

1 A. No. It was not the custom at that time.

2 Q. When did that become, if it did, the
3 custom?

4 A. I have to guess. Middle '70s.

5 Q. Father Leu's first assignment, at least
6 of the records I have, was to the Holy Family
7 Church in Davenport as associate pastor. Does that
8 sound correct?

9 A. That is correct.

10 Q. That would be an assignment that was done
11 by you as the Bishop.

12 A. By me.

13 Q. And every assignment since ultimately has
14 been one done by you.

15 A. That's right.

16 Q. Why was he chosen to serve at Holy Family
17 Church in Davenport?

18 A. Two reasons: one, they needed somebody;
19 and, two, I felt it was a good place for him. It's
20 a large parish. Monsignor Barnes at the time was a
21 pastor, later on Father Welch. But Barnes was also
22 editor of the Messenger. He was a very competent M.
23 man. I felt that Father Leu would do well with
24 him. Father Welch was not -- he was not the same
25 type of man, but he was very well-organized and

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1 had been teaching at the University of Iowa, so
2 he was -- but, again, that was -- that was why,
3 because, you know, the man starts out as an
4 assistant in a parish. That's how we all start.

5 Q. At that time they called them
6 assistants. Now they call them associates.

7 A. At the time they called them associates,
8 now we call them parochial vicars.

9 Q. And he served -- it's of record. He
10 served roughly four, five years at the Holy Family
11 Church of Davenport?

12 A. Six, I think.

13 Q. I have through '76, but I'm not sure. In
14 any case, it's of record, and I'm not concerned.

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. Generally, priests are -- unless there is
17 a vacancy or a necessity to move somebody, I notice
18 that assignments are often -- or, reassignments are
19 often done in June or July of the year. Is there
20 any reason for that?

21 A. Yes. That's usually the time you ordain
22 new priests, so it opens up the possibility.

23 Q. Bishop, he was then assigned to the
24 Sacred Heart --

25 A. In Newton.

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1 Q. -- in Newton. Why was that assignment
2 made and what were the circumstances?

3 A. Well, we had kind of a rule of thumb
4 for five years. As the shortage comes, we have
5 a harder time to maintain that. But I can move
6 parochial vicars at will. I can't do that with
7 pastors.

8 Q. You can't?

9 A. Nope.

10 Q. That's news to me. How is that? You say
11 you can't.

12 A. There is a restriction that unless the
13 man is willing to go or the Bishop has cause -- I
14 mean, you know, I can always ask a pastor, "Father,
15 will you go?" He will say, "I'd rather not." I
16 say, "I need you." He says, "Yes, Bishop." My
17 priests do that. I don't like to force that
18 issue.

19 However, go back to this. We have a rule
20 of about five years or so, then, and they would
21 move a parochial vicar.

22 So the second assignment, then, was to
23 Newton where Father Francis Bass at the time was
24 pastor. Again, a new experience for him, and
25 on. But as you will note -- I'm going on to

1 long. I shouldn't. You are supposed to ask
2 questions and I'm supposed to answer them.

3 Q. Somebody told you that, I'm sure.

4 A. But the move to Newton, then, was to give
5 him a new experience. Not really an urban setting,
6 although Newton is a large town. It's not like the
7 city. And a move from there was because Father
8 Bass moved to Iowa City and Father Denning came in,
9 and Father Denning advised me after some months
10 that he could handle everything by himself. That
11 made him available for Our Lady of Victory as an
12 assistant.

13 Q. Had Father Leu's service at Holy Family
14 been satisfactory?

15 A. Yes, by and large.

16 Q. Had you received any unsatisfactory
17 reports at Holy Family?

18 A. Only unofficial. Father Welch told me he
19 had a discipline problem in the school.

20 Q. What school?

21 A. Holy Family School.

22 Q. He was a teacher there also.

23 A. That was part of his assignment.

24 not assign him to that. The pastor made those
25 assignments.

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1 Q. Before we go to that, I want to go back
2 to something because I found it of interest to me,
3 at least.

4 You said you felt you couldn't reassign
5 pastors. In fact, you really can. But is that a
6 practice you don't employ?

7 MR. MILLER: Wait. I'm going to
8 object to the characterization of your testimony
9 that he really can. It's the witness's testimony
10 he can't.

11 MR. ANDERSON: Let me ask about
12 that.

13 A. Well, it's my understanding that once a
14 man is appointed a pastor, you need his consent to
15 transfer him unless you are promoting him. In
16 other words, you can't move him laterally. And I
17 always consult them because I don't want a man
18 going someplace unhappy.

19 But we have not established a term. We
20 could, but I feel the clergy is not really in favor
21 of a term for pastors. So we don't have any term.
22 If we had a term, it would probably be six and six,
23 six years, renewable for six. But we don't have
24 that in this Diocese.

25 And I always consult the man to see if he

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1 will move. In some instances, the man says,
2 "Bishop, I would rather not." And I say, "I'm
3 sorry, Father, but I really need you in this other
4 place." And he says, usually, "Bishop, it's up to
5 you. I will go." And I say, "Fine, Father. When
6 will you go?"

7 Q. On what do you base or what authority are
8 you aware that you base your belief that you can't
9 move a pastor without his permission?

10 A. I don't know. It's just, I guess, what I
11 learned from Archbishop Murray.

12 Q. I would like to turn, then, to the
13 unofficial information you received about Father
14 Leu at the Holy Family Church in Davenport. You
15 received that from Father Welch. Is that correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. W-e-l-s-c-h?

18 A. W-e-l-c-h.

19 Q. Where is Father Welch now?

20 A. He is dead.

21 Q. And when did he die?

22 A. I'm blank. Three, four years ago. Maybe
23 that's too long. I don't know.

24 FATHER LINNENBRINK:

25 it.

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1 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) At the time that you
2 received this information from Father Welch, where
3 was he serving?

4 A. He was pastor at Holy Family.

5 Q. And was at that time Father Leu the only
6 associate?

7 A. No.

8 Q. There were more?

9 A. Father Michael Spiekermeier,
10 S-p-i-e-k-e-r-m-e-i-e-r.

11 Q. How did Father Welch bring this
12 information to you?

13 A. Just casually.

14 Q. Speaking to you?

15 A. Speaking to me.

16 Q. Did he come to the Chancellory to discuss
17 it with you?

18 A. Yes, I think it was sometime we were
19 together in the Chancellory.

20 Q. Did he bring it to you under circum-
21 stances that led you to believe that was the
22 purpose he came to the Chancellory to impart this
23 information about Father Leu?

24 A. No. I think it was just in general.
25 just was talking about the parish and he said that

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1 there had been some problem with the board of the
2 school, school board. He had intervened and solved
3 the problem.

4 Q. What year was this that Father Welch
5 brought this information to you?

6 A. Oh, boy. '74, something like that.

7 Q. Now, the records that I have -- and I
8 don't want to represent that I'm correct about
9 this -- but it appears that Father Leu served at
10 Holy Family Church between '71 and '76. Would that
11 be correct?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. Let me look and see before I do. Here is
14 a clergy record. Let me look.

15 A. Actually, we say here he was appointed
16 there originally temporarily on the 15th of
17 June, '71. Then on the 29th of July permanently,
18 and he left there on July 26th, 1977.

19 Q. And you must be looking at what's been
20 numbered in Exhibit 1 page 2. That's the clergy
21 records?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. That's the best record isn't it

24 A. I think it is; yes.

25 Q. So at least knowing that he was there

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1 during that time frame, your best estimate when
2 Father Welch talked to you was in 1974?

3 A. '74 or '75. And I could be wrong.

4 Q. When Father Welch came to the Chancellory
5 and spoke with you and spoke on the subject of
6 Father Leu, at that time did you believe Father
7 Welch to be, first, a credible man?

8 A. Oh, yes.

9 Q. And had you obviously known him for some
10 time?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And he had been a priest of the Diocese
13 for many years?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What did, on that occasion, Father Welch
16 tell you, Bishop?

17 A. Well, we were talking about something
18 very casual and nothing that went into any records
19 or anything. But it was something like this, that
20 when Father Leu faced his class, the children were
21 not always respectful and they were -- a children
22 will do, they were whispering and you know,
23 wiggling and so on. And that he just not
24 control the class very well and that the Board of
25 had -- the Board of Education, I could say -- the

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1 Board of Education felt that he wasn't doing a very
2 good job.

3 Q. Was anybody else present when Father
4 Welch told you this?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Did you make any notes of what Father
7 Welch told you?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Was any record ultimately made or
10 memorialized in connection with this conversation?

11 A. Not by me.

12 Q. Was any action taken by you in response
13 to it?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Did you discuss with Father Welch what
16 action you were contemplating taking or what you
17 would do?

18 A. No, I did not.

19 Q. Why did you not make some record of the
20 information that Father Welch told you about Father
21 Leu?

22 A. I don't know.

23 Q. And, in other words, no evidence of this
24 conversation or the contents of this conversation
25 went into the priest personnel file.

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. Do you know if Father Welch, as the
3 pastor of the church, and presumably was a pastor,
4 was the head of the school, also? Is he principal?

5 A. No, he is not principal. But he was at
6 the school. The exact relationship is not very
7 clear.

8 Q. Was that school owned by the Diocese or
9 by the parish?

10 A. No. It was owned by Holy Family.

11 Q. Some schools are owned by the Diocese,
12 aren't they?

13 MR. MILLER: You mean in this
14 Diocese or across the country?

15 MR. ANDERSON: In this Diocese.

16 A. No.

17 Q. They are all owned by parishes, if they
18 are Catholic schools?

19 A. Or they are a separate corporation.

20 Q. Those corporations, incidentally, that
21 are located -- the schools that are themselves
22 incorporated that are within the Diocese of P.M.
23 Davenport, are you president of those corporations?

24 A. Not always. Not always. I think
25 I'm president of Assumption, but I'm not sure. But

1 that's in the town. But the others, no, I don't
2 think so. I might be a member of the board, but
3 I'm not president.

4 Q. In any case, you don't know if Father
5 Welch took any action in connection with the
6 information he gave you about Father Leu?

7 A. I'm not sure. I don't know what action
8 he took. He said he would handle it.

9 Q. So you assumed that by him reporting that
10 he would handle it, that he would take some action?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did you ever discuss this with Father
13 Welch again?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Did you ever discuss it with anybody
16 else?

17 A. I don't think so.

18 Q. Other than reporting this to me today,
19 have you told, other than Mr. Miller, anybody else
20 about this conversation?

21 A. No, I don't think so.

22 Q. Did any other information of an official
23 or unofficial nature ever come to you about her
24 Leu's service being unsatisfactory at the Holy
25 Family Church?

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1 A. No. There is a letter in there in which
2 Father Welch asked to keep him. We did not choose
3 to do that.

4 Q. That was in 1977, you mean?

5 A. Uh-huh (affirmative response).

6 Q. Yes?

7 A. Yes. Yes. I'm sorry.

8 Q. And why did you not choose to keep him in
9 1977?

10 MR. MILLER: Wait.

11 A. Keep him at Holy Family?

12 MR. MILLER: As long as you
13 understand why you didn't keep him at Holy Family.

14 A. (CONTINUING) We felt that at that point
15 it was probably good for him to have a change of
16 assignment.

17 Q. You say "we." Who are you referring to
18 as "we"?

19 A. Myself and the Personnel Board.

20 Q. And what led you to the belief that it
21 was good for him to have a change of assignment in
22 1977?

23 A. Just the general things. That he
24 been there for six years and it would just
25 for him to have another assignment. That time

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1 we were working on five years for parochial
2 vicars.

3 MR. MILLER: Is this a convenient
4 point to break for a couple minutes?

5 MR. ANDERSON: Sure. Let's do
6 that.

7 (A 10-minute recess was taken.)

8 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) I was asking you some
9 questions, then, about Father Leu's assignments.
10 He was assigned in 1977 to the Sacred Heart,
11 Newton, Iowa.

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. You ultimately made that assignment and
14 you felt it was a good time and a good assignment
15 for Father Leu. Is that right?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. And the reason you thought that Sacred
18 Heart in Newton was good was because of what?

19 A. Well, it was removed from Davenport, the
20 metropolitan, big-city atmosphere, more like a
21 small town.

22 Q. Why did you feel that would be good for
23 Father Leu to go from the bigger town to the
24 smaller town?

25 A. Well, you get to know the people better.

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1 It's easier life.

2 Q. Did you know if he was having personal
3 difficulties handling the parish at Holy Family
4 Church?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Did you know whether or not he was having
7 health difficulties at the Holy Family Church?

8 A. No.

9 Q. While Father served at the Sacred Heart
10 in Newton, Iowa, did you ever receive any
11 information, official or unofficial, of any
12 unsatisfactory performance there?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you ever receive any information of
15 satisfactory performance?

16 A. Yes. Father Bass said that he found him
17 very easy to work with.

18 Q. Now, Father Leu was pastor at Sacred
19 Heart, wasn't he?

20 A. No.

21 Q. He was not. Okay.

22 Father Bass was pastor.

23 A. That's right. And then Father Denning.

24 Q. And then Father Denning?

25 A. Uh-huh (affirmative response).

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1 Q. Were there other associates besides
2 Father Leu?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did Father Leu also have responsibility
5 in a school while he served at Sacred Heart as he
6 had earlier at --

7 A. Holy Family?

8 Q. -- Holy Family?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Was it specifically intended in the
11 assignment at Sacred Heart -- intended by you to
12 give Father Leu an assignment that didn't involve a
13 school?

14 A. I do not think so.

15 Q. Let's say during the period that Father
16 Leu served at Holy Family and then at Sacred Heart,
17 during those periods of time, did you have any
18 regular process for reviewing the performance of
19 the priests in the parishes in the Diocese?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did you have any process where you or
22 your representatives would meet with the priests to
23 see how they were doing and what they were doing?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Of the dioceses in the geographical area

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1 of Iowa, how large is Davenport Diocese compared to
2 the others?

3 A. Smaller than Dubuque, about the same size
4 as Sioux City, larger than Des Moines.

5 Q. Did you ever have any contact, direct
6 contact, with Father Leu while he served at Sacred
7 Heart?

8 A. I'm sure I must have, but I can't tell
9 you what.

10 Q. Nothing of a significance enough to keep
11 in your memory. Is that right?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. I trust that there are times when there
14 are meetings or things of that kind where you have
15 occasion to meet with the clergy of the parish?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. Are there any annual meetings where you
18 do that?

19 A. Yes. We have an annual Priest Institute
20 in Iowa City, and we also have in November and in
21 March, approximately -- sometimes it's January and
22 February, but spring and fall it's -- we have
23 meetings of the clergy overnight, we call them.

24 They begin noon Monday and go to noon on Tuesday.

25 Q. When did you start the overnight

1 meetings?

2 A. Oh, boy. I don't know. Five, six years
3 ago.

4 Q. Why did you start them?

5 A. They took the place of the meetings which
6 we had been holding which were in two places: one
7 in Davenport in the afternoon and evening, and one
8 in Fairfield, Iowa, morning and afternoon. We --
9 so we substituted an overnight meeting for those
10 day meetings.

11 Q. What is the annual Priest Institute?
12 What is that?

13 A. That's a three-day meeting of the priests
14 in which we address a particular topic. We bring
15 in expert speaker or speakers, and we have one
16 afternoon where the priests are just free to play
17 golf or go swimming or whatever they want to do.

18 Q. Who arranges the topics for the institute
19 to be discussed?

20 A. The committee of the Presbyterial Council
21 called On Priestly Life and Ministry. They meet
22 with Monsignor Morrissey and they develop the
23 topic, they get the speaker, and a priest is
24 assigned to reserve a motel in Iowa City.

25 Q. The institute -- the topics

1 been taken up at the institute, has the topic of
2 sexual abuse by clergy, the detection of it and the
3 reporting of it, ever been formally addressed, to
4 your knowledge?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Has the topic of managing the performance
7 of the promise of celibacy or chastity ever been
8 addressed at the institute while you've been
9 Bishop, to your knowledge?

10 A. I'm sorry. I would have to say I just
11 don't remember.

12 Q. I didn't ask you about the -- is it the
13 Presbyterial?

14 A. Presbyterial.

15 Q. Presbyterial Council, that's a council of
16 priests.

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. It's priests elected by priests, isn't
19 it?

20 A. To some extent. Some are ex-officio.
21 The deans, the consultors, the Vicar-General, and
22 the Chancellor.

23 Q. What is the Presbyterial Council?

24 A. It's a group of priests that is organized
25 to give counsel and advice to the Bishop.

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1 Q. And when was that formed?

2 A. Just before I came in 1966. It was
3 appointed, then the Bishop resigns. When the
4 Bishop resigns -- it was called the Priest Senate.
5 When the Bishop resigns, the senate or the
6 Presbyterial Council, as it is now, goes out of
7 office. So I reappointed the Priest Senate and
8 they met for the first time in January of 1987. It
9 has been reorganized. But it essentially began in
10 1987, in January.

11 Q. Is there also a Priest Senate?

12 A. That is the Priest Senate. It's a new
13 name for it under the revised code.

14 Q. The record would indicate -- at least
15 the clergy record of the Diocese of Davenport,
16 on page 2 of the exhibit, it would indicate that
17 Father Leu was assigned from the Sacred Heart --
18 actually, his assignment was changed on October 3rd
19 of 19- -- let me back up.

20 Do you have a clergy record before you
21 there, Bishop?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You will note, if you look at what, that
24 he was associate pastor at the Sacred Heart in
25 Newton July 26, '77, to October 3rd, 1978.

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1 correct?

2 A. That is correct.

3 I know what you are going to --

4 MR. MILLER: Don't anticipate. Let
5 him ask.

6 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) You will note that
7 he is temporary administrator at Sacred Heart
8 beginning January 31st, 1978. Is that right?

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. What did he do, if you know, between
11 October 3rd, 1978, and January 31st -- wait a
12 minute. Oh, it overlaps. I see.

13 Can you explain that to me, what happened
14 there?

15 A. Yes. Father Bass went to Iowa City, and
16 we had not yet made an appointment of a pastor, so
17 for those two weeks, Father Leu was, in a sense,
18 the acting pastor. Then when Father Denning
19 arrived, Father Leu returned to his position as
20 associate pastor.

21 Q. I see.

22 And then October 3rd of 1978 he received
23 an additional assignment?

24 A. No. That was a transfer.

25 Q. Why was he transferred from the Sacred

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1 Heart?

2 A. Because Father Denning said -- a younger
3 man than Father Bass -- that he could handle the
4 parish by himself and that if I needed someone, he
5 was willing to do that, and so that gave me Father
6 Leu to use in some other capacity.

7 Q. Did Father Denning indicate to you that
8 there was difficulty with Father Leu that prompted
9 him to tell you that he could handle it himself?

10 A. No. No. There was no difficulty.

11 Q. And, in other words, he felt that Father
12 Leu wasn't necessary.

13 A. That's right. That's about right. I
14 have to nuance that. He wasn't really necessary.
15 He was helpful. He was useful, but he wasn't
16 really necessary.

17 Q. Did you ask him about what it was that
18 led him to that conclusion that he could handle it
19 himself?

20 A. Well, I would have to reconstruct a
21 discussion that I don't recall very well, so P.M.

22 Q. Was any record made of that discussion
23 with Father Denning?

24 A. I don't think so.

25 Q. And based on that, you reassigned Father

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1 Leu?

2 A. That's right.

3 Q. And you assigned him to --

4 A. Our Lady of Victory parish in Davenport.

5 Q. Why did you assign him to that location?

6 A. I think for two reasons: one, they
7 needed help; and, secondly, Father Martin was
8 pastor there, who was a very excellent priest, and
9 I felt could give help to Father Leu, that they
10 would be good to work together.

11 Q. Did you feel that Father Leu needed help
12 in any particular area of pastorship?

13 A. No, it wasn't for that. It was just the
14 idea that we like to find a man, a pastor, who can
15 be a model for a priest who is being an assistant.

16 Q. At the time that you assigned Father Leu
17 to Our Lady of Victory church in Davenport, based
18 on the information you had, you felt Father Leu's
19 experience and work at the Sacred Heart had been,
20 in all respects, satisfactory?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And he served at Our Lady of Victory
23 church, it would appear from the clergy roster
24 from October the 3rd, 1978, to April 10th, 1985.

25 A. That's right.

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1 Q. And why was he assigned from the Our Lady
2 of Victory church in 1985?

3 A. There was a vacancy at St. Mary's of Lone
4 Tree. The Personnel Board recommended that he be
5 appointed pastor there, and he was -- it was -- he
6 was of an age to assume responsibility on his own,
7 so --

8 Q. And so this would be the first time he
9 was pastor when he was assigned to St. Mary's.

10 A. That is right.

11 Q. Bishop, during the time he served as
12 associate pastor of Our Lady of Victory, did you
13 have any contact with him directly?

14 A. Oh, yes.

15 Q. And in what context was it?

16 A. The usual context. If I went there for
17 confirmation, I met him. I would meet him at
18 clergy meetings. He would occasionally sometimes
19 come to the Chancellory to see me. He was getting
20 to the age where he could anticipate the parish.
21 He was interested in other parishes. He sometimes
22 liked to talk to me about another assignment that
23 he might receive.

24 Q. At any time while he served at Our Lady
25 of Victory church, did you receive any information

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1 of unsatisfactory performance by him?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you receive any information of any
4 kind that suggested or implied any misconduct by
5 him?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did you ever have any concerns about
8 unsatisfactory performance or misconduct by him
9 while he served at Our Lady of Victory church?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did it ever come to your attention that
12 he was having any difficulties of any kind, such as
13 personal problems, health problems, or problems
14 with his parish?

15 A. I would --

16 MR. MILLER: Wait. I'm going to
17 object. It's vague and indefinite as to time. Are
18 you now up to 1985 as opposed to when he is at Our
19 Lady of Victory?

20 MR. ANDERSON: Yes. Maybe I will be
21 more specific about that. I will be more specific
22 in my question. I will rephrase the question.

23 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) Prior to the time
24 you assigned Father Leu to -- up until the time
25 assigned Father Leu to the St. Mary church at

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1 Lone Tree -- and according to the clergy record,
2 that would be April 10th, 1985 -- had you ever
3 received any information from any source about any,
4 first, personal problems that Father Leu had been
5 having, if he had?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Had you, up until that time, received any
8 information about any problems or difficulties
9 Father Leu was having in his parish?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Had you received any information from any
12 source, directly or indirectly, of any misconduct
13 of any kind by Father Leu prior to April 10th,
14 1985?

15 A. No.

16 Q. So as far as you knew, he was a fine
17 priest that had done a fine job in the parish for
18 14 years.

19 A. That's right.

20 Q. And tell us, then, how it was that he got
21 matched with -- by you to go to the St. Mary's
22 church at Lone Tree.

23 A. Well, Lone Tree was vacant, one reason.
24 The other, we felt that Lone Tree was a special
25 place which would be good to begin with. It's

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1 always good to begin with something small. Then I
2 think the other thing was that it was -- he was
3 happy to have it because it was close to Iowa City,
4 his parents lived there. I felt that personal
5 thing, I believe, was there.

6 Q. Did you ever receive any information
7 about some personal health problems of Father Leu
8 prior to his assignment to St. Mary's in Lone Tree?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What did you receive about that?

11 A. He told me he had some dental problems,
12 and he told me that he had -- well, he had a
13 physical examination. I think there was something
14 to do with his stomach, but that seemed not to be
15 serious after all.

16 Q. How did you receive that information?
17 From him or from a doctor or from --

18 A. No, not from a doctor.

19 Q. From whom?

20 A. From him.

21 Q. Father Leu at the St. Mary's parish at
22 Lone Tree served as pastor alone, did he not?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. Had the former pastor also been the
25 one there serving?

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1 A. That's right.

2 Q. Who had preceded Father Leu?

3 A. Father Gregory Miller.

4 Q. Why don't you look at Exhibit 1, page
5 107, Bishop. You will see this is a letter of
6 September 29th, 1983, from Father Leu to you.

7 A. Uh-huh (affirmative response).

8 Q. Yes?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And at the second paragraph he states,

11 "As I am under doctor's orders to reduce the
12 stress level of my work, I am hopeful that life in
13 this smaller parish may be of some help."

14 What, if anything, did you know about the
15 circumstances of orders to reduce the stress level
16 other than what is said here?

17 A. Nothing.

18 Q. Did you make any inquiry of him about
19 this and what it meant, what he was referring to?

20 A. I don't know. I don't know. I just
21 don't know.

22 Q. Prior to the assignment to the St. Mary's
23 church at Lone Tree, had you received any informa-

24 tion directly or indirectly from any source about

25 Father Leu engaging in questionable di-

1 practices with children, either in the school or
2 the parish?

3 A. No.

4 Q. At any location?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Have you ever received any information
7 since his assignment to St. Mary's church in Lone
8 Tree that Father Leu was claimed to have engaged
9 in some inappropriate disciplinary practices with
10 children?

11 A. I'm not sure of the time you are talking
12 about.

13 Q. Well, did you receive some information on
14 that subject about Father Leu at any time?

15 A. All right. After he was charged, there
16 was a rumor. I could not verify it, I could not
17 check it, but there was a rumor, yes.

18 Q. What was the rumor?

19 A. That he had spanked some altar boys or
20 something like that.

21 Q. And he had spanked them with their pants
22 down? Is that a part of the rumor?

23 A. That was a part of the rumor.

24 Q. And where had this, according to the
25 rumor, happened?

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