
CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

January 8, 1960

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Carroll Howlin of the Diocese of Joliet received the Second Two Minor Orders on December 20, 1959 at St. Andrew's Church, Chicago, Illinois from His Excellency, The Most Reverend Vincent Brizgys, D. D., Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas in Lithuania (temporarily residing in Chicago).

C. F. O'Donnell
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cletus F. O'Donnell
Vice - Chancellor

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R. L. Kaffer

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MR. CARROLL HOWLIN

QUESTIONNAIRE

A decree from Rome, issued Dec. 27, 1930, urges the Reverend Pastor of the candidate for Subdeaconship to answer the following questions conscientiously:

1. Is the cleric zealous and devout in fulfilling the duties of piety, i.e., meditation, attendance at Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary? *Yes*
2. Does he receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist frequently and devoutly? *Yes*
3. Does he perform his ministry diligently and conscientiously while he assists at Sacred Functions? *Yes.*
4. Was he zealous in teaching Catechism during vacation? *No need for this duty in this parish*
5. Does he devote care and diligence toward enhancing divine worship, toward the good implied in the care of souls; does he manifest interest in the exact performance of ministry while he assists at Sacred Functions? *Except as an altar boy on a few occasions I have not seen him on ceremonies*
6. In what study does he manifest interest and with what diligence?
7. Is he given over to reading profane books and papers which harbor hatred against faith and good morals? *Not to my knowledge*
8. Does he wear the clerical garb when he is at home during vacations? *As far as practical yes. He had employment where clerical garb would not be feasible*
9. Did he associate with anyone of ill repute, or even with such of good repute, to such an extent as to cause scandal and admiration among the faithful; does he cherish familiarity with persons of the opposite sex, or did he frequent places that are scarcely free from suspicion? *Not to my knowledge.*
10. Was he honest and upright in speech? *Yes*
11. Has he occasioned critical remarks about Ecclesiastical customs, doctrine and precepts? *Not to my knowledge. In fact just the opposite in my interview with me.*

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12. How did he conduct himself ^{2.} toward boys and girls and other persons of both sexes? *Conduct always good.*
13. Is he inclined toward the comforts of life; is he addicted to drinking and prone to worldly pleasures? *not to my knowledge*
14. Does he manifest charity, submission and respect toward his superiors? *Yes*
15. What is the public opinion concerning his vocation? *Good*
16. Are there in his parents any indications of some infirmity especially of the mind, or some evil habits which give grounds for suspecting them of atavism? *not to my knowledge*
17. Are the parents or anyone else of the family forcing the candidate to receive Holy Orders? *No.*

The Reverend Pastor is to inquire from lay people concerning the candidate the following:

1. Did the cleric conduct himself reverently, seriously and prudently in church and in his contact with others? *Yes*
2. Is there any ground for doubting his vocation? What is the nature of this doubt? *Not to my knowledge*
3. Can the parents or anyone else be suspected of forcing the candidate to receive Holy Orders? *Not to my knowledge*
4. Is he familiar with such as can be suspected of having no faith or are of bad morals? *not to my knowledge*
5. What is the opinion of prudent men concerning the morals of the candidate and of his vocation? *Those who know him consider him of good character*

Signed *(Rev.) P. A. Bird*

(Parish Seal)

Date *January 9, 1960*

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St. Procopius Seminary

LISLE, ILLINOIS

Wednesday May 18, 1960

Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
Diocese of Joliet Chancery Office
310 Bridge Street
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Father Kaffer:

In reply to your letter of May 17, 1960, I would like to request the dispensations covered by the provisions of Canons 987 No. 1, 985 No. 1, and 984 No. 1, so that I may receive the orders of Diaconate and priesthood. Please accept my gratitude for the inconveniences you may have gone through in acquiring these dispensations.

Wishing you God's blessing,

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Carroll Howlin

Rev. Mr. Carroll Howlin
St. Procopius Seminary
Lisle, Illinois

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June 13, 1960

Dear Reverend Howlin:

I hereby assign you to help the Right Reverend Monsignor F.R. Stenger, pastor of SS. Peter & Paul Church, Naperville, Illinois, from June 18 to August 20, 1960. I hereby give you permission to preach, to distribute Holy Communion, and to baptize, during these two months.

Wishing you God's blessing in this pastoral work, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

MEM:bjl

Reverend Carroll Howlin


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DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Chancery Office

310 BRIDGE STREET
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

His Excellency,
The Most Rev. Martin D. McNamara,
Bishop of Joliet in Illinois,

Your Excellency:

Realizing what it may mean to me in the future, conscious of the source of edification which it will certainly be for others, and glad of an opportunity to comply with your wish, which has as its object my own welfare and the welfare of those who may be entrusted to my care, I willingly bind myself for five years from the day of my ordination to the priesthood to abstain from all intoxicants.

With sentiments of reverence and obedience, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Carroll D. Howlin
Signature

Date: March 30, 1961

Ronco Blanchette
Vicar General - Witness

Place: Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

Seminary Seal:

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June 15, 1961

Dear Father Howlin:

I hereby appoint you assistant to the Rt. Rev. Magr. F. R. Stenger, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Naperville, Illinois. You will kindly report to Monsignor Stenger for duty on June 17, 1961. I hereby grant you general delegation for marriages in SS. Peter and Paul Church, Naperville, Illinois.

Wishing you every blessing in this your first assignment, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. Martin D. McNamara, D.D.
Bishop of Joliet in Illinois

The Rev. Carroll Howlin
SS. Peter and Paul Church
26 N. Ellsworth
Naperville, Illinois

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May 24, 1965

The Rev. Carroll Howlin
SS. Peter and Paul Church
26 N. Ellsworth
Naperville, Illinois 60540

Dear Father Howlin:

Would you be kind enough to come to see me at the Chancery Office
on Wednesday, May 26, at 11:30 a.m.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Romeo Blanchette, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet
Vicar General

RRB/b1

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June 1, 1965

Dear Father Howlin,

Effective June 12, 1965, I hereby appoint you assistant to the Reverend John Jerbi, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Westmont, Illinois, transferring you as assistant to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. R. Stenger, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Naperville, Illinois. You will kindly report for duty to Father Jerbi on June 12, 1965.

I hereby grant you general delegation for marriages in Holy Trinity Parish, Westmont, Illinois.

Wishing you every blessing in this new appointment, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

The Reverend Carroll Howlin
SS. Peter and Paul Church
26 N. Ellsworth
Naperville, Illinois 60540

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SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
26 North Ellsworth Street
Naperville, Illinois

June 17, 1965

The Most Rev. Romeo Blanchette, V.G.,
310 Bridge St.,
Joliet, Illinois.

Dear Bishop Blanchette:

Now that Father Howlin has left SS. Peter and Paul, I am happy to give you a report on his work here. He was a splendid assistant and well received by the parishioners. He did all the work that was assigned to him willingly and graciously. He carries responsibility well.

Father Howlin has a special aptitude for the teen ager who is in trouble. He seemed to inspire confidence in them and thus would enable them to meet their problems more satisfactorily. This was not only my opinion but the opinion of the police department in Naperville and of the Illinois State Boys' School which we now service. I hope that if you see fit you will include these remarks in Father Howlin's record.

With best wishes, I remain

Respectfully yours in Christ,



The Rt. Rev. Msgr. F R. Stenger
Pastor.

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June 6, 1967

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Holy Trinity Church
111 S. Cass Avenue
Westmont, Illinois 60559

Dear Father Howlin:

Effective June 17, 1967, I appoint you Professor at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. At the same time, I hereby transfer you from Holy Trinity Parish, where, at present, you are Assistant.

Wishing you God's blessing in your new assignment, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

HRB:gah

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June 8, 1967

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I appreciate your recent letter concerning Father Howlin's transfer. A Bishop tries to place his best-qualified priests to teach in the seminary so that future priests will be available to follow their example as priests. Our Board of Advisors unanimously recommended Father Howlin for the seminary.

Asking for your kind understanding, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

RRB:gmh

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June 10, 1967

Most Rev. Romeo Blanchette, D.D., Bishop
425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Bishop Blanchette:

I am writing this from the standpoint of "from the inside -- looking out". There have been Pastors and Curates coming and going [REDACTED] I am in a position to observe progress, or otherwise, of Holy Trinity parish, and for a long time there was an awful lot of hatred and bitterness between the priests and parishioners and some of this ill-feeling was due to the priests that were sent to us.

Catholics were pulling away from their religion -- joining churches of other faiths, parishioners were attending other neighboring Catholic churches and financially Holy Trinity was coming to a stand-still. Pews became more and more bare at the Sunday Masses and all parish activities were becoming scarce, dull and unimportant. Then as a godsend, Father Howlin was sent to Holy Trinity and as more and more people became aware of his existence here, more and more people started coming back to Holy Trinity and once again one could see and feel love for one another, love for the Church, and an eagerness to be part of all that Holy Trinity had to offer.

Father Howlin has done more for the parishioners at Holy Trinity than any other priest that has ever been at our parish. He understands the [REDACTED] people -- not that we are that difficult, but we needed someone to accept us, hold us together.. and he did just that. Whereas, other priests came here with a challenging attitude. We love Father Howlin and in all seriousness, we need him -- to continue the fine work he has done here and to set us more solidly as a parish family.

Father Howlin has brought ever so many fallen away Catholics back to Church and non-Catholics are on the verge of joining our faith, because Father Howlin makes them feel as if they too want to "belong". His talents and presence are needed here -- he is truly a Parish priest.

Father Koch and Father Howlin, as his assistant, has made a wonderful team --the best Holy Trinity has ever had. Spiritually, we need this team at Holy Trinity for a little while longer. I'd hate to see all the good that was done here in the last two ^{years} suddenly fall apart.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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June 13, 1967

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I appreciate your recent letter concerning Father Howlin's transfer. A Bishop tries to place his best-qualified priests to teach in the seminary so that future priests will be available to follow their example as priests. Our Board of Advisors unanimously recommended Father Howlin for the seminary.

I am sure that you will find that Father Howlin's successor, [REDACTED] is a very zealous young priest who will do much to fill Father Howlin's shoes. Moreover, Father Howlin will be only about fifteen minutes away from Holy Trinity, and will be able to continue to visit your parish.

Asking for your kind understanding, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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Howlin
Diocesan Consultor

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July 3, 1974

Reverend Carroll Howlin
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Route 53 and Airport Road
Lockport, Illinois 60441

Dear Father:

Effective immediately, I hereby appoint you Diocesan Consultor for the Diocese of Joliet, according to Church Law (Canon 426). This appointment will continue until July 1, 1977.

Would you be kind enough to make the customary Profession of Faith and take the Oath of Office, as soon as possible, before the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, or myself at the Chancery?

With best wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

RRB:ss

Enc.

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May 29, 1975

The Reverend ~~Carroll~~ Howlin
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Route 53 and Airport Road
Lockport, Illinois 60441

Dear Father Howlin:

Effective June 16, 1975, I hereby appoint you
associate pastor (canon 476) of St. Pius X Parish,
Lombard, Illinois. Transferring you from St. Charles
~~Borromeo~~ Seminary, Lockport, Illinois.

I hereby grant you general delegation for
marriages in St. Pius X Parish, Lombard, Illinois, effective
on the date on which you are scheduled to report.

Wishing you God's Blessings in your new assignment,
I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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P.S. Transition can be made earlier if you and Father Slade
and Msgr. Wagner agree on this.

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January 27, 1976

The Reverend Carroll Howlin
c/o St. Paul the Apostle Parish
18 North Woodlawn Avenue
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Father Howlin:

Effective immediately, I hereby appoint you associate pastor (Canon 476) of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Joliet, Illinois. Transferring you as associate of St. Pius X Parish, Lombard, Illinois.

I hereby grant you general delegation for marriages in St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Joliet, Illinois effective immediately.

Wishing you God's blessings in your new assignment, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Raymond J. Vanesh
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet
Vicar General
By Special Mandate

RJV:kms

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18 No. Woodlawn
Joliet, Illinois 60435*

October 22, 1976

Most Rev. Thomas J. McDonough, D.D.
212 E. College St.
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Archbishop McDonough:

May I introduce myself: I am Rev. Carroll D. Howlin, presently an associate Pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Joliet, in the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. Father [redacted] of St. Peter's in Monticello may have spoken to you about me. To complete the introduction, I am 42 years old and a priest of the Diocese of Joliet 15 years. During those 15 years I have been in the parochial ministry for 7 years and taught 8 years in our Diocesan Minor Seminary, St. Charles Borromeo (teaching Speech-Drama, World literature, Music, Religion; extra-curricular activities director, a spiritual director, and quasi-procurator). It was during my last year teaching at the Seminary that I was introduced to [redacted] the Kentucky Missions through the volunteers we brought to Wayne and McCreary counties. I have revisited Father [redacted] twice since that time (I worked at St. Peter's and Good Shepherd this summer for 3 weeks while Father [redacted] was on vacation).

All of this leads me to perceive a call to share myself and my priesthood in the home missions. I have given this feeling the test of time, prayer, and reflection. The final test was to speak to Bishop Blanchette who, even though our own man-power problem is becoming more crucial, respected my feelings and gave me permission to explore the possibilities with you.

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If I could be of service to you and the poor of your Diocese, I would like to talk to you personally about it. I plan to make my annual retreat at Gethsemani the week of November 14-20. If it is convenient for you, could I ask for an appointment to see you sometime during the first part of that week? If that doesn't work out, please select a better time and I will try to make some changes here.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope that Bishop Blanchette, Father [REDACTED] and I will be able to fill in the details.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Carroll D. Howlin

Rev. Carroll D. Howlin
St. Paul's Church
18 N. Woodlawn
Joliet, Illinois 60435

COPY: Bishop Romeo Blanchette

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*St. Paul The Apostle Church
18 No. Woodlawn
Joliet, Illinois 60435*

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October 22, 1976

Bishop Romeo Blanchette
425 Summit
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Bishop Blanchette:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I wrote to Archbishop McDonough of Louisville. Father [REDACTED] wanted me to wait until he had spoken to Archbishop McDonough personally about my intentions and their needs before I contacted the Archdiocese. I trust that the letter meets your approval and accurately conveys the direction you wish me to take. I hope to be able to tell you more after I have met with Archbishop McDonough.

You treated me most kindly and in a very understanding way when I talked to you. I am grateful and very appreciative because it was not easy, given our circumstances in the Diocese, to make my request. God bless us all -- we need it!

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Carroll D. Howlin

Rev. Carroll D. Howlin
St. Paul's Church
Joliet, Illinois

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Dear Father Howlin:

Today I received your letter of October 22, and thank you for it.

Your willingness to come to the Archdiocese of Louisville is most encouraging, and I hasten to assure you how exceptionally pleased I am with your decision. Last week Father [redacted] advised me at the Chancery and brought me up-to-date on the work which you have already carried out in the Southern Kentucky Missions.

I assured Father [redacted] that you would be most welcome, and I am particularly grateful for the willingness of your Bishop, who has given you permission to explore with me the possibility of your working in this area. Rather than write to Bishop Blanchette at this time, I will utilize the opportunity of talking with him on the occasion of the Bishops' Meeting in Washington, which is scheduled for November 8-11.

In the meantime, I will look forward to seeing you in Louisville. It will be possible for me to see you at the Chancery on Monday, November 15, at 10:00 oclock. In the event that this does not fit in conveniently with you schedule, please let me know and I will make other arrangements.

Thanking you again for your kind letter, and praying that everything will work out satisfactorily, I am, with every best wish,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Thomas J. Donoghue
Archbishop of Louisville

The Reverend Carroll D. Howlin
St. Paul the Apostle Church
18 North Woodlawn Avenue
Joliet, Illinois 60435

CC: Bishop Blanchette

Best personal wishes, Bishop
TJD

Apok to him!
ok

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PERSONAL

Reverend Carroll Howlin
St. Paul the Apostle Church
18 North Woodlawn Avenue
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Father Howlin:

As I get ready to leave for various out of the diocese appointments, I want to acknowledge your letter of October 22, 1976, and to tell you that I believe you have accurately written to the Archbishop.

I also appreciate your kind words concerning our visit. We will leave the rest to the Holy Spirit!

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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Personal
Howlin

February 11, 1977

Most Rev. Romeo R. Blanchette
425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Bishop Blanchette,

The holydays plus [REDACTED] are among the excuses I must offer for not having written to you sooner. It's time to bring you up-to-date. I had a very warm and pleasant meeting with Archbishop McDonough the week before Thanksgiving. He was most grateful to you and the Diocese for lending me to Louisville. We agreed on a trial period of three years, and he strongly encouraged me to maintain Joliet as my "home" without any premature thoughts of incardination in the Archdiocese of Louisville. I agreed whole-heartedly. As far as I can ascertain, the Archdiocese will not be able to assist me financially in any dependable way (including salary), nor are they interested in purchasing any residence for me. Both are understandable since Louisville is practically the only "Catholic" city in the Archdiocese and therefore over-taxed as it is. The permanence of a priest in residence for future years makes property investment unfeasible. These two problems do not worry me, and perhaps will help me to identify better with the poor.

Speaking of the "poor", I received this week from Glenmary's Research Center a "profile" of McCreary County, the County I am being given. I am enclosing a copy for you. In addition to these figures, you may add these (which I obtained from the Archdiocese) to the profile: approximately 80% of the residents are on welfare in one way or another; the average (not the median) income is \$2,054; it is the poorest County in Kentucky and one of the very poorest in the nation; 28 Catholics belong to the Mission (4 of these are Sisters of St. Joseph, others come from Tennessee, and a few are the non-Catholic spouses of Catholics who attend Mass); about 6,000 people are "unchurched" ([REDACTED])

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because most of the land in the County is owned by the Federal Govt. (the "Daniel Boone National Forest") only about 120 acres are left for industrial development. It is not a pretty picture, and Hope is undoubtedly the most scarce commodity.

I have set March 19 as a target date for moving. I have to find a residence; I would like to be there before Holy Week (as this is a real burden on the priest 50 miles away who services the Mission now); and I would like to be there before the Volunteers from the Seminary arrive in Spring so that they might help me fix up the residence. This is agreeable to Archbishop McDonough. The only foreseeable problem would be [REDACTED]. Of course he is agreeable, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] He will return the first week of March and I just hope he is strong enough to take the weather. [REDACTED]

The rumors of my new assignment have spread quite nicely (and apparently with some degree of accuracy Ha!), so I don't expect any shock waves. I have not received any adverse criticism for leaving the Diocese and I hope that you have not been burdened with any negative reactions.

Archbishop McDonough was delighted and most grateful for your generous understanding. On all other matters, but especially that aspect of this new assignment, we were in complete accord. You must have given him a very favorable profile of me --- he seemed perfectly satisfied and asked me no personal or investigative questions. That was a great vote of confidence! Thank you so much for all that you have been and done for me and hopefully for the poor of the Lord in Kentucky.

[REDACTED]

I hope that this letter brings you up-to-date and I apologize that it has been so long in coming.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Carroll Howlin

Rev. Carroll Howlin
St. Paul's Church

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Father Carroll Howlin
Re: Leave of Absence

February 18, 1977

Rev. Carroll Howlin
St. Paul's Rectory
18 North Woodlawn
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Father Howlin:

When you have a chance and when my schedule permits it, you might come in to discuss with me further details about your going to Kentucky. While I realize that the final decision for you will be after Father [REDACTED] comes on March 1st, nevertheless it would be well to get other details settled, so that when the time comes, we will be all set and will have everything clearly in the records about the type of letter that is to be sent and also about the questions which deal with Insurance, Retirement, etc., all of which are matters regarding which there should be clear memos in the files for your protection and also for the sake of those who handle the finances in the Diocese.

I have no objection to your putting together a feature page for the Explorer on McCreary County, and it could be used at the time that your three-year leave of absence is announced.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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TO [REDACTED]
Bookkeeping
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Chancery Office
425 SUMMIT STREET
JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60435

SUBJECT: Rev. Howlin DATE: 4-26-77

MESSAGE

FOLD Bishop Blanchette said above priest is moving into mission diocese. We will keep him on our insurance and pension plan. SS. Peter and Paul, Naperville will pay for his health insurance. The Mission Diocese will pay for retirement; however, Bishop says if they don't pay enough, he will pay the balance.

effective May 5, 1977.

PLEASE REPLY TO SIGNED: *Betty S.*

REPLY

After you mark your records please file
bc

DATE: _____ SIGNED: _____

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Chancery Office
425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Personnel

FROM: [REDACTED]

* Effective May 5, 1977, the Reverend Carroll Howlin has been granted a three-year leave of absence (he was assigned to associate pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Joliet). His new address is:

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Service Center
Box 361
Whitley City, Kentucky 42653

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Father Howlin

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MEMORANDUM

June 2, 1977

To:



From: Bishop Blanchette

Father Howlin left St. Paul's church with my permission for a three year period and he will be at Good Shepherd Catholic Service Center, Box 361, Whitley City, Kentucky 42653.

1. He would like to continue to receive the JOB.
2. St. Paul's Parish is to be billed for the health and life insurance premiums for him.
3. The diocese will take care of the Joliet Retirement Program premium balance (if there is a payment made by Father Howlin) or totally in case the Diocese of Louisville as no program. This would come out of the M&C account.

Bishop of Joliet

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July 6, 1977

The Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Service Center
Box 550
Whitley City, Kentucky 42653

Dear Father Howlin:

In recent weeks I have received two copies of the bulletin of the Good Shepherd Chapel of Whitley City, Kentucky, featuring a fine article about you and your good work. I am happy to see in the bulletin that you are looking so well. May God bless you in your life and work.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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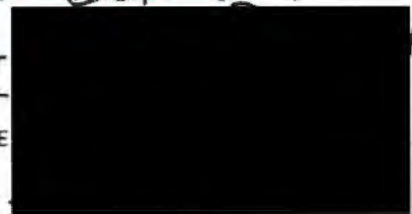
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CATHOLIC SERVICE CENTER
BOX 261
WHITLEY CITY, KENTUCKY



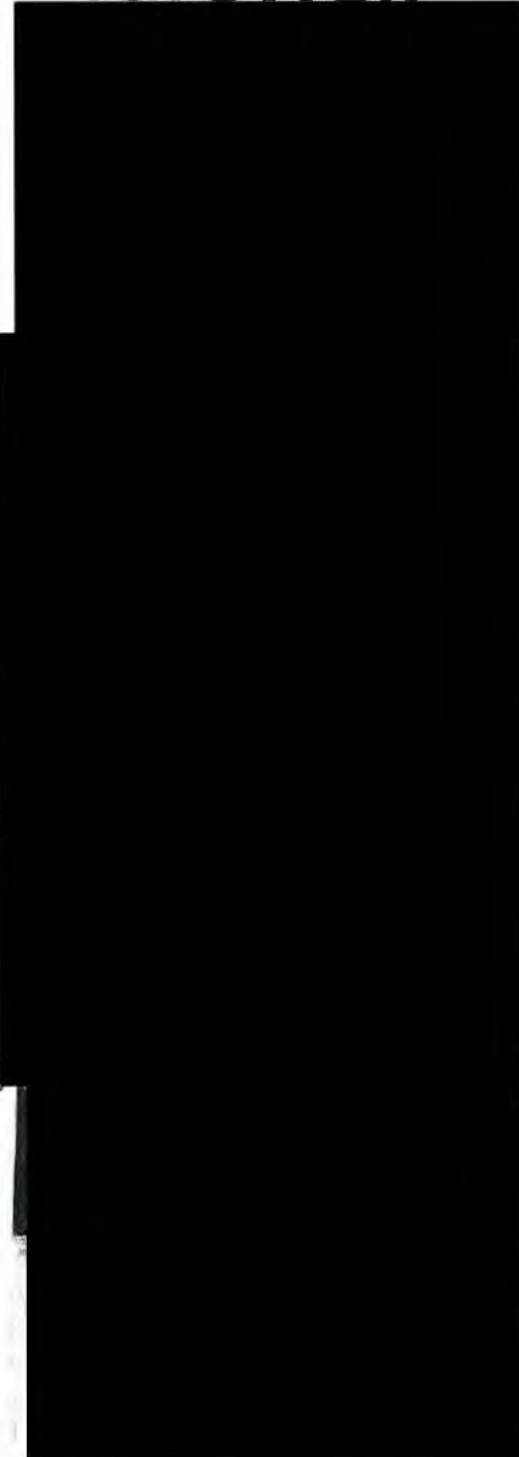
“the mustard seed”

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May 1977 Issue



farewell



Introducing

Mission Gets Resident Priest,
Thanks To Illinois Diocese

*Dear Bishop
thought you'd like
to see some good
pres - Tr*

We are VERY happy to announce that McCreary County has its own resident priest. Father Carroll Howlin arrived may 10th to become the first resident priest. Fr. Howlin is on loan from the Joliet Diocese for three years.

In spite of a priest shortage in his own diocese, Bishop Blanchette was willing to let him go to Kentucky.

Fr. Howlin has spent most of his 16 years of priesthood in suburban Chicago. He was introduced to the area three years ago when high school students from St. Charles Seminary in Lockport, Ill., came to Wayne and McCreary Counties to work for a week. He has returned several times to visit. It was not long that he decided to help out on a full time basis.

The parishoners of St. Paul's, the parish that he just left, have practically adopted him while he is in McCreary County.

Fr. Howlin now lives in an apartment in [redacted] not far from Good Shepherd Chapel.

Looking ahead, Fr. Howlin said that he hopes to bring some of the happiness and joy of the church to McCreary County. We welcome him and hope that he can do that!

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Halloween

CELEBRATION!

Again this year, the mission will sponsor a gala party for about 80 county and parish kids.

Friendships renewed, games played, food devoured, were all part of a fun afternoon.

Editorial

a mission diocese

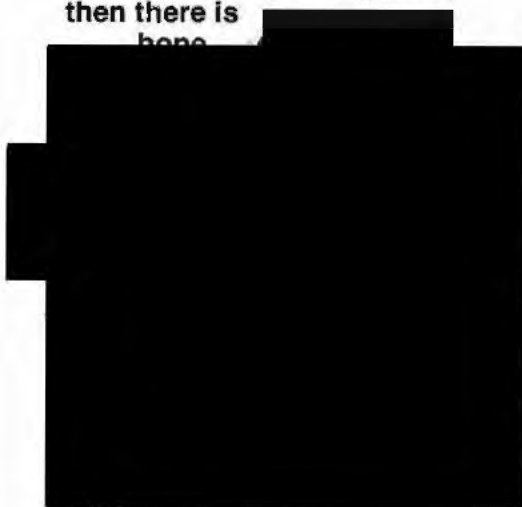
Counties Of Louisville Archdiocese



The bottom 12 counties are called the SOUTHERN KENTUCKY MISSIONS. There is less than 1% of the population that are Catholic. There is only one church or chapel in each county. There is only one priest per two-county area. Yet, we make up about 1/3 of the area of the diocese.



When single efforts join together, then there is hope.



1977 CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

People making a difference.



NOVEMBER 20, 1977

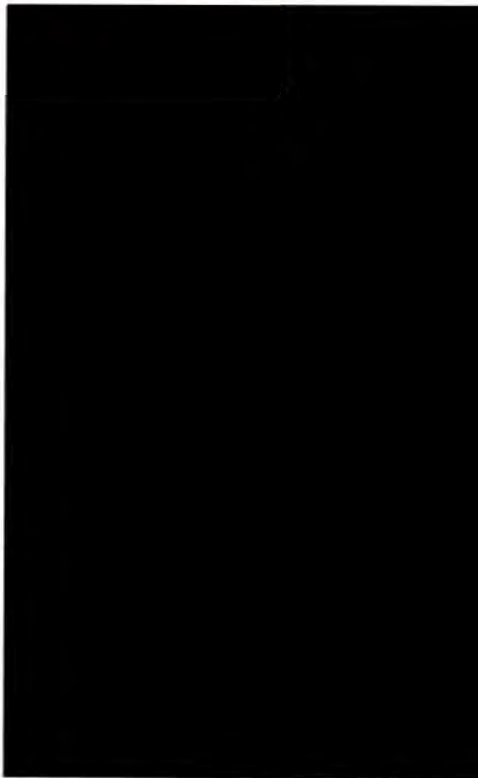
A Force for Change

Founded in 1970, the Campaign for Human Development is the U.S. Catholic Church's education/action program to attack the root causes of poverty in our society. Through the generous support of the American Catholic community, the Campaign:

- Funds self-help projects for the poor and powerless which give them a chance to change the institutions oppressing them and the strength to succeed within the existing social structures;
- Intends that each project it funds serve as public witness to Christian sharing and Christian respect for the dignity and right to self-determination for all people;
- Informs all Americans, especially Catholics, of the urgent, complex dimensions of domestic poverty and of the Gospel imperative for social justice; and
- Conducts a year-round education program which is intended to be a catalyst for changing attitudes and combating injustice and prejudice.

BLESSED ARE THE
POOR
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All Saints' Day, November 1, 1977



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Each Wednesday at 7:30, Father Howlin is presenting an information class on the Catholic Faith. The program was developed recently by Father Knott and the people of St. Peter Parish.

About 16 people are attending these interesting and informational sessions.



The Editor

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Advent, 1977

Dear Bishop Blanchette,

Our little re-sale shop (about 12'X12') has been wall to wall people these past two weeks. Dresses: 15¢, pants: 15¢, shirts & blouses: 10¢, shoes: 25¢, coats: \$1, canned goods: 10¢, toys: 10¢ to \$1. [REDACTED] has tried to organize the confusion by numbering chairs for the customers to sit in while they wait their turn to make a Christmas purchase. It sounded good but even then there was chaos because we forgot: some of our customers can't read! The 140 striking coal miners have joined the nation-wide strike (losing their U.M.W. strike pay), so we'll have a number of additional customers.

Our children's Christmas party has been seeing our parishioners baking "goodies" and, together with the Sisters, buying presents (clothes & toys) and planning a whole afternoon of fun for about 125 children whose Christmas would otherwise be pretty dreary. We'll be hauling the children from all over the county. The chapel will be the party room (I think the Lord will love that), and guess who's going to be Santa Claus? Ho! Ho! Ho! There are so many more needy children, but we don't know them all yet. Many don't know who we are, and others are shy and skeptical about "them Catholics". [REDACTED]

Thanks to the wonderful support you and so many others are giving us, Christmas will be something special not only now but throughout the year. God bless you for all your help and concern! May the Lord trade in that stable for your warm heart and make you eternally "Merry".

In the Good Shepherd,

Father Howlin

Without your generosity I wouldn't be here! I wish every priest could have this experience. The Diocese of Joliet has

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December 28, 1977

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Service Center
Box 550
Whitley City, Kentucky 42653

Dear Father Howlin:

It was kind of you to send me your newsletter as well as the personal note that you added. I realize the joy that must be yours, for we experience it especially at Christmas time when we try to do something special for those who are less fortunate than we are.

As you know I would love to have more of our priests exposed to the situations such as yours, but it is impossible. Indeed! I wonder why I don't lose my sanity in trying to fill all the spots that should be filled here at home - i.e. without causing a revolution?. Father [REDACTED] keeps me posted on how you are and how his parish is supportive of all of your efforts.

Kindly give my blessings and my assurance of prayers to all to whom you minister.

Wishing you God's blessing, I remain,

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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Fr. Howlin

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July 11, 1978

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Mission
Box 550
Whitley City, Kentucky 42653

Dear Carroll:

I received your newsletter of June, 1978, and certainly I can see that you are keeping yourself busy. I write this letter to tell you that I have to go to Nashville on July 16, 1978. There is a possibility that either on the 17th or the 18th, Father Kaffer and I might stop in for a short visit. I write this letter in a tentative tone, because Father Kaffer will be going on to [REDACTED] to visit his brother, [REDACTED] and I do not know whether he will be back in time to permit us to make the side trip to Whitley City, Kentucky. In the event that we do not show up, please be understanding and know that we were thinking about you. Since I have only one week in which to go to Belleville, St. Louis, Nashville, and back, I am not sure about the Whitley City stop, but I will certainly try if I can. Kindly know that you and your people are in my prayers.

Most Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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Good Shepherd Mission
 Box 550 Whitley City, Ky. 42653

June, 1978

Dear Bishop Blanchette,

Hello, from these "Kentucky Hills" !! I know correspondence hasn't been one of my stronger virtues, but the circle of friends of Good Shepherd Mission has grown so large that I've had to resort to these "form" letters; and with the help of duplicating machines donated by part of that circle, I hope to get these "Newsey-Thank-You-Notes" off 3 or 4 times a year. I hope you'll understand and be patient if you think I've died or the mountains have caved in on us, Ha!

I've finished my 1st year here at the Mission --- and what a year it has been! Getting adjusted to the culture, the people, the frustration of poverty, the great distances we have to travel, the treacherous mountain roads in winter --- the heat and dust of summer, our tiny Catholic parish of about 20, my trying to play: cook, bottle-washer, launderer, secretary, business manager, shopper, house-keeper; (pastor & priest is in there somewhere, Ha!), getting to know new names and faces, being a "guide" to our many visitors (the past 3 months has hardly seen a week without visitors), getting use to a very slow pace of life (with its blessings & frustrations), living 'mid fantastic natural beauty and at the same time the ugliness of human powerlessness, ignorance, injustice, medical neglect, joblessness, the lousy Welfare system, broken-down houses, stoves, beds, cars, and --- hearts. . . It's been quite a year! But I'm still very happy to be down here. I love the people, the children, the challenge, the Appalachian culture, the natural beauty, and the good Lord Who has let me be His and your instrument. I get a "high" everytime I open the mail --- so many wonderful supportative friends --- it scares me. I think the Lord is letting me have my Heaven on earth!

I haven't found my way to everyone's door yet, but they are finding their way to mine. I usually have 3 or 4 families here everyday for needs that Welfare, Foodstamps, and Medicare don't cover: shoes for the children, a used alternator for the car, gas and used tires to get to town to the doctor and groceries, a bottle of gas, wood or coal for heating and cooking, rent and utility bills that are over-due, a used stove to cook on, etc. Without your help I would have to turn 95% of them away.

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Everyday, with the mail, comes a "Miracle": "care" letters and packages from you and others (many of whom I don't even know). From the bottom of our hearts, "THANK YOU"!

We have promise of a 4th Sister who will join our team this Fall. She'll be operating a travelling pre-school program for our poor children and their parents. Isn't that wonderful? We're going to try to find a used mini-bus that she can load up with equipment and supplies to take with her to the various settlements throughout the county. Getting the bus and supplies were the only things keeping her from coming down --- thanks to your generosity, we've been able to set the money aside for her.

Speaking of transportation. . . my car (110,000 miles on it) has had it. I now have a new little car that receives a blessing everytime I have it filled with gas: \$7.00 as compared to \$16.50. At that rate I figure I'm buying the car just on gas saved! Thanks again to you I have dependable wheels.

We have secured an old building to open up our "Joseph Shop" --- a carpenter shop making beds, tables, etc. --- nothing fancy, but durable and strong for needy families. We hope to employ at least two men to start. We'll open up our 2nd re-sale clothing store in the Joseph Shop to attract customers. We wouldn't be able to do this if it wasn't for all the clothing and supplies our friends have sent us. Thanks again to you for helping us buy the machinery and tools and pay the rent and utilities.



Well, I must get ready for Mass this evening. We'll remember you in our prayers as we always do. Until next time, many, many thanks for your friendship, love, concern, and help.

In the Good Shepherd,

Father Howlin

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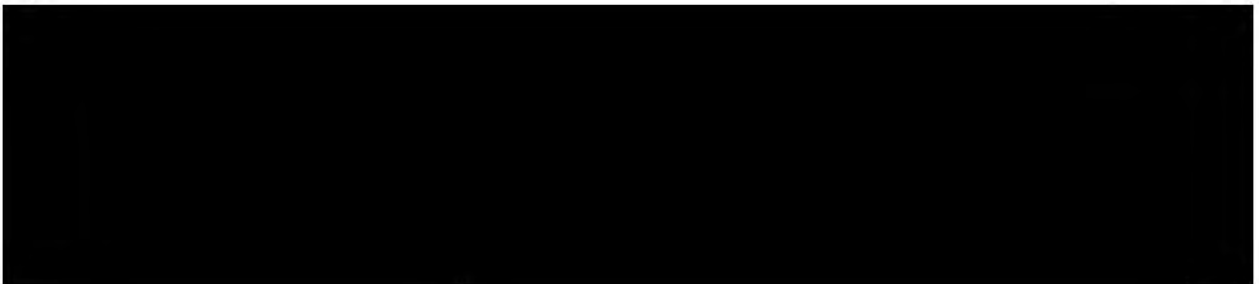
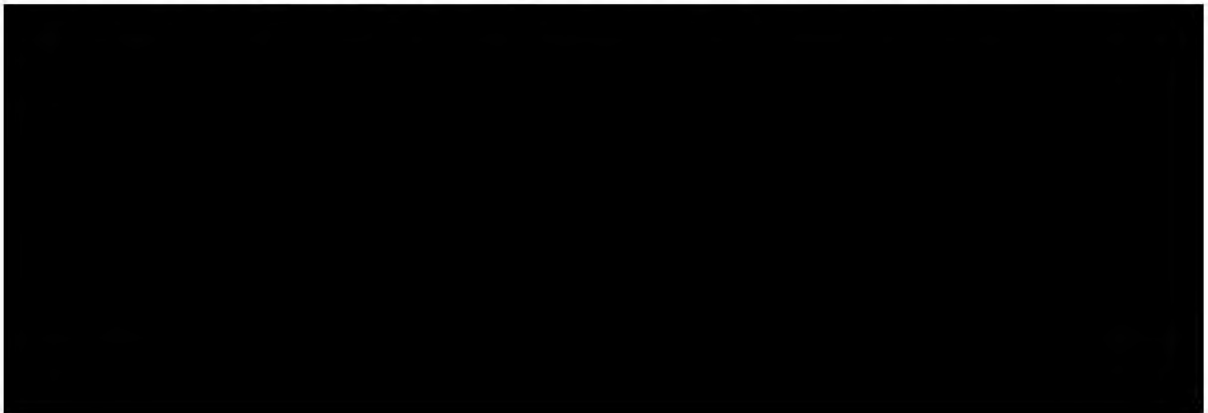
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Rev. Howlin

September, 1978

Dear Bishop,

I have a small banner on my kitchen wall that says, "The Art of Living is Seeing Beauty in All Things". It's not very easy to master that art down here. . .



The "Beauty" I see everyday begins at the Post Office with your letters of encouragement and support. Your faith in making a dark picture brighter, in making an ugly picture beautiful keeps us going. Thanks so much for your artful living and giving. . .

In the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Howlin
Sorry we couldn't get together. Many thanks for the check! Hope to say "Hello" at Msgr. Stenger's celebration. God's best to you!

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March 7, 1985

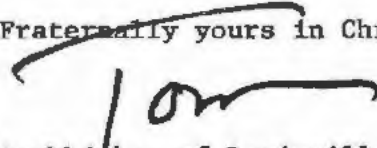
Dear Joe:

Yesterday at a meeting in O'Hare [REDACTED] mentioned that you had gone travelling in exotic places. When you get back, you ought to have one nice letter on your desk, and this is it.

Attached you'll find our archdiocesan newspaper for March 7th, with lead article featuring Pud Howlin's work in McCreary County here. I am so glad that he and his team are receiving our Peace and Justice award, and I am ever grateful to you and the Diocese for allowing him to work among us. He is a marvellous Shepherd, a man of peace and many gifts. His presence in our midst is a grace. He is modest about his achievements, and I know he will find a way to turn the spotlight on others on March 10th at the awards dinner, so before he can deny anything I am calling his triumphs to your attention. Pud has visitors from your Diocese from time to time, and he always puts them to work (some to hard labor), so I add my thanks to them as well. May the Lord continue to bless you, Joe, for your generosity in allowing Pud to work here.

With prayerful best wishes,

Fraternally yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Louisville

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet
425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Enclosure:

RECEIVED MAR 11 1985

Pending
Howlin
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March 26, 1985

Most Reverend Thomas Kelly
Archbishop of Louisville
212 East College Street
P.O.Box 1073
Louisville, Kentucky 40201-1073

Dear Tom,

It was indeed a pleasant surprise to find your "nice" letter on my desk on my return from Ethiopia. I am pleased to report that there was one other "nice" letter, at least I think it was "nice."

I really appreciate your sending me the article on Pud Howlin and the team in McCreary County. I am sure that he will be pleased by the honor of receiving the Peace and Justice Award, but as you say, I am sure that he will find a way to turn the spotlight on others.

I have only had a few opportunities to spend any time with Pud, but I have been deeply impressed with his dedication and commitment. I think it takes a special kind of person to work in that ministry and Pud certainly qualifies. While we would certainly have some parishes which would challenge his pastoral ministry, I am sure that we do not have anything that approaches the work that he is doing for you. I know that a number of parishes here, one in particular, have supported Pud through the years. The pastor visits Pud a few times a year and has invited me to go along, but as of yet, I have never been able to clear the time. I hope to be able to do that sometime.

Your letter prompted some thoughts about Pud. I am not certain what his salary arrangements are. Does he receive a salary from the Archdiocese? For some reason I have never brought this matter up with Pud, but I would like to know how he is being compensated. Perhaps you might have someone just call and let me know rather than having to write me about it.

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Howlin

March 26, 1985

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Service
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653

Dear Pud,

Archbishop Kelly wrote me recently and told me that you and the team in McCreary County were being honored by receiving the Archdiocesan Peace and Justice Award. The Archbishop said some great things about you and I thought you ought to hear about them. He said, among other things, "He is a marvelous Shepherd, a man of peace and many gifts. His presence in our midst is a grace. He is modest about his achievements, and I know he will find a way to turn the spotlight on others on March 10th at the Awards Dinner, so before he can deny anything I am calling his triumphs to your attention." The Archbishop also thanked the people from the diocese who have assisted you, and whom he says, you have frequently put to work, "some to hard labor."

You must know that the Archbishop is very proud of you, as am I. That is a very special ministry that you carry on and few people are gifted in that way. I am grateful for your ministry and feel that the Diocese of Joliet is blessed in having you involved in this special ministry to the poor.

I want you to know that I would be very happy to have you back here in the diocese, and should you ever so wish I would drive down myself and pick you up. At the same time, I do not plan on asking you to return here, unless you indicate that to me.

We are all very proud of you and feel that the award you have received is well deserved. May the Lord

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Reverend Carroll Howlin

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continue to bless you and the Sisters in your ministry to his poor.

Prayers and best wishes for a Blessed Easter.

Sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

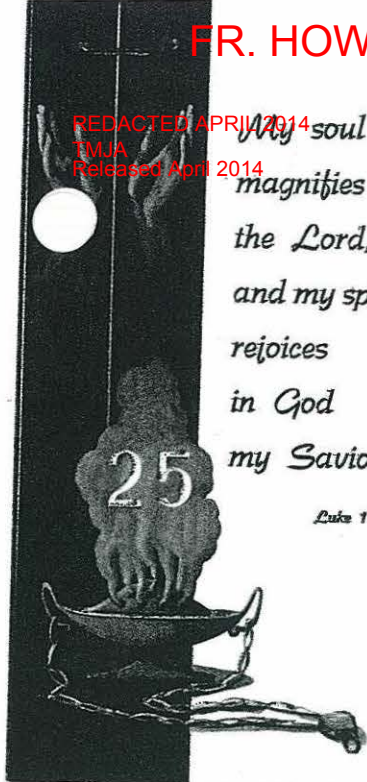
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*My soul
 magnifies
 the Lord,
 and my spirit
 rejoices
 in God
 my Savior.*

Luke 1: 45

ood Shepherd Catholic Mission
 box 550
 Whitley City, Ky. 42653

May, 1986



At the ceremony of Ordination I experi-
 25 years ago was lying face down prostrate on the
 floor of the Cathedral while the choir and congregation
 called upon all the saints, angels, and powers of Heaven
 to help effect that change, that Ordination. I can
 remember many thoughts, questions, dreams, and uncertain-
 ties that went through my mind at that time. I never
 dreamed where I would be or what I'd be doing 25 years
 later. I never imagined how you would be a part of
 those 25 years or what great support and friendship you
 would be to me. My silver anniversary celebration at
 St. Paul's in Joliet brought those 25 years into focus --
 it was a most beautiful but humbling experience.

Thank you so much for not only being a part of
 that celebration, your gift and presence, but for the
 great gift you have been in so many ways to my Priesthood.
 The carpenter of Nazareth, Jesus, has brought us all
 together, because without His person, His work, His
 mission -- we would have never known one another. What a
 miracle!

My eternal thanks to Him and to you who have so
 beautifully let His spirit touch you.

Gratefully yours,

Father Howlin

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June 18, 1986

Reverend Joseph Burns
St. Paul the Apostle
18 N. Woodlawn Avenue
Joliet, IL 60435

Dear Joe,

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$2,500 to assist you in purchasing the truck for Pud. In the event that the other promises do not come through, let me know and I will be happy to provide the rest.

That was great of you to have a celebration for Pud and to undertake the fund raising for a new truck for him. I am happy to have the assistance of the diocese in helping out.

Prayers and best wishes to you. Enjoy some of the summer!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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October 6, 1986



Dear [redacted],

I hope you don't mind if I call you by your nickname. Many thanks for your letter. It was really a joy to read of the happiness you experienced in working down in Kentucky with Pud Howlin. I am also grateful for Father [redacted] initiative in bringing so many people from [redacted] down to Kentucky.

You are absolutely right in talking about the great spirit that develops when people forget about themselves for a time and work for others. I can very well imagine the wonderful feeling that existed among all of the volunteers and people in that area. There's nothing like a "hands on" experience.

Thanks for sharing your good news with me. Letters such as yours are a pleasant reminder of what Christian activity should be. Bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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NOMINATION BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Education/Training:

[REDACTED]
St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois
St. Procopius School of Theology, Lisle, Illinois - B.A. & M.A.

2. Work/Service History: Father Howlin was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Joliet on May 27, 1961. He served as associate pastor at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Naperville, Illinois, and Holy Trinity, Westmont. He was then assigned to the faculty of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in June, 1967. He remained as a member of the faculty to 1975 when he became associate pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Lombard, and eventually associate pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Joliet. He was allowed to go to the missions in Kentucky in May, 1977 and has remained there ever since.

3. Notable Accomplishments: The attached article and newspaper items give some idea of his accomplishments and personalty. The two are almost inseparable, because Father Howlin's infectious good humor and natural empathy for people have made it possible for him to have such an impact in the missions of Kentucky. Father Howlin has also sparked a true missionary spirit in several parishes of the Joliet Diocese which have provided him with volunteer helpers on a number of projects in Kentucky. The parishes that have been most affected by Father Howlin and that have contributed greatly to his missions are St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet and St. Michael's, Wheaton. Thus his missionary activity can truly be said to far exceed the boundaries of Kentucky.

Father Howlin was given the Peace and Justice Award from the Archdiocese of Louisville for his work there in 1985.

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November 10, 1989

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Services
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653

Dear Pud:

Recently, [REDACTED] came over to my house on a Friday night and we cooked spaghetti with scallops and egg plant. We recalled your wonderful meals at St. Charles Borromeo. Last May, I also had a dinner for [REDACTED] and we lamented your not being with us. Present were [REDACTED] and myself.

My real purpose in writing is just to let you know that out of sight does not mean out of mind. I often think of you and talk about you and your wonderful good work for the cause of Christ in the Appalachians. I shall never forget visiting you, and being so impressed when a Baptist minister and his wife came to you for counseling!

I'd love to have you over for dinner if you ever get back this way and have a free evening. Let me know when you're coming, and give me as much lead time as possible.

With cordial personal regards, and with a plea and a promise of continued mutual prayers always, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet
Vicar General

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September 23, 1991

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Service
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653

Dear Pud:

Sorry to hear you have been "boiling"! We really missed you at the 40th Anniversary celebration of St. Paul the Apostle. I do hope you are feeling better. I always hear such glowing reports about you from anyone who has been there, and it always reminds me of my own visit so many years ago. It was and you are an inspiration to me. Thank you not only for what you do, but for who you are!

With cordial personal regards, and with a plea and a promise of continued mutual prayers always, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
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[REDACTED] If however the committee and the dioceses of Joliet as well as Lexington, KY where Fr. Howlin was sent don't see fit to handle this as proposed here then I would imagine our next steps as more formal:

- Contacting the 6 other gentlemen I personally know who went on such trips, plus tracking down the other 8 or so who also went on these trips, and soliciting their cumulative knowledge/experiences with Fr. Howlin.
- Question the reasons why Fr. Howlin was unceremoniously moved out out of his parish assignment, overnight with no farewells from a devoted

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parish-Pious X, to his new assignment two states away deep in the Appalachian Mountains of KY.

- Call upon people such as Bishop Dan Ryan who was Fr. Howlin's Chancellor at the time and other decision makers within the Joliet and Lexington, KY diocesan offices who were in on the decision and logistics of his overnight removal as to details of such an abrupt transfer.
- Call upon the rectors of St. Charles Borromeo High School Seminary during Fr. Howlin's tenure, Fr. Stempora for the time my trip and a couple others, and question their knowledge and involvement in authorizing these expeditions.

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Chancery

425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606
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November 22, 1995

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

[Redacted] has shared with me your recent letter to him that arrived this week. I phoned to express my concern for you and my shock at what you wrote. Never had I heard of such allegations about Father Howlin. I am deeply concerned about you, and wish to express my concern and my prayers for you, and my apologies and regrets for whatever happened; however I was unable to reach you. I remember so well you and your family, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] I would like to help you in any way I can.

Please feel free to call me if you would like to talk to me at any time. You can reach me either at the Chancery (number above) or at my residence [Redacted]. I will be leaving town for the Thanksgiving weekend, but wanted to get this letter to you at once.

Be assured of my continuing prayers for and with you.

Enclosed find a prayer I composed on Calvary on my favorite feast, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, several years ago. I say it everyday after communion. It helps me greatly. May it also be helpful to you.

With cordial personal regards and with a plea and a promise of continued mutual prayers always, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

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Enclosure

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M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: Bishop Roger L. Kaffer
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
RE: Fr. Carrol Howlin

[REDACTED] said that it is the policy of the Diocese of Lexington that the Diocese in which the priest is incardinated notifies the priest against whom allegations have been made.

Accordingly, it is up to our Bishop to notify Fr. Carrol Howlin of the charges and remove his faculties. Once the Diocese of Lexington was informed of actions taken by our Bishop, it would remove Fr. Howlin's faculties and place him on leave from his work as pastor and any active ministry until the matter would be resolved.

While Bishop [REDACTED] will be out of the office until Friday, [REDACTED] would be happy to speak with you.

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

P.S. If you decide to contact [REDACTED] last name is pronounced: [REDACTED]

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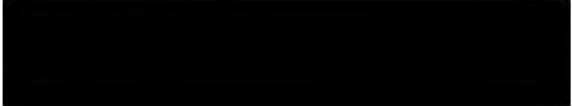
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THE CATHOLIC CENTER

MEMO - 4 pages

TO: Sr. Judith Davies, Chancellor
Diocese of Joliet



FROM: [Redacted] SND, Chancellor
Catholic Diocese of Lexington



DATE November 27, 1995

Sister, what follows are the pertinent pages of our policy: *A Pastoral Response to Issues of Sexual Misconduct by Church Personnel* as these pertain to the Catholic Diocese of Lexington.

I have underlined a couple sentences for you.

My reflection on this matter is as follows:

- Joliet does an intervention
- Joliet informs us of the intervention
- Lexington extends the consequences of the intervention as these pertain to pastorate and faculties.

Please let me hear from you.

POLICY 15: No child may stay overnight in a residence or in any other place used by a priest unless in the company of his or her parent or legal guardian. Because a familial relationship is different from any pastoral relationship, an exception may be made for the relatives of a priest.

C. RESPONSE

If the steps outlined in the Prevention section of this Decree are followed, many potential instances of child sexual abuse will be eliminated. Nevertheless, some instances might occur. In these cases the Church community, under the leadership of the Bishop, must respond expeditiously and with compassion and care to the victim and the victim's family, to the local church community affected by the abuse, to the larger community and to the offender. The primary objectives of this response are personal and communal healing and the prevention of any further abuse by the offender.

People involved directly or indirectly in incidents of child sexual abuse, indeed, even the general public look to the Church for personal care for victims and their families, for public statements when appropriate and for a consistent application of diocesan policy.

1. Initial Tasks in Dealing with Reported Abuse

a. Reporting to Civil Authorities

The Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS 620.030) require that all individuals, including those acting in an official or professional capacity, report immediately any current suspected or actual act of child sexual abuse, perpetrated by any person, to the Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources-Department for Social Services (See Appendix B) Agents of the Diocese are obligated to report to the civil authorities and will do so without delay, unless the information is learned under the seal of Confession. Kentucky Revised Statute 620.050 provides that anyone participating in good faith in making such a report shall be immune from civil or criminal liability. On the other hand, failure to report, when someone is required to do so, can result in a misdemeanor charge. The person making the report and other appropriate personnel in the parish or institution will

cooperate with civil authorities, while retaining the right to seek guidance and legal counsel from officials of the Diocese and/or its agents.

b. Reporting to Church Authorities

POLICY 16: Any cleric, employee or regular volunteer who witnesses an act of child sexual abuse perpetrated by another cleric, employee or regular volunteer or who suspects that such an act has occurred or receives a report of such an act, must make the Chancellor of the Diocese aware of the matter. If the Chancellor is not available, this information should be given to the Vicar General; if the Vicar General is not available this information should be given to the Director of Priests' Personnel.

Any other person who believes that a child has been sexually abused by an agent of the Diocese is encouraged to report the alleged incident to the Chancellor.

POLICY 17: The Chancellor will keep the Bishop informed of all reported allegations.

c. Investigative Procedure Regarding An Allegation

POLICY 18: Once an allegation is reported to a diocesan authority, the following procedure is enacted.

An immediate report will be made to the proper civil authority who will be assured of full cooperation.

The Chancellor will form an Investigative Team of three to five persons from an approved list. It is recommended that the Chancellor and the Director of Priests' Personnel participate in this initial investigation together with other persons from the appropriate professional disciplines. They will exercise discretion and care in determining as soon as possible the necessary action to be taken. From the very beginning, care will be taken to be sensitive to the needs of all involved and to prevent anyone's reputation from being endangered by this investigation.

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This team organizes the investigation as the particular circumstances demand and speaks directly with the parties involved. Persons other than the accuser and the accused may be consulted as advisable. The team prepares a written record of the investigation and its findings.

If all concur that there is no probable cause to believe that the priest, deacon, church minister, employee or regular volunteer engaged in sexual abuse and the claim is not a valid allegation, the Bishop is so notified and he suspends the process. The file is kept in the chancery. The Bishop sees that the accused is notified and the person who brought the allegation is also notified of the conclusion of the investigation.

If the claim is judged to be unfounded yet it is determined that the priest, deacon, church minister, employee or regular volunteer has acted imprudently, the team may recommend to the Bishop that the activities of the accused be restricted and that the person be supervised or counselled. If such a situation concerns a diocesan cleric, the Bishop makes all final decisions regarding the cleric, taking care that his canonical and civil rights are upheld. Whenever such a situation involves a religious priest, brother or sister, the major superior will be notified.

If the investigative Team determines there is probable cause that a valid claim exists, it will present to the Bishop its written report of the investigation, its findings of fact and its recommendation to proceed with action. The Bishop will then initiate the action phase.

2. Action Where There Is Probable Cause

POLICY 19: In an instance in which probable cause is established, the following procedure is enacted.

The Chancellor will convene a Response Team. In addition to the Chancellor, the Response Team shall include the diocesan Director of Catholic Social Service Bureau, the Director of Priests' Personnel, and other persons from an approved list as the situation warrants. It will be the responsibility of the Response Team to oversee the following immediate responses.

a. Response To The Victim

Whenever abuse occurs, the victim and the victim's family experience shock and anger. It is essential that effective, immediate and compassionate care be provided to these individuals until the procedures outlined below are completed. The diocesan Catholic Social Service Bureau or some other counselor, therapist, support group, etc., mutually agreed upon by the victim and the diocese will provide counseling services, if desired, to the victim and the victim's family.

b. Action Regarding The Accused Person

The Chancellor will direct the accused person's supervisor to place the person on a leave of absence from any official duties, pending the final resolution of the matter. This action is in no way to be construed as imputing guilt. During this leave of absence, regular salary and benefits are to be provided for a period ordinarily not to exceed three months. In no case will the accused be allowed to remain in residence at a parish or institution in the Diocese where children are present. The accused person should seek his or her own legal counsel. Neither the Bishop nor any priest who may be involved in the investigation should hear the confession of the accused or other persons who may be involved.

In the case of a diocesan priest, in addition to his being placed on a leave of absence, a temporary residence at a distance from the current assignment and without contact with children is to be arranged. If the accused is a religious priest, brother or sister, his/her major superior will be notified.

The Diocese will assume appropriate responsibility in accord with the rightful relationship it has with the one against whom the allegation is brought. Care will be taken that all canonical and civil rights and laws are upheld. If the accused is a cleric not incardinated in the Diocese, a religious or a lay person, the Diocese will exercise discretionary action in accord with its relationship with the accused and the particular circumstances of the situation.

If the accused is a diocesan priest or deacon, because of the canonical relationship with the Diocese resulting from his ordination,

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the priest or deacon will be required to undergo a psychiatric/psychological evaluation. Such an evaluation shall be done to help determine the best response to the over-all health of the priest or deacon. The evaluation shall be done by a facility or counselor approved by the Diocese. This assessment will be arranged by the Director of Priests' Personnel. All of those actions are to be approved by the Bishop.

c. Action To The Local Church Community

People first learning that a respected leader has been accused, are often reluctant to believe that the report could be true. Although it may be understandable, this reaction can create a burden on those who, often after a long struggle, are finding the ability to bring forth important information. Common responses in a community may include grieving, depression and significant anger that may be focused against the accused, the accuser(s), the Diocese, the whole Catholic Church, and maybe even God.

In order to assist the local community in its grieving, the Diocese will coordinate debriefing sessions to help address the hurt within the community and the polarization that could happen, and will provide education and resource persons for further follow-up.

3. Ongoing Action When There is Established Guilt

POLICY 20: In an instance in which guilt is established, the following procedure is enacted:

a. To the Victim

In some cases the victim and members of the victim's family affected by an act of abuse may require the assistance of mental health or social service professionals. When such treatment is called for, the Diocese stands ready to assist with associated costs, as part of its healing ministry, if those costs are not covered by insurance available to the victim. Such treatment will be provided through the Diocesan Catholic Social Service Bureau or some other counselor, therapist, support group, etc., based on a mutual agreement between the victim and the Diocese.

b. To the Perpetrator

The guilty person will be terminated immediately from his/her official ministry. The Diocese has a right to take action against this individual to recover its judgment and legal expenses.

If the guilty person is a diocesan priest or deacon, additional processes will be enacted because of the canonical relationship with the Diocese resulting from his ordination. However, a priest or deacon pedophile, convicted after a trial or one who has pled guilty, will not be permitted to return to active ordained ministry.

c. To the Larger Community

The parish community undergoes a complex process of grieving when sexual misconduct has taken place. The Diocese will be available to assist the community in ways mutually deemed most beneficial.

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MEMORANDUM

November 28, 1995

TO: Bishop Roger L. Kaffer
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
RE: Fr. Carroll Howlin

In my conversation this afternoon with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chancellor for the
Diocese of Lexington, I told her:

1. Bishop Imesch contacted Fr. Carroll Howlin this afternoon by telephone and told him of the allegation. Fr. Howlin denied any such action.
2. The Bishop told Fr. Howlin that according to our policy, he had to ask him not to function as a priest while an investigation is being conducted and that he was not to have contact with any children. (Fr. Howlin told the Bishop there were no children in the area.)
3. The Bishop also told Fr. Howlin that the next meeting of the Review Committee will be held on December 11. After that date Fr. Howlin will undoubtedly come to Joliet to be interviewed by a member of the Committee.
4. Fr. Howlin will be expecting to hear from Bishop [REDACTED]



Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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Diocese of Joliet

Chancery

425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606
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MEMORANDUM

November 30, 1995

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

RE: Fr. Carroll Howlin

This is to confirm our conversation of November 28 in regard to Fr. Carroll Howlin.

1. Bishop Imesch contacted Fr. Carroll Howlin the afternoon of November 28 by telephone and told him of the allegation. Fr. Howlin denied the alleged action.
2. The Bishop notified Fr. Howlin that according to our policy, he had to ask him not to function as a priest while an investigation is being conducted and that he was not to have contact with any children. (Fr. Howlin told the Bishop there were no children in the area.)
3. The Bishop informed Fr. Howlin that the next meeting of the Review Committee will be held on December 11. After that meeting, Fr. Howlin will undoubtedly come to Joliet to be interviewed by a member of the Committee.
4. Fr. Howlin will be expecting to hear from Bishop [REDACTED] regarding action by the Diocese of Lexington.

Judith A. Davies, OSF.
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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MEMORANDUM

November 30, 1995

TO: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
RE: Father Carroll Howlin

This afternoon I spoke with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chancellor for the Diocese of Lexington.

Bishop Williams will take action regarding Father Howlin only after 1) receiving by mail or fax [REDACTED] a copy of the letter you have sent to Father Howlin notifying him in writing that he is not to function as a priest or have contact with children, or 2) by speaking directly with Bishop Williams by telephone [REDACTED]

Judith
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

cc: Bishop Kaffer

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December 1, 1995

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
FROM: Bishop Roger L. Kaffer
RE: Father Carroll Howlin

Father Howlin phoned this morning for you just as I had walked in the door, so [REDACTED] gave me the call since you weren't here. He said: "I feel like a dish rag, not focused. I thought I'd better have a copy of the allegations before I come up there for the December 11th meeting." I asked Sr. Judith to send it.

I told Father Howlin that he misunderstood you and that he is not expected to be at the December 11th meeting. He would need to come right after that meeting to be interviewed, but he would not appear before the Board. The Chair of the Board and the psychologist who will interview the person making the allegations would be the only Board members to be given his name.

Father Howlin also had not yet heard from Bishop Williams and was getting very anxious about Sunday Mass.

He told me that he very much understands the anguish that Cardinal Bernardin went through when he was falsely accused.

He wondered if the reason for his not having Sunday Mass should be announced. I told him it should not at this time. This should wait until after the accuser has been interviewed and he has been interviewed.

I also told him that Bishop Williams was to get in touch with him, according to Sister Judith's telephone conversation, confirmed in writing to [REDACTED] the Chancellor. I read that memo to Father Howlin over the phone. We agreed that if he did not hear from Bishop Williams, he would give him a call.

Much later in the afternoon, I read Sister Judith's memo saying that Bishop Williams would wait until he heard from you by telephone or in writing before he contacted Father Howlin. Again, since you were out, I immediately tried to phone Bishop Williams, but their Chancery was

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Memo re: Father Carroll Howlin -2- December 1, 1995

already closed, and I was unable to reach him. I then called Father Howlin, who told me that he and Bishop Williams had communicated, and Bishop Williams said he would not want to reverse your decision that Father Howlin should not exercise ministry publicly, so the Bishop is going to come himself to take the Mass and also to talk to Father Howlin. He will simply say that Father Howlin is not feeling well - which is certainly true!

Father Howlin did say that a group of his benefactors from Illinois were coming down for a Christmas party, and it would be difficult for him not to say Mass, but he would get around that.

I assured him of my prayers. He was very grateful. I told him to be ready to come up here shortly after the December 11th meeting.

Bishop Roger Kaffer

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cc: Sister Judith Davies, O.S.F.

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December 1, 1995

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Services
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653-0550

Dear Father Howlin,

Enclosed is a copy of the allegations as you requested.

Please note the introductory remarks. Though confidentiality is expected, you are certainly entitled to receive this and would be covered under "clergy...or any related individuals."

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Judith A. Davies, OSF.

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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December 10, 1995

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Pastoral Review Committee on Clergy Sexual Misconduct

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&
C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

Re: Meeting with [REDACTED] on Friday December 8th, 1995 concerning sexual abuse by Fr. Carroll Howlin.

Dear [REDACTED]

First allow me to thank you for your swift reply in confirming receipt of my initial correspondence of November 15, 1995. At this time I would like to reiterate a few things based on my conversation with [REDACTED] last Friday.

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- 2) This priest calculated his abuse, set up the scenario and chose his victims. This was by no means a random event. (see original letter)

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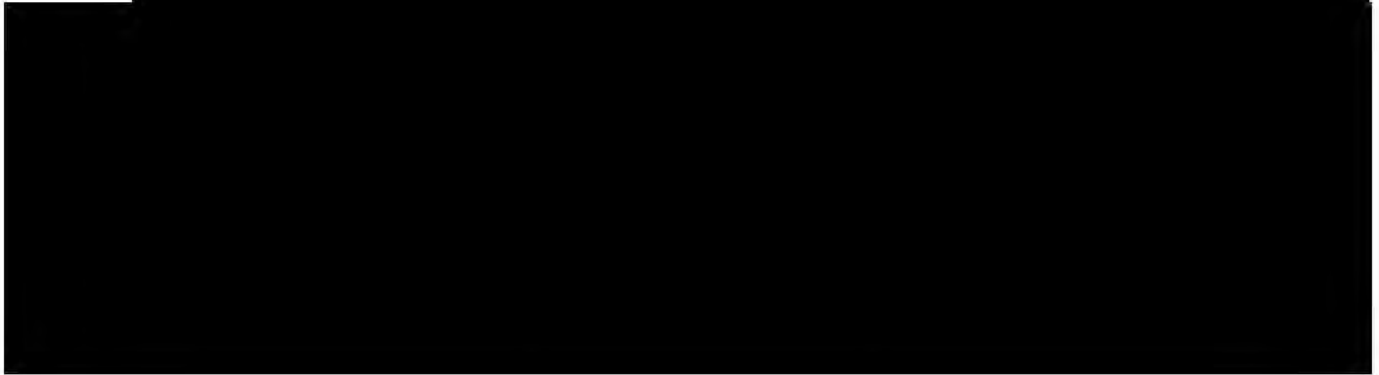
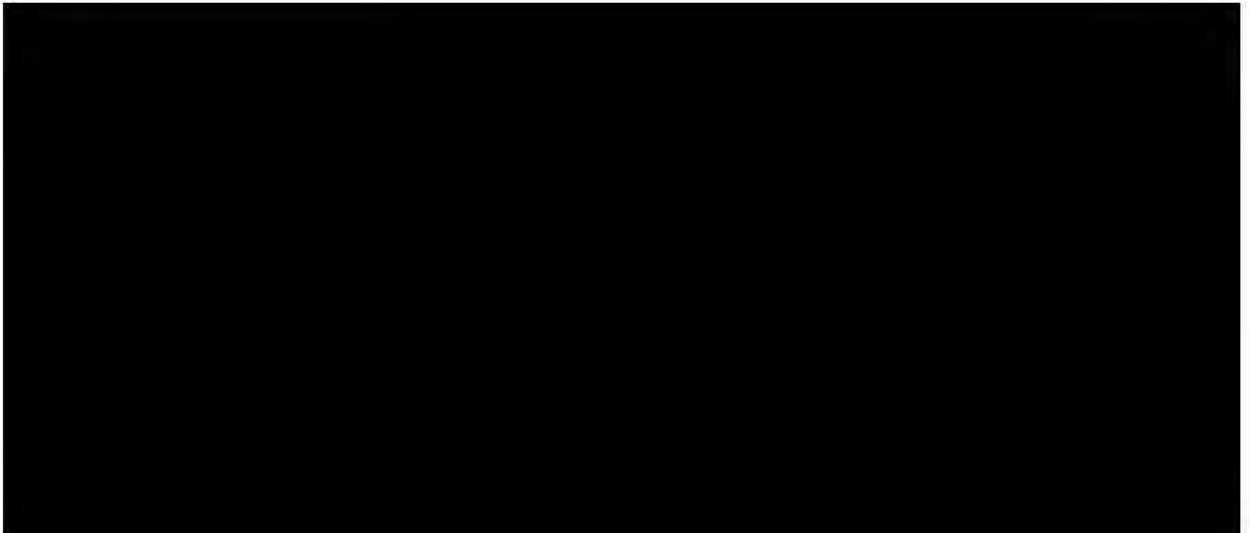
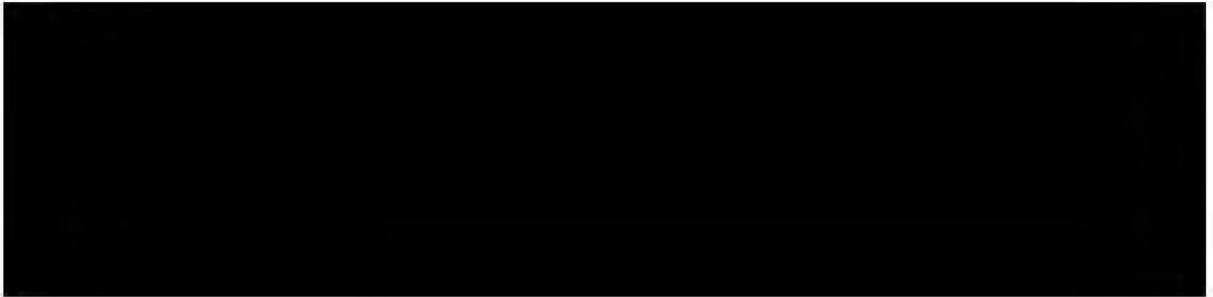
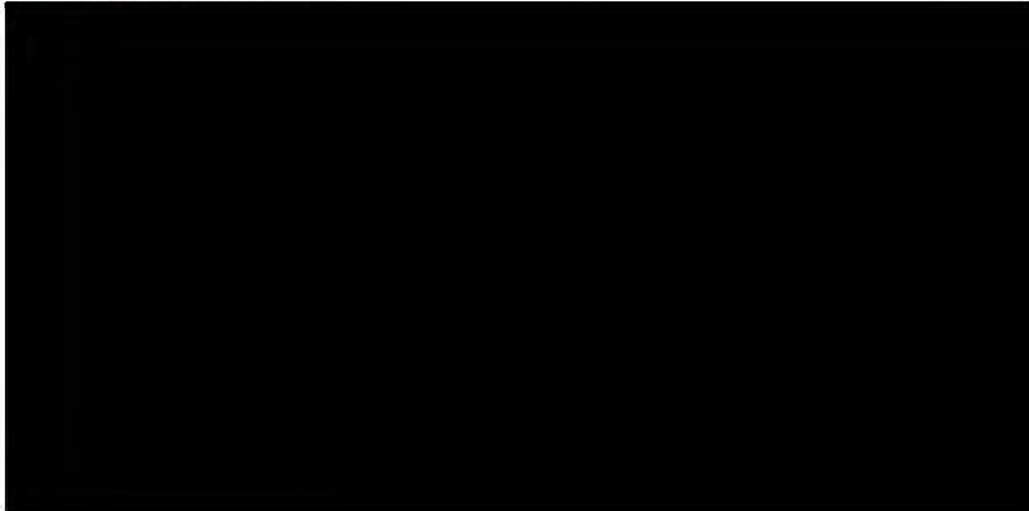
[REDACTED] his assignment was a fertile breeding ground for his kind of manipulation of power and sexual abuse for his personal gratification.

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December 12, 1995


Dear 

This is to inform you that the Review Committee met on December 11th.

The Committee and I understand that the type of conduct that you reported can have a severe impact over a long period of time. We realize that your decision to come forward at this time must have been very difficult, and may have created anxiety as to how your allegations might be responded to by the Diocese.

The Review Committee's responsibility in responding to accusations of this nature must be in accordance with Diocesan Policy. The committee has flexibility and discretion only within the parameters set forth in that policy.

It is our responsibility as Committee members to obtain all pertinent information in order to protect the reputation of all individuals involved. I am sure you will appreciate that this is a difficult course to pursue and is not always able to be accomplished as all of us might wish.

We greatly appreciate your meeting with our representative,  and we wish to assure you that in carrying out our responsibilities, and in deference to your wishes, that no clergy, including Bishops, will communicate with you or your family unless you agree.

We regret that this may upset you, nevertheless we need to inform you that Father has denied your allegations. We want to make it very clear that his denial does not mean that the matter will be dropped. Despite his denial, Father's duties have been curtailed so as to eliminate contact with minors.

In view of Father's denial, our responsibilities become more difficult, and in pursuing this matter we request your patience as well as your continued cooperation.


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We will need to contact a variety of individuals in order to gain as much information as possible, but in view of the holidays and the fact that many people are previously committed or out of town, as well as the need for tact in approaching some individuals, we do not believe that our work can be completed in a few weeks. We intend to pursue this matter as quickly as possible and we ask again for your patience.



We may have to ask for additional information in the future.



It is our hope and goal to resolve this matter as promptly as possible, and we ask for your continued cooperation.

Yours truly,



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December 14, 1995

Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet
Diocesan Offices
425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Bishop Kaffer:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I was very blessed to be able to have one of the school's most respected leaders as my spiritual director [REDACTED] Fr. Howlin took me under his wing, became my mentor and always let me see him for spiritual direction making time at 10 and 11pm mostly well after lights out at 9pm.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Then after that first night's dinner, including beer and access to cigarettes it seemed like a 14 year old's dream to be with an authority figure who was treating me like an adult.

Then the unthinkable happened (see original letter for details).

[REDACTED]

The most insidious thing is that the next morning after he had his way sexually with me and tried to get me to sexually satisfy him physically,

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[REDACTED] this was done by not only a priest but my spiritual director and mentor and me a young hope filled seminarian who was elated with pursuing his

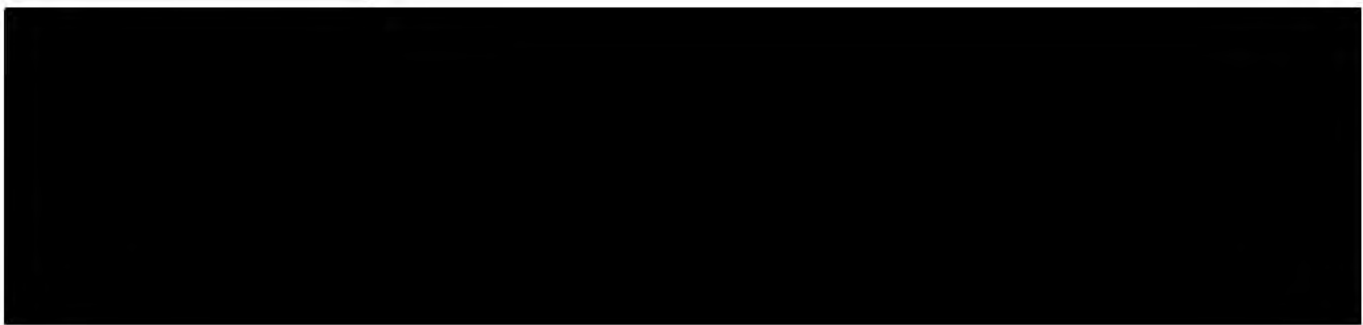
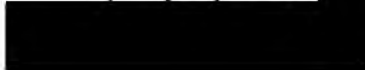

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vocation to serve God.



I look forward to hearing from you shortly and I appreciate your pledge of spiritual support.

Respectfully,



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January 3, 1996

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter arrived in the rush of Christmas mail. Appointments and many commitments out of the office, and a week when the office was closed, prevented me from responding to it earlier. I was very pleasantly surprised to receive it because I was told you did not want further contact.

[REDACTED]

My main concern is for your spiritual welfare and your peace of mind and soul. I will be happy to meet with you at any mutually convenient time and place. You can come to my office in Joliet, my residence in [REDACTED] or I can meet you any place you would like in Chicago. I have reserved Thursday, January 11th, and you can name the time and place, if you would like to get together.

Though I was unable to get this letter off to you earlier, it has not prevented me from praying for you every day, often by name, and I will continue to do so. I am enclosing a copy of my Christmas letter. Its theme is spiritual hope and peace, and that is what I wish and pray for you.

With cordial personal regards, and with a plea and a promise of continued mutual prayers always, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

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January 5, 1996

Sister [REDACTED]
P.O. Box 361
Whitley City, KY 42653

Dear Sister [REDACTED],

Many thanks for your letter of commendation on behalf of Father Howlin. I certainly appreciate and understand your concern for him. I am hoping that we will be able to bring this matter to closure in the near future.

Thank you for your support for Father Howlin. I am sure he appreciates it, as do I.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

January 5, 1996

Sister [REDACTED]
Box 361
Whitley City, KY 42653

Dear Sister [REDACTED]

Thank you for your kind note. I share your estimation of Father Howlin's character and ministry. His reputation here is certainly spotless, and I am sure that he has done nothing to change that reputation in his present ministry.

These matters always consume so much time and energy, and frankly, are very frustrating. We hope to proceed as best we can to determine the veracity of the allegations. Personally, I think we are dealing with a very disturbed and fragile young man. We want to help him in any way that we can and also Pud.

I am sure that Pud is very appreciative of your support. Thanks for being there for him.

Prayers and best wishes to you in the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

FR. HOWLIN SCAN FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET NO.263

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Good Shepherd Mission
P.O. Box 361
Whitley City, Ky. 42653
January 8, 1996

Most Reverend Joseph Imesch
Joliet Chancery Office
Joliet Il. 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch, .

It is indeed with a sad heart and deep concern that I write to express my feelings concerning the charges leveled against Father Carroll Howlin our loved pastor and friend.

I have been working at the Good Shepherd Mission for [REDACTED] Father "Pud" by only a few years. Through these years I feel that I have come to know him well. Never have I witnessed in any way the slightest indication of what he is being accused of. He has always been a wonderful priest and I know he loves his priesthood dearly. His liturgies are truly beautiful and he is loved by the parish and many in the community as well. Personally, I owe him much spiritually.

I send this on, Bishop, in Father Howlin's behalf, hoping and praying that it will help. He is in our daily prayers and we are grieved by this sad situation.

Thank you for your understanding and compassion.

S [REDACTED]
Sister [REDACTED]

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April 3, 1996

Sister [REDACTED]
Good Shepherd Mission
P. O. Box 361
Whitley City, KY 42653

Dear Sister [REDACTED]

My sincere thanks to you for your kind and supportive letter of Father Pud Howlin. I apologize for my delay in taking so long to acknowledge your thoughtfulness. I certainly share your opinion of Father Howlin. He is a wonderful priest and minister.

Hopefully, this matter will be able to be settled soon and favorably. We are working on it, but it seems nothing happens the way it should!

My prayers and best wishes to you, Father Pud and the other Sisters. May this Holy Season be a time of special grace for all of you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
July 31, 1996

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL



Dear [REDACTED]

First of all, I apologize for this late acknowledgment of your recent letter. It arrived during vacation, and this is my first opportunity to respond.

With and like you, I am frustrated. Our Committee certainly is not trying to delay, but to bring this matter to a resolution that is fair. The reports are reviewed by [REDACTED] a psychiatrist on the Committee, so I do hope you will reconsider your decision and send the requested authorizations.

I have been praying very much for you every day. I prayed very especially for you on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, my favorite Feast, earlier this summer. Unfortunately, at this time, I am unable to answer either "yes" or "no" to your request. Neither decision is mine to make or to convey. But I do want you to know how sincerely I feel for your pain, and am myself pained by it.

With cordial personal regards and with a plea and a promise of continued mutual prayers always, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

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bc: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
Sr. Judith Davies, OSF ←
Mr. James C. Byrne

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November 7, 1996

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge your letter of November 2nd. I will see to it that it is brought to the attention of the Review Committee at their next meeting.

In the meantime, be assured of my continuing daily prayers for and with you. Please pray for me.

With cordial personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

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[REDACTED] (w/encl)
Bishop Joseph L. Imesch "
Sr. Judith Davies, O.S.F. "
Mr. James Byrne "

December 4, 1996

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Memo re: Father Carroll Howlin

██████████, a member of the staff at St. Luke's Institute, phoned me concerning Father Howlin. He had interviewed him once and was going to see him again, but wanted more background.

I immediately FAXed him ██████████ allegations. He asked me if I thought they were true. I said I was ambivalent. My gut feeling is that ██████████ believes they are true, claiming to have recovered memory. But I am not so sure that anything actually happened.

I told him Father Howlin was something of a loner in that he would go on vacations to Canada all by himself. Yet he was outgoing and took the entire school on a camping trip every weekend, a trip they all loved. How he could handle all those students by himself, I'll never know. I told him apparently Father Howlin took two kids every summer on a camping trip. ██████████ said that in and of itself could be questionable. I did assure ██████████ that we had never received a complaint along these lines about Father Howlin from anyone else, and that we had checked with a number of the young men who had been on the camping trips and nothing had turned up at all.

I also told him that ██████████ said students used to go to his room at night in their underwear and he would give them backrubs. I said I understand my successor, Father Stempora, as rector, would allow the students to see their spiritual director in bathrobe and slippers after lights out, but I never heard of anything like backrubs.

I also told ██████████ that there allegedly had been some homosexual activity among students, which was confirmed by a former seminarian, who is now a priest, but he declined to be more specific. I said there was an effort being made to have him interviewed at this time.

After receiving the FAX, ██████████ phoned to say ██████████ letter to ██████████ made the allegation that Father Howlin was transferred very suddenly from St. Pius X Parish without a going-away party. Since I knew nothing about that, I told him I would check it out and see what I could find out. From our records, I verified the chronology: Father Howlin was transferred from the seminary

Memo re: Father Carroll Howlin -2- December 4, 1996

to St. Pius X Parish on June 16, 1976. He was transferred from St. Pius X to St. Paul the Apostle in January of 1977. I then spoke with Father Stempora, my successor as rector, and then with Father Fitzgerald, Father Stempora's successor.

Father Fitzgerald told me that he didn't think Father Howlin was very happy that he, Father Fitzgerald, was named rector, and also that he himself felt there had not been enough fiscal controls at the seminary and he started to put on the screws. He thinks that he made Father Howlin feel uncomfortable by these more stringent policies. Father Stempora, a good friend of Father Howlin, who knows him well, said that Father Howlin was very upset that Father Fitzgerald was named rector and that they had a big blow-up and Father Howlin asked for a transfer. Prior to that, he had intended to stay on at the seminary. He said that Father Howlin then had a run-in with Monsignor Joe Wagner, pastor of St. Pius X, and that is the reason for his transfer from there.

I then called Father Joe Burns, to whom Father Howlin came in January of 1977. Father Burns said that Father Howlin had been helping him on weekends when he was still at the seminary and would undoubtedly have asked to come to St. Paul's when he left the seminary, but Father Burns did not have room. He had two deacons at the time and no spare room. But Father Burns said it was Monsignor Wagner's roughness with parishioners, particularly during sick calls, that occasioned their argument. Monsignor

[REDACTED] Father Howlin strenuously objected to that, told Monsignor Wagner so, and that was the blow-up. At that time, one of the deacons had left St. Paul's and there was room for Father Howlin. So that is why he came at that time. That would also explain the quick move and likewise the lack of a going-away party. In speaking with Bishop Imesch later in the morning, he pointed out that you simply don't have parties for people when they are only there half a year. With that, I concurred.

I relayed all this information back to [REDACTED], who said it was helpful to try and round out the picture.

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I had, confidentially, asked Father Burns if he was aware that there had been an allegation against Father Howlin, and he said he was, but he found it very difficult to believe. He said Father Howlin always wanted to help people and was very outspoken in what a terrible thing child abuse was, and he would get angry about it. This was many years ago, and Father Burns simply does not believe that Father Howlin would have done something like that in view of both his desire to help people and his strong, articulated anger at perpetrators when the topic would come up.

However, I did not relay this conversation to [REDACTED], because I did not want to prejudice the evaluation.

Bishop Roger Kaffer

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April 18, 1997

CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

Your recent letter touched me deeply, as have all of your letters. I really care about you, am concerned for you, and continue to pray for you.

[REDACTED], I am convinced of your sincerity. On the other hand, I am aware that some recalled memories of sexual molestation are not always accurate, for a variety of reasons. Whether or not your recalled memory is accurate, obviously I don't know.

I repeat my willingness to be of any spiritual assistance to you that I might be. As I have told you steadfastly from the beginning, financial help is the decision of the committee. It is my understanding a letter from [REDACTED] is in the hopper with the committee's decision. However, I did not wish to delay my reply to you.

With cordial personal regards and with a plea and a promise of continued mutual prayers always, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

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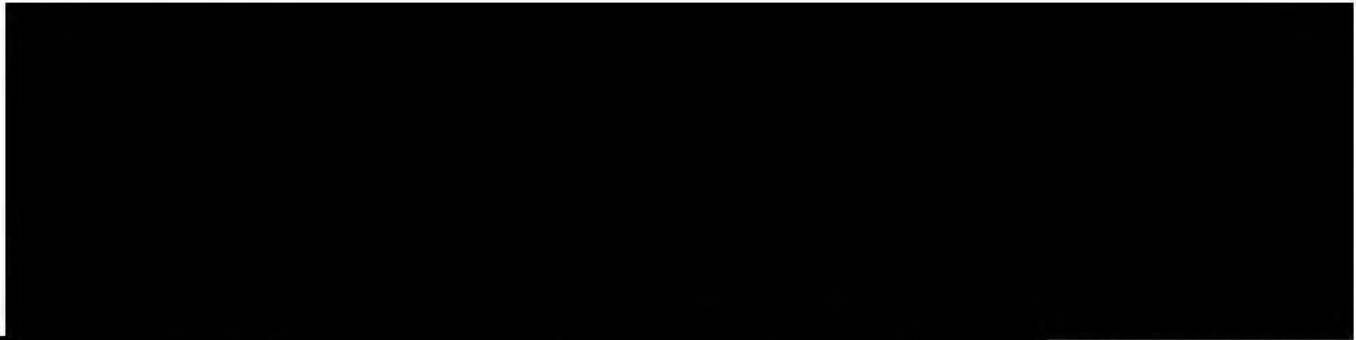
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April 23, 1997

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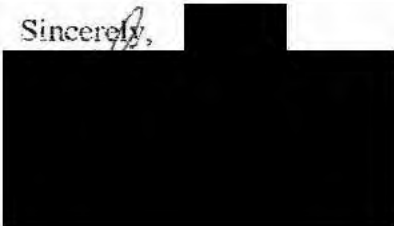
Dear Bishop Kaifer:



..... can rest with my conscience that I informed the pastor of the Joliet Diocesan flock that he has a very SERIOUS problem with one of his priests.....I truly hope that more stringent restraints are put on Fr. Howlin and his role. (while I also know that pedophilia is a non "curable" disorder, but it can at least be curbed by not letting the offender roam freely amongst children. Oh yes I've seen that tribute on cable to his service down in KY with the poor.)



Sincerely,



May 6, 1997

CONFIDENTIAL

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
FROM: Bishop Roger L. Kaffer
RE: Father Carroll Howlin

I call Pud this afternoon and told him that as far as we are concerned, the [REDACTED] case is closed. We have completed our investigation, and found nothing to corroborate [REDACTED] allegations. I told him that [REDACTED] had notified [REDACTED] of this, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I replied to [REDACTED] that I believed in his sincerity, but added that recalled memories are not always accurate for a variety of reasons, and that my making that statement did upset [REDACTED]

Pud did say that there is a recent book out on the inaccuracy of recalled memories, and I said I had read some of the literature. We also agreed that it is impossible to prove the negative fact that nothing happened.

I did tell Father Howlin that we now don't know whether [REDACTED] will seek a lawyer and file a suit or not. But as far as we are concerned, the case is closed.

He was grateful for my call and for all of our concern in the past.

I asked how he is doing, and he said he is just taking it one day at a time.

I also asked about his health, and he said he is in pain, but he will simply have to live with it the rest of his life, and that's not so bad, because St. Paul did say that we have to make up in our bodies what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ, so if he can help save people by his little pain, that's pretty good.

We then talked about other things. [REDACTED]

Bishop Roger L. Kaffer

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May 2, 1997



Dear 

As you recall from my letter of December 1995, you were informed that Father was interviewed after the Joliet Diocesan Review Committee received your allegations. He denied any misconduct involving you or any other persons. Father did state that he had taken you on a camping trip together with one other boy. From time to time he had also taken other young men on camping trips.

The Joliet Diocesan Review Committee, composed of many individuals, including a psychiatrist and several licensed clinical social workers, has expended considerable time and effort in order to confirm your allegations in relation to Father. The end result is that the Committee has been unable to find any corroboration of your allegations. In addition, there have never been similar allegations made in relation to Father at any time.

At its recent meeting, the Committee considered all the information available and decided that no financial assistance should be offered to you. However, the Committee remains open to receiving any further information that you may wish to submit.

The Committee appreciates the difficulty experienced by any individual to come forward as you have. However, with the information available, the Committee does not believe that any other conclusion could have been reached.

Yours truly,



Chairman

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

of

ALLEGATIONS

of



Submitted by:


Attorney



SUMMARY
OF
RESPONSE OF DIOCESE

1. **Removal of Priest:**

In response to the allegations, and pursuant to the policy, upon learning of the allegations, Father Howlin was removed from his assignment. However, after some investigation, he was returned to his assignment.



3. **Interview with Father Howlin:**

Father Howlin was interviewed by Bishop Imesch, who categorically denied all allegations of [REDACTED] not only regarding the alleged sexual abuse, but regarding the types of counseling that Father Howlin may have conducted while on the staff of the seminary.

Father Howlin fully cooperated with Bishop Imesch in all respects, such as submitting to an evaluation and submitting names of individuals that he went camping with or was close to while stationed at the seminary.

4. **Interview of Accuser:**

The accuser was personally interviewed by [REDACTED] a member of the Diocese Review Committee, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

5. **Notice to Insurance Company:**

Formal notice was sent to Gallagher & Bassett.

6. **General Investigation:**

See attached Investigation Summary and other memorandum reflecting the extent of the investigation.

Howlin

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

April 12, 2002

RE:

[REDACTED]

FROM: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

[REDACTED] claims that he was abused in Spring (June) of 1975 at St. Charles Borromeo in the private quarters of a priest. [REDACTED] was 16 years old at that time. He claimed that this happened on a number of occasions. He said that this continued throughout the Summer.

[REDACTED] said that in the streets Pud is a nickname for penis. I told him I had never heard of such an inference, but he insisted that it was so.

[REDACTED] says that the priest took three boys to Kentucky for about a month. The abuse continued while on this trip. Father Howlin left the seminary in the Fall of 1975, the inference, according to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] being that something had happened. The reality is that he and Father Fitzgerald did not see eye to eye, so Father Howlin asked for a transfer.

[REDACTED]

This interview with [REDACTED] took place on Tuesday, April 9th. [REDACTED]

he lives in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In any case, for whatever reason, he suddenly told his mother about the abuse. This is the first the parents knew about it, evidently the first time [REDACTED] had even mentioned it. [REDACTED] said that he did not know why he was telling his mother about this at this time.

The parents said that [REDACTED] began to act strangely after the Spring of 1975. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Friday, April 12th, I called Bishop Kendrick Williams, the Bishop of Lexington, in whose diocese Father Howlin has been working since 1977. I told him that we had received an allegation and that our policy called for placing the priest on leave. I told him that as of Sunday, after Mass, I was placing him on administrative leave until we had an opportunity to look into this matter further. Father Howlin said that he had some recollection of [REDACTED] but that he had certainly never abused him, nor had he ever taken him on a trip. I told Father Howlin that we would be back in touch with him after I had the opportunity to speak to [REDACTED]

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Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

bc-Bishop Roger Kaffer

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April 15, 2002

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Services
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653-0550

Dear Pud,

I appreciated the opportunity to speak with you on Friday afternoon. As I mentioned to you, there has been an allegation of abuse against you by [REDACTED] a former seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo, who is now living in [REDACTED]. Because of our diocesan policy, I am required to remove you from active ministry until such time as this matter can be clarified. I am doing that after celebration of your Eucharist this Sunday, April 14th.

Pud, I met with [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is extremely upset, and I would say, quite angry. He is determined to follow this thing through one way or the other. When I questioned him about what the "other" meant, he said through legal channels. I mentioned to him that I was under the impression that whatever happened would have fallen outside of the statute of limitations, but he did not appear to want to hear that. He said there must be some way to bring justice. I told him I was not a lawyer, but we would do everything we could to obtain the truth in this matter. I asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] call me on Monday. After I hear from him I will contact you.

I did speak to your Bishop, Kendrick Williams, and told him that I was going to place you on Administrative Leave after your Sunday Mass.

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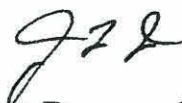
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Pud, you are in my prayers. I certainly hope that we can resolve this matter quickly and favorably.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

bc-Bishop Roger Kaffer

Sister Judith Davies - For faxing to Bishop Kendrick Williams

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON
THE CATHOLIC CENTER

FAX COVER SHEET

TO: Sister Judith Davies, OSF, Communications Director, Diocese of Joliet

FROM: [REDACTED] Director of Communications

RE: Statement on Father Carroll Howlin

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NOTE:

Sr. Judith:

This is what we are releasing the press, including the Joliet desk of the Chicago Tribune, which called about an hour ago.
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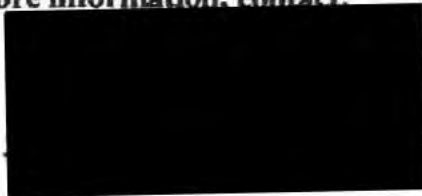


CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON
THE CATHOLIC CENTER

April 16, 2002

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:



**Statement of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky,
Regarding Father Carroll Howlin**

Whitley City, KY. Bishop Joseph L. Imesch, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, has placed Father Carroll Howlin, a priest of the Joliet Diocese serving in Kentucky, on administrative leave, effective Sunday, April 14, 2002.

The action was taken, pending the investigation of an allegation of sexual misconduct received by the Diocese of Joliet.

In accordance with the Diocese of Lexington's own policy on sexual misconduct and in view of the action taken by Bishop Imesch, Bishop J. Kendrick Williams of Lexington has suspended Fr. Howlin from his position as pastor of Good Shepherd Chapel, Whitley City, Kentucky. The local suspension, pending final resolution of the matter, also was effective April 14, 2002.

Fr. Howlin has ministered in Kentucky since 1977, when he requested and received permission to work in the "home missions" from Archbishop Thomas J. McDonough, the late Archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky.

Fr. Howlin was pastor of Good Shepherd Chapel, Whitley City, when the Diocese of Lexington was established in 1988.

During Fr. Howlin's service in the Diocese of Lexington, no formal complaint of sexual misconduct has been made against him to the Lexington diocese. The Diocese of Lexington revised its 1994 policy on sexual misconduct, "The Decree on a Pastoral Response to Issues of Sexual Misconduct by Church Personnel," and reissued it on February 1, 2001.

While Fr. Carroll Howlin has ministered in the Lexington diocese, the priest has never been incardinated here. Under Canon Law, "incardination" is the legal attachment of a cleric to a specific diocese. Such being the case, Fr. Howlin is subject to the authority and discipline of his bishop, Bishop Joseph L. Imesch of the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois.

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April 22, 2002

The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Imesch
425 Summit
Joliet, Illinois 60435

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Dear Bishop Imesch,

I am an alumnus of SCBS class of [REDACTED] and I recently heard that Father Howlin has been accused of sexual abuse. It is unimaginable to believe that Father Howlin could have been in any way abusive to anyone, let alone a child. I am writing to you because it is important that you know the truth about Father Howlin.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Father
Howlin was an important part of my formation.

There was indeed a sexually charged atmosphere at SCBS. I remember when a classmate arose to find [REDACTED] while a faculty member told her that [REDACTED] had had oral sex with almost the entire senior class. I remember feeling discomfort around a priest who served at St. Charles. I don't know if he actually abused anyone, but I've come to know that there are many ways to rape.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Father Howlin's boundaries are beyond question.

Was there abuse at St Charles? Yes, probably. Was Father Howlin a part of it? No.

I have to assume that the allegation has come from the memory of a former St. Charles Student. [REDACTED]

I would like to add my own memory of John Howlin: On the days when he was the celebrant, he would walk right in front of us, roll up his sleeves and say "GENTLEMEN" and we were.

Please call me with any questions you may have. Thanks Bishop.

FR. HOWLIN SCAN FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET NO.337

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Sincerely,

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cc. Father Howlin


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Howlin

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April 30, 2002



Dear 

Thanks so much for your wonderful letter of support for Father Howlin. I am glad that you sent him a copy.

As you might imagine, this is a difficult time, indeed, for the whole Church. I am sure that your letter was a great support for him. I am hopeful that the matter can be clarified soon.

Thanks again for your letter of support. With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

Howlin

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STATEMENT FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

CONTACT: [REDACTED]

On Tuesday, April 9th, Bishop Imesch met with the parents of a young man, [REDACTED] who had just recently told his parents of sexual abuse by the Reverend Carroll Howlin, that allegedly occurred at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Romeoville and also in Kentucky, in the Spring of 1975.

The matter was submitted to the Diocesan Special Review Committee on Wednesday, April 10th. They recommended suspending Father Howlin from public ministry until such time as further information could be gathered. No information was released to the press at the time, because no information had been received directly from the victim, but only from his parents.

Based upon the charges made by the parents, Bishop Imesch contacted Father Howlin on Friday, April 12th and informed him, that according to our diocesan policy, he was removing his faculties to celebrate Mass publicly after his Sunday Mass on April 14th. The Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky, Bishop Kendrick Williams, who is the local Bishop, was also notified.

The diocese is awaiting contact from the victim to obtain direct information about the alleged abuse.

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1. He was professor at the minor seminary
2. 1975
3. Not known
4. Two years later in 1977
5. Father Howlin wanted to work among the poor in Appalachia
6. There were no known allegations regarding Father Howlin when he went to Kentucky
7. I do not know
8. To obtain this information would take considerable more time than this is already taking.

Father Howlin was at the Seminary from 1967 - 1976. Prior to the Seminary he was at SS. Peter & Paul in Naperville and at Holy Trinity in Westmont. After he was at St. Pius X in Lombard, St. Paul in Joliet. Father Howlin was ordained in 1961 (Sister Judith if you could look up what seminary he was ordained from)

9. Father Howlin is in Appalachia
10. The diocese has asked the plaintiff to provide further information. Until now, the plaintiff has not provided any information. Whatever has been provided has come from his parents.
11. The Will County States Attorney's office is aware of the situation with Father Howlin.
12. The diocese rarely has had contact with Father Howlin during his residency in Kentucky.
13. Father Howlin was professionally evaluated after the initial allegation was made (Sr. Judith please look up when [REDACTED] made his allegation) that

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allegation was brought to our Diocesan Review Committee. The plaintiff was asked to provide additional information, but did not do so. The Committee decided that there was not sufficient evidence to prevent Father Howlin from continuing in ministry. He had been relieved of his public ministry when the allegation had been made.

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April 15, 2003

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

I received the note you sent me recently regarding Father Howlin. I certainly appreciate your support for him. I, too, think he is a wonderful priest. Were it my decision, I would certainly reinstate Father Howlin. However, I do not have the authority to make that decision.

Now that the State's Attorney has ruled that the statute of limitations has run, it will be the responsibility of the Diocesan Review Committee to determine the veracity of the allegations. The running of the statutes makes no determination about guilt or innocence. I am hopeful that the Review Board will be able to come to decision without too much delay.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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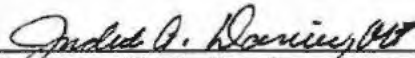
April 18, 2002

TO: Reverend James Burnett
FAX: [REDACTED]
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
RE: Reverend Carroll Howlin

Would you please make the following announcement at all your Masses this weekend?

This past week an allegation was brought against Father Carroll Howlin. Father Howlin was stationed at our parish from June of 1961 to June of 1965. If anyone is aware of any inappropriate behavior on the part of Father Howlin, please contact the Diocese.

Thank you very much.


Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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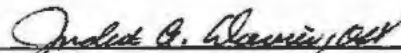
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TO: Reverend James Nowak
FAX: [REDACTED]
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
RE: Reverend Carroll Howlin

Would you please make the following announcement at all your Masses this weekend?

This past week an allegation was brought against Father Carroll Howlin. Father Howlin was stationed at our parish from June of 1965 to June of 1967. If anyone is aware of any inappropriate behavior on the part of Father Howlin, please contact the Diocese.

Thank you very much.


Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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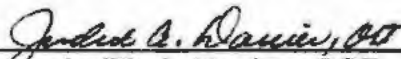
April 18, 2002

TO: Reverend Herbert Essig
FAX: [REDACTED]
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
RE: Reverend Carroll Howlin

Would you please make the following announcement at all your Masses this weekend?

This past week an allegation was brought against Father Carroll Howlin. Father Howlin was stationed at our parish from June of 1975 to January of 1976. If anyone is aware of any inappropriate behavior on the part of Father Howlin, please contact the Diocese.

Thank you very much.


Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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April 18, 2002

TO: Reverend James Dougherty
FAX: [REDACTED]
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
RE: Reverend Carroll Howlin

Would you please make the following announcement at all your Masses this weekend?

This past week an allegation was brought against Father Carroll Howlin. Father Howlin was stationed at our parish from January 1976 to May of 1977. If anyone is aware of any inappropriate behavior on the part of Father Howlin, please contact the Diocese.

Thank you very much.


Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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June 4, 2002

Mr. [REDACTED]
Will County State's Attorney
[REDACTED]
Joliet, IL 60432

Re: *Father Howlin*
Entire Priest File

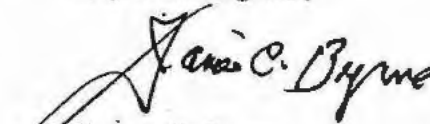
Attention: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am enclosing herewith a photocopy of Father Howlin's entire Priest file consisting of _____ number of pages.

You will also find enclosed herewith a privilege log setting forth those documents withheld on the basis of statutory privileges.

My Best Regards,


James C. Byrne

JCB/jsr
Enclosure

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Diocese of Joliet

Office of the Bishop

425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606
Fax 815-722-6602

June 11, 2002

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]:

I am writing you shortly before I leave for the Bishops' Meeting in Dallas. I would ask that you keep all of us in your prayers.

I was pleased that we were able to meet and discuss [Redacted]'s situation several days ago. I certainly understand your pain, as well as your concern for him. I, too, am concerned about his well being.

[Redacted]

I spoke to the diocesan attorney about providing information to the Wisconsin States Attorney. He said that the Will County States Attorney was aware of [Redacted]'s allegation and that he would notify the Wisconsin States Attorney, if that was to be done.

[Redacted]

Be assured of my prayers for you and for [Redacted].

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Inesch
Bishop of Joliet

p.s. I dictated the above letter before I received your letter on Monday of this week. I would like to respond to some of your comments. Since I am not a member of the Review Committee, I feel uncomfortable in trying to respond for them. My understanding is that the Review Committee made a number of requests to receive reports from [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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██████████ himself, came to a point of declining to provide further permission for the release of these reports. All of this contributed to the long delay in reaching a decision.

██████████ was interviewed by a member of the Review Committee, a fact which he notes in one of his letters.

██████████ indicated that he was going to contact the young men who had been on trips with Father Howlin. He did not do this. However, prior to contacting the diocese, ██████████ spoke with the young man who had been on the trip with him and Father Howlin. The young man refused to help in any way, denying that anything improper of a sexual nature had occurred. A number of peers and classmates of ██████████ were interviewed by various people. None of them spoke of any inappropriate activity.

There was nothing suspicious about Father Howlin's leaving the seminary, transferring from St. Pius X Parish in Lombard and then leaving St. Paul's to go to Kentucky. Several people have confirmed that the reason for the moves had no connection with any hint of improper activity.

With regard to not informing you that ██████████ had reported abuse at the hands of Father Howlin, I can only say that it would not be appropriate for me to provide you with that information. Certainly, ██████████ could release that information, but I don't think that should be my prerogative.

I did not review Father Howlin's file personally, but someone else did. I have reviewed it since our meeting, and there is nothing in there to indicate any inappropriate activity of a sexual nature.

I apologize that in the beginning of our conversation I indicated that the diocese had ██████████. I thought we had, but it is clear that this was not done. Evidently the Review Committee wanted to verify the fact of the abuse from ██████████.

With regard to your specific requests on behalf of ██████████, I need to present those matters to the Review Board. I do not make the decisions on what should be done.

I repeat, again, my concern for ██████████'s welfare. I am going to refer this matter once more to the Review Board for their decision.

I thank you for your prayers for our forthcoming meeting in Dallas. I, too, certainly hope that the Bishops actions will help to begin to heal the Church. I will keep you and ██████████ in my prayers.

bc: Bishop Roger L. Kaffer ✓
Bishop James E. Fitzgerald
Sr. Judith Davies, O.S.F.
Mr. James C. Byrne

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June 11, 2002

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TO: Sister Judith Davies, O.S.F.
FROM: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
RE: Carroll Howlin

I would like the Review Committee to give some consideration to the situation of Father Howlin. It seems as if he is in a state of suspended administrative leave. There is an allegation, but there is no movement in determining whether that allegation is true or not. I don't know what can be done, but I'm very uncomfortable with simply having this priest on leave and no action being taken.

Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

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Dear 

Thanks so much for your letter. What a wonderful tribute to Father Howlin, and I know that it is deserved. From your letter, I can tell that you have lead an interesting life, not without some serious difficulties.

I am upset that Father Howlin had to be removed from ministry. Fortunately, he is able to stay in Whitley and minister to people by his presence and words. Our diocesan policy requires that a priest be removed from ministry when there is an allegation of sexual abuse. I would certainly prefer that the matter would be well documented, but people say that if we do not remove a priest when an allegation has been made, we are not taking the allegation seriously. As a result, people like Father Howlin are removed from ministry for periods of time far beyond what I think is called for. Unfortunately, I don't know how long this period of uncertainty will last. I would hope that the matter could be investigated quickly, but the justice system seems to take its own time.

I know your letter comes from the heart. I know, also, that your letter and you, yourself, are a great support for Father Howlin during this difficult time. I appreciate your writing to me. Please give my regards and my prayers to Father Howlin and to yourself.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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June 24, 2002

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Mission
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653

Dear Pud,

Thanks for your letter and my apologies for the delay in responding to it. As you know, there are number of things going on here to occupy one's time, including the recent Bishops' meeting in Dallas.

Unfortunately, I have nothing new to report on your situation. It bothers me that this matter can exist in space for so long with nothing being done. Supposedly, the State's Attorney's office is carrying on some kind of investigation, but I do not know what progress has been made. [REDACTED] folks were present this last week at a court session. They gave a rather extensive interview, or at least it was so reported in the newspaper. Unfortunately, I think at least in their minds, you have been tried, found guilty and convicted. Their anger is as much addressed towards me as it is towards you. [REDACTED] said that I should resign, though I am not quite sure what for. Since I was not here at the time of the supposed allegation, I am not sure what I am guilty of, but whatever it is, I must be.

I had to smile when I read your letter. You certainly were wound up, citing every difficulty that ever existed in the Church!

I received a letter from one of your friends in Whitley City and was very moved with his unconditional endorsement of you and what you

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have done for him. I am glad that you are receiving support from the people whom you have served so well for all of these years. Hopefully, whatever lies ahead will bring all of this to a good ending.

You are in my prayers. Please remember me as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

bc-Bishop Roger Kaffer
Bishop James Fitzgerald

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Father Howlin placed on leave

Bishop states "unsubstantiated allegations"

Voice Staff Report

An allegation of sexual misconduct has forced the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, to place Father Carroll Howlin on administrative leave pending an investigation into two separate incidents involving a now [redacted] man from the [redacted] U.S. The recent action stems from incidents that allegedly occurred nearly 30 years ago, between 1974 and 1976, when Father Howlin was a staff member at the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Lockport, Illinois. Church officials did not specify the allegations made against Fr. Howlin.

Bishop J. Kendrick Williams of the Lexington Diocese suspended Fr. Howlin from his position of the Good Shepard Catholic Chapel as part of policy due to the allegations, but final authority in the matter is left to Fr. Howlin's home diocese in Joliet, Illinois. No formal complaint of misconduct has been filed against Fr. Howlin in the Lexington diocese.

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Father Howlin placed on leave

Bishop states "unsubstantiated allegations"

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The Voice spoke to Father Howlin on Tuesday, after the diocese released a statement regarding the incident. "I uncatagorically deny the accusations," Fr. Howlin said. He then referred all questioning to Bishop Joseph L. Imesch of his home diocese in Joliet, Illinois. Bishop Imesch holds authority over Fr. Howlin and stated that the allegations are unsubstantiated. Bishop Imesch met with the alleged victim's parents last week, but has not heard from the man himself. Bishop Imesch stated it is diocesan policy on sex abuse allegations to require he put Fr. Howlin on leave from ministerial duties until the matter is resolved.

According to reports, the lawyer of the alleged victim, [REDACTED] said his client wanted to seek criminal charges against Fr. Howlin.

Father Howlin has been a member of the McCreary County community since the late seventies and has never been accused of any type of mis-

conduct, being viewed by most of the community as a man that cares for and supports those around him and his community.

Father Howlin is noted in the community as being pastor of the Good Shepard Catholic Chapel in Whitley City. Church member [REDACTED] said he could not see how any such allegations could be true. "I've known Father Howlin for 25 years. He's been nothing but a pillar of the community," [REDACTED] said.

Father Howlin has worked in McCreary County for the last 25 years, not only spreading the word of God through ministerial duties, but by developing community projects such as education programs, donation centers, shelters, and victims services to help those in need. Father Howlin has been a columnist for The Voice since November of 2000, being featured every week in Cleric's Comments.

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Good deeds, good man

By [REDACTED]
Sometimes, a person's life is measured by the amount of money they made, sometimes it is measured by the amount of things they accomplished, but the most important measure of a person's life is the amount of lives they have touched.

The news two weeks ago about local Catholic priest, Father Carroll Howlin and the alleged accusations of sexual misconduct over 25 years ago has sent ripples throughout the community. Not ripples of anger, but ripples of disbelief and support. The Voice has contacted several people in the county and around the United States in order to learn more about Father Howlin, affectionately known as "Pud" to his friends. There was not one person who for even one second believed that this man ever did what he was accused of.

Trying to list what the good Father has done for people in this community would be like trying to count the stars in the night sky. Every person talked to had something good to say about Father Howlin, and also gave names of other people who would be able to tell more.

Sister [REDACTED] who has worked with father Howlin for 25 years, said "he has the ability



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to bring out the good in people, and can see the good in anyone." Sister [REDACTED] stated that Father Howlin started an Alcoholics Anonymous program in McCreary County, has helped numerous people with drug addictions, and has helped the needy in the county on hundreds of occasions, no matter what their faith was. "He is very attuned to people of all faiths, or those that think they have no faith," she added. She mentioned Father Howlin's love of carpentry and how he takes that passion and helps people. "He has built several homes in the area for people and helped remodel and fix hundreds of

others."

[REDACTED] says Father Howlin has the knack of saying the right thing at the right time. He is so kind and patient, that has always been the rule with him."

Stopping by the Good Shepherd Catholic Chapel, where Father Howlin holds services, the stories come one after another. [REDACTED] told of a time when a man with 4 children was passing through town and had car trouble. Father Howlin made arrangements for the family to have a place

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to stay until their car was fixed. "He always did the right things for families," says [REDACTED]. "Families are the most important thing to him."

"So many times he would help someone out of his own pocket. He would give with no thought of himself," said [REDACTED]. "A lot of people could take a lesson from him. He has taken care of so many people and now it's our turn to stand up and take care of him."

Father Howlin's presence is felt strongly at the Christian Care Center, where he is on the Board of Directors. The Center operates a food bank and provides medical care to the needy. Director [REDACTED] says he has been instrumental in helping people with drug and alcohol dependencies onto

the road to recovery. "He is a rock. A lot of people who have been strong for years, still depend on him." [REDACTED] added, "I don't know how many homes he has built, but he has employed several people who weren't employable and taught them valuable skills."

Father Howlin first came to this county 25 years ago and fell in love with the area. He has devoted the last quarter century to helping out those in need around the area and spreading the Word of God. He has been placed on administrative leave from his pastoral duties until the issues concerning the allegations are resolved, but that does not stop him from doing what he loves to do, being the best person he can be.



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THE MCCREARY COUNTY VOICE OPINION

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"Ye shall know them by their fruits."

Luke 6:43

A person is identified by their works. Our knowledge and like or dislike of a person is directly influenced by their actions and deeds. How we relate to each other and our personal feelings toward each other is largely based on our perception of that person's actions and accomplishments. We get a greater sense of knowing and trusting people by watching what they do. A quiet man may garner tremendous respect by his actions and deeds alone. A braggart may talk a good game but is quickly identified by his failure to act in accordance with his words. Actions do speak louder than words.

When a person is accused of a wrongful act that person's life work, deeds and actions must be taken into account. Accusations are just that, accusations. Fortunately we live in America where you are inno-

cent until proven guilty. Right? In this day of instant news coverage too often we hear the accusations and not the results. We remember the allegation and not the outcome of the investigation. If that person was cleared of all charges we still remember the allegation. A perfectly innocent person can be accused of almost anything. The charges may not holdup in a court of law but that person's good name has been affected by the allegations.

Our freedoms grant us great privileges. These same freedoms also give us the right to be heard, the right to a fair trial, and the right to justice.

Each day we are confronted by various news stories in a world of instant news coverage. The need to know now consumes most media coverage. As readers, viewers and

listeners, we remember the headlines, but do we remember the outcome? The media influences the way we think of these news items and spawns some unfavorable opinions in the minds of the audience. Unfortunately, this same coverage produces undesirable copycat crimes and allegations.

The Voice has seen Father Howlin's actions in progress and agrees with his words of wisdom. From our standpoint, Father Howlin has been a shining light in our community. The allegations against him have placed a cloud on a life of selfless service and devotion. Until proven wrong, we reserve the right to support him and stand behind him in the fact that we believe his acts of humanity, kindness and selflessness are in the best interest of McCreary County.

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MEMORANDUM

July 22, 2002

TO: Sister Judith Davies, OSF
For Independent Review Board

FROM: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He expressed his concern
about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I do not know that Father Howlin is responsible for this, but I would recommend offering assistance to [REDACTED] simply as an act of charity.

Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

Howlin

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MEMORANDUM

July 25, 2002

TO: Sister Judith Davies, OSF
FROM: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
RE: [REDACTED] - Independent Review Board

I spoke with [REDACTED] on Wednesday, July 24th,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

I told [REDACTED] that I would have this brought to the attention of the Board at their next meeting on August 13th.

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Some of the members of the Board may recall that one of
[REDACTED]'s earlier letters indicated a specific lump sum amount.

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August 13, 2002

TO: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Committee explored the possibility of [REDACTED] receiving an amount of [REDACTED]. It was the Committee's decision that no consideration would be given honoring that request until [REDACTED].

Since the requests from [REDACTED] were made to you, the Committee asked that you respond to him.


Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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From: [REDACTED]
To: "Bishop Joseph Imesch" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
<jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2002 10:15 AM
Subject: Fw: Aug 11 Meeting

Dear Bishop Imesch:

Look forward to hearing from you. I received another phone call this morning from an Investigator in the Wisc. Dept. of Justice. He an (2) Atty's. are working on the Howlin Case. They would like you to ask Howlin the name and location of the Wisc. campgrounds he visited with seminarians...if he is innocent he should have no abjection to providing this information. With or without this info. they are proceeding in support of the Will County States Atty's Office.

[REDACTED]

— Original Message —

From: Sr. Judith Davies
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2002 10:45 AM
Subject: Re: Aug 11 Meeting

Dear [REDACTED]
The Review Committee did meet. Because Bishop Imesch was designated by the Committee to communicate with you, I will defer to him.
May God bless you.
Sister Judith Davies, OSF

— Original Message —

From: [REDACTED]
To: Sr. Judith Davies
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2002 3:13 PM
Subject: Aug 11 Meeting

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From: [REDACTED]
To: "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
 "Bishop, Joseph Imesch" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2002 5:38 PM
Subject: Re: Aug 11 Meeting

Dear Sister, I'm not surprised that Howlin will not talk but, I would ask that the Bishop pose the question of campground location anyway to get Howlin on record as being insubordinate to his Bishop. [REDACTED]

— Original Message —

From: Sr. Judith Davies
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2002 4:58 PM
Subject: Re: Aug 11 Meeting

Dear [REDACTED]
 Bishop Imesch asked that I relay the following to you.
 The Bishop was informed that Fr. Howlin has an attorney. That attorney advised Fr. Howlin not to answer any questions.
 You probably are aware that the diocesan records of Fr. Howlin have been turned over to the Will County States Attorney.
 May God bless you.
 Sister Judith Davies, OSF

— Original Message —

From: [REDACTED]
To: Bishop, Joseph Imesch
Cc: [REDACTED] Sr. Judith Davies
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2002 11:06 AM
Subject: Fw: Aug 11 Meeting

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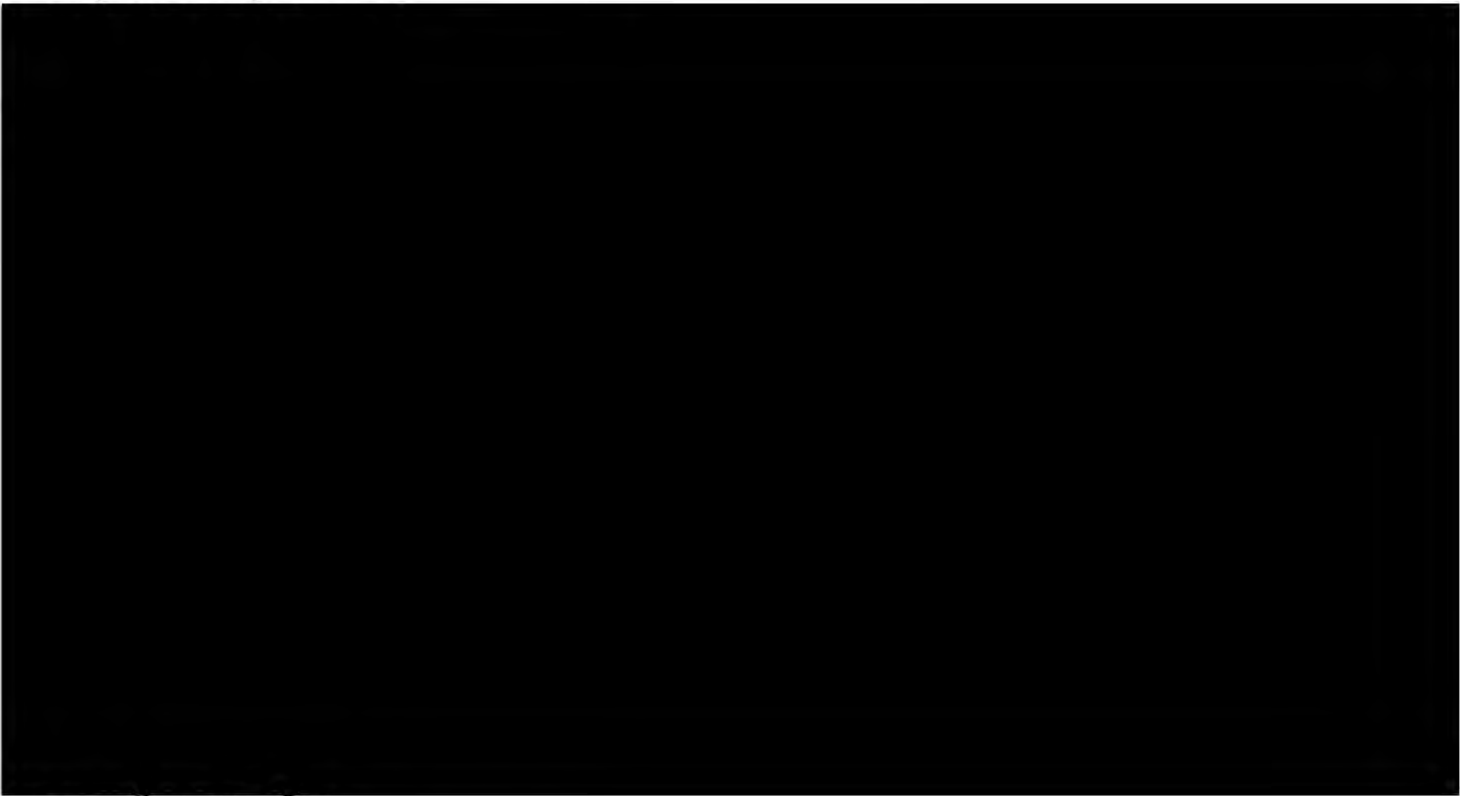
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From: [REDACTED]
To: "Bishop Joseph Imesch" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
<jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2002 11:06 AM
Subject: Fw: Aug 11 Meeting



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

From: [REDACTED]
To: Bishop, Joseph Imesch
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2002 11:15 AM
Subject: Fw: Aug 11 Meeting



From: Sr. Judith Davies
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2002 10:45 AM
Subject: Re: Aug 11 Meeting

Dear [REDACTED],

Howlin

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August 15, 2002

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

The Independent Review Committee met on Tuesday, August 13th. One of the cases that was presented to them was the request you had made that [REDACTED] be included in the diocesan health insurance program and that he be given a lump-sum payment [REDACTED]

The Independent Review Committee decided that it would not be possible for [REDACTED] to be enrolled in the diocesan health insurance program. This program is limited to employees of the diocese and does not allow others to be included in the program. [REDACTED]

The Committee discussed the possibility of [REDACTED] receiving an amount of [REDACTED] as you requested. It was the Committee's decision that consideration would be given to honor that request upon [REDACTED] Upon [REDACTED] the Committee would reconsider the request.

The Committee asked me to communicate their decision to you.

[REDACTED]

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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MEMORANDUM

August 15, 2002

TO: [REDACTED]
FROM: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
RE: Father Carroll Howlin

During the time that Father Howlin is on administrative leave, he should be receiving \$500 per month as do the other priests who are on administrative leave. His address:

Good Shepherd Catholic Service
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653

Please see that he receives a check in the amount of \$1,500 for May, June and July and then see that he receives \$500 each month until further notice. Many thanks.

Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

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August 15, 2002

Reverend Robert H. Nieberding
Diocesan Administrator
Diocese of Lexington
1310 West Main Street
Lexington, KY 40508-2048

Dear Father Nieberding:

Thank you for your letter regarding compensation for Father Howlin during his enforced administrative leave. I am concerned that he has had to remain in limbo these past four months while some judgment is made upon his situation. Several times I have asked the Independent Review Board to see if some resolution can be brought to this matter. I think it is unfair that Father Howlin should be removed from ministry for this period of time on the basis of an allegation. However, that is something over which I have no control.

In regard to your letter, the diocese will certainly assume financial responsibility for Father Howlin during this time. I will be in touch with him shortly.

I hope you are doing well in administering the diocese. It is not an easy task. You are in my prayers.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

bc-Bishop Roger Kaffer
Bishop James Fitzgerald

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

THE CATHOLIC CENTER

August 7, 2002

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Diocese of Joliet
425 Summit St.
Joliet, IL 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

I am writing to inform you of the policy of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington as it relates to priests who have been taken out of ministry due to claims of sexual misconduct. When a priest is removed from active duty it is the responsibility of his Diocese to pick up his salary and living expenses. In our diocese, we have a Priest Fund that we utilize to pay these costs. Since Father Carroll Howlin is not one of our priests, it is not our responsibility to pay his expenses while he is not actively assigned at a parish. Father Howlin asked that I let you know what our policy is or you can communicate with him and make arrangements to support him. He is no longer receiving a salary or support from the parish.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rev. Robert H. Nieberding".

Rev. Robert H. Nieberding
Diocesan Administrator

xc: Fr. Carroll Howlin
[REDACTED]

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August 15, 2002

Reverend Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Service
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653-0550

Dear Pud,

I received a letter from Father Nieberding regarding your compensation during this time you are on administrative leave. I responded to him and told him that the Diocese of Joliet would provide for you during this time. Within the next few weeks or so, you should be receiving a check for \$1,500 representing compensation for the months of May, June and July. Each month from now on you will receive \$500, the amount we are providing for priests who are on administrative leave.

I know this is a difficult time for you. I heard from one of the newspaper reporters that one of the local attorneys will file a lawsuit against you and the diocese on behalf of [REDACTED] tomorrow. If the press follows its usual pattern, there will be considerable news about this event, even though all of that was given a great deal of publicity several months ago. I would imagine that your lawyer would be informed of all of this.

The Independent Review Board agreed to provide for [REDACTED]

Whether or not anything occurred, it seems to me that this young fellow is in need of some assistance [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As an act of charity Joliet is providing for this.

[REDACTED] informed me that the Wisconsin State's Attorney is investigating this matter and I presume that they will be getting in touch with you, if they have not already.

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I feel badly for you and the people in your community. Twice, if not three times, I have badgered the Independent Review Board to see that some conclusion is brought to this allegation. I did not think that being placed on administrative leave for four months without anything happening is very fair. I do not know how to prod the State's Attorney to come to some conclusion.

I keep you in prayer each day and I hope that you remember me and the diocese as well. With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON
THE CATHOLIC CENTER

August 27, 2002

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Juliet
425 Summit St.
Joliet, IL 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

Thank you for your letter regarding Father Carroll Howlin. These certainly are angry times. Be assured of my prayers for you and all our leaders.

Thank you also for your willingness to take financial responsibility for Father Howlin.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Robert H. Nieberding".

Reverend Robert Nieberding
Diocesan Administrator

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Rachel Voss

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From: Sr. Judith Davies [davies@dioceseofjoliet.org]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2002 9:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: C. Howlin
Importance: High

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

From: [REDACTED]
To: Bishop, Joseph Imesch
Cc: Sr. Judith Davies
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2002 9:48 AM
Subject: C. Howlin

Dear Bishop Imesch:

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This past Saturday afternoon, my wife called the Good Shepherd Catholic Chapel in Whitley, Ky. and asked, "when Howlin would be hearing confessions". She was told; "Sunday morning before Mass or you may call him at [REDACTED]". Bishop you explained to us, on more than one occasion, that you had placed Howlin on Adm. Leave prohibiting him from performing any public Priestly duties.

Sounds like he is acting as if it's "business-as-usual". Is he disobeying your orders or have you allowed him to maintain his Priestly position? We will not be satisfied until he is removed from the Priesthood & prohibited from any work that places minors in harms way.

Yours in Christ, [REDACTED]

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September 17, 2002

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I have previously addressed yours [REDACTED]'s concerns about Father Howlin's present situation. His administrative leave and restrictions on his ministry have been reviewed and approved by the Diocesan Review Committee and by the Bishop in Kentucky.

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I regret the pain that you are experiencing in all of this and I certainly regret [REDACTED] I would certainly hope that at some point Bishop Kaffer or I could meet with [REDACTED] if that would be helpful. In the meantime, please know that you, he and everyone involved in this matter are in my prayers. I appreciate yours.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Inesch
Bishop of Joliet

Joseph L. Imesch, Bishop
Diocese of Joliet
425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

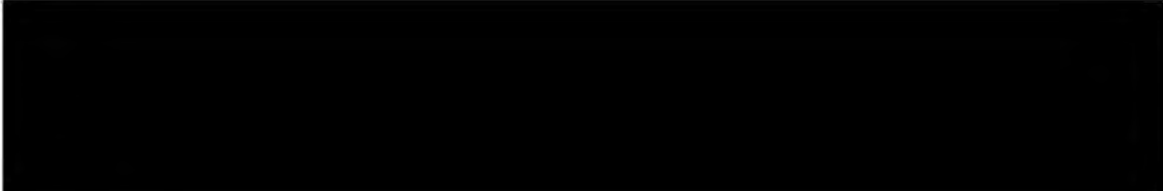
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Dear Bishop Imesch:



Bishop, I agree that you should support your Priest when in trouble but, how about the victims that were also your Seminarians? It is beginning to appear as if 425 Summit St. has become a fortress and the Review Committee skating just along the edge of what is right and just.



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To us it is a clear indication of your attitude and that of the Review Committee, to allow CH to remain at large on Adm. Leave. The victims suffer every day while he lives in familiar friendly surroundings. You state that some Sisters will watch over his activities, does that include no contact with minor boys or any form of homosexual activities? Unless he is close to the Chancery with a specific Clergy assigned to his supervision, in my view, the Dallas Charter has not been adhered to. This single fact that you have allowed CH to remain in Ky., has increased [REDACTED] despair.

Compensation:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Conclusion:

Bishop, perhaps there is not much new in this appeal to cause you and the Committee to jump on [REDACTED] side. He is however, an innocent victim and I am confident that, one way or another, you will discover that CH is [REDACTED]'s abuser. Perhaps the law suit you referred to or actions by the Illinois & Wisc. States Attorney offices will provide this awareness.

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for you continued prayers and support and be assured, that you and the Committee are in ours!

Yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

November 22, 2002

Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Service
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653

Dear Pud,

I hope you are surviving. I am quite uncomfortable with the delay in resolving this situation, and I know you must be even more uncomfortable.

Once more, I have pressed the Review Committee to urge State's Attorney [REDACTED] to issue some statement about this case. He has already been asked to do that previously, but another request will be made.

[REDACTED] called and asked if I would pass his number on to you so that you might speak with him. His number is [REDACTED]. I leave it up to you whether you want to contact him.

Please know that you are in my prayers each day and I ask you to remember me as well. Despite the present trials, I know that you have much to be thankful for during this season of thanks. Prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

May 23, 2003

Dear Pud,

Your 42nd anniversary is the 27th of this month. I am sure you have many memories of that day. Whatever your expectations for your ministry were, I am sure that it did not include this situation in which you now find yourself. Thankfully, we are spared knowing what lies ahead of us.

I hope you are doing well, at least as well as can be expected. I know this has to be a terrible strain on you and on your people, as well.

I wish I had some good news to share with you, but the wheels turn ever so slowly. I have been pressing the Review Committee to reach some decision about your future, now that the State's Attorney has said that the statute of limitations has run on any criminal charge. The Committee still needs to decide whether there is any credibility to the allegations brought against you. They are having difficulty in obtaining any information from the States Attorney's office as to what was discovered in your case. The second young man previously had declined to be interviewed, but that may not be necessary now in order for the Committee to come to some conclusion. I know this is wearing on you and I regret that.

A few weeks ago I was watching a video about some lay volunteers of the Missionaries of Africa in Nairobi, Kenya. In the course of the video one of the volunteers used a phrase in Kiswahili, "haba na haba." It means "little by little." It had the feeling of a mantra for me, words that were comforting, soothing and hopeful. It reminded me of the way we carry on our ministry to bring about the Kingdom, little by little. Our work is not accomplished on a grand scale. Usually, there are no miracles nor headline making events. Our ministry rather is "haba na haba," day by day, with painstaking, persevering regularity.

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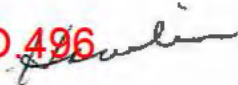
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I pray for you each day and for your ministry. Please remember me also. Together, we are building the Kingdom, "haba na haba

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet



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May 29, 2003



Dear 

I received your recent letter and the accompanying article. I am confident that our competent and professional Diocesan Review Committee has examined carefully any situation "retrospectively and prospectively" (whatever the latter term may mean).

You continue to insist that I had knowledge of events that took place long before I came here. I do not understand how that can be called "under your tenure."

The sex abuse scandal is a difficult situation for many people. I see no benefit in making unfounded insinuations.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

May 30, 2003



Later, I spoke with [REDACTED] of the Diocese of Lexington [REDACTED]. She said that Lexington wanted to appoint a permanent sacramental minister for the church where Fr. Howlin had ministered. When she spoke with Fr. Howlin today, he told her he was retired.

I asked [REDACTED] to delay appointing a permanent sacramental minister until the Fr. Howlin case was resolved because I thought that a resolution would be reached soon.



Julia B. Howlin, OSU
Chancellor

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June 9, 2003

Joseph L. Imesch, Bishop
Diocese of Joliet
425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois, 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

It has been a year since we first met in your office to discuss the situation involving [REDACTED]. As you will recall, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Bishop, I believe we have reached a point where a financial settlement is appropriate to partially compensate [REDACTED] for his years of torment. We believe it would be in order, in keeping with the Dallas Accord, that you & the Committee approve a payment of [REDACTED] minimum.

[REDACTED]

Yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

Cc. [REDACTED]

Howlin

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July 30, 2003

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

I received the letter which you sent me recently asking about financial compensation [REDACTED]. Specifically, in relation to the Committee's deliberation, you said, "...I would expect that your encouragement of a financial settlement would be honored."

[REDACTED] I would be very uncomfortable in providing any advice or encouragement to the Committee. As you noted, it is an Independent Review Committee. If the Bishop is still going to influence that Committee's decisions, then it can hardly be called independent. In addition, it would just verify what critics have said all along, that the Bishops still control their review committees. I simply cannot do what you are requesting.

What I have done and I have mentioned it to you, is that I have asked that the matter of financial compensation for [REDACTED] be included on the agenda for the Committee. I am told that it is on the agenda. For the rest, I need to leave that to the decision of the Committee.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

bc-Sister Judith Davies, OSF

Howlin

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August 5, 2003

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

I received the letter which you sent to me recently. I understand your concern [REDACTED]. I want to repeat what I said to [REDACTED] regarding any intervention of mine with the Independent Review Committee. I am not a member and I have not attended any of their meetings. The most I have done is to ask that a particular item be included on their agenda. I have asked that compensation for [REDACTED] be included on the agenda for their next meeting, which is to take place in about two weeks.

There are some concerns mentioned in your letter which I need to address. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There are pictures of him in the year book [REDACTED]

You mentioned that his "...grades suffered immensely." I have examined his grades for his junior and senior year and there is no significant difference between those years and his previous two years.

I just felt that I needed to correct a misunderstanding. There are so many complexities involved in a situation like this and I know, that over time, things can get distorted. I know [REDACTED] concerned about [REDACTED] and I am as well. However, there are a number of serious discrepancies in what has been reported or alleged. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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Bishop Joseph Imesch
425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

July 28, 2003

Dear Bishop Imesch:

Several months have passed since we met with you, Bishop Kaffer and [REDACTED] in regards to [REDACTED]. Prayerfully I have been trying to be patient while waiting to hear some positive feedback from you or the committee. During this critical period it has been extremely painful

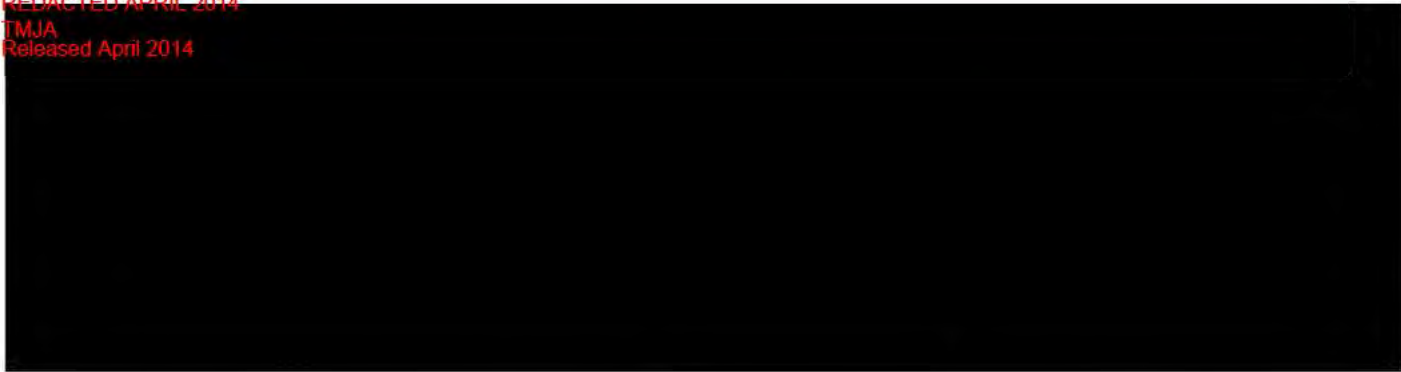
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Please use your prayerful influence [REDACTED] experience with the committee when they meet in August. [REDACTED] needs gratification at this time in his life from the Diocese of Joliet and closure to this painful experience in all of our lives.



Prayerfully and respectfully yours,





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425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606
Fax 815-722-6602

August 18, 2003



Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of July 29, 2003 in support of Father Carroll Howlin.

These are difficult times for the Church, and for those priests who are accused of sexual abuse. Our Diocesan Review Committee is doing its best to resolve Father Howlin's case one way or the other.

I am certain that Father Howlin is grateful for your support and prayers. Thank you for your offer of help. Thanks also for praying for Father Howlin, for our Church and for those of us at the Diocese.

May God bless you.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

Bcc: Jim Byrne
+ copy of letter

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Sister Judith Davies
Chancellor, Diocese of Joliet
325 Summit Street
Joliet, IL 60435

Dear Sister Davies,

I am writing on the matter before the Review Board concerning Father "Pud" Howland.

I encourage you to work with best speed to conclude your hearings and investigation of Pud.

I have known Pud for the past 15 years and have been a regular member on groups that have gone to Whitley City, Kentucky [redacted] to work with the Pud and his mission to the poor in that area. [redacted] recently returned from a trip to McCreary County where we rebuilt a trailer home for a family of 6. This was a great experience, especially for those of us who where "gifted" by Pud and the people in those hills.

Pud's ministry goes on, even though he is not offering the sacraments. Visiting priests to the Good Shepard Mission Church say masses. Pud refers anointing and reconciliation and other sacraments to others. He continues to counsel the drug and alcohol addicts, and is a friend to those in and out of prison and the many who show up at his front door. The work goes on. Pud waits, his congregation waits, his family waits and continues to hope for his opportunity to return to formal ministry.

Today the balance of justice tips away from priests who are accused and toward the accuser. Through civil eyes, the sense of injustice toward the accused is unconscionable. But these are difficult times for the Church. Should Pud be proven innocent, how do we give him back the last year and a half? Our duty to justice compels us to stand with our priests. If he is innocent; we are at the point where irreplaceable harm is coming to Pud brought by this process. We must find the end of this.



If Pud is guilty, then he must render the consequences. If he is innocent, we must move quickly to re-instate him.

I pray for you, for our Church and for Pud. Let me know if I can help you in any way.

Very truly yours,



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December 22, 2003

Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Mission
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653

Dear Carroll, without the parenthesis

I received the letter you sent me last month. I know that you are angry and upset. This is a very difficult time for you. It is for me, also.

I am not going to try to respond to all of your concerns, but I would be happy to discuss them with you personally, if you wish. I just want to say that I do not enjoy having to put you on administrative leave. I, too, wish that this matter would have been settled a long time ago.

There were two allegations of abuse against you and now, a third has arisen from [REDACTED]. We are following up on that and as soon as we have more information, that will be given to you.



You mentioned your case being sent to Rome. That can certainly be done, but I understand that this must be initiated by you.

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Each time the Diocesan Review Board has met, I have asked them to consider your situation. They just met recently and said that they hoped they would be able to come up with some decision in the next 4-6 weeks. I do not sit on the Board, but I did share your letter with them. This new allegation, however, will certainly make the disposition of this matter much more difficult.

Despite your strong feelings about me, I do want you to know that I care about you. Obviously, I do not hurt as you do, but I hurt nevertheless. You are in my prayers. May this holy season bring us all peace.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

bc-Bishop Stanley Schlarman
Bishop Roger Kaffer

Good Shepherd Catholic Mission

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Whitley City, Ky. 42653

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Nov. 17, 2003

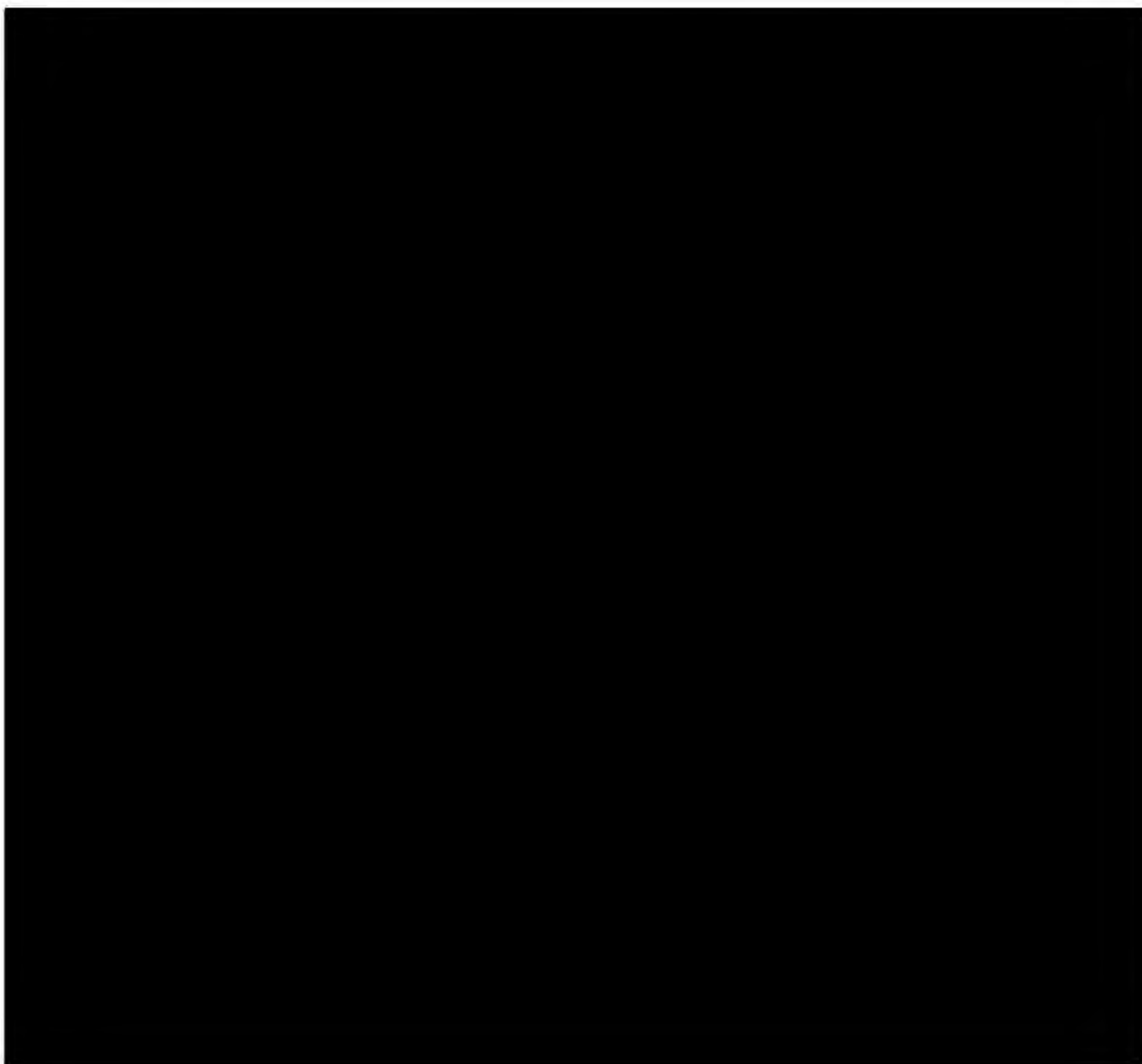
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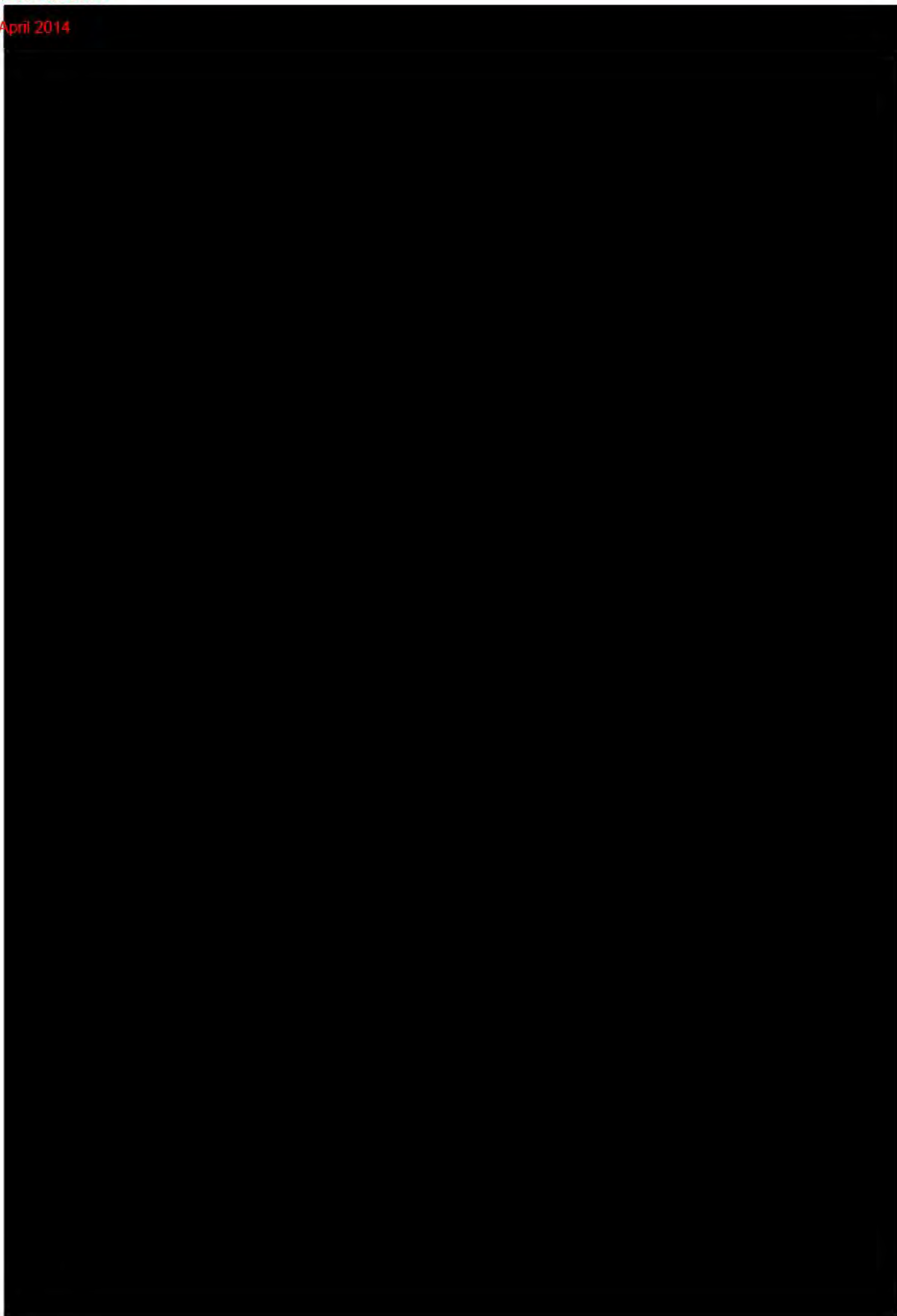
(Dear) Bishop Imesch:

I have waited long enough! [REDACTED]

“Has Pud heard anything from Joliet?” Your silence and inaction has been deafening and inexcusable, let alone unjust! By your inaction, you continue to picture me as a convicted felon.




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- In short (!), I want total reinstatement as a practicing priest. I want a public apology made to me and all other people whom you have hurt by honoring this false accusation. I want [REDACTED] paid (I wouldn't have had to hire him in the first place if you had done what is right in the first place) -- not my fault, but yours! If the Lexington Diocese will not pay me a just wage (they never have), then I expect Joliet to give me a retirement that I can live on, not just exist.

42 years I have served the Church, the people of God. 26 years I have served the "poor". What a bad taste you have left in my mouth, a taste that makes preaching "Jesus" very difficult! You have made me a "victim" of abuse! Who will vindicate me? What committee will investigate you? Maybe the "Court of Public Opinion". . . .

Regrettably,

Father Howlin

P.S. I'm prepared to send copies of this letter to whomever. . . .

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Good Shepherd Catholic Mission

Box 550
Whitley City, Ky. 42653

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Dec. 29, 2003



Bishop Imesch:

I am shocked at the [redacted] accusation whatever it may be. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stayed in contact with me by phone and letter. The last time he called me was to say that everything was going great ([redacted])

[redacted]

I never sexually abused or touched that boy or [redacted]

[redacted]

I don't care how many accusations are brought against me (Christ had hundreds or more accuse Him, too!). They are lies! [redacted]

[redacted]

My reputation has already been smeared enough [redacted]

[redacted]

The "Dallas" charter was a disaster for accused priests and bishops, even "Rome" recognized

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that! Jesus would have been suspended from His ministry if "Dallas" had been in effect at the time of His false accusation! You guys just don't get it, do you? You go through all the motions, but somehow you've lost the Center, Jesus. "Dallas" was a knee-jerk reaction, not a well thought out solution. And then there's "defamation of character". . . . Hm., let's see. . .

In case you've forgotten, the 1st allegation brought against me was resolved by your review board, and I was found fit for ministry. The 2nd allegation is pure fantasy

This new allegation is about placing guilt
It, too, is a pure lie.

Father Howlin

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Good Shepherd Catholic Mission

Box 550
Whitley City, Ky. 42653

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March 12, 2004

Bishop Imesch:

Your last correspondence with me was Dec. 22, 2003. In that letter you said the Diocesan Review Board "hoped they would come up with some decision in the next 4-6 weeks". It's been well over 4-6 weeks! (It's been nearly 2 years!)



Carroll Howlin

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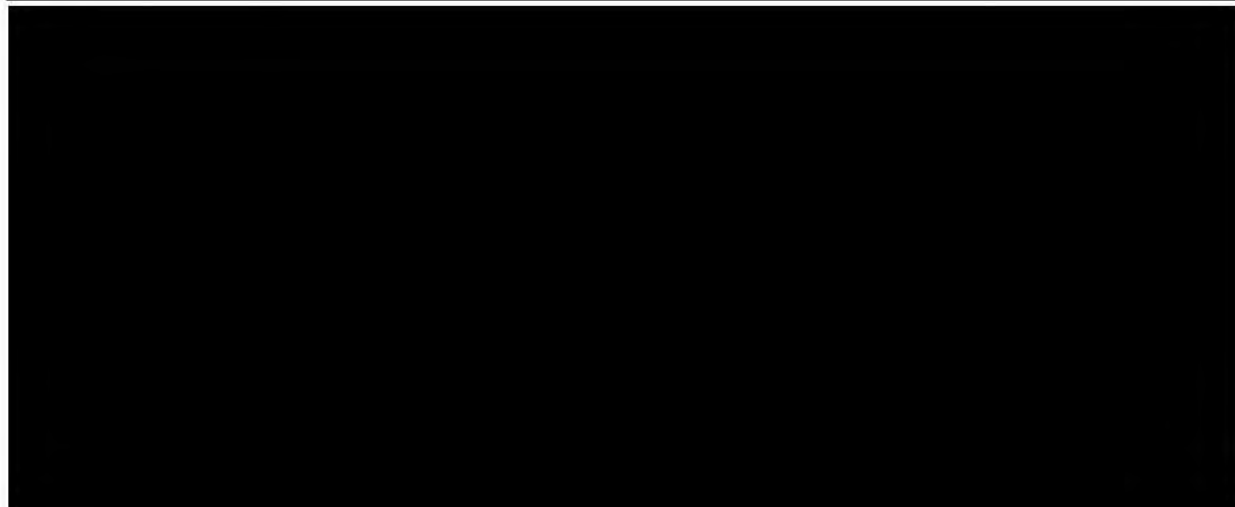
Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Mission
Box 550
Whitley, KY 42653

Dear Carroll,

I received the recent letter you sent me. I understand your frustration. I share it, but certainly not to the degree that you do.

Every time the Review Board has met I have asked that your situation be considered. I am not a member of the Review Board nor do I sit in on their meetings.

There is a meeting scheduled for next week and I have asked once more that your situation be resolved.



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I continue to pray for you each day. I know this is a difficult time for you. It has not been a joy ride for me either.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

cc-Bishop Stanley Schlarman
Bishop Roger Kaffer

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March 30, 2004

Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Mission
Box 550
Whitley, KY 42653

Dear Carroll,

The Diocesan Review Committee met last week. I was informed that your attorney should have received information on your situation last Friday. He asked that he be given six weeks for a response. I am sure he will be in touch with you.

Again, I know this is a very difficult time for you, especially during Holy Week. Were I able to speed up this process or do anything, I would certainly want to do that.

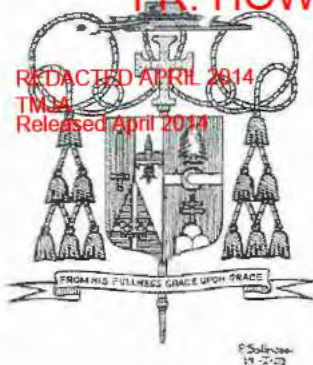
You continue to be in my prayers and I ask you to remember me as well.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

THE CATHOLIC CENTER

Office of the Bishop

April 15, 2004

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
 Diocese of Joliet
 425 Summit St.
 Joliet, IL 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

With this letter I am forwarding to you my recent communication to Father Carroll Howlin. As the letter indicates, our Chancery was contacted by [REDACTED] of Father Howlin who was highly indignant to find out that Father Howlin was publishing articles in the local newspaper using his title "Father Howlin". This fact was unknown to me prior to the phone call. I promised [REDACTED] that I would advise Father Howlin to stop writing the column because he clearly identifies himself as a Catholic priest by use of the title.

In our conversation last February you were hopeful that some determination might be made regarding Father Howlin's status by your Diocesan Review Board some time during March. May I inquire if, in fact, this case has reached any further clarity? I would be very grateful to learn of any progress.

During these days of the Easter Season I express my sincere wishes that the peace of the Risen Christ be yours in abundance.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
 Bishop of Lexington

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Enclosure



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

THE CATHOLIC CENTER

Office of the Bishop

April 14, 2004

Reverend Carroll Howlin
P.O. Box 550
Whitley City, Kentucky 42653

Dear Father Howlin:

I am sorry that I have not had the opportunity to meet you in person, and especially when I visited Good Shepherd a few weeks ago.

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of my deep concern regarding your articles in the local newspaper, *The McCreary County Voice*. Recently, [REDACTED] contacted me regarding your columns. He took great offense that you were allowed to publish articles.

When news of your allegations were made public in Spring of 2002, you were placed on involuntary administrative leave from active priestly ministry and the Diocese of Lexington accepted your resignation as pastor of Good Shepherd. The *Charter for Protection of Children and Young People* as adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is now a particular law in the U.S. and I am required to follow its mandates. It specifically states that the accused cleric must refrain from all public ministries until the matter has been remedied. Your articles in the local newspaper must be understood as a public ministry.

With this letter I must insist that you immediately refrain from writing any further newspaper articles until such time as Bishop Imesch and the Diocese of Joliet have fully addressed the allegations against you. Although you are not incardinated in the Diocese of Lexington, you must have my permission to exercise any priestly ministry here.

This notice, I know is burdensome but necessary. I truly appreciate the many years of service you have given to the people of Whitley City. You remain in my prayers, especially during this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Lexington

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cc: Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

Howlin

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April 20, 2004

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Lexington
1310 West Main Street
Lexington, KY 40508-2048

Dear Bishop Gainer:

Thank you for your letter informing me of the action you have taken concerning the writing of a column by Father Howlin. I appreciate the difficult position you are in. I am sure Father Howlin did not give your instruction a warm welcome.

I wrote to Father Howlin about two or three weeks ago and informed him that the Diocesan Review Committee had conducted an interview with an alleged victim and had sent the material on to his attorney. His attorney said that he would need at least six weeks to respond. I do not know what to expect from the response, but I know the matter will come before our Review Committee probably sometime in May. I will let you know if any action is taken.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

bc-Sister Judith Davies, OSF



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THE CATHOLIC CENTER

Office of the Bishop

May 5, 2004

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet
425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

Thank you for forwarding the article from the Joliet newspaper, dated Wednesday, April 21st.

Our Chancellor, Deacon [REDACTED] did send [REDACTED] a copy of my letter to Father Howlin, since [REDACTED] had called here several times to ascertain what I had done in response to his complaint about the newspaper column that Father Howlin was writing. It is so regrettable, yet not surprising, that the story was given such prominence in your local paper.

I look forward to receiving word from you regarding any decisions that you will make to clarify Father Howlin's status with the church.

With a promise of continued prayers and every best wish, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Lexington

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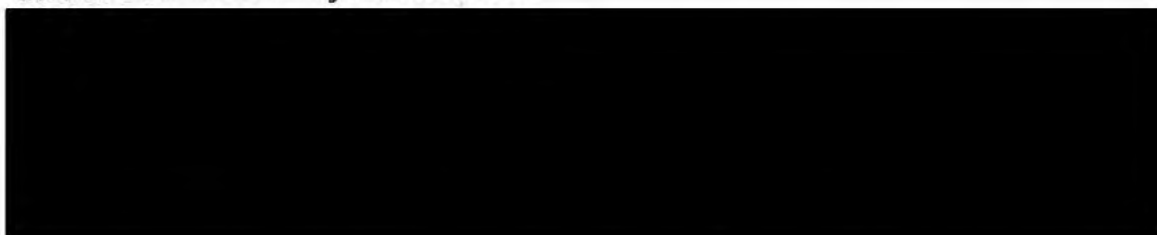
May 21, 2004

Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Service
P. O. Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653-0550

Dear Carroll,

Though you may not be particularly pleased to hear from me, I did want to write you on the occasion of your 43rd anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on May 26th. I will be in Rome for my Ad Limina visit on that day, but you will be remembered from there.

Your letters make it clear how difficult it is being on administrative leave and how frustrated you are. I, too, am frustrated that nothing seems to be able to be resolved in your situation.



I note that you turned 70 last month. You should be receiving your full retirement benefits now. If that is not happening, please let me know.

I do pray for you everyday by name and I ask you to remember me as well. I am sure that neither of us could foresee where we would be at this time in our lives, but wherever it is I know that the Lord is with us.

Prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

Howlin

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

MEMORANDUM

July 1, 2004

FOR THE FILE

FROM: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

RE: Carroll Howlin

I spoke with [REDACTED] on Thursday, July 1st, about the trip to Appalachia. I told him that no youngster under 18 years of age could go on the trip. I asked him if all of the others who are going were aware of Pud's status. He said they all knew that from several years ago.

In the past the trip has been publicized in the parish bulletin, but that was not done this year. Volunteers were gathered by word of mouth, most of them having gone down there in previous years.

[REDACTED] was aware that there were three allegations. In our discussion he said that Father Howlin was not in Appalachia in 1975, the year [REDACTED] said he was abused. He said that there were pictures in St. Charles Seminary year book of those who had gone on the trip in 1975 and Father Howlin was not among them.

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Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

cc-Sister Judith Davies, OSF
Mr. James Byrne

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July 6, 2004

Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Service
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653

Dear Carroll,

As I mentioned to you on the phone on Monday, June 28th, the Joliet Diocesan Review Committee determined that the most recent allegation, from [REDACTED] was credible. The Review Committee recommended that you continue to be prohibited from celebrating any public Eucharist, wearing the collar or referring to yourself as "Father."

It is my understanding that because this allegation came forward after the Dallas Charter, this matter needs to be sent to Rome. I will be doing that in the near future. Included with the report will be any information provided by you and your lawyer.

You have the right to obtain a canon lawyer. I understand that the list of such people can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Executive Coordinator of the Canon Law Society. The address is:

[REDACTED]
Executive Coordinator
Canon Law Society of America
108 N. Payne Street, Suite C
Alexandria, VA 22314-2906

E-mail: [REDACTED]

I know you are upset with the decision of the Review Committee. As you know, I do not sit as a member on that Committee, so



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July 13, 2004



Dear 

I received your letter and I wanted to answer it quickly so that you would not be kept in suspense about your plans.

Perhaps you know that Father Howlin has had a serious charge of sexual abuse brought against him. Because of that fact it was necessary for me to remove him from ministry, which means that he may not publicly celebrate Eucharist.

Our Diocesan Review Committee, which is made up primarily of lay people with particular expertise, were asked if St. Mary may continue to provide volunteer workers for the mission in Kentucky. Their response was that adults would be permitted but those under 18 should not participate. Their concern was that the media would not hesitate to draw attention to the fact that even though a priest was removed from public ministry, one of the Catholic parishes allowed youngsters under the age of 18 to go and work at his mission.

Personally, I do not believe there is any danger of anything inappropriate occurring. However, I am not a member of the Review Committee and I need to go along with their recommendation.

For my part, if you are going with your parents and they are aware of the restrictions placed on Father Howlin and still would want you to accompany them, I have no difficulty in saying, go with your parents. I think the concern was that people under the age of 18 might be there without their parents being present.

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I am sure you will enjoy the trip and come closer to the Lord by assisting your brothers and sisters who are in need. While you are there, say a prayer for this bishop and for the Church of Joliet.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet



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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

THE CATHOLIC CENTER

Office of the Bishop

July 20, 2004

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Diocese of Joliet
425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

I write to express my gratitude for the telephone conversation we had last week and also for your kindness in forwarding to me a copy of your July 6 letter to Carroll Howlin. The tone of your letter was firm yet certainly pastoral, reflecting the fact that we have no real option for Carroll in the light of the finding of your Diocesan Review Board.

If I may, I would like to make a suggestion that in future correspondence to Carroll Howlin you might omit "Good Shepherd Catholic Chapel". Carroll receives his mail at a private post office box and not through the post office box of our Good Shepherd Catholic Chapel. I think this would be more accurate and not give the wrong impression that Carroll has some ongoing connection to our Catholic Chapel in Whitley City.

Again, I want to express my gratitude for your kindness in this matter and the promise of remembrance in my prayers to the Good Shepherd at this difficult time for our Catholic Church.

Faternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Lexington

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

MEMORANDUM
FOR THE FILE

July 20, 2004

RE: Reverend Carroll Howlin

FROM: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

In speaking to Bishop Gainer the other day, he told me that Father Howlin personally owns the house in which he now lives.



Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

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Box 550
Whitley City, Ky. 42653

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Appointment of Procurator and Advocate

I, Reverend Carroll Howlin, with this document hereby authorize and appoint the Reverend [REDACTED] Archdiocesan Tribunal of Louisville, Ky., to act as my procurator and advocate and give him my mandate in accord with Canons 1481-1489 and 1725. By this mandate, I authorize the aforesaid Procurator and Advocate to act on my behalf before my local ordinary and any ecclesiastical tribunal. He enjoys all the privileges and rights accorded him in canon law including those actions which require a special mandate.

Carroll Howlin

Rev. Carroll Howlin
P. O. Box 550
Whitley City, Kentucky, 42653

Date: 9/7/04



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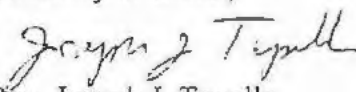
Dear [REDACTED]

We have received the mandate from Father Carroll Howlin by which he has appointed you to act as his Procurator and Advocate in his case which will be submitted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Your appointment is approved by Bishop Imesch. Thank you for acting on behalf of Father Howlin in representing his interests and defending his rights. Be assured that we will cooperate with you in every way so that you can exercise your function according to the norm of law.

At this time, I am preparing the case for submission to Rome. You are most welcome to contact me with regard to this matter and, along with Father Howlin, to review the file before it is sent to Rome. You may contact me at the phone number listed above.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,


Rev. Joseph J. Tapella
Judicial Vicar

Cc: Rev. Carroll Howlin

Canonical Advocate

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8 October 2004

The Very Reverend Joseph J. Tapella
Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Joliet
The Tribunal Office
310 Bridge Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435-6399

Dear Father Tapella,

Thank you for your letter of 1 October 2004, wherein you confirmed Father Howlin's appointment of me as canonical advisor and Bishop Inesch's confirmation of me as Procurator and Advocate. As I have only spoken with Father Howlin briefly by phone, I am simply writing to confirm the facts and circumstances, as I currently understand it.

Regarding the allegation, I understand that there have been allegations by two adults alleging that Father Howlin sexually abused them in some manner when they were minors. The first accuser is a former seminarian and the second accuser is a prior resident of the Whitney City area. Neither accuser had previously made any allegation regarding Father Howlin. In response to the allegations, the Diocese of Joliet initiated a preliminary investigation and imposed precautionary measures prior to concluding the investigation. The diocese advised him to seek canonical counsel and has now invited me to "review the file before it is sent to Rome" (1 Oct 04).

Father Howlin certainly denies any and all allegations of sexual abuse. He maintains his innocence and wishes to vindicate and defend his good reputation in accord with law.

Regarding your invitation to review the materials and offer defensive comments, I am grateful. I am certainly aware that the accused does not have the right to inspect the acts of the preliminary investigation or to receive a copy of them at this stage (c.f., *Resource*, p. 11). However, the Diocese of Joliet has apparently committed itself to involving the accused in the preliminary investigation, as evident from urging Father Howlin to seek canonical counsel and inviting the advocate to review the materials. It is certainly prudent to hear the accused priest's response to the allegation before the ordinary makes a final determination regarding the probability of the commission of the *delict* (c.f., *Resource*, p. 11). This commitment to the right of defense is quite commendable and not entirely present in every diocese.

Regarding my review of the materials, it has been my experience that most dioceses have had some reluctance to sending such confidential materials through by mail. Thus, it has necessitated a personal visit by the advocate; the Archdiocese of Louisville followed such a policy. I would be happy to receive the materials by mail or make arrangements to personally visit if you prefer.

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I may be confused about the local process. The ordinary determined that the allegation had a semblance of truth and issued a decree opening the preliminary investigation. Given the national circumstances, this was a wise course of action. The ordinary has clearly sought the response of the accused, who is willing to cooperate. Given this, I can only assume that the ordinary has not concluded the preliminary investigation or formulated an opinion. However, you stated that "I am preparing the case for submission to Rome" (1 Oct 04). As the preliminary investigation is not concluded, I do not understand how you can conclude that the results of the preliminary investigation need to be sent to the Holy See. I presume that you intend this as a "precautionary" preparation; I followed a similar course of action during the course of events in Louisville, preparing notifications "in case" the bishop determined that the Holy See needed to be informed.

Regarding a timetable for sending the results of the preliminary investigation, Father Howlin believed that the materials must be sent to Rome by the Feast of Christ the King. I am sure that he is mistaken. He has only recently been advised to seek canonical counsel, and thus, I would assume that the denunciation did not occur prior to 30 April 2001. As you know, "both conditions must be present for this Dicastery to refuse referral..." (CDF, Most Reverend Amato, 14 July 2004). Simply put, "old cases which are newly discovered can still be referred to the CDF as we have been doing" (USCCB, Most Reverend Gregory, 30 July 2004).

As you may appreciate, the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Louisville is responsible for the canonical aspects involved in the notifications to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The Archdiocese of Louisville settled with 243 complainants in a civil settlement of \$25.7 million. We initiated fifteen preliminary investigations, returning five priests to ministry and have been preparing eight cases for notification to the Holy See. In addition, I am serving as an advocate for the accused in two cases for another diocese. Simply put, I am involved in a number of notifications. As the circumstances do not apparently require the Diocese of Joliet to notify the Holy See (if this is even necessary) before the Feast of Christ the King, I would appreciate being able to delay my submission of any defensive comments. I believe that any defensive comments could be completed before 1 January 2005.

Regarding the precautionary measures, I have a request. For the good of the Church and out of obedience, Father Howlin has largely accepted the apparent precautionary measures imposed on him. These precautionary measures have apparently included – removing him from ministry and ecclesiastical office, prohibiting him from participating in the Most Holy Eucharist (c.f., *Essential Norms*, 6) and removing his obligation of wearing clerical attire (c.f., *Essential Norms*, footnote 6e). Obviously, as Father Howlin maintains his innocence, it is clear that these precautionary measures are not an attempt to impose penalties.

However, Father Howlin is deeply concerned in regards to one particular aspect of these precautionary measures. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He fears that [REDACTED] before his innocence is vindicated and that these *precautionary* measures would prevent him from presiding at the funeral. This also weighs heavily on their hearts. Thus, as it is difficult for me to understand how the particular circumstances would constitute cause (c.f., *Essential Norms*, footnote 6d), he would like some assurance that he would be permitted to preside at the funeral if they died. Both Father Howlin and his parents would certainly view this as an act of charity.

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If the Diocese of Joliet is unwilling to make such a pastoral exception to these precautionary measures, I would appreciate viewing these administrative decrees so that Father Howlin might be afforded the opportunity to seek recourse against this particular aspect (c.f., *Essential Norms*, end of footnote 6). I am obliged to observe that Father Howlin was not made aware of the nature of these precautions or advised of his rights regarding them.

Finally, Father Howlin obviously lacks the financial resources to bear the expense of his civil and canonical defense; he has served "on loan" in the Appalachian region. As the Diocese of Joliet has initiated the action and advised Father Howlin to seek canonical counsel in light of the *Charter* and *Essential Norms*, I presume that I will receive compensation from the Diocese of Joliet. The Archdiocese of Louisville and the Diocese of Memphis have committed themselves to a standard compensation of \$65.00/hour plus reasonable expenses. However, provided the compensation is in accord with the Canon Law Society's professional norms, anything would be acceptable.

I remain, with prayerful best wishes for your ministry of justice and with cordial regards to my canonical colleague,

Sincerely yours in Christ



Advocate for the Accused

Cc: Rev. Carroll Howlin

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Canonical Advocate

29 November 2004

His Eminence Dario Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos, Prefect
The Congregation for the Clergy
Piazza Pio XII 3
00193 Rome, Italy

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Your Eminence:

I am seeking recourse against the administrative silence of his Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph J. Imesch, Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, that denies reimbursement for canonical services. The decision was based upon the local policy that states, "the practice of the diocese has been to reimburse priests for their legal expenses, if they are found to be innocent." I respectfully question whether such a policy ensures the proper administration of justice, and I believe that I have been injured by this decision.

The Diocese of Joliet initiated a preliminary investigation against the Reverend Father Carroll Howlin, a priest of the diocese who is domiciled in the Diocese of Lexington, in accord with canon 1717 of universal law and norm 6 of the *Essential Norms*. The Judicial Vicar informed me that the Most Reverend Imesch had "already determined that the allegations against Father Howlin are credible" (Letter: Very Rev. Tapella, 19 October 2004). Thus, in accord with the *Essential Norms*, the Diocese of Joliet applied the precautionary measures mentioned in canon 1722 (norm 6) and encouraged Father Howlin to retain canonical counsel (norm 8A). Father Howlin was invited to seek canonical counsel through the Canon Law Society of America; he ultimately contacted me by phone and asked if I would be willing to serve as his advocate. The Diocese of Joliet later approved me to serve as canonical procurator and advocate (Letter: Very Rev. Tapella, 1 October 2004). Father Howlin maintains his innocence.

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On 8 October 2004, I wrote to confirm the facts and circumstances. At the conclusion of this correspondence, I expressed my conviction as to why Father Howlin obviously lacked the financial resources to bear the expense of his canonical defense and my presumption that I would receive just compensation from the Diocese of Joliet. The Judicial Vicar then notified me that “the practice of the diocese has been to reimburse priests for their legal expenses, if they are found to be innocent” (Letter: Very Rev. Tapella, 21 October 2004). I sought recourse to Bishop Imesch, on 26 October 2004.

Canonical counsel is required in any penal trial (c. 1481). The law requires this intervention of expert legal advice in a judicial process to secure the right of defense, as most people would lack the necessary technical knowledge. This rule of law is reflected in the *Essential Norms*, which compels the diocese to supply canonical counsel “when necessary” (norm 8a). The diocese must supply canonical counsel if the defendant cannot or will not appoint one in the judicial process.

In normal administrative processes, canonical counsel is not required, but neither is it forbidden. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB], in close consultation with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [CDF], developed an resource to provide the dioceses with a step-by-step explanation of the various processes involved in investigating complaints of clerical sexual abuse of minors. As noted in this resource, “There is no requirement in law that the cleric avail himself of counsel during the preliminary investigation or that the diocese pay for the expenses of either canonical or civil counsel at this stage of the process” (*Resource*, p. 11). However, allegations of clerical sexual abuse are so particularly grave, that the *Essential Norms* has decreed that “the accused will be encouraged to retain the assistance of civil and canonical counsel...” (norm 6) and “for the sake of due process, the accused is to be encouraged to retain the assistance of civil and canonical counsel” (norm 8a). Thus, if the diocese includes the accused in the preliminary investigation, then the accused must be encouraged to obtain canonical counsel; particular law obliges the diocese to advise him of his right to counsel.

The resource further indicates that “if the cleric is invited to participate in the preliminary investigation, however, it is *strongly urged* that he be *provided* the assistance of canonical counsel” (emphasis added; *Resource*, p. 11). One must observe that it is still not mandatory for

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the accused to have canonical counsel. The accused is not obliged to appoint counsel, and unlike a judicial process, the diocese is not obliged to appoint counsel if the accused chooses not to appoint counsel. However, USCCB in close consultation with the CDF “strongly urges” the bishop to secure the priest’s rights by “providing” the assistance of canonical counsel. This is true whether the accused is participating in the preliminary investigation or defending himself in an extra-judicial process. Such legal protections would certainly be reasonable, particularly given that the process of imposing the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state could be accomplished by lifting prescription and proceeding by means of an extra-judicial process.

Thus, while it may remain technically a luxury for a priest to retain an advocate, particular law and the published guidance of the USCCB come close to describing this luxury as a necessity, similar to the requirements of a judicial process. The norms and commentary stop just short of compelling the bishops to provide their priests with proper canonical counsel, which would have obviously included financial remuneration for the advocate (c.f., cc. 281, 1480, 1490).

As a priest, I am encouraged that a number of dioceses have complied with the “strong urging” of the USCCB. One web-site observed, “...many dioceses are paying for a canon lawyer in the preliminary stages as well. The bishop has a duty to protect the rights of his priests (canon 384) and it is hard to see how a priest's rights can be protected if he does not have canonical counsel at the preliminary stage, where the die is often cast” (www.opusbonosacerdotii.org/faq). Such an approach supports the morale of the priests by measurably demonstrating the diocese’s commitment to the presumption of innocence and to due process.

On the other hand, some dioceses have reached substantial financial settlements in certain instances with the accuser prior to beginning or even concluding a preliminary investigation. Thus, without any lawful process to determine guilt or innocence and without any opportunity to defend the priest’s good name, the diocese has left its priests with the impression that there is a presumption of guilt. Without any support in the civil or canonical process from his diocese, the accused priest often feels abandoned by his diocese; he often believes that he is left with the difficult task of proving his innocence with regard to alleged incidents from many years past.

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It is ironic that the guilty, who face possible dismissal and the subsequent loss of housing and income, are the least able to pay. It would seem that those policies that refuse the strong urgings of the USCCB to provide canonical counsel are attempts to simply impose further financial penalty. Given the national situation, I can understand the inclination.

I respectfully suggest that I have a right to just compensation for my services as a canonical advocate. To be denied this compensation harms me. The Archbishop of Louisville assigned me to studies in canon law and provided the necessary resources; the Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Louisville gave permission for me to work as an advocate in this case. My advocacy work distracts from my local ministry as the Parish Priest for St. Thomas More Parish and from my work as the Adjutant Judicial Vicar. Given this, I am morally obliged to donate the compensation I receive from this work for the good of the local church. Denied compensation for my work, I am denied my right to fair and just remuneration and limited in my ability to financially contribute to the good work of the local church.

Whether or not the Diocese of Joliet feels any compulsion to provide for my services is not the question. Their stated policy is to provide reimbursement to their priests for legal expenses, "if they are found to be innocent." Every person has a right to the presumption of innocence. A preliminary investigation is not a mini-trial. The ordinary formulates his opinion as to whether or not it seems likely that a *delict* has been committed; the CDF then determines whether prescription can be lifted and whether or not the matter requires a judicial process. The Diocese of Joliet has denied remuneration because the accused priest has not been "found innocent." I fail to appreciate how the accused can be presumed innocent and yet denied reimbursement until an administrative or judicial process concludes: their policy is based on a presumption of guilt.

One might argue that the Diocese of Joliet's reimbursement policy is simply an act of charity. Yet, if it were simply an act of charity, it would be all that much more pressing to provide for both the guilty and innocent (c.f., Mt 5:43 ff.). The rationale for the policy is clear – the diocese is providing (c. 384) for the priests' right to lawfully vindicate and defend (c. 221) their reputation (c. 220), and the diocese has chosen to do this by providing canonical counsel. One might also argue that this policy does not harm the advocate but the accused, since it is only the

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accused that is denied reimbursement. While this may be an important technicality, the simple fact is that the advocate is also harmed by the decision, since the accused may be unable to actually pay for his legal defense without this reimbursement. In any case, it is simple enough to suggest that, as procurator, the hierarchical recourse is also in the name of the accused. Finally, one might argue that this policy does not *deny* the person remuneration until there is a determination of guilt; the practice of the diocese simply *delays* remuneration for the innocent. However, this too seems harmful to the person in the great canonical tradition. The expenses involved in exercising the right of defense are certainly not delayed. I would argue that by its very nature, this delay harms the person (*mora sua cuilibet est nociva*).

Thus, I believe that the policy and practice of the Diocese of Joliet harms me when it refuses to reimburse legal expenses until innocence is established. **As the accused priest is presumed innocent, I submit that reimbursement requests for his legal expenses should be reimbursed in a timely manner and in accord with the policy of the Diocese of Joliet, wherein innocent priests are provided remuneration for their legal expenses.**

Therefore, I seek recourse in this matter to the Holy See, and I give myself to its wise judgement. I am happy to provide any further information, and with every good wish, I have the honor to be,

Respectfully yours



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1 page; Appointment as Procurator and Advocate, 7 September 2004
1 page; Approval as Procurator and Advocate, 1 October 2004
3 pages; Initial Response as Advocate, 8 October 2004
1 page; Denial of Compensation, 21 October 2004
1 page; Appeal of Administrative Decision, 26 October 2004

Cc: The Most Reverend Joseph J. Imesch, D.D.
Bishop of Joliet

Rev. Carroll Howlin





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October 21, 2004

[REDACTED]

Dear Father [REDACTED]

I discussed your October 8, 2004 letter with Bishop Imesch. As to the matter of Father Howlin being able to preside at the funeral masses of his parents, he said that he would discuss this matter at the Provincial meeting, which is to be held next week. I am sorry that I cannot be more definite in addressing this concern of Father Howlin's.

As for the matter of your compensation as Father Howlin's canonical advocate, the practice of the diocese has been to reimburse priests for their legal expenses, if they are found to be innocent. This policy was confirmed by Bishop Imesch in a meeting this morning. I believe you would have to address this matter with him directly in any future correspondence.

In addition, in light of this policy, there also would be no compensation for travel expenses. You would have to arrange for Father Howlin's file to be transmitted to you for your review.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Joseph J. Tapella in cursive.


Reverend Joseph J. Tapella, JCL
Judicial Vicar

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Canonical Advocate


26 October 2004

The Most Reverend Joseph J. Imesch, D.D.
The Chancery of the Diocese of Joliet
425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435


Your Excellency:

The Very Reverend Joseph J. Tappella informed me on 21 October that "the practice of the diocese has been to reimburse priests for their legal expenses, if they are found to be innocent." Thus, I am writing to secure just remuneration for my services before continuing.

I hope that we can agree on certain points. First, people have the right to legitimately defend their rights (c. 221). Second, counsel is intimately connected to being able to properly exercise one's rights (c.f., c. 1649; CCEO, c. 1334), whether the process is judicial (c.f., c. 1481 §2) or administrative (c.f., *New Commentary*, p. 1811). Third, "it is just and reasonable that advocates be reimbursed fully for expenses incurred... (e.g., travel, lodging, telephone, postage, etc.)" (*CLSA, Guidelines on Advocate's Reimbursement and Fees*). Simply put, as an ecclesiastical society, we are committed to a lawful vindication of rights regardless of guilt or innocence.

The *Guidelines* state that "in all penal cases, whether judicial or administrative in nature, the ecclesial authority initiating the penal action has the responsibility to be sure the right of defense of the accused is fully protected.... Thus, in penal cases, the ecclesial authority involved should fully reimburse the expenses of the advocate when the accused is unable to do so." I have already outlined the reasons why I believe Father Howlin lacks the financial resources to provide for his defense (c.f., 8 October 2004). Thus, in accord with accepted standards, I turn to you for an assurance of full reimbursement of reasonable expenses and a fee of \$65/hour. As a diocesan priest, I feel an obligation to donate to the Archdiocese of Louisville for the time I spend serving as an advocate, which removes me from service to the People of God for whom I was ordained. This request is not based upon any client's innocence or guilt but upon the canonist's natural right to just remuneration for services rendered (c.f., c. 281 §1).

If your Excellency wishes to follow the local practice, then I suggest that you withdraw your acceptance and approval of the mandate and direct Father Howlin to simply insist on a judicial trial, wherein the court is obliged to provide an advocate. Otherwise, I believe that this local practice is harmful to the pursuit of justice and denies the advocate just remuneration. Thus, as an aggrieved party, I will seek hierarchical recourse. Then, if the Apostolic Signatura were to determine that the cost of defense is the sole obligation of the accused (who I believe cannot afford it), I would be happy to serve *pro bono* in justice and in fraternal service. However, such a decision would not relieve my moral obligation to the Archdiocese of Louisville.


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May 25, 2005

Dear Carroll,

You probably would just as soon not hear from me, but I wanted to write to you on the 44th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood. I know that these last few years, in particular, have been difficult ones for you, for the Church and for me, also. Like you, I wish only that these matters could all be settled. Unfortunately, that does not always happen.

I want to thank you for your years of ministry in the Church of Joliet and in Kentucky, where you have labored for so many years. I pray for you each day and I ask that you remember me as well.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet



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MEMORANDUM

April 3, 2006

TO: Carroll Howlin



FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

RE: Diocesan Website

The Diocese will be listing on its website (www.dioceseofjoliet.org) the names, ordination dates and status of all diocesan priests who have had a credible/substantiated allegation made against them while they were serving in the Joliet Diocese. I realize this action may be disturbing to you but it is being taken primarily to facilitate healing and bring closure to those who have been abused.

Your listing will be as follows:

Carroll Howlin 5/26/61 On administrative leave 2002, case pending

My prayers are for you and for all of those who have suffered because of sexual abuse and who still need healing.

May God bless you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judith A. Davies, OSF".
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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December 13, 2007

Carroll Howlin
Good Shepherd Catholic Services
Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653-0550

Dear Pud:

You and I have not had the pleasure of meeting as of yet, but I thought I would take a moment to establish contact with you. Since I am still fairly new to the Diocese of Joliet, and you have been in Kentucky for quite some time and out of ministry for several years, I thought it would be important for me to reiterate what I believe was the understanding between Bishop Joseph Imesch and yourself, namely, Pud, that you should not be involved in any form of ministry, and that you should not wear priestly garb or present yourself as a priest in any way. In light of the difficulties that you have experienced over the years, I believe that this clarity is very important for everyone's sake, and I thank you for understanding it and abiding by it.

It is my hope that in the coming year we will be able to arrange a meeting between you and me or with our Vicar for Priests, Father Bill Dewan. You may know that I was originally a priest of the Diocese of Memphis, and occasionally when I travel south, I may have the opportunity to stop in to say hello to you.

Pud, I send you my prayers and best wishes for a blessed Christmas season.

With every best wish and prayer, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet



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July 9, 2009

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

You may be aware that I was installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet in late June of 2006. I am originally from Tennessee but also spent six years in Arkansas before I came to the Diocese of Joliet.

I am aware that you previously filed a lawsuit against Father Howlin alleging that he sexually abused you many years ago, and I also know that you have participated in Father Howlin's canonical trial. I am grateful to you for coming forward to the Diocese and participating in the canonical process as well. None of this could have been easy, and I hope that it is not added to your pain.

My purpose in writing this letter is to attempt to be of some help in your healing process. I would very much welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person, but I know that could be difficult

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[REDACTED] once again I offer you my sincere apology for the suffering you experienced from a priest of this Diocese, and assure you of my deep concern for you as well as my prayers. Despite the fact that my initial contact with you is by letter, I am very much open to meeting with you personally or speaking on the phone as well if that would ever be of help.

With every best wish and prayer, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *John Sartain*

Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet

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[REDACTED]

Bishop Peter Sartain
425 Summit St
Joliet, IL 60435

[REDACTED]

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Dear Bishop Sartain,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent correspondence dated 9 July 2009. [REDACTED] and I have been in contact by phone several times including today.

I believe that we are at a point where further negotiations with [REDACTED] will not be fruitful without benefit of a face to face discussion with either you or both present. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I have not yet received any correspondence relating to the conclusion of the canonical tribunal but it is my understanding that the results are in progress with [REDACTED]. It may not really matter what those results will be however I continue to have faith in the system that justice will prevail and the results will reflect what [REDACTED] have known and believe all along.

I would welcome an opportunity to visit with you as outlined in your letter. I have many exhibits, evidence and supporting documents that you may not have had access to that I can provide to you including exhibits concerning Bishop Imesch's involvement that we were not allowed to present to the tribunal given the time constraints imposed [REDACTED] during our presentation and testimony.

Please give my offer of meeting serious consideration. I will await your reply.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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September 17, 2009

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of August 25, and please excuse my delay in responding, which was due to my being out of town. In my letter of July 9, I wished to express a sincere apology for the harm done to you and your family by Fr. Howlin and also my understanding that what you experienced cannot be fully or adequately remedied.

My reason for writing you was thus primarily pastoral, but I also wanted to indicate the possibility of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I want to assure you that I have some insight of what you have gone through from reading the testimony you presented at the canonical trial as well as personal study of the tragedy of abuse.

[REDACTED] I encourage you to continue your discussions [REDACTED] and when they have been completed, I will be most willing to meet with you and at that time extend a personal apology to you for what you have suffered for so long. In the meantime, please know of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Peter Sartain*

Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet

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September 14, 2010

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Thanks for your kind e-mail of September 1, which was forwarded to me by my Executive Assistant, [Redacted]. I appreciate your offering your comments about your positive experience with Fr. Howlin back in the days when you were a student at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. As you might guess, I cannot comment on the situation of Fr. Howlin, but I assure you that your e-mail will be placed in his file.

In the meantime, God's blessings upon you and [Redacted]. I am glad to know that [Redacted]. We still miss him!

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *J. Peter Sartain*

Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet

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Prot. N 245/2004
Re: Reverend Carroll Howlin

Most Reverenced J Peter Sartain
Diocese of Joliet
425 Summit
Joliet, IL 60435

August 30, 2010

Your Excellency,

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Joliet has rendered a decision in the case of Reverend Carroll Howlin, a priest of the Diocese of Joliet. I am attaching a copy of the decision for your information. There is an affirmative finding on two of the four accusations. Additionally, the penalty to be imposed is a removal from all public ministry, but NOT a reduction to the lay state. The details of the penalty are enunciated in the signature page of the decision.

A copy of the decision is being sent on this same date to the accused, Father Carroll Howlin, his advocate, Rev. [REDACTED] and the Promoter of Justice, Rev. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] All involved have been apprised of their right to make any appeal within the peremptory time limit of fifteen (15) days. I am most certain that the Advocate for the accused will appeal this decision to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

With or without any appeal, the Acts of the case will have to be sent to the Congregation. I will be in contact with Father Tapella so that he can make arrangements to do this.

If I can be of any further service, do not hesitate to Contact me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Very Rev. [REDACTED]
Judicial Vicar/Presiding Judge

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Prot. No. 245/04-22228

September 15, 2010

William Cardinal Levada
Prefect
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S.Uffizio
00193 Rome
Italy

Your Eminence,

I respectfully submit to the CDF the Acts of the judicial penal trial against Reverend Carroll Howlin, regarding the delict of Canon 1395, 2. The Court has concluded that Father Howlin is guilty of offending against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue.

At this time, Father Howlin, through his canonical advocate, is appealing the decision. Therefore, in addition to transmitting the Acts of the case to your Sacred Congregation, we will await further instruction in response to his appeal.

With renewed sentiments of highest esteem and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *J. Peter Sartain*

Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet

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September 29, 2010

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Rev. Joseph J. Tapella
Vicar General
Diocese of Joliet
310 Bridge Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435-6399

Dear Father Tapella:

I acknowledge your kind letter of September 22, 2010, with enclosures.

Rest assured that the documents (re: Prot. No. 245/04-22228), pertaining to the Acts of the judicial penal trial against Reverend Carroll Howlin, have been forwarded through the diplomatic pouch to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Pietro Sambini
Apostolic Nuncio

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September 8, 2004

[REDACTED]
Commonwealth Attorney
for McCreary County
P. O. Box 430
Williamsburg, KY 60769

Re: Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse
by [REDACTED] against
Father Carroll Howlin

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am general counsel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet. Father Carroll Howlin is a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet that was assigned to establish a Mission in McCreary County and has been occupying that position for a good number of years.

Since late in the year 2002, our Bishop has placed Father Howlin on administrative leave because of pending allegations of child sexual abuse. Those allegations were made by [REDACTED]

It is the policy of the Diocese of Joliet that allegations of child sexual abuse be ultimately turned over to the State's Attorney where the alleged abuse was to have occurred.

The alleged victim is [REDACTED]. His date of birth is [REDACTED] and the alleged abuse was to have occurred in approximately 1996 in Whitley City, Kentucky. This consisted of a single act of fondling through the clothing.

I am enclosing herewith an interview that was conducted of [REDACTED].

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FR. HOWLIN SCAN FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET NO.965

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DIOCESE	DIOCESE OF JOLIET
C.D.F. PROT. N.	RECOURSE PROT. N. 2004-2547
NAME OF CLERIC	CARROLL HOWLIN

PERSONAL DETAILS OF THE CLERIC			
DATE OF BIRTH	[REDACTED]	AGE	[REDACTED]
DATE OF ORDINATION	27 MAY 1961	YEARS OF MINISTRY	43 YEARS
ORIGINAL DIOCESE OF INCARDINATION	DIOCESE OF JOLIET		
MINISTRY IN OR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DIOCESE	ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE, MAY 1977 – JAN 1988 DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON, JAN 1988 – PRESENT		
CONTACT ADDRESS OF CLERIC	[REDACTED]		
PROCURATOR / ADVOCATE	[REDACTED]		
CONTACT ADDRESS FOR PROCURATOR/ADVOCATE	[REDACTED]		

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS			
YEAR	MINISTRY	LOCATION	APPOINTMENT
17 JUNE 1961	SAINTS PETER AND PAUL PARISH	NAPERVILLE, IL	ASSOCIATE PASTOR
12 JUNE 1965	ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY	LOCKPORT, IL	SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
16 JUNE 1975	SAINT PIUS X PARISH	LOMBARD, IL	ASSOCIATE PASTOR
27 JAN 1976	SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH	JOLIET, IL	ASSOCIATE PASTOR
5 MAY 1977	GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION	WHITLEY CITY, KY	PASTOR

ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE CLERIC				
YEAR	ACCUSER / VICTIM	AGE	IMPUTABLE ACTS	DENUNCIATION
1975	[REDACTED]	16	[REDACTED] alleged sexual abuse during seminarian camping trip to Wisconsin.	NOVEMBER 1995
1975 - 1976	[REDACTED]	16	[REDACTED] alleged sexual abuse during seminarian ministry trip to Kentucky and indicated on-going abuse at seminary.	APRIL 2002
1996	[REDACTED]	15	[REDACTED] family alleged undetermined abuse.	MAY 2003
CIRCA 1996	[REDACTED]	14	[REDACTED] alleged that Fr. Howlin fondled him in Fr.'s truck on one occasion while Fr. was buying school supplies for him and attempted to coerce [REDACTED] to perform oral sodomy on one occasion at his home.	NOVEMBER 2003

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE CLERIC			
YEAR	TYPE / CASE	CONVICTION	CIVIL SENTENCE
1995	[REDACTED] sought financial compensation from the Diocese of Joliet but filed no civil proceedings. It is reported that no settlement was reached.	N/A	N/A
2002	[REDACTED] – statute of limitations expired in Illinois preventing any criminal proceedings & although there is no statute of limitations in Kentucky, no complaint is ever lodged in the appropriate county.	N/A	N/A

FR. HOWLIN SCAN FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET NO.966

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	AUGUST 2002 – [REDACTED] filed a civil lawsuit against Bishop Imesch alleging abuse by Fr. Howlin. Newspaper accounts indicate that [REDACTED] also filed a civil lawsuit against Bishop Imesch.	N/A	N/A
2003	JAN 2003	N/A	reported \$2.6 million settlement with 13 undisclosed persons since 1983
	MAY 2003; [REDACTED] – although there is no statute of limitations in Kentucky, no criminal/civil complaint is ever lodged by [REDACTED] and the family has not filed any civil complaint regarding [REDACTED].	N/A	N/A

MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESE

YEAR	MEASURE/S
1995	Investigation concluded that the [REDACTED] allegation was not credible.
2002	The Diocese of Joliet opened a preliminary investigation in reaction to the [REDACTED] Allegation. On 14 April 2002, Bishop Imesch placed Father Howlin on administrative leave .
2003	The Diocese of Joliet involved LSN Investigations, a private investigating company from Knoxville, Tennessee, which conducted the preliminary investigation .
2004	In April 2004, the Review Board sought defensive comments from Father Howlin's civil attorney. In June 2004, the Board concluded that the [REDACTED] allegation was not credible, and Bishop Imesch accepted its determination that "the accusation made by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is not credible" The Board also concluded that the [REDACTED] allegation/s were credible, and Bishop Imesch accepted its determination that "the accusation made by the relatives of [REDACTED] is credible"
	In July 2004, the Diocese of Joliet decreed restrictions of Father Howlin's ministry.
	In September 2004, the Diocese of Joliet closed the preliminary investigation and referred the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and the Diocese of Joliet accepted Father Howlin's nomination of an advocate.
	OCTOBER 2004 – The Diocese of Joliet denied the request for reimbursement of legal expenses because "the practice of the diocese has been to reimburse priests for their legal expenses, if they are found to be innocent." The administrative decision was appealed (Nov).

SUSTENANCE PROVIDED BY THE DIOCESE TO THE CLERIC

Since Father Howlin is of retirement age, he receives the regular monthly pension provided for retired priests of the diocese.

RESPONSE / RECOURSE / APPEAL MADE BY THE CLERIC

YEAR	RESPONSE / RECOURSE / APPEAL
1995	Father Howlin denied the [REDACTED] allegation and submitted to a psychological evaluation.
2002	Father Howlin denied the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] allegations. His civil attorney submitted defensive comments to the Review Board.
2003	November 2003 - Father Howlin inquired why his case had not been forwarded to the Holy See and demanded to be reinstated.
2004	July 2004 – Father Howlin was informed of his right to canonical counsel and directed to the Canon Law Society of America.
	August 2004 – Father Howlin contacted [REDACTED] to serve as advocate.
	October 2004 – [REDACTED] was approved as advocate and sent preliminary defensive remarks, specifically seeking permission for Father Howlin to preside at his parent's funerals if the situation arose. Permission was denied, and Father Howlin accepted the decision.
	November 2004 – [REDACTED] sought recourse against administrative silence regarding reimbursement of canonical expenses (Prot. N. 2004-2547).
2005	April 2005 – [REDACTED] submitted extensive defensive comments.

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TO: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
FROM: Bishop Roger L. Kaffer
RE: Father Carroll Howlin

[REDACTED] from St. Luke's Institute phoned with evaluation feedback concerning Father Carroll Howlin. She said she would share with me their diagnosis and recommendations.

Concerning the allegation, they cannot determine whether it is true or not. All they can do is give a diagnosis of what they can see.

She said in the instance of Father Howlin, they make no psychological diagnosis at all. They don't think he has any diagnosable psychological problem. They do not, in his instance, make a sexual disorder diagnosis or a diagnosis of any other psychological problem. He does not manifest any depression.

[REDACTED]

Father Howlin is very gregarious and sociable.

There are risk factors that people with problems or potentially with problems often have. However, Father Howlin did not manifest those. One risk factor is that many people are in denial. He was very open and forthcoming. [REDACTED] said: "If I had to put money on it, my guess would be that he didn't do it. Of course, I couldn't say this in court, because that is beyond our competency to test."

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She added: "He seems healthier than many of the people we see."

Another risk factor that he does not have is this. Many people with allegations concerning teenage boys consider themselves peers or buddies of the boys. On the surface of it, taking a teenager on a camping trip could seem to be suspect. Some adults seem to get along better with teenagers than they do with their adult peers. [REDACTED] asked Father Howlin why he always took a second boy on camping trips. He said because he couldn't be a good companion to teenagers, and he took a second so that they could be peers for each other. So he doesn't find himself as a peer to teenagers and that's a plus.

[REDACTED] said the report would be ready in about two weeks and it would be sent to us. I thanked her very much and told her I would call Father Howlin. She had already shared the results with him and had told him she was going to call me last Friday.

I then called Father Howlin and told him that I had talked to [REDACTED] and we discussed the report. [REDACTED]

He said the St. Luke's Institute is very, very competent, professional and thorough.

Bishop Roger Kaffer

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RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above very credible evidence, the recommendation to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is as follows:

- 1) To affirm and uphold the Diocesan Review Committee's finding of credibility and thereby continue Father Howlin's administrative removal from all priestly ministry, without the need for an Ecclesiastical Trial.

-OR-

- 2) To refer the allegations to a proper Canonical Tribunal to conduct an Ecclesiastical Trial and, during the interim, that Father Howlin remain on administrative leave and prohibited from all priestly ministry, except for possible funeral Masses for his parents.

Failure to have an Ecclesiastical Trial could result in injustices and potential harm to others. On the other hand, a full Ecclesiastical Trial can only benefit all concerned which could result in the vindication of Father Howlin or a finding that the allegations are credible, and thereby protect children and prevent any further victims.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated May 9, 2005

Joseph J. Tapella
Rev. Joseph Tapella



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Prot. N. 245/04-22228

Rev. Carroll Howlin
P.O. Box 550
Whitley City, KY 42653

November 24, 2006

Dear Father Howlin,

With this letter I wish to inform you that the terms of the controversy have been determined according to the norms of c.1513. On November 15, 2006, after having heard the parties and their responses, it was decreed that the joinder of the issues be stated thus:

Has Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against the minors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in violation of c. 1395§2; and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in violation of c.2359§2 (17CIC).

The decree is attached to this letter.

Now is the time for you to present your proofs in accord with c.1516. I would ask that you and/or your Advocate [REDACTED] provide the following information within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter:

- Nominate witnesses along with their current addresses;
- Secure the cooperation of any witnesses;
- Submit questions that you wish to propose to the witnesses;
- Indicate in a summary fashion the nature of the proofs that you intend to submit;
- Indicate the nature of any documentation/information you intend to submit.



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I do realize that the holidays are fast upon us and we will all be busy with other duties. However, if you and/or your advocate can provide the above requested information, it will enable us to begin the instruction of the case in earnest in January.

Sincerely,



cc



Advocate
, Advocate
, Promoter of Justice



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D E C R E E

Having accepted the *libellus* legitimately presented by the Rev. [REDACTED] OSB,
Promoter of Justice;

having cited the parties in the case;

and the time having elapsed for their responses;

and having heard their responses;

I hereby decree that the grounds be established in this case as follows:

Has Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against minors,
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in violation of c. 1395§2; and [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] in violation of c. 2359§2 (17CIC).

I also incorporate into this case the following material as documentary evidence:

All decrees, documentary and witness evidence, investigations, correspondence,
conclusions of the Review board of the Diocese of Joliet as they apply to the above
mentioned minors;

Defensive observations of the Advocate for the Respondent, Rev. Philip Erickson JCL;

Response to the Advocate's Observations by Rev. Joseph Tapella JCL.

I further direct both parties to present and complete proofs, in accord with c. 1516.

Place: Diocese of Joliet in Illinois

Date: November 16, 2006

[REDACTED]

Presiding Judge

[REDACTED]

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SUMMARY
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RESPONSE OF DIOCESE

1. **Removal of Priest:**

In response to the allegations, and pursuant to the policy, upon learning of the allegations, Father Howlin was removed from his assignment. However, after some investigation, he was returned to his assignment.

2. **Psychological Evaluation:**

According to Diocesan procedures, Father Howlin voluntarily submitted to an in-patient evaluation at St. Luke's Institute. This was an in-patient evaluation over several days. Based upon this, there was no indication whatsoever that Father Howlin had any indication to any types of misconduct.

3. **Interview with Father Howlin:**

Father Howlin was interviewed by Bishop Imesch, who categorically denied all allegations of [REDACTED] not only regarding the alleged sexual abuse, but regarding the types of counseling that Father Howlin may have conducted while on the staff of the seminary.

Father Howlin fully cooperated with Bishop Imesch in all respects, such as submitting to an evaluation and submitting names of individuals that he went camping with or was close to while stationed at the seminary.

4. **Interview of Accuser:**

The accuser was personally interviewed by [REDACTED] a member of the Diocese Review Committee, and there was an offer of some partial payment for counseling of the accuser.

5. **Notice to Insurance Company:**

Formal notice was sent to Gallagher & Bassett.

6. **General Investigation:**

See attached Investigation Summary and other memorandum reflecting the extent of the investigation.

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Chairman
Diocesan Review Board
425 Summit St.
Joliet, IL 60435

Dear [REDACTED]

In light of the Review Board's consideration of the information presented in the matter of the accusations made against Father Carroll Howlin, I accept the Board's determination that the accusation made by [REDACTED] is not credible. I also accept the Board's conclusion that the accusation made by [REDACTED] is credible. Since Father Howlin has already been placed on administrative leave, I wish to assure the Board that no children are currently at risk.

With thanks to you and the Board, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet-in-Illinois



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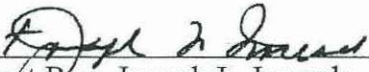
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DECREE CLOSING THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION
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Having received the report from the Diocesan Review Board in the investigation of the matter of sexual misconduct on the part of Reverend Carroll Howlin, I accept the findings of the Review Board that the allegation is credible.

Therefore, I hereby bring the Preliminary Investigation of this matter to a close. Based upon the conclusion that the allegation is credible, this case must be referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in accordance with Part II, Article 13 of the motu proprio *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*.



Most Rev. Joseph L. Imesch
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Canon 1722 states, "To prevent scandals , to protect the freedom of witnesses, and to guard the course of justice, the ordinary, after having heard the promoter of justice and cited the accused, at any stage of the process can exclude the accused from the sacred ministry or from some office and ecclesiastical function, can impose or forbid residence in some place or territory, or can even prohibit public participation in the Most Holy Eucharist..."

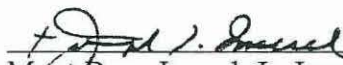
By virtue of the fact that I have accepted the advice of the Diocesan Review Board that there is sufficient evidence to move forward with the case of Rev. Carroll Howlin, who has been accused of sexual misconduct with a minor, I hereby impose the following restrictions upon his ministry:

- No exercise of public ministry
- Dispensation from wearing clerical garb
- Forbid contact with witnesses

At the same time, I remind Father Howlin that he is still bound by the obligations of the clerical state. Therefore, I particularly urge him to:

- Celebrate Mass privately
- Fulfill the obligations specified in Canons 273-289, as appropriate
- Receive spiritual direction

Given at Joliet, Illinois on this 6th day of July in the year 2004.


Most Rev. Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet


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DECREE CLOSING THE ACTS OF THE CASE

Since both parties have been given an opportunity to inspect the acts of the case and to offer additional proofs in the penal case against Rev. Carroll Howlin;

and having decided that the case has been sufficiently instructed;

I, the undersigned presiding judge, hereby declare the conclusion of this case.

The Promoter of Justice and the Advocate for the Respondent shall be given one month to prepare their animadversions. In accordance with c. 1602§1, these animadversions are to be in writing and still fall under the obligation of pontifical secrecy.

In accordance with c. 1603, each party will then be allowed to review the animadversions and to present their responses within a three week period of time.

Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois
August 27, 2009

Very Rev. Michael Hack

Very Rev. Michael Hack JCD
Presiding Judge

Rev. James J. Tighe

Ecclesiastical Notary



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As Presiding Judge in the case concerning Reverend Carroll Howlin, I hereby decree that the date of the closing of the case to further testimony is to be extended to allow the Advocate for the Accused to submit additional material.

At the time that the Court feels that the case has been sufficiently instructed, the Advocate for the accused shall be informed of the decision of the Court that the case is closed to further testimony and he is to be instructed to compose and submit his animadversions in a timely manner.


Rev. Michael Hack
Presiding Judge


Ecclesiastical Notary

Date: September 17, 2009

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KEY POSITIONS IN JOLIET DIOCESE Years 1960-1987

BISHOP (B) AUXILIARY BISHOP (A) VICAR GENERAL (V)
CHANCELLOR (C) ASST. CHANCELLOR (AC) SEMINARY BOARD (SB)
VICE CHANCELLOR (VC) ADVOCATE (AD)

1960 B McNamara V/C Blanchette AC Kaffer SB Blanchette, Stenger, Kaffer

1965 B McNamara V/C Blanchette SB Blanchette, Stenger, Kaffer, Ryan (Daniel L.)

1968 B Blanchette V Vonesh C Ryan VC James A Murray AD Roman Galiardi,
O.S.B. AD Paul Pusateri SB Stenger, Kaffer, Ryan

1974 B Blanchette V Vonesh C Ryan VC Daniel J. Murray ADS Pusateri, James
Nowak, Lucas Schmidt, O.Carm. SB Kaffer

1975 B Blanchette A/V Vonesh C Ryan VC D.J.Murray AD Pusateri SB Kaffer

1976 B Blanchette A/V Vonesh C Ryan VC D.J.Murray AC William E. Donnelly
AD Pusateri SB Ryan

1979 B Blanchette A Vonesh Apostolic Adm. of Joliet Daniel W. Kucera, O.S.B.
V Vonesh, Kucera, Ryan Co-Chancellors DJMurray, Donnelly AD Donnelly plus
ten others SB Francis McDonald, exec. sec.

1982 B Joseph L. Imesch (installed 8/28/79) A Vonesh, Ryan (consecrated 9/30/81)
V Vonesh, Ryan Co-C DJMurray, Donnelly AD Donnelly plus six others

1987 B Imesch A Vonesh, Kaffer (cons. 6/26/85) V Vonesh, Kaffer C Donnelly
AD Donnelly plus eight others

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ANIMADVERSIONS OF THE PROMOTER OF JUSTICE

Rev. [REDACTED] J.C.D.

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Animadversions

Rev. [REDACTED], Promoter of Justice

In re: The Reverend Carroll Howlin

Species facti:

1) Reverend Carroll Howlin, a priest incardinated in the Diocese of Joliet, was born on [REDACTED] and was ordained on May 27, 1961. He has held various pastoral assignments as a priest. He now resides in [REDACTED]

2) Father Howlin served in the following assignments:

SS Peter and Paul Parish, Naperville, Illinois, associate pastor, 6/17/1961 to 6/12/1965

Holy Trinity Parish, Westmont, Illinois, associate pastor 6/12/1965 to 6/17/1967

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Lockport, Illinois, teacher 6/17/1967 to 6/16/1975

St. Pius X Parish, Lombard, Illinois, associate pastor 6/16/1975 to 1/27/1976

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Joliet, Illinois, associate pastor 1/27/1976 to 5/5/1977

Good Shepherd Mission, Whitley City, Kentucky, pastor 5/5/1977 to 4/14/2002

Administrative Leave 4/14/2002 -

3) Allegations were made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that while Father Howlin was a faculty member at Saint Charles Borromeo High School Seminary, Father Howlin engaged in sexual misconduct with them.

Allegations were also made that while Father Howlin was assigned to Good Shepherd Mission in Whitley City, Kentucky, Father Howlin engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

4) Subsequent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' adoption of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," and the "Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests and Deacons," and following the policies established for the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois, Bishop Joseph Imesch decreed on July 6, 2004, that he had accepted the findings of the Joliet Diocesan Review Board, and determined that there was sufficient evidence to pursue further canonical action against Father Howlin.

On January 16, 2006, Bishop Imesch requested permission from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to conduct a penal trial for the alleged sexual abuse of minors and sought a dispensation from statute of limitations.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith remanded the Case back to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Joliet for full canonical process.

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On August 18, 2006, Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain, D.D., Bishop of Joliet, appointed the following as judges of a collegiate tribunal: Rev. [REDACTED] JCD, Rev. [REDACTED] JCD, and Rev. [REDACTED] JCD.

Upon the Promoter of Justice's recommendation, Rev. [REDACTED] the Presiding Judge, established the following doubts to be answered by the Court:

Has it been proved that Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against the minors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in violation of CIC/1983 Canon 1395, §2? In addition, has it been proved that Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against the minors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in violation of CIC/1917 Canon 2359§2)?

The norms of law have been followed, and the rights of the accused have been safeguarded throughout this process. With the Case having been sufficiently instructed, Rev. [REDACTED] on February 11, 2009, decreed the publication of the acts (Acts, p. 541). The acts were then forwarded to Rev. [REDACTED] the Petitioner's Advocate, and to myself, the Promoter of Justice.

On August 27, 2009, Very Rev. [REDACTED] decreed the acts of the case closed. (Acts, p. 548). The Promoter of Justice and the Advocate for the Respondent were asked to prepare their animadversions.

In iure:

According to c. 1395, §2: "A cleric who in another way has committed an offense against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue, if the delict was committed by force or threats or publicly or with a minor below the age of sixteen years, is to be punished with just penalties, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state if the case so warrants." On April 25, 1994, a rescript from John Paul II for the United States changed the age of the minor to that found in c. CIC83, c. 97, §2, i.e., below the age of eighteen. The Normae substantiales promulgated by John Paul II with the motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela on April 30, 2001 modified the universal law to include such a delict "delict committed by a cleric with a minor below the age of eighteen" (Art. 4, §1).

The norm concerning the delict—although the penalties differ—found in the Pio-Benedictine Code was in c. 2359, §2: "If they [clerics in sacred orders] engage in a delict against the sixth precept of the Decalogue with a minor below the age of sixteen . . . they are suspended, declared infamous, and are deprived of any office, benefice, dignity, responsibility, if they have such, whatsoever and in more serious cases, they are to be deposed."

The delict or offense of sexual abuse of a minor is defined in both Codes as the abuse of a person who has not completed his or her sixteenth year of age. While the abuse of a minor over the age of sixteen was a grave sin, it was not a delict under the 1917 Code and

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under the 1983 Code as promulgated. The age has subsequently been raised to eighteen, but the change of the law is not retroactive. Consequently, it is important to establish the age of the minor at the time of the alleged sexual activity.

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“When even a single act of sexual abuse by a priest or deacon is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accord with canon law, the offending priest or deacon will be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants (CIC, c. 1395 §2; CCEO, c. 1453 §1)” (USCCB, “Essential Norms,” no. 8).

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in enacting the “Essential Norms” clearly stated: “These norms are complementary to the universal law of the Church . . .” and repeatedly affirmed that they should be implemented “in harmony with canon law” and “observing the provisions of canon law.” To insure that justice is administered correctly, all the norms found in the Code must be observed scrupulously.

First of all, it must be noted that no. 8 of the “Essential Norms” by its very words leaves explicitly a certain latitude in its application by using the words “permanent removal from ministry or dismissal from the clerical state.” Secondly this norm explicitly states that the Code of Canon Law must be followed.

The corresponding canon in the Pio-Benedictine Code is c. 2359, §2, which gave as the maximum penalty for this offense deposition, “in casibus gravioribus deponantur” (in more serious cases, they are to be deposed). The same Code explained what was then called the vindictive penalty of deposition in c. 2303, §1, “Deposition, with due regard for the obligations taken up in ordination and the clerical privileges, includes both the suspension from office and incapacity for any office, dignity, benefice, pension, or duties in the Church, and even the privation of those things that the defendant has, although they were the title of the one ordained.” C. 2305, §1 defined a more severe penalty that could be imposed upon a cleric: “Degradation contains within itself deposition, the perpetual privation of the ecclesiastical habit, and the reduction of the cleric to the lay state.” According to the present Code a cleric can lose the clerical state “by a penalty of dismissal legitimately imposed (c. 290, 2°); according to c. 291 dismissal from the clerical state as a penalty “does not entail a dispensation from the obligation of celibacy, which only the Roman Pontiff grants.” Thus, the present Code’s dismissal from the clerical state was called degradation in the previous Code.

This raises the question: “Do the judges have the authority to impose the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state for an offense committed under the 1917 Code of Canon Law, which gave deposition as the maximum penalty that they could impose, and not degradation—the present equivalent of dismissal from the clerical state?”

Reflecting the *Regulae iuris* “In poenis benignior est interpretatio facienda, (in VI Decretalium Bonifacii VII, no. 49) and “Odia restringi et favores ampliari” (ibid. no. 15), c. 18 states that laws establishing a penalty are subject to strict interpretation. This is further specified in Book V “Sanctions in the Church” by c. 1313, §1: “If a law is

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changed after a delict has been committed, the law more favorable to the accused is to be applied.”

The “Essential Norms” as particular law enacted by the USCCB were given the necessary recognition by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and duly promulgated. However, they were not approved in forma specifica by the Holy Father—with the exception of a “derogation” from CIC, c. 1722 and CCEO, c. 1473. Consequently, all the prescriptions of the Essential Norms are to be interpreted in light of the respective Codes and the motu proprio *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela* of April 30, 2001. If there would be a conflict between the “Essential Norms” and the universal law, the latter prevails since “a lower legislator cannot validly issue a law contrary to higher law” (c. 135, §2). The universal law was enacted by the supreme legislator.

A superficial reading of the 1983 Code and the “Essential Norms” may wrongly lead one to think that a duly established ecclesiastical court can impose dismissal from the clerical state for an offense committed prior to November 27, 1983. This is not the case. However, this in no way restricts the authority to impose all the restrictions that are listed under deposition in the 1917 Code. Of course, if the judges think that the most grave circumstances warrant such a decision, they can recommend to the diocesan bishop that he request the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to petition the Holy Father to dismiss ex officio the cleric from clerical state.

On February 6, 2004, in his address to the biannual plenary meeting of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Pope John Paul II said: “In the past two years your Congregation has witnessed a considerable increase in the number of disciplinary cases referred to it because of the competence the dicastery possesses in *ratione materiae* on delicta graviora, including the delicta contra mores. The body of canonical norms that your dicastery is called to apply with justice and equity strives to guarantee both the exercise of the right of defense of the accused and the demands of the common good. Once the offence has been proven, it is necessary in each case to assess carefully both the just principle of proportionality between fault and punishment, as well as the predominant need to protect the entire People of God” (AAS, 94 [2004], pp. 401-402, no. 6; Eng. trans. ORe, February 18, 2004, p. 3).

In fact:

In examining the facts of this case one must remain focused on the *dubia* that are to be resolved, and not on other issues, e.g., Father Howlin’s nickname, “Pud,” his sexual orientation, the motives of the persons who accused him, and the psychological and behavioral problems of the persons who accused him. Likewise the essential point to be determined is not the length of time, i.e., days, months or years, during with the alleged acts of sexual abuse took place, or how many times they may have happened. In a word, the questions to be resolved concern the sexual abuse of one or more minors by the respondent, whether this happened once or multiple times.

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[REDACTED] has stated that the abuse by Father Howlin began during a period of time that Father Howlin was [REDACTED] spiritual director. On approximately October 3, 1974, Father Howlin fondled [REDACTED] genitals [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In December of 1974, Father Howlin served [REDACTED] alcohol, and initiated a discussion concerning masturbation. From January of 1975 through May or June of 1975, Father Howlin sexually abused [REDACTED] approximately six times.

[REDACTED]

The following was noted in the Acts [REDACTED] "The Will County State's Attorney concluded that the allegations of [REDACTED] in relation to Father Howlin were credible and there was sufficient evidence to file criminal charges against Father Howlin." This was for crimes committed by Father Howlin in Will County.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was enrolled as a student [REDACTED] at St. Charles Borromeo High School Seminary from 1970 - 1974 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has testified that in the summer of his sophomore year (which would have been 1972) while on a camping trip in Wisconsin with Father Howlin and another student, Father Howlin offered [REDACTED] and the other student beer and cigarettes. While on this trip Father Howlin sexually molested him while [REDACTED] the other student, and Father Howlin were in sleeping bags in a tent.

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[REDACTED] has alleged that Father Howlin attempted to exchange clothes and school supplies for sexual favors, paid for back rubs, [REDACTED] a means to have [REDACTED] provide sexual favors. [REDACTED] has also stated that while they were riding in an automobile Father Howlin fondled [REDACTED] and in addition has stated that Father Howlin attempted to coerce [REDACTED] to perform oral sodomy on one occasion at his home.

It has been noted by Rev. Joseph Tapella (in the Diocesan Review Committee's Summary of Evidence to Support Findings of Credible Allegations and the Committee's Reply to Defensive Comments that [REDACTED] "has not, on any occasion, requested financial compensation [REDACTED] sole motive in reporting this molestation has been to keep Father Howlin out of ministry, so that he cannot molest other boys." (Acts, p. 254).

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] who was fifteen years of age at the time, by Father Howlin took place in Kentucky. It has also been reported that [REDACTED] that Father Howlin had sexually abused him. [REDACTED] Accusations of sexual abuse of [REDACTED] at the hands of Father Howlin, were made in May of 2003 by members of [REDACTED] family.

Father Carroll Howlin

As Promoter of Justice, I observe that Father Howlin has consistently denied all allegations of sexual abuse of minors. [REDACTED]

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A number of the witnesses have pointed out that Father Howlin gave many years of dedicated priestly service to the people to whom he ministered, both in Illinois and in Kentucky, and that they were unaware of any illegal activity on his part.

However, as laudable as Father Howlin's ministry was, nevertheless the evidence shows that he engaged in behavior that gravely betrayed the trust the victims had placed in him. It is a hallmark of the nature of the crime of sexual abuse of a minor that victims often suppress the fact that they were sexually abused, and do not disclose it to others, often for many years. This certainly appears to be the case for Father Howlin's victims, namely:

[REDACTED]

Conclusion

Having stated the above, I urge the Reverend Judges to take into serious consideration the expertise and wisdom of the Diocese of Joliet Diocesan Review Committee, and to reflect in a critical way upon the Summary of Evidence supporting the Diocesan Review Committee's finding of credibility and its Reply to the Canonical Advocate's defensive comments (Acts, pp. 246 – 267).

Moreover, the evidence contained in the Acts demonstrates that the accused are credible in their testimonies, and that there was no collusion between and/or among them. Thus, in the interest of justice, I submit that the Reverend Judges consider the following matters:

Has it been proved that Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against the minors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in violation of CIC/1983 Canon 1395, §2? **Affirmative.**

In addition, has Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against the minors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in violation of CIC/1917 Canon 2359§2)? **Affirmative.**

Application of a Penalty

Since the delicts perpetrated against [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took place during the time that the 1917 Code of Canon Law was in effect, the maximum penalty that the judges can impose is that of deposition as found in c. 2303, §1.

The delicts perpetrated against [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took place during the time that the 1983 Code of Canon Law was in effect.

Taking into consideration the severity and duration of the psychological harm experienced by the victims of Father Howlin's crimes, in the interest of justice I urge the Reverend Judges to recommend to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to request the Holy Father to dismiss Father Howlin from the clerical state.

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With further regard to the penalty to be imposed, the Reverend Judges might possibly consider tempering the punishment to be imposed because of Father Howlin's more than forty years of service as a priest, and the emotional strain that he has evidently experienced by being banned from all public priestly ministry.

Given at: The Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago, on September 21, 2009.

Rev. Michael Bradley

Rev. [REDACTED]
Promoter of Justice

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It is noted that at the request of Rev. [REDACTED] the Advocate of the accused, the Court has submitted an updated index for the Case. Additional pages were also added to the case, and the Case's pagination was altered. The documents were then organized properly, and a complete copy of the appendix was placed at the end of the case materials. As Promoter of Justice in this Case, I have reviewed all the added and reorganized material, and offer the following animadversions.

In his letter dated 23 September 2009, Rev. [REDACTED] the Advocate for the Accused, has written that he was "gravely concerned" concerning the Reverend Judges' discussion regarding the issue of the sufficiency of the evidence. [REDACTED] has referred to his letter of 7 May 2009, and has also enclosed additional documents.

Specifically, Father [REDACTED] has mentioned his concerns related to a number of issues namely the following issues:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is further noted that throughout this process, the Accused has declared that he is innocent of any and all charges against him, and that he has been falsely accused. The Advocate for the Accused has stated that the allegations by members of the [REDACTED] against the Accused are "unreliable, unsubstantiated, internally inconsistent, and contradicted by other documents and reliable testimony." Furthermore, Father Howlin has testified that he had nothing to do with [REDACTED]

In my review of the reorganized documents, I have also read and evaluated the Appendix as organized by the Court. The Index for this Appendix includes the following: Miscellaneous correspondence of the Advocate during the preliminary investigation regarding health issues of Reverend Carroll Howlin, Miscellaneous correspondence of the Advocate for Reverend Carroll Howlin with various officials of the Diocese of Joliet during the preliminary investigation, Prot. N. 245/04 Concerning the Case of Reverend

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Carroll Howlin Miscellaneous correspondence of the Advocate for Reverend Carroll Howlin during the judicial proceedings, and Miscellaneous documents submitted by the Advocate for Reverend Carroll Howlin.

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Having taken into consideration all of the additions, deletions, and reorganizations of the Case documents, it is my opinion that the Case has been sufficiently instructed. In conclusion, my opinion, in response to the questions that have been raised, is the same as it was previously stated in my animadversions that were submitted to the Court: that is to say, regarding both questions, in the **Affirmative**.

Thus, it is my belief that after having carefully deliberated over the Acts of the Case, and in the interest of justice, the Court will indeed reach moral certitude that the Rev. Carroll Howlin is guilty of the delicts of which he has been accused.

Given at: The Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago, on October 26, 2009.



Votum of [REDACTED] JCD
in the case of the Rev. Carroll Howlin, *reus*
(prot. n. 2547/04)

The *iter processualis* of the case is well known to the Court. Therefore [REDACTED] will proceed directly to the substance of the case.

The questions before the Court are:

- 1] has the Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against the minor [REDACTED] in violation of ('17) C. 2359, §2?
- 2] has the Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against the minor [REDACTED] in violation of ('17) C. 2359, §2?
- 3] has the Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against [REDACTED] in violation of ('17) C. 2359, §2?
- 4] has the Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against [REDACTED] in violation of ('17) C. 2359, §2?

In the opinion of this Judge, the significant jurisprudential issues are:

- i. Are one or more of the complainants below the age of 16, as required by the norm of law in force at that time, that is ('17) C. 2359, §2 (*...cum minoribus infra aetatem sexdecim annorum...*)?
This is an important juridic question and must be addressed for each complainant in this case.
- ii. Is the norm of (1917) Canon 2359, §3 relevant to this case (*Si aliter contra sextum decalogi praeceptum deliquerint, congruis poenis secundum casus gravitatem coercentur, non excepta officii vel beneficii privatione, maxime si curam animarum gerant.*)?
If indeed a reasonable certitude about the age of a complainant or complainants cannot be achieved, then this canonical norm would have force. In the opinion of this judge, if there is misconduct against a complainant, but the complainant is between the ages of 16 and 18, then some penalty must be considered. This is especially true because the relationship between the *reus* and the complainant existed because of a pastoral office (*... curam animarum gerant.*). Because the questions posed to the tribunal of judges in this case concern paragraph 2 and not 3, this judge would argue that the effect of the canonical norm of paragraph 3 would be seen in the penalty.
- iii. Does the temporal delay in the formal presentation of some of the significant evidence affect the evaluation of the material?
This judge would respond in the negative. While the Advocate for the defense has rightly noted that the passage of time does affect the accuracy of recollection, still the passage of time is typical of the presentation of these cases. There have been several explanations proffered about the reason for the temporal delay, but

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the fact of the delay is common; it does not affect the veracity of the claim. The passage of time does affect the assessment of the reliability of recollection.

- iv. Does the involvement of civil legal personnel and the police agencies, and their subsequent disposition of the cases, affect the evaluation of the material?
The involvement and the disposition of these cases by government personnel must be considered on an individual basis. Their agenda, as well as election, funding and media focus, differs from the schema of ecclesiastical administrators. Government personnel may pursue or ignore a case irrespective of the guilt or innocence of the *reus*.
- v. Do the conclusions of the Joliet Diocesan Review Board affect the evaluation of evidence?
Yes, with a *caveat*. The agenda and the focus of the diocesan Review Board should be similar to this action: the search for truth. However, the standard of proof of the diocesan Review Board is different from that of a formal judicial trial. Also, the question before the diocesan Review Board is fitness for ministry; the question before a judicial tribunal is moral certitude about the truth of an allegation. However, their material, as decreed into the acts of the case, is reliable evidence.
- vi. Do the various conclusions of mental health personnel, consulted as *periti*, affect the evaluation of evidence?
The historical context, and the evolution of the approach to this behavior by mental health professionals, must be considered. For example, a psychological examination of the *reus* in 1995 apparently determined that he was not prone to sexual abuse of minors. However, even the understanding of what constituted sexual abuse of a minor was inchoate at that time.
- vii. Do the subsequent personal and behavioral problems of the complainants affect the evaluation of evidence?
In the opinion of this judge, the subsequent troubled behavior of a complainant is nearly an irrelevant fact. Did abuse cause the behavior, or did troubled behavior make a complainant more vulnerable to abuse, and thus more easily exploited?
- viii. Is the evaluation of the evidence affected by the denials of sexual abuse by peers of the complainants who have had similar associations with the *reus*?
The significance, and helpfulness, of the testimony of peers is not whether they also were abused, but whether they can corroborate the behavior and habits of the *reus*, which behaviors are associated with the abuse.
- ix. Does the denial of the *reus* affect the evaluation of evidence?
No. Even if the *reus* accurately perceived abusive behavior, there is no reason to believe that he would admit to it. Creative and laudable priestly achievements do not preclude the possibility that the *reus* engaged in abusive behavior. As is sometimes observed in the vernacular, 'even Hitler loved his mother'.

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- x. Does the evidence associated with each allegation cohere in such way as to produce moral certitude of the truth of the allegation ('83 Canons 1572 and 1608)?

From the point of view of jurisprudence, the last question is the central query: does the evidence cohere in such a way as to produce moral certitude of the truth of one or more allegations. In a manner of speaking, this has associated with it the question of what is relevant and what is not. For the record it must be stated that a great part of the testimony of [REDACTED] is simply not relevant.

What can be said of the accused, the *reus*, Carroll Howlin? The Rev. [REDACTED] has noted his overbearing personality and the phenomena that he thrives on commotion. Also, he observes that he tells inappropriate jokes. The [REDACTED] noted that the *reus* has a big ego and possessed a driven personality. Also, this witness noted that he did have seminarians in his room late at night. Several witnesses have described his out-of-town trips with teenagers, which trips were both pastoral and personal in nature. From the community of available teenagers, he was known to select those who would travel with him. Material in the *acta* indicates that generally, his traveling companions were troubled individuals or individuals from troubled families; this would make them more vulnerable to exploitation. Witnesses have also described the sleeping arrangements as being communal; no one has stated that the *reus* preferred his own room and private bath. No one has asserted that the *reus* was ever involved with women or girls; consistently, there was discussion of his association with teenage boys.

Of significance is the internal coherence of the evidence and information presented about [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. All three were vulnerable. All three were troubled individuals. All three were, in different ways, dependent on the *reus*. He gifted all three. The narration of events by all three is remarkably similar, even though the [REDACTED] differ chronologically and geographically. Some of those who were also present to the *reus* in similar situations deny that any abuse took place; rather than disproving the allegations, this judge sees that testimony as corroborating classic grooming behavior. Some of the cleric witnesses have denied any knowledge of sexual abuse of minors by the *reus*. However, they also seem to have no knowledge of any illicit sexual activity at the High School seminary at that time, and there is now abundant mention of it: perhaps they testify to what they know, but what did they know?

With regard to the allegation of sexual misconduct with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], this judge does find that it coheres in such a way as to produce moral certitude about the truth of their allegations. It is clear from the *acta* that both complainants were canonical minors at the time of the physical contact. Both complainants were from a needy situation that exacerbated their vulnerability. With regard to [REDACTED], the worth of the allegation has been questioned

[REDACTED] In accord with the norm of Canon 1572, 2°, such evidence is admissible; further in accord with Canon 1572, 3°, such evidence is reliable.

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With regard to the allegation of sexual misconduct with [REDACTED] this judge does find that it coheres in such a way as to produce moral certitude about the truth of his allegation. This judge also finds that he was under the age of 16 at the time of the contact with the *reus*. As a feature in the evaluation of the testimony of [REDACTED] much has been made of his [REDACTED] This judge sees his behavior as having an ambiguous effect on the evaluation of his testimony: [REDACTED]

him more easily exploitable by the *reus*. Also, the fact that there was only one incident does not undermine the truth of his statement. The focus is not on the complainant but the *reus*; it is not a question of how many times the complainant claims to be 'the mark', but rather throughout the life of the *reus* and in other situations, does the behavior manifest itself.

This judge finds *non constant* for the allegation presented in regard to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has so confused and confounded the facts of the case and the evidence, that reaching moral certitude is impossible. Therefore, on that count, the presumption of innocence is not overturned.

Considering the age and the situation of the *reus*, this judge argues that as a penalty, he should be permanently removed from all ecclesial ministry and commended to a life of prayer and penance.

[REDACTED]

August 15, 2010.

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VOTUM of [REDACTED]
in the penal case against Reverend Carroll Howlin

I. FACTS

In 1995, Most Reverend Joseph Imesch, Bishop of Joliet-in-Illinois, received an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor on the part of Reverend Carroll Howlin. The allegation was investigated and deemed not credible. [REDACTED]

Subsequently, another allegation of sexual misconduct was made in April 2002 by the [REDACTED] who claimed that the abuse of their son by Father Howlin had taken place in 1975 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. However, they refused to testify. Therefore, no further action was taken at that time.

Another allegation of misconduct was made on 30 May 2003 to the [REDACTED] Kentucky by [REDACTED] which was informed that [REDACTED] were sexually abused by Father Howlin in [REDACTED] Kentucky. [REDACTED] stated that Father Howlin sexually abused him at the age of 13 years in 1995. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The fact of [REDACTED] has been confirmed by [REDACTED] but it has never been located.

After having investigated the allegations and having received credible information, the Reverend Carroll Howlin was placed on administrative leave (c.1717) on 12 April 2002. On that date the Most Reverend Joseph Imesch, Bishop of Joliet, decreed that the Diocesan Review Board should initiate a prior investigation.

On 24 June 2004 Bishop Imesch accepted the following findings of the Review Board: 1) the accusation made by [REDACTED] was not credible, and 2) the accusation made by [REDACTED] was credible.

Therefore, on 13 September 2004 Bishop Imesch decreed that the Preliminary Investigation to be closed and the case was to be referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith according to the norm of the *motu proprio, Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela* (Part II, Article 13).

On 6 July 2004, the Reverend Carroll Howlin was informed by Bishop Imesch of the decision of the Review Board. In that letter Father Howlin was informed that he was removed from ministry and he was advised of his rights to retain canonical counsel. A Decree to that effect was issued by Bishop Imesch on the same date.

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On 7 September 2004, the Reverend Carroll Howlin appointed Reverend [REDACTED] as his Procurator and Advocate. On 1 October 2004, Father [REDACTED] was informed that Bishop Imesch approved his appointment. Subsequently, The Reverend Msgr. [REDACTED] was then appointed as a second Advocate.

On 15 May 2005 Bishop Imesch advised the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith of the findings of the preliminary investigation and asked for their direction. On 4 January 2006 the Congregation replied, authorizing Bishop Imesch to initiate a Judicial Penal Process.

On 16 January 2006 Bishop Imesch decreed that a tribunal was to be constituted, according to the direction of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith.

On 18 April 2006, a *libellus* was presented to the Tribunal of the Diocese of Joliet by Reverend [REDACTED] Promoter of Justice of the Diocese of Joliet at that time.

On 18 August 2006, the new Bishop of Joliet, Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain, decreed the appointment of judges in this case. They are:

Rev. [REDACTED] JCD Presiding Judge
Rev. [REDACTED] JCD Associate Judge
Rev. [REDACTED] JCD Associate Judge
Rev. [REDACTED] JCD Promoter of Justice

On 14 September 2006, the Presiding Judge decreed the acceptance of the *libellus*.

On 26 September 2006, the Presiding Judge cited the accused, Reverend Carroll Howlin and his Canonical Advocates, Rev. [REDACTED] and Rev. [REDACTED]. The letter of citation indicated the proposed grounds for the case and included a copy of the *libellus*.

The proposed grounds of the case are:

Has Reverend Carroll Howlin committed an act of sexual misconduct against the minors, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in violation of c. 1395§2 (83CIC); and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in violation of c. 2359§2 (17CIC)?

Having allowed sufficient time for a response of the parties, the joinder of the issues took place on 16 November 2006. The proposed grounds then became the grounds under which this case was to be heard.

Further, on the same date, it was decreed that all documents, testimonies, depositions and conclusions of the prior investigation (Review Board of the Diocese of Joliet) should be incorporated into these proceedings, including the defensive comments of the Advocate for the accused and the response to the defensive comments by the Diocese of Joliet.

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The Instruction of the case then followed with the deposition of witnesses nominated by the Promoter of Justice, the Advocate for the accused, and *ex officio* by the Court. Both the Promoter of Justice and the Advocate presented questions to the Presiding Judge, which were to be asked of the witnesses. Finally, the deposition of the accused, Reverend Carroll Howlin, was taken.

On 11 February 2009, the Court, having determined that the case was sufficiently instructed and that no other proofs were forthcoming, decreed that the Acts of the Case should be published. The Promoter of Justice, the accused and the Advocates for the accused were advised of this on the same date and the Acts of the case were transmitted to them.

On 27 August 2009, the Court decreed that the case should be closed to further testimony. However, on 17 September 2009 the Court decreed that the closing date should be extended to allow the Advocate for the accused adequate time to submit further relevant information. The Court acceded to his request.

On 21 September 2009, Reverend [REDACTED] the Promoter of Justice, submitted his animadversions and on 26 October 2009 he submitted addenda to his observation as a result of material that subsequently had been incorporated in the case at the request of the Advocate. Both briefs were transmitted to the Advocate for the accused.

On 2 March 2010, the Court closed the case to further testimony and urged the Advocate to submit his brief in a timely manner.

On 27 April 2010, the Advocate for the accused submitted his defensive comments (animadversions). The Promoter of Justice then indicated that he did not wish to make a rejoinder to the Advocate's brief.

On 17 May 2010 the Acts of the case were transmitted to the Reverend Judges for their study.

III. The Law

Mindful that this matter was similarly legislated by the 1917 Code of Canon Law in Canons 2358 and 2359, §2, the Court begins with the legislation concerning this delict from the 1983 Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church:

Can.1395. §1. A cleric who lives in concubinage, other than the case mentioned in can. 1394, and a cleric who persists with scandal in another external sin against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue is to be punished by a suspension. If he persists in the delict after a warning, other penalties can gradually be added, including dismissal from the clerical state.

§2. A cleric who in another way has committed an offense against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue, if the delict was committed by

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force or threats or publicly or with a minor below the age of sixteen years, is to be punished with just penalties, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state if the case so warrants.

The grave nature of this delict and of allegations of this delict is further indicated by the derogations granted by the Holy Father on April 25, 1994. In a rescript responding to a petition made by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [*hereinafter* USCCB], the Supreme Legislator conformed the norm of Canon 1395, §2 to the norm of Canon 97, §1 so that for an initial period of five years, this delict would involve offenses against the Sixth commandment of the Decalogue with anyone below the age of eighteen years. In the same rescript he modified prescription so that a criminal action would not be extinguished until a longer period of time had passed. This particular legislation was made more explicit and extended to the universal Church by *Sacramentorum Sanctitatis Tutela (Graviora Delicta)* of April 30, 2001.

Article 4 of the Substantive Norms of this *motu proprio* legislates:

§1. Reservation to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is also extended to a delict against the Sixth Commandment of the Decalogue committed by a cleric with a minor below the age of eighteen years.

§2. One who has perpetrated the delict mention in §1 is to be punished according to the gravity of the offense, not excluding dismissal or deposition.

With regard to this delict, in response to a petition made by the USCCB, on December 8, 2002 the Apostolic See gave the *recognitio* for the Norms that upon promulgation became particular law for two years for the Church in the United States of America. Upon expiration of the time period, the Apostolic See gave the *recognitio* to the revised Norms; these were promulgated on May 5, 2006 and became particular law for ‘the dioceses, eparchies, clerical religious institutes and societies of the apostolic life of the United States with respect to all priests and deacons in the ecclesiastical ministry of the Church in the United States...[note #1]’. In this matter, the particular law for the Church in the United States legislates:

For purposes of these Norms, sexual abuse shall include any offense by a cleric against the Sixth Commandment of the Decalogue with a minor as understood in *CIC*, canon 1395, §2 and *CCEO* 1453, §1 (*Sacramentorum Sanctitatis Tutela*, article 4, §1) [Preamble, final paragraph].

When even a single act of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accordance with canon law, the offending priest or deacon will be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state ... [Norm 8]

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...If the case would otherwise be barred by prescription, because sexual abuse of a minor is a grave offense, the bishop/eparch may apply to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for a derogation from the prescription, while indicating relevant grave reasons... [Norm 8A]

Mindful of the norm of law with regard to the passage of time as it applies to this delict (Canon 1362), in view of the *recognitio* given to the above-cited legislation, it is noted that a derogation from prescription may be given.

III. ARGUMENT

I have studied the acts of the case and find that proper procedure has been followed. Father Carroll Howlin's rights have been protected and a Canonical Advocate, Reverend [REDACTED] has represented him.

There are several similar accusations in this case of instances when Father Howlin inappropriately touched minor boys, some of which includes genital touching. [REDACTED]

A second accusation concerns [REDACTED]

These stories have a common thread despite the fact that they occurred in different geographical locations (Illinois and Kentucky) with two individual who did not know each other and they occurred close to 20 years apart. These two incidents give evidence of a pattern of behavior by Father Howlin known as grooming.

Another incident involves [REDACTED] who states that when he was 15 years old [REDACTED] in Kentucky, on one occasion Father Howlin kissed him on the lips because he was pleased with something [REDACTED] had done. [REDACTED] states that there were no other sexual advances on Father Howlin's part. (Pp.87-89). Despite the fact that nothing more happened, it is another incident of Father Howlin's grooming technique: do something nice for the minor, praise the minor and then take inappropriate action with the minor.

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Of significance in the case of [REDACTED] is that the State's Attorneys of Will County, Illinois and Kentucky investigated these allegations and both concluded that there was credible evidence after interviewing [REDACTED] who claimed sexual abuse by Father Howlin in both States. However, in both instances no legal action could be taken because the statute of limitations had run. (p. 249)

It is also unfortunate that [REDACTED]'s attorney would not allow any diocesan official to interview his client in 2003. However, [REDACTED] did make statements to this Tribunal (Pg.248) and it is consistent with the *modus operandi* that Father Howlin used with other accusers.

Despite the fact that the statute of limitations may have run in regard to [REDACTED] and it was not considered a delict under the 1917 CIC, the information he provides is relevant in showing a pattern of behavior by Father Howlin.

Despite the fact that [REDACTED] has had his own problems, his statements and those of his family are consistent. He has not sought any financial remuneration from the Diocese of Joliet and has continually stated this his motivation is to keep Father Howlin away from children.

In reference to the accusation of [REDACTED] he has repeated the same allegation in 1995, 2002, 2007 and each of his statements are consistent concerning Father Howlin's groping of his genitals while on a camping trip to Wisconsin (pp. 89Dff, 525ff.)



Additionally, one must take into account Father Howlin's personality, which is typical of someone who could be considered a sexual groomer. Father [REDACTED] describes Father Howlin as having "a big ego and a driven personality." Father [REDACTED] who was an associate with Father Howlin at [REDACTED] states that Father Howlin has "an overbearing personality and thrives on commotion" pg. 436).

This Judge's impression of Father Howlin during his deposition is that of a jocular individual who wanted to say what he wanted to say, not necessarily answer the questions put to him. His "good old Joe" demeanor makes one easily like and trust him and he is very disarming. He obviously wants to be liked. This type of person can easily lure minors into his net.

While there may be some substance to the Advocate's argument that no Delict had been committed because [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were above the age of 16 years when

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the alleged abuse took place and the law in force at that time (CIC 17) did not consider this a delict; the evidence provided by these two individual adds weight to the other allegations.

The grounds for this case mention accusations by four individuals: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Additionally we have other evidence that shows inappropriate behavior by Father Howlin with [REDACTED]. Although not named in the suit, his statements show the consistence of Father Howlin's *modus operandi* around young boys (p87ff).

Although [REDACTED] the story of his abuse by Father Howlin has been related by various family members: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In all of these instances there is a behavioral pattern in Father Howlin's actions. He initiates a relationship with the individual or his family, he befriends them by assisting them financially or doing favors for them and taking male minors under his wing, after gaining their confidence and trust he initiates suggestive conversation or actions. If there were no objections by the individual, he would not stop.

What we have in this case are many incidents of grooming. Even if Father Howlin did not continue through to inappropriate touching or further activity, his intent to do so is very clear.

Of significant interest is the fact that there is no mention that Father Howlin befriended, helped or made advances to any female minors. If the actions of Father Howlin are to be considered as innocent and pastorally motivated, why did he not do the same things with girls? Logically, they could have been helped by [REDACTED] but that does not explain why he did not take the same personal interest in them as he did boys. Nowhere does Father Howlin or anyone else state that [REDACTED] took on this role with female minors. Why did he not take them on shopping trips to buy school clothing and supplies? I can only conclude that he was not interested in them in the same way that he was with boys.

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The Advocate of the accused argues to discredit the accusers by attacking their good names.

[REDACTED]

I will be the first to admit that most of the accusers have their own set of problems in life. In taking each accuser's statement individually, one could argue that there is doubt about the person's accuracy in recalling these events and his motivation. However, taken together, the statements of the accusers are similar in nature and show a pattern. Their statements were made at various times and many of the assurors do not know each other.

We must still answer the question: Was there any collusion on the part of the witnesses? I find that the answer is: no. The accusations of [REDACTED] and the other accusers were separated by time and distance. They did not know each other and there is no evidence of collusion. Yes, [REDACTED] was aware of the allegations made by [REDACTED] to the Diocese of Joliet, and that seems to be what prompted them to come forward. However, they could not have known the content and details of the allegations made by [REDACTED] to the Diocese of Joliet. Thus they could not have made up a story that so consistently dovetailed with the allegations of [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED]

The Advocate for the accused rightly points out that the allegations of a sin against the Sixth Commandment of the Decalogue was not a delict because of the law in force at that time in the case of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] because they were over the age of sixteen years, but is a sinful act. I must conclude the same thing. Because of the ages of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the time of the sexual abuse, I must vote in the negative. However, that is not to say that no abuse took place.

In regard to the accusation of sexual misconduct with the minors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by Reverend Carroll Howlin, I must vote in the affirmative. Their testimonies have remained consistent over the years and it is consistent with that of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. None of these individual who encountered Father Howlin over the span of 10-15 years and who lived in different States could have concocted such similar stories.

In regard to the penalty to be applied, consideration must be given to Father Howlin's advanced age and years of service to the Church. I do not feel that dismissal from the clerical state would be appropriate. He should be allowed to celebrate the Eucharist privately, but not be allowed to engage in any public ministry, wear clerical clothing or use the term of address "Father" or "Reverend".

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In regard to his request that he should be allowed to celebrate the Funeral Rites for his mother who is advanced age, the Bishop of Joliet is to make this decision, taking into account the element of scandal and the pastoral aspect of Father Howlin's request.



Presiding Judge

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Re.: Reverend Carroll Howlin

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[Redacted]

August 30, 2010

Dear [Redacted]:

I am writing to inform you that the judges have reached a decision on the penal case against Rev. Carroll Howlin and that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has given its approval to inform you of this.

In response to the question: Has the Reverend Carroll Howlin committed the delict specified in c. 2359§2 of the 1917 Code of Canon Law with [Redacted] that is, has he committed an offense against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue with a minor, the Court has found: in the NEGATIVE.

In response to the question: Has the Reverend Carroll Howlin committed the delict specified in c. 1395§2 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law with [Redacted] and [Redacted] that is, has he committed an offense against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue with a minor, the Court has found: in the AFFIRMATIVE.

In response to the question: Insofar as the Court finds in the affirmative, what penalty shall be applied, the Court has found that the following penalty would be appropriate in proportion to the offense: permanent removal from all Ecclesiastical Ministry, but NOT dismissal from the clerical state.

A copy of the Decision has been enclosed with this letter and the Decision has been sent to Father Howlin with the instruction to contact you regarding any appeal. Also, attached to this letter is a document entitled "Rescript of publication of the Sentence". I would ask that you sign, date, have your signature witnessed and return it to me at your earliest convenience. I again remind you that this matter is protected by pontifical confidentiality, the violation of which is subject to an ecclesiastical penalty.

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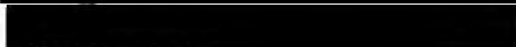
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In accordance with Article 16 of the motu proprio *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, either party can appeal this decision to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which retains sole jurisdiction over this matter. This appeal must be made within one month of the date of this letter.

I realize that this has been a long and often difficult process for all of those involved in it. It is my prayer that the resolution of this matter might bring peace to all the parties involved, as well as to the community of Christ's faithful.

Sincerely yours,



Presiding Judge

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DECLARATION
RECEIPT OF PUBLICATION OF THE SENTENCE
Canons 1614 & 1615

In accord with Canons 1614 and 1615, I acknowledge receipt of the Definitive Sentence in First Instance in the above titled case regarding the Reverend Carroll Howlin, in which I am the Advocate for the accused.

In accord with Canon 1628, I understand that I have a right to appeal against the Definitive Sentence to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

In accord with Canon 1630, I understand that any appeal must be introduced within fifteen (15) available days (*tempus utile*) from the notification of the publication of the sentence. Given that none of the collegiate panel of Judges in First Instance are residents in the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois, I understand that by practice, the appeal is to be communicated to the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Joliet. He will transmit it to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

In accord with Canon 1633 and SST article 23, I understand that my appeal must be pursued within a month.

I understand that being properly mandated I may pursue the appeal on behalf of the Reverend Carroll Howlin after consulting with him about what action he wishes to take in this matter.

[Redacted Signature]

Advocate for Reverend Carroll Howlin

Witness [Redacted Signature]

DATE: 9-2-10
Notary Public, State at Large, KY
My Commission Expires May 16, 2012

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In accord with Canon 1633 and SST article 23, I understand that my appeal must be pursued within a month.

I understand that I may pursue the appeal through the services of my Advocate, Reverend [REDACTED] and that I will be in contact with him to instruct him how to proceed.

Carroll Howlin
Reverend Carroll Howlin, accused

Witness: _____

DATE: Sept. 3, 2010

*I have directed my advocate,
Rev. [REDACTED] to appeal
this decision.*

Carroll Howlin

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January 24, 2006



Dear Father [REDACTED]

We have finally received word from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in regard to Father Howlin's case. Enclosed is a copy of the letter from Archbishop Amato. Although it is dated "January 4", Bishop Inesch did not receive it in the mail until January 23. Unfortunately, the CDF has directed us to begin a "penal judicial process."

I hope that Father Howlin is doing better, but I did not presume to simply send a copy of this letter to him. I would like your advice as to how to approach him with this extremely sensitive matter. Perhaps it would be best for you to speak with him about it. Please let me know what you believe is best.

Of course, I will be in contact with you with regard to the case. Feel free to call me if you wish to discuss anything more easily than through an email or a letter.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Joseph J. Tapella, JCL
Vicar General

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Miscellaneous correspondence of the Advocate for Reverend Carroll Howlin during the
judicial proceedings

22 March 2006 Acknowledging the Appointment of Three Judges
07 April 2006 Advocate's Concerns Regarding Proposed Website Listing
20 April 2006 Advocate's Gratitude Regarding Website
27 June 2006 Appeal to Bishop Sartain
11 Jan 2007 Advocate's Letter to secure the testimony of [REDACTED]
16 Feb 2007 [REDACTED]'s Fax to Advocate I re: [REDACTED]
22 Feb 2007 Confirmation that [REDACTED] is Alive and a Parishioner
03 March 2007 Email from [REDACTED] Identifying a Mission Trip Photo
07 March 2007 Advocate's Email to secure the Testimony of Father [REDACTED]
14 March 2007 Advocate's Email to secure the Testimony of Father [REDACTED]
15 March 2007 [REDACTED]'s Fax to Advocate II re: public records
19 March 2007 [REDACTED]'s Fax to Advocate III
22 March 2007 Advocate's Email Response to Fr. [REDACTED] re: questions
28 March 2007 Advocate's Email Response to Fr. [REDACTED] re: photo id
29 March 2007 Advocate's Email Confirming Father [REDACTED] Contact Information
14 Aug 2007 Advocate's Email Correcting Witness' Name
30 March 2009 Judge's Reprimand to [REDACTED]



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September 15, 2010

William Cardinal Levada
Prefect
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
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00193 Rome
Italy

Your Eminence,

I respectfully submit to the CDF the Acts of the judicial penal trial against Reverend Carroll Howlin, regarding the delict of Canon 1395, 2. The Court has concluded that Father Howlin is guilty of offending against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue.

At this time, Father Howlin, through his canonical advocate, is appealing the decision. Therefore, in addition to transmitting the Acts of the case to your Sacred Congregation, we will await further instruction in response to his appeal.

With renewed sentiments of highest esteem and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *J. Peter Sartain*

Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet



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September 22, 2010

Archbishop Pietro Sambi
The Apostolic Nunciature
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Washington, DC 20008-3687

Dear Archbishop Sambi:

Enclosed you will find the Acts of the judicial penal trial against Reverend Carroll Howlin. Kindly forward them to William Cardinal Levada, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Thanking you for your kind assistance and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Reverend Joseph J. Tapella
Vicar General

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