

April 1, 1996

Rev. James Janssen
St. Vincent Center
Davenport, Iowa 52804

Dear Father Janssen:

There are further allegations of sexual misconduct with a teenage boy being made against you. While this incident happened some years ago, it is now being publicly discussed. Again, the matter will not be pursued further if you cease any public activity of a Church nature.

Consequently, you are being asked to take the following steps.

Cease immediately any contact with the MARC unit of Genesis Medical Center and any clients of the MARC unit. This specifically involves a teenage boy who is a client there. His mother has been warned about you.

Over the next two weeks, you are to withdraw from any kind of public ministry. This involves any work that you are doing to provide coverage for Father Dan Mannhardt. You are not to offer Mass publicly anywhere. Two weeks are being allowed so that other coverage may be arranged. If that coverage can be provided by others sooner than two weeks, that is to be done.

You may work this out with Father Mannhardt yourself. If you do not do so, then the Chancery will inform Father Mannhardt and give the reasons why.

The above is done by order of Bishop Franklin. Because of his eye surgery he is not able to meet with you personally at this time. He will meet with you after April 15 should you desire such a meeting and request it.

I am sure that you appreciate the difficulty of this matter. Both you and the Church are fortunate that this is not being pursued in a more public forum.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Morrissey
Vicar General

