#### 585. Kreuzer, Eugene

I met at St. John Parish, Paris with Kreuzer and the same individuals who came to see me on May 12. The only new people in the group were the trustee and trustee-clect. The meeting was long, spaning a period of three hours. It was the first opportunity of these people to ventilate some of their feelings to their pastor. One of the trustees was very defensive of Father, the trustee-elect played a neutral part. Kreuzer listened for the most part and began to respond later in the meeting. The people claimed that they were lacking in spiritual leadership. They acknowledged Father's expertise for financial matters but stated that others could do some of those things if this was preventing him from being an adequate spiritual leader. The liturgy committee expressed frustration at going through motions without the guidance and direction of the parish priest and later having their plans cancelled by him. They told Father that the children were afraid of him. They asked that he undergo periodic review soon. They acknowledged that there was some division in the community and that Father could be getting caught between the two factions. Throughout the whole meeting they seemed to evidence the feeling that they really liked Father but were afraid that he did not like them. They were concerned because often he listens to one or two complainants and he is guided by those people. The meeting was not completely negative and Kreuzer was affirmed in many things that he says and does. As he began to respond I got the feeling he was taking their message rather well and showed evidence of willing to cooperate. He has been in touch with the Office for Parish Councils and some workshops are being planned in order to examine parish structures and to see that nothing is going wrong along those lines. After the meeting I was somewhat disappointed when Kreuzer referred to this group as "the troublemakers." He also told me that he would see how things go for a few months and if problems continue, he will be seeking a change of assignment.

6/18/82

### 569. Kruezer, Eugene

On Wednesday, May 22, 1991 I met with Gene as a result of the allegations brought forth by Gene acknowledged that something had happened several years ago when he was drinking, much to his embarrassment. He stated that he was not able to remember any of the events which would have involved brother and gave extensive apologies to the parties concerned when he was confronted with his behavior under the influence of alcohol. Gene claims that he ceased drinking at that time and that no further incidents occurred. He repeatedly stated that there is no cause to fear in his present assignment.

RJS

# 193. Eugene Kreuzer

On April 23, 1992 I spoke with the Mr. James Birnbaum (1-608-785-2740) who called at the request of Bishop Paul to inform us of a development reported by Dr. of the Middleford Clinic in Eau Claire . Apparently the Doctor called the Diocese of LaCrosse because he is treating a patient in the age of about 45 who claims to have been a victim of Fr. Eugene Kreuzer from an association many years ago at St. Anthony's Parish in Milwaukee. I asked that Attorney Birnbaum contact Attorney Matt Flynn directly and attempted to call the Doctor immediately, but he was not available.

That same day I called Dr. who informed me that his patient desired to remain anonymous. I explained the normal practices which we follow as information is gleaned and promised to call him back within a week with any further information regarding action taken by the Archdiocese. He was very satisfied and assured me that his patient would be pleased with such a response.

RJS

206. Eugene Kreuzer

On April 27, 1992 with the endouragement of Tom Venne and Bishop Brust I spoke with Gene by phone, alerting him to the allegation which was brought to my attention and recommending that he request retirement this Spring. I also asked that he seek professional consultation and agreed to meet with him personally later this week to work out details.

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213. Fr. Eugene Krouzer

On Friday, May 1, 1992 I met with Fr. Kruezer at hic Rectory in order to discuss the allegations which had been brought to my attention. We agreed that he would seek professional counseling through the services of Dr. for as long as judged helpful. We also agreed that he would request early rotirement with the date to be established after consultation with the Priest Personnel office. A variety of parish concerns led to the realization that the normal date for transfers, namely June 23, 1992, may not be the most feasible in this case. In any event, it was understood that his retirement would clearly be effective prior to the commencement of a new school year at the end of August. I called Dr. that very same day to report this development and was assured that the Doctor

### 76. Eugene Kreuzer

On February 1, 1996 Gene called asking if he had to contact the Vicar's office every time a request came for help out, according to the formal letter which he received in early January. After conversation with Carrol Straub we concurred that Fr. Kreuzer could help out at St. Mary's in Kansasville or St. John the Baptist in Paris as needed, without permission from the Vicar's office in each instance. Fr. Carrol agreed to inform Fr. Kreuzer of that decision.

40. Kreuzer, Gene

On February 1, 1996 Gene inquired whether he needed any special permission to help out at 3 neighboring parishes. I told him to use good judgment and, if he is needed at those 3 parishes, to do the helpout work. I also asked him to call me in 6 months to give a report on how everything is going. I did restrict the helpout only to the 3 neighboring parishes.

CCS

### 159. Kreuzer, Gene

On June 7, 1996 Gene called just to report in and give an accounting of his helpout work in the area. He requested continued permission to carry on as he had in the last 6 months.

CCS

#### 67. Kreuzer, Gene

On March 17, 1997 Gene Kreuzer called to request permission to do helpout work at Brighton both on Sundays and weekdays. I told him we were comfortable with him helping for worship at St. Francis Xavier at this time.

CCS

602. Eugene Kreuzer

On October 3, 1999 in the context of the pastoral installation of Fr. James Volkert at St. John the Baptist in Paris, Fr. Kreuzer approached me with the assurance that he had been completely faithful to sobriety and professional ethics over these past years and was being utilized for weekday Masses at Brighton, Kansasville and Paris. He indicated that he had approached the Archbishop the prior year regarding some review of his status and wondered if any further decisions had been made in the matter. I could only promise to raise the question with the Archbishop upon his return.

RJS

<sup>\*</sup>662. Eugene Kreuzer

In the context of my meeting of November 6, 1999 with Archbishop Weakland it was agreed that faculties could be restored to Fr. Kreuzer for full help out Sacramental ministry, maintaining only the restriction regarding unsupervised contact with minors.

RJS

732. Eugene Kreuzer

On December 11, 1999 in the context of the consecration of the new altar at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Brighton, I spoke with Fr. Eugene Kreuzer who expressed hesitation about another letter requesting faculties in view of his earlier two page request to the Archbishop some two years ago, but also because of a forthcoming medical test to determine whether surgery might be required in view of a 90% blockage in his left carotid artery.

RJS

## Entry for the File Eugene Kreuzer By Barbara Reinke

March 16, 2001

File

Father Joe Hornacek and I met with Father Eugenc Kreuzer to discuss allegations. Father Kreuzer's basic stance was to acknowledge that these events probably occurred, but to deny any specific memories, claiming he was impaired by alcoholism at the time. Underlying this layer of defensiveness it was apparent that Father Kreuzer is deeply hurting. He reports praying for his victims every day, and regrets about hurting them. He reported that in the process of giving up alcohol, he also gave up his trailer and hunting and fishing as the activities associated with alcoholism. At present he is living an isolated existence in a rural farmhouse. He told the only neighbors not to allow their sons to come to his house. He rues the absence of participation in the Church. He states a wish for an early death, as life is no longer meaningful for him.

Father Kreuzer expressed apologies for hurting He explained that he did not man harm in attempting to contact
The next step will be to convey this information to and support
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The Rev. Eugene T. Kreuzer, Milwaukee 5, Wisconsin

My dear Father Kreuzer:

I hereby appoint you to assist the Reverend C. F. Keyser, Pastor of St. Anthony's Parlsh, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

You will please to report for duty to Pather Keyser on Friday, August 8, 1952.

As the priests ordained at St. Francis the past years have been reimbursing the Archdiocese to the extent of \$400 for the money expended on their education to the priesthood, beginning January 1, 1953, you will be required to pay an average of \$10 per month to the Chancery Office until the sum of \$400 has been paid.

Wishing you success and every grace and blessing you desire in your new field of labor, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Wilwaukee



June 11, 1956

The Rev. Eugene T. Kreuzer

Milwaukee 4, Wisconsin

Doar Father Kreuzer:

This letter is to inform you that I am transferring you to a new assignment as Assistant at St. Boniface Parish, Milwaukee.

You will kindly report to the pastor, the Reverend Lawrence Kasper, on Tuesday, June 26th, on which date this appointment becomes effective.

Thanking you for your fine work in your present assignment, I remain, with blessing

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee



June 23, 1956

The Rev. Eugene Kreuzer

Milwaukse 4, Wisconsin

Dear Reverend Father:

This letter is to assure you that the appointment to St. Boniface is herewith rescinded and you are to remain assistant at St. Anthony's Parish.

With best wishes and blessing, I

remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee



March 12, 1971

Reverend Eugene T. Kreuzer

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Dear Father Kreuzer:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at St. Anthony Parish, Milwaukee, and officially appoint you Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Paris, effective March 30, 1971.

You are asked to make the required Profession of Faith in the Chancery office before March 30, 1971.

It affords me great pleasure to make this appointment and I assure you that my prayers are joined with yours as we ask God to bless your labors in this new field.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins Archbishop of Milwaukee

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 5, 1993

The Reverend Eugene Kreuzer

Salem, Wisconsin 53168

Dear Gene,

With this letter I simply want to confirm your retirement from active ministry as a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and as Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, effective June 30, 1992.

I am sure that you know that retirement from active ministry does not mean total retirement from ministering as a priest. I am sure you will continue to do your very best to serve wherever you can and in whatever way you can in order to help all of us.

Thanks for all you have done through these many years of ministry, Gene. Peace and blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.

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Archbishop of Milwaukee

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To: Delphine Meyer

From: Barbara Anne Cusack Re: Priests' Retirement

Re: Priests' Retirement Date: January 25, 1993

You inquired about the canonical issues involved in the retirements of Father Eugene Kreuzer and Father Louis Okopinski. Their situations need to be studied separately as different canonical norms apply in each case.

As a preliminary, it needs to be stated that canonically there is no such category as "retirement." The status of retirement is more one of popular parlance than of canonical significance. What the law does require (of cardinals, bishops, and pastors) is the submission of a letter of resignation from office at seventy-five years of age. The key concept is that of the office. One's canonical office is lost, among other reasons, by resignation, transfer, removal, completion of one's term of office. The law mentions loss by "reaching the age determined by the law" but the age designated for each of the offices noted above seems to be more the designation of an age at which resignation is appropriate or removal could be undertaken in the absence of a resignation. In the case of these offices there is a mandatory age at which the resignation must be submitted but there is no requirement that the resignation be accepted by the authority to whom it is sent.

In the case of Father Kreuzer, since he held the office of pastor, if he has indicated that he wishes to resign (even if he uses the word retire), then the Archbishop can accept his resignation and designate him as retired. Usually the resignation is to be in writing but it can also be done orally in the presence of witnesses.

In the case of Father Okopinski, he was assigned in 1969 as "Chaplain of the Waukesha area hospitals." No term was stated at the time of his appointment. At the time of his appointment the role of chaplain was not strictly speaking designated as an office. However, under the provisions of the 1983 Code it would be considered an office and there are norms on appointment, removal, etc. There is no mandatory resignation age for chaplains as there is for pastors. However, it is clear from the Code that a chaplain is simply removed from office by the local ordinary for a just cause and according to the ordinary's own judgment. A just cause has been deemed in canonical tradition to be consideration for a person's age and ability. Therefore, a letter from the Archbishop would simply need to indicate that Fr. Okopinski is no longer the chaplain. No mention of retirement or resignation would need to be made. He could refer, if needed, to "the provisions of canon 572" (which refers to the removal of a chaplain) in his letter.

Hope this helps!

June 15, 1995 Dear arch Fish of Weakland, of received your letter of May 25th of indgine it was Van difficult for your to find this letter as it was for me to pereioc it. I under stand the peacous for fuch drastic action in view of iter adverse publicity which The Church persioned of apological for any embarrasement which may have caused -Since the allegations against me pelate to an incident which fork place over 30 year, ago, of would like to explain what action I took it the time and the percelts First gall, The pins in which I became involved were due strictly to excessive drinking on my part.

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daily all over 50 years of age of chose to pensan here because there is little possibility that I will ever pee any person with whom I may have been involved with in the past . ( turing the part 30 + years I have never heard anyone refer to or even mention anything from my past. I am pure that no one in these parishes have any knowledge At I get up an appointment to per upon in your affect on frene 23 od at 2:00 PM. I have form questions and of lirgently need your advice for the answers (if you will fee me.) frickly in Xp Done Kruger chirilantly there are many other Theings which I have done to help make up In the wrong of have done . . - of tope you are able to pead their of had cuterait purgury 3 weeks up, and I have temporary double vision.

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Father Venne or Tom Trepancer of the Personnel Board. I also took the Minnesota Psychological exam, at our final conference (May 26, 1992) he informed me that in his oferion of showed no abnormalities and that Jurether therapy would not be necessary. for our disensions I told him of all That I had done to make up for the wrong that I had done. of not only quit drenking ... I still havest had my first drink fine than ... Jut for over 38 years of left fresh flowers on the alter year pound at my effence. In place of a celebration for my 25 th anniversary of Ordination of Jinanced the exceling of a shrin houring our Blessed Mother Letween the Rectory and the clurch at fly Johns at a cost of about 3000,00. I gave up hunting and fishing, and ( fremember you priging that you never want a priest to pay this for the last 18 years I never took a day of except when I was in the profetal Jollowing heart attacks in 1982 and 1989. Instead of spent time every week visiting the pick and the elderly works were longered to their komes hospitals or necessing homes.

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FILE COPY

December 28, 1995

Rev. Eugene T. Kreuzer

Kansasville, Wisconsin 53139

Dear Fr. Kreuzer:

I write at the request of Archbishop Weakland who had the opportunity to review your status prior to his departure for his Sabbatical on December 27, 1995.

In view of all the factors related to your situation, and particularly in consideration of your spirit of cooperation, I write to state that the Archbishop is willing to restore your faculties for hearing Confessions on the basis of an individual request, or in a parish Church as requested, effective January 1, 1996. The Archbishop is also willing to allow you to Concelebrate for funerals if judged appropriate. Permission for presiding at the celebration of the Eucharist on special occasions may be extended on a case by case basis, subsequent to each individual request to Fr. Carrol Straub as Vicar for Clergy in the Archdiocese.

I know that this period of discernment has not been easy, and I pray that the new year may enable your time of retirement to be more satisfying and pastorally fruitful. May the God of new beginnings be a source of strength and consolation for you.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/rt Copy:

> Fr. Carrol Straub Fr. Thomas Fait



January 17, 1996

Reverend Eugene T. Kreuzer

Kansasville, WI 53139

Dear Father Kreuzer,

Enclosed for your files is the document which effected the changes in your exercise of ministry referred to in my earlier correspondence. If you have any questions about any of these matters, please feel free to contact me.

With the assurance of continued prayers, I am,

Sincarely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

Enclosure

Copy: Fr. Carrol Straub

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#### PRECEPT

In response to the pastoral needs of this Christian community, in virtue of his authority as diocesan bishop (c. 381, §1), and in accord with the provisions of canon 49, on May 25, 1995 Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland formally placed upon Reverend Eugene Kreuzer a precept for the purpose of restricting his exercise of ministry. The circumstances calling for these restrictions have now been reviewed and it has been determined that modifications in that precept can be made without endangering the good of the ecclesial community. Therefore, effective this date, the following modifications to the original precept are in effect:

- 1) The faculty to hear confession is restored and be exercised when a penitent explicitly requests the individual celebration of the Sacrament of Penance or when a paster requests your assistance with this Sacrament at a parish;
- 2) Participation as a concelebrant of a funeral Mass is permitted provided the pastor of the parish deems such participation appropriate;
- 3) Permission for public celebration of the Eucharist on other occasions may be granted by Very Reverend Carrol Straub, Vicar for Clergy, based on his review of the reasons given in your request.

The remaining restrictions continue and will remain in effect until notice of their revocation since they are seen as necessary and prudent precautions.

Given by special mandate this 1st day of January, 1996

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba

Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

Chancellor/Notary

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3501 South Lake Drive, P.O. Box 07912 Milwaukee, W153207-0912-(414)769-3486 There faculties may but be used at St anthony; Puish in Tril wantee.

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Congratulations! I feel that there honors are long overdue.

I still permember you in my pragues. May of humbly ask your to do the fame for me.

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TR. EUGENE KRUEZER



July 25, 2000

Gene Kreuzer

Kansasville WI 53139

Dear Gene,

Thanks so much for your months of patience. The letter that you wrote me in January came while I was on vacation and sat on my desk after that for a bit with all the mail that had piled up. I gave it over to the Vicar for Clergy for his advice and must admit that took some time as well. It finally came back to me and I simply want to apologize for not answering you before this time.

I think, Gene, it would be wise to keep the restrictions as we now have them. It just strikes me as being more prudent. I am very pleased that you have been able to keep your sobriety as you should and want to commend you for this. God bless you in all those efforts.

I don't think it is really wise for you, Gene, to get involved In jail or prison ministry. It strikes me as being a very difficult kind of ministry that requires an enormous amount of savvy. I think it might be a danger for you to get so involved in the Kenosha House of Correction. I would be very cautious then about saying a yes to that kind of involvement.

I hope all continues to go so well for you, and thank you for being so cooperative. Many, many blessings on you in every way.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

FREENON

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee

[au-15, 2000 - . 34 Dear Archbishop Weakland, First gall, I would like to Thank you and Bishop philon for the Howers which you peut at the time of run secunt surgery. I appreciate your Thoughtfulness. Everything rocat well and Sam July recovered. It wasn't The best Time of the year to be loud up since of still take care of the payrale books for ft. Johnes Parish and day enc. center. This is the time that of have t pace 20+ W-2 with tolding that former to the employee as well as filing the annual Try Jornes for the parish . These are all going into the mine takey. Jan Still keeping the agreement. which I make with you peaced years ago I have not consumed any steakater beverages In at least 30 years and will continue to work than I have limited telping out" to ft. Johns, Is Francis Brighton and H. Mary: in Dover of pay man oute a week it one of these parishes except when the paster is on vacation. I explained to Tom Fait and to few Volkert my situation po

that they are aware of the peasons of do not keep out at other pariales. Both here been very understanding. I entertain no lay visitors to my home nor do of accept any invitations to visit private home or even to parish dinners where parion members are aft to be present, The only visitors which of have are fix or flower John Drive Francis cans ( framer texteers and principals) who come down here to visit penelorly. I have presented with a problem pecently for which I would apprecente your advice and perhaps your pirmersion. I have been taking Communica every two weeks to a parish member of St phies at The Kenerche Country House of Correction. He is awaiting trial on a charge of homecade by the intoxicated was 7 " most or vehicle and fleeing the peene ja fatal accident. It was was passed in to me that faster Sandy the footestant Chaplain, when phe heard that of visit the preson requirely, was wondering if I could next occasionally with other

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February 3, 2003

Reverend Eugene Kreuzer

Kansasville, WI 53139

Dear Eugene,

As I continue to adjust to my role as Archbishop, I am undertaking a review of files of priests. I note that there have been problems in your past of which you are well aware. Father Hornacek will be contacting you for a personal meeting in the near future to discuss this situation with you on my behalf. If you want to meet with me personally at some point after your conversation with Joe, I am certainly open to that possibility.

In the meantime, I see that a precept restricting your exercise of ministry is in place. I would like to confirm those restrictions: You are to have no unsupervised contact with minors and no public exercise of ministry; Private celebration with only another priest or priests in attendance is permitted, but no other sacramental ministry.

I regret that my first formal correspondence with you needs to be on such a delicate and painful matter. I am sure you understand that the scope of my responsibilities in caring for the flock entrusted to me and for you requires that I do so.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan Archbishop of Milwaukee

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May 21, 1992

Rev. Eugene T. Kreuzer St. John the Baptist Church-Paris

Union Grove, Wisconsin 53182

Dear Fr. Kreuzer:



I am grateful for the opportunity to have had a brief conversation with you earlier this week in the context of our Spring Assembly of Priests. I was distressed to learn of some of the cardiac problems which you have again experienced during the past few days. This ongoing condition, together with the counsel which I have recently received, confirms the wisdom of asking that you seek the Archbishop's permission for formal retirement from the pastorate of St. John the Baptist Parish in Parish, effective June 30, 1992.

I do not know exactly how the Personnel Board will staff the Parish during the weeks immediately subsequent to that date; however, I have been assured that the pastoral care of the congregation and sacramental services will continue to be provided until a permanent replacement is determined. It may be that the permanent replacement would be available at that very same date. I recognize that some refurbishment may be necessary in the Rectory prior to a successor actually assuming residence in Paris. At any rate, I can promise that your own needs as well as the needs of the Parish community will be addressed in every way possible.

Enclosed please find some materials pertinent to the Pension Fund and the forms which you must be completed in order to begin receiving Pension payments. Please contact Sr. Rose Stinefastin Fr. Tom Venne's office for any further information regarding these materials. The completed forms should be returned directly to the office of Fr. Tom Venne.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time of transition. I am convinced that your own physical problem will be considerably alleviated as soon as the stress of these arrangements have been completed. May the graces of Pentecost be of healing strength and support for you and all whom you serve.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/rt Enclosures

Copy to: Fr. R. Thomas Venne

Fr. Thomas Trepanier

Department of Clergy Personnel

January 15, 1993

Reverend Eugene T. Kreuzer

Salem, WI 53168

Dear Father Kreuzer,

I am writing to you today to confirm your date of retirement as of 6/30/92. I understand that you need this proof of retirement so that you can proceed with your application for Medicare Part B.

If there is any other way in which I can be assistance to you please let me know.

I am sorry for any inconvenience the tardiness of this response to your request may have caused you regarding your Medicare procedures with the Social Security Office.

Sincerely,

Sister Kathleen Schweihs Administrative Assistant Clergy Personnel Office



#### PRECEPT

In response to the pastoral needs of this Christian community, in virtue of my authority as diocesan bishop (c. 381, \$1), and in accord with the provisions of canon 49, I formally place upon Reverend Eugene Kreuzer the following obligations:

- 1) To refrain from all contact with minors;
- 2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist in other than a private setting with only another priest or priests in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require my explicit permission in each case;
- 3) To avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 4) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

The reasons motivating this decree are the allegations of sexual activities in violation of the obligation of clerical celibacy (c. 277, §1). These restrictions are seen as necessary and prudent precautions and will remain in effect until notice of their revocation.

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.

Archbishop of Milwaukee

Chancelfor/Notary

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To: Bishop Sklba and Fr. Hornicek From: Barb Reinke

Re: PRE-INTAKE REPORT

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# **MEMO**

TO: Archbishop Weakland Bishop Sklba Barbara Reinke

FROM: Fr. Joe Hornacek

RE: Contact with Fr. Eugene Kreuzer

DATE: February 12, 2001

When I phoned Fr. Kreuzer this afternoon he thought I was calling in response to his volunteering to help Fr. Jim Volkert by serving as Temporary Administrator at Brighton and Paris while Fr. Volkert is on sabbatical starting August 27, 2001. I thanked him for his offer but said we try not to use retired priests to serve as Temporary Administrators. Fr. Kohler and I will find someone to serve full-time in Fr. Volkert's absence.

may have been a victim of his sexual misconduct in the past. Gene volunteered that he had indeed tried to reach by phone as he has done every few years to check up on the status of marriage.
Gene admitted that he first knew when Gene was at St. Anthony's, Milwaukee (1952-1971). He also admitted that was "may have been" a victim of his sexual misconduct because he was "stoned" at the time and didn't remember much about what happened because of his drinking problem.
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Recently Gene learned that was now living He asked who lives in Allegedly who is the only one who knew Gene would try to contact mailed to inform him that Gene would be calling.
Gene recently phoned several times, "curious to know how his marriage is working out," but never reached I informed Gene that his attempt to contact may be misconstrued and he should immediately cease trying to make any further contact with him. He promised that he would follow my advice.

He ended by reporting that he never attends clergy gatherings because he tends to "break down" when asked what happened to him. He remains grateful for the opportunity to help out in a few designated parishes in keeping with the prescribed restrictions.



April 29, 2002

Rev. Eugene Kreuzer Kansasville WI 53139

Dear Gene,

It is a special joy to be able to congratulate you on the 50th Anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood.

Our Archdiocese of Milwaukee has been blessed by your many years of generous and dedicated service to God's people.

Please accept my personal best wishes and grateful appreciation for your positive response to God's call. May the Lord gift you with good health and every other grace and blessing as you continue to live out the privileged ministry we share together.

Sincerely in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek Vicar for Clergy

JFH/ks



# REMBERTUS GEORGIUS

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- 3) To avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 4) To cease any and all activities and relationships that may be described under the broad category of pastoral counseling;
- 5) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

The reasons motivating this decree are the allegations of sexual activities in violation of the obligation of clerical celibacy (c. 277, §1). These restrictions are seen as necessary and prudent precautions and will remain in effect for three months from this date or until notice of their revocation. Any violations of this precept could result in penal action and this decree shall serve as canonical warning to that effect.

This decree shall be executed by means of its communication to Reverend Eugene Kreuzer by Very Reverend Joseph Hornacek.

Given this 29th day of April, 2002.

How G. Weakland, O.S.B.

Archbishop of Milwaukee

Rev. John D. Awllo

SEAL

### Dear Parishioners,

Those of you who have been accustomed to seeing me in attendance at Mass here, have inquired about my recent absence. I believe that I should be forthright in explaining my decision not to participate here any longer.

There were allegations of my sexual abuse of minors some 30 years ago in a different parish. I express remorse and repent of these actions. However, for the good of the community I have decided that my continued presence at the parish is not helpful. I have been fully cooperative with the restrictions placed upon me. I do not exercise any ministry and am living out my life in a spirit of prayer and penance.

This is a strong and loving parish community and I know you will respond to this announcement in the manner that is most appropriate, by praying for all those involved, especially for all victims of violence and abuse.



August 9, 2002

Rev Eugene Kreuzer

Kansasville WI 53139

Dear Gene,

Please accept my sincere apology for being unable to send the enclosed renewal of your Precept until now. You will notice that all the restrictions delineated in the previous precept continue. The chief difference is found in the final paragraph which now reads that "these restrictions are seen as necessary and prudent precautions and will remain in effect from this date until notice of their revocation."

In other words, previous precepts were typically drawn up for a three-month period. This precept remains in effect until further notice. I appreciate that this may be a cause of additional disappointment and profound sadness. As your brother priest I truly share that sadness, and pray that your remembrance of many years of faithful and generous priestly service offered out of love for God's people, will remain some consolation to you.

Meanwhile I ask you to be well, to take care of your various needs to the best of your ability with the resources available to you. I want to continue to be of support to you however I am able. If a personal visit or invitation to a meal would be welcome to you please do not hesitate to contact me.

With prayerful concern, I am

Fraternally yours,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek

Vicar for Clergy

JFH/ks

## MOST REVEREND RICHARD J. SKLBA ADMINISTRATOR

#### **PRECEPT**

In response to the pastoral needs of this Christian community, in virtue of my authority as diocesan administrator (c. 427, §1), and in accord with the provisions of canon 49, I formally place upon Reverend Eugene Kreuzer the following obligations:

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This decree shall be executed by means of its communication to Reverend Eugene Kreuzer by Very Reverend Joseph Hornacek.

Given this 22nd day of July, 2002.

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba

Administrator, Archdiocese of Milwaykee

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March 26, 2010



Dear

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Thank you for your courage in coming forward to address the many issues surrounding your sexual abuse by Eugene Kreuzer. I want to express my profound sadness about what you experienced. Any abuse of a child is tragic. It is more so when done by someone who should have been trustworthy. I apologize to you for the pain this has caused you.

I give you my solemn promise that things are different now and that we are doing everything we can to ensure that the tragedy of sexual abuse does not continue in our Church or in society.

I hope and pray that whatever healing is needed in your life may continue to happen. As a fellow former member of the Armed Services, I also thank you for your service to our country. If you ever wish to meet with me personally, my door is open to you.

With a promise of prayer for you and those you hold dear, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki Archbishop of Milwaukee

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February 19, 2004



Please allow me to continue to update you about developments that may concern you.

On February 27, 2004 the findings of the "John Jay Study" will be released. This study was commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at their Dallas meeting in June, 2002. John Jay College of Criminal Justice conducted a survey, and this report will include cumulative numbers from dioceses across the United States who reported on their individual numbers since 1950.

Naturally you will be interested in this news story because of its personal dimensions for you, but many victim/survivors have also let me know how extensive media coverage of clergy sexual abuse causes intense personal disruption and setbacks. In addition to a "heads up" about the turmoil you may face, let me make a few suggestions about how you might manage this time period.

- Be in charge of your media doses, rather than let it control you. Choose when
  and where and how much exposure you want. Turn off the TV or radio and
  put away the newspaper, as needed. Let people know if you don't want to talk
  about it now.
- Turn to people who offer you genuine caring and support. Distinguish these from the people who have another interest or purpose in talking to you about your personal relationship to the topic. Remember that you have choices about whether you publicly identify yourself as a victim. Talk with people with whom you feel "safe."
- Consider making an appointment with your therapist if you don't already have
  one. If you have not taken advantage of our offer to assist financially with
  psychotherapy, but would like to do so, please contact me. There are also
  support groups that focus on the healing needs of sexual abuse survivors, for
  which I can provide information. You are welcome to turn to me as a support
  person as well.

Previously we informed you that a new mediation program, independent of the Archdiocese, was forthcoming. The Clergy Sexual Abuse Mediation System is designed to resolve disputes for those who have been sexually abused by Catholic clergy, with the goal of healing, restoration and closure. If you are not already registered to participate in mediation, you may do so by calling 414-302-9215 or 1-866-302-9215. The last date for requesting mediation if you choose to seek resolution.

February 19, 2004 Page 2

I pray and hope that your journey as a survivor of clergy sexual abuse starts to become easier. For the Catholic Church it is a necessary time of public accountability in order to be responsible for what happened in the past, to change the culture and ways of operating in the present, and to practice prevention in the future. As we have said before, no words or actions erase the burden you have borne as a result of this issue.

May God be with you,

Barbara Reinke, Ph.D.

Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

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January 1, 2004





Dear

I write to you because you have experienced, firsthand, the pain caused by sexual abuse within the Church, and you courageously reported the abuse to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. No words can apologize sufficiently for your experience, but I will continue to try by saying again how sorry I am. Knowing that no remedies can adequately address the harm done, I still want to make you aware of a variety of services available to you and intended to assist in your healing.

Dispute resolution services to address your unique needs for recovery will become available in mid-January. Eva Soeka, a nationally known expert in dispute resolution systems, is creating a process independent of the Church that will make use of the best mediators in the area. I continue to believe that this initiative represents the best way for us to meet together about your situation and provide assistance. More details and information about how to enter into this process will be available in mid-January. At this time, I ask you to start considering if this might be the right next step for you.

Catholic Charities is also offering a new support group in Milwaukee for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. This group will offer a falth-based perspective, and is meant to supplement other support groups available in the area. A flyer is enclosed.

Financial assistance with psychotherapy also remains available. To access this, or for other questions about our services, please contact Dr. Barbara Reinke in our office for Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services (414-769-3436 or <a href="mailto:reinkeb@archmil.org">reinkeb@archmil.org</a>). Also enclosed is a brochure about our policies and procedures when a report is made.

I continue to meet privately with those victim-survivors who find that helpful. Please contact me at 414-769-3496 if you would like to arrange such a meeting. We have also arranged for several priests, sisters and lay ministers, who are professionally-trained in providing spiritual direction, to be available. If you would like to speak with one of them, please contact Barbara Anne Cusack, my delegate for sexual abuse issues, at 414-769-3341.

It is also important for me to communicate with you about our efforts to prevent clergy sexual abuse in the future. Our *Code of Ethics* makes it clear that no such behavior is to be tolerated within ministry. Our *Mandatory Reporting Responsibility* policy specifies that any employee or volunteer working in our parishes and schools must report any suspicion of abuse. In addition, all adult staff, and volunteers who work with children are required to participate in training to enhance awareness of childhood sexual abuse.

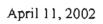
One final thing: if you would prefer not to have further contact from me or from any Church representative, please let us know using the enclosed return letter and pre-stamped envelope.

Much more remains to be done, and we welcome your suggestions. You can use the enclosed response letter and envelope for that purpose as well.

Please know that I am concerned about you and I pray for you. I apologize for the past misdeeds and wish to restore your wholeness as best we can.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan Archbishop of Milwaukee





To: Bishop Sklba and Fr. Joe Homacek

From: Barb Reinke Re: Fr. Eugene Kreuzer

I want to make you aware that another victim of Eugene Kreuzer has come forward, and to make sure that all appropriate restrictions are in place so that none of Fr. Kreuzer's victims could see him in public ministry. According to Barbara Anne, this might not be the current situation.

I am enclosing copies of the exchange of letters that has occurred in order to suffice as an intake report in this instance.



April 15, 2002





Dear

I am truly sorry to hear that you were sexually abused by Fr. Eugene Kreuzer. Obviously this should not have occurred and it was not your fault, but I think you know all this. I realize the harm inflicted upon you has been substantial, causing years of pain and therapy.

Fr. Kreuzer has been known to us for many years as someone who offended against teenage boys, and he was one of the first to be removed from ministry and placed under restrictions. Under the laws in effect at the time, civil prosecution was never possible. He is currently retired, under supervision, with no faculties. As it happens. I did confront him personally with another allegation. As information only, because I know it does not in any way excuse what he did, in his case he acknowledges and takes responsibility for what he did and expresses considerable remorse and concern about the harm he has caused. I am hoping this information can contribute to your needs for truth and justice, and ultimately healing.

I would like to speak with you about how we can assist your healing. It is our routine practice to pay therapy costs for someone who has been harmed. Please sign a release so that your therapist may contact me and I may send out a packet to set up payment arrangements. We review a treatment plan, not for the purpose of restricting therapy, but to ensure that we pay for quality therapy.

I want to acknowledge another minor connection between us. Prior to taking this job, I conducted private practice in Dr. office/Parkland Clinic one day per week. Obviously I knew of you. even though I'm not sure we ever directly met. I don't think this would lead to any problems now, but please let me know if you see it otherwise.

DATE:

July 18, 2002

TO:

Bishop R. Sklba

FROM:

Barb Reinke

RE:

IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR YOUR CONCERN

I hope you've had a wonderful vacation. As you get back into the swing, here are some of the items requiring your attention.

- 1. Please make a call or send a letter to applicating for the abuse he suffered from Fr. George Nuedling. His phone # is address is:
- 2. In now in his late sixties, was a victim of Fr. Eugene Kreuzer, starting shortly after his ordination. If first contacted us last winter, but delayed in getting back to us about financial assistance for therapy. Over the years has spent a tremendous amount of his own money for therapy. As with so many other victims, the issues were reopened for last winter and he started having marital problems. He resumed therapy with a psychoanalyst whom he is seeing three times a week at \$190 per hour out of his own pocket. He expects this to end in the next month. It sounds like it has been quite effective therapy with regards to the sexual abuse. At this time there doesn't seem to be a point in sending out a treatment plan. I think the right thing to do for would be to reimburse him for his out-of-pocket therapy costs since he contacted us last on March 31, 2002 with his initial report. This will be a significant amount of money, but with the understanding there will be no further financial assistance.
- ongoing need for therapy. As you recall, this was an adult relationship with minimal sexual contact, but a lot of psychological dependency and the dynamics of a sexual abuse case. We had agreed to pay co-pays for therapy through April, with her insurance covering the majority of costs. It is now working as and her income is so low that the co-pays are a problem for her. Should we continue to assist with co-pays, as Fr. Arsenault in his anger about the whole sexual abuse situation thinks we should? I did tell both of them that she should get the treatment she needs and we would work out the financial part after you return. It seems to me that since we've assisted her quite a ways in her healing, we should complete the job.

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MEMO: ISSUES July 18, 2002

4.	I want to keep reminding you that we need to move forward in putting some money into a trust fund for which I communicated to as Archbishop Weakland's decision. As you recall, the amount of money was never specified. Please let me know how to proceed.
5.	Voice mail messages from indicate he has a need to talk with you to bring the outburst at the last planning session to resolution. I will tell him to give you a call after you get back.
6.	See emails regarding I think it would be helpful if you also issue an apology to

BR:saz



July 22, 2002





Dear



Bishop Sklba has agreed that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will reimburse you for psychotherapy costs incurred since you contacted Project Benjamin on March 31, 2002 through August 2002. Obviously we will need proper documentation from you to take care of this. As this is quite outside our usual procedures (our committee usually authorizes weekly therapy at a cost of \$100 per session early in the treatment process), you should not expect that any arrangement like this one would extend into the future.

I am truly sorry about the harm you have suffered, and hope you can move on in life with peace and some healing accomplished. Let me know if I can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Barbara Reinke, Ph.D. Director, Project Benjamin Licensed Psychologist

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c: Bishop R. Sklba



July 8, 2004

### PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL



In line with the assurances given in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, I have authorized the release of the names of priests who are now or would have been restricted from all priestly ministries. These men can not celebrate the sacraments publicly or represent themselves as priests in any way.

This action will bring with it additional publicity. My concern is that the publicity may bring you, personally, additional anxiety, stress or other difficulties. If you need to talk to someone, please do so. If you would like to contact our office for Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services, please call 414-769-3436.

What happened to you was not your fault and should never have happened. For that, I apologize in the name of the Church. I hope our actions as a Church in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and my actions as archbishop continue to provide for healing. Please know you remain in my prayers.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Barbarba Wisnefski called to discuss the situation at Paris regarding the pastor. Kreuzer has been there for ten years and the people are dissatisfied with him she claims. She was relieved when I told her about our current method of choosing a new pastor, of the Term of Office Policy, and of the coming Periodic Review. I asked her to be patient and since they have a new Parish Council to try to work through the Council to resolve some of the Issues that she feels are at stake.

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456. Kreuzer, Eugene

I visited him at Paris where we discussed the conversation I previously had with a number of his parishioners. I told him I was there mainly because I was concerned about him and his health. He never looked better to me and he showed me the medication the doctor is giving him to slow down the heart beat. He is suppose to run a mile a day according to his doctor's instructions. He does not see himself as having a health problem. However, I indicated that there is stress apparently coming from the parishioners and he agreed with this. Since so many of these families have intermarried and from time to time feud, Kreuzer is caught in the middle of that feud. There are problems with the structure of the parish council and its operation. He has already spoken to the Parish Councils Office about this and expects them to help straighten the matter out. His liturgical committee is evidently a problem. Yet, he gets involved in all kinds of small issues (e.g., the use of purple candles for the RENEW program). He told me that the people that came to see me were his troublemakers. At the same time, he saw them as great individuals who may be moving too fast in their expectations of getting the parish moving ahead against the wishes of some of the more conservative people. I saw this as a classic case of pastor caught in the middle of two groups of people and in trying to please both groups talking out of both sides of his mouth. As expected, he has a logical answer to all the complaints that had been raised. He said he would be willing to have another meeting with myself and the complainants. The most positive things that came out of the meeting was the fact that I saw he was in good health apparently, and that he is of goodwill and agreeable to further discussion.

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570. Kreuzer, Eugene

He came to see me because he wanted to talk before our meeting with the parishioners next Friday. He told me he had authorized the release of any medical information from his doctor,

facilitate some reconciliation between him and the parishioners. He showed me that the recent election for a trustee had produced some politicing. One of the encumbants was voted out of office by a number of people voting for only one rather than two trustees. When he showed me the ballots, I pointed out that the directions did not forbid such an exercise of voting. I told him that if there were rules, they should be announced before the election not after. From our conversation I got the impression that he is caught in the middle of two factions and is trying to please both of them. This is resulting in his pleasing mainly the more conservative element.

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my advice she and her group had waited until after the 125th anniversary celebration to approach Father Kreuzer for a discussion. She said that he became very angry and adamantly refused to meet and discuss anything with them. He told her that he would not go through another session like he did a couple of Parishioner, Lugene to dialogue with him about some of their concerns. She said the he told her he was not "married to this parish" and could go to another parish if necessary. I told her that I would talk to years ago where everyone vented their emotions on him. She said that she explained that they did not want to do that but wanted him and see if I could encourage him to have that discussion with them. If not, I would be willing to facilitate the discussion between him and them or just talk to them if this would help...... , called to say that at She said that

816. Kreuzer, Eugene

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to go along with some of the ideas this group is proposing. Another thing he said he would be willing to do is meet with these people on an individual basis. I told him that there were people here at the Central Office who could sit in on a meeting and bring some objectivity to it and support for him if this would be helpful. He told me he is not "married to the parish" and he would meeting where other parishioners can be present and help in his small group because he feels as though they are out to pull a same group that had been badgering him a couple of years ago with some issues that were bothering them. in behalf of a group of parishioners to meet with him and discuss sooner called him to inform him about the request by exception of play. resign than meet with this small group. He said he He has agreed to meet with them at an open parish is sure the majority of people do not want He refuses to meet with Kreuzer said this is the this

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dialogue with some of these people and try to iron out some of the become comfortable with over the years. I tried to get her to see that initiating some kind of dialogue was quite necessary and told her that maybe some of her friends might be able to be in opposes him. upset with the prospect of having to face the small group that people simply want opposes him. Mrs. trustee of the parish. Father Kreuzer evidently was at their home last evening following his conversation with me and was very Kreuzer, innovative ideas at the parish of stress and pressure Eugene She pointed out t the parish level. She same that they had to be left alone to the ways that they had be left alone to the ways that they had been something to be left alone to the ways that they had been something to be the same that they have been something to be the same that they have the same that th that Father Kreuzer is under an awful from these people. wants supports Father Kreuzer and called. She is the wife of the to start all kinds of new She said the majority of the ways that they have claims

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1000 Kreuzer, Eugene

Mrs. with what she termed "a final report". She said that her group of people that want to communicate with Father Kreuzer met with their parish council. The council had a meeting with Kreuzer and he advised the council that he would not be willing to meet group. The council said that he gave his again with health as a reason since these meetings put too much pressure on him. He told the council to say that he understands if some them have to go elsewhere for Mass and that also he will be leaving the parish in 1986. She said the people in her group are now resigned to either go elsewhere or work with the situation knowing that very little can be done to change Father Kreuzer's habits of communication or rather non-communication. She feels the one good thing that has come out of all of this is the fact that Father Kreuzer is willing to work with, deal with and communicate with the parish council. Up until now even that type of communication was lacking she claimed.

10/26/84

202. Kreuzer, Eugene

On Wednesday, October 16, 1985 I visited with Gene at his rectory in order to see how things were going. He indicated some anxiety regarding the proximate letter from the Priest Personnel Board regarding his reassignment. I informed him of the more personal letter to be arriving soon and encouraged him to speak with Gene Neuman about it at that time.

RJS

213. Kreuzer, Eugene

On Tuesday, April 28, 1987 I visited Gene at his rectory in order to see how his health was in view of considerable expressions of parish concern and resistance to his remaining. I tried to encourage him to consider another assignment, but I do not think I was successful.

RJS

461. Kreuzer, Eugene

On several occasions toward the end of the summer, of Christian Formation Department called expressing conflicts between Gene and the committee charged with the selection of a new principal for the school.

RJS

554. Kreuzer, Eugene

On Friday, June 3, 1988 our office received a copy of the bulletin from St. John the Baptist Parish in Paris in which Father Kreuzer indicates that he had not taken his salary since January, 1988. I will contact him to express the recommendation that such a practice be promptly discontinued for his own benefit as well as that of his successors in the future.

RJS

694. Kreuzer, Eugene

On Thursday, July 27, 1989 called to say that Gene had experienced a heart attack on July 26 and was in a stable condition in intensive care in Kenosha Memorial Hospital.

RJS

756. Kreuzer, Eugene

On Thursday, September 7, 1989 I spoke with Gene via telephone to see how he was doing subsequent to his heart attack. He has improved somewhat but remains weak and unable to travel much distance from the rectory at Paris.

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## ✓ 263. Eugene Kreuzer

On May 20, 1992 I spoke with Gene and informed him that all the counsel which I had received in recent days converged in requesting that he retire from the pastorate at St. John's Parish effective the end of June, 1992. I assured him that he would be undoubtedly welcome to continue working in the garden after that time and he acknowledged that he was having some cardiac problems during the past few days.

On Thursday, May 21, 1992 I spoke with Gene by telephone and confirmed our agreement that he would request formal retirement effective June 30, 1992. He promised to announce this to his parish the week-end of May 23-24 with the understanding that the open listing would be published in the CATHOLIC HERALD during the week of May 25, 1992. I alerted the Priest Personnel office and Tom Venne to this development.

RJS

## 297. Eugene Kreuzer

on June 5, 1992 called to report that he has changed to semi-retired status, effective June 1st, 1992 with two days per week devoted to clinical therapy (of which one day is actual office work). He stated that he met with Gene once, who gave some evidence of willingness to participate only to the degree that it was absolutely necessary. Dr. and I agreed that he should meet with Gene approximately once a month for a year in order to monitor current needs during this time of transition and assess what might in fact be therapeutically possible at this juncture.

RJS

## 422. Eugene Kreuzer

On July 20, 1992 I received a phone call from Gene stating that he has made arrangements to move to residence in Salem and alleged that although he had been repeatedly told by mo hurry" in regard to the moving date, he was confronted the previous Sunday who insisted on walking through the house morning by with a Videotape to record the condition of the Rectory during this time of movement. Gene also expressed concern that me has allegedly stated there would no longer be weekday Mass in the parish and that would only come for Sunday morning Mass and would refuse to honor any of the Mass intentions already scheduled for weekday or Sunday celebrations, preferring instead to only celebrate pro populo Masses in the parish. Gene was concerned about the Canonical obligation if the stipend has been accepted from parishioners. I promised to bring the matter to the attention of Tom Venne and Tom Trepanier in order that clear communication regarding the date of transition be shared by all.

RJS

911. Eugene Kreuzer

On December 29, 1994 I received a phone call from Gene alerting me to the fact that he had moved in late November to a new location at Kansasville, Wisconsin 53139 and was actively involved in doing a considerable amount of the parish bookkeeping for St. John the Baptist parish in Paris, at the request of Fr. Thomas Fait. He indicated that he would be available for help-out at any of the surrounding parishes if needed and allowed by Archdiocesan authorities. Gene stated that his conversations with Dr.

at the time of his retirement had proven helpful and had been discontinued shortly thereafter.

RJS

443. Eugene Kruezer

On June 7, 1995 I received a phone call from Gene who was attempting to work with the suddenness of his letter in view of impending commitments. He agreed to cancel the occasional weekday Mass which he had provided for Jim Ernster at St. Mary's in Kansasville, which he had already promised to continue under the pastorate of Jim Cera, subsequent to the reassignment date of June 21, 1995. Because Gene has had a few elderly folks feel free to stop at his residence for Confession, some of whom travel some distance, I gave permission to hear their Confessions should that occasion arise during the next two weeks rather than confuse them with a refusal at the door after this length of time and without any preparation. Gene asked if he might please meet with the Archbishop to discuss these matters personally and I promised to bring the matter to the Archbishop's attention as soon as he returned.

RJS

566. Gene Kreuzer

On July 19, 1995 I recalled for the purposes of my Office Log the fact that the Archbishop had declined to give Gens permission to celebrate at the funeral of Fr. Lawrence Waleske on June 29, 1995.

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676. Eugene Kreuzer

On September 2, 1995 I spoke by telephone with Thomas Fait who communicated Gene's new address at Kansasville, Wisconsin 53139, with home phone at Tom also indicated that the altar from the Sisters' chapel at Paris was being transferred to Gene's residence for private use. In response to Tom's inquiry, I sent a personal note to Gene that same day with the clarification that the Archbishop's letter of May 1995 did not intend to forbid the private celebration of the Eucharist by a retired priest within his own apartment or residence.

RJS

5. Kreuzer, Gene
On January 8, 1996 Thomas Fait called to get permission to have
Gene Kreuzer help him out wit. Masses. I told him since he
recently received a letter from Bishop Sklba relative to the
matter of restrictions, I was sure it would be acceptable at this
time.

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# 86. Eugene Kreuzer

On February 12, 2001 I joined Fr. Joseph Hornacek and Dr. Barbara Reinke for an initial discussion of an allegation from the 1970's. It was agreed that Fr. Hornacek would bring the allegation to the attention of Fr. Kreuzer himself in order to share the information and seek a response in a timely fashion.

**RJS** 

#### 131. Gene Kreuzer

February 12, 2001 Vicar calls Gene Kreuzer in response to report made by Barbara Reinke to Bishop Sklba and the Vicar today regarding Kreuzer's alleged attempt to contact a former victim. A lengthy memo is prepared by Vicar for both Bishops and Barbara Reinke and filed in Gene Kreuzer's folder.

JFH

#### 132. Gene Kreuzer

February 13, 2001 Gene Kreuzer calls to say he is sending a letter which will explain why he maintained contact with as well as letters which demonstrate the positive influence he has had on some inmates of correctional centers.

JFH

#### 141. Gene Kreuzer

February 14, 2001 Gene sends Vicar the letter of desperate cry for help regarding finances and he received from in July of '84. Gene last saw and his wife in '84 when he responded to this letter. Gene spoke to 2 or 3 times since by phone to make sure he was still ok and that his marriage was stable. (He also sent a note written on a thank you card from whom Gene sent a Christmas card, letter and magazines.)

**JFH** 

#### 210. Gene Kreuzer

March 14, 2001 Gene is urged to come in to meet with Dr. Barbara Reinke and Vicar for complete firsthand report on current health status of a former victim of 30 years ago. On 3/16 Gene met with Barbara and who collaboratively reported on the ongoing pain and disruption of normalcy that continues for because of sexual abuse 32 years ago. Gene continues to express grave remorse and personal pain because of the realization of what he did and outlines all the steps taken over past 15 years to make certain that such behavior would never be repeated.

**JFH** 

## 351. Eugene Kreuzer

On May 31, 2001 in a conversation with Fr. James Volkert I learned that Fr. Kreuzer was currently experiencing severe deterioration of his health, as a result of internal bleeding, and significant loss of weight related possible to colon cancer. Fr. Volkert that Fr. Kreuzer had shared the circumstances of the recent allegation.

RJS

#### 396. Gene Kreuzer

May 13, 2002 Gene Kreuzer meets with Vicar to receive precept which prevents him from future exercise of any public ministry and celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments. He requests one exception – that he be allowed to celebrate the already announced June 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:15 Mass at St. John, Paris, for his golden jubilee. Vicar confers with Archbishop and will ask Kreuzer's alleged victim for permission to do so.

JFH

#### 425. Gene Kreuzer

May 18, 2002 Gene Kreuzer is notified that because of all that we learned at the 5/16 listening sessions it would be most prudent not to engage in a public liturgical celebration of his golden jubilee as planned for St. John, Paris on June 2, 2002. He understands the climate and concurs. Vicar also informs Jim Volkert, current pastor at St. John, who will invite Gene to write something in the bulletin for next weekend.

JFH

#### 569. Gene Kreuzer

June 25, 2002 Gene Kreuzer reports he will be entering a nursing home this week and asks what he would be able to do. I reminded him he could not offer Mass or hear confessions but he could bless individuals and religious articles. He will call back when he knows the home and the time of admission.

JFH

### 502. Eugene Kreuzer

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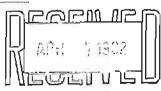
On July 20, 2002 at the request of Barbara Ann Cusack, I signed a renewed ministerial restriction precept for Fr. Eugene Kreuzer to be in place, pending revocation.

**RJS** 

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THE CHANCERY



April 6, 1982

The Reverend Joseph F. Hornacek Priests' Personnel Board

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213

Dear Joe,

Saturday morning Fr. Gene Kreuzer called the Chancery to say that he was discharged from the hospital Friday afternoon. He said the doctor told him to convalence for two more weeks (Holy Week and Easter Week). The doctor was not worried that Gene would be alone or needed to climb stairs, and he did not object to Gene's hearing confessions this week or to his celebrating Mass for children on Thursday.

However, he did not want him to celebrate Mass and preach.

On this basis, Gene wanted me to inform you that he will let us know if he needs anyone beyond that two week period. He seemed optimistic, although he alluded spontaneously to the tension in the parish as something still bothering him.

I hope that this information is helpful to you. May I wish also that you have a joyous and blessed Easter!

Fraternally,

(Rev.) Michael T. Newman Chancellor

MTN/mk

cc: Rev. Joseph A. Janicki /



MAY 3 0 1995

May 25, 1995

Reverend Eugene T. Kreuzer

Salem, WI 53168

Dear Father Kreuzer,

As you are aware I must frequently review the situation of priests who have had allegations of misconduct placed against them. You know of my comments at the Spring Assembly for Priests where I indicated that even retired priests may have to have some restrictions placed on the ministry they can offer. My concern is both to ensure that the integrity of the priesthood is upheld and to protect the diocese from any allegations of improper monitoring which might place persons at risk.

I have pondered how best to proceed with decisions regarding your status and exercise of ministry. I must bear in mind both my responsibility toward the good of the whole community and respect for your individual rights.

Given the serious nature of the obligations of celibacy, as well as the seriousness of violations alleged to have occurred by you, I find that some necessary and prudent precautions must be taken. This decision is ultimately a pastoral measure to protect the rights and reputations of all involved.

Therefore, I am enclosing a document which specifically details any ministerial restrictions which are to be observed by you.

I know that I can count on your cooperation and obedience in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.

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February 16, 2001

Rev. Eugene T. Kreuzer  Kansasville, WI 53139					
Dear Gene,					
Thank you for your brief note which accompanied the letter of desperation which you received in July of 1984 from together with the thank you card from a January of 2001.					
Without any requirement on my part you have demonstrated that your relationship with I at least since the mid-80s, has been pastoral in intent. Even though you have not met with him since 1984, and have phoned him infrequently simply to inquire about his health and the stability of his marriage, I reaffirm the advice I communicated to you recently, namely that you cease any further attempt to communicate with him at this time. Unfortunately your pastoral intent is being misconstrued or at least held suspect. Regrettably that is something we cannot always control, Gene.					
Enclosed, please find all the materials which you sent me earlier this week. With prayerful best wishes, I remain					
Sincerely yours in the Lord,					
V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek Vicar for Clergy					



#### ARCHDICOESE OF MILWAUKEE

#### CLERGY ADVOCACY AND MONITORING PROGRAM PROTOCOLS

I	Lucine	Themes	Kreugen	, an ordained	priest/deacon
_	Rev. Eugene Thomas Kruezer			_	-

of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee have read and fully understand the protocols detailed below. I acknowledge they are intended to assist me in leading a life that is holy, virtuous and appropriate, befitting that of an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. I understand they are also intended to support my desire to lead a life within socially accepted boundaries.

The Clergy Advocacy and Monitoring Program protocols that I have been notified of, and are applicable to my individual case, are as follows: All of the Tier # 1 -Monitoring Protocols and the below listed sub-sections

Tier #1, Section #2, sub-section #:

- A. Cannot Identify himself as a priest or deacon.
- B. Must not wear "clerical garb" such as the "Roman collar" or any other garb or symbol that would cause someone to believe he was a cleric of the Catholic Church.
- C. Must provide his current address and telephone number(s), including landline and cell phones, and e-mail address(es). He may also be required to move his residence to a residence that is approved by the archbishop.
- D. Is prohibited from performing any public act of worship, e.g., no sacramental ministry, no public prayer or worship service of any type.
- G. Is forbidden to own or possess any indecent or pornographic materials, e.g., magazines, periodicals, movies, books, etc.
- J. Must meet with the program coordinator on regularly scheduled basis, e.g., once per month, twice per month, bi-monthly, to be determined by the program managers.
- K. Agrees to unscheduled visits at his residence by the program coordinator. These visits may be made at any time of the day or night,

- seven days per week. Must agree to meet with assigned "onsite" monitors as designated by the program managers.
- M. Must notify the program coordinator anytime that he is leaving his city of residence for an extended period of time (in excess of 24 hours). All "out-of-town" or vacation travel must be submitted to the program managers or program coordinator for approval before travel is allowed. Information to be presented is to include the destinations(s), date(s), of departure, date(s) of arrival and itinerary. All out-of-town travel must be in the company of another person approved by the program managers.
- N. Must notify the program managers or the program coordinator anytime he is detained by law enforcement for any reason, i.e., routine stop due to time of day/night and area, suspicious circumstances as defined by law enforcement, traffic or other stop, issuance of citation(s) for any local or state ordinance or law violations, arrest(s). or any other reasons for/of confinement by law enforcement.
- O. Must abide by any other directives established due to special circumstances as deemed necessary and appropriate by the program managers.
- P. Must comply with the aforementioned restrictions and/or guidelines to receive additional compensation. Failure to comply with the restrictions could cause a reduction in salary and/or benefits provided to the member by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
- Q. Must not have any contact with alleged victims or their families without express written consent from civil authorities and/or the archbishop.

## Special Directives:

P#1-Must live a life of prayer and penance.

P#2-Must not have any direct or indirect contact with I

P#3-Must abide by all of the precepts currently in force and issued by Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba on July 22, 2002 and affirmed by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan on February 3, 2003.

In signing this document I state that I will comply to the above declared protocols. I also attest to the fact that I have been given a copy of these protocols and of the entire Clergy Advocacy and Monitoring Program

Manual. I understand the protocols go into effect at the time of my signing of this document.

Priest/deacon participant signature

Date & Tim

Program Manager(s)

Date & Time

Program Coordinator Signature

3-14-05 4pm Date & Time

## Select Kreuzer Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

3/5/01 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting abuse perpetrated by Kreuzer in 1969 when victim was 12-13 years old. Abuse occurred at a campground where Kreuzer had a trailer and included oral sex. Intake Report is a follow-up to the abuse first reported on February 8, 2001. Archdiocese will assist with locating a therapist.

1/25/10 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting abuse perpetrated by Kreuzer in 1961-1965 when victim was 9-12 years old. Abuse included fondling and forced oral sex and masturbation. Abuse occurred on trips the youth went on with Kreuzer. Abuse survivor wonders if others knew because he rmembers Fr. Toelle at St. Anthony's always giving him a weird look when Kreuzer brought him into the rectory.