

Box 3034
Eau Claire, WI 54702

October 12, 1989

Rev. Donald P. Schmitz, Chancellor
Diocese of Winona
55 W Sanborn
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Don,

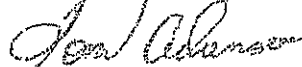
Enclosed please find an updated copy of my Last Will and Testament for the chancery records. In searching my papers more carefully I discovered that I had filed a confidential statistical information form with the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Mpls. in the summer of 1979. My last revision of a Last Will and Testament was made in May 1987. The enclosed, dated October 1, 1989, has only minimal changes.

I realize that even though the enclosed is notarized that it is not a formal will and probably has limited legal status. Nonetheless, it should serve as a guide for important persons for the time being.

Also, I have continued to deal with other issues in my life, including the theological and canonical ones as we discussed briefly during our visit on September 20th. The process is very slow.

I hope all is well with you. May God bless you and your ministry. Kindly keep me in your prayers.

In Our Lord,



Rev. Thomas F. Adamson

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Box 3034
Eau Claire, WI 54702
October 12, 1989

Rev. Gerald A. Mahon, Vicar General
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55 West Sanborn
Winona, MN 55987

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At the first of this month I also had two discussions with the Eau Claire County Welfare Office and the Department of Human Services.

I hope your days away were pleasant and that all goes well with you in your Pastorate at St. Casimir's and your work at the Chancery. Kindly keep me in your prayers.

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cc: Reverend Gerald Mahon
✓ Reverend Donald Schmitz

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WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

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PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

October 24, 1989

Thomas Adamson
P.O. Box 3034
Eau Claire, WI 54704

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Reverend Donald Schmitz

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OFFICE OF THE
BISHOP
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MINNAPOLIS

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 100
Tel. 507/454-6601

MEMORANDUM

To: Father Gerald Mahon
Father Donald Schmitz

From: Bishop John Vlazny +JV

Date: October 24, 1989

Re: Father Tom Adamson

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Office of the
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PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4243

MEMORANDUM

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Father Donald Schmitz

From: Bishop John Vlazny

Date: October 24, 1989

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
15 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55957

Office of the
Vicar General

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

October 27, 1989

Rev. Thomas Adamson
Box 3034
Eau Claire, WI 54702

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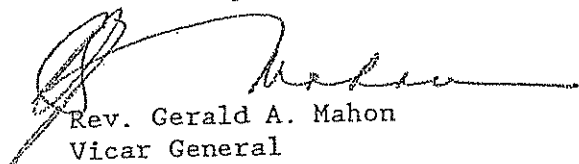
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Rev. Thomas Adamson
October 27, 1989

It was wonderful to be away and thank you for your encouragement. My being pastor at St. Casimir's is delightful. I am sure there are many people there presently who were a part of that family in your days. Hope your mom is doing well. Blessings during these beautiful fall days.

Fraternally in the Lord,



Rev. Gerald A. Mahon
Vicar General

cc: Most Rev. John G. Vlazny
Attorney George Restovich
Attorney Ted Collins

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Box 3034
Eau Claire, WI 54702

October 29, 1989

Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona
55 West Sanborn
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

I want to acknowledge receipt of your last two letters,
one in September and one in October.

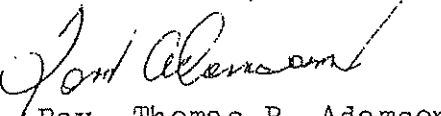
I am sorry but I still lack the emotional and intellectual
capacity to make any reasonable response. Also, I await
some data I have been seeking to help with my reply.

In the past two months I have been trying to sort out
mummifying issues, old and new. It is a slow process. I
have sought valued advice from a variety of persons and
have kept copious notes. God alone knows where it will
lead.

Kindly continue to keep me in your prayers.

The choir here did a good job with today's psalm "The
Lord hears the cry of the poor."

In Our Lord,


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Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
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September 1, 1989

Thomas Adamson
P.O. Box 3034
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Dear Tom,

Thank you very much for coming to visit with me here in Winona this past Friday, August 25. I admire and appreciate all your efforts to pull your life together in spite of the continuing pressures and disappointments. You continue to have a very special remembrance in my prayers.

During our time together, once again I requested that you make application for a Decree of Laicization. This is my third request and I am hopeful that this time you will be willing to lend me your cooperation. I am asking you to request Father Donald Schmitz's assistance in this effort before Wednesday, September 13. It will take some time, but Don is familiar with these procedures.

Furthermore, the permission to celebrate private Mass which Bishop Watters gave to you a few years ago is now withdrawn effective immediately. You may not administer any of the sacraments nor are you to function as a minister of the Eucharist. You may not function as a priest in any public capacity. Please do not dress as a priest nor present yourself in any circumstances as a person working in public Church ministry.

At this time I am giving this directive as an individual precept as part of my responsibility to foster the good of the Church as well as your own good. You know that you are most welcome and encouraged to worship in the Catholic community but, for obvious reasons, you can no longer lead the people in worship.

Finally, from September through December of this calendar year, we must begin a time of disengagement from the Diocese of Winona. Please let Father Mahon know your financial situation in terms of monthly living expenses. Now that you are earning some salary, you should be able to meet some of these obligations on your own, but I want to

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Thomas Adamson

September 1, 1989

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offer assistance for awhile so that you will have time to re-assess your living situation when all diocesan financial support is withdrawn. We will want to continue your health insurance for a longer period of time and I certainly am willing to respond to any specific need. Once we are able to determine your financial needs over the next few months, we will be able to determine what assistance can be offered you.

Please do not hesitate to keep in touch. Since you have not been functioning as a diocesan priest for a long time, these changes will hopefully be a prod to face the realities of your situation and move on with your life. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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Bishop of Winona

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cc: Reverend Gerald A. Mahon
Reverend Donald P. Schmitz

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Office of the
Vicar General

PO Box 588
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February 26, 1990

Rev. Tom Adamson
P.O. Box 3034
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Dear Tom,

Please find your final payment check enclosed in the amount of \$400.

In the near future, I would like to meet with you, Tom, and talk about your financial status with the Diocese of Winona. The areas under consideration are as follows:

1. Health Insurance
2. Pension Plan -- Retirement
3. Severance Pay
4. Promissory Notes due to the Diocese of Winona

Bishop John G. Vlazny, Bishop of Winona, is presently evaluating the above items, and I will be in a position to begin dialogue with you about these most important financial matters for your future. The Diocese of Winona is extremely interested in providing you with a retirement plan and severance pay which reflects the justice due you for your many years of service in the Church of the Diocese of Winona.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Rev. Gerald A. Mahon
Vicar General

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Box 3034
Eau Claire, WI 54702

March 5, 1990

Rev. Gerald A. Mahon
Vicar General
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Winona, MN 55987

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I have your letter of last week concerning our need
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I will call you within a few days so that we might
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Thank you for your help.

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Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

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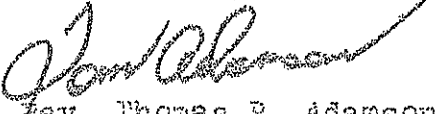
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March 9, 1990

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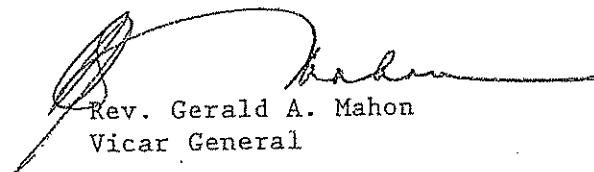
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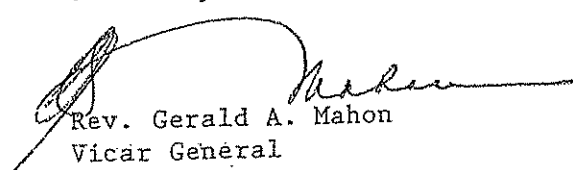
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FROM THE DESK OF

MAR 16 1990

Rev. Thomas Adamson

Box 3034
Eau Claire, WI
54702

March 14, 1990

Rev. Gerald A. Mahon
Vicar General
55 West Sanborn
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Jerry,

Shortly after I left your home yesterday I remembered the items I wanted to ask you for. They are as follows:

- 1) Constitution and By-Laws of the Bureau of Priest's Retirement
- 2) Present roster of priests and others who serve on that board
- 3) Either you or someone at the chancery sent me an AGENDA for the Bureau of Priest's Retirement which met on Dec. 11, 1989. My name was on the AGENDA. Could I please have minutes of that meeting as well as any other meetings wherein my status may have been discussed?

Could you kindly send me copies or records of the above three items?

Thanks again for your help.

Happy St. Patrick's Day !

In Our Lord,

Tom Adamson
Rev. Thomas Adamson

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Box 3034
Eau Claire, WI 54702

April 2, 1990

Rev. Gerald A. Mahon
Office of Vicar General
55 West Sanborn
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Jerry,

Saturday I received the materials I had requested concerning documents of the Bureau of Priest's Retirement, etc. Thank you for sending them.

I have a question concerning any discussion of my status on the part of the Retirement Committee. As mentioned in my letter of March 14, 1990, I noted my name as being on the AGENDA for the December 11, 1989 meeting. In reviewing the minutes of that meeting I see my name is not mentioned. Does this indicate no discussion, no recommendations? Nonrecordable or not printable? Whatever information you can give me concerning this omission should be helpful to me and to those who are assisting me.

Our meeting together on March 13, 1990, you indicated that I would be speaking soon with Bishop Vlazny concerning my status with retirement/disability funds, etc. Now that the Bishop has declared that I am eligible for full disability I need to know as soon as possible when I may expect payments from the Bureau of Priest's Retirement. If the Bishop is not willing to grant me assistance then I need to seek assistance elsewhere in the immediate future.

As I told you during our meeting in March, I have been able to obtain food relief through community services, food shelves, etc. However, I remain ineligible for housing relief (due to my part-time work, etc.). Hence my payment of apartment rent bears a crisis state. Likewise, as you know so well, when I presented my detailed budget last fall and indicated what I need to survive on a monthly basis, my input of needs was largely ignored. I am not able to support myself at this point in my life! Having received no supplemental income for the months of March and April already places me in a precarious position.

I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you very much for your help.

In Our Lord,

John

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April 4, 1990

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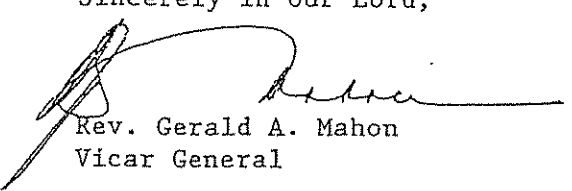
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Sincerely in Our Lord,



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Vicar General

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April 4, 1990

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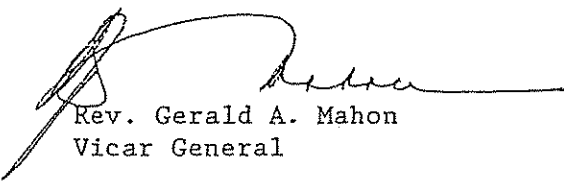
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April 9, 1990

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Dear Jerry,

Thank you for your letter of last week and for the check which was enclosed from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement.

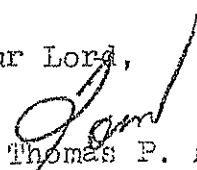
For the moment I feel some sincere relief in receiving this check. I admit to being somewhat uptight over these mundane issues but, as I tried to express to you, things were getting to a scary nitty-gritty stage.

Also, I feel I now can sign the Promissary Notes for monies which have been paid to Theodore Collins, my attorney. I will sign, get the notes notarized, etc., and direct them to the proper channels. Also I will resume regular monthly payments on these notes to the Diocese of Winona. Hopefully all this will be in place by the first of the month.

Thanks again for your help.

Have a Happy Easter!

In Our Lord,


Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

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Sunday January 13, 1991

Dear Jerry,

First of all I offer my sympathy and prayers on the death of your mother. It sounds as though it was all rather sudden. God will bless her with eternal peace.

Probably the times I visited most with your mother was when she worked at the ol' Webber and Judd corner. Both in my Rochester days and following it seems I was in there often getting a prescription for my aunt Gert or getting one of my electric razors repaired. So we had many happy visits.

The very first thing my mother asked when we talked about your mother's death was "Did you write to Ed?" Not yet but I will catch up with him one of these days. I also have enjoyed so many visits with him.

Thanks much for the Christmas note and gift. I appreciate both very much.

Things are quiet around here today, as is usual for Sundays. These people have been exceptionally good to me.

Hope all is well with you and that you are off to a very good new year.

In Our Lord,

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, I PROMISE TO PAY TO:

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The sum of THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-TWO AND 73/100 (\$3,692.73) DOLLARS, without interest, payable in monthly installments of One Hundred and no/100 (\$100.00) Dollars, commencing on November 1, 1991, and a like and equal sum of \$100.00 on the first day of each and every month thereafter until the debt is paid in full or upon the death of the Maker, at which time the entire unpaid principal balance shall be due and payable in full.

The Maker hereof has the privilege of paying any greater sum than above specified on the first day of any month and also has the privilege of paying his loan in full at any time.

The undersigned stipulates and agrees to and with said Payee, its successors and assigns, that, if any such installment becomes due and is unpaid in whole or in part, the entire principal sum thereon remaining unpaid shall, at the option of the holder hereof, become immediately due and payable. The Maker hereunder agrees to pay all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses in the event payment shall not be made on maturity or as payments become due.

Thomas Adamson
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this
8th day of November, 1991.

Barbara Candall 6-11-95
Notary Public

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June 27, 2002

Thomas Adamson
Box 3034
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Dear Tom:

It has been three and a half years now since I have been appointed the Bishop of the Diocese of Winona. During this time, I have not had the occasion to meet with you.

I would like to have the opportunity of sitting down with you and talking about your present status and situation in life. I will be on vacation the first two weeks of July but I would like to arrange a time and a place to meet with you. I am willing to come to visit you in your home city or invite you to come to Winona or to meet at any designated place that is mutually convenient for both of us. May I ask you to please call my secretary, Mrs. Judy Tibor (507-454-4643) and arrange an appropriate time before September 1, 2002.

I hope that you are in good health and that you have adjusted well to your present situation. I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

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Act... was a "budget buster."

The 401-26 vote followed a last-minute appeal by Reagan to Republican members, who nonetheless deserted him in droves. It also apparently foreshadowed the results of an override vote scheduled for today in the Senate.

"I think it is going to be very difficult," said Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., on Tuesday morning, after meeting with

plants and \$2 billion for special cleanup projects.

Minnesota would receive \$44.6 million under the first year of the act. Of that total, about \$5.8 million would go to St. Paul to help continue the city's massive, 10-year sewer separation program. It is designed to end the release of untreated waste into the Mississippi River during periods of heavy

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Catholic priest faces sexual abuse lawsuit

By Virginia Rybin
Staff Writer

A Catholic priest sexually abused many boys over a period of 17 to 18 years in the southern Minnesota Diocese of Winona and later in the Twin Cities, a lawsuit filed Tuesday by one of the alleged victims charges.

Church authorities, including Archbishop John Roach and three bishops, were aware of at least some of the abuse and failed to take appropriate action, the complaint filed in Ramsey County District Court alleges.

Instead of reporting the sexual contact to law enforcement authorities and removing the man from the priesthood, the document alleges, church officials referred the priest for counseling and repeatedly transferred him to new assignments. One of their aims, the complaint alleges, was avoiding adverse publicity for the church.

The lawsuit was filed by Grego-

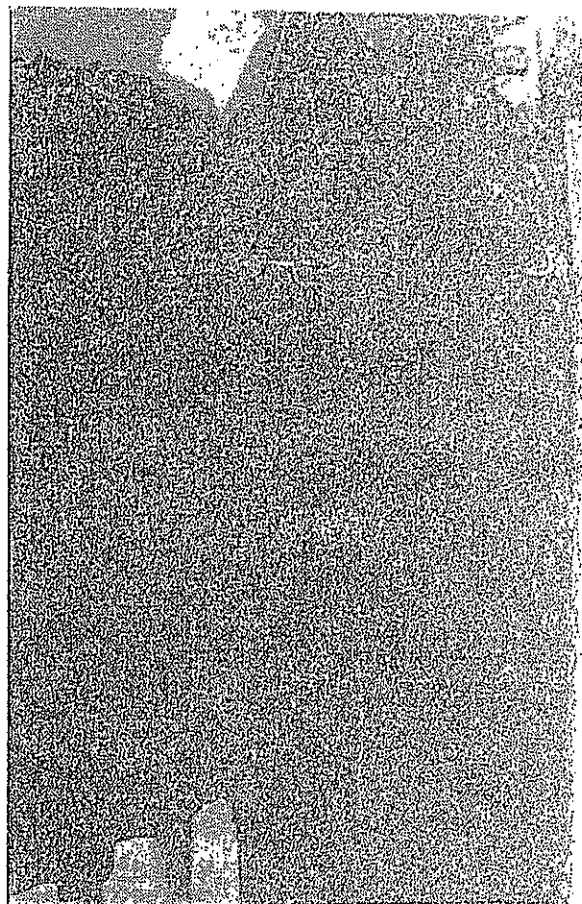
ry John Riedle and his parents, John and Janet Riedle, against the Rev. Thomas Adamson. The assaults on Riedle, now 22, allegedly occurred when he was an altar boy at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in St. Paul Park, where Adamson served as an associate pastor.

Adamson engaged in sexual contact with Riedle about once a month from the fall of 1977, when Riedle was 13, until the spring of 1979, the complaint alleges. The contact allegedly included mutual masturbation and oral sex.

Defendants in the lawsuit are the Diocese of Winona, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, St. Thomas Church and Adamson.

The lawsuit seeks compensatory damages "in excess of \$50,000" from all defendants and punitive damages "in excess of \$50,000" each from the Archdiocese and the Winona Diocese.

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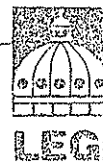
License plate issue reheats Legislature

By Jack B. Coffman
Staff Writer

The great Minnesota license plate battle reopened Tuesday in the Legislature.

When the dust settles, perhaps by May, state motorists either will have license plates good for the life of their vehicles or be required to get new ones good for several years.

The controversial issue, which has produced hundreds of blistering calls and letters to legislators, popped up Tuesday morning in a Senate committee, where sponsors presented several license plate bills. The bills would either return to a system of lifetime plates, in effect until the Legislature changed it in 1985, or continue with some kind of periodic plate re-



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Partly cloudy in Minnesota today with highs from low 20s northeast to low 30s southwest. Details, Page 14A.

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against the Winona Diocese, the complaint alleges that "this long history of irresponsible and outrageous conduct, the callous disregard for the safety and well-being of minor parishioner boys, the pattern of concealment and silence to maintain the cloak of dark secrecy around the sexual assaults of a priest upon minor parishioner boys" resulted in the assaults on Riedle.

The lawsuit, filed by St. Paul lawyers Jeffrey R. Anderson and Mark Reinhardt, alleges that Riedle continues to suffer emotional distress as a result of the alleged abuse. Reinhardt said Riedle has served time in prison for sexual abuse of girls, and a psychiatrist has linked those incidents to his history as an abuse victim.

St. Thomas Church, the Archdiocese and the Winona Diocese were negligent in allowing Adamson to serve as a priest, particularly one with contact with boys, in view of his known history, the complaint alleges.

Theodore Collins, Adamson's attorney; Andrew Eisenzimmer, attorney for the Archdiocese; and William Hull, attorney for the Winona Diocese, all declined comment on the complaint.

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After hearing of other allegations of abuse by Adamson, Watters allegedly referred him for therapy. In 1974, Adamson resigned at St. Francis, supposedly because a brother of some alleged victims threatened to make the abuse public. The brother allegedly had asked Watters to dismiss Adamson.

In January 1974, Adamson transferred to the Twin Cities. Watters allegedly did not tell church authorities in the Twin Cities about the abuse. The complaint also alleges that he lied under oath by denying knowledge of Adamson's sexual assaults while giving a sworn statement in March 1986.

In June 1976, Archbishop Roach of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis appointed Adamson as associate pastor at St. Thomas.

In June 1979, Adamson was transferred to Immaculate Conception Church in Columbia Heights. The last alleged incidents of sexual abuse supposedly occurred in 1979 with a boy in that parish.

In fall 1979, the parents of that boy informed a priest, who contacted Bishop Robert Carlson, the complaint alleges. Adamson admitted the contact to Carlson, the document says, and the archdiocese transferred him to Apple Valley.

Carlson later allegedly drafted an agreement between Roach and Adamson that forbade any contact with youth. Any breach would mean suspension and return to the Winona Diocese. Roach and Adamson signed the agreement in 1983, the complaint alleges.

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Kling said experienced collaborators would be brought in to work with the show, and MPR is looking for additional writers.

"We have not hired anyone yet, but we're looking at material, some of which is promising," he said. "In terms of musicians, we're always looking for new and fresh acts." The additional strength we will have in staffing for the TV show will enable us to spend the time to really look for and bring in some fresh performers."

Kling emphasized that, aside from a live half-hour of "The Grand Ole Opry" on "The Nashville Network," the Disney Channel's televising of "A Prairie Home Companion" would be the only live national cable telecast originating from anywhere outside of New York City or Los Angeles.

"That's a plus for this city and

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The city expects parking meter revenues to rise from \$1 million to \$1.5 million under the proposal, taking into account a slight drop in usage. The city also sees the possibility of indirect financial gains because it has been involved in financing most parking ramps built in the past decade. By increasing meter rates, the city would encourage the use of those parking ramps, which in turn would help reduce debt on the projects.

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Fitzgerald heard rumors of the sexual contact, and Adamson eventually admitted it to him, the complaint alleges. In response, Fitzgerald allegedly admonished Adamson to control his behavior and transferred him to Rochester.

In 1967, while he was assistant principal of Lourdes High School at Rochester, Adamson engaged in sexual contact with a boy from a Rochester parish, the complaint alleges. The boy's mother reported the alleged abuse, the document says, and Fitzgerald learned of it. He transferred Adamson to Albert Lea.

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One problem in inhibiting the spread of mumps is that children do not always show symptoms of the disease when they have already contracted it and are capable of spreading it, Peterson said.

"Children have the mumps, don't feel sick, but they can be communicable," she said.

In 1983, 30 cases were reported statewide, and seven were reported in 1984, state health officials said. One case was reported in 1985 and another in the first nine months of 1986. The dramatic increase in the number of cases in the past few months is not a surprise, however, Peterson said.

"This is not anything very unusual in our eyes," she said. "We expect a certain number of cases once some children have been exposed."

Other states, including Illinois and Tennessee, also have experienced recent outbreaks, she said.

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Saudis fund for AWACS

New York Times

WASHINGTON — King Fahd and other top Saudi Arabian officials agreed in 1981 to aid anti-communist resistance groups around the world as part of the arrangement allowing them to buy sophisticated American AWACS radar planes, according to U.S. officials and others familiar with the deal.

As an example of this arrangement, Fahd and other officials tried in 1984 and 1985 to funnel \$15 million to the Nicaraguan rebels, according to an American businessman who said he turned down direct requests from Fahd and other Saudi officials to be a conduit for the money. The businessman said the funds were to have been sent through Richard Secord, a retired Air Force major general, and Albert Hakim, Secord's partner.

As has been reported, congressional investigators have concluded

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