

BECKER, Rev. Franklyn W.

Home Parish: St. Mary's, Woodland

BORN	July 15, 1937, at Hartford, Wisconsin						
STUDIES	St. Francis Minor, 1955-1957; St. Francis Major, 1957-1960; and 1960 - 1964						
TONSURE	Mar. 17, 1961	Immac. Chapel	M.Rev. W. E. Cousins				
ORDERS	Sept. 29, 1961	" "	" " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
SUBDEACON	Apr. 7, 1962	" "	" " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
DEACON	Mar. 30, 1963	" "	" " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
PRIESTHOOD	Sept. 29, 1963	" "	" " R. R. Atkielski				
APPOINTMENTS	May 30, 1964	St. John's Cathedral	" W. E. Cousins				
	Curate, Holy Assumption, West Allis - July 1, 1964						
	Associate Pastor. -- St. John de Nepomuc, Milwaukee - '68 ??						
	Associate Pastor, Holy Family, Whitefish Bay - February 25, 1972						
	AP - St. William, Waukesha - June 18, 1974						
	Service outside the Archdiocese - January 1, 1975						
	Awaiting Assignment - October 30, 1976						
NAME	BECKER, Rev. Franklyn William						

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Released for work outside the Diocese - June 14, 1977

Associate Pastor, St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee - August 1, 1979

Associate Pastor, St. John Parish, South Milwaukee - December 9, 1980

Temporary administrator, St. Joseph Parish, Lyons, with Mission of St. Killian, Lyons Township - July 1, 1980

Temp. Associate, St. Eugene's Parish, Fox Point - Aug. 29, 1980

Sick Leave - January 25, 1983

Continuing education in Clinical Pastoral Education, St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee - September 1, 1983-December 2, 1983, and part-time Chaplain, St. Joseph Hospital.

Awaiting Assignment - January 1, 1984

Chaplain to the Catholic Patients, West Allis Memorial Hospital, West Allis - November 6, 1984

Awaiting Assignment - October 1, 1991

Not Assigned - July 1, 1993

AMIL00195

SAINT FRANCIS SEMINARY
 3257 South Lake Drive
 Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

We submit the Transcript of Credits earned at the Summer School classes at the Seminary Villa by BECKER, Franklyn W. who attended during the years: 1961, 1962

<u>Division</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Cr.Hrs.</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Cr.Pts.</u>
Speech	V-23	Summer 1960 Mechanics of Speech	1		
Science	V-24	Scientific Cosmology	1		
Psych.	V-25	Summer 1961 Applied Psychology	1	B	3
Science	V-26	Atomic Theory	1	B	3
Psych.	V-27	Summer 1962 Applied Counseling	1	A	4
Science	V-28	Scientific Cosmology	1	B	3

Annotations:

An A is equivalent to 93-100; B to 85-92; C to 77-84; D to 70-76; an F indicates a failure. Class period is 50 minutes. The Summer Session includes a minimum of twenty class periods.

Signed Francis J. Busenius
 Registrar

Seal

AMIL00196

ST. FRANCIS SEMINARY
3257 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee 7, Wis.

We submit the transcript of credits of BECKER, Franklyn William
enrolled in the THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT during the scholastic years 1960-1964

	Cred Hrs.	GRADE		Credit Points
		1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	
Dogmatic Theology				
200. De Revelatione, de Ecclesia, de Locis	10	C	C	20
301. Cycle A—De Deo Uno et Trino, de Gratia, de Virtutibus	10	D	D	10
302. Cycle B—De Deo Creante et Elevante, de Peccato Originali, De Incarnatione, de Beata Virgine et de Sanctis	10	D	C	15
275. De Sacramentis in genere et specie, de Novissimis	10	B	C	25
Sacred Scripture				
201. Introductio in universam Scripturam Sacram	2	C	C	4
303. Cycle A—Libri Historici et Prophetici V.T.	6	D	D	6
304. Cycle B—Evangelia	6	D	D	6
305. Cycle C—Epistolae, Actus Apostolorum, Apocalypsis	6	C	C	12
278. Libri Didactici V.T.	6	D	D	6
Moral Theology				
202. De Principiis	6	B	C	15
306. Cycle A—De Decalogo, de Sacramentis	6	C	D	9
307. Cycle B—De Praeceptis Ecclesiae, de Justitia, de Praeceptis Particularibus	6	C	C	12
311. Cycle C—De Virtutibus Theologicis	6			
276. De Poenitentia, de Sexto	2	D	C	9
Pastoral Theology (277)	4	C	C	8
Oriental Theology (282)	2	B	B	6
Church History				
308. Cycle A—The Early Church	6	B	C	15
309. Cycle B—The Church in the Middle Ages	24	B	B	12
310. Cycle C—The Church in Modern Times	24	B	B	12
Canon Law				
203. Prolegomena et Normae Generales	4	C	B	10
227. De Personis, de Rebus, de Processibus, de Lege Poenali	26	D	D	6
250. Lex Matrimonialis	4	C	C	8
Sacred Liturgy				
204. The Object, Sources, History, Forms of Liturgy	2	B	B	6
225. The Mass, Missal, Calendar	2			
251. The Breviary, Sacraments, Pontifical Ceremonies included 225	4	A	A	16
287. Celebration of Mass, Ritual, Extraordinary Services	4	C	C	8
Ascetical Theology				
205. Christian Perfection	2	A	C	6
313. The Period of Purgation included 314-15	24	B	C	10
314. The Period of Illumination	2			
315. The Period of Union	2			
Catechetics (208-279)	4	B	C	10
Homiletics				
207. Theoretical instruction with practice	2	C	B	
230. Course 207 continued: Sermon Evaluation	2	B	B	
252. Course 207 continued: Homiletic Practice	2	B	C	
280. Course 207 continued: Advanced " "	2	B	C	
318. Practical Guidance	2			
319. Course 318 continued	2			
320. Polish Homiletics	2			
Music				
206. Gregorian Chant and Church Music	2		B	
226. Course 206 continued: Pastoral Aspects	2		B	
253. Course 206 continued: Altar Chants	2		A	
281. Practical guidance in plainchant Church Mus. Legis.	2		A	

Annotations General average and rank: 2.280 - 34th in class of 44.

Key: Courses numbered 200-224 are taught in first year; 225-249 in second year; 250-274 in third year; 275-299 in fourth year. The 300 courses are cycle courses. An A is equivalent to 93-100, B 85-92, C 77-84, D 69-76. E indicates a condition, F a failure. Class periods 50 minutes. Semester 18 weeks. For description of courses, see catalogue of St. Francis Seminary, Major Department.

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(Signed) Francis J. Brennan
Registrar

AMIL00197

SPECIALTY PAGES

ST. FRANCIS SEMINARY

3257 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee 7, Wis.
ACCREDITED BY NORTH CENT. ASSN

We submit the transcript of credits ofBECKER, Franklyn William.....
who attended the SENIOR COLLEGE DEPARTMENT during the scholastic years 1958-60.

	Credit Hrs.	GRADE		Credit Points
		1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	
Philosophy				
100. Logic	6	C		12
101. Cosmology	3	C		6
102. Epistemology	3		C	6
150. Rational Psychology	6	B		18
151. Ontology	4	B	C	10
152. General Ethics	2	C		4
153. Philosophy of Religion	4		C	8
Science				
110. Zoology	5	A		20
111. Botany	5		B	15
160. General Sociology	4		B	12
161. History of Education	3	C		6
162. Psychology of Education	3		B	9
Language				
115. Romanticism	2	A		8
116. The Victorian Age	2		B	6
165. Shakespeare's Tragedies	2	A		8
166. Literary Criticism	2		A	8
117. Biblical Greek	2	A	C	6
167. Hebrew	4	B	B	12
History				
120. History of Christian Literature	4	B	B	12
121. Biblical Archeology	2	C	C	4
154. History of Philosophy	4	B	A	14
Speech				
125 and 126. Speech Correction	2	B	B	
175 and 176. Speech Projects	2	A	A	
Music				
130 and 131. Theory of Gregorian Chant	2	C	C	
180 and 181. Theory of Gregorian Chant	2	C	C	

Annotations The Bachelor of Arts Degree was conferred on
..... Franklyn W. Becker on January 30, 1961.

Key: Courses numbered 100 to 149 are taught in the Junior year, 150 to 199 in the Senior year. An A is equivalent to 93-100, B 85-92, C 77-84, D 70-76. E indicates a condition, F a failure. Class periods 50 minutes. Semester 18 weeks.

SEAL

AMIL00198

(Signed)

Francis J. Brennan
Registrar

I, the undersigned _____, in
presenting to the Bishop my petition for the reception of _____
_____, as the time for the sacred
ordination is near at hand, having carefully considered the matter
before God, do upon my oath testify in the first place that I am urged
by no sort of compulsion or force or fear in receiving the aforesaid
sacred order, but that I do spontaneously desire and of my own full
and free will wish to receive the same, because I know and feel that
I am truly called by God:

I acknowledge that I know fully all the burdens and other con-
sequences which flow from the said sacred order, and these I freely
wish and propose to assume: and with the grace of God I resolve to
keep them most faithfully during my whole life.

I declare especially that I am clearly aware of what the law
of celibacy entails; and I firmly resolve with the help of God to ful-
fill that law willingly and to keep it in its entirety until the end.

Finally, I sincerely promise that I shall always, according to the
sacred canons, obey most exactly all the precepts of my Superiors
and whatever the discipline of the Church requires, being prepared
to give an example of virtue either in work or in word, so that I
may deserve to be rewarded by God for the assumption of so great an
office.

This I promise, this I vow, this I swear, so help me God and these
sacred Gospels which I touch with my hand.

AMIL00199

Seminarium Sancti Francisci Salesii

"Ego subsignatus Franciscus W. Becker, cum
petitionem Episcopo exhibuerim pro recipiendo Presbyteratus

Ordine, sacra instante Ordinatione, ac diligenter re perpensa coram
Deo, iuramento interposito, testificor in primis, nulla me coactione seu
vi, nec ullo impelli timore in recipiendo eodem sacro Ordine, sed ipsum
sponte exoptare, ac plena liberaque voluntate eundem velle, cum ex-
periar ac sentiam a Deo me esse revera vocatum.

"Fateor mihi plene esse cognita cuncta onera caeteraque ex
eodem sacro Ordine dimanantia, quae sponte suscipere volo ac propono,
eaque toto meae vitae curriculo, Deo opitulante, diligentissime servare
constituo.

"Praecipue quae caelibatus lex importet clare me percipere
ostendo, eamque libenter explere atque integre servare usque ad ex-
tremum, Deo adiutore, firmiter statuo.

"Denique sincera fide spondeo iugiter me fore, ad normam
sacrorum Canonum, obtemperaturum obsequentissime iis omnibus, quae
mei praecipient Praepositi, et Ecclesiae disciplina exiget, paratum vir-
tutum exempla praebere sive opere sive sermone, adeo ut de tanti officii
susceptione remunerari a Deo merear.

"Sic spondeo, sic voveo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adiuvet et haec
Sancta Dei Evangelia, quae manibus meis tango."

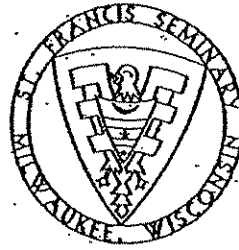
Die 27 mensis Maii anni 1964

Milwaukee, Wis.

Franciscus W. Becker

AMIL00200

St. Francis Seminary
Major Department



3257 So. Lake Drive
Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

Illustrissimo et Reverendissimo
Guilermo Eduardo Gouma
Archiepiscopo Milvauchienis

Excellentia Reverendissima,

Ego, Franciscus W. Becker, alumnus
Seminarie Sancti Francisci Salesii, libera
omnino atque spontanea voluntate,
humillime postulo a Reverendissimo
Ordinario Archidiecesi Milvauchiensis
admissionem ad ordinem Presbyteratus
additis documentis a sacris canonibus
requisitis.

Excellentia sua me habere dignetur
observantissimum et addictissimum filium

Franciscum W. Becker

Die 29 Mensis Februarii, Anno 1964

AMIL00201

I, the undersigned _____, in
presenting to the Bishop my petition for the reception of _____
_____ as the time for the sacred

ordination is near at hand, having carefully considered the matter before God, do upon my oath testify in the first place that I am urged by no sort of compulsion or force or fear in receiving the aforesaid sacred order, but that I do spontaneously desire and of my own full and free will wish to receive the same, because I know and feel that I am truly called by God.

I acknowledge that I know fully all the burdens and other consequences which flow from the said sacred order, and these I freely wish and propose to assume; and with the grace of God I resolve to keep them most faithfully during my whole life.

I declare especially that I am clearly aware of what the law of celibacy entails; and I firmly resolve with the help of God to fulfill that law willingly and to keep it in its entirety until the end.

Finally, I sincerely promise that I shall always, according to the sacred canons, obey most exactly all the precepts of my Superiors and whatever the discipline of the Church requires, being prepared to give an example of virtue either in work or in word, so that I may deserve to be rewarded by God for the assumption of so great an office.

This I promise, this I vow, this I swear, so help me God and these sacred Gospels which I touch with my hand.

AMIL00202

Seminarium Sancti Francisci Salesii

"Ego subsignatus Franciscus W. Becker, cum
petitionem Episcopo exhibuerim pro recipiendo Diaconatus
Ordine, sacra instante Ordinatione, ac diligenter re perpensa coram
Deo, iuramento interposito, testificor in primis, nulla me coactione seu
vi, nec ullo impelli timore in recipiendo eodem sacro Ordine, sed ipsum
sponte exoptare, ac plena liberaque voluntate eundem velle, cum ex-
periar ac sentiam a Deo me esse revera vocatum.

"Fateor mihi plene esse cognita cuncta onera caeteraque ex
eodem sacro Ordine dimanantia, quae sponte suscipere volo ac propono,
eaque toto meae vitae curriculo, Deo opitulante, diligentissime servare
constituo.

"Praecipue quae caelibatus lex importet clare me percipere
ostendo, eamque libenter explere atque integre servare usque ad ex-
tremum, Deo adiutore, firmiter statuo.

"Denique sincera fide spondeo ingiter me fore, ad normam
sacrorum Canonum, obtemperaturum obsequentissime iis omnibus, quae
mei praecipient Praepositi, et Ecclesiae disciplina exiget, paratum vir-
tutum exempla praebere sive opere sive sermone, adeo ut de tanti officii
susceptione remunerari a Deo merear.

"Sic spondeo, sic voveo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adiuvet et haec
Sancta Dei Evangelia, quae manibus meis tango."

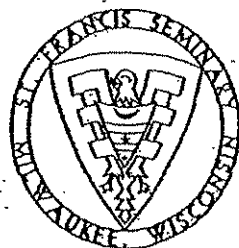
Die 26 mensis Sept. anni 1963

Milwaukee, Wis.

Franciscus W. Becker

AMIL00203

St. Francis Seminary
Major Department



3257 So. Lake Drive
Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

*Illustrissimo et Reverendissimo
Guillermo Eduardo Lousina
Archiepiscopo Milwaukeensis*

Excellentiam Reverendissimam,

*Ego, Franciscus W. Becker, alumnus
Seminarium Sancti Francisci Salesii,
libera omnino atque spontanea
voluntate, humillimo postulo a
Reverendissimo Ordinario Archidicesis
Milwaukeeensis admissionem ad ordinem
Diaconatus additis documentis a
sacris canonibus requisitis.*

*Excellentiam suam me habere dignetur
observantissimum et addictissimum
filium*

Franciscus W. Becker

Die 25 Mensis Maii, Anno 1963

AMIL00204

St. Francis Seminary
Major Department



3257 So. Lake Drive
Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

*Illustrissimo et Reverendissimo
Wilhelmo Eduardo Grassino
Archiepiscopo Milwauchiensi*

Excellentia Reverendissima,

*Ego, Franciscus W. Becker, alumnus
Seminarium sancti Francisci Salesii, libera
omnino atque spontanea voluntate, humillime
postulo a Reverendissimo Ordinario
Archidicesis Milwauchiensis admissionem
ad ordinem subdiaconatus additis documentis
a sacris canonibus requisitis.*

*Excellentia sua me habere dignetur
observantissimum et addictissimum
filium*

Franciscum W. Becker

Die 18 Mensis Decembris, Anni 1962

AMIL00205

Juramentum.

(Can. 981, §1)

Ego Franciscus W. Becker plenam habens notitiam praescripti canonis 981 Codicis Juris Canonici, quo statuitur ut qui ordinantur titulo servitii dioecesis se, interposito juramento, perpetuo eiusdem servitio devovere debeant, spondeo ac juro me Dioecesi Milvauchiae perpetuo inserviturum, sub Ordinarii praedictae Dioecesis pro tempore auctoritate.

Sic me Deus adjuvet haec Sancta Dei Evangelia quae manibus tango.
In quorum fidem sub signo.

Franciscus W. Becker

Candidatus ad Subdiaconatus ordinem.

Datum die 27 mensis Martii anni 1963

Ego infrascriptus coram Domino testificor Dominum Franciscum W. Becker huius Seminarii Sancti Francisci Salesii alumnum et ad ordinem subdiaconatus candidatum, suprascriptam iurisiurandi formulam die suprascripto rite coram me emisisse.

In quorum fidem subscribo.

Franciscus M. Schneider
Rector

Datum apud St. Francis, Wisconsin

die 27 mensis Martii anni 1963

AMIL00206

Seminarium Sancti Francisci Salesii

Ego subsignatus Franciscus W. Becker, cum
petitionem Episcopo exhibuerim pro recipiendo Subdiaconatus

Ordine, sacra instante Ordinatione, ac diligenter re perpensa coram
Deo, iuramento interposito, testificor in primis, nulla me coactione, seu
vi, nec ullo impelli timore in recipiendo eodem sacro Ordine, sed ipsum
sponte exoptare, ac plena liberaque voluntate eundem velle, cum ex-
petiar ac sentiam a Deo me esse revera vocatum.

"Fateor mihi plene esse cognita cuncta onera caeteraque ex
eodem sacro Ordine dimanantia, quae sponte suscipere volo ac propono,
eaque toto meae vitae curriculo, Deo opitulante, diligentissime servare
constituo.

"Praecipue quae caelibatus lex importet clare me percipere
ostendo, eamque libenter explere atque integre servare usque ad ex-
tremum, Deo adiutore, firmiter statuo.

"Denique sincera fide spondeo iugiter me fore, ad normam
sacrorum Canonum, obtemperaturum obsequentissime iis omnibus, quae
mei praecipiant Praepositi, et Ecclesiae disciplina exiget, paratum vir-
tutum exempla praebere sive opere sive sermone, adeo ut de tanti officii
susceptione remunerari a Deo merear.

"Sic spondeo, sic voveo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adiuvet et haec
Sancta Dei Evangelia, quae manibus meis tango."

Die 27 mensis Martii anni 1963

Milwaukee, Wis.

Franciscus W. Becker

AMIL00207

I, the undersigned _____, in presenting to the Bishop my petition for the reception of _____ as the time for the sacred ordination is near at hand; having carefully considered the matter before God, do upon my oath testify in the first place that I am urged by no sort of compulsion or force or fear in receiving the aforesaid sacred order, but that I do spontaneously desire and of my own full and free will wish to receive the same, because I know and feel that I am truly called by God.

I acknowledge that I know fully all the burdens and other consequences which flow from the said sacred order; and these I freely wish and propose to assume; and with the grace of God I resolve to keep them most faithfully during my whole life.

I declare especially that I am clearly aware of what the law of celibacy entails; and I firmly resolve with the help of God to fulfill that law willingly and to keep it in its entirety until the end.

Finally, I sincerely promise that I shall always, according to the sacred canons, obey most exactly all the precepts of my Superiors and whatever the discipline of the Church requires, being prepared to give an example of virtue either in work or in word, so that I may deserve to be rewarded by God for the assumption of so great an office.

This I promise, this I vow, this I swear, so help me God and these sacred Gospels which I touch with my hand.

AMIL00208

June 22, 1964

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
Woodland,
Wisconsin

Dear Father Becker:

This letter is to inform you that you are herewith appointed curate at Holy Assumption Parish, West Allis, effective Wednesday, July 1st. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Ross.

Under separate cover you will receive a signed copy of the faculties of the Archdiocese.

May I again assure you that you are always most welcome to discuss any of your problems with me.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your priestly work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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AMIL00209

HOLY ASSUMPTION CONGREGATION

1525 South 71st Street
WEST ALLIS 14, WISCONSIN

June 12, 1965

Dear Msgr. Beres,

We are writing this letter to express an opinion which we feel bound in conscience to share with you at the present time.

FRANKLYN B.

There are rumblings here that Father Becker is going to be transferred to "an easier parish". Both of us have discussed this matter. We are happy with the adjustment which Father Becker has made this past year and feel that a transfer at this time would be a very serious injustice to the young priest.

Agreed that Father does not have much self confidence, but we are certain that he has done wonders in building up this confidence this past year. We feel a transfer at this time could only harm his outlook on life, and give him a reason for distrust of those in authority, whom he should trust most.

Contrary to what some people may believe, it isn't necessarily heaven to be at Assumption, but both of us are quite willing to stay here, if this will have any bearing on this case.

Praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on your decision, we remain

Your obedient subjects,

Rev. Carroll C. Straub
Rev. James P. Konecny

AMIL00210

February 21, 1972

✓ Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
1429 Lombard Court
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53213

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at St. John de Nepomuc parish, Milwaukee, and appoint you Associate Pastor at Holy Family parish, Whitefish Bay, effective February 25, 1972. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Harold J. Ide.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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October 22, 1973

The Reverend John J. Theisen
Priests' Personnel Board
6033 West Lloyd Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213

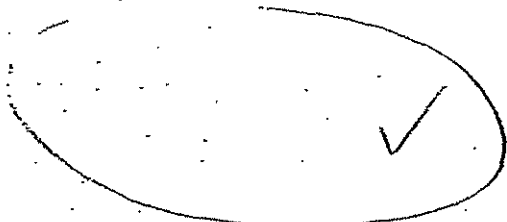
Dear John:

The enclosed letter was directed to the Priests' Pension Plan by Archbishop Cousins. This board, in turn, suggested that resolution of the problem must necessarily involve other offices. I wonder if you would call me at your convenience to discuss which direction should be taken to arrive at a solution, if one is necessary.

Fraternally in Christ,

(Rev.) Raphael M. Ellis
Vice-Chancellor

RME/mk
Enc.



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HOLY
FAMILY
CONGREGATION

4810 N. MARLBOROUGH DR.
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53217
TELEPHONE: (414) 332-9220

August 18, 1973

The Most Rev. William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Dear Archbishop Cousins:

I am writing to you in response to your letter regarding the Priests' Pension Plan and the Fact Sheet recently received.

Before signing the Salary Reduction Agreement I would like to present for your consideration a matter previously taken up with Fr. Leonard Scherrer and Msgr. Grasser representing the St. Michael's Priest Fund.

The matter may be a small one in your eyes, but to a priest who relies upon a monthly salary to meet his needs, it seems to be worthy of notice. To be brief, during the interim of my transfer from St. John de Nepomuc to Holy Family I received no salary (February 1972). I was advised by Fr. Lippert that the matter would be referred to St. John's Board of Trustees and then to the Archdiocese if necessary. To date I have not received a settlement. I had hoped that the St. Michael's Priest Fund would take care of the matter, but I am informed that this is not a matter for their concern.

I am of the impression that the monthly salary of a priest (in my case \$220.00 plus \$50.00 car allowance) is paid in advance of the month's service. When I left St. John's I was entitled to a much needed vacation and in view of the parish situation it did not seem prudent for me to remain at that time. I do not feel it necessary to go into the history of that assignment at the present time.

My request at this time is reimbursement for salary + car allowance not received during the month of February 1972. I trust that you will refer my letter and request to the proper office.

I would have made this request earlier, but had hoped that the St. Michael's Fund would handle it. During this time of transition, this seems the acceptable time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker
Associate Pastor

AMIL00213

June 14, 1974

Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
Holy Family Parish
4810 North Marlborough Drive
Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin 53217

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at Holy Family parish, Whitefish Bay, and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. William parish, Waukesha, effective June 18, 1974. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Donald F. Quartana.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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July 15, 1974

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Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
St. William Parish
440 North Moreland Boulevard
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

Dear Frank:

This is a follow-up of our phone conversation concerning the \$270.00 to which you feel you are entitled for salary and car allowance for the month of February, 1972.

As I mentioned in our conversation, there is a problem insofar as your departure from the parish at that time was unauthorized.

I spoke to Father Bob Schneider about presenting the letter you sent to Father Janicki to the Due Process Board. He said the Board would rather have you approach it directly. So feel free to make a written request to the Due Process Office directly concerning this matter.

With kind regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

(Rev.) Robert G. Saupen
Chancellor

RGS/ef

copy to Due Process Office

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HOLY
FAMILY
CONGREGATION

4810 N. MARLBOROUGH DR.
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53217
TELEPHONE: (414) 332-9220

May 30, 1974

The Rev. Joseph A. Janicki
345 N. 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Dear Joe,

Just a few lines regarding the matter I spoke to you about at the gathering last evening.

I left St. John de Nepomuc Parish on Feb. 1, 1972 and was assigned to Holy Family Feb. 25, 1972, if my memory serves me correctly. I counted the interim as vacation time, part of which was spent in residence at my brother's home and one week on a trip down south. I was without an assignment at that time, but for the good of Fr. Badem and myself did not remain in residence at St. John's as the Personnel Board was informed.

I did not receive a salary or a car allowance for the month of February and from correspondence and phone calls to Fr. Lippert, Fr. Theisen, Fr. Scherrer over the past two years have finally been referred to the Chancery Office.

Since I am in the process of a proposed move at the present time I would be most appreciative if this matter could be cleared up. It would be futile to approach St. John de Nepomuc Parish at this time, since they will not assume the salary payment. I feel that I am entitled to the \$220.00 salary check plus \$50.00 car allowance and I presume that the Archdiocese has a miscellaneous fund to cover such requests.

Hoping that my request will be honored I am

Sincerely yours,



(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

*John Theisen:
Who prompted F.B.'s departure
from the parish?*

AMIL00216

August 13, 1974

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
St. William Parish
440 North Moreland Boulevard
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

*\$100.00 =
show 2 weeks*

Dear Lyn:

The Due Process Office has conducted a preliminary investigation into your claim that a sum of \$270.00 (\$220.00 salary - \$50.00 car allowance) is owed you for the one month period of February 1972.

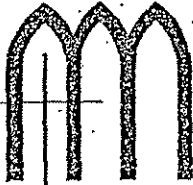
Our investigation has uncovered some of the following facts:

1. You discussed the possible assignment change with the Personnel Board prior to February 1972; however, no specific time for reassignment was determined.
2. You informed the Personnel Board of your departure from St. John's in February 1972 after the fact. Your departure was a unilateral decision made without the previous knowledge of the Archbishop or the Personnel Board.
3. Salaries and car allowances are not paid in advance, but only after service has been performed.
4. You informed the Personnel Board that you would be available for reassignment after February 14, 1972.
5. The Personnel Board did obtain help out work for you at St. John Parish, Rubicon, for which you received compensation.
6. The Personnel Board did act swiftly in reassigning you to Holy Family Parish by February 28, 1972.

As a result, we believe that your claim for full compensation of \$270.00 is a very dubious one. At best, you might be able to present a case for payment of one and a half weeks vacation time that accrued to you as a result of having served six months at St. John's Parish since your last vacation period.

While we do not believe that you have a strong case for compensation, nonetheless, we do want to do whatever we can to resolve this situation in a priestly and fraternal manner to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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ARCHDIOCESE
OF MILWAUKEE

DUE PROCESS
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Therefore, we have contacted Father Robert Sampon, the Chancellor, and asked him to reopen consideration of your claim on an informal basis. He has graciously consented to do this. As a result, we are sure that some understanding and settlement can now be reached. We suggest that you contact Father Sampon at your convenience.

If we can be of further service to you, please feel free to contact us.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Robert W. Schneider

Rev. Robert W. Schneider, Chairman

Rev. Msgr. Vernon J. Kuehn

Rev. William J. La Due

Rev. John B. Litzau

Msgr. John F. Murphy

Rev. Carrol C. Straub

Rev. Joseph A. Strenski

cc: Rev. Robert G. Sampon

AMIL00218

St. William's Rectory
440 N. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
August 15, 1974

The Rev. Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Father Sampon,

I am writing to you in response to the August 13th letter I received from the Due Process Office. I understand that you received a copy of the communication and according to the letter the matter is now back in your hands.

I would take issue with several of the statements of the Fact Finding Committee which I will proceed to enumerate.

#1 I was not given a choice as to whether I was to remain at St. John de Nepomuc after the rehabilitation of Fr. Badem. That was a bilateral decision between the Personnel Board and a counselor at De Paul Rehabilitation Center.

#2 My departure was made known before the fact and was a bilateral decision (Fr. Frank Wirz of the Bethlehem Fathers being the second party). He had previously discussed his part in the matter with Fr. Don Reiff then serving on the Personnel Board. Our decision was printed in the Sunday Bulletin at St. John's prior to our departure.

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#3 Some parishes pay their employees on the 1st of the month, some on the 15th, some at the end of the month. If there is a standardized procedure now, there was not in 1970 and I was informed that the reason why a first of the month payment was to be observed was to insure a salary payment if and when a man was transferred during the month.

- #4 The date of February 14th was chosen since I was entitled to vacation time. The Board was informed where I could be reached during that time and I was in direct communication with them.
- #5 The help-out assignment at Rubicon was as a favor to the Board. I was not informed that this was in lieu of a salary payment.
- #6 My assignment to Holy Family was not the most desirable assignment and I doubt whether too many priests were fighting to go there in view of the newspaper publicity. For the record I did not choose to leave there in June of this year, but again that was a decision unilateral made to pacify the current pastor.

In conclusion I am seeking an equitable financial settlement at this time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker
(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

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August 20, 1974

Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
St. William Parish
440 North Moreland Boulevard
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

Dear Lyn,

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$100.00 which the Archbishop has authorized me to send as a goodwill gesture to settle the issue of compensation for salary loss in February 1974, this in lieu of the input of the Due Process Office. While the salary compensation should properly come from St. John de Neponne Parish, it was decided to go this route rather than extend the controversy indefinitely.

Many thanks for your letter and extended patience.

Fraternally,

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor

RCS/pf
Enclosure

AMIL00221

November 11, 1974

[REDACTED]
314 North Washington
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

My dear [REDACTED],

I acknowledge gratefully your letter of November 7th in which you speak so frankly of Father Becker and his lack of contribution to the parish.

I am happy that you brought this information to the attention of our Personnel Board. It is in their hands that the placement of priests rests, and information such as you supplied is necessary if proper steps are to be taken. I have reason to believe that your plea will not go unheard.

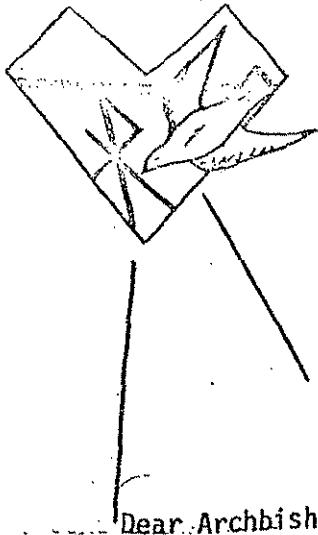
With warm personal regards and with every blessing,
I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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St. William School
4117 Maryland Blvd.
Baltimore, MD

November 14, 1974

Dear Archbishop Cousins:

I am sending this message to say that I am deeply concerned regarding the growing division in St. William Parish.

Father Becker's public appeal to parishioners that they do something to remove the pastor was a most shameful and unChristian display of immaturity. Does he really have a mental problem? Should he be allowed to continue his stay here where he is causing, day by day, a greater parish division?

Father Quartana has worked hard and long at his priestly duties and though he may have an average share of faults he certainly does not deserve the treatment given to him by Father Becker and followers.

Can't something be done to curtail this scandal by removing Father Becker from St. William Parish?

All through the scandal of last year Father Quartana never exposed Father Wagner and the Sister of our community who tried their hardest to discredit him and cover up their own questionable conduct.

I want to assure you that Father Quartana does deserve much consideration for his loyalty, charity, and good performance.

Pardon my frank expression, please.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Prisca

AMIL 00218

436 N. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
November 14, 1974

Most Rev. Archbishop William Cousins
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Archbishop:

In view of what has been transpiring at St. William's during the past few weeks, I feel obligated to express my concern regarding the problems which seem to be worsening.

You are aware, of course, of the rift among people of this parish. Numerous families are now very much disturbed after having been held as a captive audience at two Sunday Masses during which the associate, Father Franklyn Becker, related his reactions toward living conditions at the rectory. Whether his recital of grievances had any basis or not, he surely did everyone a great injustice by speaking as he did about the parish's pastor on Vocation Sunday.

If a problem existed, I believe there are channels for recourse other than the pulpit where visitors and children are present along with parishioners.

Does Father Becker have a personal problem? If such should be the case, he surely cannot continue to take out his frustrations on the parish. After what has happened, it doesn't seem likely that so many words can be forgotten since they've reached so many people.

I hope that some action can be taken to remedy the present very unhappy situation.

Thank you for giving attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Sister Marlene

cc. Personnel Board

AMIL 00224

November 11, 1974

Mrs. Rosemary Strauss
314 North Washington
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

My dear Mrs. Strauss,

I acknowledge gratefully your letter of November 7th in which you speak so frankly of Father Becker and his lack of contribution to the parish.

I am happy that you brought this information to the attention of our Personnel Board. It is in their hands that the placement of priests rests, and information such as you supplied is necessary if proper steps are to be taken. I have reason to believe that your plea will not go unheard.

With warm personal regards and with every blessing,
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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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that dragging things out only
makes the problem larger and
harder to handle.

I am not at all a good
letter writer but I would
certainly appreciate you a
few minutes to think about
what I have written.

AMHL00227

St. William's Congregation

10 N. Moreland Blvd.,

Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

Nov. 12, 1974

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. COUSINS
ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Dear Archbishop,

Our parish troubles continue! Last night I had a talk with Fr. Becker. I wanted to know what his intentions are because he is doing next to nothing now. Last Saturday he was just gone; he didn't mention anything to me; he didn't bother to inquire about confessions (actually, we have very few) etc. In our conversation last night he told me that he will be gone after Mass on Friday until Sunday evening, since a Redemptorist is coming to speak at all Masses about the Liguourian. In the conversation I asked him about evening confessions. He told me that he will not go to the Church to hear confessions on Saturday evenings since very few come. He feels that we can inform the people that confessions will be heard in the rectory. I'll buy that except that not many people are ready for face-to-face confessions. We encouraged our people to do that all last year and had no takers. Besides that, it would be difficult for families to come to the rectory and wait etc. He feels that since the confession policy is my policy he is not obligated to abide by it. It's very trying since I can't seem to be able to make him understand that we ought to be offering some evening time for confessions. It would only obligate him twice a month since we take turns between afternoon and evening confessions. So I will hear evening confessions.

It is apparent to me that I have a 38 year old rebel on my hands who will do only and just what he wants to do. So I'm asking you a question. Are we obligated to pay him a full associate's salary? Is such a suggestion out-of-line? I know this question will be asked me by one of the parish trustees. Last month this trustee felt that we should deduct \$20 we spent for a Sunday help-out from Fr. Becker's salary who was not here when his doctor told him to spend some days away from the rectory. Instead, we just followed the Archdiocesan gas allowance policy to the letter.

This is most unpleasant for both of us. What makes it worse is that the parish is troubled and it surely is bad example for us to be giving. I'm convinced that it will be better for me and for everyone else that I never work with an associate again.

I await your answer and thank you for your care and concern.

Respectfully in Christ,

Donald Quartana

AMIL 00228

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Members are beginning to feel like we get all the rejects. First we had Dean Marek, then John Wagoner, and now Lynn Becker. All three have asked for the gossip that has started. People forgive & forget but three times? The few that do follow them are ones who'd jump on any band wagon passing by. I feel the majority feel alot like myself. If this does continue our parish will really be in bad shape.

Should good faithful people who support our parish sacrifice to pay the salary of a priest like Fr. Becker? If so then I really must be nutty! I have my part time job mainly for one reason - paying for my children's Catholic education!

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I really believe I'd like to see him
be questioned, especially about
his sermons two weeks ago. If he
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Last year's experience proved
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I am not at all a good
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certainly appreciate your
few minutes to think about
what I have written.

Sincerely yours,
Carroll Petrie

December 18, 1974

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Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
St. William Parish
440 North Moreland Boulevard
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your letter of December 11 in which you detail the circumstances of your new assignment in the Diocese of Wheeling, West Virginia.

I am enclosing a transfer card for your Blue Cross-Blue Shield insurance. The name of the group to which you will be assigned is the Chancery Office Priests' Group No. 80853. Would you please send the card directly in to the Blue Cross people. The effective date should be January 1.

May your holiday season be filled with the peace of Christ and best wishes in your new work.

Externally yours,

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampson
Chancellor

N.B. As referred to in our phone conversation, we will bill you each quarter for this insurance. It is expected that your assignment will take care of it for you.

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Enclosure

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St. William's Rectory
440 N. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, Wisconsin
December 11, 1974

Rev. Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 N. 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father Sampon:

This is to inform you that I will be leaving my assignment at St. William's with the permission of Archbishop Cousins and the Personnel Board on December 26, 1974.

From January 2-6 I will be attending a Seminar on Campus Ministry at Barry College, Miami, Florida.

On January 10, 1975 I will assume my new assignment as Catholic Chaplain at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. This assignment will terminate by contract on August 1, 1976 and is renewable.

As suggested by you on the phone I would like to remain in the Pension Plan and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee joining the group of priests presently working outside of the diocese.

My immediate superior will be Rev. John H. McDonnell, Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Please forward all mailings to me at my new address after December 26, 1974.

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
Catholic Community
Marshall University
Huntington, West Virginia 25703

Phone: Area-Code #304-525-4618

Wishing you a happy holiday season and a blessed New Year I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

AMIL00230

CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

1673 FIFTH AVENUE • HUNTINGTON • WEST VIRGINIA 25703 • (304) 525-4618

February 3, 1975

The Rev. Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor - Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 N. 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Dear Father Sampon:

Enclosed is a copy of my contract with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston which you may want to file at the Chancery.

Thank you for your help in effecting the Blue Cross/Blue Shield change.


Please note my correct mailing address. I have been receiving some diocesan mailings addressed to the Christian Center which is across the street from the Catholic House.

My correct mailing address is:

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
1673 Fifth Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25703

I hope all is well in Milwaukee. My regards to the other members of the Chancery Staff.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

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Enc. Contract

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OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

CONTRACT

Having received permission from his Ordinary, the Most Reverend William B. Cragin, DD Archbishop of Milwaukee, Father Franklyn W. Becker accepts the invitation of the Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, the Most Reverend Joseph H. Hodges, to be the Catholic Chaplain at Marshall Catholic Community in Huntington, West Virginia from January 10, 1975 to August 1, 1976.

Father Becker will exercise a pastor's rights over the members of the Marshall Catholic Community as well as work with the other ministers in areas of common Christian ministry and use the facilities of the Campus Christian Center. The Bishop grants to the Chapel of the Center the status of a public chapel where the members of the Marshall Catholic Community may receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Holy Eucharist and Matrimony and a register of Baptisms and Marriages will be kept. In order to protect the validity of marriages performed at the Center, Father Becker is made, pro validitate, an assistant at St. Joseph's Parish, Huntington, West Virginia.

The Diocese will provide for Father Becker's financial needs. Attached is the budget in so far as is possible; these financial needs will be met by the support of the Marshall Catholic Community. Separate housing will be provided and he will live and work totally independent of the present Huntington parishes.

This form is mutually agreeable for the period mentioned above, with an option for renewal thereafter, to these two parties:

For the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

The Most Rev. Joseph H. Hodges

Reverend Franklyn W. Becker

+ Fred A. Ryan
Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

I Rev. Franklyn W. Becker do agree to the terms of this contract

Given at Huntington, W. Va. this 16th

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Day of January in the year of 1975

NOTE: 1) Baptism does not necessarily make one a member of the Marshall Catholic Community, e.g. converts not otherwise associated with the University.

2) No one will be given permission to be married at the Campus Christian Center who is not an official member of the Marshall Catholic Community. Students, who retain the domicile of their parents, may be married in their parish church or at the Campus Christian Center. Members of the University faculty and Administrators must choose to belong either to the local parish or to the Marshall Community. They cannot belong to both.

MARSHALL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY - Huntington, WV

Salary	\$ 325.00 per month
Hospitalization	114.00 per Quarter
✓ Retirement	986.59 per year
Car Insurance	210.00 per year
Car Lease	95.00 per month
Gas Reimbursement	50.00 per month
Repairs as needed	

The responsibility of meeting all the expenses specifically listed above and all other legitimate parish expenses will be assumed by the Marshall University Catholic Community and guaranteed by the Office of Religious Education-Campus Ministry.

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CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

1673 FIFTH AVENUE • HUNTINGTON • WEST VIRGINIA 25703 • (304) 525-4618

July 16, 1976

The Most Rev. William E. Cousins, D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency:

As a follow up to our phone conversation of today I am formally requesting permission to serve on the Campus Ministry Team at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

I will need a letter stating that I have your express permission to serve the Archdiocese of St. Louis under the direction of Fr. Neal McDermott, O.P.

I will be moving to St. Louis on August 1, 1976 pending approval by His Eminence Cardinal Carberry.


My new address will be:

Busch Memorial Center
20 North Grand Boulevard
Saint Louis, Missouri 63103

Residence: 3530 Laclede Avenue Apt. #907 W
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Thank you for your permission to continue to serve outside the Diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

Copy to Personnel Bureau 7/21/76

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CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
1673 FIFTH AVENUE
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25703



The Most Rev. William E. Cousins, D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

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AMHL 00235

July 16, 1976

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
Catholic Community, Marshall University
1673 5th Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25703

Dear Frank,

Your original letter provided very little in the way of information that should be part of our personnel record.

May I ask you to inform us as to the length of your present contract. Please advise also as to arrangements being made for health benefits and pension premium.

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July 16, 1976

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His Eminence
John Joseph Cardinal Carberry
4445 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

Your Eminence,

Father Franklyn W. Becker is a priest of this Archdiocese in good standing. He has been interested in Campus Ministry, almost to the exclusion of other assignment. As a result, I gave him leave to accept a position in Campus Ministry in the Catholic Community of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

To the best of my knowledge he has served well, but his contract terminates as of August 1, 1976. No Campus Ministry vacancy is open in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Father Becker now seeks permission to join the Campus Ministry team at St. Louis University under the direction of Father Neal McDermott, O.P.

This letter will serve as permission for him to accept this position if it meets with your approval and the conditions you set down for such extra-archdiocesan service are met.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Father Neal McDermott, O.P.
Father Franklyn W. Becker
Personnel Board

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Catholic Community, Marshall University
1673 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia, 25703

June 25, 1976

The Most Rev. William E. Cousins, D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you in regard to my position as Chaplain to the Marshall Catholic Community which terminates on August 1, 1976.

When you granted me permission to pursue my interest in campus ministry outside of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee you indicated a willingness to extend that permission beyond the term of my contract. I am hoping that this arrangement is still agreeable to you.

I have been in contact with the Personnel Board asking that I be kept informed of openings in Campus Ministry in the Archdiocese. To date I have not been offered any assignments either in campus ministry or a team ministry which was my other choice.

I have been offered a position on the Campus Ministry Team at St. Louis University under the direction of Fr. Neal McDermott, O.P. I would be serving with him and another Jesuit in the department. This position is open the first week of August and would enable me to make an immediate move following the termination of my contract here.

Since this is the only immediate offer I have at the present time after checking out several other possibilities I am most eager to accept the position.

Awaiting your reply and welcoming any other suggestions you might have I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

AMIL00238



SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS MINISTRY

BUSCH MEMORIAL CENTER
20 NORTH GRAND BOULEVARD
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103

September 1, 1976

The Most Rev. William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Your Excellency:

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter of July 16th. I was waiting until I had some definite information regarding my contract with St. Louis University.

Since the University does not have a pension plan or an insurance plan for priests outside the Society I would like to remain under the Milwaukee plan. The question arises as to whether the Archdiocese of St. Louis will pay the coverage. I had a meeting with Cardinal Carberry this morning and he will refer the matter to the Treasurer of the Archdiocese.

My present salary will not make it possible to pay for the full coverage myself, so hopefully something can be worked out.

In response to your other question, my contract is for one year after which time I would like to return to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Hopefully there will be an opening for me either in Campus Ministry or another assignment mutually acceptable.

Again thank you for granting permission for me to accept this assignment.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS MINISTRY

BUSCH MEMORIAL CENTER
20 NORTH GRAND BOULEVARD
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103

October 28, 1976

Most Reverend William E. Cousins, D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you as the Ordinary for Father Franklyn Becker to inform you that I have asked for Father Becker's resignation from the Department of Campus Ministry at Saint Louis University.

Father Becker came to work at Saint Louis University under certain restrictions and with clear directives as to his job. I explicitly cautioned him against relating to homosexuals as he had previously. We do not accept or permit the moral liberalism espoused by the homosexual group called "Dignity." Father Becker has celebrated Mass for this group in his apartment and has encouraged practicing homosexuals to attend services at the University. He also maintains that these men may receive the sacraments without regard to the present moral teaching of the church.

Since his arrival Father Becker has been a difficult person to work with. He does not accept authority, prefers to go his own way, and is not responsive in his reporting on a weekly basis as he is required to do. He has attributed remarks to the Campus Ministry team to support his own distorted views and has lost acceptability with all of us here.

I personally think that Father Becker is not a malicious priest, but is misguided and intellectually shallow and naive. He does not seem to have any insight as to why he must not continue here. He really believes that I have over reacted. This decision was a unanimous decision of the Campus Ministry team in consultation with the President of the University. I have given Father Becker the option to leave on the ground that he would like to be closer to his mother who is aged.

If there are any further comments or discussion on this matter, I will be most happy to talk to you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Neal W. McDermott, O.P.
Director

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November 12, 1976

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The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
Box 40
Woodland, Wisconsin 53099

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Dear Frank:

Many thanks for your letter and the check for your Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Also for letting us know that you are back "in the neighborhood". Welcome back! As you know, there are all sorts of needs in and around Milwaukee and I sincerely hope that you will find a good spot. The old proverbial "the harvest is great but the laborers are few" has a very familiar ring!

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I would suggest applying to St. Michael's Priest Fund for Class D benefits, Frank. Write to Ken Derfus. Hopefully, however, you will soon be situated and there won't be a need for outside subsidy.

Again, warm welcome home!

As ever,

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor

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cc: The Reverend Kenneth J. Derfus
St. Michael's Priest Fund

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Nov. 10, 1976

Dear Fr. Sampson,

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$149.61 to cover my Blue Cross/Blue Shield payment through the month of December.

I am awaiting reassignment since terminating my position at St. Louis University Oct. 30th. I am in touch with the Personnel Board.

My current mailing address is:

Box 40
Woodland
Wisconsin 53099

Phone: (414) 625-3036.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Becker
(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

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Question: Are there any monies available for unassigned priests?
If so, I am making application at this time.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

388-8101

February 22, 1977

Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
Box 40
Woodland, Wisconsin 53099

Dear Father Becker:

After due consideration, His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, has decided that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles should decline the offer of your priestly services.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Reverend Monsignor John A. Rowden
Chancellor

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blind copy - Rev. Robert G. Sampon, Chancellor, Milwaukee ✓
Rev. Patrick Thompson

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Box 40
Woodland, Wisc.
53099

March 1, 1977

Rev. Robert G. Sampson
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53099

Dear Bob,

Since I am currently unassigned I have been exploring several published openings in and outside the Archdiocese. Right now it seems that a change of climate would be beneficial. I am undergoing minor surgery in mid-March to hopefully improve a chronic sinus condition which was aggravated by a crash into a glass door at 6:00 a.m. at the Hermitage at Big Sur, California during a recent visit.

The California climate beckons and at the present I am being considered for a position on the team at St. Bridgid's Parish in San Diego. What I need is a letter of recommendation from the Archdiocese. I hope to see Archbishop Cousins at the Confirmation at Neosho tomorrow evening and will mention my plans to him at that time.

The purpose of this letter is to formalize my request for a letter to be sent to:

Rev. Lloyd Bourgeois
4735 Cass Street
San Diego, CA 92109

Thank you for your correspondence with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The results were negative, but I am hopeful that I may fare better in San Diego.

Sincerely in Christ,



(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

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Box 40
Woodland, Wisconsin
53099

March 18, 1977

The Most Rev. William E. Cousins, D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you in regard to a pending assignment which I discussed with you briefly after Confirmation at Neosho.

I have been in contact with the Diocese of San Diego and am being considered for a position as Associate Pastor on the team at St. Brigid's Parish in San Diego. This assignment would be for a year with a possibility of renewal. Presumably I would remain under the Milwaukee Priests' Pension Plan and Blue Cross/Blue Shield Program with subsidy by the Diocese of San Diego.

With your approval this assignment would begin on or about June 1st.

I will need a letter from you giving your permission for service outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

My direct superior would be: Rev. Lloyd V. Bourgeois, 4735 Cass St., San Diego, California 92109.

Correspondence with the above indicates that a letter be sent to Msgr. J. B. Eagen, Chancellor of San Diego or directly to Bishop Leo T. Maher.

I will be undergoing surgery next week to hopefully alleviate a chronic sinus condition. Hopefully a warmer climate may also be beneficial.

Hoping that this course of action will meet with your approval and wishing you a blessed Easter I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker ✓

Franklyn W. Becker

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May 27, 1977

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The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
Box 40
Woodland, Wisconsin 53099

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Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position of Awaiting Assignment, and release you to work outside the Diocese, effective June 14, 1977.

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With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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saint brigid's church

4735 CASS STREET

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109

(714) 488-2875

June 24, 1977

The Chancery
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

To whom it may concern:

Just to let you know that I arrived safely in California and have taken up residence and duties at St. Brigid's Parish here in San Diego.

Please correct your mailing list as the latest communication was sent to Box 40, Woodland, Wisconsin 53099.

My current address for the coming year will be:

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

4735 Cass Street

San Diego, California 92109

Greetings to all the Chancery Staff. If you get to San Diego you will be most welcome at St. Brigid's.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

F. W. Becker

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

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Handwritten notes on a document, including the phrase "no follow up" and a signature.

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February 24, 1978

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
St. Brigid's Church
4735 Cass Street
San Diego, California 92109

Dear Frank,

Thanks for your letter of February 16th and the kind words on my appointment to Milwaukee. It would be good to meet with you in person, but, as California is a long ways off and I do not expect to be there in the near future, this letter will have to suffice.

I personally would have no objections if you wish to be incardinated into the San Diego Diocese; however, you will have to clear this with San Diego. I will give my consent without problems.

Many blessings on your life and work, Father, and thanks again for the pleasant letter.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

AMIL00249

Dear Friends,

Thanks for your letters of
Feb. 25. You, Calypso is
a long way off and do
not appear to be there with
me further, so a letter will
have to suffice.

I personally would have
no objection if you
wish to be maintained
with the same ship. However,
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without problems.

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February 16, 1978

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., D.D.,
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street P. O. Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my belated congratulations on your appointment as Archbishop of Milwaukee. While I have not met you personally, through your column in the Catholic Herald and through my Milwaukee contacts I feel that the Spirit has indeed favored us with a most beautiful and benevolent bishop.

The second reason for this letter is an appeal to your benevolence. I am one of your priests working outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee with the permission of your predecessor, Archbishop Cousins. In his wisdom he allowed the restless spirit within me to pursue a ministry that led me to West Virginia for two years where I served as chaplain to the Marshall University Catholic Community and then a brief time at St. Louis University. Finding the latter rather unfulfilling, I was led to California and my present position. All this after serving ten years as an associate pastor in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

At St. Brigid's I have found a warm and loving community, headed by a man whom I love and respect. The California climate is agreeable and I feel a renewed sense of mission. The ministry is varied enough to provide the challenge I need and I would very much like to remain in my present position.

I have made my wishes known to the Archdiocesan Personnel Board and I am hereby seeking your permission to extend my stay in California with a possible view to incardination in the Diocese of San Diego. My only family ties in Wisconsin are my widowed mother, who was thrilled to be photographed with you at the Fond du Lac reception in your honor, and some cousins with whom I have limited contact. A move to California seems a good idea at this time, particularly since the Wisconsin climate has presented some health problems for me.

I would very much like to serve the people of God under your direction, but since you are there and I am here, there is a geographical problem. Your expertise in music is well recognized and our Choir Director here will have occasion to profit from it when he attends the Convention at Scranton. I wish I were also able to attend. St. Brigid's has a very fine choir which is one of the reasons I enjoy being here.

I have had some contact with members of your Community at St. Charles Priory where our Parish Team had a day of recollection. I hope that sometime a visit to the San Diego area will provide time for a personal visit.

I hope you will pardon the informality of this letter, but will rather regard it as a token of heartfelt esteem for your person.

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saint brigid's church

4735 CASS STREET
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109

(714) 488-2875

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I do not know when I can arrange a trip to Wisconsin, since my mother recently spent two weeks here. Incidentally she has been the organist at St. Mary's, Woodland since 1933 and will be most appreciative of your musical talents.

Looking forward to meeting you personally and hoping that we can come to a meeting of minds regarding my position I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker
Class of 1964

P.S. The new priests' directory has me listed as the Class of 1974. I would be happy to have ten years taken off my life, but since they say "life begins at forty" my California beginnings may be as providential as your "coming to Wisconsin".

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ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

6033 West Lloyd Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213
475-0150

March 16, 1978

The Reverend Donald N. Weber
2021 North 60th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

Dear Don,

At the March 14th meeting of the Personnel Board, several matters came up which I bring to your attention with this letter.

Because of our wish to take care of the complaints brought to this Board concerning Father [REDACTED], the Pastor of St. Hubert Parish, Hubertus, we inquire as to the progress of the Task Force on Alcoholism in visiting with Father Rutzinske and dealing with the complaints. I would appreciate having a progress report from you.

A serious complaint has been brought to the Board from [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] charges that Father Franklyn Becker, now working outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at a parish in San Diego, owes her \$6,000. She claims that she lent Father Becker \$6,000 in 1968 to help pay for his mother's house. Mrs. Becker paid this money back in two years. [REDACTED] then lent the same amount to Father Becker for his brother to pay for his home. The brother paid the money back to Father Becker, who kept it. [REDACTED] maintains that she made it clear that the money was a loan, not a gift. Father Becker now maintains that the money was given him as a gift and, therefore, that he owes her nothing. [REDACTED] showed me letters from Father Becker and from his mother, as well as copies of her letters to both people which she maintains substantiates her claim. However, the letters were at best vague, in my opinion. Actually, [REDACTED] does not have any clear proof that her claim is valid. It would seem to amount to her word against Father Becker's. She now asks the Church to do something about the matter. She has deep feelings of anger and hurt over the whole matter. I would ask that you hear her complaint and bring this to Father Becker's attention. In the Board's opinion, justice and charity demand this attention to the sincere complaint of this widowed and elderly lady.

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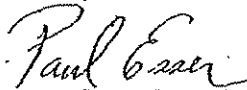
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The Reverend Donald N. Weber
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March 16, 1978

Thank you for your attention to the aforementioned matters. I offer you my best wishes and prayers for a blessed Holy Week and a happy Easter.

Fraternally yours,



Reverend Paul M. Esser
Executive Secretary
Priests' Personnel Board

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Reverend Paul M. Esser
Executive Secretary
Priests' Personnel Board

saint brigid's church

4735 CASS STREET

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109

(714) 488-2875

April 25, 1978

The Most Rev. Rumbert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your letter of February 24th. I have been deliberating over the decision of remaining in California or returning to my home base. Circumstances here have changed since my last communication with you and I have decided to return to Milwaukee.

I am writing to Fr. Joseph Hornacek of the Personnel Board to inform him of my decision in the hope of receiving a summer assignment. My contract here ends the 16th of June, but since I have vacation time coming I would be able to leave earlier should a need arise.

I have also been in communication with Father Eugene Henke of Delavan and he informs me of a possible opening there. I had applied for that position a year ago and would be willing to accept that assignment if offered. I would also be willing to accept the assignment at Christ King Parish if there are no other options at this time.

Looking forward to meeting you personally and awaiting word from the Personnel Board I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✓ *Franklyn W. Becker*

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

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of a collector), Menga doctor and neurologist threaten me - in fact gave me ten days. He knew that as I sent him the statements, his reply go over welfare, as he needed money to go west for his nose and wrist. My wrist were broken and have stiff fingers joints abnormal and have to bare with it.

This spring I went to Father Butler at N.A. for information (didn't know Father either) it took courage to face Father and ask if a priest doesn't have to return what he borrows. Years ago it was a matter of Confession - return what you borrowed or else.

Humor and grief upset me. It will bring me to the stage that I'm afraid I'll get a stroke. Last fall I got a attack and thought my head would split open account of the letter he wrote me. I never expected a priest who is to be another "Christ" to act as he does. Everytime I saw a young priest it reminds me of my problem - can he be treated.

His mother was in a accident as should of received her settlement. He's afraid to ask her. I had to write her and tell her, July 5, 1977 she wrote "she wished that I never made financial arrangements of any kind with Lynn which would have avoided all this so called misunderstanding". It came as a bit of shock to her. Also inquired why I travelled to go on S.S. welfare. She her letter as Rev. didn't want her to know she refused to return the money.

In case something turns up I may be in Milwaukee - if I do I would call you Father Weber. Hope that I can put myself together in a few weeks. Have you heard of Rev. Joseph Dries? He lives out in Sun City - A Milwaukee suburb and was in Madison diocese before medical retirement.

I hope I've given Father some information - too bad Father Esler didn't write inform me that it was out of his hands and transferred to Father Weber. I certainly would of seen Father the latter part of February. How the time flies.

Enclosed is the last letter I wrote and received no reply. I told his mother I had some very powerful drugs, if anything happens it's his fault as he brings me to that decision. And he knows I got medication.

Oh - I told them I retired on eighty eight dollars a month, I had to pay room rent - eat, and for all my

medicines. Her Catherin's was 500. I am in for
86 or 425. My savings dwindled down to zero
when I went out on medical retirement. Had I been
55 years my pension would be so low. He thinks
I get good pensions but anyone who understands
the business knows that under 55 you have no
claim, what can be done.

That money he went to the bank for my son's
home and bills and travel. After months he
went home. The bank's debt of money. He might not
return early. My son's money is gone. He was over
6 1/2 years. Just to keep my job at all. There are
people that can reach for the what I do. Is that
retainer no easy money it was earned.

There is about all I can think of now. I hope
you may write me at this address.

I plan to stay here for about six weeks or eight.

Hope you have better luck to get a response.

Thank you Father for giving the matter
some attention.

M. B. [Redacted]



1975

Catholic Community, Marshall University
1673 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia, 25703

1 December, 1975

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your Thanksgiving message. Mom arrived here safely on the 3:00 a.m. train. Lew and his family drove here from Memphis arriving around 12:15 on Thanksgiving. They headed back Sunday morning and Mom will go back via train on Thursday morning. He had a nice visit.

Will get to the main point of your letter. My brother paid back the amount borrowed to him several years ago. I didn't recall that the amount was 6. At the time I needed the money and you didn't give any indication that you expected repayment. As I recall you were in somewhat of a quandary as to what to do with it. Your travels led me to believe that you had no need of the money and hence I made no effort at repayment.

You have hit me at a bad time since I just paid \$500.00 to have my car repaired after it was vandalized. I do not have a garage here and the vandals did a good job. The total bill was \$1200.00 and the insurance only paid half so I had to come up with the rest. I also paid Mom's train fare here and back as she also has to live on social security and the little money she can make working at the Rectory. I try to help her out where I can. I really don't know what you have in mind at this time in the way of repayment. One can't squeeze money or blood out of a turnip. You mentioned at one time that you had made me the beneficiary of one of your insurance policies. Perhaps you could cash that policy in or approach your financial problem from another angle. You may wish to make other arrangements regarding the handling of your estate and I would not be hurt if you did especially since I am living out of state at this time. I will return the key to your lockbox if you so request.

My financial status at this time is still living from paycheck to paycheck. The Marshall Catholic Community is not a rich one. We barely meet our expenses and receive a subsidy each month which covers the cost of my salary only. The rest of the money has to be generated by the parish. College students don't give very much and we rely upon a few generous townspeople to sustain us.

If you would designate a set amount that you need each month I would try to help you out of your present difficulty, but as far as paying back the principal that would have to wait until the settling of my mother's estate, since I do not have any collateral. I have \$500.00 in savings and \$200.00 in my check account. That won't take me very far.

I greatly appreciate the help you have given me in the past and your generosity to the Seminary, Holy Assumption Parish, Notre Dame Motherhouse, and the other charities I may be unaware of. You should be getting some return, if not in this world, hopefully in the next. Some people make foolish investments, others never have money to invest. Lew's father-in-law lost \$8000.00 in profit sharing--money he hoped to have for his retirement. My grandparents had to mortgage their home in their old age. Often life can be cruel.

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Catholic Community, Marshall University
1673 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia, 25703

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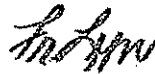
I have tried to present my financial situation honestly. I will do what I can to help you out, but it will not be a lot and you will have to let me know what you expect.

I feel my first obligation is to my mother. My brother can manage on his own. I have been helping out several college students, but your request will have priority if you specify your needs.

I hope your health will enable you to enjoy the good things of life.

I will keep you in my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Franklin P. Becker

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CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

1673 FIFTH AVENUE • HUNTINGTON • WEST VIRGINIA 25703 • (304) 525-4618

February 4, 1975

Dear [REDACTED]

Just a few lines to let you know that I am alive and well here in Huntington. Arrived here on January 10th and two days later we got more snow here than they'd had in five years. They blamed me for bringing it from Wisconsin. Now the weather is mild and one day last week it was in the 70's. Winters are rainy for the most part. Enjoyed a week in Florida before coming here. Think I mentioned that I attended a seminar at Barry College in Miami in preparation for campus ministry. Mom went along and stayed with some friends in Fort Lauderdale. She had a bit of a mishap last Sunday when she fell down the stairs while visiting friends in Whitefish Bay. Dislocated her shoulder and cracked a bone. Will be having her arm in sling for a while. Lucky it wasn't worse.

When I mention I'm from Wisconsin, most people mention having been to Wisconsin Dells. I didn't realize they were that popular out of state. Here we have the mountains and the coal miners. Huntington is the largest city in the state and fifty miles from Charleston, the capital. There is lots happening here at the University so I don't have to travel very far.

Speaking of travel, as I mentioned I'm trying to arrange a Rome/Israel tour. Am enclosing a brochure as you might want to compare notes. So far no one has signed up, so am not planning too strongly. Sent brochures to the parishes I served. With so many tours going this year, some may get left behind. Better here than in Israel!

Hope you've been well. Thanks for your Christmas greeting sent to Woodland. Mom and I left for Memphis the day after Christmas and spent the weekend with my brother before going on to Florida. That was a lot of driving but didn't have any trouble. Made a brief stop at Disneyworld where I visited a friend who went to Europe with me in '71. She has since been widowed and lives in Orlando. Also visited some friends of mom's who live in a trailer north of Palm Beach. So much for the trip.

Have been busy getting settled here. Lots of work to do on the house. It's nice to have your own place -- only no housekeeper. Girl comes in to clean once a week. Have been invited out for quite a few meals. Otherwise there are always TV dinners and chicken pot pies!

Have gone to several travelog lectures here - Greece, Portugal, and the Netherlands coming up. Maybe someday I'll get there in person.

About all the news for now.

Blessings always,

AMIL00261

In love

Milwaukee Wisconsin

Mar. 19 1978.

Dear Reverend Becker:


This is the holiest time of the year. As you read the readings at Mass does it not remind You of the debt, the money You had borrowed to help your brother from me?

The card enclosed has the items I did help.

You, if You forget I did not, Recall???

Please give this prompt attention. I told You long ago what I wanted. Then You will have a JOYOUS EASTER SEASON.

The PEACE OF CHRIST.



He never responded to this letter.

AMIL00262

[REDACTED]
Mar. 4, 1977

Dear [REDACTED]

I am responding to your letter of Feb. 26th. I have been home since the end of October. Mother was in an auto accident - 15 stitches in her lip, injury to her hand & car was demolished.

I have been out of work since leaving St. Louis & am awaiting reassignment - have no income so I must live off my savings. I also need to go in for surgery later this month so it has not been a good year.

I'm sorry that I can't help you out at this time. Bad luck has come to all of us. I hope that you are able to manage.

It is also tax time & I don't know how I will manage.

Peace & blessings!

Fz. Lyn

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When he writes Rev. states if helped a great
thing as the shipping list was forgotten. He was in
well established U.S.A. parish that he would like
the more information in the study of the church
and parish which he was moving to St. John's
parish. He will do this.

HOLY ASSUMPTION CONGREGATION

1525 South 71st Street
WEST ALLIS 14, WISCONSIN

July 28, 1966

ACCOUNT OF FRANKLYN W. BECKER

BALANCE UNPAID ON CAR	\$1500.00
TUITION OWED TO ARCHDIOCESE	600.00
PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND	80.00
LOAN WEST ALLIS STATE BANK	700.00
BOOKS	200.00
AMOUNT BORROWED ON INSURANCE	300.00
INSURANCE PREMIUM DUE	150.00
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1673 Fifth Ave, Huntington, W. Va.
25703

Town Crier Publishers, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185



Greetings from
Williamsburg
Haven't left yet
5:30 P.M.
VA 23103

country, but am getting
to see the Eastern part
of the USA. Thank you
for your birthday card.
I will be writing Busch
Gardens tomorrow which
carries the flavor of
Europe. Hope you're
well & happy. P.S.
BRUTON PARISH CHURCH, Williamsburg,
Virginia. Church and state were united in
Colonial Virginia and great men were nur-
tured in Bruton Parish Church, taught by Wil-
liam and Mary.

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the fruits of corporal works of mercy

To visit the sick

At Father Straub's Dad's funeral a friend I met Rev. B. Mother. She was very friendly & sweet. My Mom had died ten years ago suddenly so it was nice meeting her. My Mother that gave me life died when I was 7 1/2 Yrs. & twins 10 months old. When I came to work in the city I always roomed or say lived in with a family, abiding by rules never alone. When I was sick- I was alone. One of my sisters took me in to recuperate- then I'd return to my place. I didn't marry as I was not well. From the time I came to work I was in & out of Milwaukee Hospitals. I did not have anyone priest least ask me for money till I moved in West Allis.

May 1964 I had a heart attack was at W.A. Hosp. This is when the parishes around had priests visit the sick. Later that year I joined H.A. parish. I did return to work- say on probation as 1966 I entered the hospital again. Same problem. This was the attack I was informed I would not return to work. It was hard to adjust way of living. So I started attending daily Mass, monthly fish dinners (when I joined parish took 1 hr. off from work to help) inquiry classes to pass the time. Fr. Rose asked me to be handmaid of the altar. I always attended C. Mother's doings till I finally joined. July 1966 Fr. Becker asked me if I'd help him pay his bills. This is the typed shopping list he gave me, Balance unpaid on car----Tuition owed to Archdiocese---- Priests retirement Fund----Loan West Allis State Bank---- Books----Amount Borrowed on Insurance----Insurance Premium due----This is what I helped that priest that he stated.

I helped a priest in the letter. Under that listing a seminarian, altar, Notre Dame Convent, Vestments. This is when Sr. Allen was organist. At the time he knew he had all my money out of my savings as I had book closed. Money spent for all requests he wanted a impression for himself as no one knew who did the donation to the church.

I did have a few bonds he did not know about, This is when I took my trips- over 20 yrs. big interest. He is peeved he asked me to go along on his pilgrimage over seas trip 1969. I got ill in Lourdes, guess the bunny show in Paris did not appeal to me. His trip did not include daily Mass or staying in the tour like the others I've been on. Fr. Mac did not resent that I got ill returning home. But he had contact & met me at the airport.

1968 Rev's Grandmother died & his Mom got the home. Before the sale she wanted to do some work on the home before she would sell it.

1968 I was taken by ambulance to W. A. Hosp. The next day my arms turned blue. Long stay at hospital. And I had gotten estate 6000, from my Dad. Now he knew this. So he asked if he can borrow money to help his Mother repair before she would sell the home. We agreed that no interest only the

AMIL00266

principal paid back. His Mother did pay it to me. Quickly Rev. asked if his brother could borrow for a home. Same deal as his Mothers, aid. But his brother paid it to him & he did not keep his promise. Cannot trust a priest that brings the sacraments to the sick & anoints the dying.

Over the phone his Mother said if she mentions this money it is a touchy subject.

Every time from hospital he'd ask for money.

Now I got to decide where I'm going to live. My brother is moving to Arizona. I don't intend or ever did with my sister- they are married have a home & family- I'm only one single. What & where I go I'm undecided. I do get a check but \$40 to 50 over \$\$\$\$. His Mother got a home- was last year in accident so got money for her injury & he said he helped her. I asked her & she said she only got gifts as she don't need money help. Now I know he does not tell the truth.

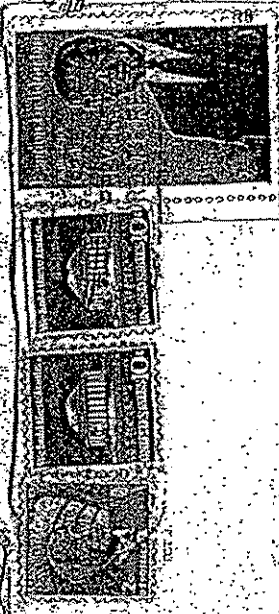
I've a card from St. Johns about lillies of the field or lambs with his picture. I'm going to have some prints made & send each for Easter. & some extra.

A rider on will, 1972 when I made my will I got a insurance. I'll ask when I die - donate my heart to him with that picture & his print about the lillies of the fields or lambs. The will was made out in 1972 I did donate my body to medical school. That he should remember, as he knows I was not having a Mass when I died. No one would have to take off from work to attend a funeral. When by yourself one departs alone & no problems or worries for others.

The Masses I attended while living should take care after death my earthly pilgrimage is ended.

Dec 7 1972
*This very cold snowy holiday of advent, celebrate, day before yesterday, I should
wished I had thought of a letter to let summer my hands started to turn blue
and warm. But you see the finger of consolation is in the air. I'm sure you
that could you please bring a few dollars up. I'll send you a card to let you know
the Christmas time please help. Your mother said I should get a glass of
my very best quiet your neighbors this Christmas - Barbara's Mother*

AMIL00267



Reverend Donald Weber
2519 Swan Boulevard
Wausau, Wisconsin 53226



AMIL00268

September 12, 1978

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
St. Brigid's Church
4735 Cass Street
San Diego, California 92109

Dear Lyn,

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Greetings! Your note sent to the Office of Finance with regard to our Blue Cross coverage was referred to me. Sorry to say, our coverage does not include dental care. This was looked into by the Temporalities Committee of the Priest Senate but was found to be too expensive.

By the way, Lyn, if you should find that California's Blue Cross is less expensive than our Wisconsin program, please feel free to switch from our program. The cost does vary from state to state. Be sure to let me know if you choose to make a change.

In the meantime, with best regards from all of us, I am

Fraternally yours,

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor

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saint brigid's church

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109

(714) 488-2873

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To whom it May concern:

I wrote to Blue Cross/Blue Shield
regarding coverage for dental work.

I received no reply. Can you
enlighten me as to wheter dental
work is covered under the policy.
Considering the amount of the
payments I would expect it to be.

Please inform me.

Thank you.

F. W. Becker

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*If its any consolation -
rates will not be
going up next yr.*

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AMIL00270

January 30, 1979

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher
2031 Sunset Boulevard
San Diego, California 92103

Dear Bishop Maher,

Recently it was brought to my attention that Father Franklyn Becker will be returning to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I felt it would be helpful to write to you a personal and confidential letter to see if there is anything that you feel I should know as he returns here to this diocese.

It would be helpful if I could get some idea of his conduct while he was with you and if there is some reason why he is now returning to Milwaukee.

I am sure you understand my concern.

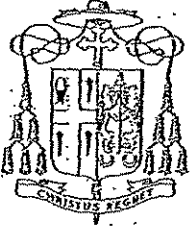
Thanks for all you have done.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Diocesan Office
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

February 5, 1979

Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
P. O. Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

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With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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AMIL00272

February 19, 1979

The Reverend Paul M. Esser
Priests' Personnel Board
6033 West Lloyd Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213

Dear Paul,

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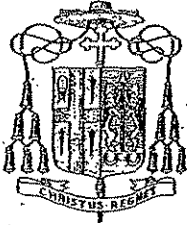
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Chancellor

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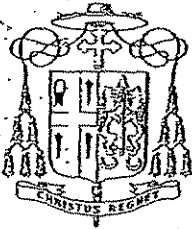
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AMIL00277

May 10, 1979

His Eminence
Terence Cardinal Cooke, D.D.
Military Ordinariate
1011 First Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Your Eminence,

With this letter I would like to formally give my approval to the request of the Reverend Franklyn Becker for admission to the Navy as a Catholic Chaplain.

Father Becker is a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and I am the Archbishop of the Diocese and thus his superior.

If there is further information that is needed from me, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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March 27, 1979

The Commanding Officer, Navy
Recruiting District, Milwaukee
611 North Broadway
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

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Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Personnel Board

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OF MILWAUKEE

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THE CHANCERY

May 15, 1979

Dear Frank,

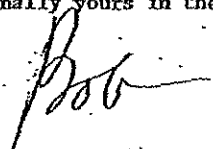
Two things! First of all, I had a call from Fr. Jim Clift of the Navy Chief's Office in Washington. To date, that is as of this afternoon, the Military Ordinariate did not have a letter from you or from the Archbishop releasing you for service with the Navy. I understand from his secretary that a letter did go out Friday to Cardinal Cook so by now that will all be okay. That leaves your letter to the M.O. informing them of your request for service at least for a period of 3 years, which is the minimum, and of the fact that you have your bishop's approval. For quick service Fr. Clift suggested that you write to Msgr. Joseph T. Dimino at the M.O. (1011 First Av., N.Y., 10022). They cannot send an endorsement to the office in Washington until they have both your written request and the archbishop's letter of release on file.

Secondly, I received Bishop Brust's approval to send you \$100 per month to supplement the \$100 you are receiving from the St. Michael's Priest Fund for the months of March thru June. The Priest Fund is still unable to give fuller benefits since you continue to be in arrears. Just a suggestion, to get yourself paid up as soon as possible. This would uncomplicate things all the way around. We realize that the total of \$200 per month does not equal full salary but together with daily Mass stipends and living costs provided by the parish you should be able to survive without too much difficulty. The office here will also take care of the Blue Cross expenses until they are picked up somehow by the Navy.

So as soon as your letter arrives at the M.O. they will be able to move on your request as far as the Chief's Office is concerned.

Best to you!

Fraternally yours in the Lord,



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March-June, incl., 1979

Per enclosed letter.

DETACH THIS VOUCHER BEFORE DEPOSITING CHECK

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53201

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Rev. Frank W. B...
714 E. Washington Ave.
Delavan, WI 53115

Raymond S. ...

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CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW
714 EAST WALWORTH AVE.
DELAVAN, WISCONSIN 53115

April 26, 1979.

Rev. Robert G. Sampon
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53204

Dear Bob,

I am writing to you in regard to the matter we discussed on the phone today. I presume that by the time this communication reaches you you will have been in touch with Fr. Higgins of the San Diego Chancery.

As I mentioned in our conversation, I am willing to drop the litigation in San Diego and have contacted my attorney to do so on the condition that my salary be paid by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and that this be retroactive to March 1979.

I am grateful to the St. Michael's Priest Fund for the \$100.00 I have received so far, but this is not sufficient for me to meet my financial obligations which include gas and car payments. My savings were depleted by the moving expenses from California and I am ineligible for unemployment compensation.

I am also grateful to Fr. Henke for letting me stay at St. Andrew's until I am reassigned either to the U.S. Navy or to a diocesan position, but I hesitate asking for financial remuneration from the parish because of the precarious position they are in. If you feel that I should be compensated by St. Andrew's you will have to take up the matter with Fr. Henke.

At this time I am requesting that I receive full salary beginning with the month of March up until the time I am reassigned. This is what was presupposed when I left San Diego. I did not want to burden the Archdiocese with this canonical obligation which is why I pursued the matter with the Diocese of San Diego.

To avoid further embarrassment to the Diocese of San Diego, St. Brigid's Parish, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and myself I hope that the matter can be settled without litigation.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Franklyn W. Becker

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CARDINAL'S OFFICE
1011 FIRST AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

May 21, 1979

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

I wish to thank you for your recent letter giving approval to the request of Father Franklyn Becker so that he might serve as a Navy Chaplain.

Your kindness in this matter is a source of encouragement to us as we strive to provide for the pastoral care of the members of the Navy family in so many parts of the world.

I am asking Archbishop Ryan and his associates to be in contact with Father Becker in the near future.

With gratitude to you and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ

James Cardinal Cooke
Archbishop of New York

His Excellency
Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Post Office Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

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PHONE-O-GRAM

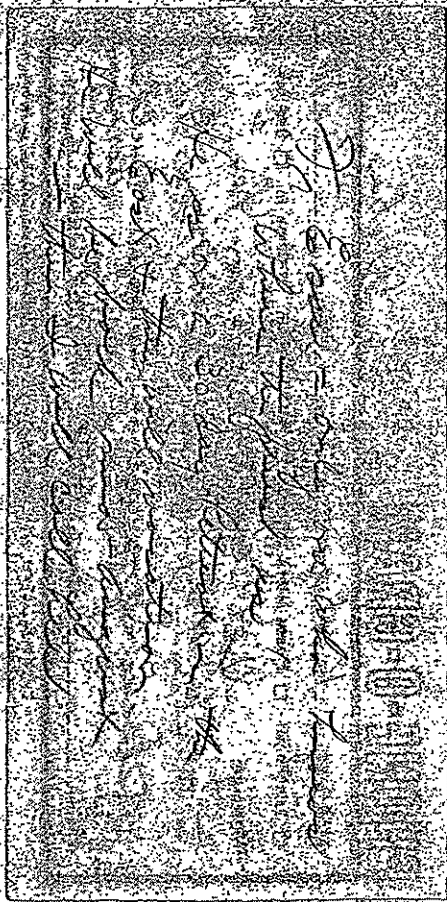
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Message: *Ed & Helen*

Place your call in the area

9:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

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FROM: [REDACTED]

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