

12-24-1
DATE: March 8, 1982

MEMO TO:

[Note: F-4 is M-16's mother.]

FROM: Fr. Korf

SUBJECT: F-5 ()

F-5 is the counselor working with M-16. I called her saying that I was concerned about Fr. Adamson and the police report.

F-5 said that she had called Mrs. F-4 and gotten verbal permission to talk with me.

I asked her specifically about the incident and she said that as far as she knew, nothing had happened and nothing had been substantiated. She said that M-16 felt that Fr. Tom was reaching for him and given M-16's previous problems with abuse by his father, he is very sensitive.

She said that originally, when this had come across her desk, she reported it to the Apple Valley police, who turned it over to the Burnsville police. The Burnsville police had investigated and found nothing. However, an Apple Valley policeman, who is a member of Risen Savior Parish, saw the report and stirred the whole controversy up again by calling Mrs. F-4 and F-5. F-5 said that she was very upset with the police officer and told him so and the Apple Valley policeman told her that he was going to keep tabs on Fr. Tom.

F-5 said that she would be willing to work with Fr. Tom and the M-16 & F-4 if he wanted to, however, she feels that the incident has pretty well died down and Mrs. F-4 is continuing with instruction and getting on well with Tom.

F-5 feels that Tom could use a little counseling regarding the mistakes that he had made, the imprudence and poor judgement, and what responsibility is his, and what responsibility is not.

F-5 feels that it was Tom's defensiveness and protectiveness that kept Mrs. F-4 suspicious and wondering, along with the reinforcement of the Apple Valley policeman, who is personally involved. F-5 mentioned that I should give F-4 a call also. I will do that.

DATE: March 8, 1983

MEMO TO: File

FROM: Fr. Korf

SUBJECT:

I spoke with Mrs. F-4 to tell her that I have talked with Fr. Tom Adamson and I talked with F-5, her son M-16's counselor.

Mrs. F-4 said that she is doing well with what happened and that she is comfortable with Fr. Tom and has been continuing her instruction in the Catholic faith, has made a commitment and will be received into the Church on Easter Sunday. She again said that she does not want anything bad to happen to Fr. Tom, but if counseling is needed, she would hope that he would get that.

She feels that her son, M-16, maybe overly protective of his body, because of his age and abuse by his father. She also said that Fr. Tom has learned a lesson, not to take boys to racquet clubs, particularly in sauna and whirlpool situations, because those actions can be misunderstood and misinterpreted and advantage can be taken of boys in that situation.

F-4 feels very good about how she and her son are doing right now. (Her telephone number is)

DATE: March 16, 1983

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MEMO TO:--Archbishop Roach

FROM: ~~Fr.~~ Fr. Korf

SUBJECT: Fr. Tom Adamson

Find attached the agreement for Father Tom Adamson. If it meets with your approval, I will send it to Father Adamson for his signature, have it returned for your signature, and then make sure the four copies are put in the appropriate files.

Any additions or deletions?

OK

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MARCH 16, 1983

CONFIDENTIAL

SPECIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARCHBISHOP ROACH AND REVEREND THOMAS ADAMSON

These are the conditions under which Reverend Thomas Adamson will be allowed to continue to minister in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Reverend Adamson agrees that:

1. He will have no youth contact or contact with youth groups. Any breach of this agreement will be non-negotiable and will mean the immediate suspension of faculties and return to the Winona Diocese.
2. He will not go to Anoka County without Father Korf's permission.
3. He will not be in contact with Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbia Heights without Father Korf's permission.
4. He will continue to have and see a spiritual director.
5. He will continue to talk with Dr. Joseph Gendren and Father Korf and Archbishop Roach have permission to talk with Dr. Gendren.
6. He will be an associate pastor for the foreseeable future.
7. He will continue to see Father Korf on a regular basis. (Every three or four weeks.)

Copies of this agreement will be on file in the Priests Personnel Office, Chancellor's Office, Archbishop Roach's Office, and with Father Adamson.

AGREED TO BY:

Rev Thomas Adamson
Reverend Thomas Adamson

3-25-83
Date

John R. Roach
Archbishop John R. Roach, D.D.

3-27-83
Date

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March 22, 1983

Reverend Thomas Adamson
Church of the Risen Savior
1001 Baldwin Drive
Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124

Dear Tom,

Find enclosed the special agreement that you and I talked about on Friday, March 11. I would ask that you sign this and return it to me, then I will ask the Archbishop to sign it, and I will return your copy to you. I will make sure the other copies get in the appropriate files marked confidential.

I will see you during Holy Week, March 29 at 3:00 p.m. I pray that Almighty God will continue to bless you.

Your brother in Christ,

Father Michael J. Korf

Enclosure
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DATE: March 28, 1983
TO: Archbishop Roach
FROM: Fr. Korf
SUBJECT: Fr. Tom Adamson

Attached is a copy of the agreement between you and Fr. Tom Adamson
for your files

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UNIVAC PARK, P.O. BOX 43525
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55164-0525
TELEPHONE (612) 696-4242

April 22, 1983

The Most Reverend John R. Roach
Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Archbishop Roach,

Father Thomas Adamson, assistant pastor at Church of The Risen Savior, will be celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination on Sunday, May 29, 1983. Father Tom has come to our church laughing, joking, and praising God. He shines brightly as an example of the priesthood in our midst. In the short time he has been here, he has reached out and touched the lives of all of us.

On the occasion of Father Adamson's jubilee anniversary, we are happy to invite you to celebrate with him. A beautiful liturgy is being planned which will include the members of Father's family. A mass at 4:00 PM will be followed by a buffet reception from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. A formal invitation will be forthcoming at a later date, but being that this is the Memorial Day weekend, we wanted to give you advance notice of this joyous celebration.

We are hopeful that you will be able to share in this special day with Father Tom. If you are unable to attend, any communication you might send would be appreciated.

Most Sincerely,


M-18 and F-6, Co-chairmen
25th Anniversary Planning Committee

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April 26, 1983

Mr. and Mrs. M-18
Univan Park, PO.Box 43525
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0525

Dear Mr. and Mrs. M-18,

Thank you for your letter of April 22, 1983.

I regret that I cannot be with you for the celebration honoring Father Adamson on May 20. I will be very much involved with the Ordination to the Priesthood of men of this Archdiocese on that day.

Please express my regrets to Father Adamson and my congratulations to him on his Silver Jubilee.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

J.R.
Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

ML/cmh

M-18 & F-6
134 Shas Court
Apple Valley, MN 55124

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signed 3/2/83 by RJK

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

26 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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Fr. Adamson

ests Personnel Board

M-16

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Church of Guardian Angels

8260 Hudson Boulevard
Lake Elmo, Minnesota 55042

June 20, 1984

Archbishop John R. Roach
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul MN 55102

Dear Archbishop,

I am writing to you for a couple of reasons. They both involve Father Thomas Adamson.

As you know I have been seeing Father Adamson on a regular basis for quite a few years now. As the vicariate system begins this fall I will be in touch with Bishop Ham in the southern vicariate regarding Father Adamson. Father Adamson is aware of your desire to have Bishop Ham stay in contact with Father Adamson. I assume that this is still the plan, am I correct?

I recently saw Father Adamson and he asked about his stay in the Archdiocese. He was wondering whether there was any possibility of a change of status for him. I know he would like to be an administrator again. He has been at Apple Valley for about three and one half years. He would see himself moving in the next couple of years and was wondering if he could look forward to an administratorship or would it be another lateral move when he moved.

Unless you have any objections I will continue with my plan to see Father Adamson through the summer and turn him over to Bishop Ham in the fall. You may want to talk with Bishop Ham about Father Adamson and his next move. Father Adamson is in no great hurry.

Have an enjoyable summer and I pray that almighty God will continue to bless you.

Your brother in Christ,


Father Michael Korf

P.S. I'll call you for golf in July!

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June 22, 1984

Reverend Michael Korf
Church of the Guardian Angels
8260 Hudson Blvd.
Lake Elmo, Minnesota 55042

Dear Father Korf,

Thank you for your letter of June 20.

I am deeply grateful to you for the work that you have done with Father Tom Adamson.

I will want him to begin to work with Bishop Ham and I will appreciate your giving Bishop Ham all the briefing that is possible.

I really think we are at the point where we ought to think seriously about him as an administrator. He apparently has had an excellent record for the past few years and God knows, he is a superb parish priest. You may very well want to talk to Bishop Ham about that and then I would appreciate your briefing Austin Ward on the situation so that we can begin to move him into a different spot.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

/cmh
bcc - Bishop Ham
Fr. Ward

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DATE: June 29, 1984
MEMO TO: Archbishop John R. Roach
FROM: Bishop Carlson
SUBJECT: Father Tom Adamson

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On June 28, 1984 I was contacted by Mr. Paul Ringsmuth, vocational rehab. counsellor at St. Cloud reformatory, to inform me that one of the inmates --- M-19 --- serving 13 month sentence for rape was the victim of sexual abuse from the age 14-16 ending in 1982 by Thomas Adamson. This began when he was a priest serving in St. Paul Park and continued at I C Columbia Hts.

Some of the incidents took place while he was seeing Father Pierre and while we had him in counseling with Dr. Gendron.

M-19's parents are F-7 and M-20 and Janet is the housekeeper at the parish in Lindstrom.

I will see the parents on Thursday, July 5, 1984. They have some anger that their son is in prison because they attempted to get help for him after they became aware of the boy's sexual acting out toward women and Tom Adamson who abused the boy and should bear part of the blame is out and free and does not seem to care.

The boy, apparently, still sees Tom Adamson --- at least according to the counselor. Because he is now 18 they are not concerned about sexual contact at this point.

The statute of limitations does not run out for 2½ years. The mother and father are considering reporting this to the police.

Paul Ringsmuth
Voc. Rehab.
Box B - DVR
St. Cloud, MN. 56302
(612) 255-5056

F-7 and M-20
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Chicago City 55013
(612) ---

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Speed Letter.

o Most Reverend Robert Carlson
Archdiocese of St. Paul & Mpls.
Chancery
226 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55102

From

Paul L. Ringsmuth
Box B DVR
St. Cloud, MN 56302
(612) 255-5056

Subject

[Note: F-7 is M-19's mother.]

NO FOLD

MESSAGE

Dear Bishop Carlson: Thank you for speaking with me about Fr. Adamson and my client, M-19. Thank you also for calling Mrs. F-7 and setting up an appointment to meet with her. She seemed to appreciate your call very much.

I have talked to M-19 about your offer to visit with him. He said he would like to meet with you. So I gave him your address. He will be writing to you soon and will be sending a visiting form which you would have to fill out so that you can be admitted to the institution. If you ever have a need to contact M-19 by phone here, you can do so by calling me. It is possible that M-19 may be transferred to the correctional facility at Lino Lakes for sex offender treatment, so it might be a good idea to check with me to make sure he is here before you come up. Again, thank you for your kindness.

Date 6-29-84

Signed Paul L. Ringsmuth

REPLY

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Date

Signed

Wilson Jones

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Dear Bishop Carlson,

Hello! How is (was & if it over) your vacation?
I hope it is (was) most enjoyable.

Please believe me when I tell you that this is the
hardest letter I've ever had to write.

I guess I may as well get this part of the letter out
of the way now:

I have comprised a list that pertains to my
needs for after I am out on the streets - (Not in order of importance)

- ① My college education, no matter how extensive, will be
paid for in full. This includes tuition, books, etc.
- ② Health, Life & Health insurance paid for for the first year
after I'm out (to begin the day I get out).
- ③ A car of my choice - price not to be less than \$500⁰⁰ =
not to exceed \$2000⁰⁰. (negotiable)
- ④ My first years rent for where ever I am living (with
reasons) paid for.
- ⑤ A negotiable amount of cash not to exceed ~~1000~~ ~~1000~~
\$5,000⁰⁰. (negotiable - may go up - may go down)
- ⑥ My parents bills from all my treatments. (Discuss with them)
- ⑦ All psychiatric bills ~~from~~ be paid for, as needed,
a negotiable span of time ~~that~~ ~~from~~ after I'm out.

After reading that you may think I'm going to
kick back & do nothing when I get out next May from where
ever I am. This is not true - I will ~~be~~ get a job set up
that after a couple of weeks after I'm out I can start work
somewhere. The "one year" stuff is just so I can get
settled down & start putting any money to some use & ~~the~~
not have to worry about "How am I going to pay for all of
this?"

I'm putting my foot down. No one (except
Lord) can know what I've been through & what I am
going through now. I don't feel my list is "greedy" in
any way. Especially if you consider what he (For Tom) is
to with me.

(next page please)

I guess it would be better if we talked privately about this. Is there any way you could come up & see me between now & August 10th? I say Aug. 10 because I'm supposed to be hearing from Lina in the next 2 weeks to find out if they've accepted me. & I may or may not be leaving here as soon as I find out.

Things aren't really going the best around here either. There are rumors going around that are very untrue (& sick.) about me. The verbal abuse has gotten out of hand - as with the rumors. You know something? Expressive verbal blows hurt more & are more than physical ones. There is more inner conflict inside of than imaginable - let me try & explain:

I'm torn between being a good christian's person & pounding on someone. Maybe that doesn't sound like much, but when I have to go through it for part of every single day, it can tear you away. My mind is overloaded with all the problems this Fin. Tom thing is creating. Plus so very much more.

I turn to God daily for strength, help & endurance to get me through each day. But I'm only human. And a human being can take only so much. I can't take anymore. And I surely don't need any trouble at this point.

I feel it is inevitable that we see each other & discuss this further & in detail - all of it.

Please try & understand what I'm going through up here.

It will be eagerly awaiting your reply.

Love in my prayers daily.

With Christ's love,

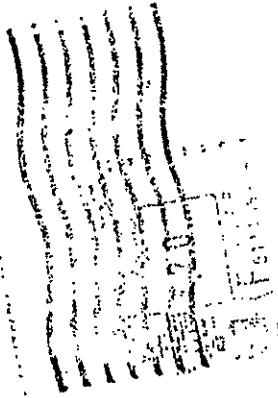
P.S. - sorry so messy!

M-19

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Gregory R. Riddle 173638

BOX B
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA 56302



Bishop Casper
Diocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul
Chancery
226 Summit St.
St. Paul, MN 55102

DATE: July 9, 1984
MEMO TO: Archbishop Roach
FROM: Bishop Carlson
SUBJECT: FATHER THOMAS ADAMSON

On Friday, July 6th, 1984, Father Kevin McDonough and I met with the Reverend Thomas Adamson concerning certain charges which have been made by M-19 which currently is an inmate at the St. Cloud Reformatory. Mr. M-19 is at St. Cloud, having been charged with two incidents of exposure and indecent liberties with a minor.

In the counseling process at St. Cloud, it has become evident that M-19 was also sexually abused from 1978 to 1982. I asked Father Adamson about this and he admitted and, in fact, he had abused the boy during that period of time. I did not go into the sexual activity, but Father Adamson agreed that it probably would be first degree criminal sexual contact.

I informed Father Adamson that it is highly probable that this will be reported to the Washington County Attorney. According to information I have, this has not happened yet, but the psychologist at St. Cloud is not sure what he will do. In talking with one of the counselors at St. Cloud, he told me that a great deal will depend on what the Archdiocese does with Father Adamson.

I asked Father Adamson to see Dr. Gendron and recommended to him that he obtain a criminal attorney. I specifically recommended Mr. Ted Collins or Mr. Andrew Eisenzimmer. I told Father Adamson that the retaining of these attorneys was at his discretion and the financial burden at this point would be borne by him.

Further, I told Father Adamson that I will be in contact with him after I visited with the Archbishop and Bishop Watters. On Friday afternoon, I called Bishop Watters to inform him of the possible legal exposure and also to tell him that I had asked Father Adamson to see Dr. Gendron, obtain a criminal attorney and discuss this case with the Archbishop.

Father McDonough called Father Pat Griffin at Risen Savior, to apprise him of the possible charges, and Father Griffin noted that he would not be upset to have Father Adamson transferred. In fact, Father Griffin told Father McDonough that he was thinking of asking for Father Adamson's transfer in June of 1985.

In reviewing the file, it is clear that Father Adamson broke the original agreement by his involvement with the M-16 boy in March of 1983. However, whether or not he broke the March 16th, 1983 agreement is up in the air. He did visit with M-19 at St. Cloud Reformatory about two weeks ago. The first point of the revised special agreement indicated he would have no youth contact.

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FATHER THOMAS ADAMSON

RECOMMENDATION.

It is my recommendation, given the seriousness of our exposure, that the Archdiocese posture itself in such a way that any publicity will be minimized. I would recommend that in cooperation with Bishop Watters, that Father Adamson be sent to the Paracletes in Albuquerque, or to the House of Affirmation. It is obvious to me in dealing with Father Adamson at this time that he has little remorse other than the fact that we found something else out and completely minimizes the entire situation.

At one point in his treatment Dr. Gendron told me that Father Adamson will have to choose between his sexual problem and the priesthood. I would be hopeful that his time at the Paracletes or at the House of Affirmation, would push him towards the priesthood and perhaps some awareness of the sacred trust he carries. I have never been convinced that Father Adamson has come to grips with his priestly responsibility.

July 10, 1984

Mr. M-19
Box B
Saint Cloud, Minnesota 56301

Dear M-19,

It was good to get your letter and to hear from you. Although we have not met, I have had the opportunity to talk to your Mom and Dad, and I feel that through them and your letter I already know you.

I sent the Visitor form back to the Reformatory right away and, hopefully, they should process that in the very near future. I gave them my address at our family lake home because I will be on vacation from July 15th through August 1st, 1984. It will be good if I could see you during that time as it is very close to St. Cloud.

I appreciated hearing ~~how~~ things are going for you at the prison, and I want you to know that I will be praying that the situation improves. I have talked to Paul Ringsmuth three times and I have also interviewed your parents and Tom Adamson. Obviously, you are the most important person to talk to and I look forward to meeting you.

M-19, I am concerned about you and I hope that I can help in some way. I am glad that you are willing to see me, so I look forward to our interview.

I hope you write again and if it is OK, I will send a card or postcard from time to time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

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Jenny

Dear Bishop Robert Carlson,

You asked for a record of expenses we had involving counseling and treatment for our son **M-19**.

We feel we have had expenses of between \$4,000 and \$5,000 dollars. We do not have complete records of bills or checks. We paid for either hospital, counselor, psychiatrist, travel and perscription.

Chisago County Welfare Dept. charged us \$200⁰⁰ monthly for at least six months. We paid for all of the treatment programs. There was Mercy Medical Center, both in and out patient. Five County Human Services, Lakes Area Human Services - Gordy Dodge, Alpha House Out patient, We counseled as a family also during this period of time.

We have some checks showing payments but do not have the majority. We don't feel that not having all documents means we haven't had the...

purses. For the past four years we have been through more programs than we care to remember. When **M-19** became an offender we also became involved in jail. We still owe about \$1400, some to friends who loaned us money interest free.

Prayerfully Yours

F-7

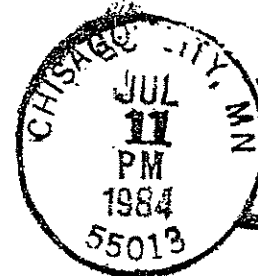
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P.S.

Wouldn't it have been nice to know back in 1979 that someone else was involved with **M-19**. We could have kept such accurate records of everything. Now its just upsetting to feel we may be doubted. We didn't know some one would share in this.

F-7 & M-20

Chicago City
Minn 55013



Robert Millikan

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USA

Bishop Robert Carlson
726 Summit
St. Paul, Minn
55102

M-20 & F-7
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July 12, 1984

Mr. and Mrs. M-20
Chisago City, Minnesota 55013

Dear M-20 and F-7,

Thank you for your letter of July 10th, 1984.

I have talked to Father Adamson, and he told me that he will be contacting you.

Best wishes and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

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M-19

1982 —

Called a Counselor
Lindstrom Chicago City

Exposed

— Told him M-19 is

— not always changes present
treatment could be likely

— told had to go to
Alfa House; jail so
very weeks; Probation
(4-5 visits) — not patient
sessions

him nothing
about in 1982
at this time

— Returned to H.S. Fall 1982.
Recommended for living at home;
finished summer school 1983

— Did not attend Alfa House
like he was supposed to —

Summer 1983 started working
(something happened & he got out early)

— gone for a few days; then back
home; was not attending Alfa
House & got in trouble with Probation
office

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- After he quit going to AA meetings ^{round 2} moved out, ~~out~~
so that he could be a friend.

my 13th

- Easter he came home; Mother's Day he was
picked up by a friend; went to store in
Chicago City & police picked him up
on parole violation - he did not go to
AA House;

- Some time around April he called Tom
Adams; 13 Whitten let Tom & **M-19**
use Bentley

~~Early~~ Sunday beat up; Segregated section
- Long table
- Oak Park Hbs
- Red wing

- Adam came back home
- Family met with Adam on Mother's Day
- During all of this time of **M-19** Counseling
about with Billy & Adam

Adam
1500

Currency 1,400

- In Jail until end of January 1984 -
asked to come back home; I could
not find a job; he had to make
arrangements with City to become in-patient

- End Feb in March still not working; in
trouble Washington City - Alcohol abuse
& Drugs; Community Service ok; only one
or 2 AA meetings

Fall
March 1984

- Nothing like at home & go to Ch. but
know there is this anger; telling to R
whether one up - only 2 letters God in
heart & Dad;

- Called R. White met to Betty

1978

Early
lived St Paul Park; M-19
13-14 at time met Sharon

After by

Spring 78 were Chicago City

at this house
encouraging
felt it was
positive contact

Summer 1982

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The Chancery

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

M-19

BOX 8
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA 56302

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Bishop Carlson
Archdiocese of Minneapolis, St. Paul
Chancery
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN
55102

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1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the cold. It was a sharp contrast to the warm, humid air of the tropics. I shivered as I walked down the stairs, my hands tucked into my pockets. The ground beneath my feet was hard and uneven, a mix of dirt and gravel. I looked up at the sky, where a few wispy clouds were scattered across a pale blue expanse. The sun was high, casting a bright light that felt like a warm blanket. I took a deep breath, the crisp air filling my lungs. It was a strange feeling, being so far from home, yet so close to nature. I glanced at my watch, noting the time. It was early in the morning, and the world was still quiet. I walked towards the horizon, where the land met the sea. The waves were gentle, lapping at the shore. I stood still, watching the water stretch out to the horizon. The sky was a deep blue, and the water was a lighter shade. The air was cool, and the sun was just beginning to rise. I felt a sense of peace, a sense of being in the right place at the right time. I turned back, looking at the plane that had brought me here. It was a small, white aircraft, a simple plane. I smiled, knowing that I had made it. I had reached my destination. I took one last look at the sea, then turned and walked back towards the plane. The journey was over, but the memories would stay with me forever.

August 9, 1984

His Excellency
Most Reverend Loras J. Watters, D.D.
Bishop of Winona
55 W. Sanborne, P.O. Box 588
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Dear Bishop Watters,

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the letter which I received from M-19 [REDACTED], who is currently an inmate at the St. Cloud Reformatory.

M-19 [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] who was assaulted by Father Thomas Adamson. I have met with M-19 [REDACTED] at the St. Cloud Reformatory and, as best that I can determine from his testimony, these assaults began in the spring of 1977, and continued until sometime during 1979. There has been a break in the contact between Father Adamson and M-19 [REDACTED], but another solicitation was made in the spring of 1982. At the time of the last solicitation, M-19 [REDACTED] was 18 years of age.

After you have had the opportunity to review M-19 [REDACTED]'s letter and to discuss it with your legal counsel, it might be good for us to talk.

I regret this entire matter, but hopefully we can provide the right pastoral support both for Father Adamson and M-19 [REDACTED].

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

Enc.

E OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

2260 Summit Avenue

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105



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Dear Bishop Carlson,

I'm not sure that writing a letter is going to be any help but I guess it can't hurt.

I know you said call any time but even that has been difficult.

After the meeting with you and Fr. McDonough I really believed that thing would get better. Perhaps, as a parent, I'm expecting too much too soon. But at the present everything seems to pile up and go unanswered.

I'd love to just run away from everything. I know from the past that it wouldn't work but now

there don't seem to be any changes.

M-19 went to St Cloud in May and I could not bring myself to visit him until July. If it weren't for our fifteen yr old daughter insisting on the trip I wouldn't have gone. She ended up being the only one who couldn't visit **M-19**.

Guilt hangs heavy. Feeling like a failure in so many areas. Afraid of future choices by **M-19**. Not understanding. Wanting to stop blaming myself.

Trust isn't easy. Who to trust.

This whole situation is getting as bad to deal

with as it was in the beginning.

What is happening where Father Adamson is concerned? He sent a note in July saying he'd be gone awhile.

Are you the person to ask?

I don't like what's happening to me. It is not my custom to run from everything. I do it well unfortunately.

Having written several times and never mailing them has been what I've done in the past.

I can't talk to family since everyone has

asked why we haven't
done more.

This is just getting
to be too much.

Thanks

F-7

August 13, 1984

Mrs. F-7
Chicago City, Minnesota 55013

Dear Mrs. F-7,

I received your letter in which you expressed your frustrations about the various attempts you have made to help your son. I have been impressed by your concern for M-19, and I hope you don't let guilt weigh you down. I know he appreciates the support he receives from you.

I had the opportunity to visit M-19 last week, and at least from my perspective the visitation on Tuesday, August 7th, went very well. I will be interested to know if he felt supported by the visit?

When I talked with M-19, he was hopeful that he would be moving to a treatment program in the very near future. Has that happened yet? I told M-19 I would be happy to visit him again, but that I would wait for his invitation.

Please be assured of my prayers for M-19 and for your family. Please do not hesitate to call me or write, if there is anything that I can do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
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PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

Aug. 15, 1984
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The Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
The Chancery
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

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Dear Bishop Carlson,

Prayerful greetings on this lovely solemnity of Mary!

You letter and the enclosed copy of one wirtten by M-19 indicate the seriousness of the problem which Father Thomas Adamson must face. I appreciate the efforts you are making to help both of these men.

As you might suspect, lawyers with experience in this type of case are difficult to find here in Winona. I never have had the need to ask for legal help in this type of problem before. May I ask you to recommend a lawyer in St. Paul or Minneapolis whom I might consult? Perhaps you have some one to whom you turn for advice in such cases.

Since Father Adamson is presently in the Cities it would seem that much time and correspondence could be saved were he to be directed to consult with an experienced lawyer. While M-19 and his lawyer (such he decide to engage one) might argue that the Diocese of Winona and the Archdiocese of St. Paul are liable for what happened, I think it is time that Father Adamson accept the fact that he is personally responsible and that he will have to make some kind of financial settlement.

While we have diocesan insurance which covers liability for malpractice and related problems, I don't know how the Gallagher-Bassett Company prefers to proceed. Here again, you might have some experience with this question.

Needless to say, I am both sorry and disappointed that Archbishop Roach's willingness to help Father Adamson has resulted in such serious problems. As he knows, I challenged Father Adamson on this matter and insisted that he receive professional treatment during 1974. When I was convinced that he still did not accept his personal responsibilities as far as celibacy was concerned I told him that I could not in conscience assign him to a parish in this diocese. The Archbishop referred Father Adamson to Father Pierre, I believe, and after receiving an evaluation to the effect that Father Adamson could be given an assignment with the understanding that he would participate in a maintenance program, did appoint him as an associate to the Church of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Paul Park as of June 17, 1976.

I will be happy to talk with you as to how we might help both Father Adamson and M-19.

This letter gives me the opportunity to thank you, Archbishop Roach, and the many other priests and people who were so kind to Father Louis Wappler during these last years. His Mass of Christian Burial yesterday at St. Joseph's in Red Wing was moving and impressive. I didn't know Father Wappler very well, but I did spend a great deal of time writing letters in connection with his return to the Church and priestly ministry. The Archdiocese did give him the opportunity to experience once again the joys of the priestly life and ministry; he died in the Lord. All of his friends in the diocese of Winona are grateful to God and to all of you for the joy and the peace Father Wappler enjoyed in his final illness. May God reward all of you for your charity.

With kindest personal greetings, renewed gratitude for your help with so many things, and a request for your prayers, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ

x. Mae J. Wallis
Bishop of Winona

8/17/84

Dear Bishop Carlson,

Hi! How are you? I hope things have been going a little better for you than they have been for me.

Yes, my jaw is broken - in fact it's broken in 2 places! And they've got me wired shut - mostly because I talk too much!! (a little joke - K2 K2 HUH!) A series of lesions & bad we. about the only two things that are going to get me (K2 K2 HUH!) through this ordeal - along with a lot of support from people who care.

My parents said we missed each other at the hospital! I guess the state doesn't like big hospital bills, so they stone us & out of there as quickly as possible.

They've got me on a liquid diet & I'm already used to that. I'm also already sick of it & I miss solid food (especially my ink food I get at canteen!) very much.

My mom said you would want to see me on something. I'd like a Will, I would like to see you, but only under conditions - ① That you're not too busy & ② That you promise not to let anyone else's appointments or visits. I know you are a very very busy person. Again, only if you've got the time. OK? (There's a couple of legal matters & one religious matter I need to discuss with you.)

Not really much else to write for now - we can discuss things if you come up to see me. OK?

Love &
Prayers
H

M-19

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Dear Bishop Carlson,

Thank you very much
for your showing of concern for
M-19.

Right now all the
fears, concern, confusion and
doubts have returned.

M-19 called home
at 9:00 P.M. on Thursday. At
that time no one at St. Cloud
had talked to him about what
happened.

I believe that Mr.
Brazzyk left Father Whittier
believing that M-19 is guilty
and that M-19 was responsible
for the sex rumors at St. Cloud.
M-20 asked M-19 if he confided
in anyone and M-19 said no.
There was an inmate from
Chicago County jail at St. Cloud.

He was there when
M-19 was in jail and knew
why M-19 was at St. Cloud.
M-19 is very angry,
depressed and confused him-
self. I asked him to talk
with Father Maus to hopefully
release some of his frustrations.
I pray he will.

M-19 said he was
in the shower washing his
hair when he got out. I
believe him.

Both his dad and
I are concerned for his
safety. The prison staff just
seems to have pat answers
for everything. We don't
expect them to hold his
hand but M-19 seems to be
responsible for whatever

happens regardless.
I hope to get in
touch with the prison. I
just needed to express my
fears to someone else, or
they'd drive me nuts.
This whole affair just seems
to get worse not better.

Prayerfully Yours

F-7

August 21, 1984

Mrs. F-7 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Chisago City, Minnesota 55013

Dear Mrs. Riedle,

I received your letter of August 17th, 1984 and wanted to write because of some information that I have.

In speaking with Mr. Blazcyk, I did not receive the impression that he (Mr. Blazcyk) felt that M-19 was guilty. He told me that he had not had the opportunity to talk to him, but would do so in the near future.

Mr. Blazcyk was very concerned that M-19 get into Lino Lakes, and was appreciative of my support.

Please tell M-19 that I am praying for him and would be happy to hear from him if he would like to write.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

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RECEIPT

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SAUNTRY

We, F-7 and M-20, [redacted] Street,
Chisago City, Minnesota 55013, hereby acknowledge receipt
of \$1,400.00 paid on behalf of Reverend Thomas P. Adamson
for counseling necessary for our family. The payment and
receipt concern the costs of this counseling only and no
other subject.

Date: 8-31-84

F-7
[redacted]

Date: 8-31-84

M-20
[redacted]

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August 31, 1984

His Excellency
Most Reverend Loras J. Watters, D.D.
Bishop of Winona
85 W. Sanborn , P.O. Box 588
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Dear Bishop Watters,

I am enclosing with this letter a photo copy of a legal opinion that I received from Mr. Andrew Eisenzimmer, the corporate counsel for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Mr. Eisenzimmer is suggesting that I advise M-19 [REDACTED], to contact me when he is ready to resolve the matter between himself and Father Thomas Adamson. The attorney is suggesting that I advise M-19 [REDACTED] to translate his settlement demands into a specific amount of money. Our attorney feels that the suggested settlement has too many variables and conditions. What we are looking at is a straight monetary settlement or a structured settlement with periodic payments.

After you have had the time to review Mr. Eisenzimmer's letter and perhaps discuss it with your own legal counsel, it might be good for us to talk. M-19 [REDACTED] has now been transferred to a Sexual Offenders program at Lino Lakes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

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September 27th, 1984

Called Dr. Steele to tell her that
you will not be in the office until the second
week of October.

Miller

The Chancery

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

TELEPHONE - VISIT/OFFICE MEMO

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| TO <i>Bp. R.C.</i> | TIME <i>1:30</i> |
| | DATE <i>9-27</i> |

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| YOU WERE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CALLED <input type="checkbox"/> VISITED BY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLEASE CALL |
| NAME <i>Dr. Nancy STEELE</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> WILL CALL AGAIN |
| OF <i>Min. Chancery - Lino Lakes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> RETURNED YOUR CALL |
| PHONE <i>781-2800</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> WAITING TO SEE YOU |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> WISHES APPOINTMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

MESSAGE

*FR Adamson &
Abuse*

*please call after 11:00
on Monday*
TSOP Program

| | |
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| FROM <i>B</i> | PHONE EXT. <i>400</i> |
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October 26, 1984

His Excellency
Most Reverend Lorad J. Watters, D.D.
Bishop of Winona
55 W. Sanborn, P.O. Box 588
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Dear Bishop Watters,

For the past several years, Father Thomas Adamson, a priest of your Diocese, has served here in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. His contact with the diocese began when he was taking part in a program at the University of Minnesota, and was in residence at St. Leo's Church, Saint Paul. At that time you requested that we give him a pastoral assignment in the Archdiocese, and he has served at St. Thomas, St. Paul Park; Immaculate Conception, Columbia Heights; and most recently, at Risen Savior, Apple Valley.

During the time of his pastoral ministry Father Adamson has had certain complaints made about him and his involvement with juvenile males. Bishop Carlson and others have confronted Father Adamson on these charges and had him in treatment, seeing a psychiatrist on a regular basis and monitored his day-to-day activity with monthly meetings and supervision by his pastor.

Recently, an issue was brought to light concerning M-19 [REDACTED], Father Adamson met this young man when he was a juvenile and Father Adamson was serving at St. Paul Park. Although this contact was made several years ago and has just recently come to light, it no longer seems to be in the best interest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, for Father Adamson to remain here. Therefore, I am requesting that you recall him to the Diocese of Winona.

Father Adamson's activities have been reported to the Washington County Sheriff's office and the Dakota County Sheriff's office and because of this, his conduct has become a public fact.

I would request that you recall Father Adamson by January 1st, 1985. It is Bishop Carlson's recommendation that before any other assignment is given to Father Adamson, that he receive extensive in-patient treatment.

I regret that we can no longer assist Father Adamson, and I assure you of my prayers for him. In many ways he is a very effective priest and this whole thing is a tragedy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
45 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

Oct. 30, 1984

His Excellency
The Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Mn 55102-2197

Dear Archbishop Roach,

It goes without saying that I share your regrets that the efforts you and Bishop Carlson have made over the years to help Father Thomas Adamson, a priest of this diocese, did not elicit more cooperation from him.

I am very sorry that Father Adamson's many talents continue to be compromised because of his involvement with juvenile males; and all the more so now that his irresponsible conduct, has now become a matter of public record.

As you will recall, when I asked you to consider helping Father Adamson in January of 1975 I indicated that I could no longer ask him to accept pastoral responsibility in the Winona Diocese because of this same type of problem. Even though the matter had not become part of the public record, I insisted that Father Adamson seek professional help in a residential program. When he did not cooperate in it, I asked him to complete his work at the University of Minnesota for an M.A. in marriage counseling. It was at that point that you expressed a willingness to help Father Adamson with the understanding that he would be in regular contact with Father Pierre.

I am writing to Father Adamson today and asking him to come to see me within the next week. As you and Bishop Carlson recommend, I will certainly require him to complete a residential program of considerable length before even considering an attempt to help him return to pastoral ministry. I know that it is still impossible for him to accept an appointment in this diocese.

If it would be of any help, I would be willing to recall Father Adamson before January 1, 1985. And on the other hand, he might want to leave Risen Savior as soon as he can.

Again, Archbishop Roach, I am most grateful to you and Bishop Carlson for the continuing efforts you made to help Father Adamson as well as for your prayers for him.

With kindest personal greetings and sincere gratitude, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,
James J. Watters
Bishop of Winona

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Oct. 30, 1984

The Reverend Thomas P. Adamson
Church of the Risen Savior
1001 Baldwin Drive
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Dear Father Adamson,

Prayerful greetings to you and to the people of God in Risen Savior Parish!

This letter is to ask you to come to talk with me on Nov. 7, 8, or 9 -
Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of next week.

I will be here in the Diocesan Pastoral Center each of these days between 9:00 and 5:00 o'clock. Just to make certain that I will be here when you come, however, it might be prudent to telephone or write giving the day and the approximate hour you plan to arrive here.

As you perhaps know, Archbishop Roach has written and indicated that it is necessary for you leave the Archdiocese. Needless to say, I am very sorry to learn about this development and I pray that we can find some way to help you face the realities of your present situation and make some realistic plans for the present and the future.

Be assured of my prayers and personal interest in this difficult period.

With kindest personal greetings and a request for your prayers, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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JK 697

DATE: November 2, 1984
MEMO TO: Bishop Carlson, and Father Ward
FROM: Archbishop Roach
SUBJECT: Fr. Tom Adamson

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Bishop Loras Watters.

Apparently Adamson was not aware of the Dakota County situation, or at least so he informed Father Mike Korf. I want to make sure that our signals are all correct on this. I called Father Pat Griffin to let him know of the letter from Bishop Watters because he could get caught in the middle of this.

attachment

DATE: November 2, 1984.

MEMO TO: Archbishop John R. Roach

FROM: Bishop Carlson

SUBJECT: Father Tom Adamson - *XLR*

I received your memo about Tom Adamson and a copy of the letter from Bishop Watters. I am not sure what Tom told Mike but Tom Adamson knows that the Dakota County Sheriff was notified --- and I believe Pat Griffin told him that the Apple Valley police know as well.

Pat Griffin is fully informed and I have been in close contact with him. He is aware of your letter to Winona and he and I together selected the January 1st date.

Tom Adamson knew every detail except of your letter to Bishop Watters. I did not feel I could tell him until after we received some response from Winona. The fact that Bishop Watters wrote him first does complicate things a bit but Pat Griffin and I felt that when things got tight Pat would simply send Adamson to me.



Church of the Risen Savior

1001 Baldwin Dr. Apple Valley, Mn. 55124
431-7174

November 14, 1984

Most Reverend Loras J. Watters
Bishop of Winona
Box 588
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Dear Bishop Watters.

Since our visit together on November 7, 1984 I have made inquiries with the Servants of The Paraclete concerning their Holistic Treatment Centers for priests located in St. Louis, Missouri and Jemez Springs, New Mexico. In addition to the phone conversations I have now received brochures on the programs at both centers.

As you know, the Paracletes require a full week, Monday thru Friday, participation in a holistic assessment and evaluation process before any priest will be admitted to a program. The earliest date they can accept me at either center for this evaluation is the week beginning Sunday, December 2, 1984. I have made plane reservations to fly to St. Louis on that date and to return on Friday, December 7th.

Also, they have indicated that it is important to have some one present for the evaluation which would take place on the morning of December 7th. I realize the short notice in this regard and don't know if anyone from the diocese of Winona or the Archdiocese of St. Paul- Minneapolis is able to be present. They will be contacting you about this aspect.

Also since our visit I have met with Dr. Joseph Gendron, Attorney Theodore Collins, my Spiritual Director Father Jim VanDorn OFM, Father Mike Korf of the Archdiocese, and Father Pat Griffin of Risen Savior Church. All have been informed of the above plans and timetable as of the moment.

I humbly ask for your continued prayers.

In Our Lord,

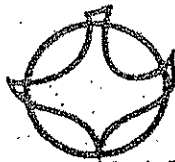
Thomas P. Adamson
REV. Thomas P. Adamson

ccBishop Robert Carlson

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PARACLETE

November 16, 1984

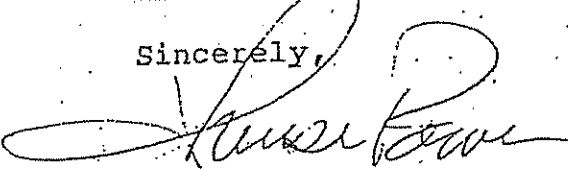
Most Reverend Loras J. Watters, D.D.
Provincial
55 West Sanborn
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Dear Father Watters,

This letter is to notify you of the Evaluation Feedback Session, with all staff involved in this process, will be held on December 7th, at 9:30 A.M. regarding Reverend Thomas P. Adamson. We hope that you will be able to join us at this session, but if you are unable to attend, we would appreciate it if you could send a representative in your place.

I am also enclosing for you a copy of Reverend Adamson's schedule for the week of his evaluation. Should you have any questions, please call. Hope you or your representative will be able to spend some time following the evaluation. As always, you or your representative are more than welcome to stay for Mass at 11:45 AM and dinner at 12:30 PM.

Sincerely,



Ms. Therese Power
Administrative Assistant

Encl: 1

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55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

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Nov. 22, 1984

The Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, J.C.D.
The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
The Chancery
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Bishop Carlson,

Prayerful greetings from Winona!

The news of Bishop Driscoll's death so soon after our happy visits in Washington stunned me; may God reward him with the reward promised to the good and faithful shepherd.

As you note, I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Father Adamson. Fortunately, I will be able to be with him for the Feedback Session which comes at the end of his week with the Servants of the Paraclete in St. Louis.

After 14 years of confronting Father with his need for honesty and treatment I am more than willing to make this additional effort to help him. No doubt, this will be a painful session for the both of us. I appreciate more than I can say the many ways in which Archbishop Roach and you have tried to assist Tom.

With kindest personal greetings and a request for your prayers, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

Thomas J. Wathen
Bishop of Winona

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Nov. 22, 1984

Ms. Therese Power
Administrative Assistant
Servants of the Paraclete
13270 Maple Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63127

Dear Ms. Power,

Prayerful greetings to you and to everyone at St. Michael's Villa!

Thank you for your letter regarding the Evaluation Feedback Session which you are planning for Friday, December 7, at 9:30 am regarding the Reverend Thomas P. Adamson.

In checking my schedule I find that I can arrange to join all of you at this session and I will be happy to come.

I have made reservations on Ozark to fly from Rochester to St. Louis, arriving at 7:20 pm on Thursday, Dec. 6; as much as I would like to accept your kind invitation to stay for Mass at 11:45 and dinner at 12:30, that will not be possible. I find it necessary to take the 12:30 Republic flight in order to be here in Winona for an evening appointment.

I will appreciate having someone meet me at the St. Louis airport and returning me there on Friday morning.

If you need more information, please write or telephone; I am most anxious to help Father Adamson in any way I can.

With kindest personal greetings and renewed gratitude for your interest in one of my brother priests, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: The Reverend Thomas P. Adamson

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The Reverend Thomas P. Adamson
Church of the Risen Savior
1001 Baldwin Drive
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Dear Father Adamson,

Pax et bonum!

Thank you for your letter which I found waiting when I returned from the NCCB/USCC meeting.

It is good to learn that you have consulted with so many interested people and that you have arranged for a week's assessment and evaluation at the Paracletes' Holistic Treatment Center in St. Louis during the first week of December. I have received the schedule from the Center and have arranged to be present for the December 7th Evaluation Feedback Session.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Ms. Therese Power indicating my acceptance of her invitation as well as my travel plans.

Be assured of my continuing prayers for you and my personal interest. I know that the program in St. Louis has been most helpful to many priests and Brothers.

With kindest personal greetings and a request for your prayers, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

cc: The Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson

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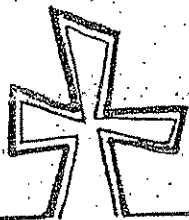
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Church of the Risen Savior

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December 1, 1984

Most Reverend Loras J. Watters
Bishop of Winona
Box 588
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Watters,

I received your letter two days ago informing me of your plans to travel to St. Louis this next week. I very much appreciate your willingness to make this effort and I am pleased that you will be present for the evaluation and feedback.

I will be flying on Northwest both directions and so it does not look like we will be on the plane together although we leave from the airport about the same time.

I just returned from offering the first Mass of the Advent season in this parish. Our liturgists and musicians do a fine job and this time of year is especially exciting.

As Mary's Feast of Immaculate Conception approaches, I ask you to join me in asking for her help and guidance during the next few days and always.

Sincerely In Our Lord.

Thomas P. Adamson
Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

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May the true
Spirit of Christmas
bring you
deep and lasting
happiness

*and the angel said unto her. . .
He shall be great,
and shall be called
the Son of the Most High.
Luke 1:30-32*

*Alfred E. ...
John J. ...*

Dear Bishop Carlson,

I realize it has been quite a long time since I last wrote. So much has happened in our family.

I want to thank you for any part you had in getting our son [REDACTED] M-19 in to Linc Lakes in September. The fact that [REDACTED] M-19 died was turned in an industrial fire was much easier to deal with when [REDACTED] M-19 was at Linc Lakes.

We realize that what we want for [REDACTED] M-19 is some type of program that will help him deal with all the things that have gone on in his life. We were disappointed to learn that there is only one family session. But

one was better than none at all.

I don't think [M-19] has kept in touch with you. I know he hasn't with Father Whittier. At present [M-19] seems to have decided he doesn't need a religion. That choice isn't a new one and we hope its being made again because so much is going on for [M-19].

[M-19] It is hoped that [M-19] does use this time to help himself. To grow, mature and find his potential.

[M-19] has come to know his birth mother in just that past few weeks. Perhaps this too will be very good and helpful for [M-19].

It's a little hard for me to listen to him and he as excited as he is. I just know there is a limit for me.

Our concern for M-19 is still there. Maybe its fear of the future, concern about the fact there seems to be such a difference about what we do think we know and what we don't know.

M-19 has discovered that he didn't have many friends since no one keeps in touch with him. At times I even feel very guilty. We see him every other Sunday and talk to him every week. Linc Lake is very different from St Cloud but it is

still difficult for me
to go. His dad and sister
seem to find it easier to go.
Enough learning from
me.

Just really wanted
to share this with you and
thank you for having been
here for me.

Trayerfully Yours
and

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DATE: December 18, 1984
MEMO TO: Archbishop Roach, Bishop Carlson, Father O'Connell, Father Ward
FROM: Monsignor Hayden
SUBJECT:

Andy Eisenzimmer called to advise that [REDACTED] M-19 (?)
is bringing a case against Father Adamson and St. Thomas
Aquinas Parish in St. Paul Park. (When I questioned
Andy on the parish name he still thought it was St. Thomas
Aquinas rather than Risen Savior.)

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December 20, 1984

Most Reverend Loras J. Watters
Bishop of Winona
Box 588
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Watters,

Kind greetings and Christmas blessings to you !

I have had phone conversations this week with Father Richard Brown and Dr. Paul Midden informing them of my intentions to attend the Priest's Institute at St. Michael's Center in St. Louis. Both seemd pleased that I have arrived at that decision.

Dr. Midden stated that he felt comfortable that I would be open to further therapy or programing beyond the eight week schedule of the institute if that should become a recommendation. He felt that I presently had the openness to dig right in and work with all that their program had to offer.

The probable date for the beginning of the Insititute is February 11, 1985. They have told me that I could arrive earlier and stay there if that fit the schedule better. My present plans are to conclude things at Risen Savior Church by mid-January, do some packing and storing of belongings, take a few days of vacation, and then go to St. Louis.

I thank you sincerely for your kindness and understanding during these past few weeks. It has been very helpful to me, has helped calm me down, and give me some sense of direction and hope. Thanks !

You and the Priests of Winona are in my prayers and Masses these Advent days. Kindly continue to pray for me.

In Our Lord,

Thomas Adamson

Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

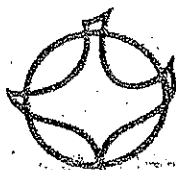
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Dear Bishop Watters,

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Enclosed is the evaluation report which was done by our Staff at St. Michael's Center on Reverend Thomas Adamson. There is also enclosed a release of information form which indicates the permission given by Thomas for the disclosure of this information.

The Evaluation consisted of the following:

1. Physical Examination (James Criscione, M.D.)
2. Psychological Testing (Paul Midden, Ph.D.)
3. Life History (Joan Lampton, C.S.J.)
4. Spiritual Profile (Walter Ingling, O.P.)
5. Psychiatric Evaluation (Lachman Abichandani, M.D.)

We conducted our feedback session at the completion of the week of evaluation. You were present for this session and know of the recommendations made by the Team. The following points were discussed during the feedback session:

1. The presenting problem which initiated Fr. Adamson's need for this evaluation, namely the possibility of legal action as a result of sexual activity with a young man.
2. The need for self-acceptance of his sexual orientation on a feeling level rather than on an intellectual level.
3. The ability to mask and deny feelings in order to give the over-all impression that all is going well with him.
4. The fact that Fr. Adamson is an adult child of an alcoholic and the implications that this has in his life.

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5. Father Adamson's relation with his family and how these relationships affect him personally- the need to constantly give of himself.

A more detailed explanation of these points will be found in the enclosed reports.


IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EVALUATION TEAM THAT FATHER ADAMSON RECEIVE HELP IN A RESIDENTIAL SETTING. It was suggested that a program such as the 5 month program at the Foundation House would benefit him; The second option discussed was the 8 Week Institute at St. Michael's with ongoing evaluation as to what would benefit Fr. Adamson. It is likely that only a residential setting can provide Fr. Adamson with the kind of psychological safety and protection he requires to explore issues in satisfactory detail and to generate a more acceptable solution.

I hope that this report is helpful. I thank you for your interest, especially in coming down for the feedback session. I also thank you for sending Father Adamson to us and for your continued support.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact either Dr. Paul Midden or myself.

Best Wishes for a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely,


Rev. Richard M. Brown, S.P.
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