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Name in full Heitzer, Louis Joseph A.

Place of birth Furth im Wald, Bavaria, Germany
(P. O. Address)

Date of birth July 15, 1914
(Day, month and year)

Classics studied at Nazareth Hall

Philosophy studied at St. Paul Seminary

Theology studied at St. Paul Seminary

Date of ordination June 6, 1943
(Day, month and year)

Ordained at Cathedral of St. Paul By Archbishop John G. Murray

For the Arch Diocese of St. Paul

Entered this Archdiocese 1923 Papers Oath required by Canon 956
in the Seminary files, dated
May 29, 1939
(OVER)

Missions since ordination _____
(Date of departure from each)

Asst. Winsted June 20, 1942 to March 15, 1944;

Asst. Fairfax to April 19, 1944;

Asst. Assumption, St. Paul to August 25, 1945;

Asst. Marshall to September 10, 1945;

Asst. Sleepy Eye to June 12, 1948;

Asst. Waconia to December 1, 1948;

Asst. Olivia to February 15, 1950 *OK*

5 adm. 12-14 Administrator: Franklin to June 19, 1954;

Pastor Rosen to February 10, 1955;

Pastor Gaylord to August 8, 1956;

Pastor Clearwater to August 18, 1958;

Pastor Heidelberg to August 15, 1966

Ill, Aug. 15, 1966 to: Sept. 16, 1966

Assistant, St. Richard, Richfield, Sept. 16, 1966 to 2-7-67

Do not PUBLISH In Res. St. Peter, Forest Lake, from 2-7-67 to 9-6-68

Leave of Absence from 9-6-68 to Feb. 13, 1969.

Chaplain, Divine Providence Home, Ivanhoe, Minnesota,
(New Ulm Diocese) from 2-13-1969 to 11-24-69

— Died November 24, 1969, *(OVER)* Divine Providence Home, Ivanhoe,
Minnesota

Missions since ordination _____
(Date of departure from each)

Funeral from the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm,
Minnesota, November 26, 1969. Concelebrated Pontifical
Requiem Low Mass. Burial, Cathedral Cemetery, New Ulm,
Minnesota.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 1936-1937

Primo SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

Praesentibus hisce literis testamur Dm̃ Ludovicum Heitzer
 dioecesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro primo
 studiorum Philosophiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Logica vel Metaphysica				
Biologia, Physiologia, Neurologia		C		
Cosmologia, Psychologia				
Paedagogia, Anthropologia				
Historia Philosophiae		C	D	
Philosophia Religionis				
Lingua Latina		D	E	
Lingua Graeca		B	D	
Lingua Anglica				
Elocutio			C	
Scientia Sociologica vel Oeconomica		C	B	
Musica			E	
Theologia Naturalis		E	E	
<u>Epistemologia</u>		C	B	

Optime—A (100—93)
 Satis Bene—B (92—87)
 Bene—C (86—81)
 Sufficienter—D (80—75)
 Insufficienter—E

Mores: 9 Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli die 1^a Februarii A. D. 1937

Julianus Orosius

Rector.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 19 36-1937

Secundum SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

Præsentibus hisce literis testatur Dan Ludovicum Hietzer

dioecesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro primo

studiorum Philosophiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Logica vel Metaphysica		C	C	
Biologia, Physiologia, Neurologia		C		
Cosmologia, Psychologia				
Paedagogia, Anthropologia				
Historia Philosophiae		B	C	
Philosophia Religionis				
Lingua Latina		B	C	
Lingua Graeca		D	D	
Lingua Anglica				
Elocutio			C	
Scientia Sociologica vel Oeconomica		C	B	
Musica			E	
Theologia Naturalis		D	E	

Optime—A (100—93)
Satis Bene—B (92—87)
Bene—C (86—81)
Sufficienter—D (80—75)
Insufficienter—E

Mores: 9

Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli die 5^a Junii A. D. 19 37

Julianus Oberst Rector.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 19 37-1938

Primum SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

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Praesentibus hisce literis testamur Dm̃ Ludovicum Heitzer
 dioecesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro secundo
 studiorum Philosophiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Logica vel Metaphysica				
Biologia, Physiologia, Neurologia		B	D	
Cosmologia, Psychologia		C	B	
Paedagogia, Anthropologia				
Historia Philosophiae		C	B	
Philosophia Religionis		B	A	
Lingua Latina		C	D	
Lingua Graeca		A	D	
Lingua Anglica				
Elocutio			C	
Scientia Sociologica vel Oeconomica		C	B	
Musica			E	

Optime—A (100—93)
 Satis Bene—B (92—87)
 Bene—C (86—81)
 Sufficenter—D (80—75)
 Insufficenter—E

Mores: A Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli, die 28^a Januarii A. D. 1938

Millican O'Brien Rector.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 1937-1938

Secundum SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

Praesentibus hisce literis testamur Dm Ludovicum Heitzer

diocesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro secundo

studiorum Philosophiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Logica vel Metaphysica				
Biologia, Physiologia, Neurologia				
Cosmologia , Psychologia		B	B	✓
Paedagogia , Anthropologia		C	C	-
Historia Philosophiae		B	A	✓
Philosophia Religionis				
Lingua Latina		A	C	-
Lingua Graeca		C	B	-
Lingua Anglica				
Elocutio			C	✓
Scientia Sociologica vel Oeconomica		B	B	✓
Musica			E	✓

Optime—A (100—93)
Satis Bene—B (92—87)
Bene—C (86—81)
Sufficienter—D (80—75)
Insufficienter—E

Mores: A Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli, die 4^a Junii A. D. 1938

Wiliam Brad Rector.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 19 38-1939

Primo SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

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Praesentibus hisce literis testatur Dnm Ludovicum Heitzer

dioecesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro primo

studiorum Theologiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Theologia Dogmatica		D	D	
Theologia Moralis		e	e	
Sacra Scriptura		e	D	
Historia Ecclesiastica		B	B	
Jus Canonicum		E	e	
Theologia Ascetica				
Theologia Pastoralis				
Liturgia Sacra				
Homiletica				
Catechetica				
Musica			D	

Optime—A (100—93)
Satis Bene—B (92—87)
Bene—C (86—81)
Sufficienter—D (80—75)
Insufficienter—E

Mores: B Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli, die 27^a Januarii A. D. 19 39

Rector.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 19 ~~38~~-1939

Secundum SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

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Praesentibus hisce literis testamur Dm Ludovicum Heitzer
 dioecesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro primo
 studiorum Theologiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Theologia Dogmatica		D	C	
Theologia Moralis		B	C	
Sacra Scriptura		C	C	
Historia Ecclesiastica		D	B	
Jus Canonicum		C	D	
Theologia Ascetica				
Theologia Pastoralis				
Liturgia Sacra				
Homiletica				
Catechetica				
Musica			D	

Optime—A (100—93)
 Satis Bene—B (92—87)
 Bene—C (86—81)
 Sufficenter—D (80—75)
 Insufficenter—E

Mores: A Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli, die 3a Junii A. D. 1939

Ludovicus Heitzer Rector.

In Seminario. Sancti Pauli

ANNI 19 39-1940

Primum SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

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Praesentibus hisce literis testatur Dm Indevicum Heitzer
 dioecesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro secundo
 studiorum Theologiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Theologia Dogmatica		C	D	
Theologia Moralis		C	B	
Sacra Scriptura		B	C	
Historia Ecclesiastica		E	B	
Jus Canonicum		B	A	
Theologia Ascetica				
Theologia Pastoralis				
Liturgia Sacra				
Homiletica				
Catechetica		A		
Musica			D	
Patrologia		D		

Optime—A (100—93)
 Satis Bene—B (92—87)
 Bene—C (86—81)
 Sufficenter—D (80—75)
 Insufficenter—E

Mores: A Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli, die JAN 16 1940 A. D. 19____

Laurentius A. Wolf Rector.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 1939-1940

Secundum SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

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Praesentibus hisce literis testamur Dno Ludovicum Heitzer
 dioecesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro secundo
 studiorum Theologiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Theologia Dogmatica		D	C	
Theologia Moralis		D	C	
Sacra Scriptura		B	C	
Historia Ecclesiastica		C	B	
Jus Canonicum		C	B	
Theologia Ascetica				
Theologia Pastoralis				
Liturgia Sacra				
Homiletica				
Catechetica			C	
Musica			D	
<u>Patrologia</u>		D		

Optime—A (100—93)
 Satis Bene—B (92—87)
 Bene—C (86—81)
 Sufficenter—D (80—75)
 Insufficenter—E

Mores: A Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli, die 1^o Junii A. D. 1940

Antonius O'Wolf Rector.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 1940-1941

Primum SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

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Praesentibus hisce literis testamur Dm Ludovicum Heitzer

dioecesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro tertio

studiorum Theologiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Theologia Dogmatica		E	C	
Theologia Moralis		C	D	
Sacra Scriptura		C	B	
Historia Ecclesiastica		B	C	
Jus Canonicum				
Theologia Ascetica				
Theologia Pastoralis				
Liturgia Sacra			C	
Homiletica				
Catechetica				
Musica			D	

Optime—A (100—93)
Satis Bene—B (92—87)
Bene—C (86—81)
Sufficenter—D (80—75)
Insufficenter—E

Mores: a Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli, die 25th Januari A. D. 19 41

Laurentius Alway Rector.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 1940-1941

Secundum SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

Praesentibus hisce literis testamur Dnm Ludovicum Heitzer
 dioecesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro tertio
 studiorum Theologiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Theologia Dogmatica		C	D	
Theologia Moralis		C	C	
Sacra Scriptura		B	B	
Historia Ecclesiastica		C	A	
Jus Canonicum				
Theologia Ascetica				
Theologia Pastoralis				
Liturgia Sacra			B	
Homiletica				
Catechetica				
Musica			D	

Optime—A (100—93)
 Satis Bene—B (92—87)
 Bene—C (86—81)
 Sufficenter—D (80—75)
 Insufficenter—E

Mores: A

Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli, die 31^a Maii A. D. 1941

Franciscus Owojek Rector.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 1941-1942

Primum SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

Praesentibus hisce literis testamur Dm Ludovicum Heitzer
 dioecesi Scti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro quarto
 studiorum Theologiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Theologia Dogmatica		B	C	
Theologia Moralis		C	B	
Sacra Scriptura		C	B	
Historia Ecclesiastica				
Jus Canonicum				
Theologia Ascetica				
Theologia Pastoralis		B	B	
Liturgia Sacra			B	
Homiletica				
Catechetica				
Musica			D	

Optime—A (100-93)
 Satis Bene—B (92-87)
 Bene—C (86-81)
 Sufficenter—D (80-75)
 Insufficenter—E

Mores: A

Industria:

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli, die 26^a Januarii A. D. 1942

Albinus Högarnus Wolf Rector.

In Seminario Sancti Pauli

ANNI 1941-1942

Secundum SEMESTRE SPATIUM.

Praesentibus hisce literis testamur Dm. Ludovicum Heitzer
 dioecesi Seti Pauli adscriptum, praelectiones ex disciplinis pro quarto
 studiorum Theologiae anno praescriptis excepisse atque hoc testimonium meruisse:

DISCIPLINAE	IN EXPERIMENTIS		IN PRAELECTIONIBUS QUOTIDIANIS	ANNOTATIONES
	ORE DATIS	SCRIPTO DATIS		
Theologia Dogmatica		B	B	
Theologia Moralis		B	B	
Sacra Scriptura		B	B	
Historia Ecclesiastica				
Jus Canonicum				
Theologia Ascetica				
Theologia Pastoralis				
Liturgia Sacra		B		
Homiletica				
Catechetica				
Musica			D	

Optime—A (100-93)
 Satis Bene—B (92-87)
 Bene—C (86-81)
 Sufficenter—D (80-75)
 Insufficenter—E

Mores: a Industria: _____

Datum ex Seminario Sancti Pauli, die 6^a Junii A. D. 1942

Laurentius Awoy Rector.

THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

June 6, 1942

REV. LOUIS HEITZER - Seminary Tuition Account

Year 1936-1937	\$400.00
" 1937-1938	400.00
" 1938-1939	400.00
" 1939-1940	400.00
" 1940-1941	400.00
" 1941-1942	<u>400.00</u>
Total	\$2,400.00

charged with \$1,200.00 only (1/2)
mg \$ 6/6/42

June 6, 1942.

My dear Father Heitzer:

Please report to Reverend William M. Wey, Pastor of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Winsted, to take up your duties as his Assistant Saturday, June 30.

With best wishes, I am

Very faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Saint Paul.

✓ The Reverend Louis J. Heitzer,
Saint Paul Seminary,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL
CHANCERY OFFICE
244 DAYTON AVENUE
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

March 14, 1944.

My dear Father Heitzer:

On account of a threatened breakdown Father Leifeld must be relieved of the office of substitute for Father Neudecker at Fairfax.

Under the circumstances I am asking you to go to Fairfax by Friday of this week, March 17, in order to release Father Leifeld, and remain in charge of the parish till I make other arrangements.

With best wishes, I remain

Very faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Saint Paul.

The Reverend Louis J. Heitzer,
The Church of the Holy Trinity,
Winsted, Minnesota.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL
CHANCERY OFFICE
244 DAYTON AVENUE
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

April 10, 1944.

My dear Father Heitzer:

Please report to Reverend John Stelmes, Pastor of the Church of the Assumption in Saint Paul, to take up your duties as his Assistant Wednesday, April nineteenth.

You will find herewith enclosed blanks for the report of the Parish of St. Andrew in Fairfax for the period you have had charge up to April 19.

Thanking you for performing the duty imposed in an emergency,

I remain

Very faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Saint Paul.

The Reverend Louis J. Heitzer,
The Church of Saint Andrew,
Fairfax, Minnesota.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL
CHANCERY OFFICE
244 DAYTON AVENUE
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

August 18, 1945.

My dear Father Heitzer:

Please report to Very Reverend Rudolph A. Neudecker, Pastor of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer in Marshall, to take up your duties as his Assistant Saturday, August twenty-fifth.

With best wishes, I remain

Very faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Saint Paul.

The Reverend Louis J. Heitzer,
The Church of the Assumption,
51 West Ninth Street,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL
CHANCERY OFFICE
244 DAYTON AVENUE
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

September 1, 1945.

My dear Father Heitzer:

Please report to Reverend Andrew J. Koller, Pastor of the Church of Saint Mary in Sleepy Eye, to take up your duties as his Assistant by Thursday noon, September sixth.

With best wishes, I remain

Very faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Saint Paul.

The Reverend Louis J. Heitzer,
The Church of the Holy Redeemer,
Marshall, Minnesota.

HEITZER, LOUIS J.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL
CHANCERY OFFICE
244 DAYTON AVENUE
SAINT PAUL 2, MINNESOTA

November 22, 1949.

My dear Father Heitzer:

I hereby appoint you Administrator of the Parish of Saint Aloysius in Olivia beginning December 1, 1949.

You will assume responsibility for all the administration of the spiritual and financial affairs of the parish, depositing all money collected in the corporate name of the parish and paying all bills from the account by signing the checks in the name of the corporation by "Louis Heitzer, Administrator".

Father Pomije will no longer perform any sacerdotal functions, nor administer the sacraments, nor say mass in public or private, nor handle any of the funds of the parish, as of December first.

You will please show this letter to Father Pomije, to the officers of the bank or banks in which money or securities of the parish may be deposited.

Requesting you to do all in your power to relieve Father Pomije of all activity,

I remain

Very faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Saint Paul.
The Reverend Louis Heitzer,
The Church of Saint Aloysius,
Olivia, Minnesota.

ARCHDIOGESE OF SAINT PAUL
CHANCERY OFFICE
244 DAYTON AVENUE
SAINT PAUL 2, MINNESOTA

February 6, 1950.

My dear Father Heitzer:

I hereby appoint you Administrator of the Church of the Sacred Heart in Franklin with the Mission of Saint Patrick at Birch Coulee, your administration to begin Wednesday, February fifteenth.

You will find herewith enclosed blanks for the report of the Church of Saint Aloysius in Olivia up to the day of your departure.

Thanking you for the performance of the responsible duties imposed on you in your present assignment, I remain

With best wishes for the future,

Very faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Saint Paul.

The Reverend Louis Heitzer,
The Church of Saint Aloysius,
Olivia, Minnesota.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL
CHANCERY OFFICE
244 DAYTON AVENUE
SAINT PAUL 2, MINNESOTA

January 31, 1955.

My dear Father Heitzer:

Circumstances have arisen at Rosen of which you have more detailed knowledge than I possess that make it advisable for you to enter another field of service.

I hereby appoint you Pastor of the Church of Saint Michael in Gaylord with the Mission of Saint Francis de Sales at Winthrop, it being understood that you will assume charge Thursday, February tenth.

You will find herewith enclosed blanks for the report of the Church of Saint Joseph at Rosen for the month of January and the first Sunday of February and taking for granted that the Chancery has received your report for the year 1954.

Trusting that you may find your new field an opportunity for a fruitful ministry, I remain

Very faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Saint Paul.

✓
The Reverend Louis J. Heitzer,
The Church of Saint Joseph,
Rosen, Minnesota.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL
CHANCERY OFFICE
244 DAYTON AVENUE
SAINT PAUL 2, MINNESOTA

September 27, 1955.

My dear Father Heitzer:

Information has come to me concerning a repetition of your conduct with boys that was the occasion of your transfer from other parishes on several instances.

If you have found from experience that it is not within your power to exercise essential self-control it is advisable that you be relieved of any further pastoral responsibility and allowed to have recourse to institutional treatment in the hope of finding a remedy.

When you have reflected fully on all the circumstances of your problem, let me know whether you desire to seek some other field of activity and specify what you think it should be.

Trusting that God will help you to make a decision of great importance to yourself and to others,

I remain

Very faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Saint Paul.

✓
The Reverend Louis J. Heitzer,
The Church of Saint Michael,
Gaylord, Minnesota.

Heitzer, Rev. Louis J.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL
CHANCERY OFFICE
244 DAYTON AVENUE
SAINT PAUL 2, MINNESOTA

July 30, 1956.

My dear Father Heitzer:

Again circumstances have arisen with which you are acquainted that oblige me to provide another field for your activities: effective August 8.

I hereby appoint you Pastor of the Church of Saint Luke in Clearwater made vacant by the recent death of its pastor, Reverend John Kral.

You will find herewith enclosed blanks for the report of the Church of Saint Michael in Gaylord and the Church of Saint Francis de Sales in Winthrop for the period of your administration during the year 1956.

Trusting that the future may be a time of greater achievement for you, I remain

Very faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Saint Paul.

✓ The Reverend Louis J. Heitzer,
The Church of Saint Michael,
Gaylord, Minnesota.

July 22, 1957

Reverend Louis J. Heitzer
St. Luke's Church
Clearwater, Minnesota

Reverend and dear Father:

I regret to write to you that people from your parish are filing complaints here of such seriousness that they threaten civil action against you. Since their complaints fit into the pattern of other similar complaints from the past, I have to presume that there is some basis for their concern.

You understand, of course, that if a civil complaint is made against you, I shall have to suspend your faculties and your work here as a priest will be at an end.

It does seem to me that in view of the past history of your problems, you would at once do whatever may be necessary to clear your self of the danger that is presented. If you wish to come to see me about this matter, I shall be here on Thursday afternoon of this week...the 25th of July. A change of duty will not be the important matter....this involves a complete change of life.

With every blessing, I remain,

Devotedly in Xto.,

Archbishop of St. Paul

7/24/57 Warned him really that
any new complaint or civil
action would result in removal
to a sanitarium — and for
loss of priestly work here + work

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL

SAINT MICHAEL, MINNESOTA

August 7, 1957.

The Most Reverend William O. Brady S.T.D.
244 Dayton Ave.
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Most Reverend Archbishop,

A delegation of fathers and mothers, including one of the trustees, from the parish of St. Luke at Clearwater just called on me to voice very serious complaints against their present pastor. Instead of relaying these complaints to you by means of a visit or letter from me, I have instructed the members of the delegation to call at your office and register their complaints directly with you or with the priests at the Chancery Office. Not only would they be able to inform you directly about experiences of members of their families, but they would also be in a much better position than I to answer questions about details which it would be quite impossible for me to anticipate.

In case you are not already familiar with the situation, permit me to call your attention to the fact that the pastor in question has had identical problems at other parishes. He appears to me mentally ill and to be in need of treatment.

Very sincerely yours,

Haitra

CHURCH OF LUKE
Clearwater, Minnesota

August 11, 1958

Your Excellency,

This is to acknowledge receipt of my assignment to the Church of
St. Scholastica ;Heidelberg ,effective Monday, August 18, 1958.

My deepest gratitude for your paternal consideration and help .

Very respectfully yours,

Louis J. Heitzer

Rev. Louis J. Heitzer

August 9,

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August 18, 1958

Pastor of Saint Scholastica, Heidelberg

The Reverend Louis Heitzer,
Church of Saint Luke
Clearwater, Minnesota.



Arch-Bishop of St Paul Leo Benz

St Paul

Minnesota

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Arch-Bishop of St. Paul.

Just to inform you the priest in these
two parishes took out women fishing
every ^{summer} week ~~inde~~ did that at Clearwater too
now he dose it hear that why he had to
be leave He covers more road then any sale
man we havent heard a sermon since he
is hear we offered to get a loud speaker
in church he said save your money
He has insulted so many people that some
just coming to church
all the parishners now why he had to leave
Clearwater.

Sincerely yours

April 5, 1960

The Reverend Louis Heitzer
Church of St. Scholastica
Heidelberg
Rt. 1
P.O. New Prague, Minnesota

Dear Father Heitzer:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop, asks me to advise you that he hereby appoints you Administrator of the Church of St. Joseph at Lexington, in addition to your Pastorate at Heidelberg. You will be responsible for the spiritual and temporal care of both parishes. You may show this letter to the trustees of St. Joseph's Church as an indication of your authority to assume charge.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Gerald O'Keefe
Chancellor

March 2, 1961

The Reverend Louis Heitzer
Church of St. Scholastica
Heidelberg
Rt. 1
P.O. New Prague, Minnesota

Dear Father Heitzer:

The Most Reverend Archbishop has received the enclosed letter. Would you advise these gentlemen that any matters of parish business are to be directed through the Pastor or Administrator of the parish. If you think that their business is sufficiently serious you may arrange to come with them to see the Archbishop, and you may arrange an appointment for this purpose.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain

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Chancellor

Dr. James T. Garvey
Golden Valley Clinic

Reservation at St Mary's
made for Friday,
August 19.



LEO

**By the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See
Archbishop of Saint Paul**

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To our beloved son in Christ The Reverend Louis Heltzer

Greetings and blessing in the Lord.

Since your priestly conduct, learning, prudence, and maturity make you well qualified for the hearing of the confessions of men and women religious, We, by these letters, in accordance with the prescriptions of Canons 518-530 of the Code of Canon Law, and by our authority as Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul, grant to you herewith the necessary and appropriate faculties required by Canon 876 of the Code of Canon Law for the hearing of the confessions of men and women religious; and We give specifically to you the office of

EXTRAORDINARY CONFESSOR

for the School Sisters of St. Francis (Our Lady of Angels Prov., Ohama)

who live in St. Wenceslaus Convent, New Prague

Further, We give to you the duty of Supplementary or Assistant Confessor, in accordance with the prescriptions of Canon 521 § 2, for all the religious houses of the Archdiocese, so that you may hear the confessions of all who may have recourse to you in particular cases in accordance with that Canon.

This appointment as a confessor of men and women religious in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul is valid for the term of office ending August 31, 1967.

Given at the Archdiocesan Chancery in St. Paul, on the 31st day of August
1964.

✠ LEO BINZ
Archbishop of Saint Paul

Chancellor

CHURCH OF ST. WENCESLAUS

New Prague, Minnesota

August 8, 1966

Most Reverend Leo Binz, D.D.
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Most Reverend and dear Archbishop:

Last Wednesday I had the distressing experience of having six couples from the Heidelberg parish come to tell of the pastor there and his indecent actions with their boys. All are willing to do anything to bring the situation to an end. I asked them to pray for him. I am offering my illness and death in reparation and happy solution.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Popelka

August 9, 1966

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Cyril M. Popelka
Church of St. Wenceslaus
215 E. Main Street
New Prague, Minnesota 56071

Dear Monsignor Popelka,

It is sad indeed to receive your report of August 8
against the pastor of Heidelberg; and I am instructing Father
Berntson to receive the denunciation of Father Louis Heitzer
which the parties desire to make. He will telephone you to
arrange the interviews.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I
remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul

MEMO

DATE August 14, 1966

Concerning Complaints of immorality against Fr.

Louis Heitzer

Interested Party The Archbishop of St. Paul

MESSAGE:

On Saturday evening, August 13, 1966, at the New Prague rectory, I interviewed ^{five} ~~six~~ couples and one man regarding charges made that Fr. Louis Heitzer had been involved with any number of young boys in indecent actions and advances. I present first a summary of each individual complaint. At the end I shall present my summary and evaluation. Father Heitzer is the pastor of St. Scholastica's Church, Heidelberg, Minnesota and its mission, St. Joseph's, Lexington, Minnesota.

1. Mr. and Mrs.

None of their children have been molested. Mr. [redacted] is a trustee at his wife is book-keeper there. They claim that over one-half of the parishioners are aware of the fact that Fr. Heitzer has been molesting various boys. It is their understanding that the situation is also known among a large number of non-catholics in the area. These people would like to go on record as saying that Father has done a good job in the administration of the parish. They felt it would be best if Father would be both moved and put under the care of a Doctor.

2. [redacted]
XX This couple lives [redacted] There [redacted] year old boy has never told his parents about the activities of Heitzer until the present. This son tells his parents now that he has never been molested and that he will refuse to talk any more of it.

Their [redacted] year old boy went swimming with Heitzer withing the last three weeks. While in the water Heitzer said, "I'll just take off your swimming trunks." In answer the boy said that he was cold and ran out of the water. Then the boy told his parents that Heitzer used the foulest language, and swore. Heitzer returned the boy home and asked him to say nothing.

The [redacted] year old boy says that he has seen Heitzer take off the pants of boys in the car. This couple further asserted that generally the children have become frightened; even the parents of other boys fear for their lives. One half of the parishioners know of the situation.

3. [redacted]
[redacted] Heitzer has been asking their [redacted] year old boy to ride along to the cities with him. On the other hand this couple do not believe that Fr. Heizer is doing that which is reported. Yet they say about 75% of the parishioners are gossiping about his homosexuality. Before this rash of gossip, most of the people were getting along well with Fr. Heitzer.

4. [redacted]
Their son [redacted] told his Father that Heitzer tried to remove his clothing, at the lake. His two older brothers know that Heitzer has removed the clothes of other

boys and they have seen him do this. [redacted] stated that there are other parents, who feared making the denunciation, have had their sons molested by Heitzer to the point of erection. Their children have heard dirty stories and swear words from Heitzer.

(in my opinion, this couple was the outstanding spokesman of the group. They are in their late [redacted] They seem to have the closest parental rapport with their children. On the other hand they reflected best their embarrassment in having to dis cuss the details of the problem. To indicated their earthiness they described the matter above concerning the stimulation of children to erection as making them get a "hard on." The couple showed a genuine nervousness in dealing with this question. twb)

5. [redacted] He claimed that his son was molested about six years ago. He also stated that Heitzer rubbed the boy on the thighs while driving the car for Heitzer, that Heitzer would reach into the crotch, but above the clothing. [redacted] employs a [redacted] year old boy as a farm-hadn, [redacted] This boy has been molested and will admit it, so claims [redacted]

6. [redacted] This couple has a [redacted] year old son. He refuses to say anything to his parents but admits that other boys have been molested by Heitzer. At this point, this lad refuses to associate with Fr. Heitzer.

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I have no reason to suspect that these people are not telling the truth. It was important to establish the general rapport which Fr. Heitzer has with his parishioners and I found that the relationship was rather good until the present situation arose. There are still some who will only believe if they see.

The meeting was begun at 7:35 pm. I opened it with a few words addressed to all concerning the seriousness of the situation and the apparent sickness of the accused. The group seemed more dismayed and upset than embittered. After these words I interviewed the couples, one by one. Their reports are short because, of course, they were not eye-witnesses to any of this. In checking the problem out with their sons almost all found that their boys just didn't want to talk, especially to the mothers. On the other hadd, the parents didn't want to push the questioning too far thinking that greater harm would result.

Almost universally the people wanted to know if there was a cure for this type of thing. None of them displayed a knowledge of the psychological aspects of the problem. They, in their simplistic approach to life, could not understand why Father had been doing these things. For this reason they are a freightedened people and they fear very much that if Heitzer discovers that they have denounced him,he will become violent and actually hurt someone.

It seemed important to me to establish whether or not the boys themselves would denounce Fr. Heitzer if this were ever necessary. The parents felt that many of the boys would talk freely about it, but not to their parents; certainly to a doctor. I am certain if this should ever have to be done the boys would talk to myself and/or the Archbishop. I told the people that this stage, hopefully, would never arrive.

It is not my province to determine whether or not Heitzer will admit the facts or not when he is confronted. I would guess that he would have to because of the evidence which, according to the people, there is much more of. If he should deny the children will talk. I repeat, the people were not bitter and these accusations did not come about merely to rid themselves of their pastor. They made no demand that Father be removed, only that he be cured. The people said that they will not go to confession to Fr. Heitzer and that his activities have spread beyond Heidelberg and Lexington to Union Hill, this they know for sure.

Terrance W. Berntson
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MEMO

DATE 15 Aug

Concerning Fr. Heitzen

Interested Party _____

MESSAGE:

Will be here at 3:00 today.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Leo Binz, D.D.
Archbishop of Saint Paul

Your Excellency,

For reasons known to both of us, I present herewith my resignation
of the pastorate of St. Scholastica's Parish, Heidelberg, and of
St. Joseph's Parish, Lexington, effective at once.

In presenting my resignation, it is my understanding that Your
Excellency will offer to commit the Archdiocese to my adequate
support.

With sentiments of esteem and asking your prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Louis J. Heitzer
Pastor, St. Scholastica's Parish, Heidelberg
and St. Joseph's Parish, Lexington.

August 15, 1966
Date

+ Leo Binz
Witness Archbishop of St. Paul
St. Paul, Minnesota
Place

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August 16, 1966

Reverend Louis J. Heltzer
Church of St. Scholastica
Heidelberg
Route 1
P.O. New Prague, Minnesota

Dear Father Heltzer,

This note will confirm our telephone conversation which ended just now. Through Bishop O'Keefe I have made contact with Doctor James T. Garvey of the Golden Valley Clinic.

Also a reservation has been made for you at St. Mary's Hospital; and you are expected to report there on Friday.

At the Hospital, it was with Sister Mary Madonna, the Administrator, that Bishop O'Keefe spoke.

Oremus pro invicem.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul

August 16, 1966

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cyril M. Popelka
Church of St. Wenceslaus
New Prague, Minnesota 56071

Dear Monsignor Popelka,

Father Heltzer resigned yesterday the pastorate of St. Scholastica Parish, Heidelberg; and he will enter a hospital quite soon. Father Wallace Hermes will go on Friday to take charge of the Heidelberg and Lexington Parishes. I enclose a copy of his letter of appointment. Please keep Father Heltzer and Father Hermes in your good prayers.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul

August 16, 1966

Reverend Louls J. Heitzer
Church of St. Scholastica
Heidelberg
Route 1
P.O. New Prague, Minnesota

Dear Father Heitzer,

I accept your resignation of the Heidelberg and Lexington Parishes presented to me yesterday.

Though your pastorate ended with that resignation, I appoint you Vicarius Oeconomus (Canon 472 and 473) for the administration of the two Parishes till Friday noon.

At noon on Friday Father Wallace K. Hermes will take charge of the St. Scholastica and St. Joseph Parishes.

Please keep me in your prayers, Father Heitzer; and I assure you in return that you will be remembered before the altar, at Mass and in my poor prayers.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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HEITZER, Rev. Louis J.

Resignation of St. Scholastica
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15 August 1966

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Re: Father Heitzer

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Dear Bishop O'Keefe:

As per our several conversations, I have had Father Heitzer in St. Mary's Hospital, Psychiatric Unit, for the past three weeks. We have done an extensive psychiatric and psychological workup on him with the following results.

ADOLESCENT AND CHILD PSYCHIATRY

PAUL W. BRANFORD, M.D.

Father Heitzer shows no signs of any type of psychotic process. He is well oriented and definitely is competent to function as a priest. Secondly, there are no signs of severe sexual maladjustment. I feel his problem in this area is more due to a neurotic disorder rather than any sexual pathology. Lastly, we did find a rather moderate psychoneurosis of the obsessive-compulsive type, and I do feel this has been helped by hospitalization.

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It is my psychiatric opinion that Father Heitzer can be reassigned to duties as a priest with perfect safety at this time. I do feel he should see me weekly on out-patient psychotherapy, but this is more of a preventative measure. I would be my impression that assignment to some city parish as an assistant where he can be supervised and kept away from younger boys would be the wisest choice at this time.

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I would be most happy to discuss this with you or Archbishop Binz at your convenience.

Yours truly,


James T. Garvey, M. D.

JTG/ml

September 14, 1966

Reverend Joseph E. Bender
Church of St. Richard
7601 Penn Avenue South
Richfield
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Dear Father Bender,

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of the letter I have just now written to Father Heitzer.

As I told you by telephone Father Heitzer will report to you on Friday.

I have not directly given Father Heitzer an appointment as your Assistant Pastor; but it seems to me I should do so through you, the appointment to be in effect as long as Father remains with you. Please inform him of this appointment which will not be published in The Catholic Bulletin.

The duties to be assigned Father Heitzer may be generally the priestly work of the Parish. He should not, however, be given any responsibility at all in the school. Also on visiting hospitals, nursing homes etc., he must keep away from the rooms of young boys. You would do well, I believe, to repeat to him that you have been informed of these limitations which I have placed on his work and make it your own directive as well.

If you should have any reason at any time to doubt Father Heitzer's fidelity to these instructions please inform the Chancery promptly.

I assume that Father Heitzer will earn and be paid the regular salary of an Assistant Pastor.

I thank you warmly for consenting to accept Father Heitzer.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul

September 14, 1966

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Saint Mary's Hospital
2414 South 7th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

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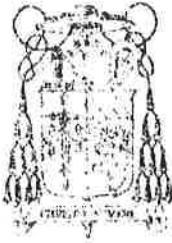
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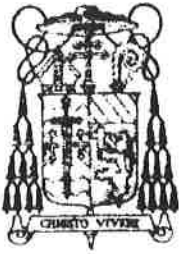
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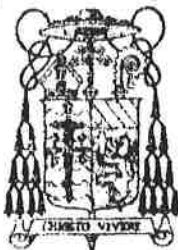
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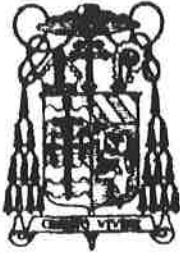
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James T. Garvey, M.D.
221 Medical Arts Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Doctor Garvey,

His Excellency, Bishop O'Keefe, has shown me your letter of September 8. Having seen it I called on Father Heitzer and discussed with him the planning set forth in your communication.

He will take up residence in St. Richard's Rectory, Richfield, on Friday; and he will be under the supervision of Father Joseph E. Bender. He seemed most pleased to be permitted to follow your recommendations.

I discussed with Father Heitzer in person and with Father Bender by telephone the limitation placed on his assignments in the last paragraph of your communication and both understand well both the limitation and the reason for imposing it.

One area of difference appeared in my conversation with Father Heitzer. The letter before me indicates that he is to see you weekly on out-patient psychotherapy. He seemed convinced that only monthly visits are expected. In any event he has accepted to call on you as you will direct.

I shall not seek the occasion at this time to call on you to discuss the Father Heitzer case; but I shall hope that our paths may cross in the not too far distant future.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

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Re: Father Heitzer

Your Excellency:

I do hope that we will have the occasion to meet in the near future, and at that time we can discuss in person Father Heitzer's case.

However, I would like to attempt to explain the one apparent confusion regarding the frequency of my appointments with Father Heitzer.

ADOLESCENT AND CHILD PSYCHIATRY

PAUL W. BRANFORD, M.D.

It is my plan at this time to see Father Heitzer on a weekly basis for psychotherapy. However, I do feel that his condition is such that in a short time we will only need approximately monthly visits, and I am sure in my discussing this with Father Heitzer he remembers particularly my mentioning monthly visits.

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Kindest personal regards.

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Yours sincerely,


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October 8, 1966

Doctor James T. Garvey, M.D.
The Minneapolis Clinic
221 Medical Arts Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Doctor Garvey,

I thank you for your letter of September 23 and for your continuing invitation to discuss personally with you the Father Heitzer case.

If any urgency arises please call it to my attention.

I shall hope to call on you reasonably soon but as yet the demands of the Second Vatican Council are keeping me all too fully occupied.

Just now the problem is to prepare both on a national and local basis what must be decided by the Bishops at their meeting in November.

I renew all good wishes.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul

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The Most Reverend Archbishop requests you to fill out this blank as correctly as possible, and forward it to the secretary's office.

Name in full Louis Joseph A. Heitzer
Place of birth Furth im Wald, Bavaria, Germany (P. O. Address)
Date of birth July 15, 1914 (Day, month and year)
Classics studied at Nazareth Hall
Philosophy studied at St. Paul Seminary
Theology studied at St. Paul Seminary
Date of ordination June 6, 1942 (Day, month and year)
Ordained at St. Paul Cathedral By Archbishop John S. Murray
For the Arch-Diocese of St. Paul, Minnesota
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226 Summit Avenue
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Re: Father Heitzer

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Your Excellency:

I have been seeing Father Heitzer on a regular basis concerning his mental and emotional health. I do believe that he has made good progress; however, the living in close proximity to our large metropolitan area plus the close association with other priests has been somewhat difficult for him to adjust with.

ADOLESCENT AND
CHILD PSYCHIATRY:

ULW. BRANSFORD, M.D.

It is my impression that if we could have Father move to a rural area, that he would adjust much better and would function more efficiently. I think that Father Heitzer is the type of person who does not adapt well, especially at his age, to metropolitan living and that with a rural atmosphere he could make a final progress in his adjustment. I do not feel that his previous problem would create any difficulties, and I do hope that you would be able to give him an assignment soon where he can function more independently.

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With kindest personal regards,

ADMINISTRATION:

WILLIAM M. BOTNAN

Sincerely yours,


James T. Garvey, M. D.
JTG:dg



226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

December 14, 1966

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Dr. James T. Garvey
The Minneapolis Clinic of Psychiatry and Neurology
4225 Golden Valley Road
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55422

Dear Dr. Garvey,

I thank you for your good letter of December 6, 1966. Your report concerning the health of Father Louis J. Heitzer seems to be encouraging in so far as you mention that Father has made good progress.

Your latest thinking is that Father could better make his final progress in a rural atmosphere. Apparently he has indicated some tension relative to an urban situation as well as proximate association with fellow priests.

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as you are aware, is an urban ecclesiastical jurisdiction. I am constantly restricted in determining parochial situations for my priests who desire the rural atmosphere; I am in this case restricted also by geography.

Father Heitzer may not return to the area from whence he has immediately come. In his last assignment he served two parishes, and therefore his condition became known to the people of a much larger area than would have been the case had his activities been confined within the boundaries of one parish only. His problem has had rather extensive publicity in most of the districts which surround Heidelberg and Lexington, Minnesota.

I am restricted in sending Father Heitzer to the North, to the area of Wright and Anoka Counties, because his condition caused his removal from that area just prior to his last assignment in Heidelberg.

On the other hand, you have confidently offered the hope that his previous problem would not create any difficulties. In reviewing Father Heitzer's history, I find traces of this problem for many, many years. To my knowledge, this is the first attempt to seek psychiatric care, and before I reassign Father Heitzer to a rural community in which he will find himself

relatively alone, I must have your best assurance that his problem can be medically controlled in a rural setting as well as in an urban situation.

The larger question concerns whether or not Father Heitzer should be given any parochial responsibility at all, whether it be rural or urban. There seems to be a question of his general competency at issue along with the moral problem.

Would it be possible or advisable to retain Father in his present situation for some months more? If he might stay where he is, would his progress be greatly retarded? Should he not perhaps spend some time outside of the Archdiocese in a rural situation but with priestly companionship and moderate supervision?

I would want very much that Father be able to see the horrendous spiritual consequences of his former ways which have been destructive of spiritual growth in himself and in others. It seems to me that part of Father Heitzer's recuperation could well be in the area of priestly spiritual re-evaluation and re-orientation.

You have worked closely with Father and you know him by this time better perhaps than he knows himself. It is not easy for me to send him back to a parish. The first problem is that there are none open. If he were to be offered a parish, I would have to ask another pastor to resign. There are many areas where he simply cannot return.

In view of what I have so far related to you, I am wondering if there would be any other possible solution which, while medically tenable, would deter for some time yet Father's desire to administrate a parish, and on the contrary, enhance his desire to re-orientate himself spiritually by some program of redevelopment within a controlled and priest affiliated atmosphere. This could be readily available.

I am most anxious to discuss with you these further possibilities.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

December 15, 1966

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If there is danger that the former practices may be resumed, they will certainly, I think, create difficulties in any community to which I might send him without providing adequate supervision.

He has been moved about much in the past and there are not many possible places left, if any, to which he can be sent.

The matter is an important one, I am satisfied, because any relapse, if he is assigned to the administration could mean his permanent shelving.

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Factually, I should say that Parish openings do not come quickly. Ask any priest in the two top years of seniority as Assistants; and they will picture the situation a bit dramatically. Openings come with death, resignation, or removal. No one can say now when Father might be able to get a Parish assignment again.

If you feel that a temporary change meanwhile, away from Father Bender and under some other supervision, such a change could certainly be made by June. It might possibly be made more urgently if any urgency were indicated.

Another thought enters my mind. At Nevis, Minnesota, (outside this Diocese) is a home for priests located in rural surroundings. The priest in charge assists those assigned there to reorientate themselves spiritually. They regularly, but not always, render weekend assistance in Parishes. The area has no large Parishes; and they substitute for priests who are sick or on vacation. I could offer such a change to Father Heitzer quickly if it is professionally advisable.

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I am deeply concerned for our people that they should not again be scandalized as at Heidelberg.

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Reverend Joseph E. Bender
Church of St. Richard
7601 Penn Avenue South
Richfield
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Dear Father Bender,

You spoke with me at the Senate meeting of the position of Father Louis J. Heitzer.

Also his doctor has written me now; and for your information I enclose a copy of the Doctor's communication.

I inquire whether you are convinced that Father Heitzer can safely be sent back to a rural area in the near future.

When we spoke at the Cathedral I asked if you know of any place where he could be an Assistant.

On my part I am not at all sure he can make good as a pastor. I fear that we are only subjecting a new place to subsequent scandal if we give him charge of a parish.

Do you think there would be any merit in sending him to a place like Nevis, Minnesota, in the Diocese of Crookston. He would live in the Institution during the week; but at the discretion of the superiors week end service is often rendered on Saturdays and Sundays. The area, I am told, is very rural.

I plan to ask Doctor Garvey for more specific interpretations of his letter and, in substance, I shall ask of him the same questions as I am asking yourself.

It is a fact, of course, that there is no Parish open just now.

Neither do I know of any place in the country where a change of assistants can be made.

I shall value your best thinking and advice in these matters .

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Richfield
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

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I shall value your best thinking and advice in these matters .

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

December 15, 1966

Reverend Joseph E. Bender
Church of St. Richard
7601 Penn Avenue South
Richfield
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

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- Mr. + Mrs. is trustee ~~out~~
+ Mrs. , bookkeeper at :

none of their children were molested. These people
live close to the church. Over 1/2 of the
parishioners know of the situation. ~~if~~ They say
that it is their understanding the situation is known
among a number of non-catholics.

Generally, Father has done a good job in the
administration of the parish. It would be best if
Father were to be moved - under some Doctor's care.

Mr. & Mrs.

(Heidelberg)

line about mile from church.

15 yr. old boy never told parents until the present. This boy says that he was never molested but tells his parents that he will not talk about it.

12 yr. old boy went swimming with Fr. Hertzger within the last three weeks. While in the water Hertzger said I'll take off your swimming trunks. The boy said he was cold and ran out of water. Boy claims H. used foul language then, swore. H. then took him home and asked him to say nothing.

15 yr. old says that he has seen H. take off the pants of boys in a car.

Generally the children have become frightened; even the parents of others fear for their lives.

1/2 of the parishioners know the situation.

Mr. + Mrs .

Trustee at

Oldest boy 14. Heitzer has began asking him to come along to the city with him.

These two people do not believe Father Heitzer is doing that which is reported.

about 75% of the parishioner are gossiping about ~~his~~ his homosexuality. Before this rash most of the parish got along with Father .

Mr. & Mrs.

(Heidelberg)

Son 15, told his father that Fr. Heitzer tried to remove his clothing, at the lake.

Two of their older boys know that that Fr. Heitzer has removed clothes of other boys - they have seen him do this.

Parents who have had their sons molested to the point of erection are not here this evening.

Their children have heard dirty stories & swear words from Fr. Heitzer.

Heidelberg.

Mr.

Says that his son was molested about 6 years ago. Father Heitzer caressed the boy while driving Father's car, reached into his crotch, above clothing.

Mr. has a 16 yr. old boy working for him on farm. This boy ~~was~~ has been molested and will admit it.

Mr. & Mrs.

Lexington

Have a 15 yr. old son. This son refuses to say anything but admits that other boys have been molested by father. This lad refuses to associate with father.

THE CHURCH OF SAINT RICHARD

7601 South Penn
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

December 21, 1966

The Most Reverend Leo Binz,
226 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Most Reverend Archbishop:

I regret the delay in responding to your letter of December 15, but I have been extremely busy.

In regard to the three questions you have asked:

1. I am at a loss to say whether Fr. Heitzer can be returned to a rural parish alone in the near future. Bishop O'Keefe gave me only the barest outline of his problem and its history. Not knowing how frequently these lapses were, I find it hard to express an opinion. Wasn't he some years at Heidelberg before the recurrence of this problem? He seems perfectly normal in his conduct here, except for his complaint about not sleeping well and inability to adjust to city living.

One thing troubles me. He has said twice to me that this whole thing was exaggerated; I get the impression from him that a few people at Heidelberg reported him who were not his friends. Since you have proof to the contrary, I wonder whether he fully realizes the seriousness of what he has done, or whether he is merely trying to improve his reputation with me, assuming (rightly) that I do not know exact details.

I can only say that he has conducted himself well here as far as I can tell.

2. If he finds it intolerable here, I might suggest Father Streff at Forest Lake or a chaplaincy in a girls school (Villa Maria?). I do not know how any of the persons involved in these suggestions would react to them, including Father Heitzer. I would favor the first. However, I think that Fr. Heitzer could continue here if he knew for sure that a change was coming in May or June. We do need and value his help.
3. As for Nevis, I think I would reserve that alternative until others are exhausted. In this assignment you show confidence in him. To send him to Nevis after this assignment might indicate that you felt his progress was unsatisfactory. I think a brief stay there before being given a parish again might be helpful as a preparatory retreat.

My advice at present is this: Since Fr. Heitzer knows that Dr. Garvey has written to you, he is expecting a letter. In such a letter I would assure him that reports from Dr. Garvey are encouraging, that you know he would prefer being in the country, that re-assignment elsewhere would likely be possible in May or June, that you trust that he can carry on until that time.

Respectfully in Christ,

Joseph E. Sender

December 23, 1966

Rev. Joseph E. Bender
Church of St. Richard
7601 Penn Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Dear Father Bender,

I thank you for your answer regarding Father Heltzer; and I shall return to the study of his case soon after the installation of Bishop O'Keefe.

I renew all good wishes for this holy season.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

MEMO

DATE 11 January 1967

Concerning Interview -- Fr. Heitzer

Interested Party _____

MESSAGE:

I called St. Richard's, ~~Richfield~~ Richfield.

Fr. Heitzer is away for the week.

left word

He ~~is~~ that he might be back Friday afternoon, but he doesn't have to be back until Saturday.

Father Smith
Please call
Father Bender

or

Father Bender will
have Father Heitzer
Call him he returns
for two days away. He will
telephone to ask for an interview

MEMO

DATE 12 January 1967

Concerning ← Fr. Heitzer

Interested Party _____

MESSAGE:

Fr. Heitaer called this afternoon from St. Richard's.

He came home early when he received Fr. Bender's call.

I told ~~you~~ him you have a meeting this afternoon, but that ~~xxxxxxx~~
I would call, probably ~~x~~ tonight, about an appointment.

SUGGESTED TIME: 3:30 tomorrow afternoon

(or) tonight after Ann and Anne go home.

Called in 10:00 AM Saturday, 14 January

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Rev Louis Heitzer

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January 26, 1967

Reverend Louis J. Heitzer
Church of St. Richard
7601 South Penn Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Dear Father Heitzer,

I assume that silence on the question presented to you in our recent interview means you plan to remain with Father Bender. It seems to me, however, that I should receive an answer: so I can settle this matter for the present.

I renew all good wishes.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

THE CHURCH OF SAINT RICHARD

7601 South Penn
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

January 27, 1967

The Most Rev. Leo Binz
Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis
226 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, Minnesota, 55102

Your Excellency,

I regret that I did not answer earlier, but mainly weather and highway conditions made it difficult to get out to see Father Streff at Forest Lake as early as I thought I could. I was under the impression from our interview that I should consider the transfer for several days, and was mailing my reply today when I received your letter of January 26th. I regret if I have created difficulty for you by my slow response.

I accept your kind offer to assist Father Streff at Forest Lake, for the reasons given by Dr. James Garvey in his last letter to your Excellency.

In regard to my personal problem I have had and which caused you great concern, may I state, that I assure you, with the grace of God, nothing like that will ever happen again.

I want to thank you for the considerations you have given me, and sincerely trust that I can restore your confidence in me.

Very respectfully yours,

Rev. Louis J. Heitzen

February 2, 1967

Reverend Joseph E. Bender
Church of St. Richard
7601 Penn Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Dear Father Bender,

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of the letter
which I am writing Father Louis Heitzer today.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

February 2, 1967

Rt. Rev. Msgr. P. William Coates
Church of the Ascension
1723 Bryant Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411

Dear Monsignor Coates,

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of the letter
which I am writing Father Louis Heitzer today.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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Doctor James T. Garvey
The Minneapolis Clinic
221 Medical Arts Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

February 2, 1967

Very Reverend Francis J. Miller
Church of St. Michael
611 South 3rd Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Father Miller,

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of the letter
which I am writing Father Louis Heitzer today.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

February 2, 1967

Reverend Joseph N. Streff
Church of St. Peter
532 S.E. 12th Avenue
Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025

Dear Father Streff,

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of the letter
which I am writing Father Louis Heltzer today.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

HEITZER, Rev. Louis J.

Illness

Request for assignment other
than St. Richard, Richfield

ANN ODENTHAL

15 Housekeeper

~~at~~ Father's ~~place~~

Heitzer, Rev. J Louis

Illness

Request for assignment other than
St. Richard, Richfield

CROSS REFERENCE

Heitzer, Louis

Assignment to Forest Lake

February 2, 1967

Reverend Louis J. Heitzer
Church of St. Richard
7601 South Penn Avenue
Richfield
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Dear Father Heitzer,

In accordance with your letter of January 27 I herewith transfer you from the Church of St. Richard, Richfield; and I appoint you to residence in the Church of St. Peter, Forest Lake. The effective date for this transfer is February 7. Please report to Father Streff before 6:00 P.M. on that date.

The transfer away from St. Richard's Parish is made in accordance with the advice given me by Doctor James T. Garvey and after conferring with yourself.

Father Streff has been consulted and he welcomes you into his household.

While in the Parish at Forest Lake you will hold the position of Assistant Pastor and I make that appointment herewith. You will prefer, I believe, to let it be known that you have been ill and are recuperating. I shall not make any announcement of your transfer in The Catholic Bulletin.

If there is any point in this letter on which you would prefer different planning, please do not hesitate to inform me.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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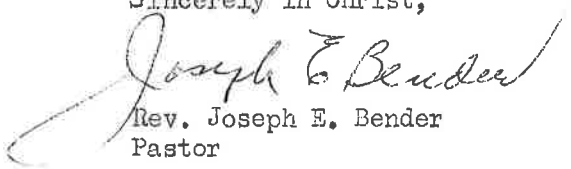
February 3, 1967

Most Reverend Leo Binz,

I received your letter regarding the transfer of
Father Heitzer to Forest Lake.

I sincerely hope that this will be a happy assignment
for him, and I deeply appreciate all the help he was able
to give us in his temporary assignment here.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Joseph E. Bender
Pastor

The Most Reverend Leo Binz
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

= Heitzen, Rev
- Appointment to
(WP) Forest Lake - St. Peter

February 6, 1967

Reverend Joseph E. Bender
Church of Saint Richard
7601 South Penn
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Dear Father Bender,

I thank you for your letter of February 3 and for the kindness
you have shown Father Heitzen.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

THE MINNEAPOLIS CLINIC

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4225 GOLDEN VALLEY ROAD
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221 MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING
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February 6, 1967

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Archbishop Leo Binz
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Re: Father Louis Heitzer

PSYCHIATRY:

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MURRAY S. LOCKE, M.D.
DONALD M. MAYBERG, M.D.
JENNINGS D. L. PETELER, M.D.

Your Excellency:

I read with pleasure a copy of your letter to Father Heitzer concerning his answer to Forest Lake, Minnesota. It is my psychiatric feeling that Father should adjust much better in a smaller community as he is such a rigid person, he just cannot learn how to take the stresses of urban living.

One can readily understand the concern that you have about Father Heitzer's adjustment, and I will do everything I can to help him make a better emotional adjustment.


ADOLESCENT AND
CHILD PSYCHIATRY:

PAUL W. BRANSFORD, M.D.

Kindest personal regards,

PSYCHOLOGY:

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HEITZER, Rev. Louis

Appointment

St. Peter, Forest Lake
Tuesday, 7 February 1967

February 10, 1967

Mr. James T. Garvey, M.D.
The Minneapolis Clinic
221 Medical Arts Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Doctor Garvey,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 6 concerning Father Heitzer's transfer to Forest Lake, Minnesota.

Like yourself, I am hopeful that a smaller community with less pressures will be more beneficial to Father's emotional adjustment.

I am most appreciative of your help and your concern in this matter. Thank you for the work that you have done with Father Heitzer.

With sentiments of esteem and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

*Return to
Wesley Berntson*
MEMO

Date August 22, 1968

CONCERNING Father Louis Heitzer

INTERESTED PARTY Archbishop Leo Byrne

Dear Archbishop Byrne,

I found it necessary to call Father Heitzer into the office to discuss with him his recent problem.

I acted quickly because Father Colon was fearful that the problem would reoccur.

I told Father Heitzer that you would call him in on your return. He admitted his problem and to conform with Father Colon's wish, I asked Father Heitzer to remain "on campus" and to take no one in his car.

Part of my interview with him was to prepare him for his visit with you. He was frightened.

I'll talk to you some more about the case.

TWB

Very Rev. Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

Fr. Hertzger called recently to ask boys to go fishing for a couple days -
Boys refused - parents suspicious - then found out.
Priest even called her (mother) mother in law.

The above is how the parents finally found out what happened
about 2 months ago. In his recent effort to take the boys for
a 2 day fishing trip, when the family was not home, he even
called the in laws trying to locate the boys.

Parents request:

Ask Fr. Hertzger if there are any other boys involved.

The son concerned primarily i.e., who was founded etc.,
is [redacted], who last year was in our [redacted] grade.
He was a Rector at the Childrens Moss and this is where
the acquaintance begin.

Was tutor at Childrens Mass i.e. [redacted]
 Started to visit the area ^{where [redacted] lives} latter part of school year about May i.e. Fr. Heitzger
 Fr. Heitzger brought some of boys home from BBQ for 7th & 8th grade

[redacted]

next day came at 11:00 AM (with housekeeper) to take boys to St. Paul
 for the day. ([redacted]) I said yes - ^{i.e. mother} home about after supper
 home about 10:00 PM. Parents concerned about late hour.

[redacted]: Left housekeeper off in downtown St. Paul
 what the boy said: Ate lunch - to movie - bought [redacted] 1 1/2
 pound of cooby - went to movie -
 started feeling legs etc. in movie
 telling how much he liked us
 went to Chisago fishing ^(same day) - rented boat
 Felt our legs etc. while fishing
 Some on way home
 On ^{the} way home actually touched me
 Put my hand on his - pris
 Breathing heavy etc.
 Mussel turn - wouldn't go home

wanted to meet for some again.
 Bought us 10 pair pot
 Was going to teach us all about it
 offered us cigarettes
 Was frightened so much - only to get bowl. (i.e. boys)
 - 14
 - 13 and shy

then was sent to bed, after he told me the above.
 I told the parents of the bishops concern and that Father
 would be moved on Bishops return. Parents concerned
 whether this was evident in past history, said this doesn't
 just crop up etc. etc. I said he had a mental
 break-down, classmate of Fr. Staffs - that's why he's here.
 but seemed to satisfy them. I expressed thanks for their
 honesty and privacy in the name of the Bishop. So I
 feel they are pacified and understanding. The boy
 doesn't want to go to mass till Fr. Heitzer is gone -
 "just afraid of him". I tried to explain weaknesses, as
 did his dad - so I think that will come off all right.
 Hope you can piece this all together - saves time of
 writing it over.

Shubs.
 JK

September 5, 1968

The Reverend Dale W. Kratz, s.P.
Superior
Our Lady of the Snow Retreat House
Route 2
Nevis, Minnesota 56467

Dear Father Kratz:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation concerning the arrival of Father Louis
✓ Heitzer of this Archdiocese.

Father Heitzer was ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, June 6, 1942. He studied at Nazareth Hall and the St. Paul Seminary. His place of birth was Furth im Wald, Bavaria.

I am enclosing a photo-copy of his priestly assignments which, unfortunately, have been many. His particular problem has received some notice in the majority of his later assignments.

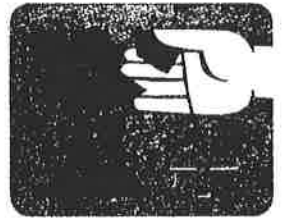
Father Heitzer comes to you retaining the faculties of this Archdiocese. You may grant him the local faculties ad libitum.

We are grateful to you for your willingness to assist Father Heitzer. You will meet him generally as a kind and likable person, quite docile. There may be, however, some hostility toward his Ordinary.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor



September 6, 1968

Very Rev. Msgr. Terrance W. Berntson, Chancellor
Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Mn. 55102

Dear Monsignor Berntson:

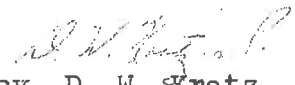
RE: Rev. Louis J. Heitzer

Father Heitzer arrived early this evening. Our first meeting was brief, but it would appear that your fears of any adverse reaction to his Ordinary can be forgotten. He spoke of the wonderful interview he had had with Archbishop Byrne before coming here.

We shall be in touch with you as time goes along to let you know the attitude of Father Heitzer. Should there be any question in the meantime, please feel free to write or call.

Asking a momento for this Apostolate, I am

Cordially in Spiritu,


Rev. D. W. Kratz, s.P.
Father Servant

September 13, 1968

The Reverend D.W. Kratz, S.P.
Our Lady of the Snow
Route 2
Nevis, Minnesota 56467

Dear Father Kratz,

I am deeply grateful for all you have done so far for Father Heitzer,
and for what you will be able to do for him in the months to come.

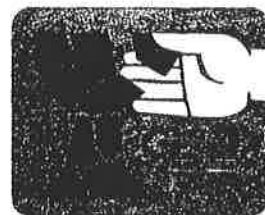
We sincerely appreciate the willingness you have shown in making
Father's arrival and acceptance so easy. It has been my pleasure in
working this out with you.

You are in my prayers.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Msgr. Terrance W. Berntson,
Chancellor



September 30, 1968

V. Rev. Msgr. Terrance W. Berntson, Chancellor
Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis
226 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, Mn. 55102

Dear Monsignor Berntson:

RE: Rev. Louis J. Heitzer


Father Heitzer has adjusted fairly well to his life at Our Lady of the Snow. It would seem he finds it difficult to admit to himself he has done anything seriously wrong. Any effort to talk has only led to his side-stepping the issue. With a little more time this attitude may be successfully cracked.

Father Heitzer also finds it difficult to be confined without permission to go to town each day for some inconsequential reason. There has been no open disobedience -- only the resentment of the moment.

We have used Father Heitzer on two Sundays for local cover. There has been only good reports on his activities.

Asking a momento for this Apostolate, I am

Cordially in Spiritu,


Rev. D. W. Kratz, s.P.
Father Servant

Servants of the Holy Paraclete

(VIA COELI)

Our Lady of the Snow

Clergy Retreat House

NEVIS, MINNESOTA 56467

Sept. 30, 1968

In Account With Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis

For Care of Rev. Louis J. Heitzer

From Sept. 6th to Sept. 30th

Room and Board	\$ 240.00
Doctor or Dentist	\$
Hospital and Surgery	\$
Medicine	\$
Laundry Dry Cleaning	\$
Merchandise	\$
Miscellaneous	\$
Bill previously rendered	\$
Total charges	\$ 240.00

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October 1, 1968

The Reverend D.W. Kratz, s.P.
Our Lady of the Snow Clergy Retreat House
Nevis, Minnesota 56467

Dear Father Kratz:

Thank you for your letter of September 30.

Your report on Father Heitzer certainly substantiates the opinion
which we formulated.

We shall pray that you will be able to open him and help him look
at the problem as it really is.

Enclosed is a check to cover room and board.

Your request for prayers will not go unheard; please be assured of
mine.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PAID

OCT - 1 1968

Ch. # 7017

240.00

Very Rev. Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

Servants of the Holy Paraclete

(VIA COELI)

Our Lady of the Snow

Clergy Retreat House

NEVIS, MINNESOTA 56467

..October 31, 1968....

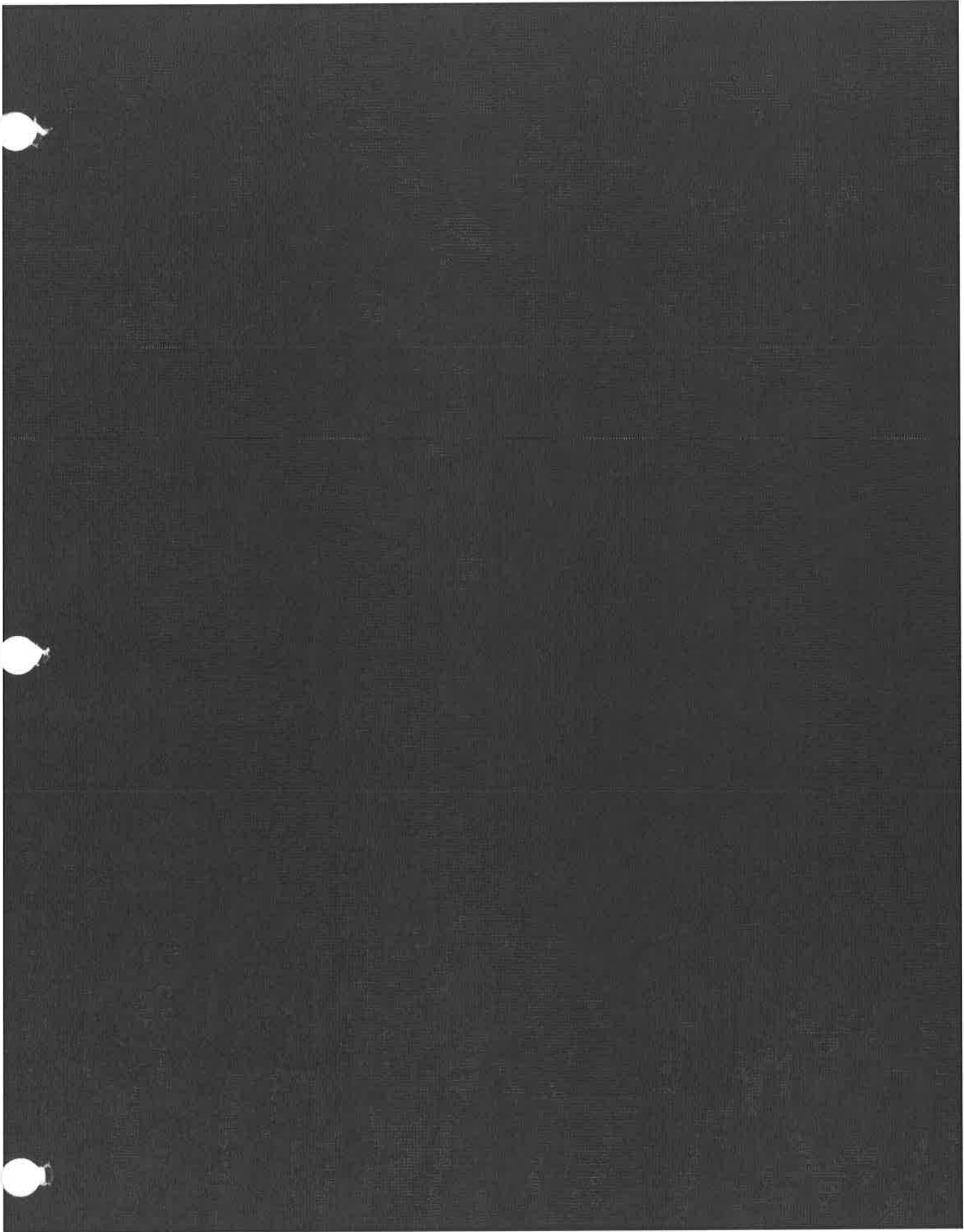
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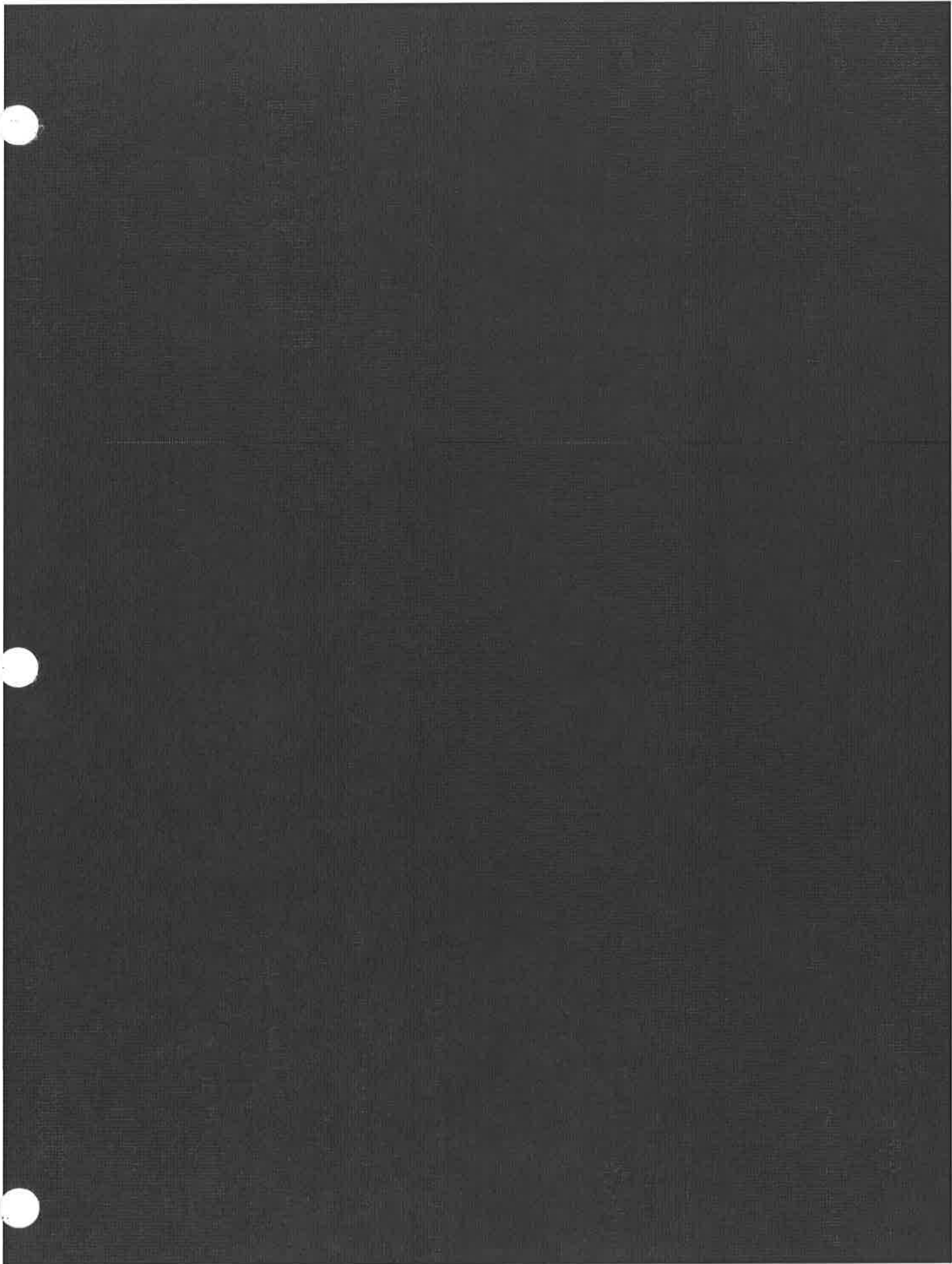
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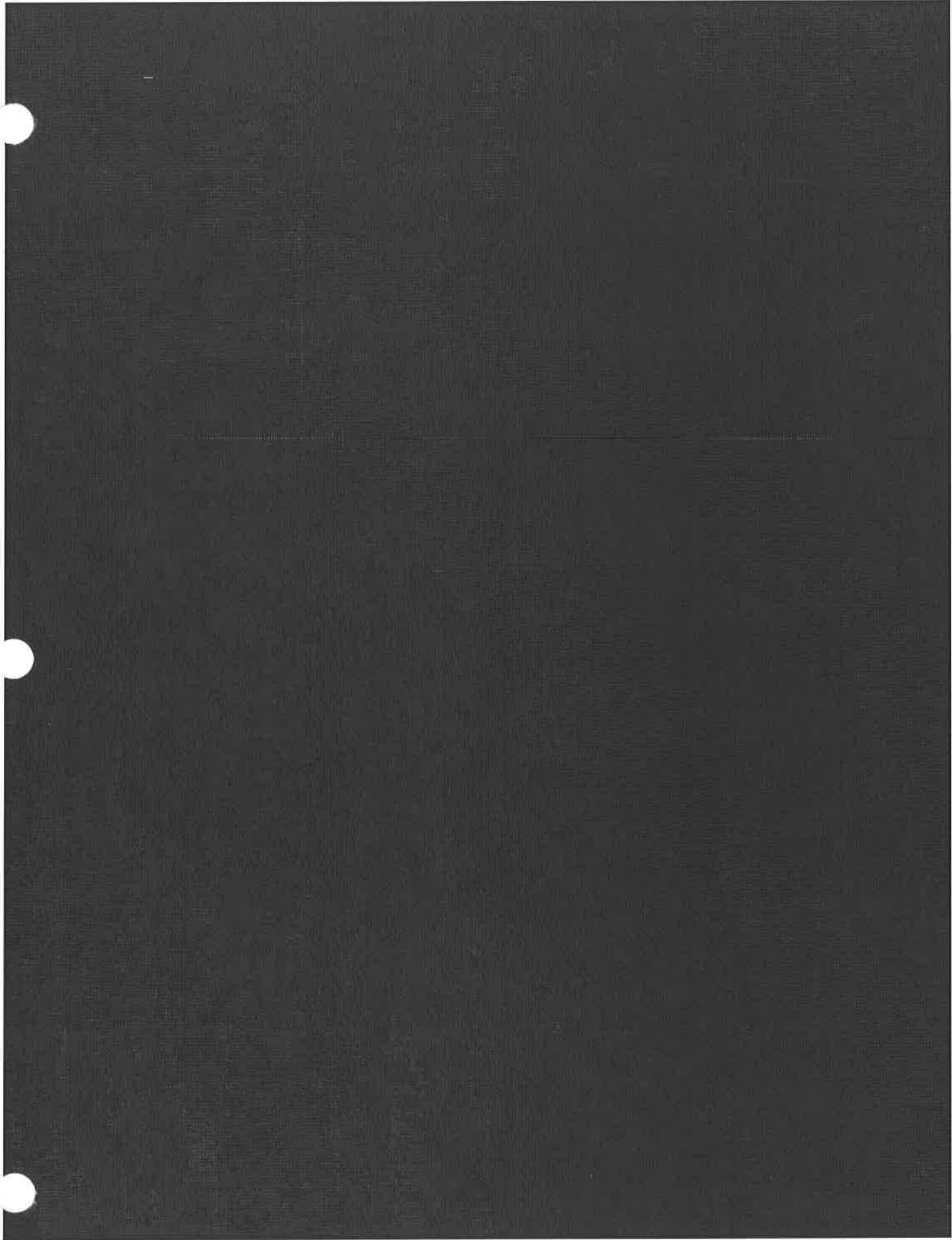
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Room and Board	\$ 300.00
Doctor or Dentist	\$
Hospital and Surgery	\$
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Miscellaneous	\$ NOV 2 38
Bill previously rendered	\$
Total charges	\$ 300.00

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Thurs.
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11:00 AM
2:00 PM
5:10
6:00

Chancery
Cathedral
leave chancery
Residence

Mass and Breakfast.

Interview/ Mr. Martinelli, Towle, Specht + E.S.A.
Priest-Senate Meeting
leave for Ann + Anne
Supper

Fri.
13

9:30 AM
2:00 PM

Friday
also

Shrine

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Sat.
14

6:00 PM

leave for St. Anse, Hamel
Dinner
stay overnight

ARCH-011244

November 4, 1968

The Reverend Dale Kratz, s.P.
Our Lady of the Snow Clergy Retreat House
Route 2
Nevis, Minnesota 56467

Dear Father Kratz:

I herewith enclose a check for \$300.00 to
cover the room and board of Father Louis J. Heitzer
during the month of October.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

PAID

NOV 4 1968

Ck. # 238

Servants of the Holy Paraclete

(VIA COELI)

Our Lady of the Snow

Clergy Retreat House

NEVIS, MINNESOTA 56467

Dec. 6, 1968

In Account With Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis

For Care of Rev. Louis Keitzer

From Nov. 1, 1968

to Dec. 1, 1968

Room and Board \$ 300.00

Doctor or Dentist \$

Hospital and Surgery \$

Medicine \$

Laundry Dry Cleaning \$

Merchandise \$

Miscellaneous \$

Bill previously rendered \$

Total charges \$ 300.00

PAID

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Ck. # 479

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Servants of the Holy Paraclete
(VIA COELI)
Our Lady of the Snow
Clergy Retreat House
NEVIS, MINNESOTA 56467

January 3, 1969

In Account With Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis

For Care of Rev. Louis Heitzer

From December 1, 1968 to January 1, 1969

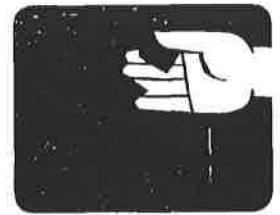
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Hospital and Surgery	\$
Medicine	\$
Laundry Dry Cleaning	\$
Merchandise	\$
Miscellaneous	\$
Bill previously rendered	\$
Total charges	\$ 300.00

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January 4, 1969

Very Rev. Msgr. Terrance W. Berntson
 Chancellor
 Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
 226 Summit Ave.
 St. Paul, Minn. 55102



PRO CHRISTO SACERDOTE

Dear Monsignor Berntson,

Rev. Louis Heitzer

Father Heitzer has been with us for almost four months. He has gone out for "supply" work in the nearby parishes and has acquitted himself well. We have had no complaints in regard to his problem.

He seems to be quite happy around the house-- willing to do his share of work. He has been faithful to his spiritual exercises.

My only fear is that he has not really "come to grips" with his problem and has let it go underground.

I know that it is very difficult to find a suitable assignment for a priest with such a problem.

One or two suggestions may help in coming to a decision. The first is the possibility that he could be assigned as Chaplain at some place where the occasion would not arise as frequently as in a parish assignment. The second is that Archbishop Byrne contact a Bishop of a nearby Diocese to take Fr. Heitzer on a temporary appointment with the explicit understanding that at the first sign of trouble, he would return to Our Lady of the Snow. A final suggestion is that he might be given the option to go to another part of the country for a fresh start. He could be sent to one of our houses where he would be used for week-end "supply" work until he could be found a place in the diocese. I am sure that this could be worked out in New Mexico and I could investigate the possibility of sending him to St. Louis or Canton, Ohio.

I would be happy to come to St. Paul, with or without Father Heitzer for an interview, if you felt that this might help.

As you can see from the signature, I have replaced Father Kratz. I did not see any correspondence directly with Archbishop Byrne, so I am taking the liberty of writing to you.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Joseph McNamara s.P.
 (Rev.) Joseph McNamara s.P.
 Superior

February 6, 1969

The Reverend Joseph McNamara, s.P.
Our Lady of the Snow Clergy Retreat House
Route 2
Nevis, Minnesota 56467

Dear Father McNamara:

Your letter of January 4 has reached us and our reply is long, long overdue. However, the wait was necessary because we had to study the matter intensively and find some kind of placement for Father Heitzer.

The Archbishop has discussed the matter with Bishop Schladweiler of New Ulm, and it will be possible to place Father Heitzer in an Old Folks Home as chaplain in the Diocese of New Ulm. However, I do not want you to give this information to Father Heitzer at this time. Rather, I would be deeply appreciative if you would implement one of the paragraphs of your letter, that is, if you would bring Father Heitzer to the Chancery for an interview. It will be I who will deal from hereon with the problem, and we shall leave the Archbishop free unless you insist otherwise.

You realize that I am most deeply grateful to you and to Father Kratz for your help and for your priestly interest in our fellow priest, Father Heitzer, and I will be waiting to hear from you.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

MEMO

Date February 11, 1969

CONCERNING Father Louis J. Heitzer

INTERESTED PARTY Archbishop Leo C. Byrne

Dear Archbishop Byrne:

Father McNamara and Father Heitzer came to the Chancery this afternoon. Father Heitzer seems to be happy about the prospect of returning to his priestly duties. I spoke to him about an assignment in the Diocese of New Ulm, and he was very enthused about this. It is my distinct impression that he would prefer excardination from this Archdiocese, but I explained that all would depend on whether or not Bishop Schladweiler would desire to have him incardinated.

Father McNamara, in private conversation, noted that Heitzer had not really come to grips with the basic problem. He felt that there is an ingrained habit of rationalizing and that the overall spiritual depth of the patient was quite shallow. He exemplified this by saying that Father's Mass lasted 15 minutes--no preparation or thanksgiving. He performs in a rather perfunctory manner.

Father McNamara was pleased that Father Heitzer would be in a rest home. I should add that Heitzer was very happy about the prospect of returning to the rural areas.


Very Rev. Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

ARCH-011275

February 13, 1969

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Arnold Berg
The Chancery
Chancery Drive
New Ulm, Minnesota 56073

Dear Monsignor Berg:

I enclose a photo copy of Father McNamara's evaluation of Father Louis Heitzer, and also a memo which I made upon interviewing Father Heitzer on February 11, 1969. On the same day I spoke with Father McNamara who brought Father Heitzer to see me.

I should add that when Father Heitzer spoke about excardination I did my best to dissuade him and to point out that we had a responsibility to him and, in fact, would not likely grant him excardination.

Thank you for everything.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

Date February 13, 1969

MEMO

CONCERNING Father Louis J. Heitzer

INTERESTED PARTY - For the files

Father Heitzer is to report to the New Ulm Chancery on February 15, 1969.

He will then be reassigned as Chaplain of the Divine Providence Home,
Ivanhoe, Minnesota 56142.

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ARCH-011280

Servants of the Holy Paraclete

(VIA COELI)

Our Lady of the Snow

Clergy Retreat House

NEVIS, MINNESOTA 56467

Feb 17, 1969

In Account With Archdiocese of St. Paul

For Care of Rev. Louis Heitzer

From January 1, 1969 to February 14, 1969

Room and Board \$ 440.00

Doctor or Dentist \$

Hospital and Surgery \$

Medicine \$

Laundry Dry Cleaning \$

Merchandise \$

~~Miscellaneous~~ Travel mileage 20.00

Bill previously rendered \$

Total charges \$ 460.00

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Ch. # 1089

\$460.00

February 19, 1969

The Reverend Joseph McNamara, s.P.
Servants of the Holy Paraclete
Our Lady of the Snow Clergy Retreat House
Nevis, Minnesota 56467

Dear Father McNamara:

I am happy to enclose payment for the care of Father
Louis Heitzer while he stayed with you from January 1 to
February 14, 1969. Please know that I am most grateful for
all of your kind help.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

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FEB 19 1969

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Charles Vandersluis, M. D.

Minnesota Clinic

Minnesota, Minn.

56264

124 North Jefferson

28 July 1969

Office Phone 5141

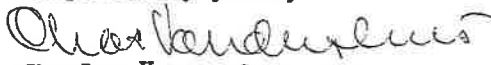
Res. Phone 4101

Msgr. Terrence Berntson
Chancery Office, Archdiocese of St. Paul
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Msgr. Berntson:

Father Louis Heitzer, resident priest of Divine Providence Hospital, Ivanhoe, Minnesota, 56142, has been a hospital patient since 7/12/69 because of a mild coronary thrombosis. His course has been benign and we have every expectation that he will be out of the hospital after a period of four weeks and then on reduced activity another two or three weeks.

Respectfully yours,


Charles Vandersluis, MD.

Employer's No.

- Social Security No.

July 30, 1969

Dr. Charles Vandersluis
Minneota Clinic
Minneota, Minnæsota 56264

Dear Dr. Vandersluis:

I am very grateful for your letter of July 28, 1969, wherein you inform us that Father Heitzer suffered within the past month a mild coronary. I thank God that his condition is not more critical. I do believe that his assignment is quite a light one and that he should find his period of recuperation free from strain and tension.

Again, I thank you for your kindness in informing us of Father Heitzer's sickness, and if there be anything you wish us to do in a specific way for Father Heitzer, I presume that you will kindly inform us of it.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

Charles Vandersluis, M. D.

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124 North Jefferson

4 September 1969

Office Phone 5141

Res. Phone 4101

Msgr Terrence Berntson, Chancellor
Catholic Diocese of St. Paul
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Msgr. Berntson:

Thanks for your letter confirming the information received concerning Father Louis Heitzer. I now the sad duty to inform you that he was seized with a second coronary attack this morning, a very serious one, now involving the entire anterior portion of his heart wall and causing congestive failure. He is in critical condition at Divine Providence Hospital in Ivanhoe. We are doing our best and hope it is sufficient. Dr. Richard E. Mulder, resident physician at Ivanhoe, now has the primary care of him because I will be leaving shortly, but temporarily.

With sincere good wishes,

Charles Vandersluis
Charles Vandersluis

Employer's No.

- Social Security No.

MEMO

Date November 7, 1969

CONCERNING CONDITION OF FATHER LOUIS J. HEITZER

INTERESTED PARTY FILE

Sister Ubalda telephoned today from the Divine Providence Hospital, Ivanhoe, Minnesota.

She related that Father Heitzer has just been discharged from the hospital and will return to the adjacent nursing home where he has been serving as Chaplain.

His condition after the heart attack is good, but he needs to take it easy.

Sister is pleased to have him.

TWB

Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

Heitzer

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HEITZER, FR. LOUIS

The Chancery

Dear Father,

226 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Our brother priest, Father Louis J. Heitzer, died on Monday, November 24, 1969. Kindly remember to offer three Masses for the repose of his soul. Father Heitzer was born on July 15, 1914, and was ordained to the Priesthood on June 6, 1942.

His funeral Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm, Minnesota, on Wednesday, November 26, 1969.

Burial will be in Cathedral Cemetery, New Ulm, Minnesota, following the funeral Mass.

Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Secretary, Priests' Sodality

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

REV. LOUIS J. HEITZER

Chaplain, Divine Providence Home, Ivanhoe, Minnesota

Died at Divine Providence Home, Ivanhoe, 5:15 a.m., November 24, 1969.

Mortician: Forester Funeral Home, New Ulm

Wake: Tuesday, November 25, 1969, Funeral Home, 2:00-9:00.

Funeral Mass: Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm, Minnesota, Wednesday,
November 26, 1969, at 11:30 a.m.

Principal Concelebrant: Archbishop Leo C. Byrne

Concelebrants: Rev. Francis Fleming
Rev. Paul Murray
Rev. John Fleming
Rev. Roman Schaefer
Rev. Bernard Schreiner
Rev. Albert Blatz
Rev. Lawrence Bauman

Preacher: Rev. Edward Wojtowicz

Master of Ceremonies: Rev. John F. Parkos

Director of Music: Rev. Cecil Roufs

Burial: Cathedral Cemetery, New Ulm

Celebrant at Graveside: Rev. Lawrence Bauman

Phone Call w/ " [REDACTED] " -- 3/1

- was raised in parish at Clearwater
- when he was 8-9 ([REDACTED] years old now) the priest abused him. The same priest abused 6-8 other boys, including his brothers
- he never talked about this with anyone. ~~until~~ He went to AA and got sober ~~about~~ 16 years ago. Since that time he's had a series of health issues, including a heart attack 3 months ago. The physician said he was an angry man and had to deal with what was in him. The physician sent him to a counselor, and then all this came out.
- the priest involved was named Louis Heitzer. This was in 1956 or so. [KMCD tells about the info. from woman at SW diocese parish]
- [REDACTED] has talked with Jeff Anderson.
- [REDACTED] came from a family where alcoholism was rampant. As youngest, [REDACTED] got the brunt of it. Heitzer would take these kids swimming and would abuse them. [REDACTED] said he did not want to go once, and his Fr. "beat the shit" out of him.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 12, 1991

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Father McDonough

FROM: Father Jaroszeski (PAJ)

RE: Father Louis Heitzer (Deceased)

I received a call today from a woman who would identify herself only as [REDACTED]. She was quite upset and crying on the phone, and she had a difficult time getting to her point. She spoke of her brother being sexually abused by Father Heitzer. I told her such concerns were handled by your office and simply assured her that I would tell you about her phone call and ask you to contact her. Her phone number is [REDACTED].



To Kevin

Date 4-20 Time 9:30

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M [REDACTED]

of [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]
Area Code Number Extension

TELEPHONED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE CALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CALLED TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILL CALL AGAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>
WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	URGENT	<input type="checkbox"/>

RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message re: [REDACTED] "country school"

[REDACTED] died Mar. 14th of complications from heart surgery.

Call if you have any questions.
Operator [Signature]

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: APRIL 22, 1993
MEMO TO: THE FILE OF FR. HEITZER
FROM: FR. KEVIN MCDONOUGH
SUBJECT:

Several weeks ago I spoke on the phone with a man who gave me his name as "[REDACTED]". He indicated that he was abused in some way by Fr. Heitzer about 40 years ago.

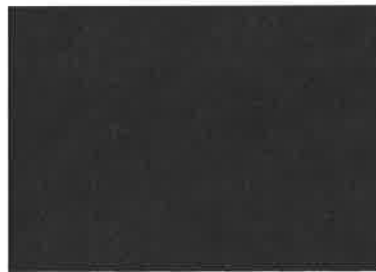
Our phone conversation took place at the beginning of March.

I received a phone call from [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. She indicated to me that she was the wife of "[REDACTED]". She told me that his real name was [REDACTED] (spelling?). She indicated that Mr. [REDACTED] had died from complications in heart bypass surgery on

She also indicated that Mr. [REDACTED] had done a good deal of reflection on this issue, and perhaps had contacted some old schoolmates. He had told her on one occasion that he was aware of 12 young people who were abused or at least might have been abused by Fr. Heitzer. I asked her for help in obtaining those names if possible. She told me that she was not sure she would find those names, because she had never discussed them specifically with her husband. She told me that if she came across anything, however, she would let me know.

cc: Archbishop Roach
Bishop Charron
Mr. Fallon

THIS IS A LETTER
I READ TO GREG
BILL FALLON AND FATHER
KEVIN, THIS WAS
WRITTEN BEFORE ALCOHOL
TREATMENT



Gentlemen:

I would like to read a letter to you expressing my confusion and frustration that I felt on Tuesday, May 9th. After learning of [REDACTED] a settlement, I'm not sure if I understood this right. It sure seemed like a "take it or leave it offer." I didn't realize that we were at that point. I didn't realize that we'd had started negotiations yet.

I sincerely believe that I was trying to work with the process that the Archdiocese has asked me to do and that's to start a healing process, search for things that can be helpful in my life, and then be able to, in the best way I can, list what I need from the Archdiocese as far as support for the healing process.

I'm not sure where to start with this as there's a tremendous amount of confusion in my life at this point in dealing with the whole process that's been started and where it's going, I have no idea.

Father Kevin, as I review where I was, and where I'm at now, I hope I've made some progress. I don't understand though what you expect from me. In our initial conversation, I was finally able to come to the Archdiocese and talk about my abuse. At this point, you coaxed my whole history from me. My concerns and how I've dealt with this abuse to the best of my knowledge. You then talked to me about a process of mediation, something that the Archdiocese had found very helpful for other victims. To eliminate lawyers, to eliminate lawsuits, and to be able to help victims of abuse. You also assured me the Archdiocese would help me with any treatment or expenses that were incurred during my healing process. Father, you also responded with, [REDACTED] and to "have my cards in order."

Legal counsel was also recommended at this meeting. As I left your office, I felt the relief of finally sharing my memories about Father Heitzer and how he abused me. I'm sorry but I was uncomfortable with you and the level of trust I could give you. I hope you can understand this. On my way home, I contacted a close friend who has had business dealings with you. This friend was very complimentary toward you yet warned me that you were also a very sharp businessman.

After weeks of contemplating the situation, [REDACTED] and I decided I should visit with



If the feeling from the Archdiocese at this point is that Mr. Cashman is only involved in this matter from a legal standpoint, you're absolutely wrong because Bill will be there, I believe, after this is all done, to help me heal no matter what the outcome of the process is.

The next step in the process was to meet with Greg Wierand which I did at [REDACTED] office with Kirk, Bill Cashman, and my wife, [REDACTED], present. Greg went through the process with us; how the Archdiocese is extremely concerned about the healing

process of these victims and at that point, Greg asked me to outline my feelings, my concerns, and my needs in a letter to you, Father Kevin. I've reread that letter numerous times as I've gone through struggles and each time that I read it, I find out how little I knew about what had happened to me. I've used this for great value to know that things are hopefully getting better.

Greg also informed us at this time that he would not be involved in any financial matters, that he would work with us in regard to the process of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for the abuse or an understanding of the abuse, and, if necessary, a change in careers for me. It was my understanding when we left the meeting that the Archdiocese wanted a better picture of what I felt I needed to heal and the Archdiocese at that point would come back and say, "This is what we can do for you, [REDACTED]." Nowhere in my conversations, either with you, Father Kevin, and/or Greg was I told that there were limited funds as far as my healing process was concerned. I understood that there would be objections as long as I kept this request reasonable and that the Archdiocese would support me 100%. Greg also offered at this time that abuse victims never have the courage to ask for enough. They feel responsible for the abuse.

[REDACTED] Again, I don't recall any objections from Greg at this time. I know he could not answer on financial matters but I left that meeting feeling fairly certain that the Archdiocese would be more than willing to help me in my process of healing. I also had some concerns with Greg though. I wasn't sure if Greg was being

totally up front with me on what was going to happen. I didn't feel like Greg was able to share with me on what I needed to know. I wanted this process of healing to happen quickly. I wanted to move on with my life.

From the time the initial letter was sent to you, Father Kevin, there was some "down time" as we waited for a response from you. And as I stated in my second letter, it was a very lonely time for me, much like being in limbo—not knowing where to go or what to do. I have informed you already, the night I received your letter, I had had a very difficult time [REDACTED]. It was uplifting to receive correspondence from you, yet as I read your letter, I became more and more confused. Why would you question my needs when this is what you asked of me? What were you having a difficult time with as far as my healing process? Greg told me that abused victims never ask for enough. Your letter told me that I asked for too much, that you were having a very difficult time with this—no reasons why, just that you were having a hard time with this. Does this make me question the process? YES.

[REDACTED] I'll be the first to admit that I was extremely hopeful when I initially talked with you. I listened to how you hoped to heal me, how my addictions would become less dominant and I could focus more on my healing and that of other abuse victims. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I do feel; however, that I'm asking for bare minimums as far as restructuring and healing my life.

I did not realize what the church's response would be. [REDACTED]

When did the abuse and its effect become apparent to me? It was an article I read in Sports Illustrated, September 13, 1999, that really made me aware of my sexual addiction and how I've become a perpetrator in my life because of the abuse I suffered. I had no comprehension and/or idea that the abuse could affect me the way it did. For the last [REDACTED] years, I've felt like I was a rotten person because I could not control my sexual urges that led to my abuse of alcohol. These sexual urges have almost destroyed my family more than once. They've destroyed numerous relationships I've had in my life. I will not allow my sexual addiction to destroy my life and/or my family's.

Later on during that day, I also spoke with someone from [REDACTED] that talked to me about doing things one day at a time. It was a comment made that by asking for help was a negotiating tool. But it probably would not happen in the legal realm of life. I understood that to say, "If I have to take less, I will." Do I want to? No. Will it help me? No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I did not realize that we are now in litigation. I did not realize that \$25,000 was a take or leave it proposition. I did not realize the Archdiocese of St. Paul no longer wants to help me in my process. If I feel this way, I'm sorry but it's due to lack of communication or making me a priority with the

Archdiocese. If you want to throw me away, if you want to get rid of me, say so. But remember, you just abused me again because all the faith and confidence that was building up inside of me that I've been working to achieve, is close to being destroyed at this point. Do I have faith in you, Father Kevin? Absolutely not. Do I feel that you've lied to me about the process? Yes. Do I feel the process is justified? No. I've done what you've asked me to do and that's to start a healing process and to let you know what I felt I needed. One thing you have not even touched on is my request and need to see Father Colon and talk to him.

The next concern is that of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] To the best of my knowledge, there has been no communication with him about me. He may be the most instrumental in answering many of these issues.

Finally, there's been absolutely no response to my second letter, yet I state in there numerous times that a five-minute call to let me know that you realize I'm alive would be very helpful to me. Father Kevin, if only you or Greg could stay in touch—just to make sure I'm still alive.

Have you opened me up? Yes. How do I feel about this? Angry. I need to vent. I need to tell somebody my story. Telling my story is more important to me than money. Will litigation allow me to do this? Hopefully. Yes, I would love to get in front of a jury or in front of a mediator and tell my story to find out if I'm right or wrong because that's what I really question at this point. Am I doing the right thing? Did somebody abuse me? Has somebody taken away parts of my life? I want to know if I'm right in asking for help in restoring my life. Obviously, you're too busy or too concerned with other things to help me in this process. I feel that all you can see are the dollar signs and how it will affect the stewardship of the Catholic Church. Your offer of \$25,000 has insulted me terribly in how important my healing is to you.

August 29, 2002

Dear Father McDonough,

My sister and I read the article about [redacted] being abused by Father Joseph Heitzer (or Louis J. Heitzer as we knew him) in The Star Tribune, June 14, 2002.

We feel it should be made known that he molested other boys - our two youngest brothers and one of their friends - during his years in Franklin, Minn. 1950 - 1954.

One of our brothers was agreeable to sending this information to you providing their names would not be given. For him, these incidents are in the past and Father Heitzer has died. Our youngest brother [redacted] years ago. For him especially we feel these facts should finally be revealed.

There are possibly other boys in the Franklin parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's, Birch Cooley who were abused. Father Heitzer would often take boys camping, fishing, or on overnight stays at the rectory - as he did to our brothers.

There is no recompense that can be made for the years of silent pain and suffering inflicted on these boys and the complete deception he practiced on their parents. But by breaking the silence on the theft of innocence and

betrayal of trust caused by this man,
these victims can at last receive
some measure of justice.

Sincerely,



September 24, 2002

Dear [REDACTED],

I have been carrying your letter of August 29 with me for some weeks. I had hoped to be able to respond to you with a more thorough description of the steps that we intend to take to go back to the many parishes where people like Father Heitzer abused children. We are still discussing how we should do that, and I did not want to hold up a response to you any longer. I apologize, in fact, for waiting these several weeks.

I am grateful to you for writing to me, even though that is very painful news. As I have come to learn more about what Louis Heitzer did, I believe he was perhaps the most abusive priest ever to be a part of this Archdiocese. I now believe that he abused boys every place he went. He caused great harm and left behind many damaged lives. I am deeply sorry that two of your brothers experienced that damage.

It saddens me even more to know that Archdiocesan leaders became aware of this some time along the way and could have taken stronger steps to prevent further abuse. While Father Heitzer had to face an accounting for his actions, I think that there are others in our Church who had to face an accounting for their inaction.

Learning of abuse by people like Louis Heitzer has motivated me to see that we do not commit the same sins of omission. As you know, the Catholic Church in the United States is going through a period of accountability. I am proud to say that we had taken important steps here under the leadership of Archbishop Roach and Archbishop Flynn. I am sure there is still more for us to learn. As I will be praying for your family, I in turn ask your prayers for the continued conversion of our Church's leadership.

If your brother would like to talk about all of this, I would be happy to do so. I would make the same offer, Sister, to you. I am grateful to you for taking the time to write.

I expect that we will be taking some more active steps this fall to go back to places where we have good reason to believe abuse took place. Please pray for the success of that effort. I wish you well in your ministry of service to God and his people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

September 24, 2002

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been carrying your letter of August 29 with me for some weeks. I had hoped to be able to respond to you with a more thorough description of the steps that we intend to take to go back to the many parishes where people like Father Heitzer abused children. We are still discussing how we should do that, and I did not want to hold up a response to you any longer. I apologize, in fact, for waiting these several weeks.

I am grateful to you for writing to me, even though that is very painful news. As I have come to learn more about what Louis Heitzer did, I believe he was perhaps the most abusive priest ever to be a part of this Archdiocese. I now believe that he abused boys every place he went. He caused great harm and left behind many damaged lives. I am deeply sorry that [REDACTED] experienced that damage.

It saddens me even more to know that Archdiocesan leaders became aware of this some time along the way and could have taken stronger steps to prevent further abuse. While Father Heitzer had to face an accounting for his actions, I think that there are others in our Church who had to face an accounting for their inaction.

Learning of abuse by people like Louis Heitzer has motivated me to see that we do not commit the same sins of omission. As you know, the Catholic Church in the United States is going through a period of accountability. I am proud to say that we had taken important steps here under the leadership of Archbishop Roach and Archbishop Flynn. I am sure there is still more for us to learn. As I will be praying for your family, I in turn ask your prayers for the continued conversion of our Church's leadership.

If you [REDACTED] would like to talk about all of this, I would be happy to do so. I would make the same offer, [REDACTED] to you. I am grateful to you for taking the time to write.

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Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

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Judy -

Delaney, Judy

From: Nedeau, Karen
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2004 8:48 AM
To: Delaney, Judy
Subject: FW: Father Heitzer

Judy this seems like yours. Karen

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2004 4:37 PM
To: communications@archspm.org
Subject: Father Heitzer

My name is [REDACTED] and was an altar boy at St Schalastica Church in Heidelberg, Minnesota, during the late 1950's and early 1960's. I'm trying to locate the where-a-abouts of a Father Heitzer who was the parish priest at St. Schalastica during that time frame. I need this information to discuss child abuse matters with him. Is he still around. I live in [REDACTED] now. Any information will be appreciated.

[REDACTED]

Could you please e-mail back to [REDACTED] the following message? Thanks!

[REDACTED]: My name is Father Kevin McDonough. I am the Archbishop's chief of staff and lead the team of people here who respond to, and work at prevention of, sexual abuse. Father Heitzer died in 1969. ~~He~~ In the last few years we have learned about (over)

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the abuse he committed. I am so sorry to learn from your message, at least implicitly, that there is another victim of that sick man's criminal behavior.

We have communicated about his abuse in parishes where Heitzer worked. In fact, one of his victims spoke on national television to the Catholic bishops who gathered in Dallas in 2002 -- Archbishop Flynn invited him to do so. We would like to be of help to you, if we can. We would also like to reach out to other people he hurt. Here are some ways to contact us: my phone (651-291-4434); our victim advocate coordinator, Phyllis Willerscheidt (651-291-4497); or my e-mail: mcdonoughk@archspm.org. Let me know what you would like to do next.

Fr. Heitzer

Delaney, Judy

From: Delaney, Judy
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2004 12:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Message from Fr. Kevin McDonough

Fr. McDonough asked that I send you this response to the e-mail you sent to our Communications Office.

[REDACTED] My name is Father Kevin McDonough. I am the Archbishop's chief of staff and lead the team of people here who respond to, and work at prevention of, sexual abuse.

Father Heitzer died in 1969. In the last few years we have learned about the abuse he committed. I am so sorry to learn from your message, at least implicitly, that there is another victim of that sick man's criminal behavior. We have communicated about his abuse in parishes where Heitzer worked. In fact, one of his victims spoke on national television to the Catholic bishops who gathered in Dallas in 2002 -- Archbishop Flynn invited him to do so. We would like to be of help to you, if we can. We would also like to reach out to other people he hurt. Here are some ways to contact us: my phone (651.291.4434); our victim advocate coordinator, Phyllis Willerscheidt (651.291.4497); or my e-mail: mcdonoughk@archspm.org. Let me know what you would like to do next.

Fr. Kevin McDonough
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Fr. Heitzer file, please

Delaney, Judy

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 2:04 PM
To: mcdonoughk@archspm.org
Subject: FW: Message from Fr. Kevin McDonough

(in the archives)

I've tried to send this message several times this weekend but it keeps coming back to me as undeliverable. I'll try again.

I let him know that you rec'd. this.

J

[redacted]

k.

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> Let me give you some background first. As an alter boy in the late
> 1950's
and early 1960's at St Schalastica in Heidelberg, MN. I was approached by Father Heitzer to accompany him on a fishing trip. The first few times I accompanied him, there was no contact or abuse of any type. After several outings he started to get closer to me physically (always while in his vehicle) and always while it was dark (after sunset). It started out with him pulling me next to him on the car seat (he drove an older 1950's Mercury) and then putting his arm around me and fondling/squeezing my nipples. That bothered me but this, like all subsequent abuse, I accepted because he was a priest and I felt I couldn't challenge him on this activity. On the next outing, he did the same but also inserted his hand into my pants and directly fondled my penis for what seemed like an eternity. This continue to happen for several more outings and then he added direct kissing to the lips. All together, he performed these activities on approximately 15 to 20 occasions. I didn't want any part of this but felt I had no choice in these matters. I was born and raised on a farm about miles west of Heidelberg and Heitzer would show-up unannounced and ask my folks if he could take me fishing; later he took me to movies and once took me to a basketball game in Minneapolis. Always the trips home were after sunset and always he drove the deserted back roads.

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> As I got a little older I think he sensed that I was getting more uncomfortable with this activity and he stopped taking me to on these outings . I later graduated from high school, attended and graduated from the Univ. Of [redacted] and entered the [redacted] as a [redacted]. I held sensitive positions while in the [redacted] dealing with [redacted]. Never could I say anything about this previous abuse or seek help since doing so would immediately disqualify me from [redacted] position and spell the end of my [redacted] career. I retired from [redacted] with more than 20 years of service and now live in [redacted]. I recall coming home from the University one weekend and my mother told me that Heitzer had just been transferred because of an abuse allegation. If my memory serves me, the individual involved was a boy named [redacted] (I may have the first name wrong) and his dad, [redacted] was the one who went to the monseigneur in New Prague , Minnesota, with the complaint. These incidents of abuse happened to me during impressionable years when I was coming of age; a time when I should have been mainstreaming into adolescence and establishing meaningful relations with other people. Instead, I felt "soiled" and confused about my place among people of my own age and was continually haunted by the images of Heitzer being so intimately close to me.

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> Today I'm [redacted] years old, have never married, have never had any
> children,
never have been intimate with a woman, and can count the number of friends I have on one hand. I CAN NOT GET CLOSE TO PEOPLE regardless of how hard I try because closeness congeries up images of these horrific incidents from my youth! Being intimate with a person is repulsive to me! During the late 1970s, while [redacted], I began to experience [redacted]; I even checked out books on the subject from the library. The most interesting book was one by the [redacted]. I got through that period by occupying myself with a variety of activities but the images of these sexual encounters were and are still with me ON A DAILY BASIS. NOT ONE DAY HAS GOING BY IN MY LIFETIME WHEN

I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT THESE INCIDENTS! Today, I look around me and see my contemporaries in life playing with their grandchildren while I grow old with NOBODY to be companion to or experience the joy of children and grandchildren. In short, my life has been destroyed by this abusive priest.

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> You ask what I'd like to do next. The truth is I don't know what can
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done. You tell me! How do I get back a lifetime taken from me by the person who had to know that his actions were wrong and damaging to an impressionable youth. How does this type of individual get to become a priest?

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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Delaney, Judy
> To: [REDACTED]
> Sent: 2/19/2004 11:01:45 AM
> Subject: Message from Fr. Kevin McDonough

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> Fr. McDonough asked that I send you this response to the e-mail you
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to our Communications Office.

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> Fr. Kevin McDonough
> Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

March 28, 2006

Reverend J. Timothy Power
14218 Chestnut Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Dear Tim,

I received your recent letter, and a day or two later, received the enclosed materials about other support resources for "after pastors." As you can see, there is a fairly robust network of people dealing with this. Nancy Biele, with whom several of us at the Archdiocese have been friends and colleagues for about twenty years, is leading this effort. Whatever else you do, may I ask your help in encouraging the priests you contact to avail themselves of these resources?

Here are the parishes with the most recent histories of priest sexual abuse which I can recall. I presume you have a directory and can get the names of the pastors and their addresses. In no particular order, here would be some to consider: Saint Mary of the Lake in White Bear Lake (Gilbert Gustafson in the early 1980s); Our Lady of Grace in Edina (Jerome Kern in the 1970s); Saint John the Evangelist in Hopkins (Bob Thurner in the 1970s and early 80s); Epiphany in Coon Rapids (Michael Stevens in the middle 1980s); Saint Peter in Forest Lake (Louis Heitzer in the late 1960s). Two other parishes that were more recently affected, although the abuse did not take place there, were parishes recently pastored by Bob Zasacki. You may recall that we learned in 2002 that Bob had committed abuse in the Archdiocese of Newark in the 1970's. When we learned that information, we removed Bob from ministry. Although he actually committed no abuse in any of the parishes of this Archdiocese, I know that there was a profound sense of loss on the part of some people who had had a great deal of respect for him and thought highly of his work in alcohol recovery. His two most recent pastorates among us were Saint Joseph in Hopkins and Sacred Heart in Robbinsdale.

Tim, we have done varying amounts of work in those parishes, some of that work involving current pastors and some of it not. I would be interested to hear your assessment of what the perduring effects of the abuse and of any of our interventions have been.

I think you will also find that there are a variety of levels of openness on the part of pastors and parish lay leadership to further intervention. I trust you will be respectful of the leadership of the parishes in pursuing whatever you think is useful there.

I wish you a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Enclosure

22 October 2007

Memo To: Archbishop Flynn, Archbishop Nienstedt, and Archbishop's Council

From: Father Kevin McDonough

Re: An Old Complaint About Sexual Abuse

Father Kevin Clinton called me recently about a man from the [REDACTED] area who had been abused many years ago. I had a chance to meet [REDACTED] and his wife [REDACTED] at the rectory at Saint Wenceslaus on Wednesday, October 17. In this memo I will summarize briefly the abuse he underwent. I will also propose an initial pastoral response.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] years old. From the time he was [REDACTED] (in [REDACTED]) until he was in his mid-teens, he was repeatedly sexually abused by Father Kenneth Gansmann OFM, the pastor at Union Hill (and now deceased). The abuse included sexual touching and penetration. Father Gansmann was a close friend of [REDACTED] parents, and they entrusted [REDACTED] to Gansmann's care, in spite of [REDACTED] expressed reluctance to be alone with the priest.

[REDACTED] has had years of rageful anger, which spilled over to his marriage and family life. He abused alcohol and believes that he missed out on the chance for a career in professional [REDACTED] because of the influence of this priest in his family. About twenty-five years ago he experienced a significant spiritual renewal through his involvement in the charismatic movement, and now believes that he has a calling to help evangelize within and through the Catholic Church. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] he have significant concerns about many aspects of our Church's life and leadership, but they love the presence of the Lord in the Eucharist and believe they are called to remain in the Church all their lives.

[REDACTED] has no interest in pursuing a lawsuit, and I believe he recognizes that he could not do so. He has been aware of the abuse and its effects for many years and has talked about it with various people, including counselors, over those years. He only came forward now as a result of a conversation he had with a hospital chaplain while his tongue was loosened by prednisone. Nonetheless, he believes that his "slip of the tongue" may have been providential, and I agree with him.

[REDACTED] situation opens a door into some small communities that have had far more than their share of the pain of sexual abuse. Father Clinton knows of at least one more area resident who was abused by Gansmann. At about the same time that this priest was at Union Hill, an archdiocesan priest with a known history of abuse, Joseph Heitzer, was assigned to one or two small nearby parishes – I believe that

victims have been identified there as well. Finally, Robert Kapoun was pastor of three parishes in the area. While he abused no one – and we were very disclosive about his history to the people of the parishes – there is still consternation in the area about how trustworthy the priesthood can ever be considered.

Given this history, I propose that I convene the three pastors in the area – Fathers Clinton, Roedel, and Elgar. I would like to talk with all three together about what they know of the history of abuse in the area. Then, building on our existing safe-environment programs, I would like to talk with them about how we might do whatever is necessary to clean out the wounds in that area. Of course, I would bring a proposal to the Archbishop before we acted on it.

I have scheduled a meeting with the [REDACTED] in about a month, the purpose of which is to find out how they are doing. Father Clinton will also be offering them continued pastoral care.

Do you support the proposal that I would work with the area pastors to develop a pastoral plan to try to address the uniquely ugly history in that area?

21 January 2008

Reverend Elgar Bockenfeld
Church of Saint Benedict
20087 Hub Drive
New Prague MN 56071

Reverend Richard Roedel
Catholic Parishes
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New Prague MN 56071

Reverend Kevin Clinton
Church of Saint Wenceslaus
215 Main Street East
New Prague MN 56071

Reverend and dear Fathers,

A month ago today the four of us had breakfast together, enjoying the generous hospitality of Saint Wenceslaus parish. At that meeting I promised to send you a letter, and I am embarrassed to say that I am only now following through on that promise. I am grateful to you for your patience with me.

As you may recall, I proposed that you share this letter with a trusted group of lay leaders. Perhaps the best group initially would be the trustees of the parishes you serve, although you may certainly choose to share it with others. In this letter I will describe a pastoral challenge we are facing, and then will offer some questions. We agreed that you would seek the advice of your lay leaders, giving them time to think about the questions I will list below. Then, perhaps in late February or early March, I will come to a meeting – probably to be hosted at Saint Wenceslaus – to which your leaders will be invited. We will then talk together about these questions facing all of your parishes.

What is the pastoral challenge? It begins with information we recently received that implicates Father Kenneth Gansmann in the sexual abuse of a minor. Father Gansmann was the pastor at Union Hill about sixty years ago, so this is not a new matter by any means. Nonetheless, we have good reason to believe that the man who came forward to speak with us is not the only one to have suffered such abuse by Father Gansmann. If there are other people who are carrying around old wounds from Father Gansmann's betrayal, we want to be able to help them.

Furthermore, we are aware that the issue of clergy abuse has affected your parishes in other ways. The two most obvious are these. First, Louis Joseph Heitzer was assigned to two area parishes over fifty years ago, and we know that he abused young men elsewhere. It is likely that he also did so in your communities. And second, Robert Kapoun served as pastor in your area as recently as a decade and a half ago. I had the honor of visiting annually for several years with lay leaders and members of the parishes that Father Roedel now serves, and I believe that Robert Kapoun did not commit abuse while with you. But I recall that his presence and known abuse history raised hard questions for people in your area.

Given such history, I obtained Archbishop Flynn's permission to bring these matters into the open in your communities. I asked him for this permission for three reasons. First, there are likely to be members or former members of your parishes who were abused, and we want to reach out to them. Second, there are also likely to be family members, friends and neighbors, and others who have lost a good deal of their respect for and trust in our Church because of such misconduct, and we want to take some steps to restore trust. Finally, even though we have taken strong steps to prevent abuse from happening in our churches, we know that the problem continues in other places where our fellow Catholics are active – in family life, in schools and other community youth activities, and elsewhere. Perhaps the things that we have had to learn so painfully in our church can help make the whole community safer for young people today.

And so, I would like to ask you to discuss the following questions with your lay leaders:

1. Are there questions, rumors, stories, or other painful local history that we ought to know about as we seek to restore trust in our Catholic community in your area?
2. How informed are the "average members" of your parishes about issues of clergy misconduct and of child safety? Would they be interested in knowing more? Would it be useful and helpful to try to interest them further?
3. What would be some helpful ways to engage members of your parishes in this conversation? What would be the priority groups that should be addressed (for example: older members; committee members and other leaders; parents; teenagers)?
4. What other questions concerning the safety of young people could and should be addressed in this context? Is it better just to address the church-related questions, or should other issues also be named?

These are the questions that are on my mind. Perhaps you will also come up with other topics. Please let me know if you would like further information or clarification. I look forward to seeing you during the Lenten season. Meanwhile, may God bless you and the people you serve.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia



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23 August 2010

Reverend Kevin I. Clinton
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c/o 215 Main Street East
New Prague MN 56071-1832

Deacon Robert Wagner
Churches of Saint John
and Saint Benedict
20087 Hub Drive
New Prague MN 56071

Dear Father Clinton and Deacon Wagner,

Father Clinton came to speak with me just after Easter about the tragic child abuse committed several decades ago by a priest in the beautiful parishes newly entrusted to his care. We agreed that I would provide you a letter that would inform parish members about that history and which might be used also as a way to promote further discussion in the community. I apologize for the long delay in writing to you, and hope that this letter may be of use to the people you serve.

The priest who abused young people in those communities was named Louis Joseph Heitzer. He was assigned to Saints Scholastica and Joseph from 1958 until 1966. After listening to people from several parishes to which he was assigned, I believe that Louis Heitzer abused young men through much of his time as a priest. Although I do not wish the death of anyone, I consider it an act of grace that his priesthood, and his offenses against young people, were cut short by his death at age 55 in 1969.

I first learned of Louis Heitzer's crimes from members of Saint Joseph parish in about 1993. Parishioners may remember that I was visiting their communities regularly in the middle part of the 1990's as part of a monitoring plan for Robert Kapoun, then assigned there. I am sorry that I did not share the information about Heitzer more broadly in the parishes at that time. Your community members may be glad to know, nevertheless, that their testimony about that abusive priest prepared me to be open to and supportive of a man who came forward a few years later with a similar complaint. That man, [REDACTED], spoke on nationwide television about Heitzer's abuse when he addressed the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. [REDACTED] with whom I remain in communication, has addressed the pain inflicted on him by Joseph Heitzer to such a profound degree that he has become a regional leader and national spokesman for healing of victims of sexual abuse.

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Father Clinton and Deacon Wagner
23 August 2010
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Sadly, the abuse by Louis Heitzer was not the only such crime committed in the communities you serve. Some three years ago Father Clinton and I started to receive complaints about another long-deceased priest, a Franciscan named Kenneth Gansmann. Working at Union Hill and Saint Benedict in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Gansmann reportedly assaulted several boys who were involved in those churches and in the school. Since the school served families west of New Prague, all five of your communities were probably affected by his depredations.

We have been meeting both with the individuals and families harmed by Gansmann during these last three years. We also had two meetings with community leaders, so that they could be informed and could help us seek out those who were harmed. Please know that our Archdiocese stands ready to help those who were violated. I ask your pastoral assistance to anyone who wishes to come forward.

Father Kevin and Deacon Bob, I hope that this letter may be one small step in a similarly deep process of healing for individuals and families in your parishes, as well as for the communities as a whole. Please let me know if I can be of some use in that process, including by coming to meet with individuals or groups. I thank you for your exemplary leadership and wish you a blessed autumn and harvest season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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A priest named Louis Joseph Heitzer abused young people in your area. He was assigned to Saint Scholastica and Saint Joseph from 1958 until 1966. After listening to people from other parishes to which he was assigned, I believe that Louis Heitzer abused young men at other parishes as well through much of his time as a priest. His offenses against young people were cut short by his death at age 55 in 1969.

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Father Clinton and Deacon Wagner
8 September 2010
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Delegate for Safe Environment, Archdiocese
Pastor, Church of Saint Peter Claver

From: McDonough, Fr. Kevin </O=ARCHDIOCESE OF ST PAUL & MPLS/OU=SUMMIT/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MCDONOUGHK>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 9:38 AM
To: Clinton, Kevin <Kevin.Clinton@SaintWenceslaus.org>
Subject: RE: Need the Heitzer Letter

Kevin: Good morning! After our last conversation, I re-thought the idea of keeping the Archbishop out of the loop. I sent a copy of the letter to him, to Lee Piche, and to Peter Laird. The good news is that the Archbishop had only a minor change to suggest -- I will make that this afternoon and mail the letter.

The better news is that he spoke warmly of the approach we have been taking, and is supportive of the people knowing as much as they want to know about all of this tragic history. We have his support, in other words.

Letter goes out this afternoon -- after this morning's funeral!

Father Kevin McDonough
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Delegate for Safe Environment, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
651-646-1797 x103

From: Clinton, Kevin [Kevin.Clinton@SaintWenceslaus.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 8:18 PM
To: McDonough, Fr. Kevin
Subject: Need the Heitzer Letter

Kevin,

I have yet to receive the official signed copy of the letter we finalized to be shared with the parishes west of New Prague. Please send it soon. I want to get it public before October 15th.

Incidentally, I saw Cardinal "Uncle Ted" McCarrie on network news representing the US Catholic church as it weighed in on the loony-tune guy who wanted to burn the Koran.

Kevin C.

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From: McDonough, Fr. Kevin </O=ARCHDIOCESE OF ST PAUL & MPLS/OU=SUMMIT/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MCDONOUGHK>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 3:40 PM
To: Eisenzimmer, Andrew <eisenzimmer@archspm.org>
Subject: FW: lawyer's name and phone number

Andy: Do you remember this conversation from about a year ago? Any thoughts about whom you might have recommended to me?

Father Kevin McDonough
Pastor/Capellan, Saint Peter Claver, Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, and Incarnation
Delegate for Safe Environment, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
651-621-2261

From: Clinton, Kevin [Kevin.Clinton@SaintWenceslaus.org]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 1:47 PM
To: McDonough, Fr. Kevin
Subject: lawyer's name and phone number

Kevin,

██████████ is going ██████████ and seems to be responding well. ██████████ is also coming to see me to talk further and work through things. Last week when he saw me he asked for the name and phone number of the lawyer the Archdiocese would refer him to so that he could talk about what happened to him and an appropriate "legal remedy or response" to the crime he experienced. He was exploited by Heitzer!

You had talked to Andy Eisenzimmer about this matter and had a name and phone number for me to give to ██████████. Would you relay that to me? I have not been able to find it on my end.

Hope your summer has been going well.

Kevin Clinton

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From: McDonough, Fr. Kevin </O=ARCHDIOCESE OF ST PAUL & MPLS/OU=SUMMIT/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MCDONOUGHK>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Eisenzimmer, Andrew <eisenzimmer@archspm.org>
Subject: attorney to help a victim

Andy: I mentioned this question to you some weeks ago and then forgot to follow up.

A man named [REDACTED] was abused many years ago by one of our already known and already dead perpetrators in the greater New Prague area (I cannot remember if it was Heitzer or [REDACTED]). He does not want to sue and recognizes that probably could not do so even if he wanted to. Even so, he asked Father Clinton for some advice about a name or two of an attorney who will help him know his rights and who could help his communication with the Archdiocese in a non-confrontational way.

Any suggestions?

Father Kevin McDonough
Pastor/Capellan, Saint Peter Claver, Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, and Incarnation
Delegate for Safe Environment, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
651-621-2261

February 6, 2012

[REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED]

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June 14, 2012

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RE:

Dear Ms. Sawyer:

This letter is in response to your letter dated February 29, 2012.

In your letter, you state that the Archdiocese is unilaterally revoking its contractual obligations it agreed to when it signed the Settlement Agreement with [REDACTED] on October 20, 2005. That Settlement Agreement specifically referred to Exhibit A, which was a letter from William Cashman to Fr. Kevin McDonough, dated September 20, 2005. Exhibit A contains ongoing obligations which the Archdiocese agreed to when it entered into the Settlement Agreement with

Paragraphs numbered 1, 2, 4 and 6 of Exhibit A contain ongoing obligations of the Saint Paul Archdiocese. It appears from your letter that the Archdiocese is unilaterally revoking these obligations in violation of the Settlement Agreement with [REDACTED]. I will address each of these obligations in turn. However, I do want to make some preliminary remarks with respect to your letter.

In the first page of your letter, you make references to [REDACTED] "claim of being sexually abused by a priest." I would like to set the record straight. [REDACTED] was sexually abused by a priest when he was a minor and [REDACTED] was told by various Archdiocese officials that they believed the accusations were true. I find it somewhat disconcerting that you as the "Victim Assistance Coordinator" do not acknowledge that this abuse in fact happened and demean my client by insisting that it is a "claim" by [REDACTED]

In the first page of your letter, you also make reference that the amount of money contributed to [REDACTED] and his family for recovery and healing is substantial and that he has not provided receipts for any of the claimed expenses. First [REDACTED] was never asked for the receipts and he would certainly have provided them if so asked. In the future, he will provide the receipts. Second, I question as to how you define "substantial" in light of the substantial injury such sexual abuse has had on [REDACTED] and his family.

I will now address the ongoing obligations that the Archdiocese has with respect to the Settlement Agreement with [REDACTED]

Paragraph 1 of Exhibit A obligates the Archdiocese to provide reimbursement for [REDACTED] to attend at least four retreats and/or conferences for survivors and a marriage retreat for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. You make reference on page 2 of your letter about a trip to New York which [REDACTED] took. [REDACTED] agreed with the Archdiocese that the trip to New York would consist of two of the four retreats and/or conferences mentioned in paragraph 1A. The Archdiocese still has an obligation for reimbursement of two more retreats and/or conferences.

Paragraph 2 of Exhibit A provides that the "Archdiocese will continue to pay for co-pays incurred by [REDACTED] and his family for [REDACTED]." In your letter, you state that "the Archdiocese will no longer reimburse 'co-pays' for [REDACTED]." You also state that the Archdiocese has made payments which should not have been paid. First, [REDACTED] believes that all submissions made for [REDACTED] were appropriate. If the Archdiocese believed they were not appropriate, it should have objected to the payments. [REDACTED] was submitting payments for himself and his family for [REDACTED] in the same manner that he had submitted such payments before the Agreement was entered into and the Archdiocese never objected to this. Second, the Agreement requires that the Archdiocese continue to reimburse [REDACTED] and his family for such co-pays for himself and his family for [REDACTED]. The Archdiocese is legally obligated to continue to make such payments.

Paragraph 4 of Exhibit A provides that: "[REDACTED] will continue to work with male survivors. The Archdiocese will continue to pay [REDACTED] the same rate that he has been being reimbursed for his time." In your letter, you state that the Archdiocese will no longer honor this portion of the Agreement with [REDACTED]. First, prior to the Agreement being signed [REDACTED] was being paid for his time and expenses for his work with male survivors. After the Agreement was signed, he continued to submit invoices for his time and expenses for his work with male survivors. [REDACTED] expects that the Archdiocese will honor this obligation under the Settlement Agreement.

Paragraph 6 of Exhibit A provides that there would be further discussions regarding [REDACTED] visiting the parishes where Fr. Heitzer was priest and a meeting between [REDACTED] and Bishop Kinney. The purpose of visiting the parishes was not as you alleged in your letter for [REDACTED] to share his experiences. Rather, it was a continuation of the outreach [REDACTED] had



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already started with the Archdiocese prior to entering to the Settlement Agreement and it was also meant to be a part of the healing process for [REDACTED] to reach out to others who may have been subject to clergy abuse. The presentations were about healing from the abuse scandal and did not depict the Church in a negative light. [REDACTED] can provide the names of several people that found his presentations helpful to all parties concerned (survivors, Church members, and clergy).

[REDACTED] would like to get this matter resolved. I recommend two possible methods of resolving it. The Archdiocese can continue to meet its obligations under the Settlement Agreement and make payments pursuant to [REDACTED] as set forth in Exhibit A, or the Archdiocese can enter into a lump sum agreement with [REDACTED] and amend the Agreement to extinguish all obligations it has under Exhibit A. [REDACTED] is willing to settle the matter for a lump sum obligation of \$35,000. If he cannot negotiate a lump sum final payment, then I have informed him that he should proceed with seeking reimbursements set forth in Exhibit A. Additionally [REDACTED] would like to meet with the Archbishop and yourself to share concerns with respect to sexual abuse by clergy.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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By


Thomas G. Jovanovich

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