

1060. Becker, Franklyn

Father Heffron told me he is very upset because Becker has been acting very strangely since Heffron received his new assignment. There have been several incidents which exhibited Becker's extremely poor judgement. The most recent was Becker's acceptance of a chaplaincy for one week on a Caribbean cruise. Heffron did not object to this but later has found out that Becker has taken a 7th grade boy on the trip with him. Heffron has been in contact with the boy's mother who now realizes her mistake. I told Heffron that we were going to assign Becker to a sick leave and get him back into therapy with Dale Olen. I spoke to Dale Olen later in the day and he concurred that this is necessary procedure at this time.

12/1/82

1085. Becker, Franklyn

We met, but before I even said anything he knew that I was going to confront him about recent events that he was involved in at the parish. He had long explanations for the matter of the piano and tried to convince me that all the hubbub was not his fault but rather it was due to indecision on the part of Father Heffron and Heffron's vacillation. As regards taking a 7th grader on a Caribbean trip, he stated that he had just mentioned in passing that it would be good to have the boy as an altar boy. This was immediately picked up by the boy and his parents who arranged everything after that. Becker assured me that he had no physical contact with the boy although he admitted that they shared the same cabin (separate beds) and that they told the crew and passengers that the boy was Becker's nephew. When I showed Becker how both of these incidents looked to others, he admitted that in both cases he used bad judgement. I informed him that the Personnel Board has suggested that he be removed from the parish, and I expressed my own feeling that we would have a hard time getting the new pastor to work with Becker. He said that Father Anderson has looked at the place and has indicated to Becker that he would be willing to work with him (Hornacek met with Anderson who said that he could work with Becker until next spring). I told Becker that we were not sure that Anderson would be the pastor and that there could be problems for Becker if someone else is named the pastor. I asked Becker to see Dale Olen immediately and discuss the possibility of the group therapy session that begins in January. Becker agreed to do this at once, and asked me not to remove him from the parish. Then he asked if he could be the temporary administrator in the interim, and I told him this would be impossible. I pointed out that if people are indeed afraid of Becker's indiscrete activity, they would be on the Archbishop's and my doorstep as soon as Heffron is gone to protest Becker's being named temporary administrator. I told him that this decision was in his interest as well as our own. He seemed to see the logic behind it, and when he asked whom we were considering and I told him it was Father Mackin, he was very pleased and relieved.

12/7/82

AMIL00845

740. Becker, Franklyn

Father Carl Last called to say that [REDACTED] who live in St. John's Parish are worried about the relationship that exists between Becker and their teenage son. Becker is lavishing gifts and attention on the boy and the two are spending a lot of time together. I told Last it would be helpful if the parents of the boy went directly to Becker and informed him they wanted this to stop.

8/17/82

806. Becker, Franklyn

Father Heffron came to see me today to say that Father Becker could no longer be the associate pastor there. He said the alternative would be that he himself would resign as pastor. I told him that was not acceptable because it would not be good for the parish. He claims Becker is lazy, causes trouble, and lacks common sense. It grates at Heffron to see someone receive a salary for doing nothing. The parish secretary and others in the parish are complaining about Becker. People are asking Heffron to have their weddings and funerals to avoid Becker. Heffron recalls that when Becker was sent there it was with the understanding that if things did not work out, Becker would go. It was his last chance. Heffron feels as though he has bent over backwards to help Becker but it is beginning to take a toll on him. Now he will confront Becker with this and tell him that he has seen me. Then he will write a letter to me about this and I will discuss the matter with the Personnel Board next week for a recommendation.

9/2/82

947. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Dale Olen about the possibility of his being a part of the confrontation of Becker by me and Hornacek and Heffron. Olen feels it would be better for us to do the confrontation and then suggests that he follow up with Becker as his therapist.

11/1/82

AMIL00846

32. Becker, Franklyn

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Yesterday, Heffron contacted me with the information that the mother of one of the seventh grade boys told him that Becker was associating rather intimately with her son. The son claimed that he held his hand in the movie and touched him rather improperly in a swimming session. I told Heffron that we had to move on this immediately and decided to meet with him, Becker, and the parents of this boy on Saturday. When we met, Becker was completely floored at the accusation. He admitted that he had been rather closely associating with this boy, who was one of the very first he met at the parish. The parents commended him for taking some interest in their boy and they rather apologetically inferred to Becker about what the boy had said. Becker swore up and down that his motives were good and that nothing was out of order. The parents believed this, in fact the father of the boy apologized to Becker for even accusing him of this. There was little I could do at this stage but knowing Becker's background I am sure that his judgement was very poor. After the parents left, I asked Becker to get in touch with Dale Olen. I had spoken to Olen the day before and told him that I was considering relieving Becker of his job at the parish. After meeting with the parents, however, I decided to not press the issue at this point. Heffron seemed pleased with the outcome also.

1/10/81

414: Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Dale Olen about Becker's progress. He said that recently Becker has been avoiding him. He wants to see Becker once a week and Becker is making all kinds of excuses to get out of those meetings. Olen feels as though Becker is not facing up to his personal problems. I explained my fears to Olen that Becker is now grinding his ax in a public forum. Olen felt that Becker, himself, and I ought to sit down together and confront the implications of such a situation. I am going to ask Becker to meet at Olen's office next week Wednesday at 4 p.m.

3/4/81

892. Becker, Franklyn

Dale Olen reports that there is some progress being made with Becker. He finally is beginning to see that his biggest problem stems from his impetuosity under stress. Olen told me of a couple of instances recently when Becker was able to control himself. He continues to see Olen and I reminded him of the celibacy statement we are looking for. He said he has been after Becker to do this and will remind him of it.

6/8/81

711: Becker, Franklyn

I called him in because he wrote a nasty letter to the Personnel Board applying for Whitewater and at the same time derogating the characters of Wagner and Budzynski. He told me that he was in an angry mood when he wrote the letter. I told him how the new policy on open listing worked and we discussed Wagner and Budzynski briefly. I put him on the spot to produce evidence against the two but as I thought, it was hearsay and rumor only. He told me he is doing fine at the parish where he is stationed and enjoys it there. I warned him not to do anything rash or it could hurt not only others but himself as well. He seemed to take the warning well but one never knows.

8/9/82

AMIL00847

1016. Franklyn Becker
October 29, 2002 Franklyn Becker is phoned by Dave Zimprich to change date of a monitoring appointment. Becker reported reading the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article about the listening session on 10/26/02 during which a sexual abuse was reported taking place in Lyons, WI at the time Becker was assigned there. Zimprich did not share any info about the intent of another victim to file a formal complaint against Becker for abuse in CA. JFH
120. Franklyn Becker
February 4, 2003 Franklyn Becker meets with Vicar who further explains content of the Archbishop's 2/3/03 letter. Becker admits to some but not all of the detailed abusive behavior outlined by a victim-survivor now residing in California. Becker is taken aback by recommendation that he move to Cousins Center for purpose of more realistic monitoring. He cites need to find new nursing facility for 98 year old mother in Milwaukee and lease on apartment till November of '03 as reasons for hoping a different monitoring strategy could be employed in Mayville. JFH
282. Franklyn Becker
April 24, 2003 Dave Zimprich phones Vicar to report on his monitoring meeting with Franklyn Becker on 4/23. He is depressed over his mother's failing health and hopes he does not need to change residence before she dies. He is concerned about smaller amount of financial support from diocese 7/1/03 and has asked for assistance with prescriptions from St. Michael's Priest Fund. JFH
316. Franklyn Becker
May 5, 2003 Franklyn Becker is called by Vicar to inquire about his mother's health status. Vicar assures Franklyn that he will not need to change residence at this time but that his participation in a group for priest sex offenders is urged. He is willing to do so. He reports he was phoned by Michael Higgins, former priest and canon lawyer from San Diego who is organizing priest perpetrators. Becker found him obnoxious and did not cooperate. JFH
332. Franklyn Becker
May 9, 2003 Franklyn Becker is arrested today according to an email from Nick Jordan. The California Attorney General has details. Barbara Anne Cusack informs the bishops and Matt Flynn. Hornacek informs Dave Zimprich and Dean Charlie Wester. JFH
342. Franklyn Becker
May 13, 2003 Franklyn Becker is released from Dodge Correctional Facility according to Attorney Pat Madden who negotiated bail down to \$10,000. Madden will now file a writ of Habeas Corpus. Becker allegedly contends he was not in San Diego during time of alleged misconduct there. Hornacek obtains info from Cusack showing Becker to have been there from June of '97 until sometime between January and May of '99. Hornacek phones Becker at home and he confirms he was at St. Bridget Parish in San Diego for those 2 years. His next hearing is June 10th in Juneau. JFH
362. Franklyn Becker
May 19, 2003 Franklyn Becker notifies Vicar he was able to break the lease on his apartment and asks if it is permitted to move in with Charlie Wester at his rectory. Vicar gives permission as long as Becker's attorney also approves. JFH
400. Franklyn Becker
May 30, 2003 Franklyn Becker vacated his apartment in hopes of living with Charlie Wester at his rectory for a short time (til June 10th hearing). Parishioners objected so inquiry was made about using empty rectory at Rubicon. Al Van Beck also found negative reaction from people. So after 2 nights at the Mayville Inn, Becker is expected to move into Mayville Heights senior apartments in Mayville by 6/2/03. JFH
488. Franklyn Becker
June 30, 2003 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar to request Mass stipends from Chancery to augment his reduced income. JFH

AMIL00848

493. Franklyn Becker
 June 3, 2002 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar re concern that his financial support might be reduced which would make it difficult for him to pay his bills. On 6/10 Vicar phones Becker to report that his retreat fee, continuing education fee and retirement supplement would be eliminated this year. He rents an apartment for \$615 monthly. Vicar suggests an article in the Catholic Herald may be used to share his story as one of the six priests whose files were reviewed. Becker would see the contents of the article before it went to press.
 JFH
546. Franklyn Becker
 June 19, 2002 Franklyn is seen by Dave Zimprich for monthly monitoring meeting. Becker has contacted a Chicago attorney to learn whether he should be receiving additional financial support from the Archdiocese. He revealed that he continues to periodically be in contact with a woman from Whitefish Bay who made a complaint against him. Zimprich pointed out this makes no sense; Becker's explanation made less sense.
 JFH
660. Franklyn Becker
 July 18, 2002 I phoned Franklin Becker to inform him of the '02-'03 approved compensation in his case. He was told that his minimal salary was increased, his housing amount was not changed from last year and that the retirement supplement was eliminated. He already knew that the Continuing Ed Fee and the Retreat Fee would be eliminated. He is concerned that he no longer is able to earn stipends because of the Precept, which he mentioned is beyond the 3 months (I told him that Barbara Anne Cusack is updating the Precept). He asked how these decisions could be "arbitrarily" made. I recommended that he put his concerns in writing so that the Vicar would receive it as soon as the he returned to the office after his convalescence. It sounded like Franklyn was reluctant to do so. He also verbalized a feeling of "injustice" that some were able to continue in ministry.
 KS
661. Franklyn Becker
 July 18, 2002 Franklyn Becker is the subject of a monitoring status report submitted by Dave Zimprich following their July 17th meeting in Oconomowoc. Becker wonders when he might be able to return to ministry, realizing his 3-month Precept needs to be renewed. He will be on a 10 day vacation to Canada starting next week. His brother from Muncie, Indiana, will stay in his apartment during that time to care for their mother.
 JFH
669. Franklyn Becker
 July 19, 2002 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar re his salary package for new fiscal year. He complains about not receiving "professional reimbursement" for the past ten years and now having "arbitrarily" lost his retirement supplement.
 JFH
498. Franklyn Becker
 On July 20, 2002 at the request of Barbara Ann Cusack I signed a renewed ministerial restriction precept for Fr. Franklyn Becker to be in place, pending revocation.
 RJS
566. Franklyn Becker
 On August 12, 2002 in the context of a meeting of the College of Consultors it was unanimously recommended that some statement be published regarding removal of Fr. Franklyn Becker from ministry due to allegations.
 RJS
768. Franklyn Becker
 August 17, 2002 Franklyn Becker is phoned by Vicar and told his case will be made public in the Catholic Herald next week; it may also appear in the Journal Sentinel with the names of 2 or 3 additional priests who will leave active ministry in August. A brief sample paragraph of the notice is read to Becker. In response to his query he is told he will most likely not be allowed to do any public ministry ever again.
 JFH

AMIL00849

On April 8, 2002 in a conversation with Deacon David Zimprich who staffs the Archdiocesan monitoring program I concluded that Franklyn should be directed not to accept any more regular weekend help outs, even though his monitoring program is in place both at St. Jerome Parish in Oconomowoc and St. Mary Parish in Mayville, pending further developments with the Commission

RJS

209. Franklyn Becker

On April 9, 2002 I met briefly with Fr. Hornacek to review my conversation with David Zimprich regarding Franklyn Becker, since I had recommended that he cease from all public weekend ministry pending further conversation with individuals who had contacted Dr. Reinke, we concurred that a formal precept should be drawn up and sent to him, limiting his ministry pending further investigation and the report from the special Commission.

RJS

293. Franklyn Becker

April 10, 2002 Franklyn will be told by Dave Zimprich today that he is to refrain from all public ministry including helpout service on weekends. A written precept will follow. This afternoon Dave Zimprich submitted written report on his meeting with Becker. Becker returned his signed consent form after crossing out two sentences. Vicar speaks with Becker by phone this evening responding to questions about the form, the precept and financial concerns.

JFH

388. Franklyn Becker

May 10, 2002 Franklyn Becker is called by Vicar for meeting to deliver precept to him. He inquires about reason for this action at this time and is told an alleged victim came forward recently. When he asked for the name he acknowledged knowing the person. He is also told no additional compensation will be given to make up for lost stipends and stole fees. He is also told he is not allowed to celebrate the June 29th 50th Anniversary Mass as he requested at St. John, Rubicon.

JFH

402. Franklyn Becker

May 14, 2002 Franklyn Becker is seen by Vicar and given precept. He continues to meet weekly for therapy with Dr. Marlene Trachsel which he finds helpful.

JFH

AMIL00850

595. Franklyn Becker
7/26/01 Barbara Reinke asked for a clarification concerning Franklyn Becker. She was concerned that I might use him to be TA at Neosho/Rubicon/Woodland if Russ Stommel were to go away for treatment. I clarified with her that I had no intention to do that. My concern was that if Russ did leave, I needed to deal with Franklyn Becker since he is a regular help out at those parishes.

WEK

714. Franklyn Becker
September 17, 2001 Vicar meets with Franklyn Becker to review some of his goals and to challenge some of his recent behaviors (e.g. preoccupied conversations about O'Brien and Dulck, overnight at Park East Hotel, attending movies with homosexual theme at Downer) which could be interpreted as flirting with occasions of temptation. Becker denies any intent at misbehavior. Vicar challenges any effective results of continued weekly sessions with Dr. Marlene Trachsel and invites Becker to discuss this with her.

JFH

16. Franklyn Becker
January 7, 2002 Franklyn sends notice to the Vicar requesting that he be able to retain his help-out position at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland with a new pastor arriving in June 2002. He also wishes to consider residency at St. John Rectory.

JFH

137. Franklyn Becker
February 18, 2002 Franklyn is the subject of the monthly monitoring report which Dave Zimprich submitted to the Vicar following his 2/13 meeting with Franklyn. There is nothing significant to report.

JFH

AMIL00851

390. Becker, Franklyn

On November 5, 1998 Fr. Becker called to inform us of his new address:
1735 Dayton St. #3, Mayville, WI 53050 - (920-387-4259).

SKS

128. Becker, Franklyn

February 8, 1999 Franklyn is called after his return from a seminar for clergy in Florida. He appreciated this gesture of support. He is grateful to live in Mayville where he can visit his 94-year-old mother in a nursing facility each day. He continues to benefit from weekly sessions with Dr. Marlene Trachsel and enjoys being able to help out in parishes.

JFH

555. Becker, Franklyn

July 28, 1999 Vicar meets with Franklyn Becker and Deacon Tom McGuine to report to Becker on results of group meeting of 7/12/99 with Dr. Trachsel, McGuine and Fathers Wester and Yockey. Hornacek reviews the restrictions of 6/11/96 and will adopt numbers 2 and 5 which will allow Becker to preside at Eucharist with minors as servers, and will allow him to attend cultural events if accompanied by a mature adult without specific permission of Vicar each time. He's commended for faithfully attending weekly therapy with Dr. Trachsel and monthly monitoring meeting with McGuine. Becker's progress includes less anger, less preoccupation with other priests' stories and ongoing effort to maintain appropriate boundaries. He is encouraged to take advantage of more educational pursuits and to obtain a spiritual director.

JFH

✓501. Franklyn Becker

On August 16, 2000 in the absence of Fr. Hornacek I gave Fr. Franklyn Becker permission to join a commercial tour to Oberammergau, leaving September 15, 2000 and returning approximately two weeks later.

RJS

905. Franklyn Becker

October 10, 2000 Franklyn meets with Vicar to discuss any need to change restrictions and to inquire whether he needs to meet with a monitor after Deacon Tom McGuine leaves the area in January 2001. Frank is informed that the Archbishop usually follows the therapist's recommendation and Dr. Trachsel believes Frank continues to need a weekly conference. Vicar affirms need for Franklyn to meet with new monitor, Deacon David Zimprich, but perhaps only every other month.

JFH

561. Franklyn Becker

7/16/01 Barbara Anne Cusack advised me that someone has brought another charge of sexual misbehavior (from the past) against Franklyn Becker. Barbara Reinke is checking into the allegation. I will wait for her report.

WEK

581. Franklyn Becker

July 19, 2001 Barbara Reinke filed Sexual Abuse Intake Report of [REDACTED] who reported on 7/13/01 with allegation against Fr. Franklyn Becker dating back 1980 or 1981.

KS

580. Franklyn Becker

7/19/01 I spoke with Barbara Reinke about the sexual abuse victim who came forward against Franklyn Becker. It is an old incident. I was concerned that we might have to deny Franklyn the faculties to do helpout. He helps Russ Stommel out. Barb and I agreed that we could wait until next week when Bishop Skiba returns to discuss whether or not any action needs to be taken.

WEK

AMIL00852

124. Becker, Franklyn

April 28, 1998 - Dr. Marlene Trachsel (w:464-4500; h:242-5399) called to update our office on the progress of Franklyn Becker. She had promised Tom Kerstein monthly reports. Basically she is pleased with his progress. He has begun to share with her and trusts her. His anger is diminishing. Normally she favor group therapy, but she believes that in Franklyn's case that would offer serious setback and would increase his anger. She hoped that Franklyn would have more contact with Fr. Yockey and mentioned that Franklyn is not comfortable with the other one who tends not to be discreet. Dr. Trachsel described as amazing, that she now has direct eye contact and that the "darting around" of the eyes only reappears when he is anxious, tense, and angry. She suggested that if might be helpful for Franklyn to know that the monitors talk periodically, perhaps once every 2 months, so that Franklyn does not "split" the people monitoring him and to have a consistent expectation.

Dr. Trachsel offered to accept other referrals from the Archdiocese.

SKS

161. Becker, Franklyn

June 24, 1998 - Dr. Trachsel called to give her monthly verbal report. I relayed the basics of this report verbally to Bishop Sklba.

SKS

165. Becker, Franklyn

July 6, 1998 - Dr. Marlene Trachsel informed us that she will be out of town on "disaster assignment" until 7/21/98. Fr. Becker is referred to Dr. Friedman 464-4500 in case of need.

SKS

209. Becker, Franklyn

August 20, 1998 - Dr. Marlene Trachsel called to report on her observations and continuing progress of Fr. Becker. He spontaneously brings up issues, even issues of substance. He is beginning to demonstrate empathy for victims and realizes what trauma inappropriate behavior could cause. Dr. Trachsel said that Fr. Becker has not been blessed with a good common sense, and that leads to poor choices (e.g. selling the house). Also, in her view, he seems to look forward to coming in to see Dr. Trachsel, and no longer complains about doing so.

215. Becker, Franklyn

August 25, 1998 - In my conversation with Fr. Becker concerning the change of health and dental insurance, Fr. Becker said that Fr. Stommel has given approval for Fr. Becker to have temporary residence in the rectory at Rubicon beginning mid- to late-September, because Fr. Becker is selling the house. An apartment will be available for Fr. Becker to move into beginning end of October or early November. He will, however, be maintaining his PO Box 40 address.

SKS

302. Becker, Franklyn

On October 7, 1998 Dr. Marlene Trachsel phones in verbal report on Becker's progress as a result of 2 years of meeting on weekly basis. His behavior remains appropriate and he remains committed to being a celibate priest at this time. He sold family home, will be staying in Rubicon for next 2 weeks, then moves into an apartment in Mayville.

JFH

AMIL00853

94. Becker, Franklyn

December 2, 1997 - Dr. Trachsel called to give me an update. She moved her practice:

Wisconsin Psychological Association: 9120 W. Hampton Ave.,
Milwaukee 53225 (464-4500; H:242-5399)

Franklyn has been coming in regularly.

- a) She keeps him in check.
- b) She notices a raise in his anxiety level.
- c) He has had relapses, but no children.
- d) He has lack of trust of other priests.
- e) Group sessions would not work. He is only now beginning to trust Dr. Trachsel.
- f) He has lack of fraternity in the priesthood.
- g) Impulsive behavior
- h) Needs to develop friendships for the future.
- i) He wants to go back into the closet happily.

Dr. Trachsel said the positives are:

Insight

Trust (with her)

Beginning to see the damage he caused

Boundaries not to be crossed

Personality disorders are being worked on

He is to stay away from boy's magazines.

He has a working defiance of authority.

She helped him to realize that he has a pretty good life - with support from the diocese.

He has anxiety. (Dr. Trachsel said she likes that - It keeps him on the straight and narrow.)

We will continue to monitor (Tom McGuine) and call John Yockey.

3 persons: John Yockey, Tom McGuine, Franklyn Becker.

TFK

115. Becker, Franklyn

April 14, 1998 - Dr. Marlene Trachsel (242-5399), Franklyn's therapist, who had been trying several times but unsuccessfully to talk with Tom Kerstein since early March, and who had been informed by me of Tom's death, left a voice mail message that, since she will be in Birmingham, Alabama, with the Red Cross, she will contact us after 5/1/98. She wanted us to know that she is pleased with Franklyn's progress and that she advised Franklyn that if he has any psychological problems during her absence, he should call Dr. Samuel Friedman, in Dr. Trachsel's office, at 464-4500. Franklyn was also encouraged to stay in touch with his monitor.

The last communication we received from Dr. Trachsel was on 3/19/98 when she was asking Fr. Tom why Fr. Yockey hadn't seen Fr. Becker since their first meeting, and wondered if Fr. Yockey is too busy or if their schedules are so different. Since Fr. Tom had never received that message, I called Tom McGuine on 4/9/98 and informed him of Dr. Trachsel's call and concern and I asked Tom McGuine to follow up on that question. He agreed to do so.

SKS

AMIL00854

126. Becker, Franklyn

On April 24, 1996 I talked to Dr. Marlene Trachsel (438-5518) who is Franklyn's psychologist. She felt that each week there was a little movement forward. She spoke of issues such as, assertiveness, self esteem, guilt, anxiety, anger, passive aggressiveness, negative feeling and denial. All of these need to be dealt with in the context of Franklyn's therapy. We had a lengthy discussion. I felt she had an excellent focus on where Franklyn is at.

CCS

216. Becker, Franklyn

On August 23, 1996 [REDACTED] called to complain that Fr. Becker is a public nuisance in the Woodland area. He calls the DNR, the police, then he uses these issues in his Sunday homilies. I asked Tom McGuine to speak to him this afternoon in his monitor session.

CCS

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845. Lynn Franklyn Becker

On August 30, 1996 in a meeting with Len Barbian by way of response to Lynn's request for permission to go on another cruise, I shared Carroll's hesitation, since Lynn had excused himself from treatment programs on the basis of need to care for his mother. We acknowledged the possibility of giving such permission after further conversation with Lynn's therapist, whom Len promised to call.

RJS

25. Becker, Franklyn

On January 29, 1997 the Archbishop, Deacon Tom McGuine, Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki and Dr. Marlene Trachsel (438-5518) met with Father Franklyn Becker to discuss his future. Dr. Trachsel indicated that Franklyn was beginning to reflect on his conduct and is developing a realization of consequences for his actions. After a lengthy discussion, the Archbishop explained to him why he continued to be a risk for the Archdiocese. It was agreed that he could continue to do help-out ministry with Fr. Wenig in the Rubicon area provided he continues to see Dr. Trachsel and provided Tom McGuine continues to monitor his conditions for ministry. It is presumed he must continue to make progress. It was also agreed that when he begins to see Dr. Trachsel once weekly, he will join a group. Franklyn also was encouraged to develop a circle of mature friends who would be able to give him appropriate feedback.

CCS

49. Becker, Franklin

On February 19, 1997 Dr. Marlene Trachsel (475-7898) called relative to Franklin's progress. She promised she would arrange group for Franklin. She finally got in contact with Dr. Lloyd Sinclair (608-829-3880) in Madison who referred her to another therapist, Dr. James Gerndt (608-231-3300). So at this time she is having Franklin make an appointment with Dr. Gerndt for group, after which she will spend a little time with him relative to the folks who made allegations against him. This she will do only after Dr. Piasecki has given written permission. I believe this will conclude Franklin Becker's therapy sessions with Dr. Trachsel.

CCS

AMIL00855

57. Becker, Franklyn

On February 8, 1996 I met with Paul Midden, Rev. Dismas Bonner, and Michael Pollard. We met with Franklyn Becker for feedback session at the St. Louis Consultation Center. This was relative to the evaluation of Franklyn Becker. Paul did the initial interview. Dismas gave the Spirituality summary and Michael gave the psychosocial history. The center is located at 1100 Bellevue, St. Louis, MO (314-647-0070).

Franklyn has had no spiritual director since 1988, again he relies on his own resources. He sees opposition between life in the spirit and the secular rather than having a wholistic incarnational spirituality. Celibacy has to be seen as a positive way of living out sexuality, which is essentially mystery.

Paul was tough, hoping to get Franklyn's attention. He asked, Do you want to change this in your life? Places recommended for therapy: 1) St. Luke's, Washington - long term like 9 months, 2) or New Mexico, 3) another alternative would be an intensive outpatient care where living in is monitored.

Franklyn stated he is willing to go for treatment, but not as long as his mom needs care. We agreed to continue conversation on this point.

I asked Franklyn Becker

1) to consider how sometime in the future he might get a county nurse in twice a week to look after his mother and maybe some neighbor on a daily basis, so he might consider this 8-months residency.

2) to find a spiritual director like Laurin Wenig who he can trust to talk to on a monthly basis about the matters we covered in this evaluation summary on 2/8/96 in St. Louis.

3) I asked him to reflect on boundary violations in his life several times each week. He and I spoke of examples of such boundary setting.

CCS

81. Becker, Franklyn

On March 6, 1996 I called Franklyn to request that he call Dr. Marlene Trachsel (438-5518) (475-7898) and set an appointment for therapy. He agreed to call for the appointment on Monday, March 11, 1996. He asked about the allegation that brought him to this point. I told him I didn't have that information, since it is kept by Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki.

CCS

112. Becker, Franklyn

On April 19, 1996 I talked to Franklyn about his progress in therapy with Dr. Trachsel. He has received permission from Bishop Skiba to go on a cruise as Chaplain on April 20, 1996, but will return for the Spring Assembly. After this time we will assign him to the monitoring program with Tom McGuine.

CCS

AMIL00856

781. Becker, Franklyn

On July 7, 1994, I called Franklyn Becker in response to his letter asking for a cost of living increase in his living expenses. After conversation with Wayne Schneider, it was agreed to raise it according to the percentage of salary increase 4.39%. He will receive \$600.00 a month, an increase of \$30.00, for living expenses. Franklyn would like all of this to be given as qualified Housing cost.

RTV

658. Franklyn Becker

On October 6, 1994 in reviewing some Log items from Sr. Kathleen of the Vicar's office I noted in #70 (September 27, 1994) that Franklyn currently helps out at Neosho and Robicon and that he is initiating conversation to do so at St. Killian's in Bartford as well. I believe this matter should be reviewed.

RJS

139. Becker, Franklyn

On February 21, 1995, I conferred with Dr. Piasecki about following through on some of the allegations to bring some closure to this situation. This too is at the request of the Archbishop.

CCS

296. Becker, Franklyn

On July 1, 1995, I called Fr. Becker and told him there is an allegation against him and that the Archbishop requested an evaluation and we would schedule it reasonably soon. He is planning a cruise July 7-21 but is not going as chaplain. I told him to go and we would be in touch when he returned.

CCS

104. Becker, Franklyn

On August 30, 1995, Len VanVlaenderan asked that Carol Straub respond to Franklyn Becker's questions relative to his past and future requests for a celebrat. Carol has spoken with Franklyn.

SKS

310. Becker, Franklyn

On September 5, 1995, I called Franklyn to reconfirm that he will not be issued a current celebrat because of a recent allegation. He asked me for the name of the complainant. I promised I would ask Liz. I returned his call again on September to notify him that at this time the name of the complainant could not be revealed.

CCS

393. Becker, Franklyn

On November 7, 1995 I called Franklyn Becker to arrange his meeting with Liz Piasecki on November 17th, 1995 at 6:30 P.M.

CCS

409. Becker, Franklyn

On November 21, 1995 Father Becker called to inquire whether he could have a canonist accompany him to the session with Dr. Piasecki and her SWAT Team.

CCS

20. Becker, Franklyn

On January 19, 1996 I met with Franklyn Becker. I asked him to consent to go to St. Louis for an evaluation. We plan to discontinue the interview that is being done in Dr. Piasecki's office. He agreed to go. We have set the date for February 5, 1996. I'll be with him on February 8th for the summation of his evaluation.

CCS

AMIL00857

73. Becker, Franklyn
He told me that he was making application for the hospital position in Oshkosh. This is a State of Wisconsin position so that he will have to be interviewed by the State along with about six other applicants. He said that he also heard that a position was opening up for Chaplain at St. Anne's infirmary. I told him I knew nothing about this but would check it out next week with Father Nesseth to see if there is any truth to this.

1/24/84

157. Becker, Franklyn
Father Pat Divine from the Veterans Administration in Washington called to discuss Father Franklyn Becker's application for chaplaincy at Wood, Wisconsin. Divine wanted to know if Becker would be released for such work and whether he had any alcoholic problem. I confirmed that he would be released and that there was no problem with alcoholism. He said that officially the position is not yet open at Wood and that Father Tikalsky will know when it opens up. Divine said that he thinks when the position opens up there will be a lot of priests looking for it. However, he said there are other positions in the country that are opening up. He said that one that Becker could have right now is in Biloxi, Mississippi. He said it might help if Tikalsky put in a good word for Becker.

2/16/84

199. Becker, Franklyn
He called to say that he had his interview at the state hospital in Winnebago and will probably be hearing next week after they interview another person whether he has the job or not. He told me that Father Pat Divine from the VA in Washington called and offered him a job in New York or in Pennsylvania. He said that he would prefer to stay in Milwaukee and become the chaplain at Wood, Wisconsin if possible. The protestant chaplain there would like Becker because he is a local resident and it would be cheaper than funding the travel and expenses incurred with someone from a distance. Then he rather delicately told me that he was interested in a position in a hospital in Orange, California and wondered what I thought. I responded by raising the question about what this would do to his relationship to his therapist. He feels that he could get a therapist out there if necessary. We did not pursue the talk about this and when he asked for my own recommendation, I told him to nail down the Winnebago job if he has a chance to get it.

2/24/84

211. Becker, Franklyn
He told me that he has received offers from the hospital in Winnebago and from the VA Center in Milwaukee. He prefers the VA Center and wanted my advice. In turn I consulted with Father Nesseth who agreed that the Winnebago situation is a more firm offer. The one at VA seems to be tentative, but Nesseth will look into this matter further tomorrow. I told Becker we could talk about it later to ascertain what would be best for him. Becker told me that his therapist said either would be acceptable in his opinion.

2/28/84

217. Becker, Franklyn
Father John Nesseth called me to say that he has spoken to Rev. Stan Joergenson, the Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center in Wood. Joergenson assured Nesseth that Becker could have the job of chaplain as soon as Father Grattarola retires. This should be in a couple of months. He explained to Nesseth that he does not want to move someone into the area from another VA Hospital because they do not have the money to do this. He would rather have someone on the local scene. He knows Becker and he has given his word that Becker will have the job. Nesseth asked him to put something at least in writing to this effect. Later Becker called me and I told him the news and suggested that he tell the contact person in Oshkosh that he will not be able to let him know until next week as to his decision. I said that will give us time to think about this a little further.

2/29/84

AMIL00858

1183. Becker, Franklyn

Fathers Metz and Nesselth met with me to discuss Becker's recent evaluation at St. Joseph Hospital's CPE program. The evaluation was positive and showed that Becker had the capability of becoming a hospital chaplain. It also showed that there had been much personal growth in the last several months. It also indicated that Becker desired to work for about six months or more in a hospital setting before returning to a second course in CPE. It was agreed that I would contact St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee to see if they would give him a position (even unpaid) for about six months with supervision. If this does not work out, Nesselth will look into the situation at St. Michael's Hospital.

12/21/83

6. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Mrs. Jane Schiefer at St. Mary's Hospital and asked her to give consideration to Becker as a part or full-time chaplain for approximately six months. She said no position was available but would give it some consideration when she speaks to Sister Aurelia. It may be that Becker might be able to work there in an unpaid position.

1/3/84

29. Becker, Franklyn

Mrs. Jane Schiefer, pastoral director at St. Mary's Hospital, called to say that Sister Aurelia has decided it will not be feasible to offer a position to Father Becker at this time. The main reason they are giving is that they will not be able to adequately supervise him because their pastoral care department is in the process of evolution and they do not have a full-time pastoral care director. I thanked her for the consideration that was given and now will ask Father Nesselth to see what can be done at St. Michael's Hospital.

1/10/84

54. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to his psychiatrist, Dr. Durst (259-9260). I explained that things were not going well in our being able to find a job for Becker. I wanted to know what Durst would think about Becker pursuing work outside the diocese in the health care field. Durst thought that if it were not too far away, Becker might be able to come in on a regular basis for the psychotherapy that he needs and which is the highest priority in his situation. He is going to discuss this with Becker on Thursday and I will talk to Becker on Friday. Later in the day I spoke to Father Nesselth and he told me that it looked like there was a place in Oshkosh opening up at the mental health center there. I asked him to pursue this and see if it might be available for Becker. In the evening Becker called to say that Father O'Donnell had offered him a help-out position for the month of February at St. Joseph Hospital and wondered if he could take it. I told him to go ahead. Becker said in passing that maybe this could lead to a full-time job at St. Joseph's which would be ideal.

1/17/84

60. Becker, Franklyn

He came to see me to discuss the possibility of a job in hospital ministry. I informed him that right now there was nothing available in Milwaukee but that a position, I am told, is available in Oshkosh. I pointed out to him that there is a CPE Program in Oshkosh that he could tie into down the line. He seemed to like the idea and agreed to make application next week for the position. It will allow him to return weekly for his appointments with his therapist. We then talked to Father Michael Newman and settled the matter of Becker's salary and benefits for the months of January and February. Hopefully, he will be located in a new job by March 1.

1/20/84

AMIL00859

BECKER, FRANKLYN

Father Nesseth called to see if I had any information, and I told him of my conversation with Mrs. Schieffer and that she would be getting back to me as soon as she spoke to Sister Aurelia about the possibility of Becker becoming part-time chaplain at St. Mary's and full time in CPE. Nesseth said that O'Donnell called him from St. Joseph Hospital and said they needed some help the first week in August. I told him to get a hold of Becker and have Becker do that work.

7/20/83

685. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Mrs. Jane Schiefer from St. Mary's Hospital who told me that Sister Aurelia, president, and she had decided that they would not be able to hire Becker even on a temporary basis even while he receives CPE. They still feel he was too apprehensive about all the duties that were entailed in their job description. She also sensed a personality problem with Becker of a non-descript nature. She said that his lack of training would be the biggest factor for him not being hired.

7/25/83

698. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he has been accepted at St. Luke Hospital for CPE but Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph's Hospital is interested in him working there part time. It looks as though O'Donnell may be able to offer him a CPE course at St. Joseph's and some part-time work on the side. I told Becker that he should work this out with Nesseth and to let me know what has been decided. Becker also said that he had been talking to Leon Brielmeier at St. Michael's and finds out that the position there is still open but that they are probably looking for a religious order priest.

8/5/83

799. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he is anxiously looking forward to CPE. He said that he never thought he would become interested in hospital work but finds it more and more interesting and enjoyable as he helps out at St. Joseph's and in the other hospitals. He thinks it will be a fine career for him in the future. He told me he would like to remain in residence at the Bethany House at least during his CPE. I told him that we would have to see about the availability but that I thought something could be worked out. I told him also that we wanted to work out a new status for him and figure out everything that had to do with his salary. I told him that he would be expected to pay room and board but that the diocese would cover his CPE expense. He seemed to be very cooperative and happy.

8/29/83

864. Becker, Franklyn

I discussed his salary and other temporal arrangements with Father Michael Newman. The arrangement that Newman will discuss with Becker is this: Salary, health insurance, room and board (Bethany House) from the Archdiocese plus CPE tuition. Becker will be on his own for car expenses. He will be permitted the \$125 per month he receives from helping out at St. Mary's Nursing Home but the amount he receives from his part-time work at St. Joseph's Hospital will be a component of the total salary he receives from the Archdiocese.

9/17/83

AMIL00860

543. Becker, Franklyn

I told him that there quite likely would be a position for him at St. Mary's Hospital. He showed interest and so I told him that I would talk to Nesseth about further details on Monday. He will have to interview with Nesseth and with St. Mary's Hospital. Becker told me that he has been going to Father Jack Raynaldo, SJ for spiritual direction and finds this to be very helpful and productive. I asked Becker to see Dr. Zimmerman next week about arranging for a weekly session of psychotherapy. I told Becker if this could be done by a psychologist, all the better. Becker has a psychiatrist in mind and I told him to check with Zimmerman first. Becker seemed very cooperative throughout the conversation then he told me of his extreme anger with Phillip Kanicki who has had a couple of men sleep over at the residence when Metz was away. Becker claims that Kanicki meets these people at his AA meetings, and I told Becker that if this is going on, Kanicki will "hang himself." I told Becker it would not be good for him to let his anger get the best of him over this and so we talked it out and he felt better. I told him I will be happier when he has a psychotherapist that he can share some of these feelings with. Becker realized that he probably would not get the job at Divine Savior-Holy Angels because of his lack of qualifications. He seemed to be in an excellent mood, and he told me he was really working hard on his personal problems.

6/10/83

554. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Father John Nesseth about Father Becker and a possible assignment for him at St. Mary's Hospital. Nesseth will now talk to representatives from St. Mary's about this before Becker interviews. Later on, I spoke to Dr. Zimmerman and told him that we wanted Becker to undergo psychotherapy but only once a week. Zimmerman said that he could take care of that for Becker if Becker was comfortable with him. I told the doctor of the possibility of him working at St. Mary's Hospital, and Zimmerman has no problem with that. When I asked how the matter of the pediatric ward should be handled, Zimmerman felt there would be no problem if Becker ministered to those people because they would not be there on a long-term basis to provide Becker with the opportunity of establishing a relationship with them. I told the doctor that when St. Mary's Hospital does some checking they may get some very negative feedback about Becker. I told him I thought it would be good if we could have St. Mary's talk to Zimmerman if necessary. He is going to work that matter out with Becker so that he can be supportive of Becker to St. Mary's.

6/13/83

660. Becker, Franklyn

Father Nesseth called to say that St. Mary's Hospital reported that the interview with Becker for the chaplaincy position there did not go well. They got the impression that Becker was not all that interested in serious hospital ministry and the accountability that it requires. They thought that he was looking for something a lot easier. Nesseth asked me to pursue this with Mrs. Jane Schieffer Director of the Pastoral Ministry Department (225-8111) because I know Jane personally. When I spoke to her, she restated their position that they are having some difficulty with Becker's attitude. I told her that our plan would be to assign him part time with continuing education in clinical pastoral education. Following that a decision could be made as to his continuing at St. Mary's. She sounded willing to do this and said she would explore this further with Sister Aurelia, the hospital administrator. Schieffer will call me back.

7/19/83

AMIL00861

44. F. BECKER

Vint told me that he has things worked out so that Becker can stay until the June appointments. Wittliff has agreed to this.

3/27/80

121. Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

[REDACTED] called regarding a debt she claims Becker owes her. She was referred by Don Weber. I told her I would look into the matter and get back to her.

4/16/80

130. F. Becker

Discussed [REDACTED] complaint with Franklyn Becker. He regrets the fact she called the Chancery Office and asks to deal with her directly. I suggested only that his paying her \$25 00 a month will satisfy her. It might be the cheapest way around a potentially aggravating problem.

4/17/80

156. F. Becker

[REDACTED] called twice and I referred her, both times, directly to Becker for the purpose to resolve the financial bickering that exists between the two. I told her that the Archdiocese had no part in this and I could not take her place of Becker's. She still seems to think that I am favoring Becker.

4/22/80

675. Becker, F.

Becker will be going to St. Eugene's Parish as Temporary Associate August 12. He hopes to stay there eventually depending on the wishes of the new pastor. If that does not happen, he wants to talk about a year's leave of absence for study purposes. I discouraged that idea and told him that I would like to discuss it further with him next week when he is in town. The Personnel Board see him going to St. John Kanty as Associate after St. Eugene's. I will also talk to him about some of the problems he is getting himself into by the way he talks publically about his life style.

8/8/80

747. Becker, Franklyn

We met to discuss his recent letter in which he applied for the associate pastor position at St. Eugene's parish if the new pastor would be agreeable to this. Otherwise, he wanted to take some time off for continuing study. After some discussion about his personal life style, he agreed that the situation at St. Margaret Mary had taught him an important lesson. He must not talk openly about the gay movement in a militant way. He assured me absolutely that he would cause no more problems along this line in the future if he got a position. I emphasized that he was not eligible for a parish as pastor and he agreed. I told him no decision could be made at St. Eugene's until a new pastor was there but that if it were not agreeable at that place we would find him a position as Associate. I told him he was free to apply for a short sabbatical but that a longer leave of absence for studies would be out of the question. We ended on a positive note.

8/21/80

AMIL00862

825. Becker, Franklyn

He called to see if I could tell him who the new pastor of St. Eugene's was and I told him not yet. He wants to know what his status is there so that he can begin to work with programs on the parish level if he is going to stay. I told him that by the weekend we ought to be able to let him speak directly to the pastor.

9/3/80

902. Becker, Franklyn

I discussed Becker's future appointment after I told him that Msgr. Schuit did not want him to remain at the parish. I suggested he contact Father Stoll to see if the position of associate there would work out. He is also interested in development at St. Cecilia's in Thiensville. I told him that [REDACTED] called and wanted to contact him. She feels as though he still owes her money. This dates back to spring and the news notes can be consulted for more detail. Becker asked me to call her and tell her that he would definitely get in touch with her as soon as he gets a permanent assignment.

9/18/80

929. Becker, Franklyn

Mackin has informed Franklyn Becker that Schuit wants him to leave the parish by October 1 or 6 at the latest. I spoke to Schuit and he does not want the people at the parish to get the impression that there is something wrong with Becker and, therefore, wants him to move as soon as possible. I told him that I had been working on this but that it might take some time. I will contact Becker to see if we can't speed up the process of his leaving St. Eugene's.

9/27/80

944. Becker, Franklyn

Father Stoll informed me that he would prefer not to have Franklyn Becker as an associate. He has talked to another priest who is willing to consider being associate there. I spoke at great length to try to convince him that Becker needs a position under the guidance of someone who can call him to accountability. Stoll is afraid that if Becker's problem manifests itself in the small community, the damage will be irreparable. I told him that Becker is now willing to settle down and needs one more chance. I told Stoll that we would help him work out a job description so that Becker would not be free to do as he pleases. Stoll's biggest worry is that if he leaves things up to Becker's initiative nothing will get done. Hornacek, Stoll, Becker, and I will sit down and discuss the matter further. I think it is time to make Becker aware of the fact that no priest wants to work with him.

10/3/80

1011. Becker, Franklyn

Yesterday I spoke to Hornacek about Becker's situation and suggested that we try to locate Becker at St. John Kanty Parish with Kazmierczak. Hornacek agreed to contact Becker to see if he would be willing to go there, then he will contact Kazmierczak. If this fails, we will have to do something about getting Becker off the scene at St. Eugene's before Schuit explodes.

10/27/80

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152. Becker, Franklyn

On March 7, 1993 I met with Franklyn Becker at Cascade to discuss his recent letter regarding his choices for assignment. I told Franklyn of the allegations made by Michael Boyer regarding inappropriate sexual behavior on the part of Franklyn while he was Associate Pastor at St. Margaret Mary. Franklyn recalled Michael Boyer as a very disturbed person from a very disturbed family. Franklyn denies that he ever had any inappropriate sexual behavior with Michael. He recalled Michael tried to get some money from him by claiming he hit the windshield in a minor accident while Franklyn was driving him home. I informed Franklyn of Michael's conversation of wanting to kill Franklyn and his story of the FBI contact in West Virginia. Franklyn was unaware of that and questions if it is true. Franklyn knows our concern. He still would like to be able to continue his priestly ministry.

RTV

563. Becker, Franklyn

On June 18, 1993 we received a letter from Franklyn Becker notifying us that beginning 6/22/93 he will be living at P.O. Box 40, Woodland, WI 53099-0040 (625-3036). He will be available for help out work.

RTV

656. Becker, Franklyn

On July 8, 1993 I spoke with Franklyn Becker regarding his compensation. Clarification was needed for the \$650.00 living allowance. Franklyn determined \$450.00 for rent and \$200.00 for food. Franklyn asked about Professional expenses and I told him that was not an included benefit when someone was not assigned. He will receive retreat and continuing education.

RTV

134. Becker, Franklyn

On February 1, 1994, I called Franklyn Becker in response to his letter about Retirement Supplement and his future by way of an assignment. I told him the Retirement Supplement had been approved. He asked about his future for assignment. I told him his status would not change. Any change would be determined by Archbishop Weakland, and he would have to speak with him about any questions he had regarding the future. He said as long as he is caring for his mother he would continue as he is doing.

RTV

500. Becker, Franklyn

On April 18, 1994, I received a letter from Franklyn Becker with questions regarding his compensation. He was concerned that he was not getting a monthly food allowance. I told him that he was getting \$200.00 a month for food but it is included with his salary. The \$450.00 for housing is separate because it is not taxable. He also asked that, if not assigned, he be listed in the Directory with his mother's address and not listed as "not assigned".

RTV

931. Becker, Franklyn

On December 7, 1992 I received calls from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from St. Mary's, Cascade supportive of Franklyn Becker's ministry. A person from the parish is calling parishioners to sign a petition to have Franklyn removed. They said Franklyn is getting people back to Church including young people and wish he could stay. I told them we appreciate their supportive comments and that Franklyn is only there temporarily because of other plans for him in the future. On 12/8/92 [REDACTED] from St. Mary's, Cascade also called to express her support of Franklin Becker.

RTV

947. Becker, Franklyn

On December 11, 1992 we received a letter from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from St. Mary's, Cascade. The finance committee held a general meeting for the parish and it was very favorable for for what is being done at the rectory and that there was general agreement to have Franklyn Becker remain as pastor. A meeting with their Parish Council President was recommended.

RTV

107. Becker, Franklyn

On February 24, 1993 I received a call from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who alleges inappropriate sexual behavior on the part of Franklyn Becker. The alleged behavior happened when Franklyn was assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish. [REDACTED] believes it was in 1977 shortly after he graduated from High School. [REDACTED] also alleges abuse by a priest in Northern Wisconsin and a Franciscan priest in Kenosha. [REDACTED] was aware that Franklyn was in West Virginia and California and that he goes on cruises and lives with his mother. He said that he once threatened to kill Franklyn in West Virginia and was interviewed by the FBI there. He also said he is working with an attorney in Chicago, a Mr. Dempsey. I made an appointment for 3/1/93 with [REDACTED], Dr. Liz Piasecki and myself.

RTV

128. Becker, Franklyn

On March 1, 1993 Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki and I were present for an appointment with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did not come, so I called the phone number he gave me. A woman who spoke on the phone identified herself as [REDACTED] mother. She said that he left the house on 2/28/93 after a disagreement, and she did not know when he would return. She said at times he lives out of his car. She also said he threatened to kill himself. She said that she was sorry she did not believe him in the beginning regarding his allegations. She felt that the priest was responsible for his condition, but she did not mention the name of the priest. Shortly afterwards I received a call from Theresa Johannek. She said [REDACTED] had called and was put in contact with Project Benjamin and Mary Kay's secretary took the call. [REDACTED] said he had an appointment with me and was sick and not able to come and talked about killing himself because no one cared anyway.

RTV

AMIL 930

On Monday, October 21, 1991 I met with Franklyn to review his compensation while on awaiting assignment. Franklyn is part of the Pilot Compensation Plan this year. Compensation will be given according to this Plan with the regular deductions from salary as listed in the Clergy Manual.

RTV

395. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, May 20, 1992 I met with Franklyn to discuss his sabbatical and his financial arrangements. There is some confusion on the exact time of the sabbatical because of the cruise, Louvain and the Archbishop's tour group. I shared with Franklyn the guidelines from the Continuing Formation Handbook. He agreed that we will consider the months of June, July and August as his sabbatical time. He had already received his monies from the sabbatical fund. He will receive only 50 percent of his salary from Account 46 and no room and board during those months since it is part of the sabbatical funds. Lyn will return on August 9, 1992 following the Archbishop's tour and be ready for assignment.

RTV

566. Becker, Franklyn W.

On August 14, 1992 I received a letter from Franklyn Becker stating that he is available for help-out and reassignment. He stated that Tom Trepanier had called regarding Villa Clement but he turned that down. He states he has a desire to return to Parish Work in a suburban or rural parish. He asks for a meeting with Archbishop Weakland and Bishop Sklba to discuss his future assignment.

RTV

✓483. Franklyn Becker

On August 28, 1992 I gave tentative approval to Tom Trepanier for utilizing Franklyn Becker as a weekend help out at Cascade, after Dick Fetherston's departure and in view of Jim Thurman's unwillingness to continue that particular assignment.

RJS

691. Becker, Franklyn

On September 25, 1992 Archbishop Weakland, Bishop Sklba and I met with Franklyn Becker to discuss his future assignment. Franklyn was very frank about certain issues in his past and was aware of the implications for future assignments. He said he liked the short term help outs like he is now doing in Cascade. He also mentioned early retirement as a possibility. He is now 55. He was thanked for his honesty and Archbishop Weakland told him we would need time to discuss all these concerns in deciding on his future assignment.

RTV

✓559. Franklyn Becker

On September 25, 1992 I joined the Archbishop and Tom Venne in meeting with Lyn to discuss future options. I noted the many reasons which counseled against his assignment to parish ministry at this time.

RJS

AMIL00831

confrontation between Franklyn and Chuck Keefe at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Although Chuck is willing to discuss the matter with me and Franklyn, Franklyn does not seem willing to do so. Tom Trepanier will continue to press for a resolution/reconciliation meeting including himself as well. Tom agreed to visit the Hospital in order to determine if there are any issues present from the hospital staff. John Endejan came forward on Tuesday, October 9, 1990 to express his general unhappiness with the lack of availability on Franklyn's part during times of night emergency.

RJS

853. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, October 22, 1990 the office received a memo from Tom Trepanier reporting on his meeting with six nursing supervisors of West Allis Memorial Hospital regarding performance issues of the chaplain. In summarizing the concerns, the general issues seem to fall into three categories:

1. the perception that Franklyn does not respond pastorally or sensitively to emergencies or needs beyond sacramental celebration (repeatedly saying things like "I don't give last rites", or "this is a waste of my time", or "I'll talk to the family by phone";
2. arriving approximately 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and leaving the hospital by 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. claiming that he must allow time for emergencies; thus, resulting in the fact that many patients are not seen or visited except by Eucharistic ministers, even though approximately 60 percent (110) patients are Catholic on a regular basis;
3. the general perception that Franklyn possesses neither the personality nor interest to be an effective chaplain at the hospital.

RJS

913. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, August 21, 1991 Franklyn requested that I review the 1983 Wausau report. Lyn also gave me permission to speak with his therapist, Charles Kiley, if needed.

RJS

896. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, August 21, 1991 Tom Trepanier and I met with Lyn in order to review the recommendations gathered from West Allis Memorial Hospital administrators and priests of the district, concluding that it was time for another person to be assigned to that ministry. He concurred, and we agreed upon September 15, 1991 as the final date for his work at the hospital after which he would go on awaiting assignment. I privately explained my hesitation regarding a parish assignment in view of historical circumstances. I agreed to seek clarification for salary and benefits of someone in the current priest compensation pilot program (at the September 6, 1991 Temporalities Committee meeting), and to see if a sabbatical opening might be possible this fall. Franklyn will draw up a list of possible ministerial interests and will contact John Pulice as well. We also spoke of some of his own fears as a result of the past experiences.

On Friday, August 23, 1991 Lyn called to request that he receive full salary through the month of September in order to cover his expected vacation time, which I approved. He also asked if he might apply for a part-time position at St. Francis Hospital which I also endorsed. In response to his request for the sum of approximately \$3,000 which had been placed in an account for help out services at West Allis Memorial Hospital, I indicated that the auditors would probably not approve the redirecting of such funds contrary to their designated purpose.

AMIL00832

RJS

On Thursday, April 21, 1988 I received a phone call from a nurse at West Allis Memorial Hospital, [REDACTED], who requested special assistance in regard to the way in which Father Becker was responding to a dying Lutheran patient's request to see a priest. I called Franklyn at home and reported the phone call expressing my willingness to accept his judgement in the matter. On Monday, April 25, 1988 I received a phone call from Joan Betz, the Senior Vice President at West Allis Memorial (546-6200), indicating that the entire matter had been finally resolved and that nurses and chaplain had probably said inappropriate things to each other during an argument over pastoral responsibility and care. The matter seems to be properly handled.

RJS

225. Becker, Franklyn

On Tuesday, February 28, 1989 Tom Darrow called to say that Chuck Keefe is greatly concerned about Franklyn's unavailability at West Allis Memorial Hospital. A copy of the job description was requested (none current, but only a document arranged for Father Mueller in 1982). The matter will be discussed at the next district meeting, and I encouraged them to make sure that Franklyn was invited to be present.

RJS

243. Becker, Franklyn

On Friday, March 10, 1989 Tom Darrow reported a request from Franklyn that his monthly help out allowance be increased from \$250 to \$300. Since there has been no recent review of this financial and pastoral arrangement, Chuck Keefe accepted responsibility to bring the entire matter to the next District meeting on March 17, 1989 and to ask the 13 parishes for some type of consensus in this regard. The entire plan for pro-rated cost sharing needs review and updating which Tom will take care of.

RJS

775. Becker, Franklyn

On Friday, September 15, 1989 I met with Don Thinn regarding Franklyn's accreditation through NACC. Don agreed to inquire of both Franklyn and the NACC offices regarding the reason for the discontinuation of efforts for full accreditation.

RJS

173. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, February 19, 1990 the Archbishop received a phone call from Franklyn, claiming that he in turn had received a call from Dick Godin in Austin, Texas, who allegedly gave the documentation to Madeline O'Hare. A later conversation with Bill Mackin suggested that Dick still lives in Rockford, Illinois.

RJS

190. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, February 19, 1990 I spoke with Joe Coerber who expressed his serious unhappiness with the style of work performed by Franklyn at West Allis Memorial noting that one of his parishioners had been very seriously ill for 24 days without any evidence of sacramental administration on the part of the chaplain. I reminded Joe of the recent evaluation on the part of the entire district and encourage Joe to speak with Franklyn himself.

RJS

600. Becker, Franklyn

On Thursday, July 26, 1990 I received a phone call from Ralph Gross indicating concern on the part of [REDACTED] regarding the seemingly intensive pastoral care devoted to her son, [REDACTED] at West Allis Hospital. I immediately called Lyn at his home in order to bring this issue to his attention and to receive his explanation which sounds logical. He denied any riding through the neighborhood of the family and stated that he had discussed the entire matter with his supervisor, Joan Betz, at the hospital.

RJS

AMIL00833

into the next CPE course at the hospital. This course will take up his time on Saturday mornings. He wanted to know if he could proceed along this line. I told him that I thought we were coming close to an assignment for him and that I wanted to talk to the Personnel Board about this. Becker will call me next Wednesday for further direction.

8/21/84

874. Becker, Franklyn

He heard of Father Ries's death and wondered if it would be possible for him to apply for the position at St. Mary Hill Hospital. I put him in touch with Father John Nesseth about this. Later Nesseth called me to say that he thinks it is too early to look into this matter but suspects that Sister Ellinda may be interested in going back to the original plan of having one priest between St. Mary's Hospital and St. Mary's Hill and using a number of the religious women to do pastoral work. Becker also asked about the availability of \$200 for a CPE course at St. Joseph Hospital. I told him that he could get the money from his continuing education fund (he told me it was all gone) or from Father Nesseth's budget if there was any left (Nesseth told me there was none left) or I suggested that he ask Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph's to let him work off the money in some way. I told Becker there simply wasn't any money around for this purpose.

9/11/84

966. Becker, Franklyn

He called to discuss the financial arrangements with regard to his forthcoming job at West Allis Memorial Hospital. He would like to be placed on Salary Plan B and also wishes alternate residency. He told me he would be willing to live in a rectory but he checked with St. Jude's but they are looking for a priest who will do more for the parish than he could do. He has an apartment spotted but said it would cost more than the present ceiling allowance would provide and wondered if that could be negotiated. I told him it definitely could not and that he would have to find something cheaper or go back to the idea of living in a rectory. He is going to check with a couple of more parishes to see if this would be possible.

10/15/84

994. Becker, Franklyn

Father Paul Esser called to express his concern about the assignment of Father Becker to West Allis Memorial Hospital. Esser worked on the Personnel Board at the time when Becker was having problems in California. Therefore, he knows his condition. I told Esser confidentially that Becker has been under psychiatric care for the last couple of years, has done CPE work, has gotten good recommendations from St. Joseph's Hospital and the approval of his psychiatrist to be in ministry once again in this type of setting. Esser felt much relieved about this and concurs that Becker needs to have a chance at reestablishing his reputation once again.

10/25/84

37. Becker, Franklyn

On Friday evening, April 19, 1985, while presiding over a confirmation at St. John Parish in South Milwaukee, I noted that Father Franklyn Becker acted as sponsor for a young man being confirmed.

RJS

AMIL00834

Madison called to say that Becker had applied for a chaplaincy there which is currently available and had given my name as a reference. I told Karls that Becker had permission to seek a chaplaincy job, that we would offer him one in Milwaukee if one were available and that there was no reason why Becker could not do an adequate job given the experience he had at St. Joseph's Hospital and the recommendation he got from them. Karls was glad to hear this and said that he would send Becker the rest of the applications. I did not mention any of Becker's difficulties to Karls but I will now talk to Bishop O'Donnell. I was not aware that Becker had made application for this position.

7/12/84

832. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Bishop George Wirz (608-257-5000) about Becker's application at St. Mary's Medical Center. Wirz was extremely negative toward the idea of Becker becoming a chaplain there when he heard the story. Wirz told me confidentially that his reason was based on a very recent incident in the Madison area wherein some parents were about to enter into litigation against a priest for pederasty behavior. The incident was kept very quiet and the priest was whisked off to some treatment place in California where he is right now. Wirz said that everyone that knows about this is very uneasy at the present and he is quite sure that Bishop O'Donnell would be very negative toward a person like Becker serving at St. Mary's. I told him that I understood and that I would ask Becker to withdraw his application. I told Wirz that I did not want to discuss this matter over the phone directly with Father Karls and Wirz understood my reason and position.

7/13/84

841. Becker, Franklyn

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7/18/84

887. Becker, Franklyn

He called to say that he has been offered part-time work for the month of September at St. Joseph Hospital and wondered if that would fit in with our plans for him. I told him to take the job at St. Joe's for September and that the position at West Allis would open up when we found a place for the present chaplain. I told him the position was his when it opened up.

AMIL00835

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for his new job. I told him of my discussion with Archbishop Weakland last Saturday in which the Archbishop told me that last Wednesday when he was in Green Bay; Bishops Maida and Morneau cornered him and gave him the impression that they did not approve of Father Becker becoming chaplain at the Winnebago Mental Health Hospital. Becker did not seem completely surprised at this although he said he needs an answer rather soon because he is scheduled for a physical exam on Wednesday and intended to look for an apartment at the same time. I told him that I would wait during this week to see if any word is forthcoming from Green Bay. In the meantime Becker intends to go through with the physical but not to do any serious apartment seeking. Becker told me that any negative reports on him in the Green Bay area could very well come from Father Thomas Stocker in Bishop Maida's Tribunal. Becker said that he thinks Stocker is under some surveillance in the Green Bay area.

4/23/84

564. Becker, Franklyn

I called Msgr. Roy Klister; the chancellor, to discuss what could be said to the Winnebago Institution about Becker turning down the job. I was surprised when Klister told me that he knew nothing about this. I told him that in my discussion with Bishop Maida, Maida had said that he was going to discuss this right away with Msgr. Klister. I then reviewed the situation and told Klister that I was quite sure that Bishop Maida intended to convey through Archbishop Weakland his decision not to allow Becker to assume that position and that the matter was settled. Klister is in the middle of this whole thing as I am with Mr. Steve Kearney from the State Hospital who hired Becker. Klister said that he wanted to talk to Bishop Maida and then would get back to me. Later he called me to say that I was right and that Bishop Maida would not change his mind on allowing Becker to take up the position even if it meant that he would be restricted to ministry only at the Winnebago site. I told Klister I would ask Becker to simply call Steve Kearney and to simply inform him that he has decided against taking the job. Later I did this and Becker said that he would handle the matter in that way. I told him that I would contact John Nesseth and see what other positions were open in the country for hospital chaplains. He said that his psychiatrist is encouraging him to go into hospital ministry or campus ministry and he is looking at a campus ministry position somewhere in another diocese.

4/30/84

AMIL00836

Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center, had just called Nesselth to say that he would not accept Becker as chaplain at VA. Evidently, Joergenson checked with one or more priests in the area and found out about Becker's past history. I told Nesselth to convey to Joergenson my own strong feeling that Joergenson should discuss this with Becker after leading him on all the way to thinking he had the position and also to ask Joergenson why he would not give a person who is trying to start over a chance. Later, I called Father Becker and told him the bad news. I asked him to contact the state hospital in Winnebago and nail down that position. Unfortunately, he told me that he has already told them that he would not be available. I had asked him to keep the lines of communication open in case the VA thing fell through. Becker said that he also has an appointment in Orange, California on April 1 for a interview in a hospital out there.

3/7/84

496. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he was out to St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange, California to look into the position of hospital chaplain that was offered there. By the time he had arrived there, however, they had chosen another priest for the position. Therefore, he has accepted the position at the Winnebago Health Center in Oshkosh. He will begin there on May 1, 1984. The contact person for the position is Mr. Steve Kearney, P.O. Box. 9, Winnebago, Wisconsin 54985. Telephone: 235-4910. Becker asked if I would take care of the necessary follow-up and paperwork. I told him I would do that and be in contact with him.

4/11/84

522. Becker, Franklyn

I called Bishop Maida of Green Bay because it was impossible for me to get there to see him in person before Easter. We discussed the situation of Father Becker without my mentioning Becker's name. I gave him full disclosure of what the situation was and asked him if he would be willing to give the man faculties for work at the Mental Institution at Winnebago. Maida was quite understanding and said that he certainly would get back to me before Easter. He told me that he wanted to discuss this a bit further with Bishop Morneau and also with Msgr. Klister. I assured him that if Becker were to be accepted, I would see to it that he continues his psychotherapy and that if anything went wrong we would have Becker out of the Green Bay Diocese within 24 hours and that Becker would be suspended.

5/17/84

527. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Steve Kearney at the Winnebago Hospital (235-4910). He expects Becker to begin work sometime between May 7 and May 14. He has already spoken to Father Mercatoris and Msgr. Klister in the Green Bay Diocese. Becker's starting salary will be \$17,780.63. In a couple of months that will increase to \$21,336. In about six months it will increase 2-3%. He will be given a state pension and the right to an insurance program which will be an HMO or Blue Cross/Blue Shield (with a slight additional cost). He will receive two weeks vacation per year and three weeks at the end of five years. I told him that I would go ahead and try to work out the ecclesiastical details with the two dioceses.

4/18/84

AMIL00837

Street, Hales Corners (259-9260). Durst told me that he felt that he and Becker were getting into a very good type of trust relationship. Durst feels that Becker is being honest with him and that if the stress and tension of sexual problems becomes too great, he feels Becker will have the confidence to call him before acting out any of his urges. Durst reviewed Becker's request that he be given a chance to reenter parish ministry rather than continue in the health chaplaincy field. Durst concurs that the chaplaincy field could produce more stress and tension than would be good for Becker. Becker explained that this is due mainly to the fact that he is often on call at night and also finds it difficult to cope with the death and dying phase of his ministry. I reviewed for both Durst and Becker my own conviction that Becker should not go back to the parish ministry at this time. I pointed out to Durst the risks of personnel involvement and attachment to young men who are constantly around the parish. I also pointed out Becker's bad reputation among his fellow priests and the strong likelihood that it would be extremely difficult to find a parish that would accept him unless he would go outside the diocese which would also jeopardize the professional relationship he had with Dr. Durst. I think Durst came to see the picture a little more clearly as I explained some of the past situations that had occurred. He agrees that Becker needs a stable assignment in order to regain a good reputation. I asked that the health ministry be reconsidered and got Becker to admit that part of the stress he is involved in now centers around the fact that he is not only going to school full time but he is also working on a part-time basis at St. Joseph's Hospital. Following his CPE training, this particular work load would be reduced somewhat. I told them that I wanted to consult with Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph Hospital to see how Becker was doing and also with Nesseth to see just what would be involved in hospital chaplaincy as far as night calls, etc. Durst and Becker agreed to reconsider the whole thing and I told them that I would be in touch with them in the near future.

11/23/83

1142. Becker, Franklyn

Fathers Nesseth, Metz, and I met to discuss Becker's situation. I explained to them that his therapist and Becker have agreed to reconsider the idea of Becker working in the hospital ministry (for a while they felt that this ministry would not be what Becker needs at this time). Both Nesseth and Metz feel that it has to be told to Becker that there is no other choice in this Archdiocese but to comply with this type of ministry. Later on Nesseth contacted Father Becker and found out that Becker's evaluation in CPE this week went very well. Becker suggested that he would be willing to take another unit of CPE hopefully at a place like the hospital in Mendota, Wisconsin under the direction of Father Donald Shmauz. Nesseth was happy to hear about this and set up a meeting with O'Donnell, Becker, himself and myself for next week when we will discuss this further. It looks like Becker may have reconsidered and come around to our way of thinking.

12/2/83

1152. Becker, Franklyn

Father Nesseth shared with me and Father Metz Becker's CPE report (as reported by Becker). It is a good report in the sense that Becker retraces his personal history that led up to his CPE work rather accurately. It is also clear from his own statement that he understands that the alternatives for ministry have run out and that he is expected to make the best of hospital ministry. Now Nesseth and I will meet with Becker and with Father Richard O'Donnell of St. Joseph Hospital to discuss the CPE report from the standpoint of his supervisors.

AMHL00838

12/5/83

report and interpretation of the Wausau evaluation of Becker (Zimmerman liked the Wausau procedure. He said it was very adequate and accomplished what we wanted it to do. The only thing he would have preferred would be to have the actual results of the MMPI and the Rorschach test so that he could interpret them himself rather than have them computerized.). Zimmerman told me that Becker is an ego-centric (verses ego-distic), pedophile and homosexual. This means that he has no mechanism to stop once he develops the urge to act out these characteristics. Usually such action will take place under stress. In Becker's case due to a rebellion against authority. Zimmerman said he is not pessimistic as the people at Wausau. He said there are a couple of ways this situation can be approached all of which depend, of course, on Becker's willingness to alter his behavior. The ideal way would be psychoanalysis approximately four times per week for the next four to five years. The second way would be through analytic psychotherapy which could occur about one hour per week. In both cases there is no guarantee that Becker will be cured. The key in all of this is Becker's desire to be cured. We then spoke about assignment possibilities. Zimmerman said that in his opinion, parish ministry is out of the question. The best assignment for Becker would be to an all-girls' college or high school, e.g., Divine Savior-Holy Angels. The second best would be to a geriatric nursing home or hospital setting. The next possibility would be full-time campus ministry. Zimmerman realizes the possibility of homosexual encounters but pointed out that these are consenting adults not children and it is their decision rather than a seductive process. I asked Zimmerman what he thought about hospital chaplaincy. He said that he would have no problem with this because very few hospitals have large pediatric wards and with CPE and under supervision he did not feel that this type of assignment would be bad for Becker. Becker did a little bit of protesting throughout this session and his anger flared at times. Frequently, he would remind me of so and so, and so and so who is doing this and that and getting away with it. I finally told him very plainly that we did not intend to play any more games with him. The past is past. We know and have identified his problem, and it is up to him now to demonstrate whether or not he really wants to be a priest. I told him we would probably enjoin some sanctions on him, e.g., the next time we get a complaint he will be suspended. This external force or pressure should help motivate him, I thought, and Dr. Zimmerman concurred. Becker was agreeable to all of this, and I told him that I wanted to discuss this further with the Archbishop and that when I got back from my vacation we would map out a program for Becker. In the meantime, I asked him to get under the direction of a spiritual director. Zimmerman thought it would be best if that person were a male. I gave Becker the names of three priests and asked him to contact each one of them. Actually that was Zimmerman's suggestion. He wants Becker to see each one of them several times to ascertain which one he feels most comfortable with. These priests are Father Oesterhaus, Raynaldo (both from Marquette High School), and Father Francis Dombrowski of the Capuchins. Becker agreed to do this.

5/10/83

477. Becker, Franklyn

I told him to arrange for an interview with Dr. Angela Pienkos at Divine Savior/Holy Angels High School to see how his chances stood for an assignment there. He agreed to do this. I told him if he received a position like that he might be required to take some courses to get some certification. He has no problem with that.

5/12/83

AMIL00839

318. District Attorney

1. Without any names mentioned and off the record I described the situation regarding Franklyn Becker to E. Michael McCann, the District Attorney. His reaction immediately was that the priest has been given adequate warnings and enough chances and that he should not be assigned anywhere where he could come in contact with youngsters. This precludes practically any kind of assignment. His advice was that we restrict him from ministry for about five years and if no complaints come forth in that time then perhaps he can be given another chance.
 2. He asked me about a situation at St. John de Nepomuc involving slot machines. I told him that Father Badem collected old slot machines and every Monday night at a gathering of priests (AA group) in for a meeting, following the meeting they all played the slot machines. McCann was relieved to hear this but wants to track down where the complaint came from because he feels this would be an unsavory news item if it hit the press. Although he does not know whether this is illegal or not.
- 3/15/83

346. Becker, Franklyn

I met with him to request that he see Dr. Zimmerman, a psychiatrist for an opinion about his recent evaluation. I pointed out that we have some problems to deal with in assigning him and we all need more advice from professional people. Becker was very cooperative, signed the necessary letters of release, and will make an appointment today. He restated the fact that he wants to work as a priest and feels that he can do so responsibly in parish ministry. He told me that he has been inquiring about campus ministry in Illinois and Michigan where positions are open at the present. He asked if I had any objection to this, and I told him that I thought it ought to be discussed in the context of the total situation for which he is seeing Dr. Zimmerman. I told Becker that any priest who receives permission to work in another diocese needs to be recommended by the Archbishop and myself and that we feel very strongly about letting another diocese know if any problems are involved in a priest's situation. The next step is for Becker to see Zimmerman and then I will meet with Zimmerman and Becker.

3/23/83

366. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he had made an appointment and will be seeing Dr. Zimmerman on Wednesday, March 30.

3/26/83

410. Becker, Franklyn

Father Metz told me that yesterday he observed Father Becker coming out of the transitional residence for priests with a young boy. Metz recognized the boy as the same one Becker took on the Caribbean vacation late last year.

4/6/83

AMIL00840

176. Becker, Franklyn

He and I received the report of his recent evaluation by the Wausau Mental Health Associates. The results are as follows:

1. In his spiritual assessment Father Terrance Beiden, OFM Cap. indicated the need for Becker to have a regular spiritual director. I told Becker that I would furnish him with a list of recommended spiritual directors in the Milwaukee Area.
2. The results of his physical examination were all normal except for some lab tests that showed a few abnormalities in the blood and urine. It was recommended to Becker that he have himself retested by his private physician in a couple of months to see if there are any fluctuations in these lab tests.
3. The psychological assessment shows that Becker is normal in every way. However, it did clearly indicate Becker's gay orientation and gay activity. The report forecasts that unless Becker is willing to control himself, there is a definite likelihood that the conduct of the past will be repeated. Dr. Gillette said that their recommendation would be to have Becker assigned to a desk job somewhere where the temptations that would result from associating with young boys would not be present. I told him that there was little likelihood that this was possible to achieve. However, I said that a hospital chaplaincy where Becker would be under strict surveillance might be possible. Becker indicated that he was not interested at all in hospital work.

In the discussion that followed Becker continued to maintain his innocence claiming that all the accusations of the past were false and misinterpreted. Gillette and I tried to point out to him that this is not the way others interpret his actions and behavior. He will never be able to succeed unless he does something to curb his associations with single males and also his lack of good judgement. Gillette said that the report clearly showed that Becker has a need "to speak out on issues," particularly in the area of gay rights. I pointed out the problem was the manner in which Becker had been speaking out which was not in conformity with the Church's rhetoric on the matter. Becker said he admired Archbishop Beckland very much for the strong stand he took for gay rights in his Catholic Herald article. I told Becker there was a world of difference between that and the way Becker has spoken out to the news media. I asked Becker what kind of counseling he would give a person who wanted to live a gay life style. Becker said he would have to judge each case individually and would probably refer the person to the local Dignity Chapter where Becker said he could get advice from 30 to 40 priests about this kind of behavior. Before the interview ended it was decided that I would study the report further and discuss it with the Archbishop, and then we would proceed to see what kind of an appointment we could arrange for Becker. I told Becker it might be important for him to meet together with the entire Personnel Board in the near future. He is willing to do this. It will probably be necessary for us to readjust his status now from sick leave to awaiting assignment.

2/14/83

310. Becker, Franklyn

He called me from Sienadale where he had celebrated the 8 o'clock Mass for the sisters. Both he and the sisters agreed that it would not be financially feasible to pay him to drive down each day for the celebration of Mass. They feel that they will be better off by driving to one of the parishes in the neighborhood. I told Becker that was fine and that the sisters should make their own arrangements from now on. Later I spoke to Father Nesseth. He is more convinced than ever that Becker should not be assigned to hospital ministry because of the potentially dangerous temptations that might present themselves.

3/14/83

AMIL00841

2. Becker, Franklyn
I spoke to Father Terrance Flynn at the St. Luke Institute in Washington. He told me they would be willing to do a complete evaluation of Father Becker, but the earliest available date they have for this is March 7 - 10. Later I spoke to Dale Olen and he agreed that this is too long a time to wait. I told Olen that I would look into some other possibilities and contact him again soon.
15. Becker, Franklyn 1/3/83
[redacted] called to say that she simply wanted to put in a good word for Becker. She knows he is under some pressure at the parish and would like to support him. She sees him as growing, improving, opening up, something she feels others do not see. She describes him as shy at first but then warm, caring, and kind and gentle. I thanked her for her support for Becker. She assured me that she was doing this on her own and that no one had put her up to it.
33. Becker, Franklyn 1/5/83
I ran into him at the Marquette basketball game. He has already begun to move into the priests' residence on 35th Street. I told him that we had him tentatively scheduled for evaluation at the Wauveau Clinic the end of this month. He is willing to do this. He and I will discuss this more in detail next Tuesday when I have dinner at the house.

112. "Father X"

Father X is Franklyn Becker for the purpose of this news note. I received a letter from [redacted]. It expressed her concern for Becker. She has known him for 11 years and has become a confidant of hers. She realizes his weakness and knows the situations which led to many of his uprootings. She now hopes that we will follow through with psychiatric or psychological help for him. I spoke to her on the phone, and she told me I could share her letter with Becker's doctors. She probably would be willing to be part of a confrontation with Becker if need be, but she is somewhat reluctant of my sharing the letter with him immediately. What is disturbing is the fact that Becker continues to associate with the young boy he took on the cruise from St. John's Parish in South Milwaukee. Most recently, they both attended the permanent diaconate ordination at the Cathedral. He is also seeing a boy from St. Eugene's Parish in violation of the wishes of the boy's mother who is a widow. I asked [redacted] to have the mother of that boy contact me to discuss this matter further. [redacted] thinks that Becker is going to go through motions with us only and that he feels he can continue living his present life style. She hopes he can be helped but is somewhat pessimistic. She is willing to cooperate with us in any way that she can. Right now Becker is angry at her because she has criticized him for hanging around with both of these young boys. She feels that he will be back to see her eventually. She is like a "confessor" to him.

1/29/83

AMIL00842

I spoke to Dale Olen who told me that Becker made an appointment with him for after the holidays. Olen feels that Becker is simply going through motions because I am asking him to enter psychotherapy. Olen wonders whether Becker is treatable in this state. Later I spoke to Tom Kaup, DRE at St. John, South Milwaukee. He feels that Becker is a very sick person who needs some type of help. He talks about Becker tormenting the blind musician at the parish. Also, he mentioned the incident of the 7th grade student who accompanied Becker to the Caribbean. He said that for a while Becker was turning him and others against Father Bill Beffron. Now these people realize how Becker had manipulated them. He also stated that Becker had made some inappropriate remarks from the pulpit and in the sacristy. Kaup said that I could use this information with discretion and that he intends to speak directly to Becker about these matters. I also spoke to [REDACTED]. She is the blind musician at the parish. She too spoke of her frustration with Becker. She mentioned the incident about the piano and claims that he manipulated her to getting more involved in that issue than she really wanted to be. Now he has hidden her microphone out of spite. She claims he works the staff against the staff in a very manipulative manner and that he has been caught time and time again in lies. Each time he gets very angry. He has called her a "two-faced SOB" in public. She feels pity toward him and thinks he needs some kind of help.

12/14/82

1131. Becker, Franklyn

When we met, he did not like my decision that he had to move from St. John's. He had hoped it would be possible to work with the next pastor, particularly if that were Father Anderson. I told him that our concern was that no pastor at this point will work with Father Becker. I told him we wanted to help him help himself and that I was not sure if Dale Olen could provide the help that Becker needs at this point. Becker suggested that we let Olen be the one to decide that. I changed his appointment from January 4 to December 22. After he and Olen have discussed the matter for a while I will join in the discussion. I spoke to him about the possibility of a complete evaluation at a clinic in Washington, and he said that he would be very willing to cooperate with that. We spoke about him residing at the transitional priests' residence. He is willing to do that, but does not know what he will do with all his furniture at the rectory which he claims belongs to him. He also asked that he not be put on sick leave because this would be publicized around the Archdiocese. I told him I would talk to Derfus about it.

12/20/82

1140. Becker, Franklyn

He called to say that he had been thinking things over since our meeting yesterday. He now feels that he wants to see his personnel file, then he wants an appointment with the Archbishop, and then he wants to look into Due Process against Father Beffron for the way he was treated at St. John's. I told him that I would let him speak to George Rebatzki about making an appointment with the Archbishop and suggested we talk about the other matters when we meet with Dale Olen tomorrow. He seemed very agreeable to this.

12/21/82

1142. Becker, Franklyn

Due to unforeseen circumstances I did not arrive for the meeting with Becker and Olen until it was over and Becker had already left. I spoke briefly to Olen who told me they had a good meeting and that Becker is ready to undergo the psychiatric evaluation at the St. Luke Institute in Washington.

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Father Hornacek reported that Father Anderson is not sure whether he can assume the pastorate if he has to work with Becker. Later [REDACTED], the DRE at St. John's, called to express her grave concern for Becker remaining at St. John's Parish. She said that the piano incident is not over yet. Becker lied through this ordeal, she claims, and supposedly said that he would disband the parish council if ever he would get in charge. She does not trust him, but claims his initiative is good and his methods or approach are bad. The parish staff meetings have disbanded recently because of him. She objected to the fact that he took a Caribbean vacation at the height of the parish business. Worse yet, he took along a 7th or 8th grade child which has shocked many people. About three months ago, Becker told Mary Beth and Tom Kalp, transitional deacon, that Becker is a homosexual. However, she quickly pointed out that she has never seen him make any overtures to others, especially children. He gave a retreat last summer to high schoolers and three times she was disturbed by his dwelling on the idea that people should be open to each other's sexual preferences. She claims Becker has gotten many negative letters about the piano incident. She strongly feels that he needs psychological help. I told her, confidentially, that we were working with him along these lines. She claims he has turned Beffron into a liar by his manipulative tactics. She claims that Becker harrassed a blind musician by following her and poking her deliberately in the back. This morning at the 8 o'clock Mass he spoke from the lectern about the piano issue trying to sway the people in that direction (On December 19 the parish council will decide on the piano—I told her about the need for a proxy). Mary Beth hopes I will not have to use her name but she gave me permission to do so if necessary. Later on I spoke to Mr. Stan Jankowski, parish council president, at St. John's. He expressed his grave concern also for Father Becker. Jankowski feels that Becker is in need of psychological treatment. He said that the parish council is very disturbed about Becker, and I told Jankowski that Becker claims no one has ever confronted him about their feelings toward him. Jankowski said this simply was not true, but he agreed that in a very short time he and some of the other council members should talk to Becker about their concerns. I told him, confidentially, that I was working with Becker to get him treatment. I pointed out that I would follow through and that he could assure the people that even if Becker stayed for a little while longer, it would be under the supervision of the Archdiocese. Jankowski said he felt better about this, and I reminded him of the need for a proxy if the piano issue comes up. I told him we would have a temporary administrator there when Father Beffron leaves. This satisfied Jankowski. He told me that a few of the council members and he would confront Becker with their feelings toward him. This is to clear up any ambiguity in Becker's life about the people's feelings toward him.

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