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## MEMORANDUM

To: Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

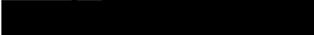
Re: Job, Rev. Thomas [Resigned]  
Cloutier, Rev. William [Resigned/Deceased]

Date: November 23, 2005

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PRA received a voice mail message from Sr. Peg Ivers on November 17, 2005 regarding her concerns with the former Rev. Thomas Job that she has shared to date [see file].

Sr. Peg stated that she did write a letter to Cardinal George regarding the aforementioned matter as she had informed PRA that she would. As per Sr. Peg, she was calling to clarify some of the points in her recent letter to the Cardinal where she had also mentioned her past concerns with Rev. William Cloutier [Resigned/Deceased]. Referring to the letter that she wrote to the Cardinal, Sr. Peg stated that she did not "...want to give the wrong impression..." regarding her comments about Fr. Cloutier. Sr. Peg explained that at one point in time in the past, Fr. Cloutier was a member of her staff. She stated that "...there were problems..." with Fr. Cloutier and as a result, she spoke with Revs. William J. McNulty [Retired] and Tom Ventura. In Sr. Peg's words, she "begged them" to address the problems with Fr. Cloutier. Sr. Peg stated that Fr. McNulty was "very supportive" of her and her concerns, but that "...no one around Bill McNulty would act on my request [to have Fr. Cloutier removed]."

Sr. Peg asked for a return call if there were any questions or any need for additional clarification. Sr. Peg may be reached at 

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

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### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim CO's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on February 23, 2005, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. William Cloutier. The alleged abuse consisted of Rev. Cloutier providing Victim CO with alcohol and marijuana, and at least two incidents of Victim CO waking up in the middle of the night to find Cloutier fondling him. The alleged abuse occurred at the seminary in Mundelein from 1966 or 1967 until 1974, which was between the time that Victim CO was 11 years old and a senior in high school. According to Victim CO's statement, he believes that people at the seminary in Mundelein knew about the abuse by Fr. Cloutier, and would joke about Fr. Cloutier bringing boys there. Victim CO stated that Fr. Cloutier would have him sleep in his room at the seminary overnight on many weekends, and that he also stayed overnight in the rectory with Fr. Cloutier four or five times.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the confidential report provided by Victim CO to the Archdiocese of Chicago regarding Victim CO's allegation of abuse against Rev. William Cloutier. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Cloutier providing Victim CO with alcohol, as well as fondling and attempting to orally stimulate Victim CO while he was passed out from drinking the alcohol. The alleged abuse began in 1966 and occurred at the seminary in Mundelein when Victim CO was a minor. Victim CO stated that Fr. Cloutier would have him spend the night at the seminary on weekends, and that other priests at the seminary were aware that he was there.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Michael C. Just, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim CP's statement, given to Mr. Just on January 7, 2003, formalizing his allegation of abuse against a person whom Victim CP thought may have been Rev. William Cloutier. The alleged abuse consisted of one incident of fondling and oral sex, which occurred in the perpetrator's vehicle. The alleged abuse occurred when Victim CP was approximately 13 years old.

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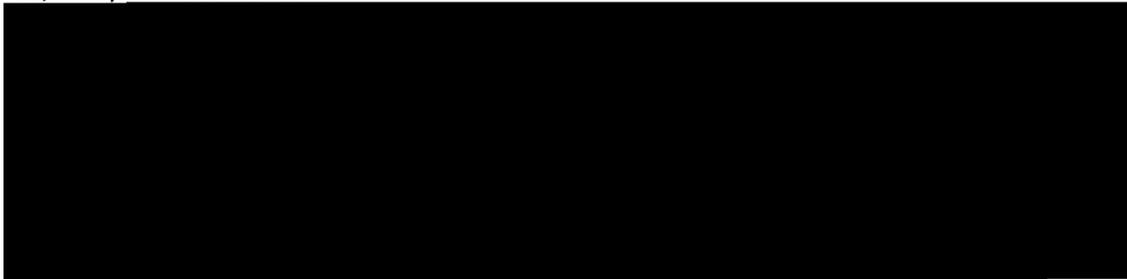
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From : "William J Clouter" <wjclouter@mindspring.com>

To :

Subject : Re: sorry, more questions

Date : Tue, 24 Sep 2002 14:11:57 -0500



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I read that article about the House of Affirmation. It answered a lot of questions that I had at the time I was there, June 1979 until January 1980. [redacted] didn't show his face that often to us ordinary residents, but when he was around he was a pompous showoff. The article doesn't mention that [redacted] owned several mansions in different parts of the country, or that he had a collection of over 30 antique cars at his Whitinsville home.

My case in Chicago was handled by the chancellor, Fr. Dick Keating, and by Cody himself. Keating later became bishop of Arlington, VA, and died in 1999. They never told me what kind of deal was worked out for me, but I learned that the file containing the complaint was sealed. Jim Serritella, the diocesan lawyer (the same guy who defended Bernardin) really seemed to be the guy who called all the shots.

I was flown home from Massachusetts for a hearing in Putnam County in November 1979+ADs- at the conclusion the judge ordered me back to Whitinsville. This was done in an empty courtroom. During the lawsuit against me in 1991-3 (filed by Jeffrey Anderson of St. Paul, MN), the fact that the documents from 1979 were missing from Putnam County and from Oak Forest was mentioned in several news reports.

I hope I was able to answer your questions. I know there will be more questions, but when these things happened I was told to shut up and listen to my lawyer.  
Bill

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

From : [redacted]

To : +ADW-wjcloutier+AEA-mindspring.com+AD4-



Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2002 8:32 AM  
Subject: sorry, more questions

+AD4- I had a hard time sleeping last night as all of this is coming to me now.  
I

+AD4- thought of a couple more questions I had that I would please ask you to  
+AD4- answer.

+AD4-  
+AD4- In particular, you named the lawyers involved, but who within the catholic  
+AD4- church was involved and callign the shots of those lawyers? The bishop?

+AD4- The Vicar General? The Cardinal? Do you remember the details of the  
'deal'

+AD4- they worked out with the State's Attorney?

+AD4-

+AD4- Please try to be as specific as possible. Together we can bring this  
system

+AD4- down, and ensure other kids don't wind up like us.....

+AD4-

+AD4-

+AD4- +AD4-From: +ACI-William J. Cloutier+ACI-

+AD4-wjcloutier+AEA-mindspring.com+AD4-



+AD4- +AD4-

+AD4- +AD4- [redacted],

+AD4- +AD4-The diocese lawyer, Jim Serritella, and a lawyer the church hred for  
me,

+AD4- +AD4-Terry Goggins, made an arrangement to get the report about me  
dropped.

+AD4- +AD4-They

+AD4- +AD4-dealt with Putnam County, Illinois. The state's attorney was named  
John

+AD4- +AD4-Grivetti.

+AD4- +AD4-I was sent to [redacted] for six  
months



From then until I left the priesthood in 1993 I

had



[REDACTED]

In 1981 I returned to Chicago and was assigned  
+AD4- +AD4-to be a campus minister at UIC. After that I was sent to St Peter's,  
my  
+AD4- +AD4-last assignment as a priest. I was placed on leave in 1991 and lived  
at  
+AD4- +AD4-the  
+AD4- +AD4-Retreat House in Mundelein until I resigned in 1993.  
+AD4- +AD4-The events in my childhood took place between about 1959 until 1965.  
(I  
+AD4- +AD4-graduated from 8th grade in 1963). Fr. [REDACTED] died in 1965. The  
events  
in

+AD4- +AD4-my childhood took place at St. Peter and Paul parish on the south  
side of  
+AD4- +AD4-Chicago.  
+AD4- +AD4-Later,  
+AD4- +AD4-Bill  
+AD4- +AD4-

+AD4- +AD4----- Original Message -----

+AD4- +AD4-From: [REDACTED]

+AD4- +AD4-To: +ADw-wjcloutier+AEA-mindspring.com+AD4-

+AD4- +AD4-Sent: Monday, September 23, 2002 6:33 PM

+AD4- +AD4-Subject: Re: looking for an old buddy of mine

+AD4- +AD4-

+AD4- +AD4-

+AD4- +AD4APg- I am on my way out the door from work, and I am wondering,  
because

+AD4- +AD4-you

+AD4- +AD4APg- didn't answer that, but what did the church do when the police  
report

+AD4- +AD4-was

+AD4- +AD4APg- filed in 1979? Do you remember any names of people that helped  
to

+AD4- +AD4-cover

+AD4- +AD4-up

+AD4- +AD4APg- your problems? What happened between 1979, when you left oak

+AD4- +AD4-forrest, and

+AD4- +AD4APg- 1984, when you came to st. pete's?

+AD4- +AD4APg-

+AD4- +AD4APg- I have checked with another source on your perpetrator, and still  
+AD4- +AD4-haven't

+AD4- +AD4APg- found anything, but I will continue to research. What parish  
were

+AD4- +AD4-you at

+AD4- +AD4APg- when it happened? Around what years did it happen?

+AD4- +AD4APg-

+AD4- +AD4APg- Thanks again

+AD4- +AD4APg- [REDACTED]

+AD4- +AD4APg-

+AD4- +AD4APg-

+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-From: +ACI-William J. Cloutier+ACI-

+AD4- +AD4APA-wjcloutier+AEA-mindspring.com+AD4-

+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-To: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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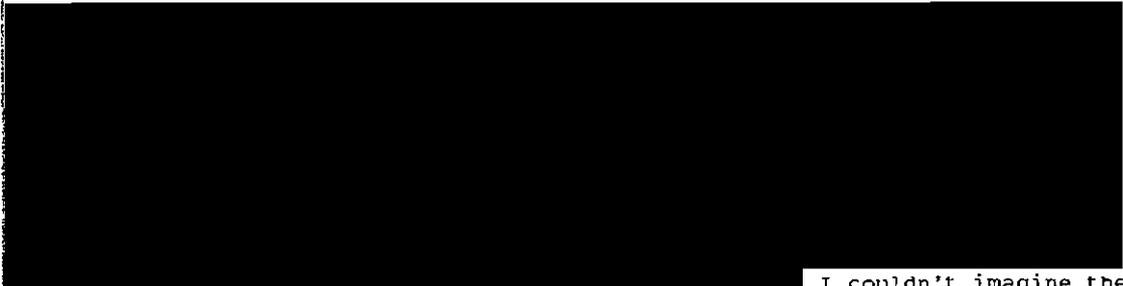


+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4- [REDACTED],  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-I remember the time I threw the keys and hit you at the Skatium.  
+AD4- +AD4- I may  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-have  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-grabbed at your private area on a few occasions. I don't recall  
+AD4- +AD4-ever  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-calling you +ACI-faggot+ACI-. You have a strong memory of these  
+AD4- +AD4-times, and  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-I don't  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-doubt that your memories are accurate. It's very hard for me to  
+AD4- +AD4-confront  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-the memories of what I said or did to people who trusted me and  
+AD4- +AD4-whose  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-trust  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-I betrayed.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-Bill  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4----- Original Message ----- [REDACTED]  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-From: [REDACTED]

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+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-Sent: Monday, September 23, 2002 5:20 PM  
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+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- By the way, I noticed that you didn't admit to the abuse you  
+AD4- +AD4-did me,  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-below.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- I have just uncovered my own repressed memories pertaining  
+AD4- +AD4-to a game  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-of  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- 'tag' you used to play with me. You used to grab my dick  
+AD4- +AD4-and call me  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- fagget, in a way, trying to get me to grab you back. I  
+AD4- +AD4-remember you  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-did  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- this to me in a car at the forest preserve, with two

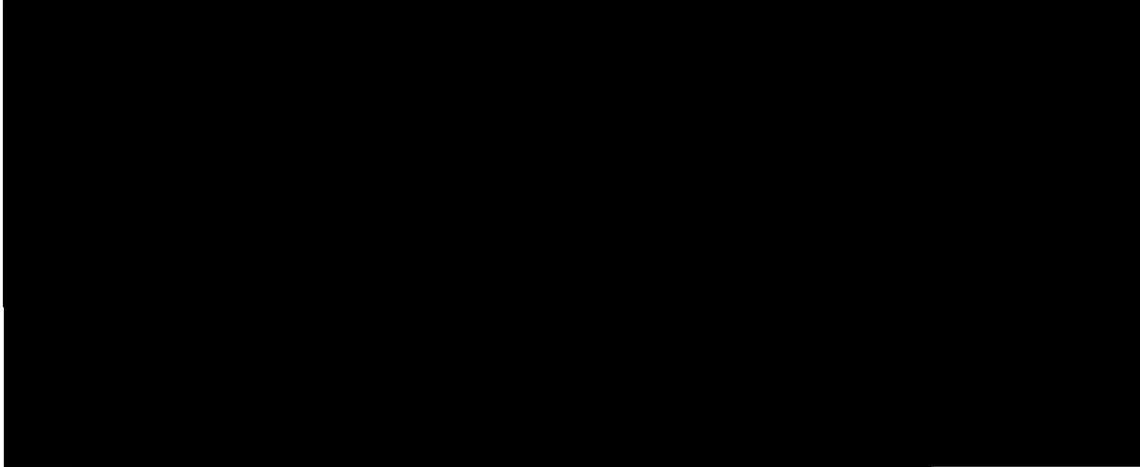


other  
+AD4- +AD4-people in  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-the  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- car. I remember you did this while working on the  
+AD4- +AD4-newsletter on the  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-apple  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- ii in the front office by the rectory. I remember  
another  
+AD4- +AD4-occasion  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-in the  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- boys locker room at teen club, where the tv and vcr  
were.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- I remember you throwing your keys at me when I laughed  
when  
+AD4- +AD4-you fell  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-going  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- down the ramp at the skatium in Glenview. Your aim was  
+AD4- +AD4-right on, and  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-my  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- head was bleeding. The scar is still there.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- Do you remember any of the above? I came to remember  
these



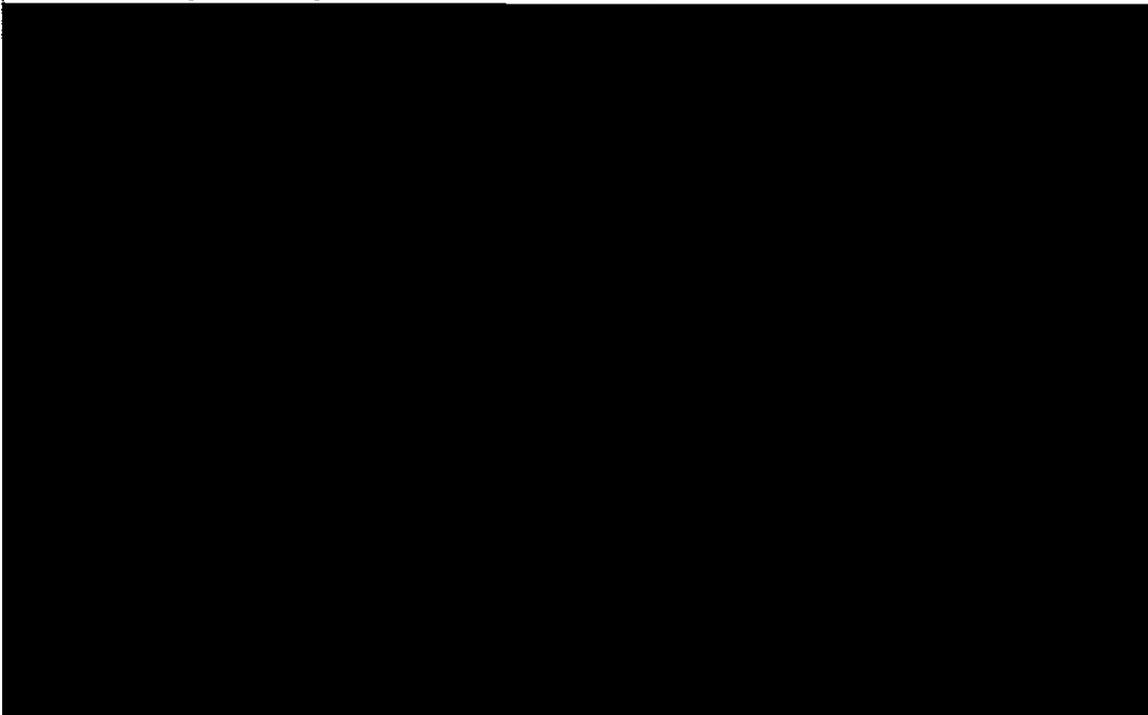
I couldn't imagine the

same  
+AD4- +AD4-thing  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-happening  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- to him.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-



+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- Thanks again for your honesty and courage,  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-   
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-  
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+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-To: [REDACTED]  
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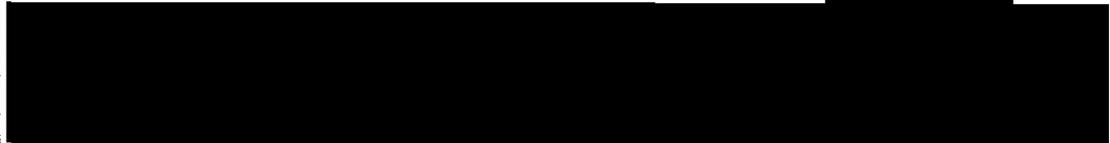


+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-I was sexually abused and, on several occasions,  
+AD4- +AD4- severely beaten  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4- by my  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-pastor, Fr. [REDACTED], during my grammar school and  
early  
+AD4- +AD4-high  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4- school years.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4- When I recovered these memories [REDACTED] in  
1993,  
+AD4- +AD4-I  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4- resigned from  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4- thr  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4- priesthood. I realize that what I thought was a  
+AD4- +AD4- calling to the  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4- priesthood  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4- was nothing more than a reaction to the abuse I  
+AD4- +AD4- received. I  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4- have not  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4- been  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4- to Church since 1993+ADs- it's too painful.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4- I tried to use the net to meet other gay people,  
and  
+AD4- +AD4- posted to  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4- some news  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4- groups a number of years ago. I never met anyone  
from  
+AD4- +AD4- these  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4- posts. I've  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4- been too sick recently to even think about sex.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4- My abuse of young males took place while I was in  
Oak



+AD4- +AD4-Forest  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-from  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-1977-1979.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-It involved three young men at different times, two  
in  
+AD4- +AD4-high  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-school and  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-one  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-in college. When they filed suit against me in  
1991, I  
+AD4- +AD4-was  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-removed from  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-St.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-Peter and placed under supervision at a house in  
+AD4- +AD4-Mundelein that  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-was set  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-up  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-for people like me. As I have said, I left the  
church  
+AD4- +AD4-in 1993.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-I will do whatever I can to help other victims to  
find  
+AD4- +AD4-peace. I  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-was a  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-part  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-of an evil system, and I will do whar I can to  
bring it  
+AD4- +AD4-down.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-Bill  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-  
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+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- I am sure, by now, you know I am coming after  
you.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- The only way I will stop is if you admit to  
your  
+AD4- +AD4-abuse of  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-boys during  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-your  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- tenure as priest. I am prepared to lobby  
+AD4- +AD4-legislators in IL  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-to make  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-changes  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- to the laws to have you put in jail and not  
have a  
+AD4- +AD4-cent to  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-your name  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-for  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-the  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- rest of your existence.  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- I have seen your newsgroup postings under  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-wjcloutier+AEA-gnn.com,  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-aol.com, and  
+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- other accounts. I know you are gay. That's  
not a

+AD4- +AD4-problem  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-for me,  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-but  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-your  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- abuse of young men and boys is.  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- So, here we stand, buddy. You taught me how to  
 use  
 +AD4- +AD4-this  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-machine, now  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-I  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-will  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- use it to take you down.

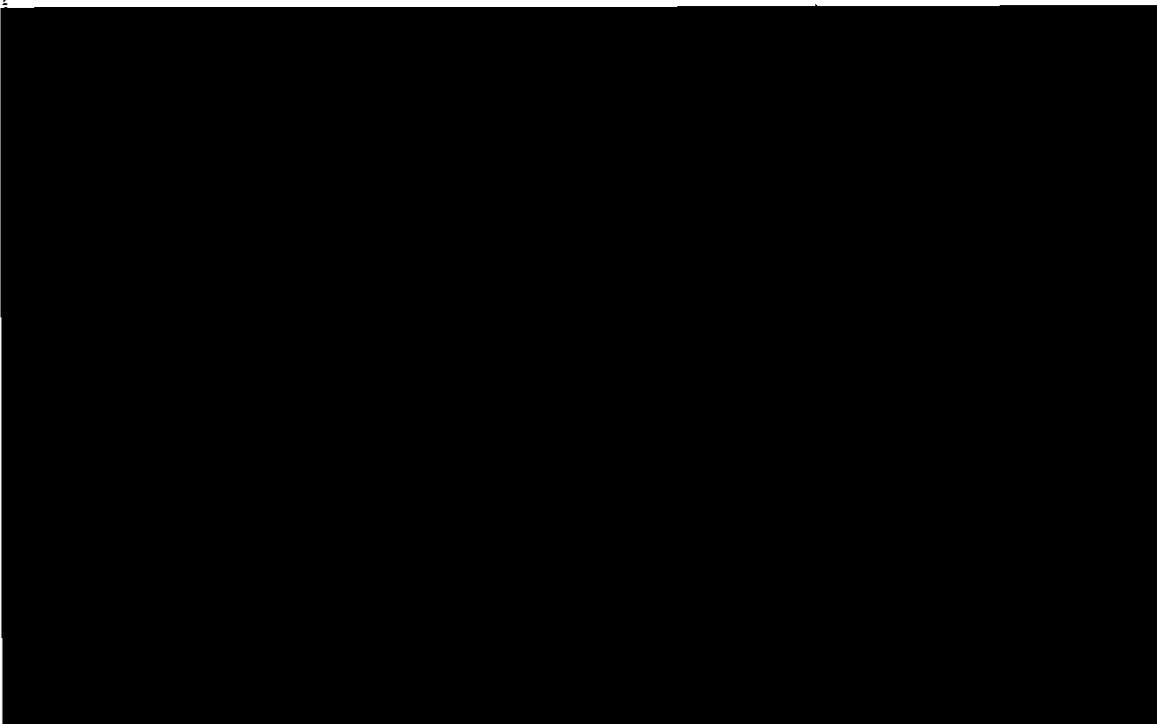


+AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- If your heart attack didn't finish you the  
 first  
 +AD4- +AD4-time  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-around, my  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-relentless  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- pursuit of justice will.  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- I can possibly even forgive you, if I found  
 that  
 +AD4- +AD4-you were a  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-victim  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-yourself  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- at some point. I can not, however, forgive the  
 +AD4- +AD4-church  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-system that  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-put you  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- at St. Peter's after what happened in Oak  
 Forest.  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg-  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- This is your one, your only chance to stand  
 +AD4- +AD4-righteous and  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4-help other  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4-victims  
 +AD4- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- +AD4APg- find peace. What's it going to be?  
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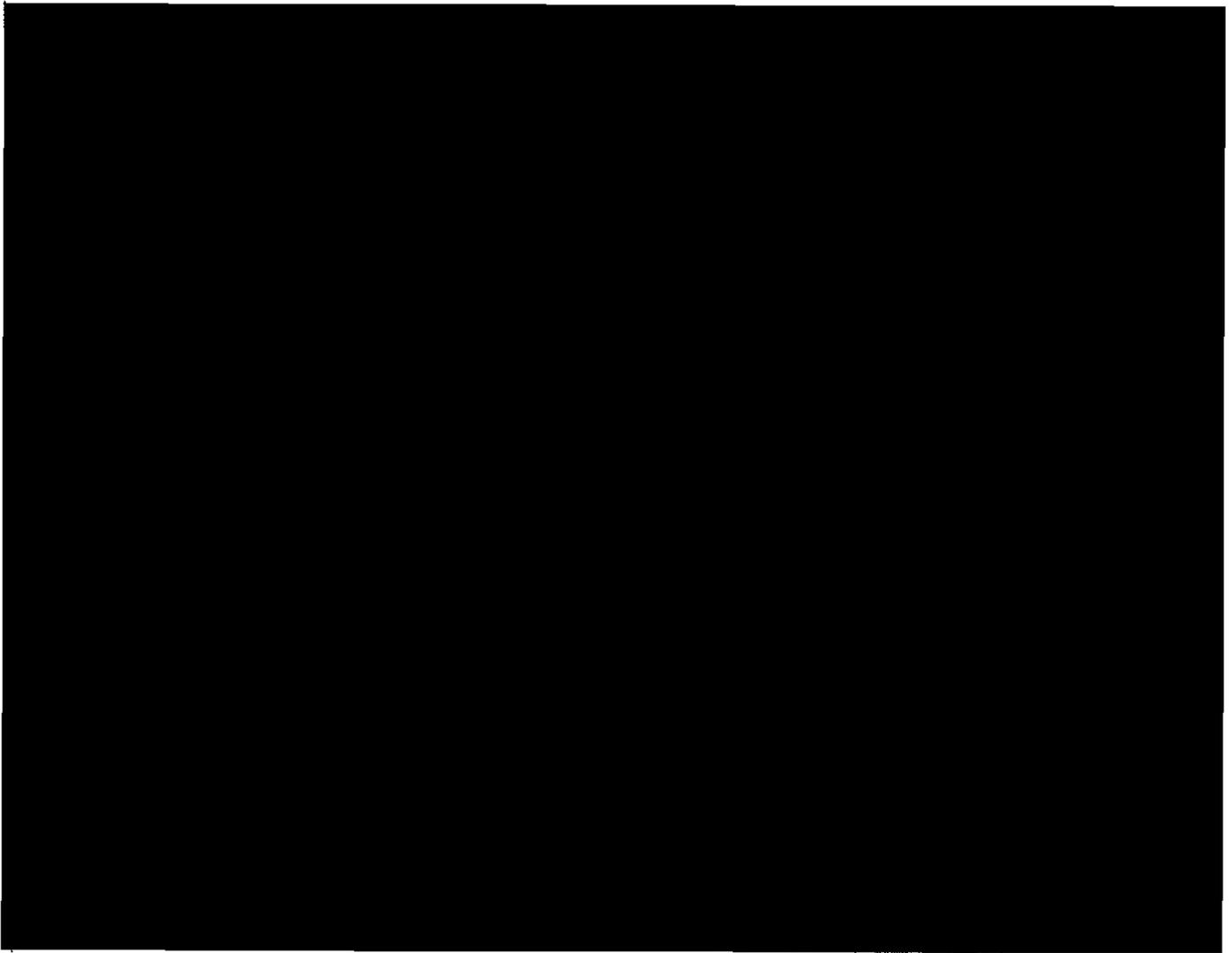
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**Are there any other victims of Father Micheal Weston out the**

This board has slowed down the past month or so. I guess the old saying, out of sight out of mind, applies. Not out of my mind though. Visited Chicago and spoke to the archdiocese but have heard nothing back from them. Could not believe how stupid they thought I was. I believe they are also hoping we forget now that the publicity has died. I know there are others abused by Weston, I probably even know some by name, but have not received even one response. Where are you guys?

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

July 28, 1993

Dear Bill:

I have received your letter of July 20, 1993, and hereby accept your resignation from the active ministry as a priest, effective immediately. It is my understanding that you have made this decision voluntarily after prayerful consultation with your close friends, spiritual advisors and others. As a result of your resignation, please understand that you are not authorized to represent yourself as a Roman Catholic priest or otherwise act on behalf of the Archdiocese or any component of the Archdiocese. This means that you may not exercise any priestly ministry except as permitted in danger of death.

Bill, since other career possibilities have become more attractive to you, I hope that your resignation will enable you to pursue these possibilities more fully. It is my hope that you will find peace in the months and years ahead.

In order that your resignation as a priest may be fully recognized canonically, may I suggest that you petition the Holy See to seek dispensation from the obligations of priesthood through laicization. Please contact Father David Hynous, O.P., for his assistance in this regard. I am sure you will find him most helpful. He can be reached at (312) 751-8211.

Thank you for all you have done through your efforts in the parishes where you have been assigned. No doubt, many were helped through your ministry to them.

Be assured of my prayers as you begin this new course in your life.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardini*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Thomas J. Paprocki*  
Chancellor

Reverend William J. Cloutier  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
Post Office Box 455  
1000 E. Maple  
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cc: ✓ Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Reverend Kenneth Velo, Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board  
Reverend David M. Hynous, O.P., Associate Chancellor

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# Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

July 20, 1993

**His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979**

**Your Eminence:**

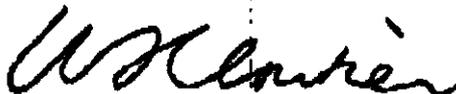
After prayerful consideration and having consulted with close friends, spiritual advisors, and others, I have reached the following decision.

I resign from the active ministry as a Priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, effective immediately.

In the last several years, other career possibilities have become more attractive to me. My resignation will enable me to pursue these possibilities more fully.

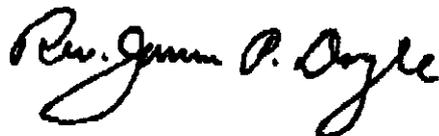
I treasure the moments I spent as a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I ask pardon of any whom I have offended, and forgive those who have hurt me. I ask your prayers as I start on this new course in my life.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Cloutier

Witness:



Rev. James P. Doyle

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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(312) 751-8230  
Fax (312) 337-6379

March 29, 1993

Dear Bill:

I have been informed by my Vicars for Priests, Fathers Patrick O'Malley and John Canary, that you were planning a trip to Rome for a few weeks. As Father O'Malley and Canary indicated when they met with you last week, such a trip outside of the country cannot be permitted in light of your pending civil litigation and the responsibilities of the Archdiocese to provide for a residence where you would not be in the presence of minors.

The enclosed document further specifies these requirements and indicates the possible penalties for violation of this precept.

Please note that this prohibition on your travel to Rome is in no way intended to restrict your right to communicate with the Holy See. However, may I point out that it would not be lawful for you to propose any recourse to the Holy See until you have addressed the matter with me (cf. canon 1734).

Bill, I hope you will understand the necessity for imposing these measures. I will continue to pray for you and for a just and fair resolution for all concerned.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Card. Bernardin".

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend William J. Cloutier  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Director, Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

AOC 001560

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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Chicago, Illinois 60690

## PENAL PRECEPT IMPOSING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AND ENJOINING REVEREND WILLIAM J. CLOUTIER FROM LEAVING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In light of pending civil litigation, in order to preclude further scandal arising from allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor against you, and in order to adequately provide for the safety of children and other minors (c. 277);

Mindful of my responsibilities to promote ecclesiastical discipline and urge observance of all ecclesiastical laws (c. 392) through the exercise of my pastoral office as diocesan bishop (c. 381, § 1);

Taking into account the common good of the Church, the rights of others and duties towards others (c. 223 § 1); and

Having heard through my vicars those whose rights can be injured and having thoroughly considered the information and facts of the matter (cc. 50 and 1319, § 2);

Therefore, I, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See Archbishop of Chicago, in accord with canons 49 and 273, hereby require and enjoin you, Reverend William J. Cloutier, as a matter of obedience, to reside at such location in the Archdiocese of Chicago and under such restrictions as directed by my Vicars for Priests, Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley or Reverend John F. Canary. Specifically, you are forbidden to leave the United States of America while litigation is pending and until such time as I have determined a resolution of your case. You are further reminded that you are not to be alone in the presence of any minor without another adult present.

In accord with canons 1317-1319 and 1371, § 2, you are warned that violation of this precept, effective immediately, will result in your automatic suspension. Such suspension would prohibit the exercise of all acts of the power of orders and the power of governance (c. 1331, § 1, nn. 1-2). In addition, your income would be reduced from full salary to a level necessary for your adequate support (c. 1350).

Given at the Chancery this 29th day of March, 1993.

*Joseph Cardinal Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Signed and sealed  
at the Chancery

*Thomas J. Paprocki*  
Chancellor

AOC 001561



3. At all times material the Defendant, Monsignor Martin O'Day, former pastor of St. Damian's, was and continues to be a Roman Catholic priest, educated, trained and ordained by, and remaining under the direct supervision, employ, agency and control of the Defendant, Catholic Bishop.

4. At all times material the Defendant, Catholic Bishop, was and continues to be an Illinois corporation sole.

5. The Defendant, Catholic Bishop, and its agents and employees were and continue to be responsible for the selection of priests for assignment to churches within the Archdiocese of Chicago, such as St. Damian's Church, and the supervision of such priests' activities in the community.

6. In 1978 the Plaintiff became friends with [REDACTED] an eighth grade student and parishioner of St. Damian's Catholic Church in Oak Forest, Illinois.

7. During the 1978-1979 school year Father Williams Cloutier, parish priest at St. Damian's, held weekly youth meetings with the seventh and eighth grade boys of the parish; among those attending was [REDACTED] Father Cloutier demonstrated a personal interest in [REDACTED] whose father had died when [REDACTED] was three years old. Father Cloutier contacted [REDACTED] mother, Mrs. [REDACTED] told her he was willing to be a male role model for [REDACTED].

8. In approximately the spring of 1979, Defendant Father William Cloutier, under the guise of providing counseling and recreation, invited a seventeen-year-old seminarian to a summer

cottage in Putnam County, State of Illinois. While at the summer cottage, Defendant Cloutier provided the minor with intoxicating liquor, then lured and escorted him to the upstairs loft of the summer cottage and committed fellatio and other indecent acts upon his person.

9. Following that sexual abuse, Defendant Cloutier brandished a handgun and threatened the minor with imminent bodily harm should he ever tell anyone about the sexual abuse.

10. Shortly after the sexual abuse and threats of Defendant Cloutier, the minor escaped from the summer cottage. On his arrival in Oak Forest where he lived, the minor reported to his C.C.D. teachers at St. Damian parish, who were agents of St. Damian Church, that Defendant Cloutier had engaged him in sexual contact and had threatened him with a handgun. These agents of St. Damian Church suggested that the minor report the incident to Monsignor Martin O'Day, the pastor of St. Damian Church, an agent of Defendant Catholic Bishop and Defendant Cloutier's immediate supervisor.

11. Shortly thereafter, the minor seminary student informed Monsignor Martin O'Day of the sexual abuse and threats perpetrated upon him by Defendant Father William Cloutier. Monsignor O'Day took no action to aid the minor, report the matter to law enforcement authorities or to protect the community from further acts of pedophilia by Defendant Cloutier, the Plaintiff is informed and believes.

12. In or about late May 1979, and subsequent to the report

by the minor seminary student to Monsignor O'Day, Father Cloutier recontacted [REDACTED] and invited [REDACTED] to the same cottage in Putnam County, Illinois.

13. While at the cottage, Defendant Father Cloutier provided [REDACTED] with alcoholic beverages which caused the thirteen year old to become intoxicated. After [REDACTED] became intoxicated, while in the living room of the cottage, Defendant Cloutier fondled and masturbated [REDACTED] and caused him to fondle Defendant Cloutier. During this sexual abuse, Defendant Cloutier counseled [REDACTED] that these sexual activities were normal for young males, that experimentation was the only way a young male could learn about sexual expression, that he had brought other boys to the cabin and done this, and that this sexual contact was a normal act of passage for a young man.

14. Following the sexual abuse in the living room of the cottage, Defendant Father Cloutier took [REDACTED] to his bedroom in the cottage and performed fellatio upon him and caused him to perform indecent and obnoxious, deviant sexual acts.

15. During the return trip to Oak Forest, Defendant Father Cloutier brandished a handgun and warned [REDACTED] that if he told anyone about the sexual activity, Defendant Cloutier would kill and bury [REDACTED] near the cottage, where no one would ever find his body.

16. In or about June 1979, Defendant Father Cloutier again contacted [REDACTED] and threatened him with physical harm if [REDACTED] did not come to the cabin a second time and bring a

friend.

17. [REDACTED] invited Plaintiff, [REDACTED] Plaintiff's parents checked with [REDACTED] verified that Defendant Cloutier was a Catholic priest and good role model, and gave permission for Plaintiff to accompany [REDACTED] and Defendant Cloutier to the Putnam County cabin.

18. While at the cottage, Defendant Cloutier provided both thirteen-year-old boys with alcohol and marijuana. Plaintiff became intoxicated. Defendant Cloutier then masturbated Plaintiff, despite Plaintiff's resistance and [REDACTED] demands to desist.

19. Defendant Cloutier subsequently forcibly removed Plaintiff [REDACTED] to a bedroom where Cloutier locked the door and proceeded to sodomize Plaintiff and commit other and various sexual acts upon him, ignoring Plaintiff's physical resistance and screams as well as [REDACTED] pounding on the door.

Approximately one or two hours later, Defendant Cloutier unlocked the bedroom door and threw Plaintiff against the wall.

20. When Plaintiff and [REDACTED] attempted to flee the cabin property, Defendant Cloutier assaulted Plaintiff and threatened both minor boys with death if they ran away and reported the incidents.

21. On the return trip to Oak Forest, Defendant Cloutier again brandished his handgun and told both boys that if they told anyone, he would kill both of them and bury them near the cottage, where no one would ever find their bodies.

22. Upon being dropped off at Plaintiff's home, Plaintiff reported to his parents the sexual molestation by Defendant Cloutier. This information was conveyed to [REDACTED] and then reported by Plaintiff, [REDACTED] and both sets of parents to the Oak Forest Police Department. The police department notified an agent or agents of the Defendant Catholic Bishop of the sexual molestation complaints, Plaintiff is informed and believes.

23. Defendant William Cloutier telephoned [REDACTED] on numerous occasions and threatened to kill him for reporting the sexual misconduct. At all times material the minor Plaintiff and [REDACTED] believed Defendant Cloutier's stated intention and feared imminent bodily harm.

24. On or about June 11, 1979, officers of the Oak Forest Police Department were dispatched to the [REDACTED] residence where they took statements from minor Plaintiff and his friend [REDACTED]. Interviews were conducted of Plaintiff's parents and [REDACTED]. Both sets of parents signed formal complaints.

25. A few days later Plaintiff's parents were invited to the Oak Forest Police Station. In attendance were Chief of Police Alvin Lexow (now retired), Defendant Monsignor Martin O'Day and another representative of Defendant Catholic Bishop, and Plaintiff's parents. Defendant Monsignor O'Day advised Plaintiff's parents that Defendant Cloutier would be sent away for treatment, that he would be removed from contact with minor children, and that the optimum course of action was for them to discourage Plaintiff from speaking of the incidents and to forget

about it.

26. Officer(s) of the Oak Forest Police Department who had responded to the original complaint call and conducted the initial interviews routed subsequent paperwork in a manner routine within the department.

27. The investigation of Defendant Cloutier's sexual abuse(s) and assault(s) was wrongfully terminated and neither pursued nor transferred to another jurisdiction, Plaintiff is informed and believes.

28. Defendant Catholic Bishop did not provide counseling to [REDACTED] or Plaintiff, his minor friend. Through the exercise of improper influence by agents of the Defendant Catholic Bishop, the Defendant Cloutier was not prosecuted for his multiple violations of the Illinois Criminal Code, Plaintiff is informed and believes.

29. As a direct result of the negligent and wrongful conduct and inaction of Defendants, and each of them, set forth herein, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer severe and permanent emotional distress, loss of self-esteem poor self-image, disgrace, loss of enjoyment of life, severe psychological injury, loss of liberty, loss of earnings and deprivation of earning capacity, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

30. Plaintiff did not discover, nor through the use of reasonable diligence should he have discovered, that his injuries were caused by the sexual abuse until within two years prior to

commencement of this action. Further, Plaintiff is currently under the age of thirty. Plaintiff's Complaint is therefore timely pursuant to Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 110, Section 13-202.2.

COUNT I

DEFENDANT FATHER WILLIAM CLOUTIER - BATTERY

Plaintiff [REDACTED] incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

31. In approximately June 1979, Defendant Father William Cloutier, without provocation or justification, engaged in unpermitted, harmful and offensive sexual contact upon the person of the Plaintiff, causing him to sustain substantial personal injury and constituting the tort of battery under Illinois law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant Cloutier in an amount in excess of \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) for compensatory damages, and such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

COUNT II

DEFENDANT CATHOLIC BISHOP - RESPONDENT SUPERIOR

Plaintiff [REDACTED] incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

32. At all times material, Defendant Cloutier was employed

by and/or was an agent of the Defendant Catholic Bishop and was under its direct supervision and control when he committed the wrongful and negligent acts described herein. Defendant Cloutier engaged in this conduct in the course and scope of his employment and/or agency with the Defendant Catholic Bishop and/or this conduct was committed within the apparent authority arising from this employment and/or agency. Therefore, Defendant Catholic Bishop is liable for the negligent and wrongful conduct of Defendant Cloutier under the doctrine of respondeat superior.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant Catholic Bishop in an amount in excess of \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) for compensatory damages, and such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

COUNT III

DEFENDANT MONSIGNOR MARTIN O'DAY  
AND DEFENDANT CATHOLIC BISHOP - NEGLIGENCE

Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

33. Before the Plaintiff [REDACTED] suffered the injuries described above, Defendant Monsignor Martin O'Day and Defendant Catholic Bishop, by and through its agents, servants or employees had been informed of Defendant Cloutier's dangerous and exploitative propensities as a child sexual abuser, and that he was an unfit agent, not competent to be employed in a position of supervision and authority over minor boys. Despite such knowledge, Defendants negligently employed or continued the

employment of Defendant Cloutier in a position of trust and authority as a parish priest where he was able to commit the wrongful and negligent acts described herein. The Defendants failed to provide reasonable supervision of Defendant Cloutier, failed to act reasonably in a manner as to prevent him from engaging in the negligent and wrongful conduct, and failed in their duty to warn the Plaintiff, his parents, and others similarly situated of Defendant Cloutier's dangerous behavior and propensities.

34. As a direct result of Defendant Monsignor O'Day and Defendant Catholic Bishop's negligence, Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages described herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant Monsignor Martin O'Day and Defendant Catholic Bishop in an amount in excess of \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) for compensatory damages, and such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 10/27/92

Re: William Cloutier



All of this brings once again to the fore the question about supervision and residence for men in the future. This question I believe is going to get stickier and stickier. In the long run it may well be that when men are accused of sexual misconduct with minors, they will be given therapy and initial help and eventually asked to resign.

Telephone  
Facsimile

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October 27, 1992

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CATHOLIC BISHOP OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF LEGAL SERVICES

John O'Malley, Esq.  
Legal Department  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
155 East Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

Re: Father William Cloutier

I represent a gentleman named [REDACTED] who was kidnapped, sexually molested and threatened with a handgun by Father William Cloutier in 1979. Father Cloutier was at that time assigned to the church of St. Damien in Oak Forest, Illinois.

[REDACTED]

I am aware of and have been in contact with some of the other individuals who were molested by Father Cloutier, both prior to and following the molestation of my client. It has also come to my attention that following notification to the church at the time of the incident, Father Cloutier was sent to a different parish where he was again in charge of children's program(s).

I have been apprised that prior to Father Cloutier abusing my client, direct notification was given to the church that Cloutier had sexually abused another minor or minors. However, the church took no action sufficient to prevent a recurrence.

[REDACTED]

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John O'Malley, Esq.  
Legal Department, Archdiocese of Chicago  
Re: Father William Cloutier  
October 27, 1992  
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It is my client's intention to pursue a claim for damages against all responsible parties, including the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my intention to have a demand letter to you by late November, and if the matter remains unresolved, to file the appropriate action by January, 1993.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest opportunity to discuss this.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr.   
Mr. 



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Memo to File (AJMcD)  
Re: William Cloutier  
5/5/92

Fr. McDonagh met with Cloutier in the first floor reception room at the Retreat House at Mundelein. It was an informal meeting at first and then Bill suggested they go to his quarters. Andy noted that Bill has his own furniture in the Cardinal's sitting room. Andy asked him about [REDACTED]. He had heard nothing more about him. Bill had heard that the Lutheran boy had died. He was wondering about the seminarian.

[REDACTED]

After the meeting was over I had the feeling that he should be moved out of those quarters, certainly before the end of this year if not sooner. Priests who have had similar problems have much tighter protocols and more spartan living conditions. I was also wondering about his financial condition. Are people like Bill even asked to pay some of the settlement fees? It seems he could be making a lot of money in computers.

He would like maybe to live at the Cathedral and that would be close to the Pastoral Center. He has not talked to any computer people at the Center about working there. On May 3, [REDACTED] and his wife were telling me that Bill comes to their house every Sunday. They have a son starting at [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED]'s know Bill's whole story. Andy will talk to them sometime."

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the confidential statement provided by Fr. William Cloutier to Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, on July 21, 1993, regarding Fr. Cloutier's allegation of abuse against a deceased priest. The alleged abuse consisted of several incidents of fondling and digital penetration, which occurred during the time Fr. Cloutier was in second through fifth grade.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 7/21/93

Re: William Cloutier

On 7/19/93, we received a FAX notice from Fr. Paprocki containing the written resignation of William Cloutier from the priesthood of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I tried to contact Cloutier through Fr. Doyle on that same afternoon. My intent was to work with him to help him set up some kind of an apartment at this point. We are not sure what Cloutier's intentions are vis a vis his anger towards the Archdiocese. That should be taken into account when we sit down to work out some kind of severance package.

Cloutier has sent a long FAX to Sidlowski detailing his allegation against his deceased pastor. This was received on 7/21/93.

Cloutier called me on 7/21/93 but, upon trying to return his call, I could not get through. I tried twice.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## PENAL PRECEPT IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON REVEREND WILLIAM J. CLOUTIER

In order to preclude scandal arising from allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor against you and in order to provide adequately for the safety of children and other minors (c. 277);

Mindful of my responsibilities to promote ecclesiastical discipline and urge observance of all ecclesiastical laws (c. 392) through the exercise of my pastoral office as diocesan bishop (c. 381, § 1);

Taking into account the common good of the Church, the rights of others and duties towards others (c. 223 § 1), and the salvation of souls (c. 1752); and

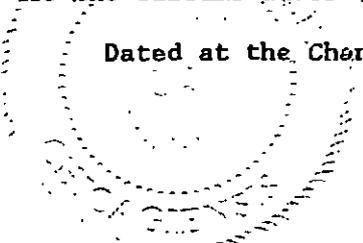
Having heard through my vicars those whose rights can be injured and having thoroughly considered the information and facts of the matter (cc. 50 and 1319, § 2);

Therefore, I, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See Archbishop of Chicago, hereby revoke your faculties for public ministry as a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and impose the following restrictions on you, Reverend William J. Cloutier, in accord with the norms of canon law, especially canons 49 and 273, as a matter of obedience:

You are forbidden to be alone in the presence of any minor under the age of eighteen without another adult present (c. 277). While you may continue to celebrate Mass privately, you are forbidden to celebrate Mass or any other sacraments publicly (cc. 838, §1 and 899, §2). In particular, you may not preach, hear confessions or anoint the sick (except in danger of death), assist at marriages, or administer sacramentals (cc. 764; 967, §2; 976; 1003; 1111; and 1168). In addition, you are required to live in any such supervised residence as may be designated by the Vicar for Priests and to follow the protocols established for you.

In accord with canons 1317-1319, 1347 and 1371, 2°, you are warned that intentional or culpable violation of this precept will result in your automatic suspension. Such suspension would prohibit the exercise of all acts of the power of orders (c. 1331, §1, 1°). In addition, your income would be reduced according to the circumstances (c. 1350).

Dated at the Chancery this 12th day of July, 1993.

  
*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

*Thomas J. Roprocki*  
Chancellor

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December 30, 1991

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

I received your letter with your spirited support of Fr. Bill Cloutier, who formerly served at St. Peter's Church in Skokie. I know he would be pleased to hear your feelings about him and his service there. It is also a wonderful thing to see that he had influence on young men who are going on to priesthood. I hope and pray that they stay the course.

With regard to your statement about how the Archdiocese has dealt with Fr. Cloutier, the fact is that the Archdiocese in no way has condemned him. Our policies and procedures dictated that we had to remove him from the parish because of the nature of the allegations made against him. He is presently under our care, [REDACTED] and he seems to be in a good frame of mind.

As the weeks and months go on, we will be working with him to see how he may continue to exercise his ministry in the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese has begun to address this serious problem openly and we promise to be as forthright as we possibly can in the future.

We have enlisted the help of public relations people and crises management professionals in handling this case. No decision is made without wide consultation.

I assure you that we are doing everything possible to handle this problem with openness and honesty, and with care for both victims and those who are at fault. Please keep us in your prayers and we promise to do the same for you. Thank you for taking time to write. I hope you have a very good 1992.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Pat O'Malley".

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests

AOC 001579

December 16, 1991

Reverend Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests  
800 N. Clark #311  
Chicago IL 60610

*Dict.*  
*12/27/91*

Dear Reverend O'Malley:

This letter is written in the interest of protecting Father William Cloutier, present and future Priests, and the Church.

Fr. Cloutier is good for the parish family of St. Peter Church in Skokie, and particularly good with the youth. His demeanor influenced five young men of the parish to aspire to the Priesthood. I believe that this is a first for our parish. Two of the young men are at Niles College, one at Quigley Prep, and two at Loyola High School.

Recent condemning treatment of Fr. Cloutier by the Diocese has caused three of the young men to have doubts about the Priesthood as a vocation, because they feel if church hierarchy fails to back its own, the same could happen to them.

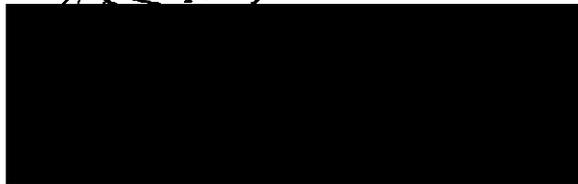
At this point I feel that charges against Priests are not the issue. Most important is how Catholics and the general public perceive the problem, which was not addressed openly by the Diocese. Failure to be forthright with the new media has cast suspicion on the Church and caused a division among Catholics.

The plan for a three member panel to investigate charges is a start, but far from adequate. The Diocese needs a public relations, crises management professional in place to advise on future handling of present cases and any future crises that may arise.

A crisis management policy and consultants ready, saved McNeil Inc. from bankruptcy during the Tylenol poisoning incidents. McNeils open communication and proper management not only saved the company; Tylenol now enjoys greater sales than before the disaster.

The Church can ill afford to lose practicing Catholics and potential Priests.

~~Sincerely,~~ ,



Copy: Joseph Cardinal Bernadin  
Archbishop of Chicago

JOHN A. GRIVETTI

ATTORNEY

BOX 156

SPRING VALLEY, ILLINOIS 61062

15 December, 1991

Hon. Jack O'Malley  
Cook County State's Attorney  
500 Richard J. Daley Center  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: William Clotier

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

My ex-wife has just provided me with a copy of an article in the "Wanderer", a Catholic newspaper, which contains very serious misstatements concerning a case involving the Rev. William Clotier which is apparently being examined by your office.

I served as State's Attorney in Putnam County at the time of that incident, and I can absolutely and categorically state that the assertion that any church official or Oak Forest officer denied my office access to any information, or in any way obstructed our investigation, is FALSE. Quite to the contrary, we received a full copy of Oak Forest's report, which I recall a being very thorough and well done, as well as complete access to church records. The DCI assigned an agent to this case, and it was thoroughly investigated. I presume that the agent would have access to his records on this matter.

My involvement with this case began when our sheriff asked me to meet with an Oak Forest officer. During that meeting, we decided (this being the time of the Gacy murders) to obtain a search warrant for the Clotier cabin at Lake Thunderbird. The cabin was thoroughly searched for evidence, with the only notable thing we even saw being several Playboy magazines. In addition, we dug into several sites on the property which appeared to be freshly excavated, but they were in fact large animal burrows or ant hills.

As a further part of the investigation, the agent and I traveled to Boston, and drove to Worcester, Mass., where Rev. Clotier was receiving in-patient psychiatric care. At that time we conducted an interview with him lasting four or five hours, which was under oath and transcribed, and had extensive conversations with the staff of the facility concerning the case.

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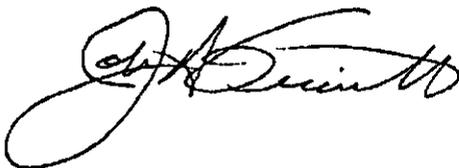
After returning to Illinois, we continued the investigation, and I engaged the services of an independent consultant to review the records. This case being one of the more exceptional I encountered during my term, I spent considerable time with the agent involved and with others in an attempt to determine the proper course to follow. As a result of a thorough review of all the information, I did not feel that a prison term was appropriate, and I filed a petition under the Mental Health Code, which resulted in a commitment order. Mr. Clotier received treatment under that order for in excess of one year, and the case was terminated in summer 1980, after an independent review of the medical records.

Throughout this process, I received full and complete cooperation from church authorities, and from Mr. Clotier himself. At the time of our interview with him, there were no guarantees that a criminal prosecution would not result, and I was in fact leaning toward that option. Even though Mr. Clotier and his attorneys were aware of that, we received full cooperation and access, and I certainly believe that the statement he gave was frank and truthful.

I certainly sympathize with you in regard to these cases, which apparently have received very wide publicity and notoriety, and present your office with a very delicate situation. However, the Clotier case is not one in which there should be any doubt. It has previously been handled by the legal system, and I cannot believe that the media would be so irresponsible as to make an issue of it at this time.

If necessary, I will be happy to provide any information you might need. I am in the process of changing offices, but you may write me at the address shown on this letter, or may leave a message through [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

Sincerely yours,





Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Oct. 19, 1991

RE: William Cloutier

1. On Oct. 18, 1991, Andy McDonagh and I met with Bill Cloutier to talk over his situation here at the office. Andy had already told Bill that we were requesting that he resign [REDACTED]. We now had to clarify some points about this intervention.

2. Bill said that he had been instructed by his lawyer, Patty Bobb not to commit himself to anything until she understood completely what the nature of [REDACTED] was and the consequences for any action that Bill would take at this time. We agreed he should consult her. We agreed that Mr. Serritella should get to Patty Bobb as quickly as possible information [REDACTED] plus any materials that would help her in her defense of William Cloutier.

3. Bill indicated that these materials had been requested of Serritella, but he had not sent them yet. I am speaking especially of information on the original filed complaint against Bill Cloutier back in 1979.

4. Bill asked that he be able to remain at the Retreat House at least for another two months until he has completed the installation of the computer program up at the Retreat House. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6. In the course of our conversation, Andy brought up the possibility of Bill even going back before the people of St. Peter's and asking them to take him back. They already are completely aware of what has happened and his record, but also that he has worked out there at St. Peter's and that he has not fallen back into his practices of years ago. This is something that should be considered.

7. Bill also asked for the possibility of going and saying a farewell to the people at St. Peter's. If indeed Bill were to go back and ask for the people to accept him knowing his record, that would be a first in our book, but it would be similar to the experience of the Alcoholics Anonymous a few years ago, when on entering a parish they would tell everyone what had been their history and their expectations. This kind of openness is a real support to the priest because it has other people helping him. At any rate, this has to be talked about at a later date.

8. Where we stand now is that the materials will be sent to Patty Bobb. [REDACTED]

9. His entry [REDACTED] depends upon what he is told by the lawyer. Then we will have to work out a schedule regarding the computer programming at the Retreat House. All of this should be happening within the next two weeks. In the meantime, Bill will stay at the Retreat House, continuing to receive full benefits.

① Cloutier - ord. - 1975

② 1st Ass. - St. Francis Cal. (Ed Duffing)

a) Complaints immediately - taking out same 8 boys

b) "fag"

c) filthy language - screaming

d) Riot - incident - home keeper

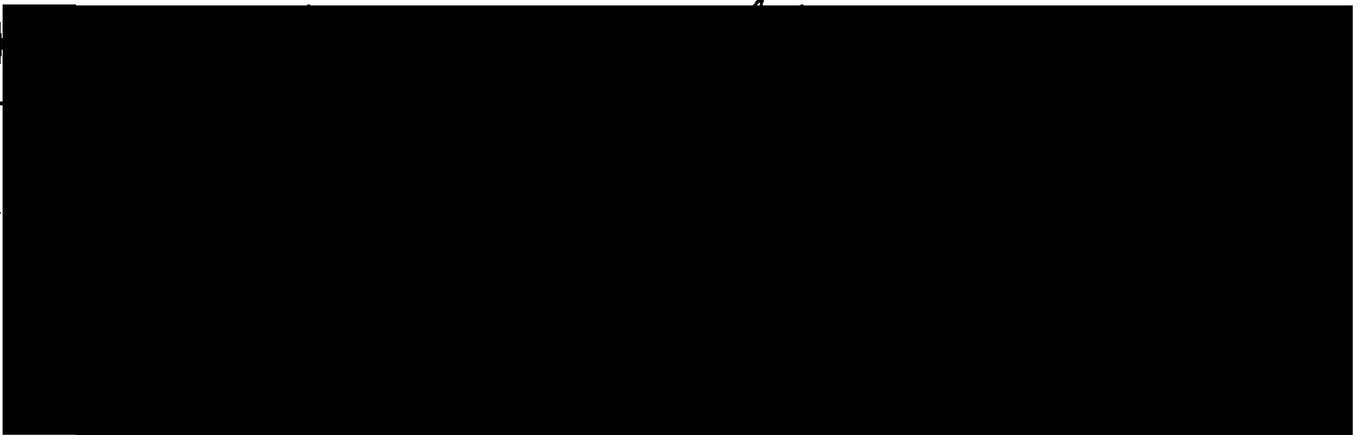
e) Principal doesn't want him in school (all in last two yrs)

f) Duff asks him to leave parish Sept. '76.

③ N.B. Polygraphed 6/29/79 -

"Results conclusive, telling truth, no violence."

④



⑤ Are there any materials in files at C.O.? Ref. is made to items not in this file.

⑥



⑦ Letters to Chgo. - late June, 1981 - assigned to John Paul St. Ct

(2)

(8) Gap in file btw. 1981-1985 -

(1) [Redacted]

(2) TV received complaints about instability, etc. -

(3) [Redacted]

(9) [Redacted] - 3/17/87

(10) who filed original complaint [Redacted] *Benmarian*  
was it  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{criminal?} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{civil?} \end{array} \right.$

(11) 5/15/89 - O'Day calls re: [Redacted] - attempted  
*stimulated - no phys. act.*

**STATEMENT TO PARISHIONERS REGARDING  
FATHER WILLIAM CLOUTIER  
READ AT THE MASSES AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SKOKIE  
SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15, 1991  
BY FATHER CHARLES CRONIN, PASTOR AND DEAN**

It is my responsibility both as your pastor and dean of this area to inform you that Father Cloutier has been placed on administrative leave. His absence from St. Peter's and from pastoral ministry stems from a recent lawsuit which has been filed. The lawsuit relates to allegations of child abuse in 1979. The suit contains many misstatements of fact which will be responded to in the context of the litigation. However, the Archdiocese placed Father Cloutier on leave and took appropriate actions when the allegations first surfaced in 1979, and Father Cloutier was only returned to ministry after the Archdiocese received assurances from authoritative sources that he could function in parish ministry.

The current lawsuit does not claim any present, or recent misconduct. Nonetheless, sensitivity to parishioners, to Father Cloutier and to the community necessitated the decision to place him on administrative leave.

This matter understandably may raise concern. Should any parishioners have questions, I invite them to speak directly with me.

I ask you to join me in quiet prayer for all those involved in this matter, for Father Cloutier and for all of us here at St. Peter's.

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It is my unhappy responsibility both as your pastor and dean of this area to inform you that Father Cloutier has been placed on administrative leave. His absence from St. Peter's and from pastoral ministry relates to events in 1979 and does not concern allegations of present or recent misconduct. Nonetheless, sensitivity to parishioners, to Father Cloutier and to the community necessitated the decision to place him on administrative leave.

These are the facts of the present situation. In 1979 allegations of child sexual abuse were lodged against Father Cloutier. Those charges were investigated by the Archdiocese and civil authorities. Counseling was offered to the families involved. Father Cloutier was immediately removed from pastoral ministry [REDACTED]

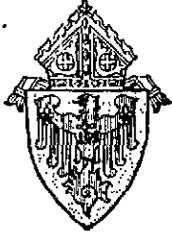
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Father Cloutier could safely return to pastoral ministry. It was under these conditions that Father Cloutier returned to ministry. I personally wish to assure you that while Father Cloutier was here at St. Peter's he was under [REDACTED] my special direct supervision.

(page 1 of 2)

The suit which has now been filed is based on the misconduct which allegedly occurred in 1979. There have been no new allegations since that time. The Archdiocese, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and we here at St. Peter's have no reason to believe that there is cause for anxiety over Father Cloutier's behavior since 1979. Nonetheless, news of this kind understandably may raise concern. Should any parishioners have questions, I invite them to speak with me.

I ask you to join me in quiet prayer for all those involved in this matter, for Father Cloutier and for all of us here at St. Peter's.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
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Off: (312) 642-1837

August 19, 1991

To: File (A. J. McDonagh)

Re: Fr. William Cloutier - [REDACTED]

Date: August 18, 1991 - 10:00 A.M.-11:45 A.M. - Meeting at Villa, 6939 Hiawatha

According to directives received by Fr. Cloutier on Wednesday, August 14th - returned by car from Colorado in company of [REDACTED] and his family and arrived in Skokie Friday Evening, stopped at St. Peter's Rectory, picked up some clothes and proceeded to Retreat House Friday evening, August 16th., about 9:00 P.M. Fr. Coughlin, Retreat Director and supervisor of Fr. Cloutier, talked to him that night.

Saturday I arranged for Fr. Cloutier to see me at my home on Sunday morning.

I reminded Fr. Cloutier, after welcoming him, that I would review the complaint filed against him and the Archbishop of Chicago on August 14th in Circuit Court of Cook County. It was not necessary for him to respond unless he desired to do so. I also reminded him that in the event of my being subpoenaed I would have to relate what he would tell me in this interview.

Father said he was feeling pretty well under the circumstances, that he was quite sure many of the charges were false, that he has taken a lie test and those results should be in the file.

- #7. Father denies that he held himself up and purported to serve as a father figure.
- #8. Father said seminarian was 19 or 20 years of age and that he did not provide intoxicating liquor.
- #9 Completely false.
- #10 He challenged word escape. - denied use of handgun.
- #11 It seemed Msgr. had doubts about seminarian's story.
- #13 Totally false.
- #15 Totally false.
- #17 Totally false.
- #18 Totally false.
- #20 Totally false.
- #21 Opening statement false.  
"I don't know what legally happened. I did appear in Putnam County on Sunday afternoon (I think) before a judge. The Putnam County Police combed the cottage and found no gun or drugs. There was alcohol there - which I use moderately (when I use it).

N.B. Finally closed the deal on the house Monday - got a decent price for which I was holding out. Haven't received the check yet.

#22. Never heard of 4th victim.

Never heard of meeting.

Never heard he was not supposed to function as a priest.

Seminarian wanted to come to visit [REDACTED] Fr. Cloutier told Fr. Tony not to bring seminarian.

#28 Superior did not know.

Fr. Cloutier was ordained in '75. His mother died in '78. Father became unhinged and acted out sexually during this period.

[REDACTED]

He returned to Chicago in '81 [REDACTED]

'85. Father was stationed at John Paul II Center under Fr. Ray Sullivan and got along very well with him until he died. Still very close to Fr. Sullivan's relatives.

Sister Joan came in '84 and Fr. Cloutier left in '85. Did not get along with her. He then went to Fr. Cronin.

Fr. Cloutier voluntarily presented himself to Fr. Ventura in '83, told his story and Fr. Ventura was satisfied. Then in '85 he began to see Fr. Ventura regularly because of media coverage of similar kinds of publicity priests were getting.

[REDACTED]

Fr. Cloutier is a very competent computer operator and engineer.

Can Fr. Cloutier visit St. Peter's from time to time to help with computers?

Can Fr. Cloutier say Mass or administer sacraments? - No Mass and No Sacraments.

Fr. Cloutier has a newspaper reporter friend who has been telling him the names of other priests who might be challenged. In a way Fr. Cloutier was not too surprised about these charges -

Can Fr. Cloutier service some of his computer customers?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I gave him permission to pick up stuff at St. Peter's this afternoon. Could he be given a job working with computers for Diocese if this all doesn't blow over?

[REDACTED]

How long will he have to stay at Retreat House?

Is he "suspended"? - No - but should not say Mass or administer sacrament.

3.

Very uneasy about being there.

That they are restricted - remain in Retreat house.

Fr. Coughlin is supervisor; Fr. Bill reports when he goes out, where he is, phone number, when he will be back.

Fr. Bill was ordained in '75.

75-77 Frances Cabrini - Duffy + Schneider - divorced Lady.

77-79 - St. Damian - Marty O'Day - John Clemens - 77-78 Tony Puchenski 78-79.

Told Fr. Bill to plan on moving to St. George on Sept. 1st unless otherwise directed.

Cellular Phone of Fr. Cloutier - [REDACTED]



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To: File (A. J. McDonagh)  
Re: Father Cloutier - August 20, 1991

Report of visit of Bishop Timmothy Lyne to Msgr. Marty O'Day  
on August 18, 1991.

Bishop Lyne called me August 19th to tell me that Msgr.  
was not notified by Mr. [REDACTED], private investigator, on Cloutier case.  
Mr. [REDACTED] appeared at the Monsignor's door and told him he wished to  
have an "off the record" discussion about the Cloutier case. Monsignor  
is [REDACTED] and has a difficult time recalling events.  
Bishop did not mention whether the conversation between Monsignor and  
[REDACTED] was recorded.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: July 10, 1990

RE: William Cloutier

1. [REDACTED]

2. In speaking to Fr. Cronin about this, Fr. Cronin made a comment to the effect that he also has Fr. Cloutier stationed there. And he said something to the effect that Fr. Cloutier takes young boys to the local health clubs. This greatly surprised me, as I had had no indication whatever that Bill is going into that direction. [REDACTED]



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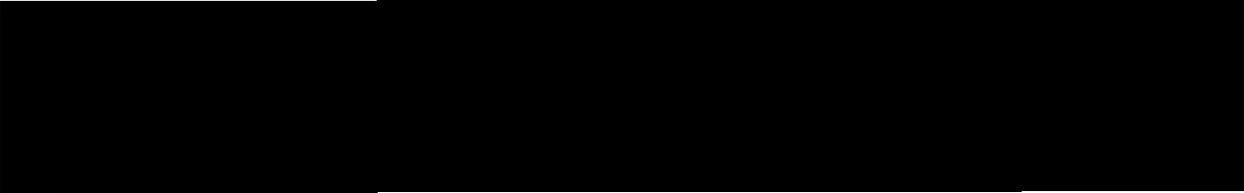
TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Feb. 5, 1990

RE: William Cloutier



2. Bill continues <sup>and stays</sup> [redacted] every three months. The situation in the rectory is still quite good. Charlie Cronin is going to be leaving for his sabbatical and Bill was named Administrator.



5. We set up an appointment for May 8 at 10 A.M.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)  
DATE: Nov. 6, 1989  
RE: William Cloutier

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. The situation in the rectory is quite good. There are no undue tensions. Dave Minelli will be leaving in June, 1990 and Bill will be asking for a one year extension.

[REDACTED]

7. Bill said that his house is still on the market. He goes down there once a year to check it out. He has the heat off and the building is not usable as it stands.

8. Bill says that he has not heard from anyone in St. Damien. There have been no problems at all.

9. Bill set up an appointment for Feb. 5 at 10 A.M.



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TO: Bob Kealy  
FROM: Ray Goedert *RG*  
DATE: August 15, 1989  
RE: Rev. William Cloutier

1. I received the material you forwarded to me concerning the Oberammergau Passion Play tour which Bill Cloutier is going to host. While I do not have metaphysical certitude on the point, I think we can presume Bill will not present any problem in that two week period. If it were a matter of several months, then I might want to reconsider. However, in fairness to Bill, he has been in regular communication [REDACTED]
2. Given the nature of the pilgrimage, I would hope that it would be an added incentive for Bill to make sure that he conducts a squeaky clean operation.
3. If, however, I am proven wrong in my judgment, I will be happy to handle the next pilgrimage ten years hence.



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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 30, 1989

RE: William Cloutier

1. In the light of the developments in this case, I studied the entire case from 1979 on. I subsequently called Bill to arrange an appointment. He was not in, but I left a message for him to call me tomorrow.

2. A chronology of events is as follows:

A. 6/8/79 -- A boy reports to Msgr. O'Day, the pastor, that there had been "some sort of relations" with Fr. Cloutier on Memorial Day.

B. 6/9/79 -- Marty O'Day confronts Cloutier. Cloutier sounded repentant. It was agreed that they would discuss this more at length when Msgr. O'Day returned from his short vacation.

C. 6/10/79 -- Cloutier takes two other boys to his cottage and apparently abuses them in some fashion. They report it to their parents who, in turn, go to the police and sign a complaint.

D. 6/11/79 -- The incidents regarding the above-mentioned boys are reported to Msgr. O'Day. Cloutier allegedly took indecent liberties with them at his cottage in down state Illinois. Msgr. O'Day returns to Chicago.

3. The names of the three boys are: A. [REDACTED] The incident took place at the cottage in Putnam, Illinois

B. [REDACTED], graduated recently.

C. [REDACTED] a non-Catholic. Evidently he was invited to the cottage. Cloutier fondled him.

4. In subsequent interviews with Fr. Dufficy, the pastor at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, it was learned that the principal of the school and the teachers considered Fr. Cloutier to be dangerous around children and insisted that he not come into the school.

5. [REDACTED]

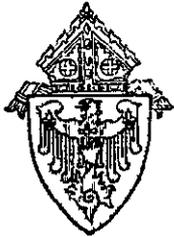
6. Fr. Cloutier was sent to Circle Campus and remained there until 1985. Due to difficulties with Sr. Peg Ivers, he was re-assigned to Charlie Cronin at St. Peter's in Skokie. Due to difficulties of one sort or another there, [REDACTED]

7.

8. I had scheduled an appointment for Fr. Cloutier on Sept. 9, 1988. He did not show nor did he call.

9. On May 15, 1989, Ken Velo called me. He had received a phone call from Marty O'Day.

11. On June 20, 1989, I spoke to Charlie Cronin. He was very concerned about Bill. He has strong reservations about whether Bill ought to be a pastor. There is no problem as far as sexual acting out is concerned, but Bill's overall demeanor makes Charlie think he would have a very difficult time as a pastor.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 20, 1989

RE: William Cloutier

1. Charlie Cronin approached me at the Senate meeting. He said that he is very concerned about Bill. There have not been any lapses, as far as he knows, but Bill seems to think that he is going to become a pastor and Charlie doesn't think it would be wise at all. Bill still does foolish things. For instance, he was taking the young man who worked at the rectory to the Health Club. Charlie told him not to do this. Bill also has a temper. Charlie just thinks he would have a very difficult time as a pastor.

2. Charlie says that Bill indicated that I had supported the idea of him becoming a pastor. I told Charlie that that was probably accurate, but I am having second thoughts myself. I told Charlie about the recent coming forth of one of Bill's victims and that I was going to have to let Bill know about this. Charlie thought that would be a good thing, because Bill needs something to shake him up and keep him on his toes.

3. Charlie said that he himself is going on Sabbatical in January and will probably ask that Bill be the administrator. He thinks Bill will do all right, because there are enough other people around to keep him under control.



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*Vicar for Priests*  
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File  
DATE: April 29, 1988  
RE: William Cloutier

1. I met with Bill today. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. The situation at the rectory is quite good. Apparently, all of the priests get along well and they have worked out whatever difficulties had been there in the past. They seem to be very supportive of one another.

6. I asked Bill about his summer cottage in Putnam County. The cottage is near Peoria. Bill rarely uses it. He hasn't been there in over a year. He does try to get there about once a year just to make sure that the place is still standing. Bill has been trying to sell this for nine years, but there are no takers. The Peoria area is quite depressed. The closing of Caterpillar and other plants has really forced the market down. About the only offer he has received was for \$5,000.00. Bill bought the cottage for \$35,000.00 and still has a mortgage in the area of \$18,000.00. If Bill could give it away for \$18,000.00, he would go along with it. But right now, if he were to sell it for anything below \$20,000.00, he would actually owe money on it. It is a modified A-frame with a large sleeping loft upstairs and one bedroom downstairs. He has had it with several different real estate operators and multiple listings, but no luck.

to: file

3 July 1987

From: T. Ventura

RE: Rev William CLOUTIER.

5-14-85: Personnel Board recommended that I see Bill.



12-11-85: Ken Volo of Personnel Board suggested a follow up meeting with C. He was rejected by 10 parishes last June. Vague reasons given.

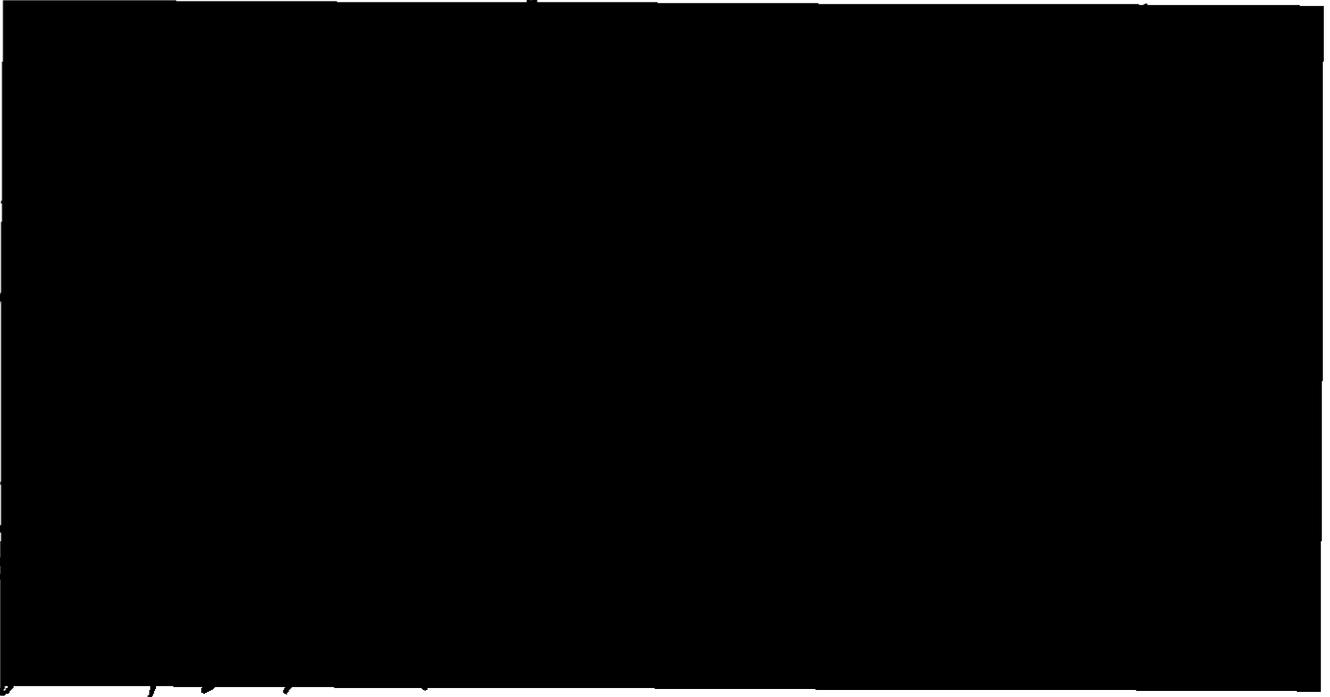
[Redacted] His current pastor, Charlie Cronin, seems to be bringing out the best in Bill. Action: TV talk to Cronin. Then talk to C.

1-11-86: Conversation with Cronin. Alerted him to background of Cloutier. Need for support & challenge. He should have no unsupervised contact with youth. Be alert to signs of depression. Cronin said C. seemed to be off to a fairly good start in the parish.

4-30-86: Cronin shared some concerns about Cloutier a) He has been working with Teens & talking about a camping trip to Starved Rock. He had a young man, age 19 or 20, in his room with the door closed. Seems unwise. b) Dr. John Collins, a close friend of Cloutier, says that he has an authority problem and also wonders if his reputation is so tarnished that he has a very limited future in the Archdiocese. Action: Cronin will

coupons C. about these matters. Then TV can see Cloutier to follow up in terms of supervision, support counseling etc.

- 6-2-86: Cronin reported that he had a productive meeting with C. who thanked him for his honesty & his concern. Issues were a) mood swings in the rectory b) Cronin's knowledge of his past problems c) no unsupervised activities with young people d) use prudent precautions eg. leave the door of your room or office open, no camping trips etc.
- 8-8-86: Meeting of TV and Cloutier. Discussed my contacts with Cronin. Respect & regard but also concerns. I



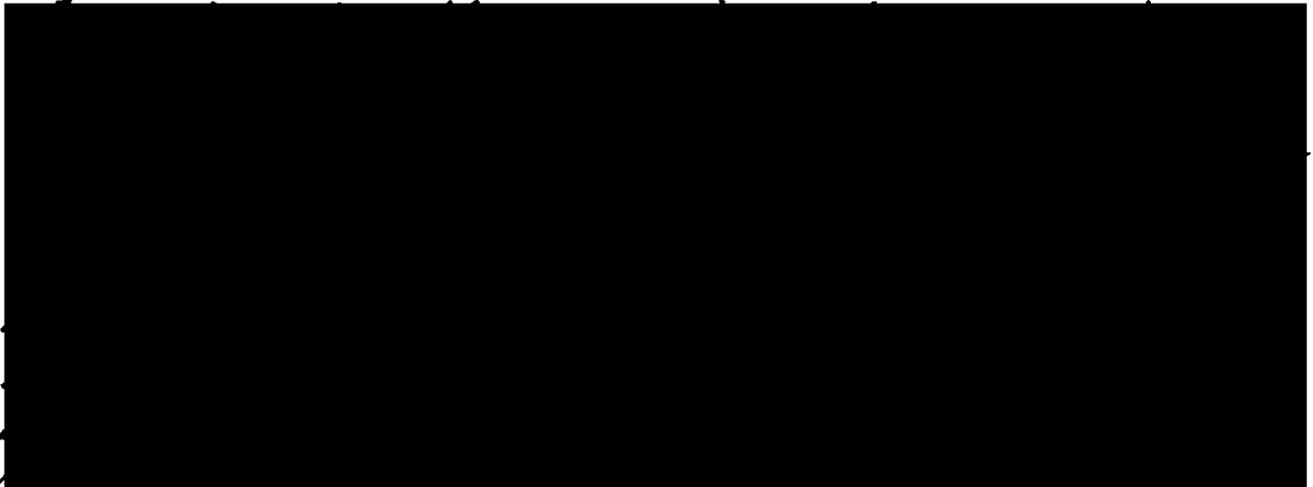
- 8-20-86: J. R. Kealy, Chancellor, informed me that his review of files showed that some years ago C. was involved in a civil case in Putnam County, Ill. concerning allegations of improper actions with a minor.



9-11-86:



9-29-86:



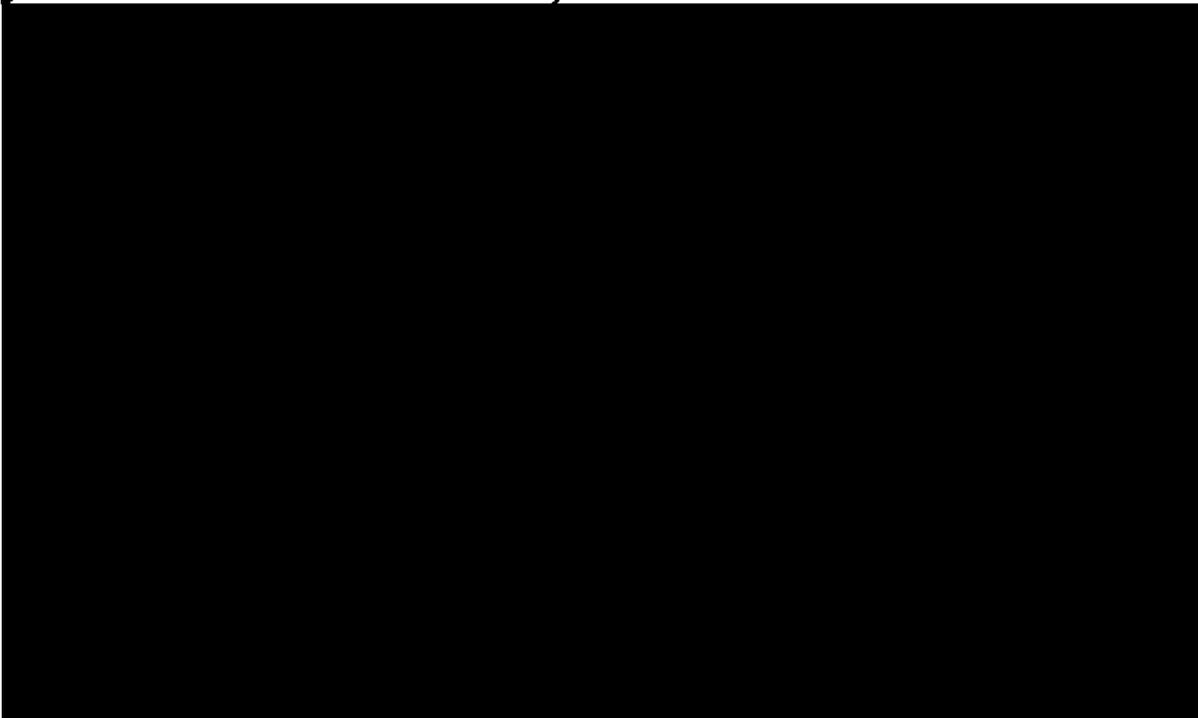
10-22-86:



11-17-86:



- 11-19-86: Meeting of Cloutier and C. Cronin, his pastor. Summarized the results of the testing. Cronin reports that parishioners respond positively to Cloutier but that he has problems with the factory support staff. He is usually in a bad temper each morning and offends people. He can be compulsive, impatient, judgemental. He gets enthusiastic but gradually loses interest in projects. Cronin feels that Cloutier needs more seasoning and a stable record of good performance before he could be considered pastorable. He will continue to serve as on-site supervisor. Cloutier values Cronin's insights but tends to minimize them or explain them away. It is difficult for him to "own" negative elements in his behavior.
- 11-20-86: Report of the Priest Perceiver Test from Fr. Wachdorf is very positive. Cloutier is encouraged by this. Cronin finds it somewhat discordant with his experience of Bill's actual functioning in the parish and is puzzled by that. I recommend that they attempt to discuss that gap perhaps with the assistance of others on the parish staff.
- 3-4-87: Cronin is concerned that Cloutier seems to have delayed [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
He feels this may be an excuse and an avoidance. I will discuss it at our next meeting.

- 3-17-87: Meeting with Cloutier (cf. memo)  
4-22-87: Meeting with Cloutier (cf. memo)  
6-1-87: Meeting with Cloutier + Rev. L. Roedel.  
(cf. memo)  
7-3-87: Reflections as I end my term as Vicar.
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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

June 1, 1987

Vicar for Priests  
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Off: (312) 642-1837  
Res: (312) 528-0540

TO: Rev. William Cloutier '75  
FROM: Tom Ventura TV  
RE: Summary of today's meeting

1. Progress Report. Fr. Cronin was unable to<sup>180</sup> be present as planned, but he made these observations by phone: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bill and Dave Manelli have cleared the air of many of the problems which beset them. Fr. Cronin is willing to review the results of the Priest Perceiver report alone with Bill but he still prefers that Fr. Manelli assist with that also. (Bill seemed more open now to that possibility.) Cronin said that he agrees with the report's conclusion that Bill has strong potential for ministry. However, he sees his actual performance falling short of that potential.

2. [REDACTED]

3. Background: Fr. Ray Goedert, the new Vicar for Priests, was present at today's meeting since he will be meeting with Bill in the future. Bill provided a brief but comprehensive review of his history.

copy: Rev. Charles Cronin  
Rev. Raymond Goedert

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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March 17, 1987

Vicar for Priests  
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Off: (312) 642-1837  
Res: (312) 528-0540

TO: Rev. William Cloutier  
FROM: Tom Ventura *TV*  
RE: Summary of today's meeting

1. Finances: [redacted]: PRMAA will pay 75% and Fr. Cloutier will pay 25%. In September, he will seek reentry into Blue Cross coverage. If his portion becomes a problem, we can renegotiate.

2. Next meeting will be 9:30 AM on April 22, 1987.

Agenda: A)



B) Reflections on the report from Fr. Wachdorf about Bill's effectiveness in priesthood. Bill will arrange a meeting with his Pastor and the School Principal to discuss the accuracy of this report

3. We also discussed guidelines and limitations in any ministerial dealings with young people:

- Fr. Cloutier will have no unsupervised personal or professional contacts with youth
- His main ministerial focus will be as a resource to the adults who work with youth rather than direct ministry.
- He will not participate in the Meet the Wilderness program for youth from the parish.

copy: Rev. Charles Cronin, pastor and on-site supervisor



Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS  
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: May 15, 1989

RE: William Clotier

1. Ken Velo called. He had received a phone call from Marty O'Day, the pastor of St. Damien's. Evidently one of Bill Cloutier's victims is experiencing emotional problems and Marty thinks we should assist him in counseling.

2. I called Marty. The name of the boy is [REDACTED]. He is now aged 24. He is a handicapped child, [REDACTED]. Marty saw him at church yesterday and he told Marty that he has been experiencing nightmares, etc. Marty does not think that there was any physical contact between Bill and [REDACTED] back in 1979, but Bill apparently approached [REDACTED]. Marty thinks that's as far as it went.

3. Marty said that if it was agreeable to us, he would suggest that [REDACTED] deal with Fr. Watzke, the Holy Cross priest who is also a psychologist. Fr. Watzke says Mass for Marty every Sunday and Marty knows him well and thinks he is an excellent counselor. I told Marty that was OK with me, as long as it did not present a problem for [REDACTED]. Marty will talk to [REDACTED] about it. If it is agreeable, Marty will then tell Fr. Watzke to send the bills directly to me and he will be reimbursed by PRMAA. [REDACTED] phone number is [REDACTED].



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VICAR FOR PRIESTS  
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Aug. 12, 1991

RE: William Cloutier

1. [REDACTED]

2. Andy McDonagh called me at the cottage around 1:15. He actually called about the St. George Residence, but I filled him in about the Cloutier development and suggested that he call [REDACTED] and then that he make a call to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. I told him not to give [REDACTED] any information but just fish around to find out for whom [REDACTED] is working.

Aug. 14, 1991

1. Andy called me at the Retreat House at 3:45 P.M. I returned his call at 4:30. He said he called [REDACTED] yesterday and [REDACTED] would not comment on the name of the lawyer for whom he was working. [REDACTED] said that he had completed his own end of the case.

[REDACTED]

3. There seems to be a clear link with the [REDACTED] case and undoubtedly someone "convinced" [REDACTED] that it was awful that he "discovered" that Cloutier was still in a parish. [REDACTED] certainly could have known that long before this, especially since his uncle is a priest.

4. Andy said he talked to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was surprised because he felt everything was handled 12 years ago and was unaware of any current problem.

5. Andy said Cloutier was on vacation in Colorado and was due to return on Friday. Andy is trying to track down Dan Coughlin to see if Bill could stay at the Retreat House. I told Andy if Cloutier is with his family or other adults, well and good. But if he is with minors, without other adults present, he should come home immediately.

6. I checked with Dan Coughlin and he said it was perfectly O.K. with him if Bill would come there. I told Dan that Bill would have to be supervised and kept on campus. If he were to leave the campus, he would have to notify Dan or whoever was in charge at the time, indicating where and when he would be going and returning, etc.

7.





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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS  
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File  
FROM: Rev. Andrew McDonagh  
DATE: 8/12/91, 8/13/91, 8/14/91  
RE: William Cloutier

Events on Monday, 8/12/91 -- Msgr. O'Day, [REDACTED], J. Serritella  
Tuesday, 8/13/91 -- Fr. Hergenrother, J. Serritella, Mr. Geoli,  
Wednesday, 8/14/91 -- Filing of suit by Jeff Anderson et al

1. Monday, 8/12 -- [REDACTED]

2. I called Msgr., who is [REDACTED] sustained about a year ago. He sounded "fuzzy" to me. He did not ask the Investigator where he was from, talked in general about their conversation about Fr. Cloutier. Msgr. reported that the Investigator seemed like a good natured Irish former Chicago policeman. He gave me his number ([REDACTED], Palos Hills, no address) I finally reached Mr. [REDACTED] who said he gave his information to the attorneys who hired him, would not reveal attorney's name and that he was finished with the case and did not want to be "pushed".

3. I checked him out with former police superintendent James O'Grady who told me that he had been indicted in the "Black Panther" case and that his wife worked as a clerk of the Grand Jury on California Ave. and had access to all files there.

5. I contacted [REDACTED] who contacted [REDACTED] about this case. The mother apparently had urged her son not to have anything to do with the attorneys, but the son insisted. Later Matt called me to tell me he talked to the young man, who is [REDACTED], was rather argumentative [REDACTED] Matt asked him to call me. Matt was not too sure [REDACTED] would call. Matt is going to try to talk to him on August 15. I will talk to Matt later on September 15.



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: August 9, 1991

RE: William Cloutier

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. I called Msgr. O'Day at 12:25 P.M., but there was no answer.
4. I called Fr. Grimmel at 12:30 P.M. He was totally unaware of anything. He knows nothing about the incident of 12 years ago and no one has contacted him or anyone else at the rectory as far as he is aware. He said the only one who would possibly have any information about that period would have been [REDACTED], a long-time secretary, who was on a few days off. Fr. Grimmel assured me that he would call [REDACTED] and myself if he hears anything at all. I told him to refer all inquiries to [REDACTED].
5. [REDACTED]
6. I did reach Msgr. O'Day at 1:50 P.M. I asked him to give me a run-down on just what happened. He said that [REDACTED] visited him and seemed to have what Marty thought was a police report in front of him. It was about 8 pages and [REDACTED] was just asking general questions about the incident. [REDACTED] had the names of the children involved. One was [REDACTED], the other was [REDACTED] and Marty couldn't remember the third. Marty thought that [REDACTED] was just looking for confirmation as to what happened and how the case was handled. The material from which he was reading was all typed out. Marty said that [REDACTED] seemed to be an honest person and he made the comment that their conversation would be "off the record". Marty told [REDACTED] that the incident began on a Saturday night. Marty was leaving the next day on vacation. He had heard rumors about Bill being in difficulty and asked Bill if there was anything to it and Bill assured him that there were no problems. So Marty left on Sunday and drove to Myrtle Beach. On Monday he received a call from the Chancery

Office notifying him that Bill had been picked up by the police. Marty came home Monday afternoon about 3 or 3:30 P.M. and went directly to the police station.

[REDACTED]  
Hergenrother said something to the effect that they would see to it that the children involved would get counseling and that Marty need not be concerned. Marty left on Tuesday to continue his vacation at Myrtle Beach.

Marty said [REDACTED] mentioned something about Philadelphia and another priest involved in another incident, but Marty just couldn't remember what the context was. He said that their conversation lasted a half hour to forty-five minutes. [REDACTED] mentioned something to Marty that if it were necessary for him to testify, he would receive a subpoena and [REDACTED] would notify him ahead of time. Marty said he thought [REDACTED] had an office in Palos Hills and he seemed like an honest person.

7 [REDACTED]

8. I called [REDACTED]'s number at 2:30 P.M. He was not in and I left a message on his tape machine.

9. As of midnight I have received no call from [REDACTED].



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor  
312/751-8211

MEMORANDUM

August 20, 1981

TO: CARDINAL CODY  
FROM: FR. HERGENROTHER  
RE: FR. CLOUTIER

Monsignor O'Day called to inform us that the "word is out that Father Cloutier is back in the city." He has had a couple of calls from parishioners, one of whom was one of the "victims".

In case you would get a call or letter, he thought you ought to know.

JCH

Visum: JAK  
8/20/81



THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
HILLSIDE & HARRISON AVENUES  
HILLSIDE, ILLINOIS 60162

13 May 1981

Clergy Personnel Board  
Telephone : 261-5274

Rev. William J. Cloutier  
St. Margaret Mary Rectory  
118 Coburn Ave.  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01604

Dear Bill:

John Hergenrother has reported the good news to me that you will be returning to Chicago around June 20, 1981. It will be a pleasure to welcome you home.

I can well understand your preference that an assignment here be definitively made before your return, but I am convinced that our ability to select the most appropriate assignment would be enhanced if we delay finalizing it until after your return. Right now, there are about seventy-five transfers under negotiation, and it is far better to let the dust settle, so that we can then have better flexibility. Furthermore, nine new pastors are about to be named, and six special assignments are under consideration.

It would be best, Bill, if perhaps you and John and I could get together after you return to Chicago, and sift out the realistic possibilities. In the meantime, please be certain that we are praying for you and are looking forward with delight to your return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend John R. Keating  
Chairman

cc - Rev. John Hergenrother  
Assistant Chancellor

AOC 001616

SAINT MARGARET MARY RECTORY  
118 Coburn Avenue  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01604

February 17, 1981

Rev. John Hergenrother  
Assistant Chancellor  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois, 60690

Dear John:

I appreciate your having taken up the question of my assignment so promptly. I'll try to answer your questions the best I can.

I was rather positive in stating my preference for an assignment. However I did not want to close the door to other possibilities that might occur to you. I feel that a parish assignment would not be in my best interests at this time in my life. My reasons relate to my personal growth.

[REDACTED]

A further reason for my exclusion of parish work, at least for the next few years, is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Further, parish ministry, with its irregular hours and schedules, provided me with too much time for myself, [REDACTED] I find that I work more productively when pursuing a regular schedule.

In regards to your second suggestion of a hospital chaplaincy, I have given that matter a lot of thought even before writing the first letter. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I really don't think that hospital work would be a good idea.

My house is still up for sale, with no prospect of a sale in sight. It has been listed with local real estate agents, in particular C. Dabbs of Putnam, for over a year and a half.

AOC 001617

Two people have viewed the house in that time. One said that he was interested in something less expensive (we take a loss on anything under \$42,000), and the other was unable to get financing. My sister has been trying to get a renter for the house; again, no luck. She has been handling all of the business regarding the house at a considerable inconvenience to her (there have been storm damages, a break-in, and various infestations of pests). I have no intention of returning to the house, unless it is to sell it. With the current market, I may never sell.

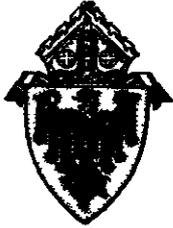
I hope I have answered your letter to your satisfaction. If you have further questions, please call me. I'm eager to get back to the Archdiocese, and the bottom line for me is that I'll take any assignment. I am being frank and specific because I think I owe it to the people who have to make the decisions, and because I owe it to myself.

Thanks once again for all your good efforts.

Sincerely yours,

*Bill*

Rev. William J. Cloutier



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Office of the Chancellor  
312/ 751 - 8211

February 13, 1981

C

Rev. William Cloutier  
St. Margaret Mary Rectory  
118 Coburn Ave.  
Wooster, Mass. 01614

Dear Bill:

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I am writing to tell you about a meeting I had yesterday with His Eminence and Father Keating regarding a possible assignment for you. We were going over your letter and your list of some possibilities. However, a couple of questions surfaced that we would like to clarify. First, you state positively what type of work you want. Could you possibly spell out in more detail why you would not want a full time parish assignment. Secondly, what would you think of the possibility of a hospital chaplaincy. Thirdly, would you please update me on the status of selling your house. If you haven't, what is the likelihood.

P

Regarding your suggestion about the Tribunal, I discussed it with Fathers Dolcimore and Becker. They were not closed to the idea, but said that the usual way of somebody coming into the Tribunal was through the Field Advocate Program. Regarding the Center for Pastoral Ministry, that is a part time job for most of the priests involved in it. As far as the Center for Adult Learning, I have not had any success in getting information.

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As soon as you can, I would appreciate hearing from you so that I can set up another meeting to discuss assignment possibilities.

Hoping you are still doing well, and with all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Rev. John Hergenrother  
Assistant Chancellor



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor

December 23, 1980

Dear Bill:

I received your letter today and was glad to read the good news of your readiness to return to ministry in the Archdiocese.

I shared that information with His Eminence and with Dick Keating, as background for the open listings, etc. that will begin in January.

[REDACTED] it would be useful for you to look over the Archdiocesan Directory and have a few options in mind, both in the area of work and residence. We will do the same at this end, but it is too soon to be concrete, until the open listing goes out, as well as the new group of retiring pastors/new pastors is clarified.

That you for the Christmas wishes and I hope mine were conveyed to you through the message I left last week. [REDACTED]

With great wishes for '81, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John".

Rev. John Hergenrother  
Assistant Chancellor

AOC 001620



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor

MEMORANDUM

December 23, 1980

TO: CARDINAL CODY

FROM: FR. HERGENROTHER *JH*

RE: FR. CLOUTIER

I JUST RECEIVED THIS LETTER FROM FATHER CLOUTIER, INDICATING HIS READINESS TO RETURN TO THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR AN ASSIGNMENT.

JCH

TO: FATHER HERGENROTHER

FROM: CARDINAL CODY

DATE: December 23, 1980

[REDACTED]

To the best of my knowledge, he has not yet sold the property down in the country, and until he does so, there is a legal problem pending. -- I had a letter from him, too, but I did not say anything about his return.

It is a very "touchy" case.

+JPC

rs

AOC 001621

# Saint Margaret Mary Rectory

118 COBURN AVENUE  
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01604

December 19, 1980

Rev. John Hergenrother  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois, 60690

Dear John:

I am writing to inform you that I intend to return to work for the Archdiocese of Chicago in June of 1981.

[REDACTED]

As you know, I have been working in parish ministry in the Diocese of Worcester. In contemplating a future assignment in Chicago, I do not believe that it would be in my best interests to request parish assignment. I have talked this over fully with [REDACTED] and he has heard out my reasons. While I have been successful in parish work both in Chicago and in Worcester, I believe that it is time for me to move in a more specialized direction.

There are many considerations that have to be taken in mind at the Archdiocese before my request could be granted, and a denial of my request would not change my plans to return in June; however I think it's important for me to state my own position before such a decision is made.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Bill*

Rev. William J. Cloutier

P.S. I sent Christmas greetings to the Cardinal, and it's a good time to wish you the best in this Season. I haven't forgotten all that you did for me in the last two years.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

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*Office of the Chancellor*

August 20, 1980

TO: CARDINAL CODY  
FROM: FR. HERGENROTHER

1. It has been a long time since I was surprised by anything coming across my desk. But yesterday was a pleasant surprise! Thank you very much for the appointment as a Judge in the Tribunal. I will do my best to conduct myself in the utmost judicial manner!

I have only one question: is there a conflict of interest in being in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches all at the same time?!

2.

[REDACTED]

Father Cloutier also called this week, in Chicago visiting for a couple of days. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He would like to be considered for an assignment here in the Archdiocese next Spring when the open listing comes out. I congratulated him and asked that he contact us in the Winter about a possible assignment.

JCH

AOC 001623

*mist /.*

February 6, 1980

Dear Father Cloutier,

I was delighted to learn from your letter of January 31 that you have received a pastoral appointment from my classmate and good friend Bishop Flanagan, and I am delighted that you are so happy in this assignment.

Bishop Harrington and I worked together in the Pro-life committee, and he was always a great help to me. When you see him please extend to him my best good wishes.

Assuring you that you are daily remembered in my Masses and prayers, and thanking you for your gracious letter, I am, dear Father Cloutier,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend William J. Cloutier  
St. Margaret Mary Rectory  
118 Coburn Avenue  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01604

AOC 001624

SAINT MARGARET MARY RECTORY  
118 Coburn Avenue  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01604

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January 31, 1980

His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody  
Archbishop of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois, 60690

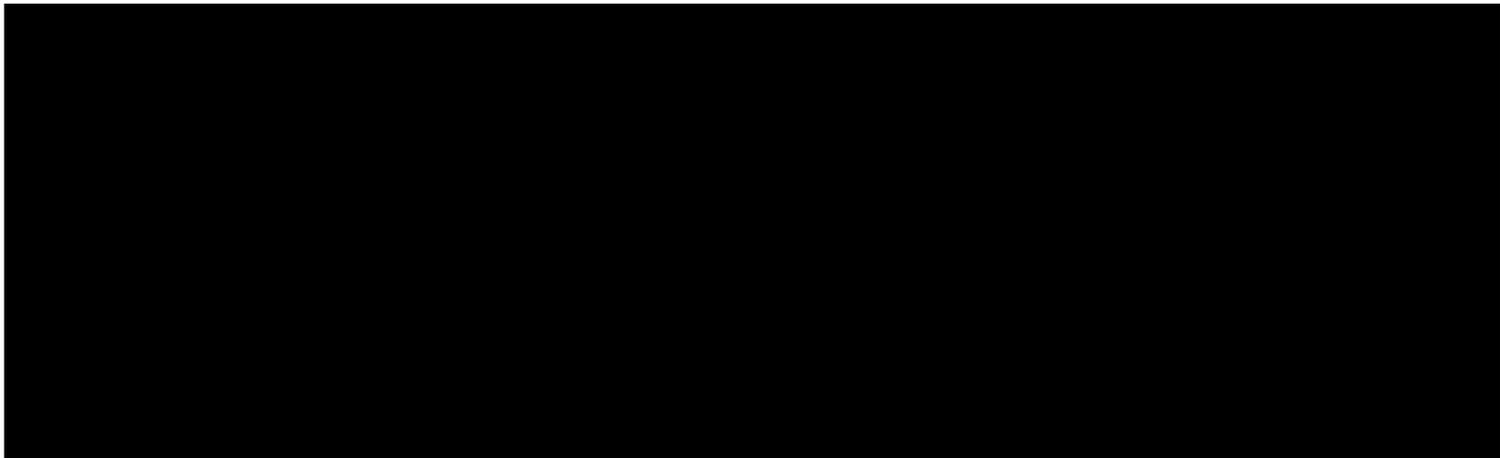
Your Eminence:

I have arrived at the parish where I  
am assigned 

in Massachusetts. Bishop Flanagan and his  
Auxiliary, Bishop Harrington, were entirely  
gracious in their assistance to me in finding  
a suitable appointment. My new pastor,

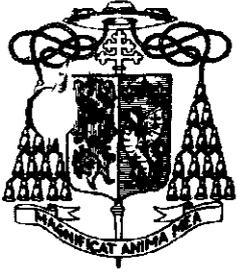
Father James Clifford, a close friend and

Classmate of Bishop Harrington, has given  
me every consideration.



Sincerely yours in Christ,  
W. K. Lortie

RECEIVED  
FEB 6 1981



**Memo From:  
CARDINAL CODY**

To: FATHER HERGENROTHER

Re: Attached re Father Cloutier

Date: January 28, 1980

After you have read this, will you find an opportunity to talk with me about it confidentially. I believe that Father Cloutier trusts you implicitly and that it would be good if you could stay close to him in your priestly friendship. We may be able to turn his thinking into proper channels and have him avoid similar aberrations in the future.

Did he ever sell the house?

+JPC

ms

REPLY:

AOC 001627

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DIocese OF WORCESTER

49 ELM ST.  
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS. 01609



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

His Eminence  
John Cardinal Cody  
1555 North State Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Your Eminence:

I write this note to inform you that Father William Cloutier has been given an assignment at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Worcester, effective January 29, 1980. The Pastor, Father James Clifford, is a very fine priest and I am confident that he will be supportive of Father Cloutier [REDACTED]. There are also three other priests serving special ministries who are residents in the rectory who will be a source of support to him.

[REDACTED]

With kind personal regards and warm best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Bernard J. Flanagan*  
Bishop of Worcester

January 18, 1980

AOC 001628

CLOUTIER

DIocese of WORCESTER

49 ELM ST

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, 01609



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

His Eminence  
John Cardinal Cody  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Your Eminence:

I write in response to your letter of January 2 regarding Father William Cloutier. [REDACTED] came in here with Father Cloutier a couple of weeks ago to discuss a possible appointment for him.

In the interim, I have been trying to work out some appropriate assignment for Father Cloutier and hope that by January 22, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], we can have something to offer him.

With kind personal regards and prayerful best wishes for a Blessed and Happy New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Bernard J. Flanagan

Bishop of Worcester

January 7, 1980

AOC 001629



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Office of the Chancellor*

11-27-79

11:45-12:05

Wm. Cloutier called for details of mtg.

[REDACTED]  
Arrangments had been made for him to Lv. Boston Thursday morning  
arrng O'Hare around Noon.

[REDACTED]  
Bill is concerned about his assignment. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I mentioned that I had talked to Keating, but a specific assignment  
was impossible until all the facts and an actual date are set.  
Bill has not worked with others on the Personnel Board and would  
prefer to keep the discussion among the Cardinal/Keating/myself.

He will relay to me what he has been thinking about, which I am  
to pass on to Keating.

I told him of the "reviewable" nature of the Judge's decision and  
that an interim assignment would seem likely. He was agreeable.  
(However, I didn't go into another nearby diocese as a possibility.  
Thought \*I would save that until he is in town.)

JCH

AOC 001630

[Redacted]

- "Seminarist"  
"Friend" of Cloutier

[Redacted]

Left seminary



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor

July 5, 1979

Reverend William Cloutier

Dear Bill,

We all made it back safe and sound. But those breakfast flights don't do anything for me!

All is still quiet out here. No news at this point. The only action left on our part right now is to get word to civil official about the results of [redacted].

I hope you have been able to relax more and sink your teeth [redacted]

Enclosed is a check for thirty Masses, For the Intention of the Donor, to be celebrated at the discretion of the Archdiocese. I don't expect any problem in continuing to send these.

For your budgeting purposes, you can expect your usual salary check and the stipends, but not the "stole fee" check.

Looking forward to new beginnings, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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6-27-79 Telephone Conversation with Fr. Robert Backis [redacted] & Lifeline: [redacted]

I was informed by Msgr. O'Day at Bill's request.  
I was knocked over by the information  
I was at the house and on vacation with him  
- there was no indication  
I was shocked.  
I saw him Thurs. before. Nothing was unusual.

He was involved in Doctor of Ministry Program/Tinley Park Ment. Health Prog.  
Deacon Supervisor for Vincentian Seminary.

I've known him well since Niles Coll.  
No indication.

Even now at clergy discussion of homosexuality, WC would be vehemently negative about it.

----Idiosyncrasies: always lock bedroom door (Mundelein and Vacation with guys)  
couldn't use urinal, always stall.

--St. Mels:

Some other sems involved in homo.act. w kids; but Bill not cited.  
Can't believe it.

Re Violence:

when mad(rarely); incident at Niles when rotten eggs stuck in his car's exhaust.  
He bashed in the door of the suspected student and started fighting; but  
the other fellow was stronger and WC did not put up a fight.  
He was not physically violent.

-At mundelein, he kept weird hours; slept a lot  
-I never heard anything about trips with kids

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He's a good person; great in ministry; must lead a double life.

His other best friend is [redacted] Wk: [redacted]  
Hm: [redacted]

If you talk to him, tell him we're behind him and support him.



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Trip to Boston 6/28-30, 1979

6:30 AM flight to [REDACTED]

9:30 arr. mtg with States Atty. John Gravetti & Investigator John Beck.

[REDACTED]

10-12 TG with JG/JB

[REDACTED]

Friday:

8am breakfast mtg. 9:30 [REDACTED]

11:15-12:15 polygraph test

12:15-12:45: results conclusive: telling truth, no violence.  
more detailed report to be made.

[REDACTED]

Car accident

Lunch 1:30 to 2:30

[REDACTED]

WC doing well; (cf. letter received in transit)  
Has many bills to pay; salary needed; also Stipends

Sat. 11am report to O'Day; his will do salary (not stole fees) does not have stipends  
JCH to contact Extension as a possible source

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June 12, 1979  
11:05 A.M.

Msgr. Martin O'Day called from Myrtle Beach, So. Carolina to ask for advice. He had just been informed by the Oak Forest Chief of Police that his associate at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, Father William V. Cloutier, had had a Complaint signed against him late last night, Monday, June 11, 1979.

Parents of two boys (presumably in St. Damian's Grammar School - Monsignor was not certain) complained that Father Cloutier had taken indecent liberties with their sons at a cottage in downstate Illinois.

At this time the Chief was willing to suspend action until Monsignor could return to Chicago. (At this time he is on a wait-list for a 2 P.M. flight to Chicago and Confirmed on another flight arriving at O'Hare at 8 P.M.)

I notified Cardinal Cody at 11:20 of the problem. [REDACTED]

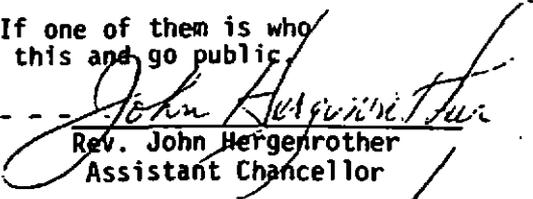
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Some Background furnished by Msgr. O'Day:

On Friday, June 8, 1979 a boy from St. Damian's informed Monsignor that Father Cloutier had some sort of relations with the boy on Memorial Day. The boy didn't want anyone to know, but wanted it stopped. Msgr. said he would take care of the matter.

Saturday evening, June 9, Monsignor spoke with Father Cloutier, telling him of the charges. He supposedly responded: "O my God, my priesthood is finished." Msgr. O'Day said he told him that answer wasn't the only one, if he were willing to change and get help. Msgr. O'Day felt the incident was temporarily resolved and they would settle it upon Msgr.'s return from vacation, which was starting the next day.

Apparently on Sunday, Father Cloutier took two other boys to a cottage in downstate Illinois. They told their parents what happened and they, in turn, went to the Oak Forest Police to sign a Complaint.

Monsignor is fairly certain he knows the families. If one of them is who thinks, Monsignor expects they may make an issue of this and go public

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Rev. John Hergenrother  
Assistant Chancellor

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12:45 - Msgr. O'Day called. He was able to get an early flight:  
Piedmont Airlines, #105, arriving O'Hare at 5:05 P.M. [REDACTED]  
*East. Gate O3A.*

He asked that I call Chief Lexol at [REDACTED] to inform him  
of the arrival time. A squad car is scheduled to take Monsignor  
back to the rectory.

Monsignor's private number at the rectory is: [REDACTED]

Upon arrival, Monsignor will call me at St. Monica's [REDACTED]  
to get the results of the afternoon meeting, or I am to leave a  
number where I can be reached.

Called the Chief. Not in. To return my call.

(St. Damian Church  
(5220 West 155th St.  
(Oak Forest, IL. 60452  
([REDACTED])



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Office of the Chancellor

June 6, 2:30 PM Msgr. O'Day called. He had received a call from [REDACTED] the Lutheran minister of the Lutheran boy involved with the Cloutier case.

The minister was asking assistance from the Archdiocese for the boy who is having problems with his parents. Since the family did not press charges, they feel the Archdiocese should assist them in placing the boy in something like Boys Town.

(I reminded Msgr. that the Oak Forest Police had mentioned at the time of our visit to the station last year, that the boy had recently been in trouble the the police "went out on a limb for him" to avoid pressing charges. And they were irritated that the boys parents right after that were so vindictive towards Father Cloutier. Monsignor O'Day agreed that the boys problems antedated his association with Fr. Cloutier.)

[REDACTED]

Msgr. was agreeable to this and will get back to me with the details.

JCH

# WILLIAM J. CLOUTIER

Home  
Office

email: [wjcloutier@mindspring.com](mailto:wjcloutier@mindspring.com)

## SUMMARY

- Lead major projects involving e-commerce; experienced with VB, ColdFusion, ASP, HTML, and Java using formal methodology
- Executive in Big Five (Andersen Consulting) working with airline and pharmaceutical industries
- Full life-cycle development and implementation of Data Warehouses, Data Marts and DSS systems in the areas of Logistics, Accounting, Finance, and Sales Analysis
- Experienced database architect with CA Erwin 3.5.2 and Sybase Power Architect 6.1.
- Served as technical lead in major corporate project to migrate data processing to ERP system (J. D. Edwards World Vision A7.3) at Fortune 100 client.
- Program Manager with responsibility for multiple IS projects at Fortune 100 clients.
- Conceived, organized, and led client-server projects in accounting, marketing, financial reporting, pharmaceuticals, health care, and manufacturing
- Extensive Management experience: supervised accounting, sales order, shipping, receiving, billing, and purchasing departments, and managed in educational sector.
- Managed connectivity with remote vendor and client data systems including EDI, replication strategies, and web connectivity
- Led multiple proposals, RFQ, sales presentations, and business development activity
- Participated in ISO-9000 testing, certification, and compliance processes including version and change control.
- Available for travel up to 100%

## Education

Bachelor of Arts in Statistics and Sociology  
Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, 1971

Master of Arts in Business  
St. Mary University, Mundelein, Illinois, 1975

Doctor in Business Admin. (candidate)  
St. Mary University, 1977

Continuing technical education

WILLIAM J

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Accenture LLP

<b>TECHNICAL SYNOPSIS</b>		
Visual Basic 5.0, 6.0, ASP	IBMAS/400DB2	Arbor Essbase/400
IBM AS/400 CL, Dream Writer, WorldWriter	Oracle 8.0.6, 8.1.6, 7.3.4	Showcase Strategy 2.5 Suite (DSS tools) for the AS/400
MS Project 98, 2000, and SE project management software	CA Erwin 3.5.2	Crystal Report Writer
Sybase Power Designer 6.1, 7.0	Sybase 11	MS SQL Server 6.5, 7.0
J. D. Edwards World Vision A7.3	HP, Sun, AIX Unix Admin.	Data Mirror ETL tool
Method I	MS Office 97, 2000 (Word, Excel PowerPoint, Access)	Alaire Cold Fusion 4.5
NT 4.0 Server Admin., Win 2000 Professional	NT 4.0 Workstation	MS Windows 3.1, 95, 98
EDI	Web tools: Dreamweaver, Adobe, FrontPage	Oracle Developer 2000 and Oracle Developer 6
CABpwin	CA Model Mart	Rational Rose 2000
Client Server Architecture	MS OLAP Server	Oracle Warehouse Tools

## Employment History

### ACCENTURE LLP

#### September 2000 - Present

PROJECT MANAGER in Airline Industry  
Specialty – Technology Solutions  
Transportation and Travel Services

161 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60601-3200  
(312) 693-4894

[http://members.aol.com/ht\\_a/wjcloutier/resume.htm](http://members.aol.com/ht_a/wjcloutier/resume.htm)

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Client: Delta Airlines, Atlanta, Georgia  
September, 2000 to February, 2001  
Technical Development Manager  
Developed plan for integration of data for Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) of aircraft

Client: Southwestern Bell (SBC)  
December, 2000  
Technical Development Manager  
Directed team of twelve to develop Hyperion Essbase Data Mart

Client: Internal  
February, 2001 to March, 2001  
Business Development Manager  
Prepared mCommerce Point of View for Airline Industry  
Detailed document outlining opportunities for wireless technology in the Airline industry.

Client: Pfizer Pharmaceutical  
Subject Matter Expert  
Assisted client to troubleshoot Hyperion Essbase solution

Client: Voices for Illinois Children  
March, 2001 to April, 2001  
Program Manager  
Managed redesign of client web site to include eCommerce functionality.

Client: Internal  
April, 2001 to Present  
Business Development Manager (sales, pre-sales)  
Lead six person team to prepare Data Warehouse Proposal for Major University

## DECISION CONSULTANTS, INC.

March 1977 - August 2000

### PROGRAM MANAGER

28411 Northwestern Hwy  
Suite 325  
Southfield, MI 48034  
Phone (248) 352-8650

Client: Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Illinois

January, 2000 to September, 2000

### PROGRAM MANAGER

Supervised development of this client Web interface for applications.

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Project Manager for Central Engineering Division with responsibility for all client-server and web projects.  
Implemented online document storage system using Oracle database and Web (ASP) interface  
Full life cycle implementation of Chemical information system (database with Cold Fusion web front end)  
Leading Medical Information Management System (Health and Safety Software) Project - 250 clients, n-tier architecture

Client: Baxter International Deerfield, Illinois, October 1997-January, 2000

#### DATA WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Designed, developed, and managed Global Data Warehouse. Tasks included gathering requirements, analyzing current OLTP system, developing budgets and timelines, handling change requests, and delivering the final product (currently in use). DB2 was the primary database - also extracted data from SQL Server and Oracle. Project lasted 2 1/2 years.  
Created Data Marts for accounting, logistics, and sales analysis using Hyperion Essbase and managed construction of web interfaces  
Utilized Erwin 3.5.2, Sybase S-Designer, and Showcase Warehouse Manager to build tables and schedule various scripts (batch processes, building of indexes, etc.)  
Used formal project methodology (Method One)  
Performed logical and physical data modeling using ERwin.  
Served as technical lead in J.D. Edwards implementation in Baxter Biotech division (ERP system, World)  
Hired, supervised, and mentored members of IT professional staff.

Client: Comdisco Rosemont, Illinois, 1997

#### Managing Consultant

Authored technical specification documents for a desktop migration strategy from Windows 3.11 through Windows 95 and to Windows NT 4.0.  
Managed development of web page interfaces with Comdisco asset management software  
Designed and developed Windows NT 4.0 Server architecture for client  
Worked closely with clients to develop custom system integration solutions in client-server applications in the Microsoft SQL Server 6.5, HP UNIX, Oracle, and Sybase platforms.  
Supervised a team of System Architects, Systems Integration specialists, Programmers, and Business Process Improvement specialists  
Developed project plans and estimated cost and pricing for the systems integration projects.  
Comdisco clients included Pepsi, Caterpillar, MicroAge, Allegheny Power, Well-Fargo Bank, Marsh-McClennan, and Memorial-Sloan Kettering Medical Center.

#### LIGHTNER ASSOCIATES, INC. Palatine, Illinois

1990 to 1997

#### M.I.S. Director

Early adopter of Web commerce; developed company Internet presence, including E-mail and

a Web page using UNIX platform.  
 Established EDI system to communicate with Delco, GM, and Allen-Bradley.  
 Conceived, organized, and led project to migrate company systems from older programs to client/server.  
 Responsible for manufacturing reporting and planning (MRP), inventory control, sales, and accounting system (Visual Manufacturing from Lilly Software, using a Gupta platform).  
 Initiated client/server-based quality control system to track key manufacturing processes inspection information, using Watcom systems.  
 Migrated all office systems from DOS through Windows for Workgroups 3.11 to Windows 95.  
 Implemented bar coding scanning and printing processes throughout the receiving, manufacturing, inventory control, and shipping process.  
 Participated in ISO-9001 certification process and completed internal auditing training.  
 Supervised procurement of all computer-related supplies; and supervised accounting, sales order, shipping, receiving, and purchasing departments, totaling 25 employees  
 Supervised staff of 45 with hiring and firing responsibility  
 Developed educational programs and support for 50 computer users  
 Member, Electronics Industry Association Bar Code Standards Committee (ANSI MH10)

## **TRIACTIVE CORPORATION, Skokie, Illinois**

1985 to 1993

Managing Consultant

Assisted Northwestern, University of Illinois, and Loyola staffs in early development of hypertext Web pages and development of Winsock clients.  
 Set up SBT accounting systems for several clients.  
 Implemented non-profit organization donor-fulfillment systems.  
 Set up school computer laboratories, using Apple computers and IBM PC-compatible machines in a network environment.  
 Advised organizations in computer procurement area.  
 Established several mailing list systems.  
 Served as Systems Architect for the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, and for several hospitals.

## **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

1979 to 1990

Associate Professor, Policy & Administration

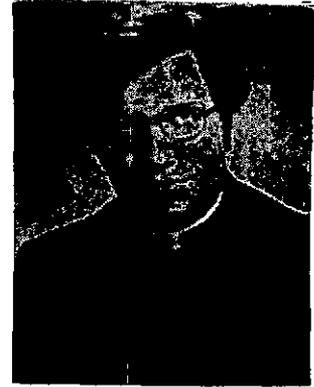
Employed computer-based instructional materials in teaching.  
 Provided on-line documents for students.  
 Participated in networking on campus, and through the Bitnet (an Internet predecessor).  
 Participated in numerous academic committees.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Bernadette Connolly, of Victim CR's statement, given to Bernadette Connolly on June 5, 1996, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. William Cloutier. The alleged abuse consisted of Rev. Cloutier providing Victim CR with drugs and alcohol, as well as numerous incidents of oral sex and anal penetration. Victim CR stated that Fr. Cloutier would provide him drugs and alcohol in exchange for oral sex. The alleged abuse occurred between 1975-1983, when Victim CR was 13 to 19 years old. The alleged abuse occurred at St. Francis Cabrini parish, on a camping trip, and at Fr. Cloutier's home in Peoria, Illinois. Victim CR believes there were at least 100-200 instances of sexual contact.



CLOUTIER, REV. WILLIAM J.		Date of birth [REDACTED]	Ordained 05 14 75
Nationality FRENCH-CANADIAN, INDIAN, BOHEMIAN, POLISH			
Date Appointed	Assignment	Charge	Date Left
5/21/75	St. Frances Cabrini	Associate	6/10/77
6/10/77	St. Damian, Oak Forest	Associate	10/17/79
10/17/79	Active outside Archdiocese, Worcester, Mass.		7/2/81
7/2/81	John Paul II Catholic Center U.ofI. @ Chicago w/residence at Our Lady of Snows	Director	
		Associate	6/8/82
6/8/82	John Paul II Catholic Center U.ofI. @ Chicago (in residence)	Director	6/30/85
8/28/85	St. Peter, Skokie	Associate	7/27/93
7/27/93	<i>Left the Active Ministry</i>		
	<i>Deceased 8-26-03</i>		



*William J. Cloutier*  
Extraordinary Appointments

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### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim CS's statement, given to Ms. Zacharias on February 23, 2009, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. William Cloutier. The alleged abuse consisted of 10 to 15 incidents of fondling over a six month period of time, which occurred at St. Francis Cabrini parish, at a parish in Oak Forest, and at a cabin in Illinois. On at least one occasion, Fr. Cloutier provided Victim CS with alcohol and marijuana. Victim CS believes that another priest at St. Francis Cabrini suspected that Fr. Cloutier was abusing Victim CS and other boys because while they were at the parish, the other priest would hang around and try and catch them.

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Office of Assistance Ministry  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Safe Environment Office



P. O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979  
312-751-5254, general  
312-751-8307, fax

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Carol Fowler, Personnel Services  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

**From:** Santa Garcia, Secretary *S.G.*  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**Date:** October 29, 2008

**Re:** [PFR- 08] CLOUTIER, REV. WILLIAM (DECEASED)/  
[REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on October 27, 2008.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding [PFR- 08] CLOUTIER, REV. WILLIAM (DECEASED)/ [REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Please call Patty Zacharias with any questions you may have at 312-867-8793.  
Thank you.

Attachment

Cc: John O'Malley, Attorney

*Doc. James Scritella*

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** October 27, 2008  
**To:** File – PFR 08  
*P.Z. per S.G.*  
**From:** Patty Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (CAIR)  
**Re:** Cloutier, Fr. William (deceased) – [REDACTED]

On October 23, 2008, the CAIR office received notification of an allegation of sexual misconduct of a minor made by [REDACTED] against Fr. William Cloutier.

[REDACTED] is being legally represented by Jeff Anderson & Associates.

Per Mr. Anderson's direction, I have contacted Chris Rued-paralegal ([REDACTED]) to schedule an interview with [REDACTED] to receive his allegation information.

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S  
Meeting No. 75 - The Seventh Board

Meeting: Friday, June 26, 1981

Present: Reverend Monsignor Eugene F. Lyons, Very Reverend John R. Keating  
Reverends: Robert J. Heidenreich, Thaddeus J. Makuch, William D. Mannion,  
Michael J. Nallen, Richard R. Schroeder, Thomas A. Tivy.

Place: St. Louise de Marillac Church, LaGrange Park, Illinois.

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend William D. Mannion

2. Minutes: Accepted 7-0

3. Reports:

a. Bill Cloutier, '75 is back. The recommendation is that he not go back into full time parish work. Perhaps he'll go to Circle and reside at Our Lady of the Snows.

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4. Agenda - [REDACTED] Accepted - 7/0.

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Minutes, Meeting No. 75, The Seventh Board, St. Louise de Marillac Rectory, LaGrange Park,  
Friday, June 26, 1981

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7.

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[REDACTED]

11. Adjournment - 5:00 P. M.

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