

Status Report  
February 8, 2005

Mr. Franklyn Becker  
Person L#1

On Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 8:10 PM I called Franklyn Becker at his residence. I told him I was calling as promised to relay some information that he had requested I check into. I stated I didn't have good news to offer.

First, I said that the \$10,000.00 check that we, Fr. Curt Frederick and I, had given him was in fact income and that he would be receiving a form 1099 shortly. He said that he had gotten it in the mail. I further advised him that no income taxes, either state or federal, had been withheld. He would have to claim the income and pay the taxes.

He said that he figured this when he got the 1099 form. But he was hoping there was some way to get a break on claiming it.

Secondly, I advised him that the archbishop was not going to pay for his health insurance, either directly or by making some kind of financial arrangement. I explained that this decision was based on a very recent case stemming out of Nashville. A former priest, now laicized committed another offense of sexual misconduct. The victim filed a lawsuit against the diocese. The diocese claimed that they had no responsibility since the man had been laicized. However, the court ruled against the diocese because the diocese continued to pay for the man's health insurance even after he was laicized.

Mr. Becker was not aware of the case. He was not happy and made a comment about the archbishop just getting rid of him and not caring for or about him.

He also made one of his statements about contacting the press or somebody because of all he knows.

I said he knew he wasn't going to do this. What purpose would it serve? The press wasn't going to give him insurance nor would they even give him much of a check for the information for a story.

He admitted he knew this but feels so abandoned.

He asked about Ray Adamsky saying that he heard that he was the next one to be laicized.

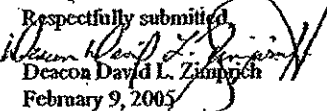
I asked him where he heard this and he couldn't or wouldn't give an answer indicating it was just something he heard. I said this was just a rumor as I had heard it also. I told him not to believe everything he hears from the "grapevine".

Thirdly, I asked him if someone had contacted him from Catholic Charities?

He said that he had. He is working with a man from there but the man basically told him there didn't appear to be much he could do at this time because Franklyn had looked into almost everything that is out there. He might have to liquidate the meager assets that he has to qualify for some type of welfare health benefits. The man, name unknown, is doing some more checking and said he would get back to Franklyn.

Franklyn is hoping that there is something out there so he can get insurance or he may just have to exist without any insurance. He is not very hopeful that the man will find anything.

I said that I would keep in touch and if I heard of anything would certainly call him.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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