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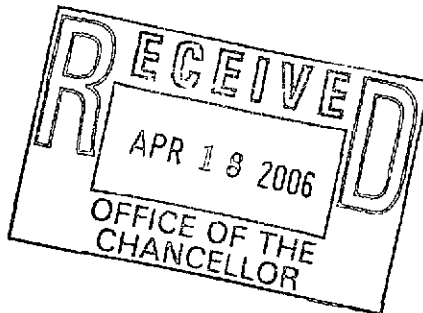
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TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
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Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Patricia Zacharias, Office of Professional Responsibility

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility



DATE: April 18, 2006

RE: [PFR-07] Curran, Rev. John W. (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 4/17/06. We are opening a file and Patty Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Curran, Rev. John W. [REDACTED]

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Cc: Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Dennis Lyle, Mundelein Seminary
Very Rev. James Presta, Vicar, St. Joseph Seminary

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim FA to Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, concerning Victim FA's abuse by Rev. John Curran. Victim FA states that he was taken advantage of by Fr. Curran when he was a student at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South in 1965, but declined to specify the nature of his abuse. As a result of the abuse, Victim EA left the seminary the following year.

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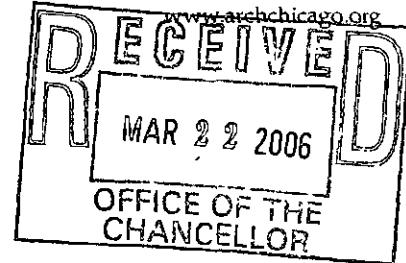


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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: March 22, 2006

RE: [PFR-07] Curran, Rev. John W. (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 3/21/06. We are opening a file and Patty Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Curran, Rev. John W. [REDACTED]

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: April 23, 2004

RE: [PFR-07] Curran, John (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 4/23/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED] Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Curran, John [REDACTED]

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cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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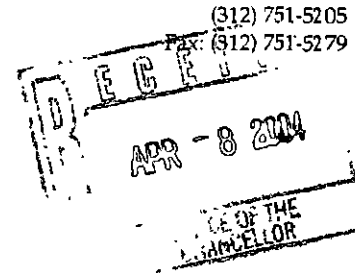


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FROM: ^{LNP} Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: March 31, 2004

RE: [PFR-07] Curran, John (Deceased), [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 3/31/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Curran, John [REDACTED].

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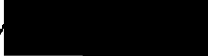
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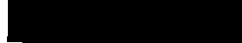
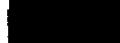


From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Curran, Rev. John [Deceased] 

Date: March 31, 2004

PRA received a phone call today from  regarding an allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. John Curran.  informed PRA that she had received a letter in response to her inquiry of Fr. Curran's status and if there were any substantiated allegations made against him. She expressed her appreciation for the letter.

After agreeing to an explanation of the purpose and function of the Office of Professional Responsibility,  stated that she would like to make an appointment to meet with PRA. It was agreed that  and PRA would meet on Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at 1:00pm.

 provided her birth date  and may be reached at 
[home phone number].  also informed PRA that she is employed as a 

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant^{LNP}
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: April 14, 2004

RE: [PFR-07]Curran, John (Deceased) [REDACTED]

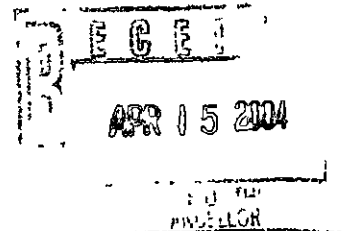
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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: April 7, 2004

RE: [PFR-07]Curran, John (Deceased)/[REDACTED]

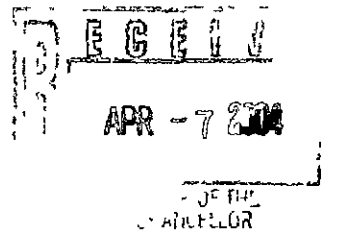
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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: March 10, 2004

RE: [PFR-07]Curran, John (Deceased) [REDACTED]

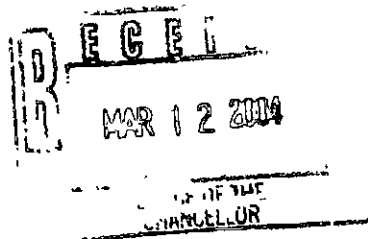
Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 3/9/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Curran, John [REDACTED]

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cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway



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March 8, 2004

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Mr. Michael J. Howlett, Jr.
Cook County State's Attorney Counsel
69 West Washington Street, 32nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: 1972

Date of alleged abuse: 1986 & 1987

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an allegation from [REDACTED] currently 32 years of age, that he was the victim of sexual misconduct by Fr. John Curran, an archdiocesan priest. Fr. Curran was assigned to St. Christina Parish as pastor from 1980 until his retirement in 1993. The parish is located at 11005 South Homan Avenue in Chicago is in Cook County, Illinois. At the time the alleged sexual abuse began, the victim was a student at the parish school and approximately 14 years of age. The misconduct continued through 1987. The priest is deceased.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John C. O'Malley in cursive.
John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Shauna Boliker
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Mr. James A. Serritella

SC:04SC039 \Cook\Letter to State's Attorney Office re [REDACTED]

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino^{LNP}, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: December 16, 2003

RE: [PFR-07] Curran, John (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 12/15/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Curran, John [REDACTED].

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

REVISION

DATE: December 16, 2003

RE: [PFR-07]Curran, John (Deceased), [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 12/15/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Curran, John, [REDACTED].

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✓ John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the PFRB
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, ^{LNP}Administrative Assistant
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: February 5, 2003

RE: [PFR-07] Curran, John (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 2/5/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED] Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Curran, John [REDACTED]

Thank you.

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cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

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Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of Professional Fitness
676 N. St. Clair
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Attn: Kathleen Leggdas

February 1, 2003

Dear Ms. Leggdas:

As you can see, my name is [REDACTED] I am a product of a Catholic education

[REDACTED] I completed grammar school in 1964 from St. John Fisher School and was a member of that parish [REDACTED]

and attended Quigley South, [REDACTED]

However, one experience at Quigley South has effected me in a tremendously negative way. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In October or November of 1967, [REDACTED] I was sexually abused by Father John Curran in one of the music rooms adjacent to the auditorium in the building that is now St. Rita High School. It was the only time this occurred. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The ruse that Fr. Curran used with me was that he was conducting a sex education talk.

Fr. Curran, unbelievably, was allowed to "monitor" the boy's locker room, which he did every day, dressed in cassock. [REDACTED]

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Shortly after the event, Fr. Curran made the point to me that there was nothing "sinful" about what was done on my part and that I did not need to worry about it. [REDACTED]

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[illegible]

CURRAN

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Cardinal



Post Office Box 1979
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April 1, 2002

Ms. Kathleen Leggdas
Administrator
Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. Leggdas,

I received from you the review of all the outstanding cases of reported sexual misconduct with minors by members of the Archdiocesan clergy. I thank you sincerely for the good work of the Office and your own dedication to a task so important for the Church's ministry.

I accept all the recommendations in the letters that you sent me, dated March 25, 2002. In the case of accusations against priests who are now deceased, I would like to know how it is that we are going to be of service to the victims who have brought the allegations forward at this time.

This acceptance of all recommendations made will be seconded to all parties concerned, so that the recommendations can be implemented as quickly as possible. Again, thank you for your dedication and for the help you bring to victims and clergy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Most Rev. Raymond Goedert
✓ Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Rev. James Kaczorowski
Rev. Lawrence McBrady
Mr. Jimmy Lago

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March 25, 2002

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on February 16, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. John Curran in a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Policies and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry.

In light of the fact that there is no new or contradictory information, the Review Board affirmed their First Stage Review that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur.

If you have questions or comments, please call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Leggdas".

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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Memorandum

To: File

From: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate
to the Professional Fitness Review Board *TJP*

Re: Review Board Meeting, Second Stage Review
Rev. John Curran

Date: February 16, 2002

At the First Stage Review, the Review Board asked Kathleen Leggdas to inquire whether the alleged victim, [REDACTED] had ever told anyone about the alleged abuse. [REDACTED] responded that he had not.

In light of the fact that there was no new or contradictory information, the Review Board affirmed their First Stage Review that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur.

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February 6, 2002



Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on December 15, 2001 to conduct a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.8 of the Review Process For Continuation of Ministry. The Board considered all oral and written information available concerning your allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against Rev. John Curran.

The Board's main responsibility is to ensure that there is no immediate risk to minors. Since Father Curran is deceased, he is unable to respond to the allegation and the Board can apply no restrictions to ministry.

Remember that Victim Assistance is available to you through Dr. Michael Bland. Feel free to contact him as you continue to work toward closure in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Leggdas".

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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To: File - PFR-07

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *tl*

Re: Telephone Conversation with [REDACTED] alleged victim

Date: January 31, 2002

During the First Stage Review of this case the Board directed the Administrator to ask [REDACTED] if he had disclosed this information to anyone over the years.

PFRA called on January 15, 2002 and left a message asking him to return her call. No return call was received. A second call was made on January 31, 2002.

[REDACTED] said that he never disclosed this information to anyone over the years [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: Members of the Review Board
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December 20, 2001

Francis Cardinal George
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on December 15, 2001 and conducted a First Stage Review. The Board considered the allegation of [REDACTED] against the late Rev. John Curran.

Based on the information presented and the history of previous allegations against Father Curran, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur.

The services of the Victim Assistance Ministry have been reviewed with [REDACTED] in light of the Board's finding.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen Leggdas".

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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Dr. Michael J. Bland, Victim Assistance Ministry
Mr. John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

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Memorandum

To: File

From: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's
Delegate to the Review Board *TJP*

Re: Rev. John Curran – Review Board Meeting -
First Stage Review

Date: December 15, 2001

The Review Board considered the allegation of [REDACTED] against the late Rev. John Curran.

Based on the information presented and the history of previous allegations against Fr. Curran, the Review Board determined that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur.

In preparation for the second stage review, the Board asked Kathleen Leggdas to ask [REDACTED] if he had ever told anyone else about the alleged abuse closer to the time when it occurred.

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November 21, 2000

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on November 18, 2000. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. John Curran and the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A First Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article 1104.8 of the Review Process For Continuation of Ministry.

Since Father Curran is deceased, the information was limited to allegation without response from the accused. The Board, based on history and details of the allegation, determined that the incident could have happened but that no final determination as to reasonable cause could be made.

The allegation will be added to and maintained as part of Father Curran's Review Board case file.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen Leggdas".

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KI /lnp

Cc: Review Board Members
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Michael Bland, Victim's Assistance Ministry

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December 23, 1998

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

After meeting with you, to hearing the allegations made of sexual misconduct with a minor against Fr. John Curran, and reading [REDACTED] letter, I met with Fr. Curran and the Vicar for Priests.

I presented the allegations as [REDACTED] described. Fr. Curran remembered [REDACTED] and indicated he remembered [REDACTED] visiting the rectory once. I then gave Fr. Curran [REDACTED] letter. He read it while I was present and expressed sadness regarding the difficulties both of you are experiencing.

As I mentioned to you during our telephone conversation of 12/22/98, Fr. Curran is not in active ministry, nor is he in situations with individuals under eighteen (18) years of age without another adult present. He presents no risk to minors as he has a formal protocol which is monitored by this office.

I know this has been difficult for all concerned. I hope knowing that the allegation has been presented to Fr. Curran directly will help you in your efforts toward resolution of this in your own lives.

Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister, will continue to keep in touch with you regarding arrangements for therapy with a qualified therapist in your area. His office has had direct contact with the [REDACTED] Diocese in order to facilitate obtaining local services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Leggdas".

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Vicar for Priests
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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December 23, 1998

**Reverend John Curran
Resurrection Life Center
7370 West Talcott
Chicago, IL 60631**

Dear Father Curran:

As I mentioned at the close of our meeting on Tuesday, December 15th, I am summarizing specific points so that all of us will have the same information.

1. Recent allegation from [REDACTED] was presented to you as well as the letter from [REDACTED] his wife.
2. My next step is to report to the Professional Fitness Review Board regarding this meeting as well as your response to the allegations.
3. Fr. Larry McBrady provided you with information regarding an employment opportunity with Catholic Cemeteries Office in Hillside. This can be part-time (Tuesdays and Thursdays) to accommodate [REDACTED]. You agreed to consider offer.
4. A lengthy discussion focused on your return to a rectory and/or another living arrangement. I informed you that it was necessary to focus on environmental changes at Resurrection and that, due to health concerns, your withdrawal from participation in all activities and the most recent allegation, the option of returning to a rectory would not be the focus of either Vicar for Priests or Review Board discussion.
5. After the above discussion, Fr. McBrady and I stated that when these other issues are addressed, you can write to request a change from Resurrection Life Center but that returning to a rectory is not an option without full disclosure to the parish community. You clearly state you would not be agreeable to this.

Our conversation was open and honest. I hope you will give serious thought to the job opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen Leggdas".

**Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator**

cc: **Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Lawrence McBrady**

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MEMO

TO: Linda Burns, Priests Placement Board
FROM: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TOP*
DATE: July 21, 1998
RE: Diocesan Priests – No Mail Status

The following priests have restricted faculties for priestly ministry, so should not be receiving regular diocesan mailings. Accordingly, please put the following priests on “no mail” status by entering the proper code in your computer list of diocesan priests:

JOHN CURRAN



Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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March 4, 1998

His Eminence
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 East Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on February 21, 1998. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review in the matter of Reverend John Curran.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Connolly".

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Lawrence McBrady and
Rev. Daniel Coughlin
Vicars for Priests
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister

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January 13, 1998

Reverend John Curran
Alvernia Manor
13950 Main Street
Lemont, IL 60439

Dear Father Curran:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on December 20, 1997. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Board Process For Continuation of Ministry.

Archbishop George has accepted the Board's recommendation for a change in your protocol. Specifically, you are now to reside at Alvernia Manor in Lemont, IL. Further, your activities will continue to be monitored by an on-site monitor.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Connolly".

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: **Members of the Review Board**
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
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Rev. Daniel Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Lawrence McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister

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January 5, 1998

JAN 13 1998

Dear [REDACTED]

I am Bernadette Connolly, the Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago. All allegations of sexual misconduct by Archdiocesan priests with minors are referred to me for further inquiry. I, in turn, report to an independent Review Board about such matters.

Recently, it was brought to my attention that you had written the enclosed flyer extending an invitation for others to speak of their experiences with Fr. Curran. As an Archdiocesan official, I am aware of the alleged allegations brought against Fr. Curran in 1993.

I am enclosing a copy of our Policies and Procedures regarding Clerical Sexual Misconduct With Minors, and a brochure of our Victim Assistance Ministry Office. I encourage you, and others, to contact me if you wish to report allegations of sexual misconduct.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above address or phone number.

Very truly yours,

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Daniel Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Lawrence McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
Rev. Marty O'Donovan, Pastor, St. Christina Parish

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July 30, 1997

Reverend John W. Curran
St. Joseph Rectory
17951 Dixie Highway
Homewood, IL 60430

Dear Father Curran:

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board, I am writing to you concerning the decision that it is time for you to move to a different residence. The reason is that the circumstances no longer warrant your living in your current setting. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, communicated this decision to you. You were initially given the options of moving to Koenig Hall or an apartment at the Retreat House in Mundelein. You have also been given the option of moving to Casa San Carlo, a Catholic Charities senior housing facility at 429 N. Wolf Road. You were scheduled to accompany Bernadette to look at this option, but you cancelled this appointment.

Let me be absolutely clear that you are to vacate St. Joseph Rectory in Homewood by August 1, 1997. This decision is final and not negotiable. Failure to comply with this decision will be considered a willful and flagrant violation of your protocol, which would need to be reported to the Review Board for their recommendation and to the Archbishop for possible sanctions.

Accordingly, you should consider this letter a formal canonical warning in accord with canon 1347 that your failure to vacate St. Joseph Rectory by August 1, 1997 could result in the imposition of the canonical penalty of suspension (c. 1333), which would forbid you from all acts of the power of orders, including the private celebration of Mass

It is hoped that you will cooperate voluntarily for the good of the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Haney, O.S.A.". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Vice-Chancellor

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Reverend John W. Curran
July 30, 1997
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cc: Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
Most Reverend Timothy J. Lyne, Vicar for Senior Priests
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
Reverend Lawrence P. McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Reverend James M. Sayers, Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Homewood
Reverend Robert A. Stepek, Associate Pastor, St. Joseph Parish
Ms. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

The Parish of Saint Joseph

September 13, 1996

Rev. James Sayers
St. Joseph Parish
17951 S. Dixie Hwy.
Homewood, Illinois

Professional Fitness Review Board,
Archdiocese of Chicago
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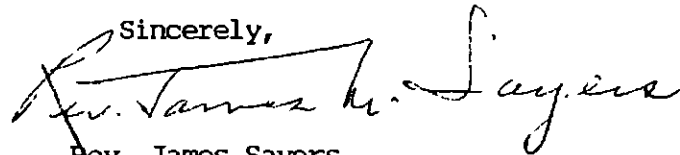
Dear Board Members,

Father Stepek and I are most grateful for your decision to allow Father John Curran to enjoy the hospitality of the Parish of St. Joseph. Father seems quite happy and content in the rectory setting, and is getting stronger with each passing day.

We have been informed of the restrictions imposed by the Board. We respect your decision, but hopefully in the not too distant future Father will be able to exercise his priestly ministry under your direction and our careful supervision.

We are happy to express our concern for Father and to practice the virtues of forgiveness, compassion and charity.

Sincerely,



Rev. James Sayers
Pastor, St. Joseph Parish

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AOC 001804

INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL
for REV. JOHN CURRAN
9-3-96

I have reviewed, understood, and agree to all requirements of this protocol.

- 1) Unaccompanied, out-of-house activities include the following
 - A. Archdiocese of Chicago/Pastoral Center - as needed;
 - B. [REDACTED]
 - C. Spiritual Direction, as needed.
- 2) Fr. Curran is not to be alone with persons under eighteen (18) years of age without another responsible adult present.
- 3) Attendance at all activities and the specific names, addresses, times, and telephone numbers regarding Fr. Curran's whereabouts must be conveyed to his individual monitors.
- 4) Fr. Curran is not to take overnights or vacations unless prior approval is obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.
- 5) Fr. Curran is allowed to celebrate Mass privately as provided in the Sacramentary according to the "Order of Mass Without A Congregation." All other ministry remains restricted.
- 6) In order to change this protocol, prior approval must be obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.
- 7) This is a working document which can be changed, altered or superseded when there is an indicated need to do so.
8. A copy of this protocol will be kept on file at the Office of Professional Fitness Review and the Vicar for Priests.

Signed: John W. Curran

Date: 9/13/96

Printed Name: JOHN W. CURRAN

Professional Fitness Review Administrator [Signature]

Date: 9/3/96

cc: Members of Review Board
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki
Vicar for Priests
Rev. James Sayers
Rev. Robert Stepek

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August 12, 1996

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Reverend John W. Curran
St. Joseph Rectory
17951 Dixie Highway
Homewood, Illinois 60430

Dear Father Curran;

Please be advised that the Review Board met on July 12, 1996. The Board reviewed Cardinal Bernardin's letter and your letter requesting a change in your living situation as well as your commitment to receive individual therapy.

The Board recommended, and the Cardinal accepted, that you may reside at St. Joseph's parish in Homewood, Illinois. The Board further recommended, and the Cardinal accepted, that the Professional Fitness Review Administrator and the Vicar for Priests meet with you and the priests of St. Joseph's to discuss monitoring restrictions.

As we discussed on the phone last week, I will be contacting the Vicar for Priests, Fr. Dan Coughlin, to arrange a time when we can all meet to discuss monitoring restrictions.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Connolly".

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Daniel Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
Rev. James M. Sayers, Pastor, St. Joseph Church

AOC 001806

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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July 26, 1996

Bernadette,

I am writing in response to your letter of July 24, 1996 regarding the matter of Father John Curran, as discussed by the Review Board on July 12, 1996.

In light of the situation, I am pleased to accept the Board's recommendations that Father Curran be permitted to reside at St. Joseph Parish in Homewood, Illinois, and that you and the Vicar for Priests meet with Father Curran and the priests of St. Joseph parish to discuss monitoring restrictions.

Please inform Father Curran of this decision.

I am deeply grateful for the work of the Review Board and yourself.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardini
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

Ms. Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
1 East Superior, Suite 504
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cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
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July 24, 1996

His Eminence
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Your Eminence,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on July 12, 1996. The Board reviewed your letter dated June 17, 1996 in the matter of Rev. John Curran.

The Board recommends that Fr. Curran can reside at St. Joseph parish in Homewood, IL. The Board further recommends that the Professional Fitness Review Administrator and the Vicar for Priests meet with Fr. Curran and the priests of St. Joseph's to discuss monitoring restrictions.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor/ *THP*
Archbishop's Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board

Date: July 12, 1996

Re: REVEREND JOHN W. CURRAN, Class of '57 - Review Board Meeting

The Board considered the request that Father Curran be allowed to live at St. Joseph Rectory in Homewood, Illinois without any parochial responsibilities [REDACTED]

The Board is agreeable to Father Curran's residence at St. Joseph Rectory without parish ministry. [REDACTED]

AOC 001809

June 11, 1996

Rev. John Curran
St. Benedicts' Home
6930 W. Touhy
Niles, Ill. 60648

Professional Fitness Review Board
Archdiocese of Chicago
1 East Superior St.
Chicago, Il. 60611

Dear Board Members,

Recently, I have suffered through [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. I am now hopefully on the way to recovery. However the prospect of returning to my former living situation is not one that offers me much encouragement or hope.

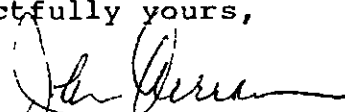
Aware of the past, I deeply regret what has occurred and all of its ramifications. I assure you that I am not a risk to minors in any way at all. I want to do what I can to get on with my life and be able to give back to the Archdiocese whatever I can.

I am aware that I need support. I therefore ask that you allow me to reside at St. Joseph's rectory in Homewood under the monitoring of Rev. James Sayers and his priestly staff. They are aware of my situation and have volunteered to take me in. I understand there will be no ministry for me at this time.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He and Fr. Sayers will have a contact with the Board, the Vicar for Priests and Bernadette as is appropriate.

I ask that you consider this request at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,


Rev. John Curran

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Office of the Archbishop



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DECREE REMITTING THE SUSPENSION OF REVEREND JOHN W. CURRAN

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. AMEN.

In light of the [REDACTED] of Reverend John W. Curran, the reasons have ceased for his suspension from all ministry as a priest;

Therefore, I, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See, in accord with canons 1356 and 1358 hereby remit the suspension imposed on Father Curran on January 8, 1996, effective immediately.

In prayer I entrust Father Curran to God's gracious care.

Done at Chicago at 9:24 A.M. this 7th day of May, 1996.

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

Thomas J. Paprocki

Chancellor

AOC 001811

Decree Remitting the Suspension of
Reverend John W. Curran
May 7, 1996
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cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
Ms. Bernadette M. Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Attorney at Law

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February 21, 1996

Reverend John W. Curran
6624 Martin France Drive, Apt. 2D
Hamilton Hills Condos
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477

Dear John:

I have been notified that on Sunday, January 28, 1996, you voluntarily moved from Alvernia Manor and the monitoring of the Archdiocese into an apartment at 6624 Martin France Drive, Apt. 2D, Hamilton Hills Condos, Tinley Park, Illinois. As you know from a previous letter, you have been suspended from all priestly ministry because of your unwillingness to obey the Cardinal's direct order that you make yourself available for treatment at this time. That suspension is still in effect.

Because you have chosen to move into a living situation other than the one we asked you to enter, the Archdiocese has no effective way of monitoring your actions at this time. If you wish to continue as a priest in the Archdiocese, you must show good faith by returning to a monitored residence and by agreeing to receive help for your difficulties. If you do not return, then we will take appropriate steps to separate ourselves from you and from our responsibility for you.

You are presently receiving a minimum living stipend according to the dictates of Canon Law. Since you persist in your disobedience to the Cardinal's wishes, you will need to show cause why you should continue to receive this minimum stipend.

John, the Cardinal's overriding concern is to try to get you help. Because you are not being cooperative, the Archdiocese needs to take these steps to protect itself from any possibility of liability for future actions. I am sure you understand our concern about this matter. At this point, we still feel the best scenario is for you to return and receive the help you need. If you continue to go as you have been going, then we will need to make the separation official. I regret having to inform you of these matters in this way, but we see no alternative.

I will be in touch with you shortly to get your response.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas J. Paprocki

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

bc: Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
Ms. Bernadette M. Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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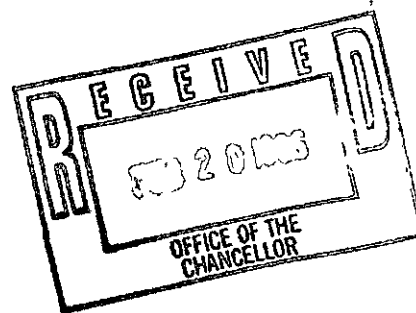
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Memo (curran78)

To: Rev. Thomas Paprocki
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 2/13/96
Re: Rev. John Curran

At our 2/12 [REDACTED] meeting, I agreed to prepare a draft of a letter to be sent to John Curran. Our hope is that by applying some pressure we can get John into treatment at this time. John's phone number is [REDACTED]. May I suggest the following as a starting text:

DRAFT

John Curran
6624 Martin France Drive, Apt. 2D
Hamilton Hills Condos
Tinley Park, IL

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Respectfully yours,

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MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TJP*

Date: February 17, 1996

Re: Review Board Meeting - REV. JOHN W. CURRAN

The Review Board was updated about Father Curran's situation. They are concerned that he is living alone in an apartment without monitoring. They are also concerned about his psychological state.

The Board suggests that the Vicar for Priests visit Father Curran with a psychiatrist or a physician. The hope would be that a physician would be able to get Father Curran started on medication, e.g., Prozac. This might make him more amenable to going for treatment.

If this doesn't work, consideration should be given to having him committed involuntarily. This is done through the State's Attorney's Office; a court order is obtained and an ambulance is sent out to take him to a hospital.

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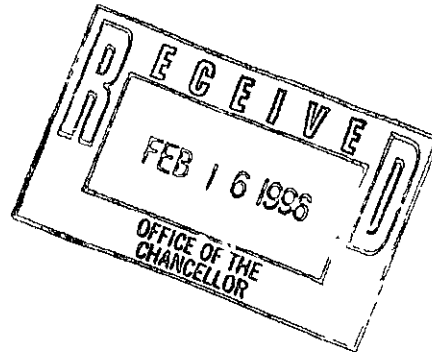


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February 16, 1996

Reverend John Curran
6624 Martin France Drive
Apartment 2D
Tinley Park, IL 60477



Dear Father Curran,

Enclosed you will find your salary check for the month of January. According to Fr. Pat O'Malley, the amount of \$275 for your air fare to Arizona was to be deducted from this salary check.

Beginning in February, 1996, your monthly salary will be cut back to \$500.00 per month.

John, if you should ever need assistance, please do not hesitate to call my office. Also, know that you are in my prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Connolly".

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Patrick O'Malley

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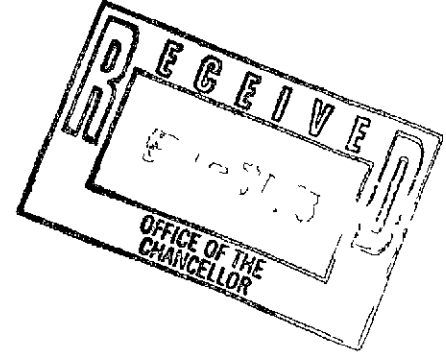
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Memo (curran77)

To: Cardinal Bernardin
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Bernadette Connolly
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 2/7/96
Re: John Curran

On 1/28/96, John Curran took the option of moving out of Alvernia Manor into an apartment. He refused to go to Koenig Hall. John Curran is presently living at 6624 Martin France Drive, Apartment 2D, which is west of Oak Park Ave. on 183rd Street in the Hamilton Hills condos in Tinley Park. His phone number is 708-429-3706.

John at times seems close to being willing to go to St. Luke's Institute. Then he backs away. He still has a negative sense of what the future holds, but what he is experiencing right now living on his own is not very pleasant. He has not bought any furniture or applied for any furniture. His apartment is adequate. He hardly ever leaves the apartment. John is in active touch with no one. Only when people call him or visit him does he respond. He has few visitors outside of myself and Fr. Holihan.

I visited John on 2/6/96. Things are about the same. I tried to convince him to go for help, but he is mired in indecision. We talk about resignation from the priesthood, but he is not there yet. Perhaps the experience of living totally on his own will move him to reconsider.

I told him that his suspension remains in effect. In consultation with Fr. Paprocki, I also told him that his present stipend will be cut back to \$500 per month. I informed him that there would be no exit agreement drawn up until he is willing to go for help. While I do not believe John is strapped financially, this may put some pressure on him to make a decision. I told him we would carry him on car insurance for six months, and on health insurance until he is eligible for Medicare in May of 1997.

I will continue to stay in touch with John in hopes of persuading him to get treatment.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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January 8, 1996

Reverend John W. Curran
Alvernia Manor
1598 Main Street
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Dear John:

On March 15, 1995, I wrote to you to say that Cardinal Bernardin had accepted the recommendations of the Review Board and had directed that you report to the Wohl Institute at St. Louis University the week of March 27, 1995. You were warned that failure to comply would result in your suspension as a priest and that such a suspension would have consequences on your continued exercise of even private ministry, your compensation and benefits, and your place of residence. On July 28, 1995, Cardinal Bernardin personally wrote to you directing you as a matter of obedience to go to the Wohl Institute in St. Louis for treatment. After several months' delay, you finally agreed to go to the Meadows instead. Now you have refused to go as you had agreed.

Therefore, because of your disobedience in willful violation of canon 273, I am writing as the Archbishop's Delegate to inform you that you are hereby suspended from all ministry as a priest in accord with canon 1333. Moreover, you are assigned to reside at Koenig Hall of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, effective immediately.

Father Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests, has been directed to take you personally to Mundelein. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, has been instructed to arrange for your personal belongings to be moved to Mundelein.

John, I regret that it has become necessary to take these actions. You will be remembered in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

A faint, circular embossed or stamped seal, likely the official seal of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is visible in the background of this section.

Given at the Chancery

Rev. Richard Naudes
Ecclesiastical Notary

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Letter to Reverend John W. Curran
January 8, 1996 - Page 2

cc: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
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*called on 11/15
de Hominis.*

Memo

To: Bernadette Connolly
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley *POM*
Date: 11/6/95
Re: Rev. John Curran

I visited John Curran on 11/6/95. I told him that his stay at Alvernia Manor will be terminated as of Nov. 30. I told him you would be notifying the Sisters at Alvernia Manor that he is going to be leaving at that time. I would suggest you do that at your earliest opportunity.

I explained to John his three options:

1. We would prefer that he follow our instructions, go to The Meadows treatment center in New Mexico, and enter the thirty-five day intensive program. After that, we would follow the recommendations on further treatment. If John refuses to go, then one of two things would happen.
2. He will be asked to make a decision to resign the priesthood to seek independent residence elsewhere.
3. If at the end of November, he has still not made up his mind, then I told him we would be moving him to Koenig Hall for permanent residence. I explained the monitoring that would be entailed there.

It seems pretty clear to me that John presents no risk to children since he hardly ever even leaves his room. Yet somehow we have to move him to make a decision so that you may follow up on the recommendations the Board has given you in John's case. My feeling is that if John does decide to go to The Meadows, we could leave him at Alvernia Manor, certainly for the time being. He would then have a place to return to after that treatment and in preparation for whatever lies beyond that.

If you have any observations about these comments, I would appreciate a call.

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July 28, 1995

Dear John,

As you well know, not a day passes that I do not think of you and pray for your well-being. Bishop Goedert spoke to me about his visit with you last Sunday, and that is what prompted this letter.

I am deeply concerned about you, John. From what Ray said, you seem to be in a state of depression. And you feel that you have no alternative but to resign from the priesthood.

Quite honestly, John, I cannot accept that. You have been an outstanding priest of this Archdiocese for thirty-eight years. I cannot even imagine you as anything but a priest.

I know you find it difficult to accede to the Vicar for Priest's recommendation that you go to the Wohl Institute in St. Louis for treatment. But precisely because I don't want to lose you, John, I am going to appeal to your sense of duty, to which you have always responded in the past. I want you to get the help you need in order to deal with your depression and the issues that are causing it.

You have always been an obedient priest, John. And so, in virtue of the promise of obedience you made on the day of your ordination, I am directing you to go to the Wohl Institute in St. Louis as soon as Pat O'Malley can make the necessary arrangements. I am putting you under obedience, John, but only because of my great concern for you, and to preserve the priesthood which means so much -- or should I say everything -- to you.

Please let me hear from you soon.

With continued prayers and cordial good wishes, John, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend John W. Curran
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BC: MOST REV. RAYMOND E. GOEDERT, VICAR GENERAL/VICAR FOR REGIONAL SERV
REV. PATRICK J. O'MALLEY, VICAR FOR PRIESTS

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Rev. John W. Curran
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Dear Rev. Curran,

September 26, 1994

Please be advised that the Review Board met on September 17, 1994. The Board fully considered my written and verbal reports in the matter involving yourself. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is no longer reasonable to allow you to remain in ministry in view of all of the facts and circumstances, giving appropriate consideration to the safety of children and your rights as a priest.

As a result, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that you should retire from ministry. Moreover, the Board recommended that restrictions should continue to be imposed upon you and, specifically, the monitoring of your activities should continue to ensure you are not alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

Lastly, the Board suggested to Cardinal Bernardin that you should comply with an Individual Protocol to monitor your daily activities, the terms of which will be developed at a later date.

As you know, we have already met and discussed the further action to be taken in general. Either Rev. Pat O'Malley and/or myself will contact you in the near future to further discuss more specific arrangements.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Sidlowski
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Rev. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Esq.

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Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
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Your Eminence,

September 21, 1994

Please be advised that the Review Board met on September 17, 1994. The Board fully considered my written and verbal reports in the matter of the Rev. John Curran. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is no longer reasonable to allow Rev. Curran to remain in ministry in view of all of the facts and circumstances, giving appropriate consideration to the safety of children and the rights of the priest.

As a result, the Board recommends that Rev. Curran should retire from ministry. Moreover, the Board recommends that restrictions should continue to be imposed upon Rev. Curran and, specifically, the monitoring of his activities should continue to ensure he is not alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

Lastly, the Board suggests that Rev. Curran should comply with an Individual Protocol to monitor his daily activities, the terms of which will be developed at a later date.

The Board will report to you any further determinations and recommendations following any future Supplementary Reviews in this matter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review
Board

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MEMO

TO: Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Chancellor and Cardinal's Delegate
to the Review Board

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: March 6, 1995

RE: John Curran's Situation and Priesthood Non-Decision

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I hope you had a good trip to Florida, Tom, and I'm sorry to immediately add to further "business" upon your return, but I wanted to let you know the situation with Rev. John Curran.

I believe you were here, Tom, but in case you were not at the [REDACTED] Meeting when I'd noted to the [REDACTED] that John had remained totally undecided about whether to remain a priest, and in that if he remains a priest that he would need to be sent to an in-patient facility for further treatment. [REDACTED]

I called John Curran on March 3, 1995 and learned that he continues to remain undecided on the issue (or unable to make/incapable of making the decision perhaps). [REDACTED]

I did mention to John Curran this past Friday that in that he was seeming to have a tough time making the decision, that I would need to be passing on this situation at this point to you as Chancellor (and that I would also mention it to Pat O'Malley which I have done earlier today) and if Cardinal Bernardin through yourself or otherwise decides to contact/direct John further about what direction he will need to be going in regarding this decision, that the appropriate canonical authority would be notifying John. John understood the reality of this need and I believe is now expecting to hear further from someone such as yourself or the Cardinal in some formal manner.

Hopefully, now that it has gotten to such a last resort type of situation, John will finally make a formal decision. However, in that he seems to be inferring that he wants to remain a priest in some way by not indicating that he intends to leave the priesthood, a directive to the effect that he would need to be

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following an individual protocol [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] would seem appropriate. Of course, I will leave that up to you and/or the Cardinal or other appropriate canonical authorities as to how to proceed and put it to John at this point.

If you have any questions regarding the above, of course please let me know at your convenience. Thank you.

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MEMO

TO: Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Chancellor

FROM: Steve Sidlowski, PFRA

DATE: January 27, 1995

RE: Rev. John Curran's Living Situation

Tom,

I wanted to update you about the situation regarding John Curran's living arrangements. I tried to give you a call today, late in the day, and decided to memo you on the latest status. The reason I tried to call you was to let you know that I had received a phone call this afternoon from Mr. [REDACTED], at who's home John Curran has been residing since before Thanksgiving, as you know.

Mr. [REDACTED] is a bit upset at this point. He noted that he was hoping that after the holidays had concluded that we would insist somehow that John Curran leave his home and return to Alvernia Manor. He re-iterated, [REDACTED] that John has "got to move on - whether you do it or I do." He continued later in the conversation and asserted "If you guys don't do something, I will" to have John move out. I inquired as to whether Mr. [REDACTED] meant that they might contact the local police about this situation. He clarified that he is still hoping that "you guys" take action to see to it that John Curran leaves immediately, but if that does not occur, Mr. [REDACTED] said that he will inform John that he must leave by a certain date, and my sense was that he meant in the very near term.

I explained to [REDACTED] how the [REDACTED] had just discussed this situation earlier this week and shared how John has been given a deadline of February 1st regarding his decision about whether he wants to remain a priest. However, I acknowledged his frustration about the more immediate reality as to how he and his wife apparently no longer would like John in their home. I told him I would notify Pat O'Malley about the situation as well as yourself and how it had been discussed as a possibility that perhaps a fellow priest might even go out to their home to somehow see to it that John leave right away. I also explained how he might be sanctioned/ordered to depart canonically if it comes to that; Mr. [REDACTED]'s concern is that even with that option John still might not leave, so that situation remains deeply troublesome to he and his family. [REDACTED] said that he really would prefer not to have to

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order John Curran out of his home but that if we decline to act before it comes to that, he will.

I tried to contact Pat O'Malley about the above right away but there was no answer at the Vicar's Office; I then left a message for him on his home recorder in that it seems that Pat might be the best person to first address the situation. I then tried to get a hold of you and decided to document this as part of a record that you might need, perhaps, for canonical action if need be. I also told [REDACTED] that I would contact John Curran once again and explain to him the situation and that he should return to Alvernia Manor immediately.

I did call John tonight and explained the above, although as has been the pattern for the last several weeks, I feel no assurance that John will definitely leave although I retain some hope of course. In the meantime, Tom, you might want to seek others' input on this situation and even perhaps the Cardinal's, but I do believe something more needs to be done - it doesn't seem appropriate that Mr. [REDACTED] and his wife should have to order John out of their home after they have been so generous to him as well as the Archdiocese for allowing him to stay there for several weeks.

Of course, feel free to give me a call about this further if you like - otherwise I am sure I will be speaking to either Pat O'Malley or yourself more about it and what action should best be taken at this time.

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MEMO

TO: File PFR-07

FROM: Steve Sidlowski, PFRA

DATE: November 18, 1994

RE: Phone Call from Rev. Marty O'Donovan Regarding John Curran

- Rev. Marty O'Donovan called the OPFR today and noted that in the aftermath of the John Curran situation becoming public, he had received an anonymous allegation against Rev. Curran earlier this week from a woman caller.

- Marty O'Donovan stated that this anonymous person was not the victim but rather was closely connected to the victim.

- The abuse allegedly occurred in the early 1980's.

- Anonymous person was adamant that allegation remain anonymous and go no further. Basically, per Marty, the caller was thankful the matter had been announced but Marty received the impression that the family had dealt with and resolved the matter.

- Rev. O'Donovan told anonymous person that he would at least have to tell the Archdiocese about their conversation. Marty O'Donovan said she said "That's fine." Under Article 4.7(c), the Board is now being so notified.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
Maria Salemi
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**STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
RE: Rev. John Curran
November 12, 1994**

Allegations concerning sexual misconduct with minors have recently arisen involving Rev. John Curran, the former pastor of St. Christina Parish. The alleged misconduct is said to have occurred between 1986 and 1990 when Fr. Curran was in residence there.

Since February 1993, Rev. Curran has not been engaged in parish ministry or in any other ministry with minors. He resides in a non-parish setting under archdiocesan supervision.

At this time, the Archdiocese, consistent with its policies, is attempting to care for the persons who made the allegations and for Rev. Curran in a compassionate manner. Our prayers and concern go out to the people of St. Christina's Parish and all of those involved in this painful situation.

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** Delivered by Rev. Marty O'Donovan,
Pastor, at all Masses on 11-12 & 11-13*

I stand before you today to make a very sad and serious announcement. In recent months, two allegations of sexual abuse with minors from our parish have been made against Fr. John Curran, former pastor of St. Christina. The allegations date back to between 1986 and 1990.

At the time these allegations were made, I referred the people bringing the allegations -- who are now adults -- to the appropriate archdiocesan personnel. The Archdiocese has followed its procedures, and determined that the allegations are credible.

Since then, I have consulted with archdiocesan officials, with members of our parish staff, and with a group of our parishioners. After a great deal of deliberation, together we decided that an announcement to the people of St. Christina was now appropriate. I continue to be in contact with those persons who brought the allegations forward.

At this time, the Archdiocese, consistent with its policies, is attempting to care for both the people who made the allegations and for Fr. Curran in a compassionate manner. Fr. Curran resides in a supervised, non-parish setting.

I am aware that at the time of Fr. Curran's departure, there was speculation as to the reasons for his leaving. As you know, Fr. Curran's second term as pastor was completed in November of 1992. At that time, the Archdiocese had received and was processing information about alleged sexual misconduct that had occurred over 18 years before -- long before Fr. Curran's tenure at St. Christina. Additional anonymous allegations came forward shortly before and after Father Curran's actual departure in February of 1993.

I realize that this announcement will result in many different feelings and questions. Those feelings and questions deserve a hearing. As your pastor, I am prepared to spend as much time as necessary in the coming days and weeks to listen and, to the best of my ability, to respond to the concerns of the people of St. Christina Parish. I also can provide information for those who would prefer to speak to someone at the Archdiocesan level. I will be available after all of the weekend Masses and throughout the week at the rectory.

I am sure that this announcement is as difficult for you to hear as it is for me to make. It is an issue that we cannot ignore. But we are called to be people of faith. I ask your prayers this day and in the coming days and weeks for all who are involved in this painful situation. Please join me in praying for the healing that all of us need and only God's grace can provide.

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Office of the Archbishop



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September 26, 1994

Dear Steve:

Thank you for your letter of September 21 regarding the Review Board's recommendation concerning Father John Curran.

I accept the substance of the recommendations. However, I have some reservations about the tone with which they are articulated.

Certainly, our first concern must be the protection of children. I believe this is no longer a problem because he has been physically isolated from children and, de facto, seems to be so introverted or [REDACTED] that he is not doing the few things we have permitted or asked him to do.

I am also concerned about the well-being of Father Curran, as I know the Review Board must be. He desperately needs help. I fear the consequences of his sliding further into his [REDACTED] state. I would hope, therefore, in confronting Father Curran that everything be done to convince him that we want to help him; that what we are requesting is not punitive but therapeutic.

It may well be that this is the actual approach you will use, both in your conversation with Father Curran and whatever follow-up letter you send to him. I was only concerned that your letter to me seemed to make it sound overly punitive. I am confident that was not intended.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardini
Archbishop of Chicago

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9/17/94 Review Board Mtg - Fr. John Curran
(Supplementary Review, following allegations by
[REDACTED] [REDACTED])

Board Recommends that Fr. Curran not remain in his ministerial assignment, but should retire with restrictions. The Board also recommends that he receive residential treatment (for his own sake re [REDACTED] as well as concern about allegations of sexual abuse).

WRITTEN REPORT/SUMMARY FOR SUPPLEMENTARY REVIEW

REVIEW DATE: September 17, 1994

1. **NAME:** Rev. John Curran **AGE/D.O.B.:** [REDACTED]

2. **ORDAINED:** 1957

3. **PRESENT ASSIGNMENT OR RESIDENCE:**

Alvernia Manor

13950 Main St.

Lemont, IL.

Since: 4-93

4. **ALLEGATIONS/INFORMATION:**

<u>Date of Offenses</u>	<u>Sex/Age of Child</u>	<u>Credibility</u>
<u>Early 1960's</u>	<u>M/13-14</u>	
<u>1963-1964</u>	<u>M/High School</u>	
<u>1966</u>	<u>M/H.S. Freshman</u>	
<u>1973-74</u>	<u>M/16-17</u>	
<u>Early 1980's (likely 1983 or 1984)</u>	<u>M/13/14</u>	
<u>A "few yrs." ago</u>	<u>M/age unknown (1993 anon. letter)</u>	
<u>1986-1989</u>	<u>M/15-18</u>	
<u>1986-1990</u>	<u>M/13-17</u>	

5. **GENERAL NATURE OF OFFENSE(S):** Allegations include John Curran touching various boys' genital area and inviting them to touch his genital area which was done; touching/groping teen-age boys' buttocks; receiving oral sex from young adult male after friendship of many years; latest allegations involve J.C. performing oral sex on minor boy, masturbating while naked, fondling penis and crotch area of minor, passionately kissing boys.

6. **OTHER PROBLEMS DURING MINISTRY:** None.

8. SPECIAL CONCERNS OR PROBLEMS (if any): Excessive alcohol use has been a problem for John Curran in the past; author of anonymous letter and anonymous 800# caller have not yet provided further details of their allegations against him.
9. DATE OF FIRST STAGE REVIEW COMPLETION: 3-26-93 (special meeting on matter with Cardinal also took place: 4-3-93)
10. REVIEW BOARD'S DETERMINATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ARCHBISHOP/ ARCHBISHOP'S DECISION: There should be no reassignment to a parish or a ministry with access to minors (affirming Cardinal Bernardin's prior decision); John Curran should be monitored by one or two adult females in new residence.
11. DATE OF 2ND STAGE REVIEW COMPLETION: 7-24-93
12. REVIEW BOARD'S DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATIONS TO ARCHBISHOP/ ARCHBISHOP'S DECISION: It is reasonable to allow Rev. C. to remain in (monitored) ministry with no access to minors as Asst. to Vicar for Senior Priests; Rev. C. Should not be alone with persons under 18 without the presence of another responsible adult - Cardinal Bernardin accepted Board's recommendations.

CASE OF JOHN W. CURRAN (Presented by Pat O'Malley)

REVIEW BOARD MEETING - MARCH 13, 1993

- His term was up 11-19-92.
- Dean for several years on Southwest side of Chicago.
- Curran's case was given to the Commission in 1991.
- He related to kids in a "macho" way.
- 30 years ago [REDACTED] says - there was touching - this from Rev. Goedert (former Vicar for Priests).
- It goes back to before 1960.
- This man's wife called.
- Goedert interviewed Curran.
- He denied it; he remembered the young man but that's it.
- 11-17-91 - Information gathered from Bishop Gregory: He talked to them about girls and getting a hard-on, and about wet dreams. He touched his genitals and then Curran invited him to touch his genitals and the young man did.
- Then the Commission received the case. They followed the "usual procedures" [REDACTED]
- 1-29-91: The "young man" - POM knows the identity, but this man is now ~~27~~40 yrs. old - but POM not sure if it's okay that he give his identity.
- At Quigley South - Rubbed his leg, touched his genitals [REDACTED] He says it was 1966 when he was a Freshman. But Tom P. and Marty say that Curran did not begin teaching there until his Jr. year.
- John and the man undressed and ^{John C.} performed oral sex on him [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- How old was the guy when it happened?
- What was Curran's reaction? Not exactly denial but not exactly admission. He acknowledges that during this time he was heavily into alcohol abuse.

- [REDACTED] (the kid) left Quigley South and went to Leo.
 - John gave him money at different time. From 1970 to 1975, [REDACTED] came to see him.
 - July, 1970 - Curran was assigned to St. Albert the Great Parish.
 - 12-7-70: (His 18th birthday) Curran admits he saw him.
 - 4-4-73: He visited Curran - now he's 20.
 - 12-73: [REDACTED] now 21, visits Curran.
 - 3-7-74: [REDACTED] and Curran went to rectory: This is when Curran says the oral sex occurred. The young man is vague about the date.
 - [REDACTED] came forward after the Commission had dealt with it.
 - 2-10-93: "Are children still at risk?" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He met with the Cardinal and was told also to resign his Deanship. He left the next day - 2-13-93. Now he's living at his sister's house.
 - There's a Farewell Party planned for him.
 - The Board, after deliberation, determines the John Curran matter is a "Supplementary Review," in that per Tom P. and P.O.M., Cardinal Bernardin has already made a decision that Curran never return to ministry that includes access to minors.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] Board feels there's no need for me to pursue more information from him at this point.
 - If we get more information on the on the anonymous letter we have have to pursue further.
 - Parish Announcement: Chaplaincy at Holy Name Villa? Something would need to be said. Marty - Going to Parish Leadership is the overwhelmingly right thing to do; but also be open to possibility of other victims out there.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, of Victim FB and Victim FC's statement, given to Mr. Sidlowski on August 30, 1994, formalizing their allegations of abuse against Rev. John Curran. Victim FB's alleged abuse consisted of french kissing, genital fondling and oral sex performed on Victim FB by Fr. Curran. Fr. Curran would sometimes masturbate himself and take his own clothes off while he was kissing, fondling, or performing oral sex on Victim FB. Fr. Curran also offered Victim FB alcoholic beverages. Overall Victim FB estimated there were twelve to eighteen incidents of abuse by Fr. Curran during a period from approximately 1986 through 1989. The abuse occurred at the St. Christina parish rectory, and once in Fr. Curran's car. Victim FB was an altar boy at St. Christina. The abuse would occur later in the evening on weekend nights when Fr. Curran was alone in the rectory with Victim FB. Victim FC's alleged abuse consisted of sexually explicit discussions, genital fondling, and extended kissing. Fr. Curran also offered Victim FC alcoholic beverages when they were alone in the rectory together. Per Victim FC, the abuse occurred approximately every 2-2 ½ months over a four year period, beginning in 1986. The abuse occurred at the St. Christina parish rectory, usually after masses.

4.7(c) Report to Board

8-18-94

I recently received a letter from a [REDACTED] of Chicago, Il. [REDACTED] stated that he was sexually abused and seduced by Rev. John Curran from April, 1986 until October, 1990. He did not detail his allegation beyond that. [REDACTED] asked for a response to his letter (he did not leave a phone number). I responded by letter describing myself, the Board and a brief description about our policies. I invited him to contact our Victim Assistance Ministry and enclosed a copy of our policies on clerical sexual misconduct with minors.

I explained to [REDACTED] that it would be helpful if I received further details about his allegation in an in-person meeting.

Apparently before receiving my letter, [REDACTED] phoned the Office on 8-16-94. He wanted to ensure I had received his letter and I assured him I had and had just responded in writing and that he would be receiving a letter the next morning via Federal Express. [REDACTED] said that was fine with him at this point and would await reading the letter to decide what he will do next. I told [REDACTED] that the Archdiocese is aware of Rev. Curran, although I did not provide any further information beyond that, and that perhaps we could get-together at some point in the near future to discuss his allegation and the overall situation further. [REDACTED] thanked me.

I've informed Ralph Bonaccorsi about [REDACTED] although he has not heard from him to date. The Board cannot formally proceed with this matter at this time in that we have not received a complete allegation from [REDACTED] although I expect that he will be contacting me at some point in the future to so detail the allegation, after which I would contact John Curran to request a formal response and the Board would go from there.

(Note: [REDACTED] left a voice mail message on the 800# on Saturday, 8-20-94 stating that he would like to meet with me at some point in the next two weeks. I contacted him on 8-22-94 and we agreed to a convenient meeting time for [REDACTED] of Tuesday, August 30, 1994 at 1:30 p.m.).

Additional 4.7(c) Report:

8-25-94

I received a call on the 800# today from [REDACTED] who identified himself as [REDACTED] who had just been in contact with my Office, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He noted that he, too, had been sexually abused as a minor by Rev. John Curran [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that "I'm also very interested in speaking with you about John Curran." He added "I can provide rather specific dates and at some point details regarding" how he was sexually abused by John Curran as a minor.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he would also like to meet with me in the same gathering on 8-30-94.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I also told him, as I had told [REDACTED] that the Archdiocese is aware of John Curran and that he is currently under on-going, daily monitoring and restrictions to ensure he is not alone with minors. I explained that the Board would likely conduct a Supplementary Review in this matter eventually in that it had already completed the First and Second Stage Reviews in the past.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continued that he is now 23 years old [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] thanked me "for the work that you do" and thanked me for having an 800# such as this to follow-up on such allegations. His phone number is [REDACTED] although [REDACTED] noted that he works full time [REDACTED]

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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September 7, 1993

Reverend John W. Curran
Alvernia Manor
1598 Main St.
Lemont, IL 60439

Dear Father Curran:

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations of the Review Board following completion of the Second Stage Review at the Board's meeting on July 24, 1993. These recommendations were communicated to you in writing on August 2, 1993 by Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator.

Specifically, Cardinal Bernardin accepted the Board's determination that it is reasonable to allow you to remain in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances. However, the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendation this ministry should be with no access to minors. As a result, the Cardinal concurred with the Board's recommendation that you should remain in your current ministerial assignment as Assistant to the Vicar for Senior Priests. Moreover, you are reminded not to be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. As directed by His Eminence, these restrictions are canonically binding as a matter of obedience.

It is my understanding that Cardinal Bernardin has met with you previously and discussed these matters with you personally. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me or Steve Sidlowski.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

cc: Most Reverend Timothy J. Lyne, Vicar for Senior Priests
Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

TJP/tjp

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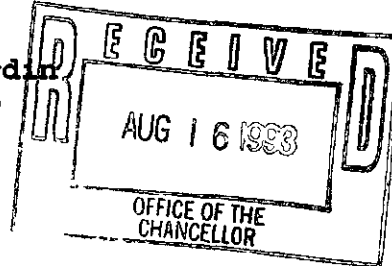
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Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
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Your Eminence,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on July 24, 1993. The Board accepted the documents authorized by Rev. John Curran and fully considered my written and oral reports. The Board conducted a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is reasonable to keep Fr. Curran in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances.

However, the Board recommends that Fr. Curran continue in a restricted ministry with no access to minors.

As a result, the Board recommends that Fr. Curran remain in his current ministerial assignment as Assistant to the Vicar for Senior Priests and not be alone with persons under 18 yrs. of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

The Board requested me to communicate its determination and recommendations to Fr. Curran and I have done so.

The Board will report to you any further determinations and recommendations following any Supplementary Reviews of this matter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Steve Sidlowski
Steve Sidlowski
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate to the
Review Board

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Rev. John Curran
Alvernia Manor
13950 Main St.
Lemont, Ill.

August 2, 1993

Dear Fr. Curran:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on July 24, 1993. At the meeting, the Board accepted the documents you authorized and fully considered my written and oral reports. The Board conducted a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For The Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is reasonable to keep you in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances.

However, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that you continue in a restricted ministry with no access to minors.

As a result, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that you remain in your current ministerial assignment as Assistant to the Vicar for Senior Priests and not be alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

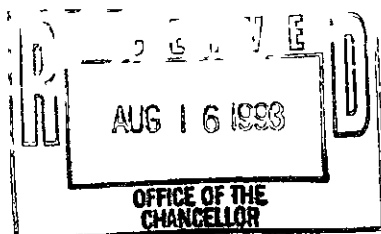
The Board requested that I communicate its determination and recommendations to you.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator



SS/rm

cc: Rev. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Chancellor

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MEMORANDUM

To: Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TJP*
and Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

Date: September 7, 1993

Re: Reverend John W. Curran

Steve,

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations of the Review Board concerning Reverend John W. Curran as described in your letter to His Eminence following completion of the Second Stage Review at the Board's meeting on July 24, 1993.

I have written to Father Curran to inform in writing of the Cardinal's decision to implement the Review Board's recommendations. A copy of my letter is enclosed for your records.

The work of the Review Board and yourself in this matter is greatly appreciated.

TJP/tjp

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PENAL PRECEPT RESTRICTING REVEREND JOHN W. CURRAN FROM BEING ALONE IN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR WITHOUT ANOTHER ADULT PRESENT

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

Having heard 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 restrict you, Reverend John W. Curran, as a matter of obedience, from being alone in the presence of any minor under the age of eighteen without another responsible adult present. Monitoring of your activities will continue in order to assure compliance with this precept.

In accord with canons 1317-1319 and 1371, § 2, you are warned that intentional or culpable violation of this precept could result in the imposition of a just penalty, including possible suspension.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1993.

Given at the Chancery

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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May 12, 1993

Dear John:

After consideration and reflection, I am writing to confirm officially that I have accepted your resignation as Dean of Deanery 12, and as Administrator of St. Christina Parish. I am grateful for your many years of service both in parochial ministry and at the Archdiocesan level.

At this time, in light of the needs of the Archdiocese and your own personal circumstances, I am assigning you as Assistant to the Vicar for Senior Priests, Bishop Timothy J. Lyne, with residence at Alvernia Manor, Lemont, Illinois. This assignment is effective immediately. I am sure that your knowledge and expertise will be helpful in ministering to the senior priests of the Archdiocese.

John, I know that you have loved your work as Dean and as Pastor. I can appreciate that this period of transition has been and will be difficult for you. Please be assured of my continued prayers and support.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

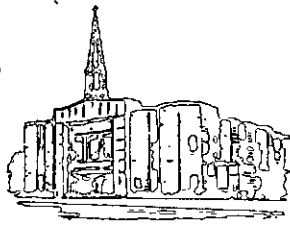
Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

Reverend John W. Curran
Alvernia Manor
1598 Main Street
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cc: Most Reverend John R. Gorman, Vicar General
Most Reverend Alfred L. Abramowicz, Vicar, Vicariate V
Most Reverend Timothy J. Lyne, Vicar for Senior Priests
Reverend Kenneth J. Velo, Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board
Sr. M. Kathleen Vugrinovich, O.S.F., Administrator, Alvernia Manor
bc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
Reverend Patrick J. Pollard, Director, Catholic Cemeteries
Mr. Stephen F. Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

JLB:TJP/cfb

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saint christina

PERSONAL

Your Eminence,

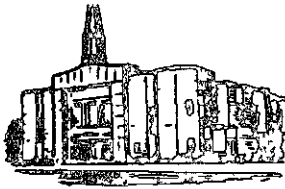
The resignation as you requested.
Not submitted easily but trying to understand.
Perhaps someday - however far away - I will
see more clearly through a curious episode
which eludes me now. Enough said - hopefully
not too much. I do suspect you understand
what I am saying. At least I hope so.

I shall try to continue to work for the
Church in Chicago unless God or man throws
another block along the way - presumably
under Ed Conway at Holy Family Villa
and maybe behind Pat Pollard at the PRMAA also.

|| I only mention this last so that if you
hear of it, you'll know I haven't completely
lost my mind in left field. Ray Goedert and
Andy McDonagh talked to it briefly with me
last September and Pat O'Malley as late as
last Friday. The initial interest was mine
but a surprising concurrence (at least to
me) showed itself from these fellows.

At Pat's suggestion, more than once, I finally
talked to Pat Pollard Saturday afternoon.
He seemed pretty congenial to the whole idea
of having a backup - probably so that eventually
he might become a pastor. He was my altar
boy thirty-six years ago and my student as
well. I just thought that I ought to mention
this dimension to you in case you haven't
caught it on the air. And note, I am not looking
for anyone's job! Just a helpful hand in an
area that I discern may well need one. If
I can't be dean, I may have some time to do
something else part-time. Who knows?

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saint christina

February 15, 1993

Your Eminence,

Pursuant of our conversation last Friday, I hereby submit my resignation from the office of Dean of Deanery 12. This is effective at your pleasure. I enjoyed working with you in that capacity and hope I got it right most of the time. Thank you for any number of things over the past years and months. God bless.

Cordially and gratefully,

Reverend John W. Curran

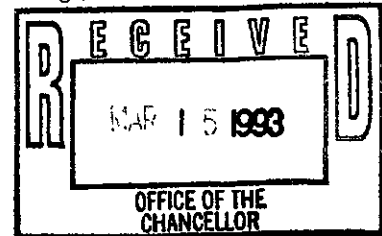
His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago
Chicago

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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March 11, 1993

Dear Sister Kathleen,

I have received Steve Sidlowski's letter advising me that the Board is meeting this Saturday, March 13th. I had hoped to attend the meeting, but I will be leaving on March 12th for Rome and our Ad Limina visit.

In lieu of meeting with you, I am writing to request that you review recent developments in a matter involving Reverend John W. Curran. Father Curran's file was carefully reviewed by the Commission. The Commission's recommendations have been implemented and the case has been monitored by the Advisory Committee.

Since the matter originally came to our attention, it is and has been my belief, and that of the Committee, that no child is at risk. But we recently have received additional information that we believe should be brought to the Board's attention.

I realize and appreciate that the Board and Administration are working closely with Father O'Malley to schedule the presentation of matters in an orderly manner during this period of transition. Moreover, I have asked Father O'Malley to provide a full report to you on the matter and trust that you afford him the opportunity to do so at your earliest convenience.

Thank you again for your important service to the Archdiocese.

With cordial good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Reverend Thomas Paprocki
Reverend Patrick O'Malley
Mr. Steve Sidlowski

Sister Catherine Ryan
St. Agnes of Bohemia Convent
2658 S. Drake
Chicago, Illinois 60623

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VICAR FOR PRIESTS
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
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TO: Cardinal Bernardin
FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *Ry*
DATE: Dec. 1, 1990
RE: Fr. X

1. I just wanted to let you know that I talked to Fr. X about the meeting I had with his accusers and that they were willing to let the matter rest, as long as there are no other such accusations in the past all the way up to the present time.
2. I did indicate to Fr. X that if any similar accusation were ever to be made against him in the future, these people would expect me to notify them and to provide an opportunity to them to confront Fr. X with what they had stated to me.
3. Fr. X did not ask me whether or not I had informed you and I did not volunteer the information. I hope, therefore, that we can consider the matter closed.

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



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JUN 23 2011

MEMORANDUM

Office of the
Chancellor



To: Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests
Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Rev. John Collins, Vicar for Priests
Colleen Dolan, Communications and Public Relations
Carol Fowler, Personnel Services
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
✓ Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Very Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Vicar for Canonical Services
Thomas Tharayil, Assistance Ministry

From: Jen Hibben, Assistant Director
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: [PFR - 007] CURRAN, REV. JOHN (DECEASED CLERIC)
[REDACTED]

Date: June 9, 2011

A copy of a new allegation was received by this office on June 6, 2011.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding
[PFR - 007] CURRAN, REV. JOHN (DECEASED CLERIC)
[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 contact Jen Hibben, Assistant Director, of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review with any questions you may have at (312) 534-8793 or jhibben@archchicago.org regarding this matter. Thank you.

Cc: John O'Malley, Legal Services
Jan Slattery, Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry
Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

FROM: Ambi Jeffries, Secretary, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

DATE: December 4, 2007

RE: IPFR-07/Curran, Rev. John (deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 11/26/2007.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Curran, Rev. John (deceased) and /or [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.

Thank you.

Attachment

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Very Rev James Presta, St. Joseph Seminary
Rev. Dennis Lyle, Mundelein Seminary

DEC - 4 2007

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Matthew Hunnicutt, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, summarizing his November 29, 2007 conversation with Victim FD regarding his allegation of abuse by Rev. John Curran. Victim FD stated that Fr. Curran would give him and his friends money to buy beer and marijuana, as well as engage in sexually explicit discussions with the minors regarding masturbation. This conduct continued for several years, beginning when Victim FD was in 7th grade in 1980.

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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

From: Sarah Stevens, Secretary *SS*
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Date: June 9, 2008

Re: [PFR- 07] Curran, Rev. John (deceased) [REDACTED]

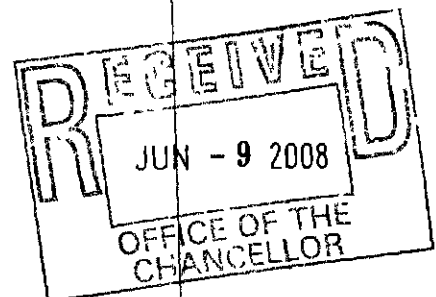
COPY

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on June 6, 2008.
Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding
(PFR-07) Curran, Rev. John (deceased) and/or [REDACTED]

Call Patricia Zacharias with any questions you may have at 312-867-8793.
Thank you.

Attachment

Cc: John O'Malley, Attorney



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MEMORANDUM

To: File [PFR-07]

From: Patricia Zacharias, Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Date: June 6, 2008

Re: Curran, Fr. John (deceased) St. Christina Parish - [REDACTED]

The CAIR office received notification from Jim Serritella's office of an allegation against Fr. John Curran made by [REDACTED] now age 39.

The alleged abuse occurred during the years 1980-1986 while Fr. Curran was serving at St. Christina Parish in Chicago, IL.

The notification information states that [REDACTED] recalls approximately 20 incidents of abuse during that timeframe.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting, Saturday, December 20, 1997
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Office of Professional Fitness Review**

MINUTES

Members Present:



Others Present:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki

Bernadette Connolly

I. Approval of Minutes

- A. The Review Board approved the Minutes of the September 20, 1997 meeting.**

II. Review Board Matters

A. Matter of



B. Matter of



C. Matter of [REDACTED]

D. Matter of PFR-07, John Curran

The Professional Fitness Review Administrator informed the Board of recent medical relapses Fr. Curran has experienced since the Board's last meeting. Fr. Curran is no longer residing at Koenig Hall located in Mundelein, IL. Fr. Curran is now residing at Alvernia Manor located in Lemont, IL because he needs full-time medical assistance and the location for receiving [REDACTED] is closer to Alvernia Manor than to Koenig Hall. Therefore, the Review Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Board Process For continuation of Ministry. The Board recommended Fr. Curran reside at Alvernia Manor and his activities be monitored by a staff member of Alvernia Manor.

E. [REDACTED]

III. A. Other Matters

The Board approved its 1998 meeting schedule.

Our next scheduled meeting is January 24, 1998.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

Archdiocese of Chicago
Professional Fitness Review Board

Meeting, Saturday, August 16, 1997
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Office of Professional Fitness Review

MINUTES

Members Present: [REDACTED]

Others Present: Bernadette Connolly, Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. The Review Board approved the minutes of the July 19, 1997 meeting

II. REVIEW BOARD MATTER

- A. Matter of [REDACTED]

- B. Matter of PFR-07, John Curran

The Review Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Board's Process for Continuation of Ministry. The Board recommended a change in Fr. Curran's protocol. Specifically, Fr. Curran is to reside at Koenig Hall under monitoring restrictions. Also, the Board recommended that Fr. Curran [REDACTED] schedule an appointment with his physician for a medication review.

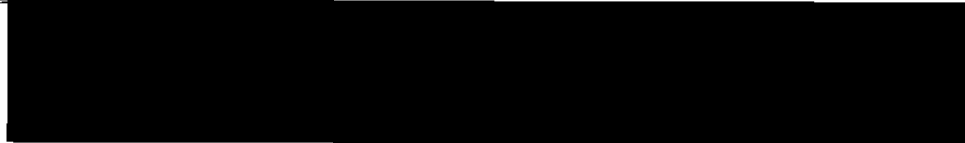
- C. [REDACTED]

D.



III. OTHER MATTERS

A.



B. [REDACTED] has agreed to renew his term as a member of the Professional Fitness Review Board. Thank you!

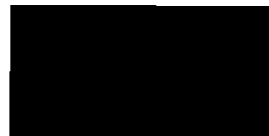
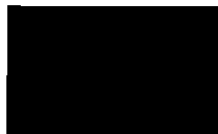
C. Our next scheduled meeting is Saturday, September 20, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting, July 12, 1996
Office of Professional Fitness Review**

M I N U T E S

Board Members Present



Others Present:

Rev. Thomas Paprocki

Bernadette Connolly

I. Approval of Minutes

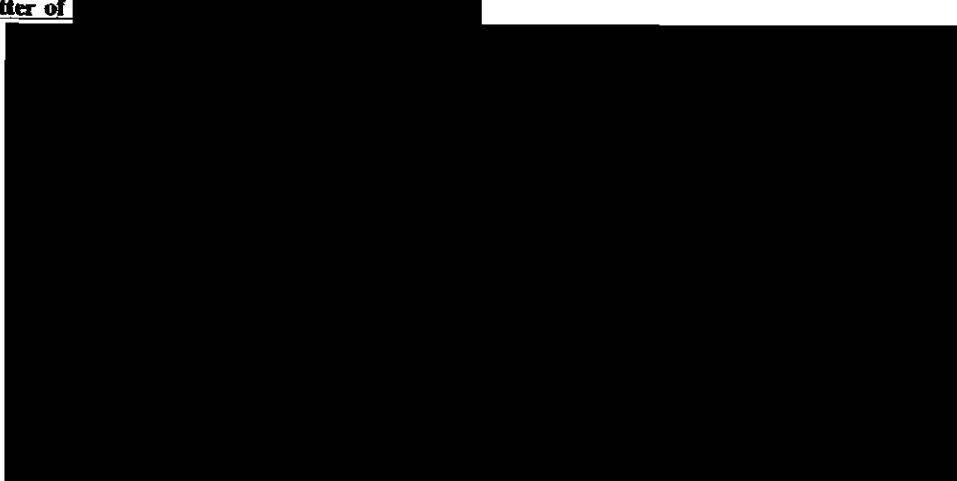
The Review Board approved the Minutes of the May 18, 1996 meeting.

II. Review Board Matters

A. Matter of



B. Matter of



C. Matter of PFR-07, JOHN CURRAN

The Review Board received a letter from Cardinal Bernardin asking for the Board to consider letting Fr. John Curran reside at St. Joseph Parish in Homewood with monitoring restrictions, and that Fr. Curran would in turn [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Board recommended that Fr. Curran be permitted to reside at St. Joseph Parish in Homewood, IL, and that the Professional Fitness Review Administrator and the Vicar for Priests meet with Fr. Curran and the priests of St. Joseph parish to discuss monitoring restrictions. [REDACTED]

D. Matter of [REDACTED]

E. Matter of [REDACTED]

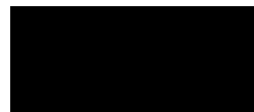
III. Renewal of Board Members' Terms of Office

The Administrator informed certain Board members that their terms of office were up for renewal. The Administrator will speak with Board members on an individual basis to discuss this matter.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD**

**Minutes of Board Meeting
February 17, 1996
10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Office of Professional Fitness Review**

Board Members Present:



Others Present:

Bernadette Connolly

Thomas J. Paprocki

- * The Review Board approved the Minutes of the December 16, 1995 meeting. The January 20, 1996 meeting was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

A. Matter of



B. Matter of PFR-07 John Curran

The Board received a memo from Fr. Patrick O'Malley regarding John Curran's current living situation. John Curran has moved out of Alvernia Manor and is now living alone in an apartment in Tinley Park. The Administrator reported concerns regarding his mental health status and living alone without monitoring restrictions. Fr. Paprocki informed the Board that John Curran has been suspended from all ministry and his compensation and benefits have all been cut back. The Board instructed the Administrator to speak with Fr. O'Malley and suggest a physician/psychiatrist meet with John Curran in order to evaluate his current mental health status.

C. Matter of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. Matter of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

E. Other Matters

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[REDACTED]

*

The Administrator informed the Board of hiring [REDACTED] as the new Administrative Assistant.

*

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(Minutes)

DATE: December 17, 1994

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:



OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Paprocki

Steve Sidlowski

* The Review Board formally approved the Meeting Minutes for its last Board Meeting of November 19, 1994.

Matter of



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Two Article 4.7(c) Reports in PFR-07 (J.C.) Matter:

The Administrator informed the Board about a call from one person who suggested he was sexually abused by J.C. as a minor while he resided in [REDACTED] Illinois; the caller to the Office 800# was undecided as to whether he will formally detail his allegation but will consider it; the Administrator informed the

caller of the basics on the policy and suggested he contact

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Assistance Ministry should he desire - offered to send caller our policies but caller declined but noted he will likely get back to the Administrator at some point.

The Administrator also noted that he had just received a call from a second adult male who wanted to note that he had been sexually abused by J.C. as a minor as well but is not yet ready to detail the allegation. The Administrator did send him policies and civil authority contact information; the alleged victim noted that he would contact the Administrator at some point after the New Year to likely detail his allegation to the Administrator further in person - the caller noted he just wanted to notify the Archdiocese that he is an (alleged) victim at this time. The caller was also invited to contact Assistance Ministry.

Update On [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Article 4.7(c) Report on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

* The Administrator reminded the Board that its next two meetings are set for 1-21-95 and 2-18-95.

Respectfully
Submitted By,
Steve Sidlowski-
PFRA

These Minutes
Unanimously
Approved By
Review Board:
1-21-95

MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(Minutes)

DATE: August 27, 1994

Board Members Present:



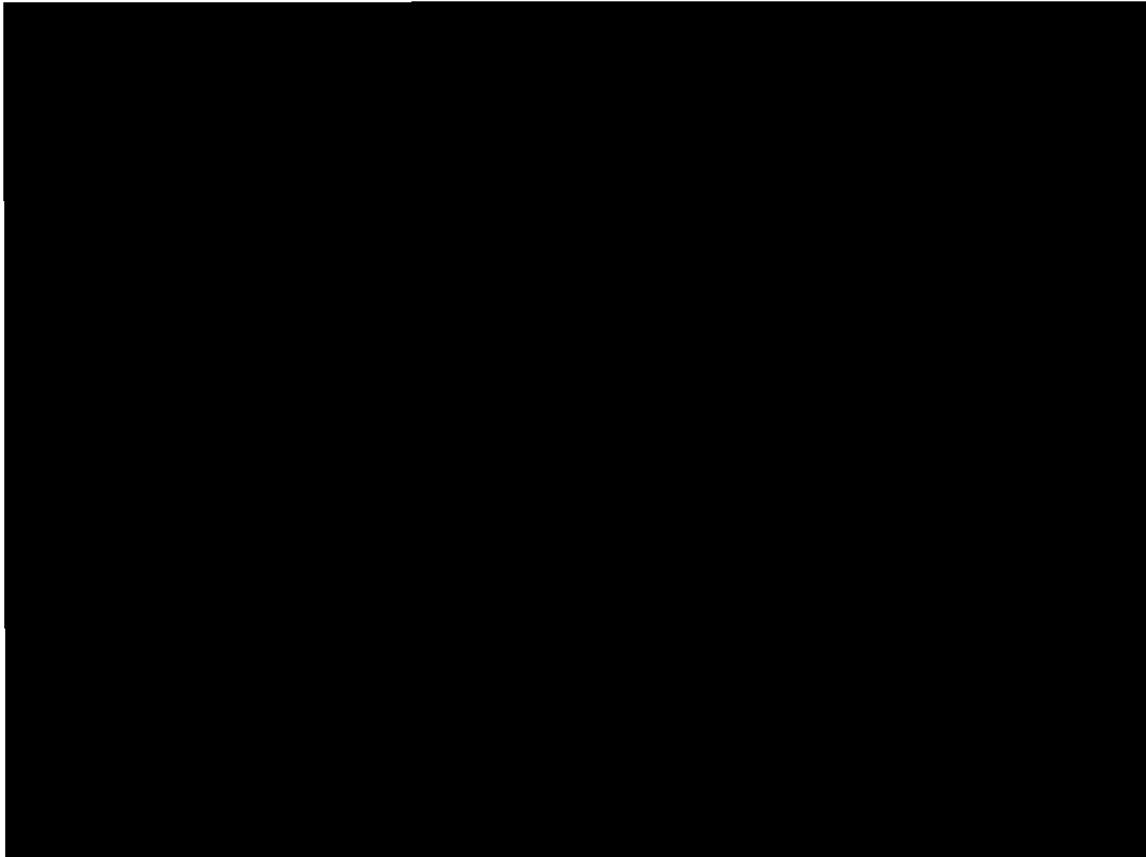
Others Present:

Thomas Paprocki

Steve Sidlowski

* The Review Board formally approved the Meeting Minutes for Board Meetings of April 16, 1994, May 14, 1994, June 11, 1994 and July 16, 1994.

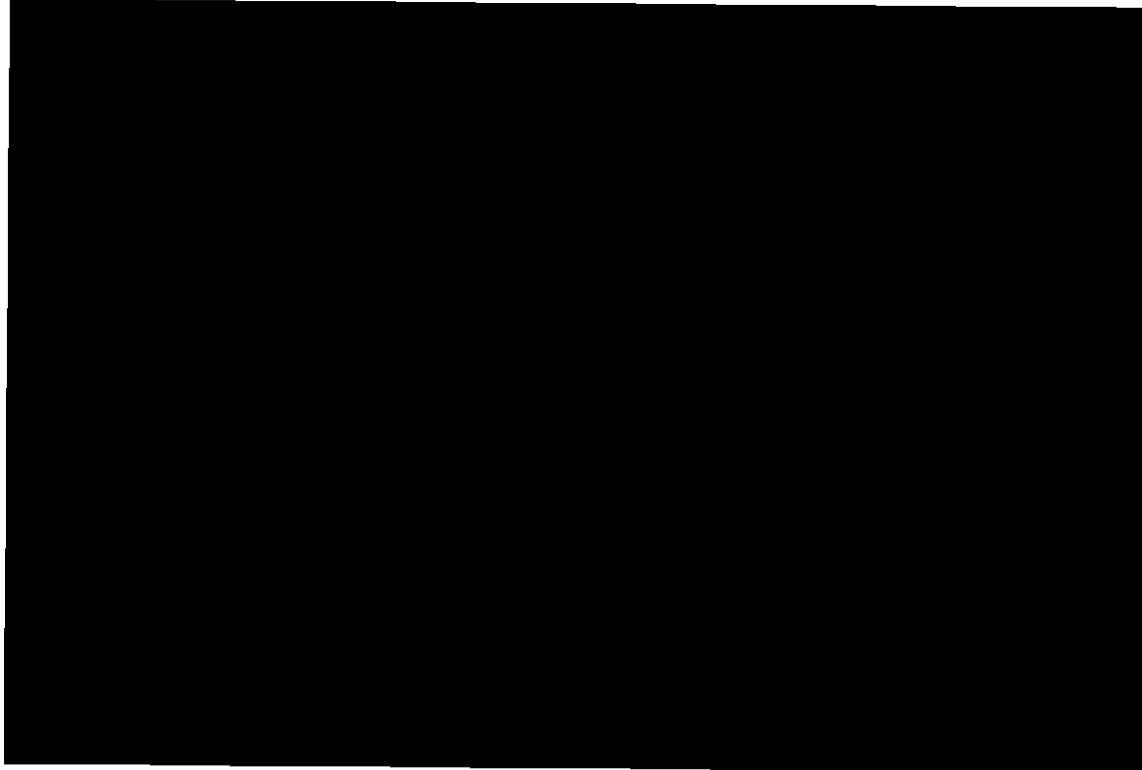
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Article 4.7(c) Report on PFR-07 (J.C.):

The Administrator reported to the Board that there are two upcoming new allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against J.C. The Administrator made available pertinent written information to Board members (most information had already been distributed through the mail) and noted that he and the Victim Assistance Minister had scheduled a meeting with the two alleged victim [REDACTED] on 8-30-94 following which a meeting would be scheduled with J.C. to request a response to the allegations. The Archbishop's Delegate to the Board suggested that the Administrator check with Archdiocesan attorneys as to whether there would be a civil reporting requirement in the matter in that the one alleged victim referred to the abuse occurring as late as October, 1990. The Administrator stated that at this time, barring further information, it was not his understanding of the law that civil authorities would need to be notified but he would confer with the Archdiocesan attorneys about the matter. It was also suggested that the Vicar for Priests Rev. O'Malley contact [REDACTED] immediately before J.C. is informed that two new allegations have been made formally against him, in that the Co-Vicar for Priests Rev. Canary noted to Rev. Paprocki that J.C. has been very depressed, and news of the latest allegations could hit him very hard, and that it might be considered that J.C. receive in-patient treatment in the near future to better address his situation.

Article 4.7(c) Discussion in [REDACTED]

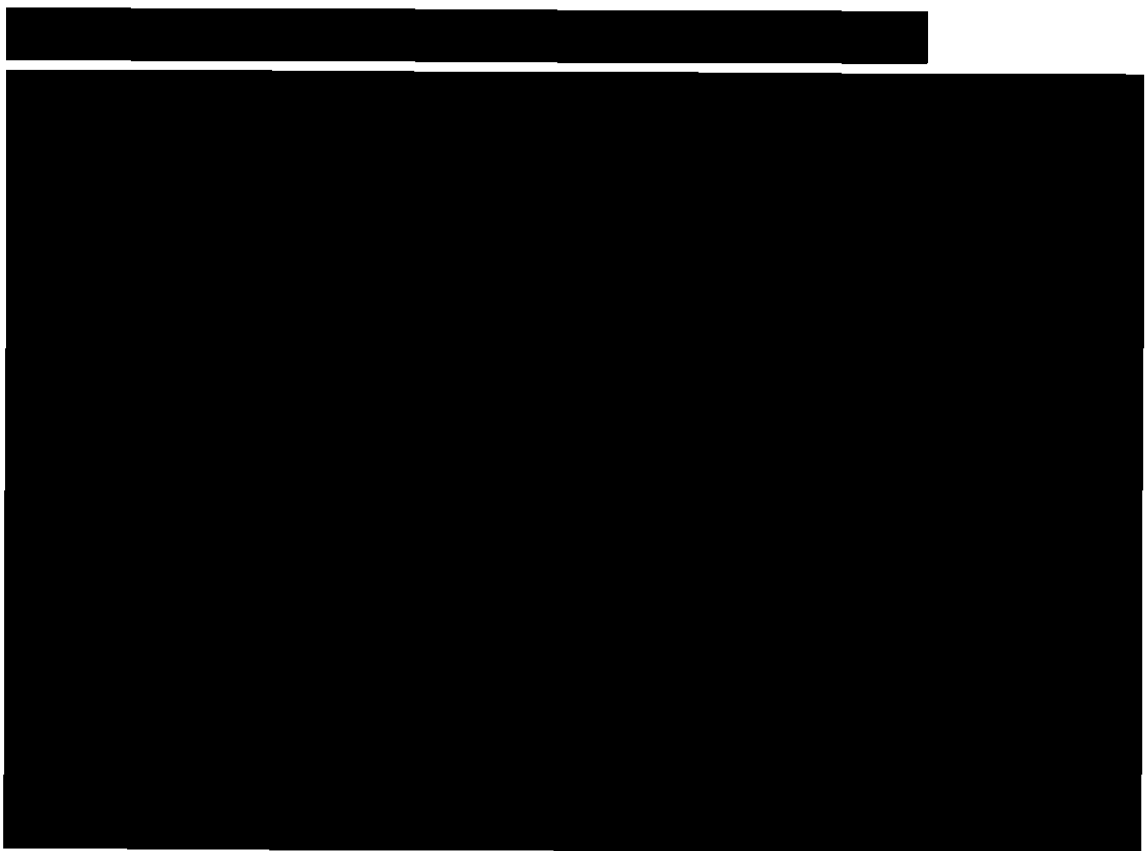


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Article 4.7(c) Report:

[REDACTED]

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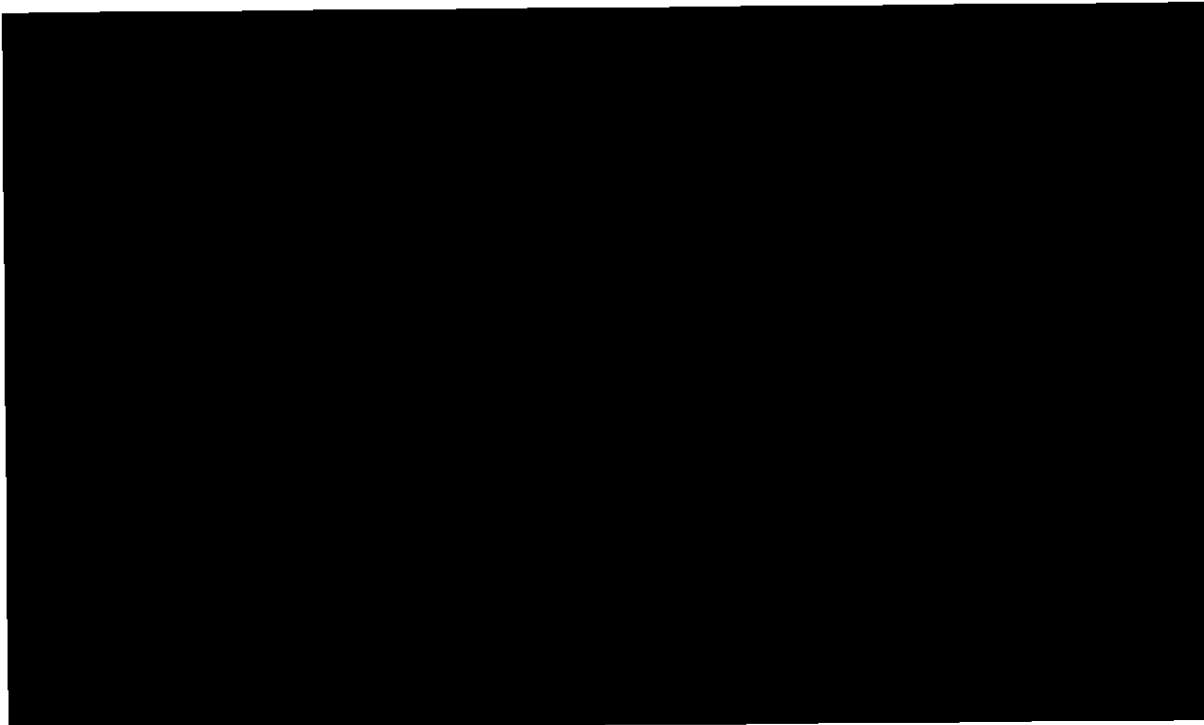


* The Administrator reminded the Board that its next two regularly-scheduled meetings are September 17, 1994 and October 15, 1994. The Board then adjourned.

* ADDENDUM
* The Administrator also presented this ..

4.7(c) Report to Board

8-3-94.



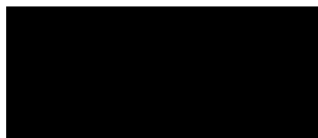
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Submitted By
Steve Sidlowski -
Administrator

These Minutes Unanimously
Approved By
Review Board

MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(MINUTES)

DATE: October 16, 1993

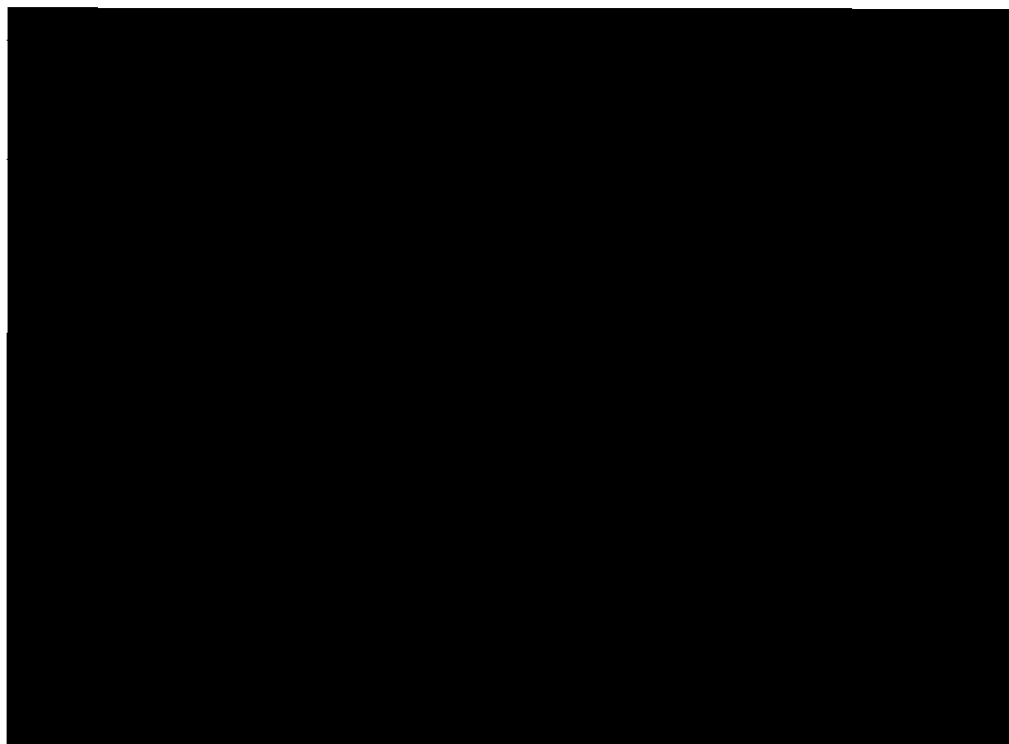
Board Members Present:




Others Present:

Thomas Paprocki
Steve Sidlowski

Matter of :



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Matter of [REDACTED]

Matter of PFR-07 (J.C.):

1. Administrator informed Board of possible residential move for J.C. to Rosary Hill retirement community where J.C. could assist as part-time chaplain in

addition to his full-time restricted ministry as Assistant to the Senior Vicar for Priests, if space is available and sisters in charge of Rosary Hill approve.

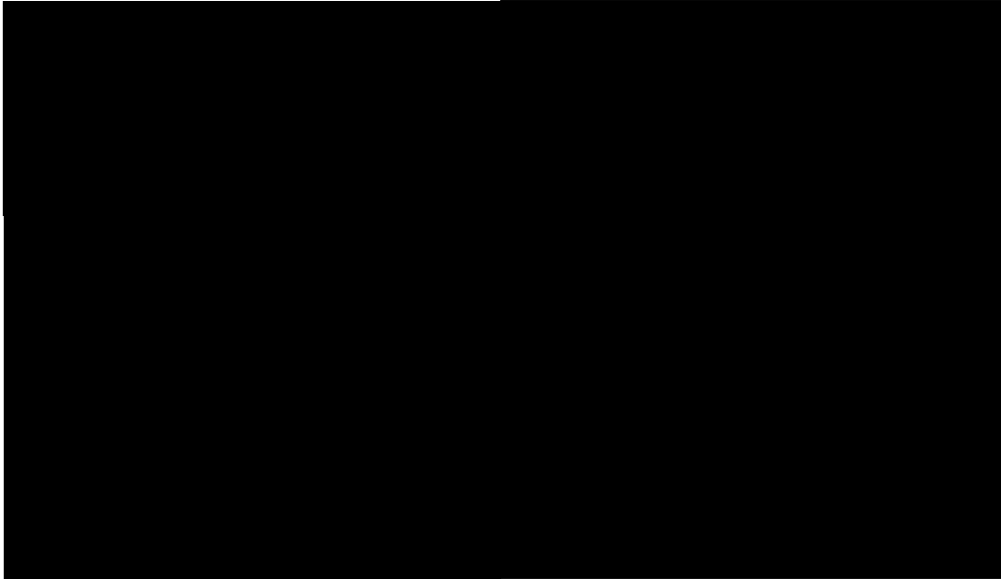

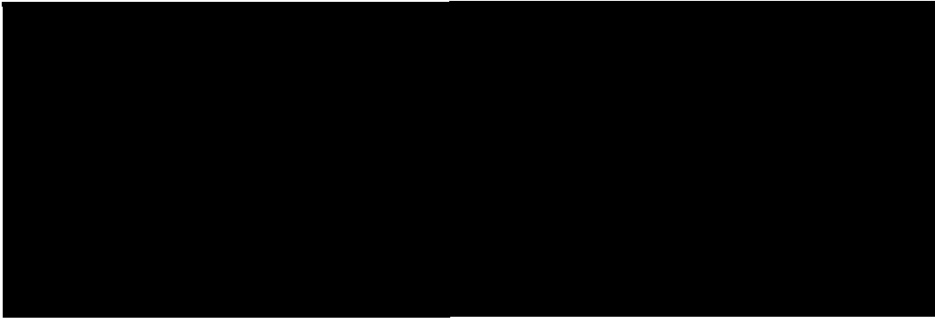
2. The Board states that proposed move is acceptable, if available; the Board also recommends that J.C. be referred to the Vicar for Priests Office for pastoral counseling to help him deal with his situation emotionally, his [REDACTED], and issue of not wanting to accept the reality of his situation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



* Please note for the record that the Review Board initiated its annual review of the policies and procedures pursuant to Article 4.3(h)6 of the Review Process For The Continuation Of Ministry and the Board proposed amendments to various provisions of the policies and procedures; the Board continued further discussion on at least two unresolved points of possible amendment for a future Board meeting.

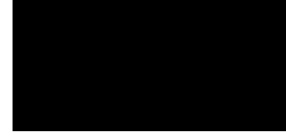
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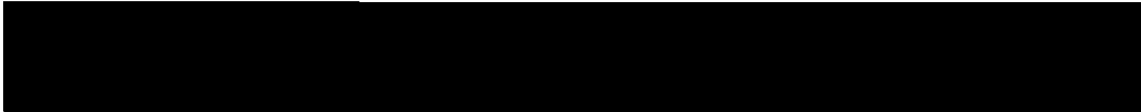
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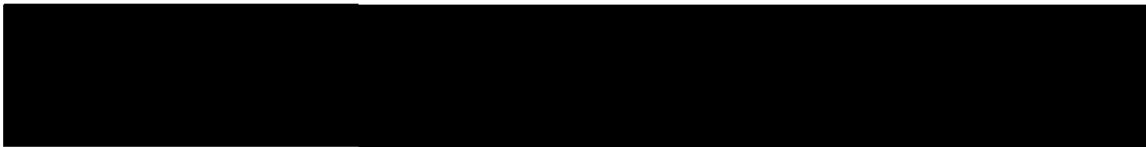
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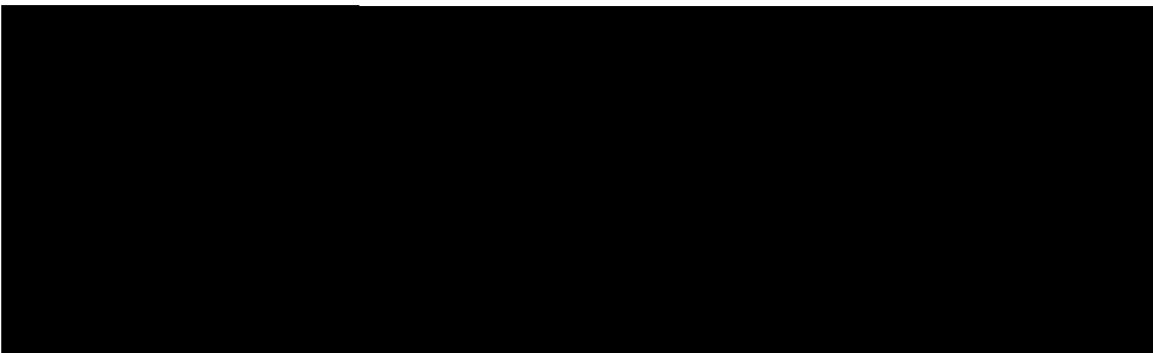
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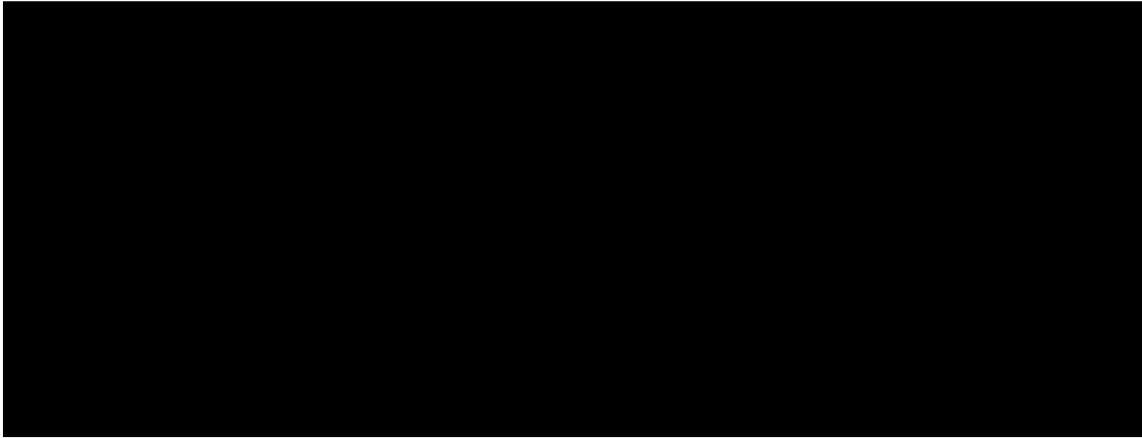
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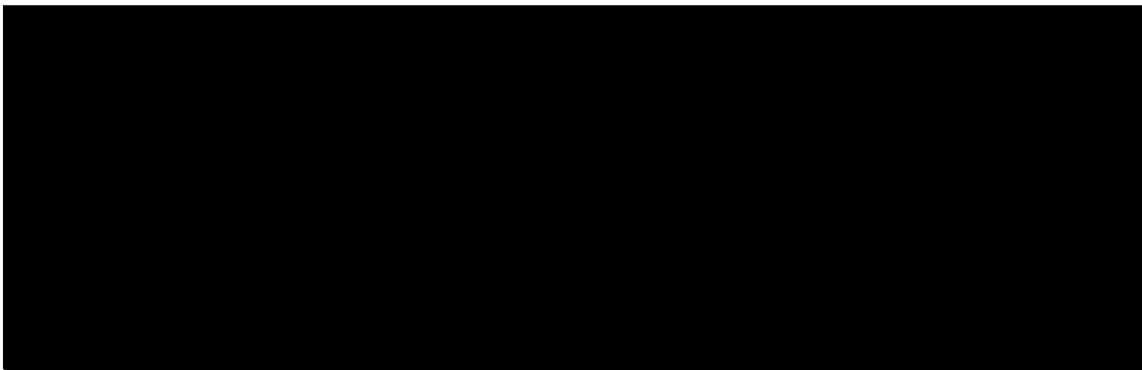
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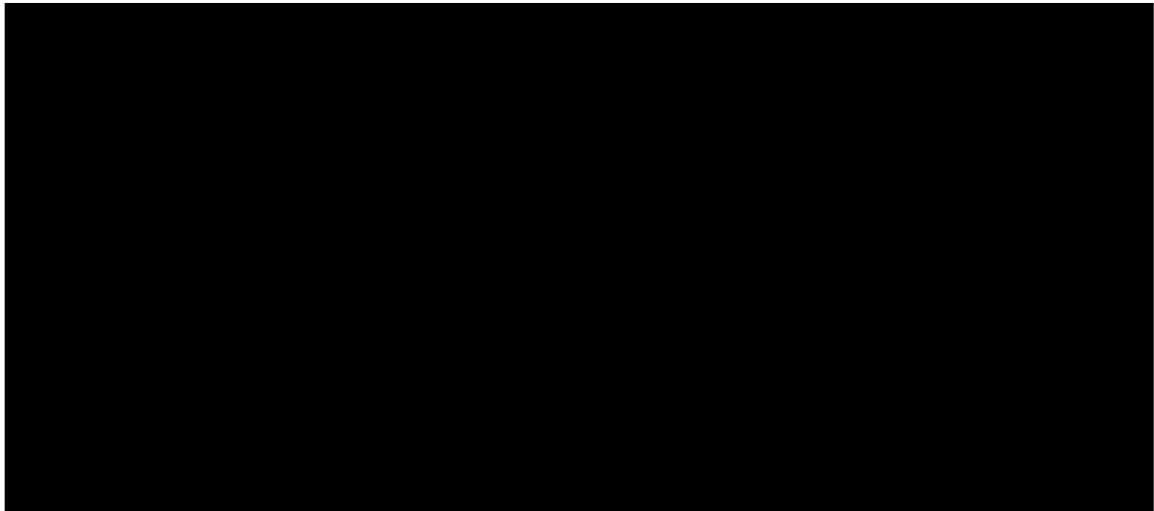
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Matter of



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[REDACTED]

Matter of [REDACTED]

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Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


Matter of PFR-07 (J.C.):

1. The Board completed a Second Stage Review in the PFR-07 matter pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

2. Determination: It is reasonable to keep J.C. in ministry in view of all of the facts and circumstances, giving appropriate consideration to the safety of children and the rights of the priest. Basis: Positive monitoring reports [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; latest ministerial assignment is a restricted form of ministry with no access to minors, although regular monitoring of J.C.'s activities should continue to ensure minors are not at risk in the un-monitored presence of J.C.

3. Recommendations to the Archbishop: J.C. should continue in a restricted ministry with no access to minors and remain in his current ministerial assignment as Assistant to the Vicar for Senior Priests; previous restrictions imposed upon J.C. should continue to ensure he is not alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.



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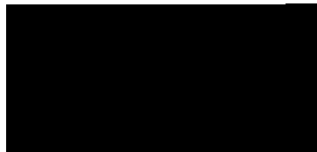
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Date: June 29, 1993

Board Members Present:

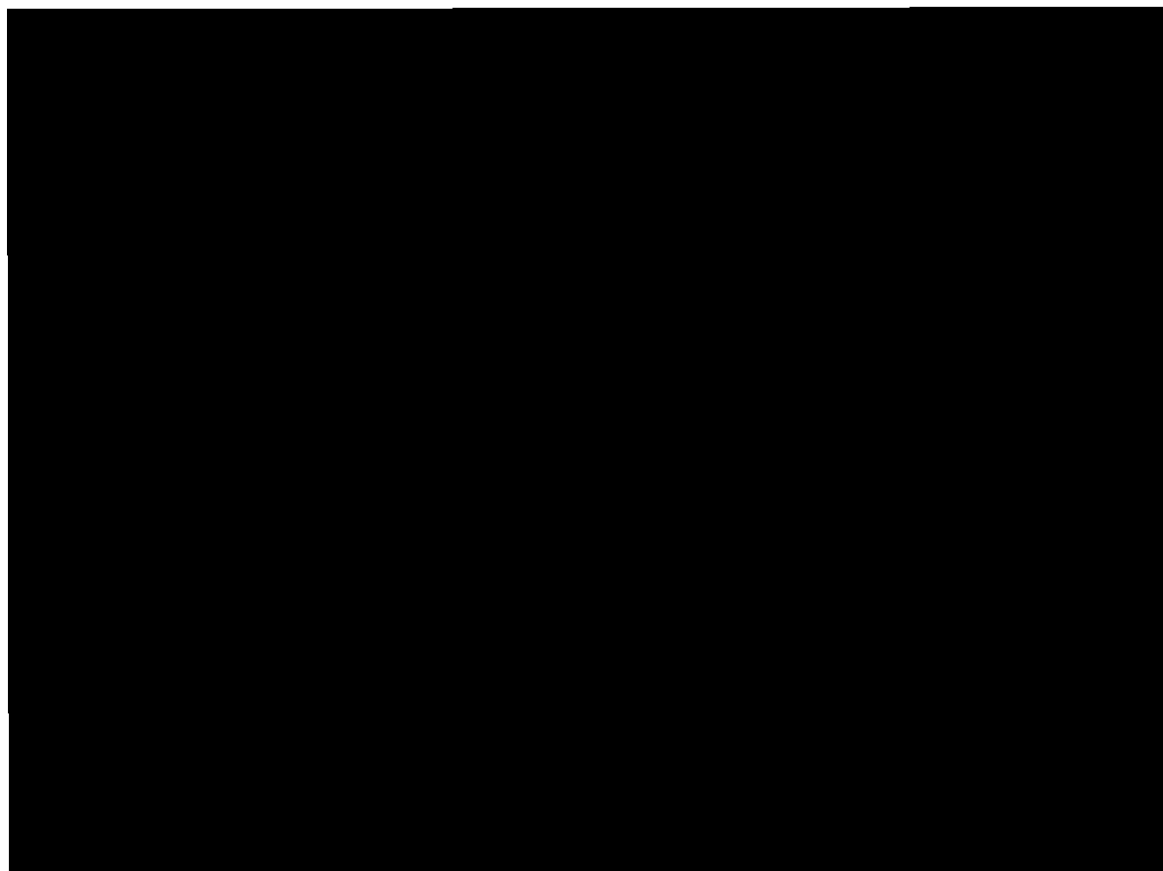


Others Present:

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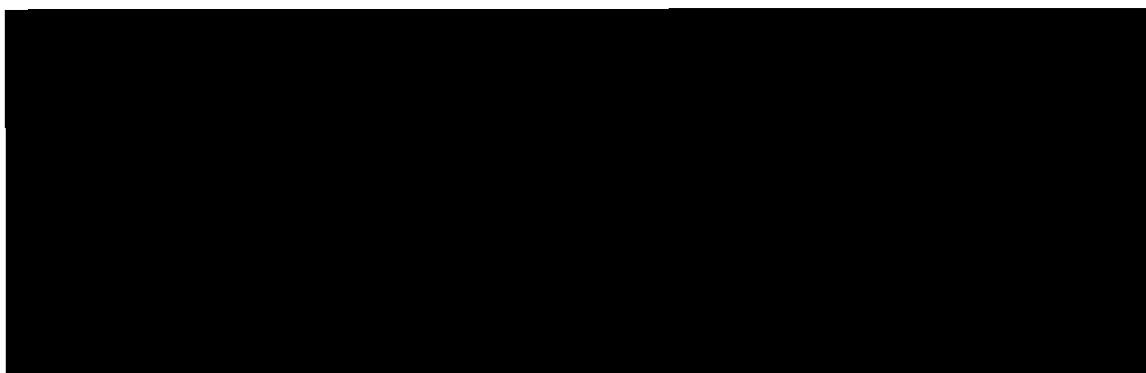
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Matter of [REDACTED]

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Matter of [REDACTED]



~Matter of [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Matter of PFR-07 (J.C.):

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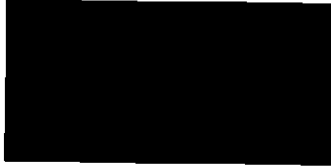
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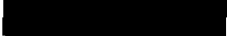
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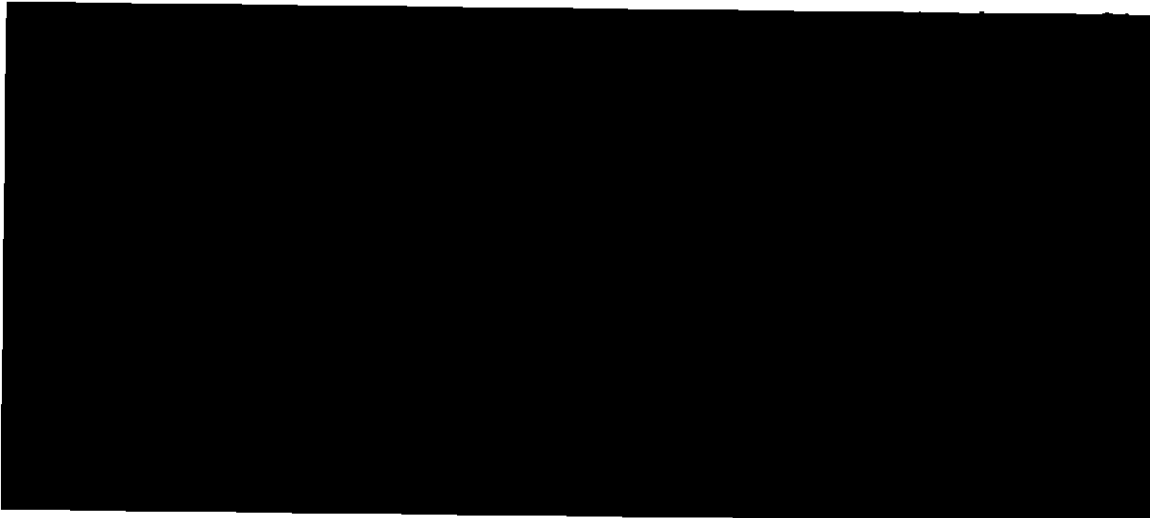
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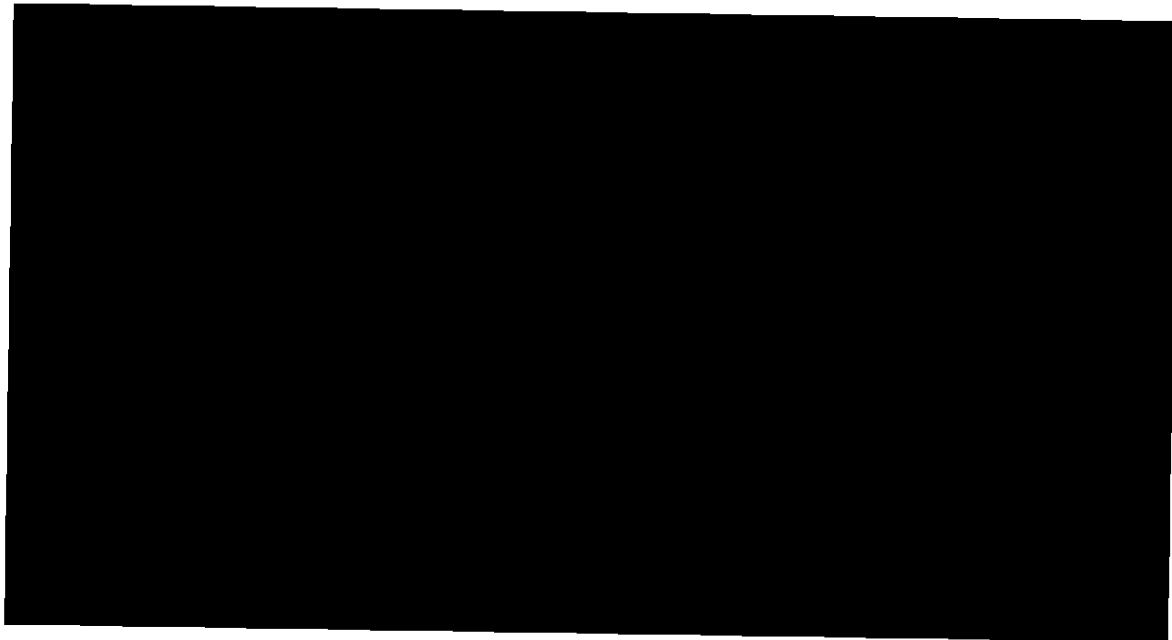
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Pat O'Malley	Steve Sidlowski
(Joseph Cardinal Bernardin - only for discussion regarding PFR-07)	

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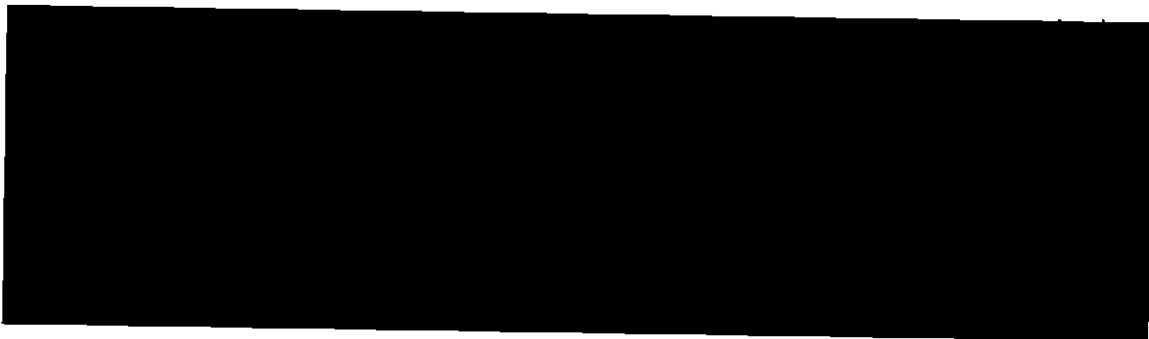
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Matter of PFR-07 (J.C.):

1. The Board discussed J.C.'s living arrangements/ministerial situation with Cardinal Bernardin. After much deliberation, the Board did not find objectionable Cardinal Bernardin's suggestion that J.C. be allowed into a ministerial assignment such as the Assistant to the Vicar for Senior Priests and working with Catholic Cemeteries, so long as it is an assignment with no access to minors; also, the Board found acceptable the suggested residence for J.C. in a separate house at Alvernia Manor retirement center so long as there is daily monitoring of J.C. by more than one adult, preferably women.



Respectfully
Submitted By
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Administrator

Minutes Unanimously
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MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
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(Minutes)

Date: March 26, 1993

Board Members Present:



Others Present:

Thomas Paprocki

Steve Sidlowski

Matter of PFR-07 (J.C.):

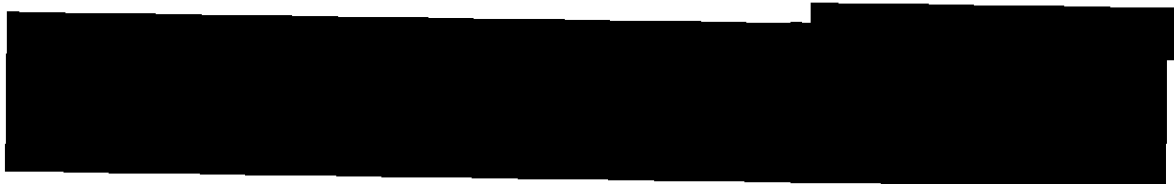
1. The Board completed a First Stage Review in the PFR-07 matter pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

2. Determination: There is reasonable cause to suspect that J.C. engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. Basis: Based upon the allegations from several minors at the time and their apparent credibility, as well as Cardinal Bernardin's previous decision that J.C. retire as pastor and resign as Dean due to allegations, minors would be at risk of sexual misconduct in the unsupervised presence of J.C.

3. Recommendations to the Archbishop: J.C. should not be re-assigned to a parish ministry or any ministry with access to minors; restrictions/supervision should be imposed upon J.C. to ensure he has no unsupervised contact with minors and J.C. should reside in supervised diocesan setting until Cardinal Bernardin decides J.C.'s ministry/residential status.

4. The Board directed the Administrator to conduct additional inquiry, if possible, [REDACTED]

Matter of [REDACTED]:





Respectfully
Submitted By
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Administrator

Minutes Unanimously
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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, February 16, 2002

10:00 – 12:00

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

I. Approval of December minutes with correction:

[REDACTED]

II. Introduction of new Board members:

[REDACTED]

III. A. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Rev. John Curran, PFR-07

At the First Stage Review, the Review Board asked Kathleen Leggdas to inquire whether the alleged victim, [REDACTED] had ever told anyone about the alleged abuse. [REDACTED] responded that he had not.

In light of the fact that there was no new or contradictory information, the Review Board affirmed their First Stage Review that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur.

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

IV. Annual Review of Policies

Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 14, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

**Cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests**

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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, December 15, 2001
10:00 – 12:00

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

I. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2001 Meeting

II. Case Reviews

A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of Rev. John Curran, PFR-07

The Review Board considered the allegation of [REDACTED] against the late Rev. John Curran.

Based on the information presented and the history of previous allegations against Father Curran, the Review Board determined that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur.

In preparation for the second stage review, the board asked Kathleen Leggdas to ask [REDACTED] if he had ever told anyone else about the alleged abuse closer to the time when it occurred.

F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

Cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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Professional Fitness Review Board

MINUTES

November 18, 2000

Members Present at Meeting:

[REDACTED]

Members Absent:

[REDACTED]

Others Present:

Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

I. Approval of August 19, 2000 minutes

II. Introduction of new Board Members

- [REDACTED] Pastoral Council of Holy Name Cathedral
- [REDACTED] Pastor of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Prospect Heights, IL.

III. Case Reviews

A. In the matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. In the matter of Rev. John Curran, PFR-07

Allegation made by [REDACTED] against Father John Curran was presented to the Board. History of allegations and time frame were consistent with previous allegations against Father Curran. Extent and nature of abuse inconsistent with five previous allegations.

Since Father is deceased and based on both commonalties and differences in allegation, the Board determined that the alleged incidents could have happened but that there is doubt about the severity of the abuse.

C. In the matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. In the matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

IV. Other Matters

PFRA presented Annual Report. Discussion followed.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 16, 2000 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Saturday, January 16, 1999
Office of Professional Fitness Review**

A G E N D A

I. Approval of Minutes

- A. November 21, 1998**
- B. December 19, 1998**

II. Review Board Matters

- A. Matter of PFR-13, [REDACTED]**
- B. Matter of PFR-23, [REDACTED]**
- C. Matter of PFR-55, [REDACTED]**
- D. Matter of PFR-29, [REDACTED]**
- E. Matter of PFR-43, [REDACTED]**
- F. Matter of PFR-07, John Curran**
- G. Matter of PFR-37, [REDACTED]**
- H. Matter of PFR-45, [REDACTED]**

III. Other Matters

- A. Office Coverage**

Our next regularly-scheduled meeting is February 20, 1999

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting, Saturday, January 16, 1999
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Office of Professional Fitness Review**

MINUTES

Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Others Present:

Rev. Thomas Paprocki

Kathleen Leggdas

I. Approval of Minutes given for:

- A. November 21, 1998**
- B. December 19, 1998**

II. Review Board Matters

A.

B.

C.

[REDACTED]

D.

E.

F.

John Curran, PFR-07

Allegation taken from [REDACTED] and wife [REDACTED] in November, 1998 and presented to JC on 12/15/98. JC remembered [REDACTED] but did not recall details given in allegation.

G.

H.

III. Other Matters:

- A. Telephone coverage, pager information shared along with [REDACTED]'s letter of retirement. Replacement options discussed as well as time-line, etc.
- B. PFRA job responsibility extended to include allegations of sexual misconduct with minors and/or adults for lay employees of the Archdiocese.

Next regularly-scheduled meeting is February 20, 1999.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Leah McCluskey
Patty Zacharias
Matt Hunnicutt
Mayra Flores
John O'Malley
Jan Leonatti

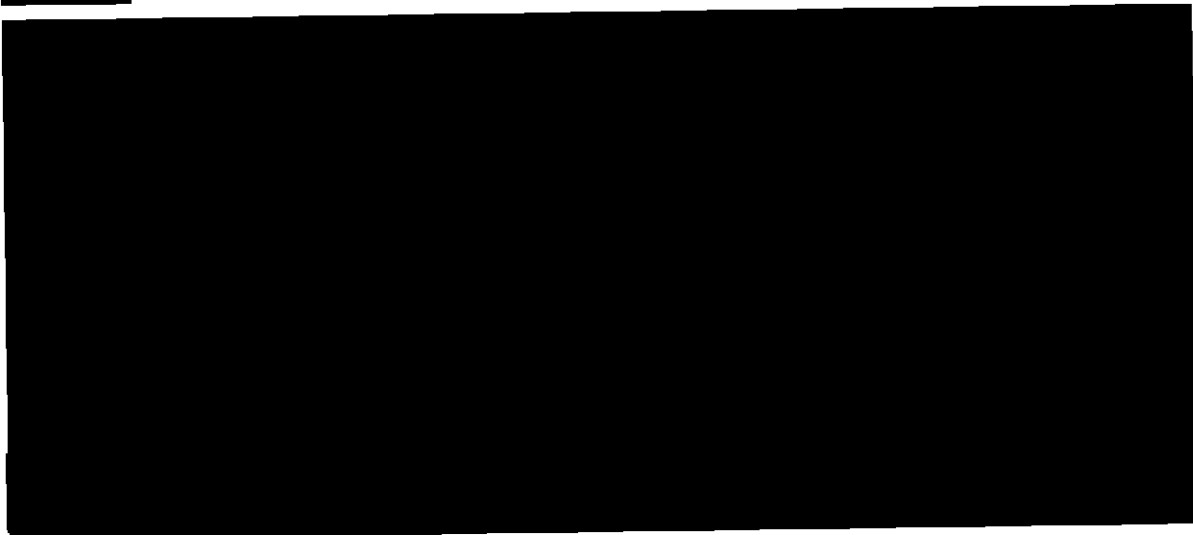
From: Ed Grace

EG

Re: [REDACTED] - Rev John Curran, deceased.

Date: November 27, 2007

Yesterday, November 26, 2007, a mister [REDACTED] called me at the office to say that he had a complaint he wished to make about a priest. When asked, he indicated that it was a complaint about sexual abuse of him when he was a minor in about 1980 or 81. He also indicated that the complaint was against John Curran who at the time was pastor of St. Christina's. I informed [REDACTED] that both Leah and Patty, the usual persons who would receive such complaints were out of the office this week, but that if he wished to speak with someone sooner he could speak with me. [REDACTED] chose to come in that very day and we met in my office about 1:00 P.M.



Page 2. [REDACTED] memo
Nov. 27, 2007

[REDACTED] also indicated that he was not sure what he wanted to result from his coming forward. He said that he was not looking for compensation, but when asked he thought some form of counseling might still be useful. [REDACTED] seemed reluctant to give me contact information for reaching him and I thought it best to not push the matter. Rather, I described the Office of Child Abuse Investigations and gave him contact information for Leah and Patty – suggesting that, since Curran is deceased, he call Patty to complete the bringing forth of the allegation. I also gave him the names of Matt Hunnicutt and Mayra Flores in VAM. to look into counseling. I wrote these names out for him and gave him the Child Protection Office phone number. When [REDACTED] left the office he seemed quite composed

Today, November 27, 2007

[REDACTED] called me again. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He told me that he had not slept last night; rather he was up thinking about these events. He indicated that he had called Patty, confirmed she was not in and left her a message with his contact information.

[REDACTED], I suggested that he call VAM. I put him on hold, called Office for Child Protection, confirmed that Matt was in the office today, and then gave [REDACTED] Matt's direct office number. I suggested that [REDACTED] call Matt, and told him that if I could be of any further help he should feel free to contact me.

After concluding today's call with [REDACTED] I called Matt's office again and left a message for him that [REDACTED] might be calling.

Ed Groen

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-07

From: Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator PZ

Re: Curran, John Rev. (Deceased)/Unidentified

Date: November 1, 2005

PRAA received a voice mail message from [REDACTED] PRAA had first spoken with [REDACTED] in September, 2005 as his adult son had just told him he had been abused by Fr. Curran when he was a child. At that time, PRAA had explained the role of the Office of Professional Responsibility as well as the availability of the Assistance Ministry.

[REDACTED] explained on his recent message that he had been told by the Archdiocese of Chicago that Fr. Curran had passed away. He described being very upset because he read an article in the newspaper on Friday, October 28, 2005, which listed Fr. Curran as living.

PRAA retrieved an article from the Chicago Sun-Times dated Friday, October 28, 2005 titled, " Archdiocese settles with 24 accusers". The third paragraph of the article lists John Curran as having been removed from ministry, not deceased.

PRAA consulted with PRA and then returned [REDACTED] call.

PRAA called [REDACTED] back and asked if he was referring to information in the Chicago Sun-Times. He said he was. She explained it was her understanding that the article in the Sun-Times was incorrect. She gave [REDACTED] the date of death for Fr. Curran according to RADAR as well as her understanding that he died in Cook County. He said he had believed the article to be correct and had called his son in [REDACTED] to let him know. He said he might try to confirm PRAA's information from another source such as the County records.

PRAA again briefly explained the option of his son formalizing his allegation if he would like to do so and encouraged [REDACTED] to call her again if he had any further questions.

[REDACTED] thanked PRAA for the call and said he may call again.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests
✓ Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Patricia Zacharias, Office of Professional Responsibility

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, ^{LNP}Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: September 26, 2005

RE: **[PFR-07]Curran, Rev. John (Deceased)/Unidentified**

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 9/26/05. We are opening a file and Patty Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with **Unidentified**. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Curran, Rev. John/Unidentified.

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.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Rev. George Rassas, Vicar General

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-07

From: Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator 12

Re: Curran, Rev. John (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Date: June 20, 2005

PRAA contacted [REDACTED] to follow up with him regarding his intent to formalize his allegation against Rev. Curran (Deceased).

[REDACTED] stated he does not currently feel the need to document his allegation. He said he would like it if the current pastor at St. Christina's gave a homily about Rev. Curran being an abuser and asking the congregation to pray for the Reverend and ask for God's mercy and forgiveness.

[REDACTED] described wanting reconciliation with the Church and his belief that formalizing his allegation would have an opposite effect.

[REDACTED]

He stated he would be interested in volunteering with the Church to assist other survivors as they go through the healing process.

PRAA stated she would explore what was available and would communicate back with him, either in writing or by telephone. He gave his contact information as:

[REDACTED]

PRAA contacted [REDACTED], Victim Assistance Coordinator with the Diocese of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that while they do not currently have such opportunities available, she would be happy to speak with [REDACTED] and see if something could be worked out for the future. PRAA did not identify [REDACTED] by

name. [REDACTED] would recognize him by his using PRAA's name as the identifier if he chooses to call.

PRAA sent [REDACTED] a letter detailing the above information and asking him to contact her again if she could be of assistance.

PRAA will conclude this case within the RADAR system as of this date.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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 FE's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on October 1, 2004, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Curran providing Victim FE with alcohol, marijuana and showing the minor pornographic videos. The alleged abuse progressed to genital fondling, kissing, digital penetration of Victim FE's anus, and Fr. Curran performing oral sex on Victim FE. These acts occurred at the St. Christina parish rectory beginning in approximately 1985. Victim FE estimates between 10 and 20 incidents of sexual abuse by Fr. Curran. Victim FE also remembers being in the first floor of the rectory with Fr. Curran and other boys and seeing Fr. Curran put his hand on the crotch of one of the other boys.

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 FF's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on May 21, 2004, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Curran providing Victim FF with alcohol and fondling Victim FF's genitals, both over and under his clothes. The alleged abuse occurred at St. Albert the Great parish when Victim FF was an altar boy and between sixth and eighth grade, which was approximately 1977 to 1979. Victim FF stated that he also witnessed Fr. Curran abusing other minor altar boys. The abuse would take place before mass in the sacristy of the church or the dressing room for the altar boys.

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 FG's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on May 24, 2004, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Curran providing Victim FG with alcohol; fondling his genitals over and under his clothes while Victim VG was an altar boy before and after masses and events; and using sexually explicit language during confession with Victim FG. Victim FG estimates 200 incidents of alleged abuse by Fr. Curran over the course of approximately three years, beginning in 1976. The alleged abuse occurred at St. Albert the Great parish, at Victim FG's family home, and in Fr. Curran's car. Victim FG also reported witnessing Fr. Curran abusing his minor friends, including 20-25 other altar boys per grade per year. Victim FG also saw Fr. Curran providing minors with alcohol at parties. Victim FG believes that other priests knew that Fr. Curran abused children because one priest told the altar boys that he kept a padlock on his door at the rectory where Fr. Curran also was.

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 FH's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on April 14, 2004, formalizing her allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Curran fondling Victim FH's chest and engaging in sexually explicit dialogue. The alleged abuse occurred in the rectory at St. Albert the Great parish from approximately 1971 through 1975. Victim FH recalls Fr. Curran buying alcohol for the boys that would be with him in the rectory.

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 FI's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on December 22, 2003 formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Curran providing Victim FG with alcohol, french kissing the minor and fondling his genitals, as well as engaging in sexually explicit discussions. The alleged abuse occurred at the St. Christina parish rectory (where Victim FI was an altar boy) and at Victim FI's family home, beginning in approximately 1981. Victim FI stated that he is aware of Fr. Curran abusing several of his relatives as well.

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MEMORANDUM

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

To: File
From: Donna A. Contreras *DAE*
Re: Victim Assistance Request - [REDACTED]
Date: 3/23/04 - 10:15 a.m.

A phone call was received on Friday, April 23, 2004 from a [REDACTED] who presently resides in [REDACTED]. He is requesting closure for an occurrence of abuse he experienced at the age of fourteen by Fr. John Curran who is now deceased. He called St Christina Church yesterday and spoke with a priest who he believes is the present pastor. The abuse occurred at St. Christina during his youth. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] can be reached today at the following phone number: [REDACTED]

Cc: Ralph
Mayra

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LAW OFFICES

TELEPHONE
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March 25, 2004

CONFIDENTIAL
VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. James Serritella
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella
330 N. Wabash, 22nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60611
Fax: 312-840-7900

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APR 01 2004

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Re: [REDACTED] and The Reverend John W. Curran

Dear Mr. Serritella,

Pursuant to our conversation, I am writing regarding my client, [REDACTED] who was sexually molested by Reverend John W. Curran. The abuse occurred while [REDACTED] was an altar boy at St. Albert the Great in Burbank, Illinois, from the fall 1976 until spring 1980. [REDACTED] was born in 1965.

At this time, [REDACTED] requests that the Archdiocese of Chicago provide payment for emotional and psychiatric care and treatment for [REDACTED] with a therapist of his choosing. Further, as we discussed, [REDACTED] is willing to attempt settlement of his claims now, rather than immediately initiating a lawsuit.

I will not go into the details of the nature and extent of the abuse, the notice to the Archdiocese through other priests and employees of the Archdiocese, and the nature and extent of [REDACTED] injuries. If we are to have a mediation, all of that information will be provided.

I ask that all communication between the Archdiocese and [REDACTED] be made through me. Please contact me so that we can schedule settlement discussions and/or mediation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours, [REDACTED]

BURKE, WARREN, MACKEY & SERRITELLA, P.C.

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March 8, 2004

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson
Jeff Anderson & Associates
E-1000 First National Bank Building
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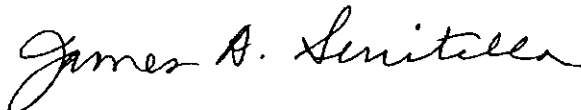
Re: [REDACTED] /Rev. John Curran

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Per our discussion, I am following up on your letter of October 15, 2003 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she has already interviewed your client about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8293), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for therapy from a licensed therapist selected by your client at the Archdiocese's expense while this matter is being processed.

Please direct any correspondence about the claim you are pursuing to me.

Very truly yours,


James A. Serritella

lj

cc: Leah McCluskey
Ralph Bonaccorsi

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BURKE, WARREN, MACKAY & SERRITELLA, P.C.

Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson

March 8, 2004

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bcc: Reverend James Kaczorowski
Reverend Thomas Tivy
John C. O'Malley

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility

CC: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
John O'Malley, Legal Services

FROM: Michael J. Bland, Psy.D., D.Min. *MJBland*
Assistance Ministry Clinical & Pastoral Coordinator

RE: [REDACTED]

DATE: December 11, 2003

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

I received a phone message from [REDACTED] on Tuesday, December 9, 2003. I returned [REDACTED] phone call the same day and he told me that he was calling me upon the recommendation of [REDACTED]

During our conversation [REDACTED] reported that John Curran sexually abused him as a minor. [REDACTED] did not go into any of the details of his allegation.

[REDACTED]

I explained the process of reporting his allegation and your role as the Administrator of the Office of Professional Responsibility. I also clarified with him my role with Assistance Ministry as the Clinical & Pastoral Coordinator.

To this end, [REDACTED] requested that you call him in order that he can make an appointment to formalize his allegation. He also requested that I be present when he comes in for this appointment.

We also discussed issues regarding his healing process and the appropriate outreach has been offered to him.

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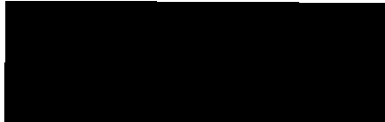
Office of Professional Fitness Review



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January 24, 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

My name is Leah McCluskey and I am the Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA] at the Archdiocese of Chicago. I work in the Office of Professional Fitness Review, where we receive all allegations of sexual misconduct made against priests and deacons of the Archdiocese.

I am writing this letter in regards to your allegation of sexual misconduct against John Curran. As you may know, John Curran is deceased. The Archdiocese has amended its procedures with respect to deceased priests and I would like to share the changes with you. Allegations against deceased priests will continue to be received by this office, however, after our inquiry the matter will no longer be presented to the Review Board. The Archdiocesan office of Assistance Ministry will now receive and process all allegations of misconduct against deceased priests once this office has concluded its inquiry. This policy change is due to the fact that it is the responsibility of the Review Board to first and foremost protect children and to also make recommendations to the Cardinal regarding the fitness for ministry of accused priests. This recent revision of the Review Board's process will not in any way affect the seriousness with which your allegation is addressed by this office.

Upon receipt of the report written by PFRA, the office of Victim Assistance Ministry [VAM] will provide assistance and outreach to the individual who has made an allegation against the deceased priest. VAM will also be the primary contact for the individual as he or she proceeds through the Archdiocesan process of formalizing an allegation of misconduct.

I understand that the process of formalizing an allegation against a priest is an extremely difficult and sensitive matter. It is our intention to have a process in place that addresses the needs of those who have come forward with allegations, whether the accused is alive or deceased.

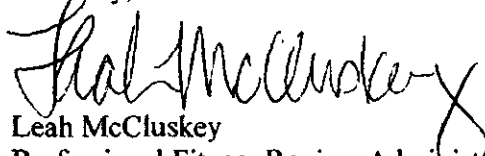
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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by mail, phone, or e-mail:

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
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312.751.5206
lmcccluskey@archdiocese-chgo.org

For interest in additional support services, please feel free to contact the Office of Assistance Ministry at 312.751.8267.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
John O'Malley, Legal Services

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim FJ's statement, given to Ms. Leggdas on May 29, 2002, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of a single incident of genital fondling by Fr. Curran, during which time Fr. Curran taught Victim FJ how to masturbate. Victim FJ estimates that the alleged abuse occurred in 1955 or 1956, when he was a student at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim IA's statement, given to Ms. Leggdas on December 10, 2001, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of kissing, genital fondling under Victim IA's clothing, and attempted digital penetration. Fr. Curran also exposed his genitals to Victim IA during one of the incidents of abuse. The alleged abuse occurred when Victim IA was between 16 and 18 years old, 1968 and 1970, at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South and St. Albert the Great parish.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

October 23, 2001

Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of the Chancellor
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

RE: [REDACTED] v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO/FATHER JOHN CURRAN

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED] in a claim against the ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO arising out of claims that he was sexually molested by FATHER JOHN (JACK) CURRAN who was [REDACTED] teacher and counselor at Quigley.

Also be advised that I claim a lien for my services as attorney for the above-captioned individual and I ask that your representative contact me so that we can discuss the possible disposition of this claim.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]
Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]
cc [REDACTED], Esq.

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of

No. 2000P5274Docket 74Page 48John W. Curran, Deceased

ORDER

Allowed for \$ _____

Class _____

Judge _____

CLAIM

1. Claimant The Archdiocese of Chicago ("Archdiocese") has a claim for
in an amount to be determined by future (name)
adjudication or settlement on the merits
against this estate.

2. The nature of the claim*

_____ have made a demand against the Archdiocese based on allegedly unlawful and tortious conduct of John Curran in connection with his work as a cleric for the Archdiocese. The _____ have also filed a claim against this Estate. The Archdiocese's claim against this Estate is for contribution in tort for any amounts it is obligated to pay the _____ for their claim against the Archdiocese, whether through future adjudication or settlement on the merits.

Atty. No.: 41704Firm Name: Burke, Warren, Mackay & Serritella, P.C.Atty. for Claimant: The Archdiocese of ChicagoAddress: 330 No. Wabash Ave. (22nd Fl.)City/Zip: Chicago, IL 60611Telephone: (312) 840-7000The Archdiocese of ChicagoAddress: 155 East SuperiorCity/State/Zip: Chicago, IL 60611Telephone: (312) 751-8200

*When the claim is based upon a written instrument, a copy of the instrument must be attached. When the claim is based on tort, so state.

AURELIA PUCINSKI, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim FK's statement, given to Ms. Leggdas on November 3, 2000, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Curran hugging and kissing Victim FK, as well as fondling his genitals over his clothing and performing oral sex on each other. The alleged abuse occurred at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South beginning in 1966. Per Victim FK, the abuse occurred at least six times over an approximately three year period. Victim FK reported that he had previously contacted the Archdiocese in 1990 regarding his allegations against Fr. Curran, however he allegedly received no response from the Archdiocese at that time.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

[REDACTED]

Plaintiffs

TIMOTHY J CULHANE, as personal
representative and independent administrator
of the Estate of JOHN W CURRAN,

Defendant

No 00 L 007568

Jury Trial Demanded

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COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS

AMENDED COMPLAINT AT LAW FOR DAMAGES

[REDACTED] by their attorneys, hereby complain against defendant Timothy J Culhane, as personal representative of the Estate of John W Curran ("Curran"), and allege as follows

PARTIES

1 [REDACTED] is a citizen of the state of Illinois He is married to [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] is a citizen of the state of Illinois She is married to [REDACTED]

3 Curran recently has become deceased On July 13, 2000, an order was entered appointing Timothy J Culhane as personal representative and independent administrator of Curran's estate by the Court in the matter captioned *Estate of John W Curran*, 00 P 00 5274, currently pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County Illinois, Probate Division

4 Upon information and belief, Curran was a citizen of the State of Illinois and resided in Chicago Illinois at the time of his death Upon information and belief, Curran was a citizen of the State of Illinois and resided in Cook County, Illinois at all relevant times

5 Culhane, upon information and belief, is a citizen of the State of Wisconsin

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6 This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to section 2-209 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure because, among other things, the causes of action asserted herein arose out of conduct that occurred in Cook County, Illinois

7 Pursuant to section 2-101 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, venue is proper in this Court because the occurrences that give rise to the claims asserted herein occurred in Cook County, Illinois

BACKGROUND FACTS

8 Curran physically and sexually abused [REDACTED] repeatedly when [REDACTED] was 13 or 14 years old. The physical abuse was so severe and so prolonged that [REDACTED] to date, has substantially repressed all memories of the abuse

9 Curran's extensive and repeated abuse of [REDACTED] has caused [REDACTED] to suffer substantial damages. Among other things, Curran's abuse has caused [REDACTED] to suffer serious physical and mental injury, including depression and other physical and mental health problems

10 Through extensive mental health treatment, [REDACTED] has recently been able to remember parts of Curran's abuse, but he has not yet been able to fully recall all of his repressed memories. [REDACTED] first began to uncover his repressed memories after years of counseling and other medical treatment beginning in 1998

11 Prior to November 1998, [REDACTED] had repressed the memories of Curran's abuse and, accordingly, the statute of limitations did not begin to run prior to that time

12 In addition, since he reached the age of 18, [REDACTED] has suffered from and continues to suffer from a legal disability, [REDACTED] so that the statute of limitations has not run on his claims against Curran

13. Curran's abuse of [REDACTED] has also caused direct and substantial damages to [REDACTED] wife.

14. Curran knew or should have known that his abuse of [REDACTED] would have a direct and substantial effect on [REDACTED] and on his spouse.

COUNT I: INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

**[REDACTED] v. Timothy Culhane, as personal representative
and independent administrator of the Estate of John Curran)**

15. Plaintiff hereby incorporates Paragraphs 1 through 14 as Paragraph 15, as though fully set forth herein.

16. At the time Curran physically and sexually abused [REDACTED] Curran was an adult with authority and a leadership role relative to [REDACTED] who at the time was a minor.

17. Curran's physical and sexual abuse of [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] was a minor was extreme and outrageous and exceeded all bounds of decency.

18. Curran, an adult whom [REDACTED] placed confidence in, acted with willfully, wantonly, recklessly, intentionally, and in deliberate disregard for the likelihood that [REDACTED] would suffer severe emotional distress as a result of Curran's sexual and physical abuse of [REDACTED]

19. Curran knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that there was at least a high probability that his sexual and physical abuse of [REDACTED] would result in serious emotional distress to [REDACTED]

20. [REDACTED] suffered severe emotional distress.

21 Curran's wrongful acts of sexual and physical abuse of [REDACTED] were a direct and proximate causation of [REDACTED] severe emotional distress,

WHEREFORE, plaintiff [REDACTED] respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in his favor and against Timothy J. Culhane, as personal representative and independent administrator of the Estate of John W. Curran, in an amount proven by the evidence and all other and further relief appropriate in the circumstances

COUNT II: ASSAULT AND BATTERY

[REDACTED] v. Timothy J. Culhane, personal representative
and independent administrator of Estate of John W. Curran)

22 Plaintiff [REDACTED] hereby incorporates Paragraphs 1 through 14, as Paragraph 22, as though fully set forth herein

23 Curran acted with an intent to cause a harmful or offensive contact with [REDACTED] without [REDACTED] consent

24 Curran's actions placed [REDACTED] in a reasonable apprehension of receiving an imminent harmful or offensive contact with Curran

25 Curran sexually and physically abused [REDACTED] without [REDACTED] consent

WHEREFORE, plaintiff [REDACTED] respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in his favor and against Timothy J. Culhane, as personal representative and independent administrator of the Estate of John W. Curran, in an amount proven by the evidence and all other and further relief appropriate in the circumstances

COUNT III: NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

**[REDACTED] v. Timothy J. Culhane, as personal representative
and independent administrator of the Estate of John W. Curran)**

26 Plaintiff [REDACTED] hereby realleges Paragraphs 1 through 14 as Paragraph 26, as
though fully set forth herein

27 Curran knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that his sexual and
physical abuse of [REDACTED] would result in serious emotional distress to [REDACTED]

28 Curran, as a person in whom [REDACTED] placed confidence and trust, and as a
person with authority and a leadership role in relation to [REDACTED] owed a duty to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to refrain from sexually assaulting and abusing [REDACTED]

29 Curran negligently and carelessly breached this duty by negligently and carelessly
engaging in acts of sexual and physical abuse of [REDACTED] in a total disregard for the likelihood
that [REDACTED] would suffer severe emotional distress as a direct and proximate result of the
sexual abuse of [REDACTED]

30 Curran's conduct was extreme and outrageous, and went beyond all bounds of decency

31 As a direct and proximate result of Curran's negligence and carelessness, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] suffered severe emotional distress

WHEREFORE, plaintiff [REDACTED] respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment
in his favor and against Timothy J. Culhane, as personal representative and independent administrator
of the Estate of John W. Curran, in an amount proven by the evidence and all other and further relief
appropriate in the circumstances

COUNT IV: LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

**[REDACTED] v. Timothy J. Culhane, as personal representative
and independent administrator of the Estate of John Curran)**

32 Plaintiff [REDACTED] realleges Paragraph 1 through Paragraph 14 as Paragraph 32, as though fully set forth herein.

33. Plaintiff [REDACTED] is the lawfully wedded wife of [REDACTED]

34 As a direct and proximate cause of Curran's physical and sexual abuse of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] suffered several mental and physical injuries, including depression and other physical and mental health problems, that have affected and will continue to affect [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ability to attend to his usual duties.

35 As a direct and proximate cause of Curran's physical and sexual abuse of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] plaintiff [REDACTED] has been deprived, and is reasonably certain to be deprived in the future of the support, society, companionship, and conjugal relationship with her husband.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff [REDACTED] respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in her favor and against Timothy J. Culhane, as personal representative and independent administrator of the Estate of John W. Curran, in an amount proven by the evidence and all other and further relief appropriate in the circumstances.

Jury Trial Demanded

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]

By Caesar A. Tabet
One of their Attorneys

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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February 9, 2000

Dear Father Curran,

In light of my past visits to you and in consultation with Fr. Larry McBrady who keeps me apprised of your condition, I believe now is the appropriate time for you to officially retire from active ministry. Your retirement is effective immediately.

I take this occasion to express my gratitude for all you have done through your forty-three years of service to the Archdiocese and for all you have done as dean and pastor of St. Christina Parish. The Church of Chicago is deeply appreciative of your faithful and devoted care of God's people.

John, I know this is a difficult time for you. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.".

Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rev. Jeremiah ...".
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend John W. Curran
Resurrection Life Center
7370 W Talcott
Chicago, IL 60631

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Moderator of the Curia
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor
✓ Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
Most Reverend Timothy J. Lyne, Vicar for Senior Priests
Reverend Martin O'Donovan, Pastor
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board
Mr. Alex Becker, PRMAA

AOC 001936

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim FL's statement, given to Ms. Leggdas on November 25, 1998, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Curran providing the minor with alcohol, kissing Victim FL and fondling his genitals over and under his clothes. The alleged abuse occurred at the St. Albert the Great parish rectory in 1970. Victim FL was an altar boy at St. Albert the Great, and reported that Curran had a reputation for buying alcohol for students and altar boys.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter written in November, 1998 by Victim FL's spouse to Rev. John Curran, regarding her husband's abuse by Fr. Curran. The letter summarizes the alleged impact the abuse had on Victim FL, including depression, low self-esteem, alcoholism, drug addiction and suicidal tendencies.

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August 11, 1998

Reverend John Curran
Resurrection Life Center
7370 West Talcott
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Father Curran:

I spoke with Fr. Larry McBrady regarding your request for the name of the individual who reported an allegation of sexual misconduct against you. Please know that [REDACTED] is not willing to meet with me at this time. However, [REDACTED] is aware that, when he is able to meet with me, my office will conduct a thorough investigation.

I hope this letter finds you in good health. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Lawrence McBrady

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January 8, 1998

Dear Bernadette,

I am writing in response to your letter of December 23, 1997 regarding the matter of **Reverend John Curran** following the Review Board's Supplementary Review conducted on December 20, 1997.

In light of all the oral and written reports presented in this matter, and due to Father Curran's recent [REDACTED] I accept the Board's recommendation for a change in Father Curran's protocol, namely, that Father Curran is now to reside at Alvernia Manor in Lemont, Illinois. I also accept the Board's further recommendation that Father Curran's activities be monitored by a staff member of Alvernia Manor. The other provisions of his protocol remain in place.

Please communicate this decision to Father Curran.

I am grateful to you and the members of the Review Board for your assistance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Francis E. George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

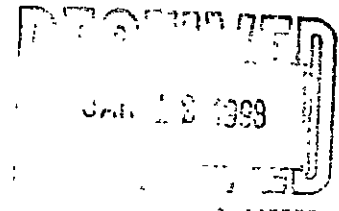
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Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
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cc: Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
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Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services



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September 6, 1996

Reverend John Curran
St. Joseph Rectory
17951 Dixie Highway
Homewood, IL 60430

Dear Father Curran:

On September 3, 1996 we met to discuss your protocol restrictions. Enclosed you will find your Individual Protocol outlining conditions and restrictions regarding your living arrangements at St. Joseph Parish, Homewood. I would ask you to review, and sign, your Protocol and forward it to me in the enclosed envelope.

John, if you should ever need assistance, please do not hesitate to call my office. Also, know that you are in my prayers and thoughts.

Very truly yours,

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

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Daniel Coughlin
Vicar for Priests

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**INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL
for REV. JOHN CURRAN
9-3-96**

I have reviewed, understood, and agree to all requirements of this protocol.

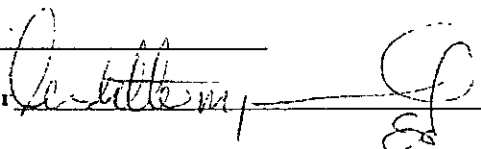
- 1) Unaccompanied, out-of-house activities include the following**
 - A. Archdiocese of Chicago/Pastoral Center - as needed;**
 - B. [REDACTED]**
 - C. Spiritual Direction, as needed.**
- 2) Fr. Curran is not to be alone with persons under eighteen (18) years of age without another responsible adult present.**
- 3) Attendance at all activities and the specific names, addresses, times, and telephone numbers regarding Fr. Curran's whereabouts must be conveyed to his individual monitors.**
- 4) Fr. Curran is not to take overnights or vacations unless prior approval is obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.**
- 5) Fr. Curran is allowed to celebrate Mass privately as provided in the Sacramentary according to the "Order of Mass Without A Congregation." All other ministry remains restricted.**
- 6) In order to change this protocol, prior approval must be obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.**
- 7) This is a working document which can be changed, altered or superseded when there is an indicated need to do so.**
- 8. A copy of this protocol will be kept on file at the Office of Professional Fitness Review and the Vicar for Priests.**

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Professional Fitness Review Administrator



Date: 9/2/96

**cc: Members of Review Board
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki
Vicar for Priests
Rev. James Sayers
Rev. Robert Stepek**

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August 25, 1997

Dear Bernadette,

I am writing in response to your letter of August 18, 1997 regarding the matter of **Reverend John Curran** following the Review Board's Supplementary Review conducted on August 16, 1997.

In light of the all the oral and written reports presented in this matter, I accept the Board's recommendation for a change in Father Curran's protocol, namely, that Father Curran is now to reside at Koenig Hall in Mundelein, Illinois, under monitoring restrictions.

Please communicate this decision to Father Curran.

I am grateful to you and the members of the Review Board for your assistance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Francis E. George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

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August 22, 1996

Reverend John W. Curran
St. Joseph Parish
17951 Dixie Highway
Homewood, IL 60430

Dear Father Curran:

As recommended by the Professional Fitness Review Board and approved by Cardinal Bernardin, you are assigned as Resident to St. Joseph Parish, Homewood. Please note that this assignment does not include faculties for any public ministry. You may, however, celebrate Mass privately as provided in the *Sacramentary* according to the "Order of Mass Without a Congregation." All other ministry remains restricted. In particular, you continue to be restricted from being alone in the presence of a minor without another responsible adult present.

You will also be expected to cooperate with the arrangements [REDACTED] and to abide by the protocol and monitoring restrictions determined by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator in consultation with the Vicar for Priests and the priests of St. Joseph Parish.

John, please be know of my prayers as you take up your new residence.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. R. Sanders".

Vice-Chancellor

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate VI
Most Reverend Timothy J. Lyne, Vicar for Senior Priests
Reverend Jeremiah M. Boland, Diocesan Priests' Placement Board
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
Reverend James M. Sayers, Pastor, St. Joseph Church, Homewood
Ms. Bernadette M. Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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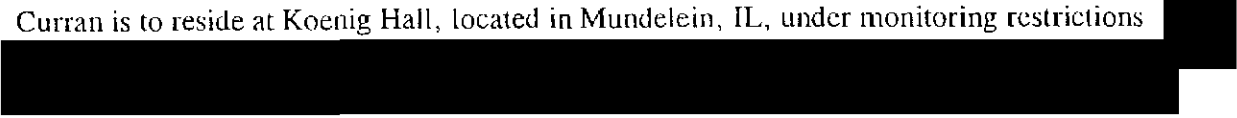
August 18, 1997

Most Reverend Francis E. George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 East Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Archbishop George:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on August 16, 1997. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Reverend John Curran. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Board Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board recommends a change in Fr. Curran's current protocol. Specifically, Fr. Curran is to reside at Koenig Hall, located in Mundelein, IL, under monitoring restrictions



If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Connolly".

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Vicar for Priests

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1. Bernadette Connolly met with John Curran, James Sayers and Robert Stepek on 7/15/97 at St. Joseph's in Homewood. BC informed JC that there was a two-bedroom suite available at the Retreat House and that the Director of the Retreat House and the Vicar for Priests have given their approval for JC to move into the suite. The suite is separate from Koenig Hall. JC informed BC that he is willing to tour the facility. JC informed BC that he would call her on Friday, July 18th, to set up a day and time to visit the facility the week of 7/20/97.
2. July 18, 1997
JC never called BC about the tour of the apartment. BC phoned JC at the Rectory and JC was not available. BC left a message. BC also called JC on Sunday, 7/20/97, and again JC did not return her call.
3. Dan Coughlin left a message on Saturday, 7/19/97, informing BC that there was a possible opening for JC to live at Casa San Carlo, located at 429 N. Wolf, Melrose Park, a facility operated under Catholic Charities.
4. Monday, July 21, 1997
BC again tried reaching JC. The secretary at St. Joe's informed her that JC is not answering the page, but that he was present at the rectory. She stated she gave JC all of my messages and he is not returning my calls.

I phoned Bill Darcy at Catholic Charities and he informed me that JC could live there for free, but that we would have to pay for his meals. He also said that [REDACTED] the Administrator at Casa San Carlo, is willing to act as JC's on-site monitor. He referred me to her at [REDACTED].

I phoned [REDACTED] and left a message on her voice mail.

I again left a message for JC at the rectory. JC ignored my call.

I phoned Mark Holihan, JC's classmate and asked him if he had spoken to JC. MH said that JC was very depressed and that he was willing to go to Casa San Carlo and that he would try to convince JC to call me.

7/22/97 - No messages from J.C.

7/23/97 - BC again left a message for JC. BC talked with Fr. Bob Stepek and he said that JC is avoiding me and the issue of moving out of the rectory. Bob said that he would try to have JC call me.

7/24/97 - No messages from JC

7/25/97 - BC in Sublette, IL visiting another priest. No messages from JC

7/28/97 - BC phone JC and left a message. BC spoke with Mark Holihan and Bob Stepek. BC asked them to let JC know that a tour of Casa San Carlo is set for Tuesday, 7/29/97 at 11:00 am. Bob Stepek called later and said that JC would be there.

7/29/97

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday 7/29/97 my assistant calls me to let me know that Mark Holihan received a call from JC and that he could not make the meeting today at Casa San Carlo. Mark stated that JC was not feeling good. Please note that JC never called my office, but went through MH in order for me to receive this message. BC kept Dan Coughlin informed of all of these events and also informed him that JC canceled the appointment for Casa San Carlo. I informed DC that I contacted Bob Stepek again to let him know that I would be going to St. Joe's on Wed., 7/30/97 at 11:00 a.m. to meet with JC face-to-face. I informed DC that JC was avoiding me and that his passive, aggressive behavior was shining through. I also called TJP and informed him of this matter. I asked TJP if he could write a formal letter to JC informing him that he must vacate St. Joe's by August 1, 1997.

7/30/97

Meeting with JC and BS at St. Joe's.

I informed JC that I was very disappointed with his behavior and that his actions have now resulted in his moving to Koenig Hall. I told him that there are no exceptions to this order and that he must leave St. Joe's by midnight 7/31/97. I told JC that we could revisit Casa San Carlo the week of 8/3/97 and, hopefully, this could work out for him. JC asked if he could leave immediately for CSC, and I said "No" and that it was too late to set up arrangements again. I also told JC that he would probably only have to stay at Koenig Hall for a week. JC said that he would call me after lunch on 7/31/97 to let me know what time he was leaving St. Joe's and heading for Mundelein. I informed DC and TJP of my meeting.

7/31/97

Fr. Jim Sayers called and informed me that he received the letter informing JC that he must leave St. Joe's by today. JS was very pleased that JC was leaving. JS said that he would call me to let me know when JC was leaving.

12:45 p.m., JS and BS called to let me know that JC never said goodbye to them, but did tell the music director that he was not calling me and that he was not going to Mundelein. I called Dan and left a message at his office. In the meantime I called the [REDACTED] family where JC stayed for several months back in 1994. I asked the [REDACTED] family to not let JC stay at their family home. They agreed. Dan called and I informed him of the situation. I called Ed Seidlecki at the Retreat House and let him know that JC may show up, but highly unlikely.

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██████████ called me to let me know that they received the message that I left with their sister, but that JC had his car parked in ██████'s driveway all day. ██████'s son, ██████ arrived and let JC into their home. JC reported to the ██████ family that the Archdiocese kicked him out of the rectory and that he had no place to live. I informed ██████ that this was not true and that JC has orders to live in Mundelein. I asked ██████ not to let him stay there. I called ██████'s son, ██████, and asked to speak with JC. I told JC that he was in violation of his protocol and that he must go to Mundelein. JC responded "I don't know where I am going" and then he hung up on me.

7:15 p.m. [REDACTED] called me and informed me that John was staying at Georgio's Hotel on 159th Street in Orland Park. The number is [REDACTED], and he's in Room 206, registered under Curran. [REDACTED] informed me that JC asked that he not tell me of his whereabouts. [REDACTED] stated "I can't do that - BC needs to know where you are."

8/1/97 - BC informed TJP and DC of the recent developments.



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M E M O

TO: Archbishop George
FROM: Fr. McBrady *L.M.B.*
RE: Fr. John Curran, '57
DATE: July 15, 1997

This is a follow-up to our discussion pertaining to Fr. John Curran at our meeting with you last week.

John is a former dean who has been accused of more than ten incidents of sexual misconduct with minors. He was removed from ministry and, because of his unwillingness to cooperate with the Archdiocese, was suspended for a period of time in 1996. He eventually became quite ill, was hospitalized and nearly died because of [REDACTED]. When he was released from the hospital, he agreed to cooperate, was placed in a nursing home and eventually was allowed to live temporarily at St. Joseph Parish, Homewood. Recently, you concurred with a recommendation of the Fitness Review Board that John move from the parish since there is a grade school and the people of the parish are unaware of John's past.

As I told you last week, it is difficult to find a place for this priest because so many potential sites are excluded because young people are either present (as in the case of a hospital) or nearby (as in the case of Vianney House - there is a school nearby).

Out of concern, some priests or bishops may approach you with concerns about John. These are the facts:

1. He has been offered a two-room suite at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House with a private bath and entrance. This is a far superior residence to the "Koenig Hall" portion of the building where the priests removed from parishes because of misconduct with minors normally live.



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2. The associate pastor at St. Joseph, Homewood (Bob Stepek) has offered to drive John to Mundelein so he can see the rooms.
3. John is expected to move into the retreat house by August 1, 1997.

You mentioned the possibility of contacting John. A short telephone conversation within the next week (while John is still at St. Joseph (708-798-0622) encouraging him to move to Mundelein would be helpful. John is clearly feeling sorry for himself and has contemplated going off on his own again. Hopefully, your call will move him toward Mundelein. Thank you!

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June 17, 1996

Dear Members of the Board,

One of my concerns over the past few years has been the health of Fr. John Curran who was accused some time back of misconduct with minors. I know that the Board too has tried to deal with his situation through Bernadette Connolly, but I realize you have experienced some frustration. The depth of Father's depression seemed to have made it impossible to do anything. Fr. O'Malley has kept me informed of the efforts of the Vicars' office, and the efforts of a number of others, to move his situation along, all to no avail.

Father's recent, [REDACTED], illness seems to have brought us to another moment. [REDACTED]

I wish to ask the Board to consider a possible scenario for Fr. Curran which would address his mental and physical health and provide him with a living situation that may lead to some healing over the next few months.

As you know, Fr. Curran was removed from active parochial ministry in February, 1993. [REDACTED]

Since his case went public in November of 1994, Fr. Curran has been depressed, isolated and dispirited. His physical health has also suffered greatly. [REDACTED]

To begin with, it is clear that any future return to even limited ministry for Fr. Curran will have to be processed by the Professional Fitness Review Board. In the meantime, the Board will have to monitor his situation closely. All that is taken for granted in this proposal.

The priestly staff of St. Joseph's parish in Homewood-Flossmoor has recently approached me asking if Fr. Curran could be allowed to reside at their rectory. They are fully aware of his past, and wish only to be of brotherly service to him. The rectory provides the kind of atmosphere that Fr. Curran needs to re-discover his own humanity and recover his health. There is a school in the parish.

Fr. Curran would reside at St. Joseph's without any parochial or ministerial duties. His stay there would be provisional and would be reviewed within a given amount of time to be determined by the Board.

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While at St. Joseph's, Fr. Curran would agree to pursue therapy with Fr. Larry Gorski, an archdiocesan priest-psychologist who has recently worked with [REDACTED] and with several priests suffering from depression. Fr. Gorski has an office a few blocks from St. Joseph's. The goals and scope of the therapy would be worked out with the Vicars' office, with the PFRBD Administrator and with Fathers Gorski and Curran.

Fr. Curran would be asked to sign and observe a protocol document which would be formulated and monitored on a regular basis by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.

The three resident priests would agree to act as monitors under the direction of the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.

I believe that, with this kind of arrangement, Fr. Curran would have a chance to regain his health and work toward a more realistic future, given all his restrictions on ministry.

I know you will have questions and concerns about this request and I await your counsel. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

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May 30, 1996

Dear Bob,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 17. I am very pleased that you, among many, are concerned about John Curran and his condition. Over the past months and years, we have dealt with John as compassionately as possible. He has been offered every opportunity to move on in life.

[REDACTED]

Bob, everyone wants the best for John. We have tried compassion, trust and familiarity as you indicate in your letter. While we do have some policies and procedures in place, I do not think they have been the problem.

The key thing with John seems to be that he sees no priesthood for himself in the future as it has been in the past. That is the fact, and nothing can be done about that. We have pleaded with him to get help and to be able to return to ministry even though it might be restricted. We will continue to do so. We have never given up on him even though he himself seems to have given up. Perhaps with this latest incident and his near-death experience, he may at last be willing to be cooperative.

You are absolutely right that he needs care and concern, but he also need a firm, loving hand at this time to put his life together. I have done and will continue to do everything I can for John. I think he is a man who has served the Church well in the past, despite the problems he has had. I cannot overlook those problems. We will continue to try to find a solution for John's difficulties, a solution that will find him once again practicing his priesthood, though perhaps in a different way. Again, thank you for your support for John. Perhaps in the future some kind of supportive structure as you describe it may be able to be worked out. We shall see.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Faternally in Christ,

Joseph Carl Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Robert Stepek
St. Joseph Parish
17951 S. Dixie Hwy.
Homewood, IL 60430

BC: Fr. Pat O'Malley

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Curran

The Parish of Saint Joseph

May 17, 1996

Rev. Robert Stepek
17951 S. Dixie Hwy
Homewood, Il 60430

His Eminence
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
1555 N. State Pkwy.
Chicago, Il. 60610


Dear Eminence,

I have just returned from my 9th hospital visit with Rev. John Curran. I am sure by this time Fr. Pat O'Malley has kept you abreast of his condition. It was touch and go for awhile, but now it seems John will make a satisfactory recovery.

The question now is, "What to do with John?". It is apparent that past offers for treatment have been unsuccessful. Both John and the diocese are to blame. Rather than look at the past and cast pointed fingers at each other, let's look at some other positive avenues that may resolve the aforementioned question.

After considerable consultation with Jim Sayers, pastor of St. Joseph, we feel that a positive and productive atmosphere for John would be here at St. Joseph parish.

I have personally known John since I was a child. He has been a family friend, my personal mentor for the past 15 years of my priesthood, my pastor at St. Christina for nearly 8 years, and we have a good, solid and trusting relationship. In discussion with his doctor, the above mentioned is just what John needs to break through his depressive state and move him on to the road of recovery.



When push to comes to shove, your Eminence, the very being of a priest, who has loyally served the Church and yourself, is at stake here. Rather than stagnant bureaucracy, politics and policy, let's try compassion, trust and familiarity.

Father Sayers, and particularly myself will be more than willing to devote whatever time and talent necessary to assist John Curran in returning to a full and productive life and priesthood. (Fr. Ken Velo can attest to my services with Rev. John Gallery and Rev. Bill Rogers)

So important to me is John Currans' recovery, that I would be willing to forego any of the applications for pastorate that I have submitted to devote all availability in this case. Your eminence, we almost lost John once, let us resolve not to take that chance again.

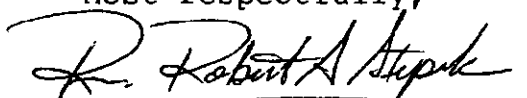
If there is any other information that may assist you in making your decision, please don't hesitate to call me personally. Thank you for your time and understanding. I wish you well, you are continually in my prayers.

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Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Robert A. Stepek". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Rev. Robert A. Stepek
Associate Pastor

cc: His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Rev. James Sayers, Pastor St. Joseph
Rev. John Curran

AOC 001955

Memo to File (curran83)
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 5/7/96
Re: Rev. John Curran

On 5/6/96, late in the evening, after a phone call from Fr. O'Donovan, pastor of St. Christina's, I went to Palos Community Hospital because John Curran was reported to have had a [REDACTED]. A code blue was exercised on him around 10 PM. When I got there the [REDACTED] family was there and they told me that [REDACTED]. Doctors were doing all they could for him.

I left about 1:30 AM and returned about 8:30 AM and spent about an hour and a half with John's sister, [REDACTED] who had driven in during the evening from Wisconsin.

We talked about John's disposition and how he has been ailing both physically and emotionally in the past couple of years. [REDACTED] is straight-forward in her assessment of the situation at this time. She does not have great hope that John will recover since this [REDACTED], etc., seem very, very serious.

As an aside, when the Cardinal heard about John's serious condition, he immediately lifted the suspension that had been on John's head. He wants John to be a priest in good standing at this time.

[REDACTED] feels that John would not want to be waked or have his funeral service at St. Christina's. That is understandable. She thought about having something at St. Timothy's. I told her I would follow up with that.

I called Fr. Mike Flynn at St. Christina's, who in the absence of Fr. O'Donovan or Fr. Lynch, took this message that John might not be buried from St. Christina's. I then called Fr. Hal Murphy at St. Timothy's, who had served with Fr. Curran some years ago at St. Catherine of Siena, and he was more than open to a funeral for John at St. Timothy's.

I checked with Catholic Cemeteries and John does have a lot at [REDACTED]. I checked with Fr. Paprocki, the Chancellor, but he had nothing in John's file except instructions

issued about 1966 regarding John's funeral. John wanted Fr. Joseph O'Brien and Fr. Peter Dunne, who since has resigned from the priesthood, to work with his sister and mother to make whatever funeral arrangements were necessary.

I contacted Fr. O'Brien and told him of Fr. Curran's wishes. I told him that Fr. Curran would probably want him to be the homilist. Fr. O'Brien is at his cottage in Lake Geneva and will be coming in on Wednesday, May 8, to see John's sister at the hospital. I will go to the hospital on May 8 as well to bring her a copy of the information that we garnered from John's file at the Chancellor's office.

5/11/96

On 5/8, I visited John at the hospital. His condition was more alert. He recognized me. [REDACTED] and John is receiving [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has gone home. I did not give her the memo I had prepared. I will send it by mail.



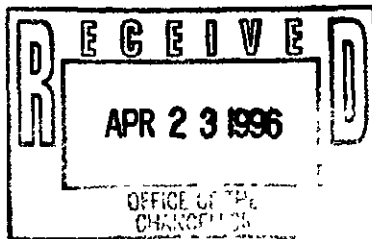
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April 22, 1996

John Curran
6624 Martin France Drive, Apt. 2D
Hamilton Hills Condos
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477

Dear John,

After our meeting the other day, I had some further reflections. I can see that the choice you have made, namely, to live independently in an apartment, is obviously not very satisfying. I really do believe that a better situation could be worked out with you if you would be open to receiving some treatment for your depression. I plead with you to try to come to some decision on this before I leave office in early June.

I speak to you at this point not so much in my capacity as Vicar for Priests but as a friend for close to 50 years. I am not normally a guy who pushes my opinion on other people. I have always believed in live and let live. However in this situation, John, it's clear to me that we do know what is better for you. That may sound arrogant but it isn't meant to be so. Understandably, someone in your situation often cannot see the bigger picture. So again, I ask you to reconsider.

I have also been asked to tell you that as of June 1, you will no longer be receiving a stipend from the Archdiocese. As indicated in the last letter you received from Fr. Tom Paprocki, you are disobedient to the expressed wishes of the Cardinal and the Archdiocese. Because of that disobedience, the Archdiocese cannot continue to support your present living situation.

The Archdiocese will continue to carry you after June 1 on auto insurance for six months until the end of November. It will carry you on health insurance until May, 1997, when you will turn 65 and be eligible for Social Security. The question of what you would receive in a pension after the age of 70 needs further discussion.



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John, I hate talking about these things, but it is absolutely necessary. We could eliminate this whole conversation if you and I were to sit down and work out some kind of an agreement to get some help at this time. The future will take care of itself. It always does. For the present, accept our offer of help. Think it over. Give me a call if you have any reaction or questions or observations about all this.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests

Memo to File (curran80)
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 4/20/96
Re: John Curran

I visited John on 4/16/96. There seems to be no change in his attitude, although I did sense a growing disillusionment with the step that he has taken. I pleaded with him once again to go along with the plan that the diocese was proposing, namely that he get help and that we work to get him to a better place emotionally and psychologically. I did not mention that the diocese would be following up on its previous letter and cutting back on the amount of stipend it is presently giving him. I will write him a letter to that effect.

Memo (curran79)
To: Fitness Review Administrator
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 3/1/96
Re: Rev. John Curran

I met with John on 2/28/96. Things have not changed at all. He is still living in the apartment though he has not signed any kind of a lease. We talked a little bit about the possibilities but not too much since his mind hasn't changed at all at this time. He keeps saying that he needs to make a decision, but obviously he will not make that decision unless he is literally pushed to the wall. I will continue to keep in contact.

Fr. Paprocki was preparing a letter for John requesting him to return to a supervised living status. If he does not, then Paprocki warns that other steps will have to be taken to distance ourselves from John.



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2/24/96

These compensation figures are being sent to PFR office for 96-97 budget figures. Please note that transportation allowance is now \$.31 per mile. Also the professional growth allowance is \$800 for '96-'97.

ALL THESE MEN FALL UNDER -002 BUDGET NUMBER.

* UNDER PFRA

**UNDER VICARS' OFFICE

*2) John Curran.

(Until JC agrees to come back under monitoring and pursue help, he should receive no more than \$500 per month. If he persists in staying away, then he will be cut off totally. As of 2/25/96, the date for making that cutoff decision has not been determined.)

Otherwise:

SALARY, NO TRANSPORTATION, FROZEN INCREMENT(11/94),
NO AUTOMATIC STIPENDS

Starting July 1, 1996

$\$7125 + (\$110 \times 37 \text{ yrs}) \$4070 = \$11,195 \text{ (yr)}$

$\$11,195 - 12 = \932.92 monthly

Less 10% of B&I = 93.20

Monthly Total = \$839.72

Transportation at \$.31 per mile up to \$483.17/month

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Memo to File (curran76)
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 1/29/96
Re: John Curran

I spoke to John Curran on 1/27/96, Saturday, about going to St. Luke's Institute. I had made contact with people at St. Luke's on Friday and they had a spot open. John once again said that, although his brother-in-law has died recently, he cannot make that decision. I pleaded with him once again, for his own good.

On Sunday, 10:00 AM, John called me at the rectory. He told me that people were coming to help him move to an apartment. I told him at that time that I could still get him into St. Luke's; we could fly out that afternoon and he could begin the program on Monday. Although every once in a while it seems like he is open to the possibility, he then backs away in some kind of futile gesture. I asked for his address and phone number when he gets settled and he said he would keep in touch with me. I told him I wanted to keep in touch with him.

John said that he is not at the point yet where he can submit his resignation from the priesthood. He would find that very hard. At this time I did not promise him any help, but I will wait until he is situated and we will talk about insurance. I do not think that an exit program at this point can be set up unless John is willing to undergo treatment. Perhaps the fact that John moved from Alverno Manor to his own place is at least a step in the right direction since he has made a decision. He may still go for treatment, but I am somewhat fearful that that will be more and more remote.

On 1/30/96, I informed Bernadette Connelley about this situation. I told her that we will have to talk about benefits and stipends once John is settled. Fr. Paprocki and I agreed that he should continue to receive health insurance till he turns 65. The car insurance will run for 6 months from Feb. 1, 1996.

Any stipend will come from the PFRABD office and should not exceed \$500 per month.

Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 1/17/96

Re: John Curran

John was due to go to The Meadows on 1/7/96, but he did not go. Everything was in place. Fr. Holihan went to see him to take him to the airport and spent several hours with him.

On Monday, 1/8, Bernadette Connolly, PFRA, called and told him he had to go to the Retreat House. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On Thursday, 1/11, Holihan and Fr. Bill Finnegan, a classmate, and Fr. Coughlin went out in the morning and spent two hours urging and pleading with John to go. That day John wrote a note saying he would leave Alvernia Manor by 1/28. He said his sister's husband is dying but there has been no answer at the hospital.

On Friday, 1/12, Bernadette was told that Curran was contacting Dr. [REDACTED] for a physical. She said she would go out to Alvernia to help him pack his things and put them in order.

There still seems to be some indication that he might be willing to go to The Meadows. I am going to visit him on 1/17 to see where things are at.

During my visit on 1/17, Curran told me that part of his reason for not going to Meadows was that his brother-in-law is on his death bed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He was very apologetic about the scene he caused that Sunday with Finnegan, Holihan and Dan Coughlin present.

Curran showed me a copy of the letter of suspension he received from Fr. Paprocki as a result of his disobedience.

I told Curran that, of course, allowances could be made for the event of his brother-in-law's death. But I asked what would happen after that? Is he open to going for treatment? He did ask again about Meadows as opposed to St. Luke's. I told him we could get him into St. Luke's as well, but that I needed to know what his mind is.

John is scheduled to leave Alvernia Manor on 1/28. Where he will go after that is still up in the air. He seems dead set against going to Koenig Hall, though he received a nice note from Wayne Wurst reassuring him of a welcome up there. His only other alternative at this time is to leave and resign.

He gave me the unused airline ticket and said he probably should pay for it. I told him I thought that would be appropriate.

As for any kind of an exit package, I think we would have to condition any help we give on John's seeking therapy. John is not destitute by any means. We should also make sure that we have a complete understanding of his financial assets.



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Memo

To: Cardinal Bernardin

Re: John Curran

From: Pat O'Malley

12/13/95

After months of talk, John has finally agreed to, at least, begin treatment by entering the Meadows in Arizona for a 35 day intensive session. After that, we'll wait and see.

It was an uphill battle to get him to go. I have assured him over and over again of your concern for his welfare - and that you do not consider him to be a bad person. I think that's important for him to hear from you. May I suggest a note to John with the following message:

Dear John,

Pat O'Malley has just informed me of the good news that you have agreed to begin a process of treatment at the Meadows. I cannot tell you how relieved I was to get that message. I have been praying that you would say yes for a long time.

I know it will be difficult for you, but I ask you to place your trust in the Lord. I have been doing a lot of that lately and I know it works.

Pat informed me that you would be beginning treatment after the holidays. I have asked him to keep me informed of your progress during the initial treatment process. At the end of that time, I hope you will be in a better frame of mind to make whatever decisions are necessary for the future.

John, though I cannot be specific about future work for you, I do want you to know that I will do all I can to see that your great talents will be used once again for the good of the people of the Archdiocese. The Professional Fitness Review Board will be working with you, of course, and their recommendations will be important. It may take some time, John, but I do believe there is a future for you within the limits of your situation. I only ask you to trust God in this matter.



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Meantime, may the Prince of Peace bring peace to your heart during these days of waiting. Pray for me, John, and know that you are daily in my prayers.

Sincerely etc.



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December 13, 1995

Rev. John Curran
Alvernia Manor
1598 Main Street
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Dear John,

Needless to say, I am delighted at your willingness and your decision to take that first step of the 30-day intensive. I mentioned that to the Advisory Board and they were, as I predicted to you, very pleased about it. Everybody just smiled and felt relieved. The Cardinal's reaction was the same.

I spoke to [REDACTED] at St. Louis University and with his advice, Dan and I talked it over and decided that the best place to go would be the Meadows, out in Arizona. We spoke to people at the Meadows about your situation as we see it and they feel that they can be very supportive and very helpful in working with you especially on the depression. As a matter of fact, the treating psychiatrist at the Meadows told us on the phone that it is not at all uncommon that people, especially those who are along in years as you and I are, will have feelings similar to what you have experienced over the past year or two. They are not unacquainted with that kind of situation. I think that's a good sign.

At this time we are talking about you flying out to Arizona on January 7, Sunday. I'll try to get a ticket for you sometime in the early afternoon. John, I'll be away at that time, but I'm going to give Mark Holihan a call to see if he'd be available to drive you to the airport. You don't want to bring your car to the airport and park it there because you'll be gone until sometime in the middle of February. The man who is in charge of The Meadows is [REDACTED]. The phone number is ([REDACTED]), a toll free number. If you have any questions about what kind of clothes to bring, they can get answers for you.

I will write [REDACTED], the head of Meadows, a letter describing what has happened to you, the allegations that came forward, how they were dealt with, and what has taken place over the last year and a half. We have to do that to prepare them in



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general for your arrival. When you get there, they do a psychological work-up and also a physical exam. I will inform Bernadette Connolly and the PFR Board that we are moving in this direction and she, of course, will have to work with us as we move through this first thirty-five day segment.

As per our agreement, at the end of your stay at the Meadows I will meet with the staff and with you and we will go over whatever recommendations they make for further work. At that time, you will have to make a decision as to whether you are willing to take a second step. I do believe that you will be in a better place to make that decision at that time.

John, I know this is going to work out and I'm as happy as I've been in a while for your sake. I guess I need to remind you once again that you gave me your word on this and I take it as your word.

I'll give you a call before Christmas. Meanwhile, take care and God bless.

Fraternally,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests

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Meantime, may the Prince of Peace bring peace to your heart during these days of waiting. Pray for me, John, and know that you are daily in my prayers.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

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Memo to File (Curran69)
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 12/12/95
Re: Rev. John Curran

Today I received a phone call from Fr. Curran who advised me that he is willing to take the first step in terms of obtaining therapeutic help at this time. I talked to him about two places, the St. Louis Consultation and Behavioral Center and The Meadows. Fr. Coughlin and I feel that St. Louis would be the best situation.

In a later conversation with [REDACTED] of the Wohl Behav. Inst. in St. Louis, Fr. Coughlin and I felt Meadows would be the best place for John initially. It is structured, supportive and he will not be living separate from others. In St. Louis they no longer have the in-hospital care but do all the work on an out-patient basis. The client lives in a hotel-like setting. There would be no monitoring for Curran under those circumstances.

Curran could commute every day from Wounded Brothers but the 45 min. drive each way might strain his delicate health and his resolve.

[REDACTED]



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 12/9/95

Re: John Curran

I met with John Curran on 12/8 to get his decision as to whether he will resign from the priesthood or follow up with treatment as we have asked him to do. Once again he was unable to make up his mind. I spent an hour and fifteen minutes with him and then had to leave to attend another meeting. I told him I would call him on Saturday morning for his final decision.

When I called on Saturday, he still could not make up his mind. I told him that not to decide was to decide. We cannot force him into treatment. I am therefore going to inform the PCAC on Monday afternoon that my recommendation is that John take a leave of from the practise of priesthood. John said that he would think about it over the weekend and would call me back. I told him I would not call him. This whole experience has been very frustrating because his inability to make a decision is a sign of his depression. I have pointed that out to him but to no avail. I do not believe that leaving the priesthood at this time is the best move for John, but we seem to have no other alternative.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 12/4/95

Re: John Curran

On Friday, 12/1/95, I spoke to John Curran. He had not yet made his decision about staying and getting help or about leaving the ministry. Curran says that he has been sick with the flu and that his car does not work.

I told him that I must have a decision by Friday, Dec. 8 no later than 9:30 AM. He must tell me at that point whether he is going into treatment or will take a leave of absence. He is totally set against going to Mundelein, to Koenig Hall. John wanted me to extend the time for the decision-making until after the holidays. I told him that he must make the decision by Dec. 8. After that we can determine when whatever move is necessary will take place. I will call him on Dec. 8 at 9:30 AM.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 11/15/95

Re: John Curran

I stopped to see John Curran on 11/14/95 after the PRMAA meeting. We had a good conversation. I reminded him once again of the schedule which will come into being at the end of this month. I encouraged him to try to bring himself to accept the help that we are offering. I suspect that by the end of the month he will have made no move and we will have to move him and his stuff up to Mundelein. I will stay in contact.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 10/25/95

Re: John Curran

I spoke to Bernadette Connolly, the Professional Fitness Review Administrator today. She was told by Ralph Bonaccorsi that [REDACTED] does not want to bring any allegations against Curran at this time. Nor do her [REDACTED] sons. This is where we have to leave it at this time.

I called John Curran to let him know of these occurrences and I exhorted him to start making his move to get an apartment and move out. He said he will do that. He was relieved to hear that no further allegations are being brought against him at this time.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 10/18/95
Re: John Curran

On 10/17/95 I went to visit John Curran to see what his decision was about staying in the priesthood and getting treatment or taking leave.

I told him at that time of the new allegations that may be coming through from Bernadette Connolly. They stem back to the early 70's. I contacted Ralph Bonaccorsi, who filled me in on his contact with the mother of [REDACTED] boys. I let John know the details, sketchy as they are at this time. The Mother of the boys may or may not come forward since her sons do not want to pursue the matter any further.

As a result of these new allegations, I told John that we will continue to be in touch. I did not push the leaving too much but I did strongly recommend that he line up that apartment. It seems more and more that he is going towards taking an apartment and leaving the priesthood. I will follow up on this matter with Bernadette Connolly.

With regard to an exit package, we would need to know John's personal financial picture. The fact that he is refusing to get aid from us may preclude us helping him too much with the exit package. Our chief concern at this time is to insure that he gets the necessary psychological and medical help.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 9/27/95

Re: John Curran

On 9/26/95, I visited with John Curran at Alvernia Manor in Lemont, Illinois. John was supposed to have made up his mind whether to go to the treatment center, The Meadows, early in September. He did not do so.

In the course of our conversation on Tuesday, I told him that he must set a date to make up his mind. We set the date for October 15. By that time he will either have opted to go to The Meadows or will have decided when he will be moving out and where he will be going when he resigns from the priesthood.

Again, I tried to persuade him to stay in and get help first so that whatever decision he might make about his vocation could be made in a better state of mind. John said he would be getting back to me. I may still have to call on October 15.

On 9/27/95, I informed Bernadette Connelley, FRA, about this most recent visit.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 7/14/95

Re: Rev. John Curran

I visited with John on 7/12/95. He has been moved from his former quarters to a more comfortable suite, but he is somewhat upset because he told the Sister it was unnecessary since he wouldn't be there much longer.

We talked about making a decision. I told him that we wanted him to stay in the priesthood and get help. I told him that he must make his decision by August 15. If he doesn't by then, we will request that he move to Koenig Hall and we will no longer support his presence at Alvernia Manor. In reality, being at the Hall would be better for him than his present situation.

John is still undecided. I have used every persuasive option I know to encourage John and to let him know that people do care about him and do understand what has happened and are able to forgive. The shame of the whole matter is very great for John. He cannot get past it.

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March 15, 1995

Reverend John W. Curran
Alvernia Manor
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Dear John:

As you know, the Professional Fitness Review Board met on September 17, 1994 and conducted a supplementary review in the matters involving yourself. The recommendations of the Review Board from this meeting were communicated to you in writing on September 26, 1994 by Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator. Until now Cardinal Bernardin has deferred acting on these recommendations due to your difficult personal circumstances. In the meantime he has been patiently waiting for you to make some decision about your future. Due to your delay in making such a decision, you were given a deadline of February 1, 1995, which was then extended to March 3, 1995.

Now, as a result of your reluctance or inability to come to some decision, the Cardinal has instructed me to implement the Review Board's recommendations. Therefore, as the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the determinations and recommendations of the Review Board following completion of the Supplementary Review at the Board's meeting on September 26, 1994.

Specifically, Cardinal Bernardin accepted the Board's determination that it is no longer reasonable to allow you to remain in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances. As a result, the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendation that you retire from ministry. Moreover, while the Cardinal does not believe that you presently pose any threat to children, he agreed with the Board's recommendation that restrictions should continue so that you are not alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He does so out of a grave concern for your well-being and your need for help. In order to get this help you are directed by Cardinal Bernardin to report to the [REDACTED] the week of March 27, 1995.

[REDACTED] will be [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] You are expected to be open to [REDACTED]

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Letter to Reverend John W. Curran
March 15, 1995 - Page 2

As directed by His Eminence, these restrictions and directives are canonically binding on you as a matter of obedience. You are asked to make your decision by March 20, indicating whether you will follow the Cardinal's restrictions and directives or whether you wish to choose some other option concerning your future whereby you would no longer be under ecclesiastical authority as a priest. You are warned that failure to comply will result in your suspension as a priest. Such a suspension would have consequences on your continued exercise of even private ministry, your compensation and benefits, and your place of residence.

John, the Cardinal wants you to know that what he is asking is not intended to be punitive but therapeutic. He hopes that you will cooperate with these efforts to help you.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me or discuss it with Father O'Malley.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Thomas J. Paprocki

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

Given at the Chancery

David M. Hyman, O.P.

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Mr. Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator
Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 2/3/95

Re: Rev. John Curran

John Curran has finally returned to Alvernia as his residence. I visited with him on 2/3/95. He had returned to Alvernia on 2/2/95.

We talked about the dilemma that the PFR Board is in at this point. I talked to him rather extensively about the necessity of going for an assessment somewhere, either to St. Louis or to St. Luke's in Suitland, Maryland. He still is very reluctant to go. He knows that he has to make a decision soon and is just putting off that decision as long as he can.

I pleaded with him to get help so that, whatever decision he is to make about the future, he would make it in a good frame of mind. At the end of the day, I told him I would keep in touch.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 11/28/94

Re: Rev. John Curran

I spoke to Bernadette Connolly this morning. She has been keeping in touch with John Curran, who is staying at his friend's house, the [REDACTED]s. Their phone number is [REDACTED].

As of Sunday, 11/27, John was still with them but has been told by me and by Steve Sidlowski that it's OK for him to return to Alvernia Manor at this time. He is somewhat reluctant to go there since people, he feels, will know about the situation. Steve was reassured by the Sister at Alvernia that, while she knows the whole situation, others have not picked up on it. They do not get the Southtown newspaper at Alvernia Manor.

I spoke to Bishop Lyne today and he will call in support of John. We are still waiting to see what his decision is about getting himself some help at this point. His mental condition is very depressed at this point.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 11/21/94

Re: Rev. John Curran

I spoke to John Curran today at [REDACTED] his sister's house. His sister is no longer there and John was planning to return to Alvernia today. Earlier I had spoken to Maria Salemi who said that the reporter for the Southtown has been trying to get a conversation with John Curran. This reporter spoke to Mr. Patrick Reardon, Curran's attorney, who told him that Curran would not give such an interview. John has no intention of doing so. I suggested John stay at his sister's over Thanksgiving. That does not seem possible at this point and so I made several other suggestions of where he could stay temporarily. I offered room at Andy McDonagh's house and at the Retreat House. He is undecided at this time. I told him he must let me or Sidlowski know where he is when he decides to come back.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fr. Pat O'Malley
Vicar for Priests

FROM: Michael J. Bland, O.S.M. *mb*

RE: Curran Situation

DATE: November 17, 1994

Pat, I'm sorry we've been playing phone tag and I realize today is your day off. However, I wanted to keep you informed on the Curran situation. The family are all doing very well and they are grateful for everything the Archdiocese is doing. The family were very appreciative of the statement made by Fr. Marty O'Donovan.

You may also want to be aware that the State's Attorney's Office has contacted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and they are planning to meet with them. The family does not want any criminal/legal proceedings. [REDACTED] has requested me to facilitate a meeting between Fr. Curran and himself. At this point, I'm trying to slow that down. Therefore, [REDACTED] is writing his thoughts down that will most likely be requested to be read by Fr. Curran.

My main purpose in this is to keep you informed.

11/11/94

Pat:

Here is a copy of the revised text for the weekend. I also talked with our principal and with Mike Flynn. Mike believes that John turned the responsibility for servers over to him in the summer of 1991. The principal noted that John also stopped distributing report cards in 8th grade as was his custom and quit standing outside as the kids exited school. I am unclear on the timing of these last two changes in behavior. I will wait to hear from you later today.

Merty O'Donovan



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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 11/12/94
Re: John Curran

I spoke to Ralph Bonaccorsi this morning, who told me that he had an opportunity to speak to [REDACTED] and to [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED]. Both of these people brought complaints against John Curran in the past.

Ralph says that the discussion went well. He spoke about 40 minutes to [REDACTED]. She was able to express a lot of her anger. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was unable to come to the phone. She was appreciative of the call and what has happened and very angry at Curran. Ralph believes that we may be hearing from her in the future with regard to some demands.

He spoke to [REDACTED] who seems to be doing well in his life at this time. The conversation with [REDACTED] went very well. He was appreciative also of being informed.

On Saturday morning, 11/12/94, I called Fr. Mackowiak at St. Albert the Great but was unable to get him. I did contact him later in the day. I called Fr. Duggan at St. Bede the Venerable, but he is out of town so I asked for Fr. Scanlon, who is to call me back. I spoke to him Saturday evening. I called Fr. Braxton at St. Catherine/St. Lucy but he was not available and I left a message for him to call me back. I did speak to Ed. I then called Blessed Sacrament, which is being staffed by the Redemptorist Fathers. I spoke to Fr. [REDACTED] since the pastor was out of town. I informed him of what would be happening, that he should be alerted to it, that he should turn any questions over to our Public Information Office and specifically Maria Salemi. I gave him the weekend phone line for Maria.

All previous parishes were contacted. In addition, John Canary advised Jerry Kicanas, the former rector of QPS South about the upcoming announcement.

All those who were to be contacted were reached. Steve Sidlowski had previously alerted the Sisters at Alvernia about the difficulty. [REDACTED]



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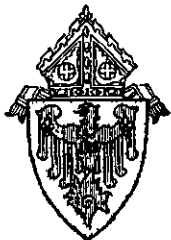
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[REDACTED] Maria Salemi also called Alvernia to ask them to direct questions to the Office of Public Information if that was needed.



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From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 11/11/94

Re: Rev. John Curran

Fr. Martin O'Donovan, the pastor of St. Christina's parish, will make an announcement this coming weekend about the allegations. John O'Malley, Maria Salemi, and I met with Fr. Donovan at 2:00 PM on November 9. We suggested some changes to his statement. On Friday, Nov. 11, John O'Malley, Maria Salemi, Mary McDonagh, Ralph Bonaccorsi, Michael Bland, and Steve Sidlowski and I met to talk about bringing the announcement to proper focus. After some discussion, we sent a copy to Fr. O'Donovan who approved our changes and made a few himself. The final copy is in Fr. Curran's file.

I FAX'd a copy to Mr. Patrick Reardon, attorney for Fr. Curran. He was not in the office at the time. I also called Fr. Curran and read him the text of the copy. I advised him to be sure to tell his sister and to tell the [REDACTED], good friends of John's. I informed him that Steve Sidlowski had told the head of Alvernia about this coming announcement.

John may be visiting his sister over this weekend and if so he will notify Sidlowski or me. (He did visit his sister as I was told by his lawyer, Pat Reardon on Monday 11/14/94.)

After dealing with the parish statement, we worked on questions and answers that might be directed to Maria Salemi after the announcement is made public. She has prepared a public statement and some questions and answers which she is FAXing to our office. Maria Salemi will be the first to respond to questions. I have alerted Bishop Gorman, who will be in Washington at the Omni Shoreham hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20008. His phone number will be 202-234-0700. That is the number of the hotel and he would be available for follow-up questions and answers if necessary.

At our Monday, 11/14 meeting, we will go over all that has happened over the weekend at St. Christina's. Fr. O'Donovan hopes to be present for that Advisory Board meeting.

I will be the one who will call the past parishes where Fr. Curran has served in the past. I will call on Saturday morning, Nov. 12. As I dictate this memo, Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Sidlowski are calling the State's Attorney's Office informing them of this statement.



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I stand before you today to make a very sad and serious announcement. In recent months an allegation of sexual abuse with a minor from our parish has been made against Fr. John Curran, former pastor of St. Christina. The allegation dates back to 1990-91.

At the time the allegation was made, I contacted the appropriate Archdiocesan personnel and they have followed their procedures which have been in place for two years.

Since then I have consulted with Archdiocesan officials, with members of our parish staff, with the family of the person making the allegation and with a group of parishioners. After a great deal of deliberation, we decided that an announcement to the people of St. Christinas was a necessary part of the process.

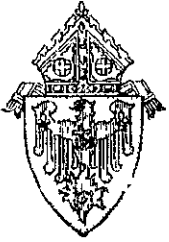
At this time, the Archdiocese, consistent with its policies, is attempting to care for both the person who made the allegation and for Fr. Curran in a compassionate manner. Fr. Curran remains in a supervised, non-parish setting.

(I am aware that at the time of Fr. Curran's departure, there was speculation as to the reasons for his leaving. As you know, Fr. Curran's second term as pastor was completed in Nov. 1992. He was not renewed and he left the parish in Feb. of 1993.

At the time of his departure, the Archdiocese was processing information about alleged misconduct that had occurred over 18 years before when Father Curran was not at St. Christina.)

I realize that this announcement will give rise to many different feelings and questions. Your feelings and questions deserve to be heard. As your pastor, I am prepared to spend as much time as necessary in the coming days and weeks to listen to and respond to the concerns of my people. I will be available after all the weekend Masses and throughout the week at the rectory.

I am sure that this announcement is as difficult for you to hear as it is for me to make. It is an issue that we cannot ignore. But we are called to be people of faith. I therefore ask your prayers this day and in the succeeding days and weeks for all involved in this painful situation. Please join me in praying for the healing that all of us need and which only God's grace can provide.



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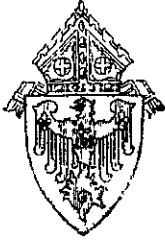
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Re: John Curran
From: Rev. P. O'Malley
11/11/94

On April 6, 1992, the Cardinal and I told John Curran that someone at the parish would have to be alerted to the situation John was in re: abuse.

In a later conversation with John (how much later, I do not recall), we arrived at the decision to speak to the oldest associate, Fr. Joe Lynch.

I distinctly remember calling Fr. Lynch sometime in April of 1992. I told him that allegations had come forward against John stemming from some activity 18 and more years before. I told him that the archdiocese was dealing with these allegations. I told him John had been told he was not to be in the presence of minors without another adult being present. I asked Fr. Lynch to monitor the situation insofar as he could. If he were to see John with minors unsupervised, he was to let us know. Fr. Lynch agreed to do this.

On 11/11/94, I spoke to Fr. Lynch and he acknowledged the phone call. He reminded me as well about a conversation he and I had at the 1992 priests' convocation in June. I told him John himself would speak to Joe about the issue. Fr. Lynch told me that John did indeed speak to him.



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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 10/25/94
Re: Rev. John Curran

I visited Fr. Curran today and we talked about his health.

[REDACTED]

I then, [REDACTED] informed John about possible procedures at St. Christina's parish. Fr. O'Donovan is away on vacation at this time but when he returns, he will want to plan as to how he might proceed with sharing information on past events. John was decimated by the news that the allegations might have to be shared.

I described a possible worst case scenario and I also told him that I would keep him informed as to what was happening as we move along in this matter.

On my return to the office, I was concerned about how the PFR Administrator would be involved along the way. I contacted Steve Sidlowski to raise the question with him and he will be consulting with his advisors, legal and otherwise. Although Sidlowski's records are, of course, discoverable, we need to discuss whether people who might appear in Steve's records would want their name given to the State's Attorney's Office, especially those from long ago. Members of the Advisory Board will be consulting on this matter in the next few days.

I left the message at Fr. O'Donovan's parish for him to call me upon his return and we will begin the dialog then as to what happens after his announcement.

October 13, 1994

Dear Pat,

On Friday, October 7 I met with 7 members of St. Christina Parish in regard to the situation regarding John Curran. Present for the meeting were: the President of our Holy Name Society, a former School Board President, a former Altar & Rosary President, our Parish secretary, our Parish Business Manager, our school principal and Fr. Joe Lynch. All of the laity are parents.

I informed the group that John Curran had been removed as pastor because of an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor. I told them that the issue was not made public for a number of reasons, the main one being the fact that it was an old allegation that predated his time at St. Christina. I explained his placement in a place where he would be supervised so as not to be a risk to children. I also told them that another allegation had recently surfaced--this time from a parishioner of St. Christina Parish. I was clear that I could not provide any details of the allegations (I did not mention the allegation made by [REDACTED]) but told the group that the fact that he was removed and that we were now meeting was an indicator of the belief that there was some substance to the stories.

Curiously enough, no one was surprised. Every person had heard rumors and had been asked questions at the time that John Curran left St. Christina. While it seems that the rumors were not talked about loudly, it is clear that they were widespread. Every person seemed to react with a sense of sadness to our discussion. There were feelings expressed for the victims, for John Curran and for the parish. After a great deal of discussion, there was a growing consensus that something should be said to the people of St. Christina. The two main arguments to inform the parishioners in some manner were: 1. Parents have a right to know that someone who they trusted might have done harm to a child. The other part of this argument is that it might help someone in need get the help that is available. 2. There is a feeling that the present staff is viewed as being very credible by the people of the parish. If this accusation--or another accusation--became public, how badly would that credibility be damaged? While opinions were mixed and some of the staff is still angry that they were not informed, this group understood not revealing the first allegation. The fact that the second allegation involves St. Christina Parish points to some disclosure.

There were also concerns about an announcement. Among them were: 1. How will the confidentiality of the victim be maintained? It is clear that there were certain young men who John associated with. It is almost a certainty that there will be a lot of



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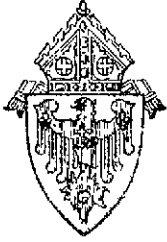
speculation if any announcement is made 2 what effect will it have on the parish? 3. What effect will it have on John Curran? 4 How can an announcement be made without providing some details? Will it be perceived as comparable to the situation with Cardinal Bernardin? Will John become the victim in the eyes of many parishioners? What is the effect of these feelings?

Clearly, there is a feeling that something should be done. This group feels that the parish will weather the storm of some sort of announcement. While I am not sure that they understand the potential firestorm, I do respect their point of view. (I also explained to them my experience at Our Lady of Good Counsel and told them they probably was speaking with that bias). In order to give them time to sort through their thoughts and feelings, I personally spoke with every person 4-5 days after we met. None of them had significantly changed their point of view.

I explained that your Advisory Group was meeting next week. I told them that I would convey their wisdom to that group through you. There was a pretty clear consensus that a parish meeting/intervention was not wanted. A statement read at the end of all of the Masses on a selected weekend, perhaps followed by a few moments of prayer for all who are victimized by this situation was the recommended approach. I believe that I am the person who should make whatever statement is made.

I will be back from vacation on October 30. I will wait to hear from you.

Marty Curran



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 10/4/94

Re: John Curran

I spoke to Fr. Martin O'Donovan, pastor of St. Christina's, to see what decision he made about telling his people about the situation with John Curran. Fr. O'Donovan sounded very tired and somewhat discouraged about this whole matter. He said that he spoke to the principal last week and he also met with the men in the house and they talked about what, if any, statement should be made.

There were differing opinions. O'Donovan is meeting with about four or five leaders from the parish on Thursday night, October 6. He will tell them what they have decided and just get their feedback.

Apparently Fr. O'Donovan was not greatly pleased with the meeting that was held with the Advisory Board. I think that this whole matter is getting to him and draining his energy.

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Rev. John W. Curran
Alvernia Manor
13950 Main Street
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Dear Rev. Curran,

September 26, 1994

Please be advised that the Review Board met on September 17, 1994. The Board fully considered my written and verbal reports in the matter involving yourself. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

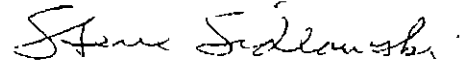
The Board determined that it is no longer reasonable to allow you to remain in ministry in view of all of the facts and circumstances, giving appropriate consideration to the safety of children and your rights as a priest.

As a result, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that you should retire from ministry. Moreover, the Board recommended that restrictions should continue to be imposed upon you and, specifically, the monitoring of your activities should continue to ensure you are not alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. Furthermore, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that you should undergo a complete psychiatric re-assessment and intensive in-patient therapeutic treatment. Lastly, the Board suggested to Cardinal Bernardin that you should comply with an Individual Protocol to monitor your daily activities, the terms of which will be developed at a later date.

As you know, we have already met and discussed the further action to be taken in general. Either Rev. Pat O'Malley and/or myself will contact you in the near future to further discuss more specific arrangements.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

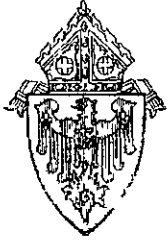
Sincerely,

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

Steve Sidlowski
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Rev. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Esq.



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From: Rev. Andrew McDonagh

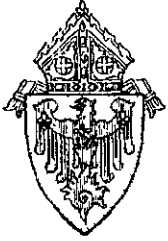
Date: 9/7/94

Re: John Curran

John Curran and I met with Mr. Sidlowski at his office at 1:30 P.M. on 9/7/94.

The purpose of the meeting was for Steve to recite two recent allegations against Fr. John. Attorney Pat Reardon and I were present with John.

Steve started the meeting at about 1:40. It took 1 hour and 10 minutes for Steve to share his interviews with the 2 alleged victims. He left the room and we talked. I was not present for Fr. John's response. He was planning on making no response and except for saying that he has been following the protocol prepared for him. Steve is to make his presentation to the PFR Board at their next meeting.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 8/31/94
Re: John Curran

I drove out to Alvernia Manor in Lemont to see John Curran today. I informed him of the allegations that are being brought forward by two young men to Steve Sidlowski. I gave Curran the name of Patrick Reardon to contact as an attorney when he goes to see Sidlowski. I also put him in touch with Dr. Dan Hardy who will see him on Sept. 1 at 2:30 PM, with Fr. McDonagh present.

I spoke to Fr. Curran about being discouraged and we talked for a moment about whether he might even have a suicidal thought or two. He says that he does not. I asked whether he had someone to talk to and would he indeed talk to that person if those thoughts entered his mind. He said that they have not yet entered his mind but that if they did come, [REDACTED]

On returning to the office, I notified Sidlowski of my contact with Curran. I also notified Hardy and McDonagh about the meeting on Thursday. I filled Hardy in to some small extent on what I understand the allegations to be. [REDACTED] As I understand, Fr. Paprocki and [REDACTED] were notified by Steve Sidlowski. He will call Curran to set up a meeting.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 1/18/94

Re: Rev. John Curran

I spoke to Fr. Mark Holihan this morning. Mark had spoken to Fr. Curran about the possibility of going to the Holy Family Retirement Home as a chaplain. While Curran was not really excited about that, Holihan decided he would go out and talk to the nun in charge at Holy Family. She was only mildly interested in having a priest come to the facility.

Apparently the Holy Family complex is bringing a new priest on staff and she had some sense that she would be able to get services from that priest. She will notify Holihan within the next week or so whether in fact she would be open to having a priest come there. As of this time, the prospect does not seem real bright.

In the course of our conversation, I asked Fr. Holihan how his presentations to the Oak Lawn and Southeast Side areas are going with regard to care of the elderly. I reminded him that we have a priest who might be willing to take part in the operations of a convalescent home in the Oak Lawn or far southside area. Holihan will get back to me when they have completed their workshops.



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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 12/8/93
Re: Rev. John Curran

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I had been with John at the PRMAA meeting earlier that day and he seemed animated at that meeting and made a contribution. He seemed animated at the meeting with the Cardinal, [REDACTED] which is a condition far different from what he has been showing lately. He has been very discouraged and unwilling to move, but seems to be generating some energy for ministry once again.

John says that the instability of his housing and his health has been detrimental. He also points to the fact that he has not had a base of operations to do any work with the senior priests as a drawback. He will probably have an office at the cemeteries to work with PRMAA and the senior priests. I spoke to John about Holy Family chaplaincy in Des Plaines in their convalescent home. I also spoke to him about a residence at Casa Scalabrini whose manager is [REDACTED]. Both those are possibilities for living and some part-time chaplaincy work. John will speak to Mark Holihan about the Holy Family situation and I also will work with Holihan and [REDACTED] to see which residence and work site would be the best at this time. Of course, all this would have to be cleared through the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.



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From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 12/7/93

Re: John Curran

[REDACTED]
John seemed much more animated than he has been. In a later conversation with Mark Holihan, Mark mentioned that he had been out with John on the last Thursday evening and John seemed to have been better at that time.

John says that part of his problem is stability, stability in his work situation, stability in his living situation. We talked quite a bit about this and how we might move on it. John still deals with a great deal of remorse and shame, but so far it has not motivated him to move on.

John will contact Mark Holihan or Fr. Ed Conway to talk about the Holy Family possibility. He will also contact [REDACTED] at Casa Scalabrini about living there. I will work with him on this.

John was at the PRMAA meeting today and seemed to be far more animated and make a good contribution.



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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 10/1/93
Re: John Curran

Fr. John Curran called last week to tell me that there is an opening for a chaplain at Rosary Hill Convalescent Home, 9000 W. 81st St. John would like to take that position and live there. They do have living quarters for a chaplain on the grounds. It would be a much better arrangement than what he has now.

I told John that, no matter what would happen, someone at the facility, preferably two people in charge, would have to know about his past. This would be protection both for him, for the facility and for the Archdiocese in case there were some future disclosures. John mentioned to me that Bishop Abramowicz had talked to the Cardinal to seek his permission. I told John that, no matter what the Cardinal said about this matter, John would still have to undergo this monitoring for the rest of his life. This was a blow to John and once more he felt very badly about it.

John believes that, if the Sisters were told, he would be going in under a cloud; and he did not believe the Sisters would accept him. I told him I was not so sure.

On 10/1 I spoke to Steve Sidlowski who said that he believes that this is something that could be done. He will run it past the Fitness Review Board on Oct. 16 when they meet. He does feel at this time that they might go along with it since it is not all that much different than the present arrangements. Steve will find out more about the situation at Rosary Hill from John Curran. I spoke to Bishop Abramowicz and he is willing to go to the Sisters to plead John's cause. I will now get back to Abramowicz and ask him to wait until the 16th at which time Steve would have a clearance. The Bishop would go and talk to them and prepare them for Steve Sidlowski's visit.

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, while I was speaking to the Cardinal, he mentioned to me that Bishop Abramowicz had spoken to him about Curran and the Cardinal asked me to follow up on this matter and stay in touch with Abramowicz. This I shall do.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 7/28/93

Re: John Curran

The Fitness Review Board reviewed the John Curran situation on July 24, 1993. Curran is to remain as he is in his present situation. He should not have access to minors in his work. He may be allowed to live at Alvernia or Holy Family with his work centering around senior priests.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 5/24/93

Re: John Curran

I received a call from Sr. [REDACTED], the director of Alvernia Manor, concerning Fr. John Curran. Her return number is [REDACTED]. I responded to her call and she posed the following possibility:

She had spoken to her Provincial about the possibility of getting Fr. Curran some more room. They could get him a single room across from his present room. This second room would serve as a sitting room. I asked her what the additional cost would be and she said that the total cost would be \$850 per month. I thanked her and told her I would be in touch with Mr. Sidlowski. I then called Steve Sidlowski and he is in favor of this. He was to call Sr. [REDACTED] back to give her the go ahead.

I also spoke to Ray Goedert this morning about John. He had been out to see John and was struck by John's discouragement and what seems to be his poor physical health at this time. I filled Ray in on the question of the principal's information plus the anonymous letter that was received in March on John. Both of these communications go back to the time that John has been at St. Christina's. Ray is on the Advisory Board and is privy to this information but apparently was not present for that particular meeting when the information was brought forward.

He will talk to John and tell him that he needs to face up to the seriousness of what he has done. He will try to be as supportive of John as he possibly can be. Ray will also talk to Bishop Lyne to fill him in on this matter.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 3/15/93

Re: John Curran

On Friday, March 12, I was given a copy of an anonymous letter received by the Cardinal concerning John Curran. The letter's text is in our files. It gave a non-specific allegation of abuse by John of a young server.

On Saturday, March 13, I presented the Cardinal's letter and a summary of the accusations, both specified and anonymous that we had received on Curran. I explained to the Review Board that the Cardinal had submitted this case to the Cardinal's Commission in the Fall of 1991 and they had recommended removal. The Cardinal had scheduled the removal for November of 1992 and it ran over into January of 1993. Curran was finally removed on February 11 from the parish. I explained why the Cardinal was submitting this case to the Review Board.

He wanted them to know that he had removed John from his assignment. The Board concurred with the removal and also said that Curran should not be placed back in ministry temporarily until further inquiry is made. I will pursue the Brother Larry and perhaps have the principal get in touch with Steve Sidlowski.

As far as the anonymous letter goes, I will call Curran to read him the text of that letter on Monday, March 15. I will also ask him to come in to look over his records to show him what will be turned over to the Fitness Review Administrator.

Also, Sidlowski will be attempting to contact Curran so that the two of us could probably see him on the same day when he comes in to town.

I informed John that he should inform the people at St. Christina's that he will not have a farewell Mass at this time. We think it is premature in the light of this latest letter. John is cooperating with this request. He will return to Chicago.



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Date: 3/15/93
Re: John Curran

I spoke to Brother [REDACTED] at Palos Hospital ([REDACTED]). [REDACTED] which means that he will not be able to follow up with the young man. Brother [REDACTED] has not had a chance to talk to the young man the second time.

I informed him that Steve Sidlowski would probably be contacting him at the high school and that we have turned over the case to the Fitness Review Administrator. The Brother told me that Sidlowski taught at Marist at one time. I wished him well and told him that when he gets well we should be in touch.

John Canary and I were talking about the possibility of Curran moving back and staying at Holy Family Villa without an assignment there. He might begin to work with Tim Lyne to help him follow up with some of the older priests. This would not be an official assignment until it was OK'd by the Cardinal with his recommendation from the Fitness Review Board.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces an anonymous letter written to Rev. John Curran, dated March 7, 1993. In the letter, the author states that her son was sexually abused by Fr. Curran during visits to the St. Christina rectory when her son was an altar boy.



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Date: 3/2/93
Re: John Curran

I spoke to Brother [REDACTED], principal of Marist High School today. Brother [REDACTED] has been sick for the past week and is just back in school at this time for the first time in a week. He has not had an opportunity to follow up on the phone call to the young man. He will do so at his earliest opportunity and will encourage the young man to come forward.

At this time, Brother [REDACTED] said he had checked with his own lawyers and they felt he was not a reporter since the young man is no longer a student and in fact graduated over five years ago. He is over 21. I was under the impression last time that he was about 19 or 20. Brother [REDACTED] confirmed that the young man was older than that. The young man therefore is his own reporter and has been encouraged to report.

Apparently these incidents happened about 9 years ago, since he was in grammar school at the time. At any rate, as soon as he contacts the young man, the brother will be back in touch with me.



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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 2/12/93
Re: John Curran

Cardinal Bernardin and I met with John Curran today to talk about the disposition of his situation. The Cardinal informed him that he will have to leave the parish immediately and that he will have to submit his resignation to the Deanship. All this is based on the latest information that we have received.

John will be going on vacation to visit his sister in Wisconsin for as much time as it takes us to arrange his housing. We hope to have him ensconced in Holy Family as soon as possible. We may have to set up that basement as Fr. Conway suggested. John was very cooperative and understands what the difficulty is.

In speaking to Fr. Conway of Charities on 2/13/93, he told me that Curran had contacted him and they were ready to go ahead with the basement apartment at Holy Family Villa.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 2/10/93

Re: John Curran

I met with John Curran on 2/9/93 from 12:00 until 12:45. I explained to him the latest allegation that has come forward. I did not give the name of the one bringing forward the allegation since he asked that that be kept confidential. Of course I did not know the name of the young man who originally gave the information to my informant. I told Curran that I would be pursuing this information further to see if the young man wanted to come forward.

John was very disturbed about the allegation and wondered what was going to happen now. I told him that we just had to let things play out as they go. The Cardinal was unsure what to do but said he might have to revisit the previous decision to allow John to remain as Dean until the end of his term. I told John I would be in touch with him to keep him abreast of things as they unfolded.

On 2/10/93 I called an emergency meeting of the Advisory Board from 12:00 until 2:00. The Cardinal was there for the first hour and some minutes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In the meantime, I contacted Br. [REDACTED] again on 2/10/93 to bring to him the question of whether he should follow a mandate to report. He is going to check with the school's lawyers on that matter. I also asked him again to encourage



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the young man to come forward, to reiterate that we would like to talk to him and that we wish to offer any possible help at this time. He will do so at the earliest opportunity.

On 2/12/93, The Cardinal and I met with John at the residence to talk over the matter. John will leave the parish this weekend and will resign from both parish and deanship. He will stay at his sister's in Wisconsin till the rooms at Holy Family are prepared. John himself contacted Conway and Holihan of Charities to get the go-ahead. Charities is arranging for the residence.



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From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

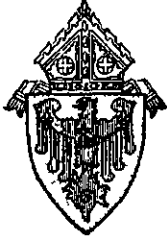
Date: 1/25/93

Re: John Curran

I spoke to John Curran this morning. John announced to the parish yesterday, January 24, that he will be leaving the parish. He pointed out to the people that there is a diocesan rule about a 12 year limit and he has been there 13 years. He announced to them that he would be telling them where his next assignment would be.

I then informed Ken Velo so that the Cardinal knew this for the Tuesday meeting with John. I will start working with Ed Conway and John on his future residence.

The Cardinal met with Curran on 1/26/93 and the meeting went well.



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Memo

To: Cardinal Bernardin
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 1/4/93
Re: Rev. John Curran

Fr. John Curran came to see me on Jan. 2, 1993 to talk about the situation that lies before him in the future. I told him that you wish that he would make immediate preparations to leave the parish. The suggested time frame is that he announce it to the people on January 17. John will call me on January 16, when I return, in order to let me know what the specifics of his announcement are.

I have been working with Fr. Ed Conway of Catholic Charities on the possibility of John going to Holy Family Villa in Lemont as a chaplain. He would work with Fr. Adominas at that spot. John would be eager to retain his present position as Dean and it is my feeling that we could grant this wish. He has done very good work over the past two decades in this particular job and he is very well suited for it. He should be told that he would be able to serve as dean until his present term expires.

John will be in touch with Fr. Ed Conway to determine what the living situation would be at the Holy Family Villa. We would have to determine what his role there would be and what kind of salary he would be receiving. If it is not possible at this time for the Holy Family to pay his salary, then we shall have to pick that up.

Although John evinced his long-stated desire to remain in the parish, he understands the situation and seems more ready to go now than he was some time back.

All in all, the meeting went well and we now have an established date for his leaving of the parish. When he leaves, the process of replacing him can begin with the Personnel Board.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Andrew McDonagh

Date: 11/30/92

Re: John Curran

In my conversation with Fr. Velo during the week of Nov. 23, 1992, Fr. Velo mentioned that he was read out by Bishop Abramowicz concerning Fr. Curran's leaving St. Christina Parish. I can't recall the exact issue, but it also concerned the Personnel Board knowing by Jan. 1, 1993 when the parish would be vacated by Fr. Curran.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 11/4/92

Re: John Curran

I spoke to Mark Holihan about the possibility of John going to one of the retirement homes simply as a resident near the chaplain's quarters. I did not reveal John's identity. Mark checked out Alvernia, Franciscan Village and Holy Family Villa. In Alvernia there are four rooms for priests. Three are taken at this time. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are there, as well as another priest named Fr. [REDACTED] who is from Milwaukee. And then a long-time nurse in the Villa inhabits the fourth room.

In the Franciscan Village there are just two rooms for priests and they are both filled at this time by Franciscans.

At Holy Family Villa, there is a roadside house with four bedrooms, a large building separated from the nursing home. At present there are three priests and another man, a friend of Fr. [REDACTED]. The three priests presently there are [REDACTED], [REDACTED], who is presently in the hospital for triple by-pass, and [REDACTED]. The people in charge said that there is a full basement in this home and this full basement could be converted into an apartment. There is plumbing down there and a bathroom already in place. It seems that this is not a good option at this time.

In talking to Ken Velo today about how the Personnel Board will handle John's leaving, Ken said there is no problem because John will be dealt with just as any other pastor who would be leaving a parish after two full terms.



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Memo

To: Cardinal Bernardin
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 10/28/92
Re: John Curran

I met with John today. I told him that you were accepting his resignation and that as of November 1 you would be appointing him as Administrator while the process of finding a successor goes on. He seemed to handle that as inevitable.

We talked about where he might be living and I told him that I would contact Ed Conway to see if we could find a spot for him in one of those nursing homes on the southwest side.

Ralph Bonaccorsi has attempted to contact the [REDACTED] family to get their feelings about the possibility of John still being in an administrative job, i.e. the role of Dean in that Vicariate. He has not yet heard from them. As far as possible work in the future, John could be used as a Dean; he also could be used to help Pat Pollard in the PRMAA and perhaps to help Tim Lyne in working with the older priests. All of these things he would enjoy doing. At any rate, he seems to be accepting the move at this time. In talking about when he would be getting out we did not anticipate anything until after the first of the year. Please advise as to how we should deal with this with the Personnel Board.

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October 28, 1992

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of September 17, 1992, indicating your intention not to seek a third term as Pastor of St. Christina Parish. Accordingly, I accept your resignation from the pastorate upon the completion of your second term on November 1, 1992.

In order to provide for the continued pastoral care of the parish, I am appointing you as Administrator of the parish until a new pastor is named, following the Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board's usual procedures for open-listing of pastorates.

In accepting your resignation from the pastorate, I understand that you are not resigning your role as Dean. I hope to discuss your role as Dean and other ministerial plans with you in the very near future. As you indicated in your letter, I agree that your resignation as Pastor entails a change in residence.

John, I am deeply grateful for the dedicated service you have given to St. Christina Parish for the past twelve years. I am sure that the people of the parish are also very appreciative of all you have done for them.

Please be assured of my continued prayers and personal support.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Chancellor

Reverend John W. Curran
St. Christina Parish
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cc: Most Rev. Alfred L. Abramowicz, Episcopal Vicar
Reverend Kenneth Velo, Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board
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June 22, 1992

Dear John:

Thank you very much for your presence at the house on Saturday, June 13. I know it was a difficult meeting for you as indeed it was for me and for Father O'Malley, the Vicar. I want to make sure that we all understand what the issues are here. I remind you once again of the condition that you not be in the presence of minors without another adult present. [REDACTED]

I cannot guarantee that I would not have to remove you from the parish on an administrative leave if public demand became great or if another accusation were to come forward at this time. To some extent, the future is not in our control. I encourage you to continue to think about what you could possibly do in a non-parish setting in the future. I know that Father O'Malley talked to you afterwards and encouraged you to begin to plan. With your cooperation, I think something effective could be worked out through understandably not in a parish.

I have asked you to submit your resignation as the Dean and I will talk to Father O'Malley about some possibilities in that regard as well. John, you have done good work in these past years and I thank you for that. Unfortunately, this cloud of past allegations is difficult to dissipate. I will do whatever is reasonable to see that you will still be able to minister in some way here in the Archdiocese for the good of the Archdiocese. In the meantime, I will keep you in my prayers and I ask you to do the same for me.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardini
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May 1, 1992

Rev. John Curran
St. Christina Rectory
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Dear John,

I hope the rush of work has subsided for you a little bit. I still need to get in touch with you so I would appreciate your giving me a call. Also, if you recall from your conversation with the Cardinal, he asked that you be in touch with Dr. Hardy to start that insight-oriented therapy. Please call Dr. Hardy at your earliest convenience to set up an initial appointment. You were also to contact Dr. Pisani to see whether he felt that some group work would need to be done. This should also be done as soon as possible. Following up on these two matters is important to any steps that will be taken in the future, John.

I'm writing this before the celebration of our 35th. I know that this has been a very difficult time for you over the past six months. And of course we're not totally out of the woods yet. It's my hope and prayer that we can work out all the details of the situation as smoothly as possible. Maybe next year by the time of our 36th anniversary, everything will be in place.

Take care. I'll keep you in my prayers and I ask you to do the same for me.

Faternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests



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Early 1972

Your Eminence,

I pondered long about whether I ought to write this Easter greeting to you but I concluded that I should wish you a peaceful and happy Eastertime and a happy anniversary next Sunday of your priesthood and episcopacy.

I am grateful to you for many things and you have my admiration and respect. I do have some understanding of people and events and structures and the dynamics that make them interact. And I appreciate where you're at day after day. I told you once before that you handle it well. That's my perception anyway. And I do hope this letter does not bother you.

I thought I should say that to you considering a pretty happy ten year relationship, not just some hard months.

This Holy Saturday, commemorating another hard time about over, my best wishes and prayers for a joyous Eastertime and anniversary celebrations. My hope this Easter and my prayers are that through this rather bizarre set of circumstances I shall in some way devised by powers much greater than mine be able to keep this parish which is my work, my life, my home and my family - the only one of each that I have. Even for Easter that's a big order but I became a believer a while ago. Pray for me - I'd like to say with me.

There is no need to respond to this letter. I thought it over and decided it was the right thing to do, but I didn't want you to take it amiss. I mean these wishes sincerely; have a really happy week. You deserve it.

Cordially and gratefully,



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TO: File (P. O'Malley)
DATE: April 6, 1992
RE: John Curran

The Cardinal and I met with John at the Residence at 1555 N. State Parkway from 9:30 to 10:30 this morning. The Cardinal broke the news to John that his pastorate would not be renewed and that he should voluntarily resign from being Dean. John was deeply hurt by the fact that he would not be renewed at St. Christina's since he considers that his family and his major role in life.

The Cardinal and I assured John that there would be meaningful ministry for him somewhere in the future, though not in a parish.

[REDACTED]

He was reluctant to join a group and we told him he had to see Dr. Pisani to see whether that was necessary. He will do so. We also told him that he should begin some sort of insight oriented counseling with Dr. Dan Hardy at Isaac Ray. That would not be group work.

When we mentioned the possibility of informing someone at the parish, John pleaded with us not to inform anyone. I instructed him later that we might still have to do so and I asked him to think about who would be the person that we and he could trust the most. I will work out the details and the scenario for his leaving St. Christina's and for his moving into possibly the rectorship of St. Benedict's House. John seemed to focus on this as a real possibility and it seemed to give him some hope.



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FILE: (P. O'Malley)

DATE: March 13, 1992

RE: John Curran

1. A 35 year old man called anonymously this morning. He said that in 1973 and 1974 he knew Fr. John Curran. He was at St. Albert's in Burbank at the time. Curran had him in the rectory for some reason and while there, John pulled his pants down and showed this young man his penis, telling him that a girl had given him a blow job [REDACTED]. It didn't go any further than that, the young man said. He never saw Curran again. He also says that Curran offered him Marijuana.

2. The young man said that from what he had heard from others second and third hand, this is not an uncommon occurrence. The young man alleged that Fr. Curran was a known alcoholic, liquor could be smelled on his breath at all times, 24 hours a day, even when serving Communion.

3. He did not wish to give his name, saying that [REDACTED]. He reiterated that nothing actually occurred at that time, [REDACTED]



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Office of the Archbishop

February 26, 1992

Dear John,

I received your note last week and wanted to reassure you of the respect I have for you and for all you have done and been, especially in the years since I came to Chicago.

This whole situation puts us in a very delicate situation, John. The fact that three separate instances have been brought forward compounds our concern.

You are in a key and a high visibility position and you have done very well as pastor and dean over the years. Nevertheless, if one hint of the past events were to come out, and if we had not done something both to extend help to the victims and to attempt to lessen that visibility and get you whatever help was necessary, the Archdiocese would be leaving itself wide open for serious consequences.

John, I will have to make some move. I do not know what it is at this time [REDACTED] If I can responsibly leave you there, I will. But if the facts dictate otherwise, then we have to be prepared for another scenario.

I am sorry I cannot reassure you in a more concrete fashion, but I know you will understand. I shall continue to keep you in my prayers and ask the same of you.

Faternally yours in Christ,

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TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Rev. Patrick O'Malley *Pyem*

DATE: Feb. 17, 1992

RE: John Curran

1. These are my notes on the meeting we held today with John Curran. We brought to John the allegation from [REDACTED] Specifically you had me read to him our notes from [REDACTED] John's reaction, once again, was not exactly denial, but not exactly admitting that the events happened. He admitted they could have happened under the influence of liquor. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] John, as you recall, was quite cooperative throughout the meeting.

2. When I brought to John the possibility that he would have to take a much more low profile position in the Archdiocese, he was visibly taken aback by this. He asked if this meant that he was being fired. You said that it did not. You told him he had done a great deal of good work and you had relied upon him for many different projects.

3. Throughout the meeting, John kept coming back to the character of [REDACTED] at the time. He said that he was a young man who had come to him many times for loans when he was down and out. He also says he was a very mixed-up young man and had been thrown out of his house by his father. [REDACTED] had admitted all this when he had come forward.

4. You and I pressed John on whether any similar kinds of things had happened in the ensuing times and he says they have not. It is difficult to rationalize his lack of memory regarding these events, especially since he has a photographic memory to begin with. On the other hand, the people at Isaac Ray had a similar experience with one of our priests. He may well have isolated each one of the incidents and therefore have diminished them in importance in his mind. He may well have forgotten them.

5. Our concern, of course, is the possibility that there are other victims out there who have not come forward. You told John that you would make no determination about his future until after the report is finally in. You did, however, warn him gently that some changes would have to be made.

6. John pleaded with you to help him keep his pastorate and his position as Dean since his whole life revolves around these roles and the good that he has been able to do in the roles.

7. [REDACTED]

██████████ I am also getting in touch with John Curran himself. We'll go out to eat on Tuesday evening at which time I'll give him an opportunity to talk a little bit more. John is a very voluble person and will need to talk a lot about this.



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TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Rev. Patrick O'Malley *POM*

DATE: Jan. 29, 1992

RE: Rev. John Curran

1. A [REDACTED] phone number [REDACTED] at home, called and came in for an appointment today. He wanted to talk about a relationship he had with John Curran when he was [REDACTED] at Quigley in 1966.

2. He read to me a letter that he has written to Curran [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] is now 39 years old. He was [REDACTED] at Quigley in 1966. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] He talked to him, asked who he was, who he was related to and told him that he wanted to see him after school to enforce some disciplinary action.

5. [REDACTED] He went to the office. Curran [REDACTED] sat next to him, rubbed his leg, and touched his genitals. I asked if this touching was prolonged. He said it was not. I asked how he felt and he said that [REDACTED].

6. Some time later, [REDACTED] was at St. Albert the Great parish, where John Curran lived. [REDACTED] He was in John's room alone. John wanted him to get undressed and John himself got undressed as did [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] In other words, John admitted he had been doing this with others.

8. They were undressed. John performed oral sex on [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED] says that as far as he knows this was the last incident. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]

15. [REDACTED]

16. I think we shall have to call John in to talk about the specific charge. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We need to talk about what the future is for John Curran.



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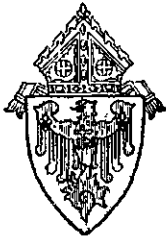
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TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Jan. 27, 1992

RE: Fr. X

1. [REDACTED], called today. He would like to speak to someone about an incident that happened to him at Quigley Preparatory Seminary in 1966.
2. I set up an appointment to see him on Jan. 29 at 10:00. He told me that the incident involved Fr. X.



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TO: File
FROM: Cardinal Bernardin
DATE: Nov. 26, 1991
RE: Rev. John Curran

I met with Fr. Curran on Nov. 26.

I indicated that the Commission had reviewed his case under the name of Fr. "X". After recalling the incident brought to our attention by [REDACTED] and his response (cf. file), I told him about the conversation Bp. Gregory had with two former Quigley seminarians, one of whom had made similar allegations. Neither man made a formal complaint (the second man had indicated that he had been abused by a deceased priest who was also on the Quigley faculty); they had no intention to follow up on it. Bp. Gorman called both men to confirm the information given earlier to Bp. Gregory (cf. Bp. Gorman's memos).

The response of Fr. Curran to the second allegation was the same as to the first. He did not deny that anything had happened. Rather, he said that in all likelihood, whatever he said or did was in response to many questions the young men had about sex; in those days there was no sex education, etc. In any case, he said he was positive he had no sexual intention. He stated firmly that he has never had any sexual intent regarding any child or young person -- then or since.

When I told him about the recommendation of the Commission that he be [REDACTED] he readily agreed. In response to his question, I told him it would be done [REDACTED]. He is to call Fr. O'Malley to make the arrangements. I indicated that the purpose of [REDACTED] was to protect him as well as the Church.

Obviously, any further counsel or action will depend on [REDACTED]

He was quite chipper when he left, stating that he greatly enjoyed his work as pastor and dean.

P.S. While I did not give Fr. Curran the names of the two men with whom Bp. Gregory had spoken, when I mentioned that the incident had occurred in a car enroute to Notre Dame, he immediately cited four names, two of which were the names of the men who had spoken with Bp. Gregory.



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TO: File
FROM: Bishop John Gorman
DATE: Nov. 17, 1991
RE: Rev. John Curran

1. On Nov. 15, 1991, Bishop Wilton Gregory called me from Washinton D.C. He told me that while he was at the NCCB Conference in Washington he had met for a social visit with two friends, former seminarians at Quigley, [REDACTED]
2. At this social visit, they inquired about me and why I wasn't at the conference. Wilton told them that I was involved, as was the Cardinal, in the investigation of alleged sexual misconduct -- incidents in the Archdiocese of Chicago.
3. This led both men to discuss incidents of misconduct that had happened to them, when they were Quigley seminarians, from 1963-64. On Nov. 17, 1991, Bishop Gorman called [REDACTED]. The following is a report of their telephone conversation.
4. [REDACTED] said that Fr. John Curran had special friends among the students when he was a teacher at Quigley. [REDACTED] was one of those special friends that John would take out to dinner and to Notre Dame games. [REDACTED] said Fr. Curran told him to stay away from Fr. [REDACTED], another Quigley faculty member, because he likes boys.
5. [REDACTED] and his father played golf at [REDACTED], with Fr. [REDACTED] and a seminarian, [REDACTED]. That was in 1963-64. Fr. Curran told [REDACTED] later on that Fr. [REDACTED] had made improper sexual advances towards the seminarian [REDACTED] during the golfing week at [REDACTED].
6. Upon reflection much later on, [REDACTED] wondered why John Curran told him about these two other priests and their "problem with boys". [REDACTED] said John Curran [REDACTED] talked to [REDACTED] about sex and having a "hard on" and about going out with girls and wet dreams. [REDACTED] said he was very explicit. [REDACTED] John Curran put his hands between [REDACTED] legs and touched his genitals and said, let me see how big it is. [REDACTED] said Curran invited him to touch his genitals in the same way. [REDACTED] did it. [REDACTED] said after that incident he avoided John Curran.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Dec. 1, 1990

RE: Fr. X

1. I called Fr. X just to let him know that I am considering the matter closed and that he need not be concerned about it any further. I indicated that Jack Burns is willing to put the matter to rest, as long as there is no indication of any other accusation against Fr. X in the archdiocesan files. On the other hand, it was agreed that if there were to be any charge in the future against Fr. X, then I would be expected to contact John Burns and provide an opportunity for him to confront Fr. X, etc.

2. I explained all this to Fr. X and he again expressed puzzlement at the whole thing, how the charge could have come up, what prompted it, and how to explain it. He again indicated that perhaps it was in connection with providing sex information to the young men, etc.

3. Fr. X did not inquire as to whether or not the Cardinal was aware of this. I simply told him that I was going to place it in the file and that it was recorded under Fr. X, without any further identification.



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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *RG*

DATE: Dec. 1, 1990

RE: Fr. X

1. I just wanted to let you know that I talked to Fr. X about the meeting I had with his accusers and that they were willing to let the matter rest, as long as there are no other such accusations in the past all the way up to the present time.
2. I did indicate to Fr. X that if any similar accusation were ever to be made against him in the future, these people would expect me to notify them and to provide an opportunity to them to confront Fr. X with what they had stated to me.
3. Fr. X did not ask me whether or not I had informed you and I did not volunteer the information. I hope, therefore, that we can consider the matter closed.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Nov. 10, 1990

RE: Fr. X

1. At a meeting with the Cardinal, I filled him in on the results of my conversation with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I felt that we could consider the matter closed.

2. We agreed that I would not indicate to Fr. X that the Cardinal was aware of anything, unless Fr. X asked me directly. The Cardinal also agreed that he would make no reference to this, unless Fr. X himself brought it up. Therefore, unless Fr. X himself raises the issue, neither the Cardinal nor I will give any indication that the Cardinal is aware of the charges. On the other hand, if asked by Fr. X, neither the Cardinal nor I would deny that the Cardinal was aware of the charges.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Oct. 28, 1990

RE: Fr. X

1. I met with [REDACTED] today, Sunday, from 4:20 P.M. to 6:20 P.M. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] has no recollection of him and his friend, whom he identified as [REDACTED] asking Fr. X. for information about dating, women, sexuality, etc. He also thinks, upon reflection, that Fr. X actually did touch him and possibly also touched [REDACTED]

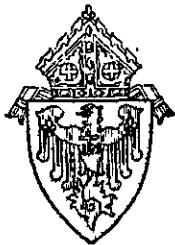
3. The bottom line, as a result of our two-hour conversation, is that [REDACTED] himself doesn't really believe that all Fr. X was interested in was communicating information of a sexual nature to two boys inquiring about the facts of life. He honestly believes that Fr. X [REDACTED] probably has done this to other boys over the years. However, [REDACTED] is also persuaded by the fact that I checked all of the files and could find absolutely no such accusation that maybe he hasn't done it and therefore we can't just go on that kind of speculation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I could not persuade [REDACTED] otherwise. I suggested to her that no matter where Fr. X would engage in such activity, particularly in the light of today's openness about these matters, I felt sure that someone would have come forward with an accusation, etc. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If I received any further accusation against Fr. X, then I would have to call [REDACTED] and he would be willing to confront Fr. X with all of this. And [REDACTED] felt that if he contacted [REDACTED] would probably be willing to do the same.

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4. We left on very friendly terms. Both of them are really very nice people and I just felt badly that this had happened to them. I will have to follow up with them after I have had a chance to talk to the Cardinal about this.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Oct. 18, 1990

RE: Fr. X

1. I met with Fr. X at his rectory today at 1:20. We concluded the conversation at 2:45.

2. Fr. X was assigned at that parish from 1957 to 1961. He knew the family very well, particularly the mother, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

3. I explained to Fr. X the two incidents as narrated by [REDACTED]. He said that the other person is probably [REDACTED] as the two of them were very close friends. They were both very much alike, not the brightest kids, but both pretty good, especially [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] was just a naturally good person.

4. He said that he cannot actually recall either incident, particularly since they would have been over 30 years ago. On the other hand, he does not deny that there may have been some kind of scenario as described by [REDACTED], but it certainly was without any sexual intent on his part. He remembers that the two boys would frequently talk to him. He was the young associate at the parish and the boys were in eighth grade, if he remembered correctly. [REDACTED] came late to the parish and was only there in the school a year or two. Fr. X. believes that they were both in the eighth grade and they used to engage him in conversation about the usual things that kids at that age talk about -- namely, dating, girls, growing up, sexual information. In those days there were no sex education courses in the school and these kids were genuinely seeking information from Father. Fr. X. thinks that it may have been in the context of their seeking this kind of information that they would have shown their private parts to Father, but in the light of today's society, Father would recognize that as an extremely imprudent and stupid thing on his part, if he actually made such a suggestion to them. Fr. X. said he can't even imagine himself asking the one boy in the front seat of the car to show him his private parts while another boy was sitting in the back seat. That would have been insane and he can't understand how that kind of a situation could be concocted. In effect, therefore, he says that he does not recall specifically either event as described. He does know that the boys were in the car many times, as that is not unusual. It was a parish car and they used to pile the kids in for almost anything -- football games, delivering things for the parish, etc. Fr. X. said he also has been in the [REDACTED] house many, many times and a few times in the [REDACTED] house. He would prefer that we not bring up [REDACTED] name to [REDACTED] as it may not even be the other boy to whom he was referring. Fr. X. said again that he can't believe anyone in his right mind would do to the one boy what is alleged with another one sitting in the back seat. At least it

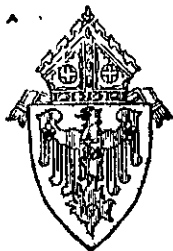
would be clear that there was no sexual intent, if in fact, it did happen.

5. I came back at this three or four times in the course of our conversation. I was finding it difficult to believe that a person could not remember if they had asked a boy to do this, but the response I received was repeatedly: "I can recall talking to them about sex and sexual development and the use of sex, but this was all in response to their curiosity about these matters." Fr. X. did not explicitly deny that he asked them to show him their private parts. He cannot recall it and can't imagine himself doing it, but admits that it may have happened as part of his effort to help the boys to understand their sexual nature, etc. But in no way would Fr. X. admit to any sexual intent or any kind of sexual relationship with the boys.

6. I asked Fr. X. if he had ever been accused by anyone at any time in his life about these kinds of matters. He insisted that there has never been any time in his life when such an accusation was made. Our conversation was easier than I had anticipated, as he did not seem to resent my bringing the matter up. He recognized that it was part of my job and he even said that it was a humbling experience for him and maybe that's what he needed.

October 19, 1990

I called [REDACTED] at home at 5:30 P.M., but there was no answer. I tried to reach his wife at [REDACTED] but I received a recorded message indicating that the facility was closed. I therefore wrote a note to them asking [REDACTED] if he would be kind enough to call me next Monday or Tuesday.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Sept. 25, 1990

RE: Fr. X

The Cardinal called me at the cottage. We discussed the case and concluded that it would be better for me to interview Fr. X, rather than to wait until the Cardinal returns from the Synod. The Cardinal hopes it won't be necessary to go through all of the usual steps, psychiatric evaluation, etc.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: July 10, 1990

RE: Father X

1. I received a phone call today from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Her home number [REDACTED] Her work number is [REDACTED] I can call there and just mention that it is a personal matter.
2. [REDACTED] called the Pastoral Center and Dave Hynous' secretary suggested that she should call me. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED] says that her husband, [REDACTED], has stated that he was molested by a priest when he was a young boy. This was when he was in grammar school. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
5. The reason [REDACTED] decided to take action was when she discovered that he is the pastor of a parish near by and is still involved with children. She cannot just let this pass. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] they do want to make sure that something is done to prevent what happened to her husband happening again.
6. [REDACTED] said that her husband mentioned that there was also another boy involved. This boy, who would be the same age as her husband, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. Evidently the incident took place when this priest was driving the two of them in his car. [REDACTED] did not spell out exactly what happened,

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but she said there is no doubt that it was sexual abuse.

7. I more or less outlined for [REDACTED] the approach that I used when confronted with this kind of information. I also told her that I would be out of town a good part of next week and then would be leaving on vacation. That was not a problem for her, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I told her I would return from vacation on August 12 and would appreciate hearing from her after that. She promised to call.

August 15, 1990

[REDACTED] called. She said that her husband is now ready to follow through on this complaint. She asked if I would get in touch with him at home after 5 P.M. tomorrow.

August 16, 1990

1. I called [REDACTED] but he was not home at the time. I subsequently called him on August 18 and rather than to come in for an appointment, we had a lengthy conversation on the telephone.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Aug. 18, 1990

RE: Fr. X

1. I called the [REDACTED] home. The telephone number is [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] got on the phone. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He told me the story as he recalled it. It all happened back when he was in grammar school. He graduated from St. Bede's in [REDACTED]. So we are talking about something that happened over 30 years ago. [REDACTED] said that the incident happened in his own home. Fr. X came to the home and while they were alone in the room, Fr. X asked [REDACTED] to take out his penis and Fr. X looked at it. [REDACTED] thinks that he also touched him, but he wasn't absolutely certain of this. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that there was one other incident and that involved a friend of his. The two of them were in Fr. X's car. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. X asked the friend to take out his penis. [REDACTED] doesn't remember if Father touched it or not, [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. I asked [REDACTED] again how all of this came about. Why after all these years did this incident come to the fore and prompt his wife to call me.

[REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED] It was just a brief incident and [REDACTED] can't remember how long it all took. But he does remember that it was upstairs in their home at [REDACTED] in St. Bede's. The rest of the family must have been outside or downstairs or somewhere when Fr. X approached [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]



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TO: Cardinal Bernardin
FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert
DATE: Sept. 22, 1990
RE: Fr. X.

Fr. Goedert and I
agreed that Ray
should speak to the
press involved while
I am away. We
hope that we do
not have to take all
the steps normally
indicated.

1. I am enclosing my memos of July 10 and August 18, summarizing my phone conversations with [REDACTED]
2. As you can see, [REDACTED] alleges that Fr. X touched him inappropriately some 30 years ago when Fr. X was the associate-pastor at St. Bede's.
3. While [REDACTED] does not intend to pursue this matter legally, he does insist that Fr. X be confronted with the information and that a determination be made as to whether or not similar misconduct has continued through the years and to what degree is there any risk to children today.
4. Ordinarily, when I receive an allegation such as this, the following steps are taken:

A. I confront the accused with the allegations to see whether or not he admits it.

[REDACTED]

C. I request, [REDACTED] a preliminary assessment by one of the psychiatrists at the Isaac Ray Center to determine whether or not the accused might have pedophilic tendencies.

D. Depending on the outcome of the previous steps, the accused may or may not be removed from his assignment.

5. In view of the delicacy of the situation, as well as the fact that the incident took place so long ago, compounded by the problem of the prominence of the one accused, I felt I should first seek your own advice as to how to proceed. While I would be quite willing to approach Fr. X myself, I wondered if it wouldn't be more appropriate and less embarrassing to him for you to do it, either together with me or by yourself. Please advise.

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December 5, 2007

**To: P. Zacharias
L. McCluskey
M. Flores
K. Leggdas
Fa. Grace**

From: Matt Hunnicutt

Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] asked me to explain to him the role of Patricia Zacharias, and I did so. [REDACTED] He also requested that, for the time being, we not telephone him [REDACTED] [REDACTED] thanked me for the information, and stated that he will call us (the Archdiocese) should he need more help or information.

From: Matthew Hunnicutt
To: Grace, Edward
Date: 11/29/2007 9:35:53 AM
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hello Father Grace,

[REDACTED] did call me yesterday afternoon. We spoke for quite a while. He's not sure if he wants to formalize his allegation at this time. I'll update Patty and Leah.

Matt

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayra Flores, Office of Assistance Ministry
✓ Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

From: Patty Zacharias, Assistant Director
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (CAIR) PZ

RE: [PFR - 07] CURRAN, REV. JOHN (DECEASED) - ST. CHRISTINA
PARISH/ [REDACTED]

Date: March 18, 2009

Please find attached the final allegation report regarding the above case. The draft report was not returned by the alleged victim- therefore it is being distributed "as is."

The formalization process for this allegation has now been completed within CAIR and thus noted in RADAR.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Patricia Zacharias, Assistant Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, of Victim FM's statement, given to Ms. Zacharias on December 10, 2008, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Curran providing Victim FM with alcohol, fondling his genitals over and under his clothes and using sexually explicit language. The alleged abuse occurred at the St. Christina parish rectory as well as at Victim FM's home. Victim FM estimated approximately 5-10 times of abuse while in his home, and approximately twelve times of abuse while at the rectory. The abuse occurred over several years, beginning in 1982. Victim FM also witnessed Fr. Curran abusing his relative. Victim FM was an altar boy at St. Christina, and spent many weekends overnight at the rectory with Fr. Curran.

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Memorandum

To: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Director, Assistance Ministry
John O'Malley, Legal Services

From: Patty Zacharias, Assistant Director (AD), Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (CAIR) (PZ)

RE: [PFR-07] Curran, Rev. John (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Date: July 14, 2008

Please find attached the final allegation report regarding the above case.

The formalization process for this allegation has now been completed within CAIR and thus noted in RADAR.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Patricia Zacharias, Assistant Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, of Victim FD's statement, given to Ms. Zacharias on May 21, 2008, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Curran providing Victim FD with money for beer and cigarettes, engaging in sexually explicit discussions, genital fondling, and one attempt at Fr. Curran performing oral sex on Victim FD, which Victim FD resisted. The alleged abuse occurred at the St. Christina parish rectory and in Fr. Curran's car. Victim FD reported four incidents of abuse by Fr. Curran, beginning in approximately 1980.

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June 6, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE () & U.S. MAIL



Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. John Curran

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on your letter May 14, 2008 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that someone from her office has been or will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Matthew Hunnicutt (312-751-8267), Director of Victim Assistance Ministry for the Archdiocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.

Please direct your communications about this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


James A. Serritella

cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)
Matthew Hunnicutt (via facsimile)

[REDACTED] 6/6/2008 10:38 AM

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Memorandum

To: PFR-07
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator
Re: Rev. John Curran
Date: February 20, 2002

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting, February 16, 2002:

At the First Stage Review, the Review Board asked Kathleen Leggdas to inquire whether the alleged victim, [REDACTED] had ever told anyone about the alleged abuse. [REDACTED] responded that he had not.

In light of the fact that there was no new or contradictory information, the Review Board affirmed their First Stage Review that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur.

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-07

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

Re: Rev. John Curran

Date: December 20, 2001

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on December 15, 2001:

The Review Board considered the allegation of [REDACTED] against the late Rev. John Curran.

Based on the information presented and the history of previous allegations against Father Curran, the Review Board determined that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur.

In preparation for the second stage review, the board asked Kathleen Leggdas to ask [REDACTED] if he had ever told anyone else about the alleged abuse closer to the time when it occurred.

October 23, 2001

Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of the Chancellor
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RE: [REDACTED] v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO/FATHER JOHN CURRAN

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED] in a claim against the ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO arising out of claims that he was sexually molested by FATHER JOHN (JACK) CURRAN who was [REDACTED] teacher and counselor at Quigley.

Also be advised that I claim a lien for my services as attorney for the above-captioned individual and I ask that your representative contact me so that we can discuss the possible disposition of this claim.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]
Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED], Esq.

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How Case

Phone Conversation – PFR-07

Date: 1/31/02 Time: AM

From: [REDACTED]

- Called regarding J. Curran allegation – See memo on phone conversation 1/31/02

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April 24, 2006

Dear [REDACTED]

I want to thank you so very much for writing to Ms. McCluskey and telling her about the abuse you suffered by John William Curran.

By way of introduction, I am the Assistant Administrator within the Office of Professional Responsibility. I work with Leah McCluskey who is the Administrator. Part of my responsibilities are to assist those who come forward with allegations of sexual abuse against priests who are now deceased.

Please know that at any time, should you choose to, I would be happy to meet with you for the purpose of formalizing your allegation against Fr. Curran. You can find information on this process on the Archdiocesan website at www.archchicago.org. Look in the left hand margin under Clerical Sexual Abuse. Under that click on our office – Office of Professional Responsibility. That may have information, which is helpful to you. I will also enclose a brochure about my office with this letter.

Another link to try in the same area of the website is the Assistance Ministry. You may be interested in some of the services they have to offer.

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I want to thank you again for contacting us.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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Memorandum

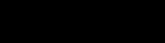
To: File – PFR-07

From: Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator 

Re: Curran, Rev. John (Deceased) 

Date: January 8, 2007

 had sent PRA a letter in April 2006 describing what appeared to be an allegation of sexual abuse when he was a minor against Fr. Curran.

PRAA responded to  on April 24, 2006, in writing and invited him to meet with her to formalize his allegation if he would like to do so. She also gave him instruction about how to access OPR information on the AOC website.

As of this date, there has been no further contact from  PRAA has made this file inactive at this time.

March 13, 1993

Memo

To: Fitness Review Board

From: Rev. P. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests

Re: Rev. John W. Curran

1. Fr. Curran is 60 years old, ordained in 1957. He is presently on temporary leave/vacation, staying at his sister's home in Wisconsin, pending reassignment.

2. Fr. Curran has been pastor of St. Christina's parish on 111th St. from 1980 to Nov. 1992 at which time he was made temporary administrator. As of 2/13/93, He is no longer associated with the parish. Fr. Curran also served as Dean of Deanery 12 of Vicariate 5 under Bishop Abromowicz for the past 17 years.

3. Fr. Curran's situation was presented to The Cardinal's Commission in November of 1991. At that time, the Commission had the following information:

a. In the Fall of 1990, a call came from a woman who claimed her husband had been abused by Curran in the early 60's when he was 13-14. Fr. Ray Goedert, Vicar, followed up with a personal visit to the family. The man was in his 40's. The man said there were improper questions and a request by JC to have boys show him their penis. No touching.

b. 11/17/91 - Bishop Gregory, while he was in Wash. at a meeting, visited two former seminarians from QPS. They mentioned a similar incident when they were Quigley students in 63-64 on the way to [redacted] with Curran. Neither man made a formal complaint. Both made light of the incident when questioned further. John was told not to be in the presence of minors without another adult being present.

c. November of 91 - Cardinal asked Commission to review the case. The Commission recommended that we follow our usual procedure for attaining an assessment. We followed our procedures.

4. 1/29/92 - a young man came forward with further accusations of a relationship that began when the boy was a freshman at QPS in 1966.

4th < Allegation 5. 3/13/92 - an anonymous phone call from a man of 35 years claiming an incident from 1973-74. Also said Curran was a "known alcoholic". *at St. Albert's in Wash., he pulled his pants down & showed him his penis (Curran's penis)*

6. Spring of '92 - the Commission made recommendations to the Cardinal for removal from pastorate. Because of the time span when incidents took place (20-30 years), it was not deemed an emergency. Curran's term as pastor (after 12 years) was to be up in early Nov. of 1992. *> & then he would be TERMINATED from his pastorate. He was also told to NOT be in the presence of minors. The Associate at St. Christina's was told to monitor the situation - he said he would - SINCE then P.O.M. has only spoken to Flynn one time SINCE... JED*

7. Spring of 1992 - the associate at St. Christina's was informed and asked to monitor the situation at the parish until non-renewal later in year.

[REDACTED]

8. 10/28/92 - Bonaccorsi tries to contact the first family that came forward, but they never got back to him. The hope was to alert them to what we were doing and why.

9. 10/28/92 - Curran resigns pastorate. Remains as administrator until new pastor to be appointed with regular process.

10. 1/24/93 - Curran announces he is leaving parish. Exact time of leaving not determined. He was waiting for a non-parochial residence with some supervisory element. *PARISH has never been told*

11. 2/8/93 - call from a principal. An 22-23 year old (unnamed) alumnus told him, in the course of their conversation about many things, that Curran sometimes "groped" altar servers. Second to third hand information. Boy would have been about 13-14 in early 80's. *of 5 years H.S. The young man's info. revelation was very general. It's still*

12. 2/10/93 - [REDACTED] Phone call on 2/10/93 to principal who promises to follow up. *ANYONE who knows info. B.O.R. knows info. The Principal is.*

13. 2/13/93 - Curran leaves parish.

14. 3/2/93 - POM contacts principal again seeking more info. Principal corrects original information he had given. As of 3/13/93, still no further information.

15. 3/5/93 Cardinal indicates that he wants case go to Adv. Review Bd. for 3/13/93. 3/11/93 - official letter to Board.

16. 3/12/93 - Cardinal gives VP anonymous letter from a parent alleging abuse of her son by Curran.

17. 3/13/93 - Presentation of case to Fitness Review Board.

N.B. AS OF 3/13/93, CURRAN HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF PRESENTATION OF HIS CASE TO ADV. BD. NOR HAS HE HAD AN [REDACTED] GRANT RELEASE FOR MENTAL [REDACTED] ALL WAIT UNTIL WE MEET [REDACTED] OVER FILES. WE ALSO [REDACTED] AS TO WHAT INFORMATION [REDACTED]

"The 2-93 Young Man said groping"

[REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED] v. Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

This is to advise you that we represent the interests of [REDACTED] in a claim against the Archdiocese of Chicago and Fr. John Curran for misconduct while that priest was serving in and for the Archdiocese of Chicago. This letter is to advise you of our representation and to confirm our understanding that we have entered into a tolling agreement, a copy of which is included.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Marc Pearlman

STATUS -
Concluded - referred to
UAM 1/24/03

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• Also Admitted in Wisconsin ° Also Admitted in Missouri ° Also Admitted in California

AOC 002059

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 2/10/03 7:42AM
Subject: Re: Response to unclear letter

Dear

I received your e-mail in response to the letter that you received from this office dated January 24, 2003. As stated in the letter, I am the current Administrator in this office and am new to the position. I would like to discuss your concerns with Ralph Bonaccorsi. Once Ralph and I speak, you will be hearing from me again with hopefully some answers to your concerns.

Thank you so much for your e-mail. I wish you and your family well until we correspond again.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

>>> 02/03/03 09:22PM >>>

Ms McCluskey, I received your letter as of January 24, 2003. Please consider the fact that [REDACTED] and I physically came down to the office of VAM in May of 2002 from [REDACTED] and I had verbalized a minimal report of what happened with John Curran. Is it customary to have a complaint made and still no apology from your clergy person, specifically your Cardinal and or Bishop for what took place? In my present church, 24 hours would not go by without initiating action to hold a disciplinary council against the accused person. (I realize he has passed away)

it is more than disheartening for me to see how things are handled in your church. If there is a bit of disgust in my words, I admit it is hard to hold back. But I can only say it is a shame how things are handled.

My regards to Ralph Bonaccorsi who is a good man. He has been kind and helpful to the degree that he could. Unfortunately, he has an empathy more than your clergy, who are suppose to be exemplars of Christ in healing the wounds of the offended.

Sincerely,

Bland, Michael

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2002 4:42 PM
To: mbland@archdiocese-chgo.org
Subject: Ralph, second request, [REDACTED]

Ralph,

This is my second e-mail to you requesting knowledge of whether or not I am going to receive a formal written apology from the Bishop of the Chicago Diocese for what was done to me as a seminarian at Quigley Preparatory Seminary. My understanding was that I was and I feel I deserve it to have some closure on this. [REDACTED] I sat in counsel with you and Kathleen Leggdas in May this year. I am the [REDACTED]

I will be awaiting your response.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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Ralph



Victim Assistance Ministry

VAM # V0411

COPY

Date Received: 5/29/02 From: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

VICTIM	ACCUSED
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Age: 50	# A1096 First Name: John
First Name: [REDACTED]	Last Name: Curran
Last Name: [REDACTED]	Position/Title: Rev.
Address: [REDACTED]	Affiliation: (Deceased)
Phone: (H) [REDACTED]	
(W) _____	

Parent's names: (Mother) _____ (Father) _____

Spouse/Partner name: _____

Therapy: Yes ☐ No ☐

Therapist: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Fax:

Tax ID #: License #:

Legal Involvement: Yes ☐ No ☐ L/S File #: _____

Lawyer:

Address:

Phone Number: _____ Contact: _____

Additional Comments:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File PFR-07

FROM: Patty Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

DATE: December 10, 2007

RE: [PFR-07]Curran, Rev. John (deceased) [REDACTED]

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A man called AD this morning and identified himself as Mr. [REDACTED]. He said he is a friend of [REDACTED] and was calling on his behalf.

Mr. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) had previously left a message for AD, which she had returned and left a message on December 3, 2007.

When Mr. [REDACTED] called this morning, he asked AD if [REDACTED] had contacted her. AD explained that because of confidentiality, she couldn't identify who contacts her, however, if he had general questions about her office and the process for formalizing an allegation, she would try to answer those questions. Mr. [REDACTED] said that it was his understanding that [REDACTED] had already spoken with Matt Hunnicutt and Fr. Grace, however, he was unsure if he had also contacted AD.

He said that [REDACTED] was interested in learning more about the process of formalizing his allegation against Fr. Curran. While they were on the telephone together, AD directed Mr. [REDACTED] to the Archdiocesan website listing for her office which lists Commonly Asked Questions about the formalization process as well as her contact information.

She then verbally described the process and answered his questions including confidentiality and [REDACTED] reported concern that his family not be aware of his allegation. AD explained that internal Archdiocesan offices and the Illinois State's Attorney's office is notified of all allegations the CAIR office receives.

AD and Mr. [REDACTED] discussed the various ways [REDACTED] could contact AD in order to schedule a meeting, if he chooses to do so.

Cc: Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

COMPLETION OF 1ST STAGE REVIEW
(Rev. John Curran)

3-26-93

- Assignment at Holy Family Villa: Cardinal let his term **expire**.
Board's recommendation there should be **NO** re-assignment!!

- Status of his drinking.

- [REDACTED]: No assignment until we can get this sorted out. Need
reports/something more.

- No re-assignment: [REDACTED] - No
[REDACTED] - No
[REDACTED] - No
[REDACTED] - No
[REDACTED] - No
[REDACTED] - No
[REDACTED] - No

- [REDACTED] getting new
assignment.

[REDACTED]

- Notify parish? Announcement?

- There were anonymous allegations.

- [REDACTED] wait and make no-further-announcement.

- Old Allegation - The public statement would perhaps only regard
the new ones?

- Wait for additional information? Board consensus: Yes.

- No announcement at this point?

- Tell Curran: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] No reassignment - Board's recommendation
to Cardinal Bernardin.

- [REDACTED] - Strict supervision other
than family - residence of Diocese. [REDACTED] - Okay with [REDACTED]
for week or so; but "very temporary, but only if the family knows."

[REDACTED]

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May 5, 1997

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Dear [REDACTED]

I want to acknowledge the phone call which I had today with your wife [REDACTED]. As we discussed, all allegations of sexual misconduct with minors by a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago are referred to me for inquiry.

Moreover, I report to an independent Review Board, consisting of six lay and three clergy members. With respect to allegations against priests, the Review Board makes determinations and recommendations to the Archbishop. The Board bases its determinations on whether the safety of children is adequately provided for, and whether there is reasonable cause to suspect the accused priest engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

I have taken the liberty to enclose a copy of our current policies and procedures. According to [REDACTED], you are not comfortable at this time to speak with me. I certainly understand how difficult this all may be for you. It is my hope that eventually we can speak, or meet, with each other.

[REDACTED] if you feel more at ease writing to me or sending a tape with the details of the allegation, please feel free to do this at your earliest convenience.

If upon reviewing our policies and procedures you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. Please also know that our Assistance Ministry, and Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312/751-8267) are also available to you.

Once again I want to assure you we take these allegations seriously and I will utilize our procedures to follow-up on such matters. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to a possible meeting with you in the near future.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Connolly", followed by a horizontal line and a flourish.

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi
File

MEMO TO FILE: PFR-07
FROM: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator
RE: John Curran
DATE: January 24, 1999

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board January 24, 1999 :

Allegation taken from [REDACTED] in November 1998 and presented to Father Curran on December 15, 1998. Father Curran remembered [REDACTED] but did not recall details given in allegation.

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MEMO TO FILE: PFR-07
FROM: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*
RE: Reverend John Curran
DATE: December 11, 1998

My initial contact with Father Curran was at Resurrection Life Center where Father currently resides. Father Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests was also present.

The appointment coincided with the receipt of a new allegation against Fr. Curran, in which [REDACTED] accused Father of sexual misconduct with a minor when [REDACTED] was in high school.

After introductions I proceeded to present the allegation as well as a letter written by [REDACTED]. Father's response to allegation, etc. is on record in the Allegation File for PFR-07, and need not be repeated here.

Father presented as depressed, and unresponsive.

file PFR-07

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

cc: Office of Professional Fitness Review

FROM: Ralph Bonaccorsi

RE: Phone Conversation [REDACTED] - V0321]

DATE: May 14, 1997

- I received a phone call on May 1, 1997 from [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] called this office several years ago. At that time she claimed to have information regarding past sexual abuse by a priest [unnamed at the time].
- The abused person was her husband [REDACTED] and was a minor at the time of the alleged sexual abuse.
- At that time, I spoke with the husband, explained the reporting process.
- The husband expressed an unwillingness to go forward and conveyed that he had put the incidents behind him.
- There was no further conversation or follow-up at that time.
- On May 1, 1997, [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] - named Rev. John Curran as the person who had abused her husband several years ago [while he was between the ages of 12-14].
- [REDACTED] claimed that her husband had been repeatedly touched under the clothing by Fr. Curran.
- [REDACTED] claims that the husband now feels that his other life problems - [REDACTED] - are the result of the abuse by Fr. Curran.

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- [REDACTED] conveyed that the abuse began at a time when Fr. Curran was assigned at St. Albert the Great [Burbank]
- [REDACTED] is now in his 40's. He has been diagnosed with [REDACTED] and is stabilized.
- Abuse allegedly took place when [REDACTED] was 12-14 years old. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] claims that Fr. Curran sent a videotape to [REDACTED] that was sexual in nature.
- [REDACTED] live in [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] does not want his parents to know. Mother lives in [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] doesn't want his allegation to become public.
- [REDACTED] wants Fr. Curran to get assistance.

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-07

From: Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator (PZ)

Re: Curran, Rev. John (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Date: January 8, 2007

[REDACTED] had written an email message to PRA on 3/21/06 describing an allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Curran.

PRAA responded to his email message and invited him to contact her directly so she could explain the formalization process and answer any questions he may have.

As of this date, there has been no further contact from [REDACTED] PRAA had made this case inactive at this time.

AOC 002070

From: Patricia Zacharias
To: [REDACTED] McCluskey, Leah
Date: 3/22/2006 8:46:25 AM
Subject: Re: sexual abuse by a priest

Dear [REDACTED]

Leah McCluskey forwarded your email to me. Let me begin by thanking you for contacting us and coming forward with your information. I would like to help in any way I can.

If it is ok with you, it would be helpful if I could talk to you and explain our process. It is also ok if you want to correspond by email. I want to help in the way where you will be most comfortable.

If it is ok for us to talk, I can call you or you can call me. If you would like for me to call you, please let me know the best phone number for me to reach you and good times to call. I am available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you would like to call me, my phone number will be at the bottom of this message.

[REDACTED] I know that coming forward is not an easy thing to do and takes a lot of courage. Thank you again for contacting us.

Sincerely,

Patty Zacharias

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>>> [REDACTED] 03/21/06 4:46 PM >>>

MY NAME IS [REDACTED] AND I WAS MOLESTED BY A CATHOLIC PRIEST WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER. THIS HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO, DURING THE SUMMER OF 1972, AT ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CHURCH RECTORY IN BURBANK. THE PRIEST'S NAME WAS FATHER JOHN W. CURRAN. [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-07

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

Re: John Curran

Date: November 20, 2000

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on November 18, 2000:

Allegation made by [REDACTED] against Father John Curran was presented to the Board. History of allegations and time frame were consistent with previous allegations against Father Curran. Extent and nature of abuse inconsistent with five previous allegations.

Since Father is deceased and based on both commonalities and differences in allegation, the Board determined that the alleged incidents could have happened but that there is doubt about the severity of the abuse.

AOC 002072

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 FN's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on January 9, 2004, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of a single incident of genital fondling, during which Fr. Curran engaged in a sexually explicit discussion with Victim FN. The alleged abuse occurred in 1967 or 1968, when Victim FN was a student at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South.

WRITTEN REPORT/SUMMARY FOR SECOND STAGE REVIEW

REVIEW DATE: July 24, 1993

1. NAME: Rev. John Curran AGE/D.O.B. [REDACTED]

2. ORDAINED: _____

3. PRESENT ASSIGNMENT OR RESIDENCE:

Alvernia Manor
13950 Main St.
Lemont, Ill.

Since: 4-93

4. ALLEGATIONS/INFORMATION:

Date of Offense	Sex/Age of Child	Credibility
		Yes No

<u>Early 1960's</u>	<u>M/13-14</u>	
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<u>1963-1964</u>	<u>M/High School</u>	
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<u>1966</u>	<u>M/H.S. Freshman</u>	
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<u>1973-74</u>	<u>M/16-17</u>	
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<u>Early 1980's (likely 1983-1984)</u>	<u>M/13-14</u>	
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<u>Within last "few yrs."</u>	<u>M/age unknown (anon. letter)</u>	
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5. GENERAL NATURE OF OFFENSE(S) Allegations include John Curran touching various boys' genitals and inviting them to touch his genitals which was done; touching/groping teen-age boys' buttocks; receiving oral sex from an adult male after friendship of many years.

6. OTHER PROBLEMS DURING MINISTRY: None.

8. SPECIAL CONCERNS OR PROBLEMS (If any): Excessive alcohol use has a problem for John Curran in the past; author of anonymous letter and anonymous 800# caller have not yet provided further details of their allegations against him.

9. DATE OF FIRST STAGE REVIEW COMPLETION: 3-26-93 (special meeting on matter with Cardinal: 4-3-93)

10. REVIEW BOARD'S DETERMINATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ARCHBISHOP/ARCHBISHOP'S DECISION: There should be no reassignment to a parish or a ministry with access to minors (affirming Cardinal Bernardin's prior decision); John Curran should be monitored by one or two adult females in new residence.


SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

Originally, the Board suggested Fr. Curran reside at Holy Family Villa in Lemont. John Curran detested it there when he became ill and went into the hospital. Once out of the hospital, he registered himself at Alvernia Manor in Lemont. Pat O'Malley and Tom Paprocki approved the move and eventually the Cardinal concurred. The Administrator and Assistant Administrator there (both nuns) now actively monitor John Curran to ensure that he is not found alone with persons under 18 without another responsible adult present. Alvernia is a Senior Citizens Residence.

Consistent with the Review Board's suggestion, the Cardinal formally assigned Fr. Curran into a form of restricted ministry as Assistant to the Vicar for Senior Priests, working with Catholic Cemeteries and Rev. Pat Pollard as well.

Since First Stage Review completion, I have spoken with Brother Larry Lavalee, Principal at Marist High School. (See Steve's memo on meeting). Neither anonymous letter writer nor anonymous 800# caller have provided any further details of their allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against John Curran.

RECOMMENDATION: Having spoken to Fr. John Curran on a few occasions now, it is clear to me that he is extremely happy in his current assignment of ministry which includes no access to minors. Indeed, Fr. Curran assured me and exclaimed on the phone the other day in discussing his upcoming Review that regarding the ministry with access to minors, "Steve, I don't want that!" Clearly there have been several allegations against John Curran all involving boys. John Curran engaged in oral sex activity with one young adult male who he had developed a friendship with over several years. Moreover, one anonymous person has alleged that he has exposed his penis to him when he was 16 - 17. There's been groping of boys' private parts by Fr. Curran. Primarily due to much of this information, the Commission to the Cardinal in Spring of '92 recommended to the Cardinal he be removed from his pastorate. He did resign his pastorate at St. Christina's when the newer allegations came in against him. In short, there has been a disturbing pattern of sexual misconduct with boys by John Curran.



John Curran is very comfortable in his present ministry which has no access to minors. I believe there are enough factors of risk to children so that he should remain in this form of restricted ministry and not in a ministry with access to minors. John himself is comfortable with this ministry. At this point, however, he is not happy with his residence at Alvernia Manor although he says it was good for recuperation. Pat O'Malley and Fr. Ed Conway are looking into the possibility once again of placing him at the residence by Holy Family Villa in Lemont where Fr. Sloan may also move in. That arrangement is acceptable to me, so long as Bobby Magurany and her assistant continue to also be monitors of Fr. Curran.

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December 21, 1994

Dear [REDACTED]

I want to acknowledge and appreciate the phone call which I received from you the other day. I am Steve Sidlowski, the Professional Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Formerly, I represented hundreds of child sexual abuse victims as an Assistant Cook County Public Guardian. All allegations of sexual misconduct with minors by priests of the Archdiocese are referred to me for inquiry.

Moreover, I report to an independent Review Board, consisting of six lay and three clergy members. With respect to allegations against priests, the Review Board makes determinations and recommendations to the Archbishop. The Board bases its determinations on whether the safety of children is adequately provided for and whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

I have taken the liberty to enclose a copy of the Archdiocesan Policies in these matters entitled "Clerical Sexual Misconduct With Minors: Policy for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures For Determination of Fitness For Ministry." We believe that our procedures are sound and that a person making an allegation will be dealt with fairly and objectively.

I had also mentioned that I would like to formally pass along to you information as to how to contact the civil authorities about this situation should you ever so desire. Please know that you are under no obligation to sign the enclosed form, but if you want to sign it and return it, please mail it to me at the above address.

I realize how difficult this all may be for you. If upon reviewing our policies and procedures you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. Please also know that our Assistance Ministry and Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8267) are also available to you.

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Once again I want to assure you that we take these allegations seriously and I will utilize our procedures to follow-up on such matters. Thank you again for your phone call and I look forward to a possible meeting with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

SS/rm
Enclosure

Dear [REDACTED]

I spoke to Fr. David Jones on Wed. July 10. We spoke about the ~~an announcement~~ using the alumni newsletter to contact possible other "victims" of John Curran - It is giving some thought to that suggestion. ~~Also did I show until you~~

MEMORANDUM

TO: File
FROM: Ralph Bonaccorsi
RE: [REDACTED]
DATE: July 9, 2002

~~also~~ as I may have mentioned when we spoke, ~~I have seen the~~ ~~spoke~~ other alleg. of sex abuse by Fr. Curran have been made & acted upon by the Arch. In those cases ~~also I have spoken to~~ we have encouraged those who come forward to themselves encourage others who ~~that either knew or suspected~~ having been abused by Curran. I encouraged Jew to do so as well

I took a phone call from [REDACTED] wanted us to know that he was a student at Quigley South High School Seminary during the time when Fr. John Curran was Music Director (1971). He has written to Fr. David Jones, Rector at Archbishop Quigley High School Seminary [North], regarding his complaints. [REDACTED] voiced "annoyance" at Fr. [REDACTED] and Fr. [REDACTED] [Rectors at Quigley South?] that they must have known about Fr. Curran's predation on many students - and not taking any action against Fr. Curran. ~~Taken to Home from~~ ~~abused~~ as well

[REDACTED] believes that Fr. Jones minimized the problem in a column in the Quigley alumni newsletter. People coming forward will be treated with respect & compassion.

[REDACTED] would like communication from us regarding the problem and what we are doing about it. He urges us to contact former students that he is certain were abused by Curran - and to use the Quigley alumni newsletter to urge men to come forward.

• He wanted Q to be in touch with other

• suspects

Peace

Say what we have done -
Consider a statement in Q. Alumni news
DCAE

MEMO TO FILE: PFR-07
FROM: Bernadette Connolly, Administrator
RE: John Curran
DATE: November 18, 1995

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, November 18, 1995:

The Review Board received a report on the current situation of Father Curran.

Recommendations to the Commission

The Review Board discussed recommendations to be made on behalf of the Board to the Commission.

One, the Board recommends that the Commission repeat and reinforce its earlier recommendation that the Professional Fitness Review Administrator select the professionals to conduct diagnostic evaluations, therapy and any other professional services for a priest whose matter is before the Board. The PFR Administrator will work with the Vicar for Priests and other appropriate persons in making these decisions, but the final decision should be place with the Office of Professional Fitness Review. The Board discussed the many problems encountered in cases over these last years because the priests or advocates of the priests selected the professionals.

Two, the Board recommends that the policy (1105.3.2.) which provides a priest never be returned to ministry if not returned after a Second Stage Review or Supplementary Review is modified. The Board discussed that the policy seems over broad in view of the fact it is not limited to a diagnosis of paraphilia or other diagnoses, but rather depends upon the procedures used.

Three, the Board recommends that the Archdiocese modify its current procedure which now provides for a public announcement any time a priest is withdrawn from ministry with allegations of sexual misconduct. The Board discussed the need for this public presentation to be judged on the facts of the individual case. This publicity is not always beneficial to the alleged victim.

Four, the Board discussed a recommendation that a survivor of clerical sexual misconduct is appointed to the Board. Some members agreed with this recommendation and some members disagreed with this recommendation. All agreed that the Board size should remain nine members. The Board decided to present the recommendation and the differing Board member positions to the Commission.

MEMO

TO: File (PFR-07)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: August 23, 1993

RE: Phone Call from Rev. John Curran

Fr. Curran called to acknowledge that he had received my letter regarding the Review Board's determination and recommendations in his Second Stage Review held on 7-24-93. Basically, John understands the situation and accepts the Board's recommendations. I told him that Tom Paprocki, the Cardinal's Delegate to the Board, informed me that the Cardinal had accepted the Board's recommendations in John Curran's case. However, Tom Paprocki would be sending on an official written notice to John formalizing the Cardinal's decision in his Second Stage Review.

John says he is doing the best he can with his current ministerial assignment although the definition of his job apparently still needs to be fleshed-out somewhat between himself, Bishop Lyne and Rev. Pat Pollard. However, he is content with the assignment.

John's primary concern at this point is his residence. He stated that he heard that Fr. Stan Adominis has returned to the house on 123rd St. belonging to Holy Family Villa. John heard that Stan is in need of full time nursing care and he is not sure he would be able to live in that situation with Stan present, especially in that medical condition. Moreover, John is not sure there is actually space for him there since Stan has returned. Thus, John would like to move out of Alvernia, the sooner the better, but he understands that at present we have no other residential site for him. I told him that he should also talk to Pat O'Malley about this situation in that Pat told me that he is working on a possible change in residence for John Curran with Ed Conway of Catholic Charities.

In the meantime, John Curran has heard through the grapevine that the Vicar and I are trying very hard to locate a residence for the other group of priests who have been withdrawn from their ministerial assignments due to sexual misconduct, and that is taking up a good deal of our time. As such, he understands that his residential situation is not the number one priority at this point; however, I emphasized to him that the Review Board, Pat O'Malley, and myself remain aware of his feelings about Alvernia Manor and something will likely be done in the future about it.

John also complained somewhat about need for log-in book and monitoring. I explained to him that this is the only way to ensure accountability of his restriction that he not be alone in the

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presence of minors and that the Archdiocese be aware of his whereabouts when he must absent himself from Alvernia Manor. Although he is not thrilled about it, John will continue to cooperate for as long as necessary.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary, prepared by Steven Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, of a December 16, 1994 phone call with Victim FO concerning his abuse by Rev. John Curran. Victim FO reported that the alleged abuse occurred between 1987 and 1988, while Fr. Curran was assigned to St. Christina's parish. It was discussed that Victim FO would schedule a meeting in the future to formalize his allegation with Mr. Sidlowski.

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 FP's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on June 15, 2005, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Curran providing Victim FP with alcohol, pinning him against the wall and kissing him, fondling his genitals over and under his clothes, and viewing pornographic videos with Victim FP. In one instance, Fr. Curran began masturbating while watching the pornography with Victim FP. The alleged abuse occurred at the St. Christina parish rectory, beginning in approximately 1985 and continued for roughly one year. Victim FP believes there were more than 10 but less than 50 incidents of abuse. Victim FP was an altar boy and states that Fr. Curran would serve him and other altar boys alcohol in the rectory.

MEMO

TO: File (PFR-07)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: September 7, 1994

RE: Meeting With Rev. John Curran

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Andy McDonagh, Assistant to the Vicar for Priests, John Curran's attorney Patrick Reardon, Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

I met with John Curran today to communicate to him in detail the two latest allegations of sexual misconduct involving minors which have been brought against him, and pursuant to policy to request a response to/explanation of the allegations.

I thoroughly detailed both allegations of sexual misconduct brought against John Curran by [REDACTED]. After meeting with his attorney Mr. Reardon, and Rev. McDonagh for several minutes following my communication of the allegations, John Curran provided the following response through his attorney Mr. Reardon.

Mr. Reardon stated that John Curran's response to both allegations is "No response."

In addition, Mr. Reardon stated that John Curran and he would ask the Review Board to remind them that the date of these two allegations precede, i.e., were from a period of time before John Curran's matter was brought before the Review Board and/or Cardinal Bernardin. Since that time, the Board recommended to the Cardinal that John continue to be placed upon restrictions and that his ministerial assignment could be the one he is currently engaged in and which does not include access to minors, and further, that John Curran has been following that protocol to the present. Mr. Reardon added that John Curran does "not object communicating to the accusers that [REDACTED] and (explaining) the monitoring restrictions" which have been imposed upon him.

Lastly, Mr. Reardon added that "the alleged victims don't want it (i.e. sexual abuse of minors by John Curran) to happen again - neither does John. He's working on his spiritual life and ministry in a way that's positive" and Mr. Reardon said that it is John Curran's intention to continue in that direction.

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September 21, 1994

Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Review Board met on September 17, 1994. The Board fully considered my written and verbal reports in the matter involving the Rev. John Curran. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is no longer reasonable to allow Rev. Curran to remain in ministry in view of all of the facts and circumstances, giving appropriate consideration to the safety of children and the rights of the priest.

As a result, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that Rev. Curran should retire from ministry. Moreover, the Board recommended that restrictions should continue to be imposed upon Rev. Curran, and, specifically, monitoring of his activities should continue to ensure he is not alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. Furthermore, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that Rev. Curran should comply with an Individual Protocol to monitor his daily activities.

Please know that our Assistance Minister, Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8267), continues to remain available for you to contact should you so desire. If you have any other questions at this point, also feel free to contact me at (312-751-5205).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

bcc: Mr. John O'Malley

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Dear Marty,

September 21, 1994

I spoke to Tom Paprocki recently who noted that he'd spoken to you recently about the Rev. John Curran situation. Apparently, per Tom, you've agreed to recuse yourself from the matter formally in terms of the Review Board's determinations and recommendations in the matter, [REDACTED]

However, Tom noted also that you would be, as pastor of St. Christina's Parish, attending a portion of the next Professional Conduct Advisory Committee meeting on 9-26-94 to discuss the possibility of some form of parish intervention connected to the situation.

As such, I have enclosed for you copies of the additional materials the Review Board considered in last Saturday's meeting to ensure you are completely informed as to all information the Board was given about the matter for the Supplementary Review. Please also know, Marty, that the Board determined that it would no longer be reasonable at this time to allow John Curran to remain in his current ministerial assignment and recommended to Cardinal Bernardin that he should retire from ministry [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Tom called the other day to state that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the Board's recommendations.

In any event, I hope the materials are helpful to you in preparation for Monday's Advisory Committee meeting discussion.

I've also enclosed a copy of an article the Board was given as well as information entitled "The Residence," discussion of which the Board deferred to its October 15, 1994 meeting.

I hope you have a good week until I see you this coming Monday.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Sidlowski

SS/rm
Encl.

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MEMO

TO: File (PFR-07)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski, PFRA

DATE: August 31, 1994

RE: Phone Call/Notice to Rev. John Curran Regarding
Latest Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving
Minors (at the time) Against Him

The Vicar for Priests, Rev. Pat O'Malley and I (Steve Sidlowski, PFRA) decided that upon receiving the new, two allegations of sexual misconduct against Rev. John Curran, the Vicar would first meet in person with John Curran to notify him that [REDACTED] had just brought complete allegations of sexual misconduct as minors against him. POM stopped-by later in the day and said that he had visited with J.C. and informed him of the foregoing. Further, the Vicar and I had discussed how it would be advisable, and pursuant to the Review Board's suggestion at the 8-27-94 meeting. [REDACTED]

Lastly, POM told J.C. that Steve Sidlowski, as the PFRA, would be formally contacting him to notify him of the allegations and to call for a meeting to request a response.

As such, I contacted Rev. J.C. tonight and formally notified him, pursuant to protocol, that indeed two, new allegations of sexual misconduct involving minors at the time had been brought against him and that I had just received the details of those allegations the day before. J.C. confirmed that he had met with POM earlier today. He was expecting my call. As such, POM had provided him with a list of attorneys he might contact. I informed J.C. that he should not speak about the matter with me in any substantive detail but should first contact an attorney and that we should arrange for a meeting as the policies require me to request an explanation to these allegations from him.

J.C. stated that he intended to contact attorney Patrick Reardon. I explained to J.C. that although he is not in a parish assignment or assignment with access to minors at the time, nonetheless, the Review Board does meet on 9-17-94 and I would like to have this matter entirely processed before then so that the Board might be able to conduct a Supplementary Review of this situation. Thus, I asked Rev. J.C. to make contact with his attorney and suggest a meeting in my Office to request his response to the allegations on either Wednesday, 9-7-94 at 1:30 p.m. or Thursday, 9-8-94 at the same time. I asked him to call back the Office to confirm that we will meet on one of those two dates. J.C. said he would.

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J.C. had many questions about the current situation. I told him that we should hold-off until the meeting with a lot of detail, but I did provide him with some basic information at this time, including that the [REDACTED] making the allegations stated they were sexually abused by him and that the allegations involved "several incidents" by both men. J.C. had many questions about procedure and I answered them to the best of my ability.

At one point in the conversation, particularly after I had mentioned that it was a very emotional meeting for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in which both of them shed tears, [REDACTED]

John Curran responded "It's horrible. I hate myself."

J.C. did insist upon noting more than once that the two situations with the [REDACTED] were "different," particularly in regard to the degree of what one must be alleging regarding the sexual abuse as opposed to the other. I did acknowledge that one allegation seemed a bit more serious in degree than the other although both gentlemen had suffered quite a bit about their respective situations. As one point, J.C. stated that "the [REDACTED] thing was much less-involved" than the situation which involved [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He added later that "not that much happened" sexually, from his point of view, between himself and [REDACTED]

Also at one point in our conversation, John Curran insisted that he is no longer consuming alcohol in any way [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] John Curran was very concerned about whether I would need to contact the civil authorities about this situation - I told him that the Archdiocesan attorneys would be giving me final advice on that point, and that if the advice were to change and I would be required to contact the civil authorities, I would immediately notify John Curran.

John Curran was interested as to possible outcomes following the Board's upcoming Supplementary Review of this matter. I explained that I cannot predict the future but that the Board has all options available to them, including [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at that point more likely or not and that he may well very seriously consider resigning the priesthood if it were to come to that.

John Curran did note that he is tired much of the time [REDACTED] and although he acknowledged he is somewhat depressed, and spends alot of time alone in his room, it is moreso because he lacks energy that he does not work more frequently in his ministerial assignment as

assistant to the Vicar for Senior Priests.

I told J.C. I will formally inform him by writing of the outcome of the what I presume will be Supplementary Review in the Board's 9-17-94 meeting.

* NOTE: John Curran called me on 9-2-94 and stated that he and attorney Patrick Reardon will be in my Office to meet on Wednesday, 9-7-94, at 1:30 p.m. J.C. would like Rev. Andy McDonagh also to attend - I told J.C. I'd notify Andy about the meeting date and place and I did leave a voice mail message for Andy to that effect.

Phone Conversation with Assistant State's Attorney Mark Cavins:

- Mark saw that the [REDACTED] He "was glad to see it."

- I (S.S.) gave Mark the following information:

Victims [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]

Mother - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - Oral fellatio performed upon him (not vice-versa)
Rev. Curran masturbated; Rev. Curran fondled his
penis; kissing him facially

[REDACTED] - Rev. Curran fondled his penis directly AND when
[REDACTED] had his pants on repeatedly; kissing him
all over face

- It seems clearly to be beyond our statute.

- Mark: "I appreciate this information and I'll let you know what happens."

8/7/94

To Whom It May Concern,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I attended St. Christina School
3333 W. 110th St from 1-8 grades. I graduated in May of [REDACTED] My name is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I am known as [REDACTED] and I want "you", I want "someone" to hear and respond to what I
have to say. Through a great majority, if not all of my grade school years John Curran was
pastor of St. Christina's church. I was sexually abused and seduced by John Curran beginning in
[REDACTED] 1986 and lasting four horrible years until [REDACTED]
1990. I am not the only one who was abused by this wretched creature. I sought his authority of
"dedication" to God and people to find comfort from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] What I was given were not words of hope and encourage-ment but hugs and kisses that I
did not reciprocate [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I was a [REDACTED] boy of 14 who was abused by a member of the clergy I sought
protection in.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] What is this man
doing now? I know he left St. Christinas in January of 1993. Where is he? Does he have access
to to [sic] hurt and torment the lives of others [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am asking for an urgent response to my questions and letter. I want to know someone
heard me and that something is being done. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I just want to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Please respond as urgently as possible to:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Help me
[REDACTED]

Phone Call to [REDACTED] from Steve Sidlowski, PFRA

8-22-94

In response to [REDACTED] 800# voice mail message over the weekend, I called him today to arrange for an in-person meeting at a convenient time, date and place for [REDACTED]. We agreed to meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 1994 at 1:30 p.m. in my Office.

I explained to [REDACTED] that he could feel free to have any significant others present with him as well as an attorney. I told him that there were several things and possibilities about our policies about which he should be aware before detailing his allegation and that I would explain those to him when we meet. I asked him if it was okay that VAM Ralph Bonaccorsi also be present for the meeting - he said it was. I asked him if he had any questions about the policies or situation at this point and he basically responded that he would hold-off on further questions until we meet.

He did note that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He added that he would probably wait until 8-30-94 before being introduced to Ralph Bonaccorsi in that I had suggested he could feel free to contact Ralph at any time.

I also noted to [REDACTED] that I understand he was aware that Rev. Curran is no longer at St. Christina Parish or in any parish. I told him that if it would be helpful for him to know at this time, I shared that Rev. Curran is under daily and ongoing restrictions and monitoring rules wherein he is not allowed alone with anyone under 18 without the presence of another responsible adult. [REDACTED] appreciated me telling him that and acknowledged that it had indeed helped him to know it.

[REDACTED] stated that he is really "looking forward" to the meeting with Ralph and myself.

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MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Anonymous allegations against identified priests

Date: July 15, 2006

A summary of the discussion from the Review Board Meeting on Saturday, July 15, 2006:

Information Update

Continued discussion on anonymous allegations received against identified clerics

- Proposed that PRA would investigate the allegation to the extent of the information received
- Extended discussion of suggestions of the Board's involvement with anonymous allegations against identified clerics and initial actions to be taken by PRA
- Feeling expressed that the Vicar for Priests should notify the accused cleric of the allegation and that the accused is given the opportunity to respond
- Feeling expressed that PRA should review all files of the accused cleric
- This matter will continue to be discussed at the scheduled August 19, 2006 Review Board meeting

MEMO TO FILE: PFR-07
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator
RE: John Curran
DATE: December 17, 1994

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, December 17, 1994:

The Professional Fitness Review Administrator informed the Review Board about a call from one person who suggested he was sexually abused by Father Curran as a minor while he resided in [REDACTED] Illinois; the caller to the Office 800# was undecided as to whether he will formally detail his allegation but will consider it; the PFR Administrator informed the caller of the basics on the policy and suggested he contact Assistance Ministry should he desire – offered to send caller our policies but caller declined but noted he will likely get back to the PFR Administrator at some point.

The PFR Administrator also noted that he had just received a call from a second adult who wanted to note that he had been sexually abused by Father Curran as a minor as well but is not yet ready to detail the allegation. The Administrator did send him policies and civil authority contact information; the alleged victim noted that he would contact the PFR Administrator at some point after the New Year to likely detail his allegation to the Administrator further in person – the caller noted he just wanted to notify the Archdiocese that he is an (alleged) victim at this time. The caller was also invited to contact Assistance Ministry.

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 a phone call with Victim FQ on May 14, 2004 regarding his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. Victim FQ did not specify the nature of his abuse during the call, but spoke of the impact the abuse had on his life, including a difficulty trusting people. He expressed an intent to follow up with Ms. McCluskey in order to formalize his allegation against Fr. Curran.

MEMORANDUM

To: File
From: Donna A. Contreras
Re: Victim Assistance Request - [REDACTED]
Date: 3/23/04 - 10:15 a.m.

A phone call was received on Friday, April 23, 2004 from a [REDACTED] who presently resides in [REDACTED]. He is requesting closure for an occurrence of abuse he experienced at the age of fourteen by Fr. John Curran who is now deceased. He called St Christina Church yesterday and spoke with a priest who he believes is the present pastor. The abuse occurred at St. Christina during his youth. He was upset by the treatment he received from the pastor when expressing his desire to find closure and return to the church.

present (Marty O'Donovan)

[REDACTED] can be reached today at the following phone number: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: Ralph
Mayra

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Steven Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, of a December 7, 1994 phone call with Victim FR regarding his allegation of abuse by Rev. John Curran. Victim FR did not specify the nature of his abuse by Fr. Curran, however he indicated the abuse occurred at St. Albert the Great parish in the mid 1970s. He also stated that he believes at least 20 friends from St. Albert the Great parish were also abused in some manner by Fr. Curran. In addition, Victim FR stated that several of his family members were victims of sexual misconduct by Fr. Curran.

Phone Call from Ralph Bonaccorsi Regarding PFR-07:

10-18-95

- [REDACTED] - mother of [REDACTED]
- Spoke with Bob Motycka, Associate at St. Michael's in Orland Park - the occasion was that [REDACTED]
- Both told the Pastor - Mom & Son talked about the abuse by John Curran.
- Mother told Ralph Bonaccorsi that [REDACTED] were abused by John Curran.
- The oldest is 34 now - "was abused". Mother angry at the son not admitting that it happened to prevent the abuse towards the other [REDACTED].
- About 1 yr. ago she found out that the [REDACTED] were abused.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] don't want to talk with Archdiocese.

Memo regarding PFR-07, John Curran

6/24/97

- I spoke with Jim Sayers today to see how John Curran was doing in terms of accepting that he must move out of the rectory at St. Joe's. Jim reported that John Curran has been very distant with him. Jim related that there is much tension regarding Jim's relationship with Bob. Bob feels the diocese does not care about John Curran or any other priest. Bob is also having problems with other parish personnel. The friendship between Bob and John Curran is causing tension throughout the rectory. I informed Jim that Larry McBrady and myself were looking into other options for John Curran to reside, but the options were not very good. I informed Jim that I would follow up with him after Larry McBrady returned from his retreat.

Phone Call From Larry McBrady - 7/8/97.

- I spoke with Larry McBrady today and he informed me that the only two options for John Curran were Alvernia Manor or the Retreat House (which is a 2-bedroom suite with private bath and an entrance separate from Koenig Hall). I asked Larry McBrady if we should go and see John Curran and he informed me that he was leaving for vacation from July 17th to August 2nd, and that this week and the following week he has other commitments. I asked Larry if it would be okay if I went myself. He said "no problem, but I want to be informed about the meeting." I informed Larry McBrady that I would let him know about the meeting.

Phone call to PFR-07, John Curran.

July 8, 1997

- I spoke with John Curran today in order to set up a time for us to meet to discuss his decision regarding his living arrangements. We agreed we would meet on July 15th at 12:30 PM at St. Joe's rectory. John Curran said that he doesn't know what he will do. He said this whole thing is difficult for him. I informed John Curran that we would need a decision by the 15th.

Phone call to Bill Finnegan regarding PFR-07, John Curran.

6/24/97

- I spoke with Bill Finnegan regarding John Curran's living arrangements. Bill is a classmate/friend of John Curran. Bill had no concrete ideas regarding possible housing for John Curran, but did tell me to try out Holy Family Villa in Palos Park. I asked Bill if he should have any other ideas, to please let me know.

Phone call to Larry McBrydy.

June 30, 1997

- I spoke with Larry McBrydy regarding my phone call to Fill Finnegan. I proposed Holy Family Villa - Larry said he would check it out.

Phone call from Larry McBrydy.

June 30, 1997

- Larry informed me that Holy Family Villa was not an option because the rectory is full.

Meeting with PFR-07, JOHN CURRAN, Fr. Jim Sayers, Fr. Robert Stepek and Vicar for Priests Larry McBrady **September 3, 1996**

- Today I met with the above individuals to discuss protocol restrictions for Rev. John Curran. I distributed the **ROLE OF THE MONITOR** document and then proceeded in discussing restrictions for John while living at St. Joseph's parish in Homewood, IL. Please refer to Individual Specific Protocol for information discussed and implemented.
- John also informed me he did not receive a letter from TJP regarding the matter of being allowed to say Mass privately and all other ministry restrictions are still imposed. I informed JC I would speak with TJP about this matter. Also, JC asked if his salary would still remain at \$500.00 per month since his suspension was lifted. I told him I would take this matter up with TJP.

Phone call to TJP regarding PFR-07, JOHN CURRAN

September 5, 1996

- I spoke with TJP regarding John's two requests. TJP will send another letter to John and to Fr. Sayers, Pastor of St. Joseph's - a copy of Ministry Restrictions. TJP also informed me that JC's salary should change because his suspension has been lifted. TJP asked me to relay this information to JC and to the Vicar for Priests.

Phone call to PFR-07 (J.C.)

January 8, 1996

I received a phone call from Sr. Georgine from Alvernia Manor on 1/7/96. She left a message and informed me that J.C. did not board the plane to Arizona as scheduled. I proceeded to phone J.C. on his private #. J.C. informed me his brother-in-law is dying of cancer and he was unable to pack all of his belongings. J.C. said he is not ready to leave Alvernia because of all these other issues. I informed J.C. the Bd has been more than patient with his delay in receiving treatment but it has now come to a point where I must inform CJB. I also told J.C. we had already paid for his airfare and that if he knew he wasn't going he should have phoned my office out of common consideration. J.C. apologized and just said "I have a lot on my mind."

Phone call to TJP regarding PFR-07

January 8, 1996

I spoke w/TJP about J.C. and the situation regarding his absence from Arizona. TJP informed me that J.C.'s situation will be discussed at the PCAC mtg on 1/8/96.

Mtg. regarding PFR-07 (J.C.) - PCAC

January 8, 1996



Phone call from Dan C. regarding PFR-07

January 11, 1996

Dan called today to inform me he did not have any success with J.C. It was agreed J.C. must be out of Alvernia no later than 1/31/96.

Phone call from POM regarding PFR-07

February 1, 1996

POM called today to inform me J.C. had moved to an apt. in Tinley Park. Currently J.C. is not being monitored, which poses major concerns for all involved. It was suggested I speak with the Review Board about J.C.'s situation. Please refer to all memos in Written Correspondence regarding J.C.'s current financial income, salary, health insurance and car insurance

Mtg. w/PFRB regarding PFR-07

February 17, 1996

I informed the Bd about J.C.'s current living situation and my concerns regarding his physical and psychological state. The Bd recommended that perhaps a psychiatrist would be willing to visit J.C. at his apt to recommend some type of anti-depressant. The Bd also spoke of having J.C. committed into an institutional-type setting. The Bd requested I speak w/POM regarding their recommendations.

Phone call to POM regarding PFR-07 (J.C.)

February 26, 1996

I spoke w/POM and informed him of the Bd's recommendation. POM stated he would have to obtain a release from J.C.'s current doctor in order to see if there are medications that J.C. is taking that might interfere w/anti-depressants. POM stated he would get back to me.

MEMO

TO: File PFR-07

FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Admn.

DATE: March 21, 1995

Rev. Tom Paprocki called me today and noted that Rev. John Curran had just informed the Vicar for Priests that Rev. Curran has decided formally to resign/leave the priesthood.

For the time being, he will continue to be monitored by the 2 Sisters at Alvernia Manor in Lemont, IL.

Vicar for Priests Pat O'Malley will now begin to work out "Exit Package" details with Rev. Curran. (Pat O'Malley noted to me subsequently that the package will likely take at least 4 to 6 weeks for it to begin to be implemented).

Phone Discussion With VAM Ralph Bonaccorsi:

3-6-95

- Ralph received a call from parents (name not provided) in [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] now living in [REDACTED].
- They wanted to know; the Dad wants to know if there was other information to help them understand - e.g. the Archdiocese's policies/procedures on clerical sexual misconduct with minors; he knew about our Office (O.P.F.R.) so Ralph gave them my # and they may call me.
- They're former parishioners at St. Christina's; their inquiry related to Rev. John Curran. The [REDACTED] are between ages 23 & 27 - they were both altar boys at St. Christina Parish.
- The parents (names still not known to Steve Sidlowski) wondering/worrying if sons were sexually abused by John Curran, but they don't know. The Dad's plan: he wants to talk with his sons further about it.

Phone Call to Rev. John Curran:

3-3-95

([REDACTED])

- Today: Final deadline on whether he will remain a priest and if so, that he will need to receive further long-term treatment for the problem.

- Regarding his decision: John stated that he has come-up with, "Nothing totally final." - He is "working toward trying to come to some conclusion" but has "not totally," arrived at the decision as yet. Rev. POM was there this past Wednesday or Thursday and met with him about it apparently.

- POM did not mention to J. Curran that Pat knew about the deadline being today, 3-3-95, but I told John that Pat does know; I also noted to John that I will need to be passing on his non-decision/state of indecision at this point to the Chancellor Tom Paprocki and Vicar POM and if the Cardinal thru Tom or other wise decides to contact him further about what direction he'll be needing to go in regarding this decision, they will let him know.

- I also noted that if John does end-up heading out to a facility sometime soon that I would likely be in touch with him, as well as POM, regarding that, arrangements, etc. if that takes place/comes about, and assuming he remains a priest.

- I also mentioned the possibility that I might stop-by in-person sometime to see how things are going.

Phone Call from [REDACTED]:

1-27-95

- "I was hoping that right after the holidays that I'm going to put your finger on him" and make him go.

- "He's got to move on - whether you do it or I do."

- "The situation is...if he retires, the Catholic Church is kind of washing their hands of him."

- "If you guys don't do something, we will" but they will not contact the police; rather, he will sit down with Fr. Curran and tell him that he has to leave by a certain date.

- He was hoping "you guys" would do something about it.

800# Voice Mail Message:

12-20-94

██████████ (John Curran's sister) - ██████████ "I'd appreciate hearing from you" ██████████ She hasn't heard from John Curran since he left Wisconsin.

Phone Call to ██████████ from Steve Sidlowski:

12-21-94

Steve Sidlowski called back on 12-21-94 and gave her son the phone number and name of the ██████████s where her brother is staying.

Phone Call to Mr. ██████████ or Mrs. ██████████ and John Curran:

12-20-94

- Mr. ██████████ saw Sunday article in Southtown newspaper. This is the first he's heard about the restrictions Rev. Curran is under...Apparently Rev. Curran has not informed them himself about his situation. I made clear (and confirmed with Bernadette) that she did speak to explain the situation to Mrs. ██████████ over a week ago. ██████████ stated that he does not feel he's "in a position legally" to be monitoring Rev. Curran as I had described the non-minor contact restrictions to him.

- ██████████ and his brother will call back tomorrow to further discuss the situation.

Phone Call from/to ██████████ and his Brother, Attorney:

12-21-94

██████████ - ██████████'s brother, an attorney. ██████████: ██████████'s not sure what's going on. He added "The 1st we were aware of these restrictions was yesterday."

- "Let me put it to you this way...We would like to help Father. We don't want to put any of our children in jeopardy."

- "I had no inclinations about this." ██████████ said he was "shocked" to now discover that the allegations have been deemed credible. If it is in his better interests to go back to Alvernia Manor, then they'll go along with that. I explained that that has been my desire.

- We've been told by Father that these allegations are "absolutely false." I (S.S.) clarified that we have now stated publicly that they have been deemed credible.

- We will do what is in the best interests of Father - my brother ██████████ is trying to accommodate him.

- "I will talk to ██████████ tonight probably. The best solution" will be to "allow" him to stay beyond Christmas and maybe New Year's Day - but after that, ██████████ said they will encourage him to return to 2-

Alvernia Manor.

- [REDACTED] asked if that was okay, and I said that J.C. will continue to need to contact Bernadette daily to verify his whereabouts, and that as I'd said to [REDACTED] yesterday, we are asking that if [REDACTED] or his wife in good faith had concerns about J.C. acting inappropriately or being alone with any of the children or leaving for a long period of time and not say where he was going, I would appreciate them contacting me about any such situations, or with any other questions/comments they might have regarding this situation before J.C. leaves the [REDACTED] home. [REDACTED] understood this and assured me he will speak further to [REDACTED] about those needs.

- I explained to [REDACTED] that I have told J.C. to so return to Alvernia several times now, as recently as this afternoon and that even Rev. Curran did say "I need to leave here too," to me today, and so that I would appreciate that he and [REDACTED] make such a suggestion at least, and that they should tell him that they know this is what I want/think best as well.

- [REDACTED] had no knowledge that Bernadette Connolly had spoken with Mrs. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]'s spouse) about a week ago and explained that Rev. Curran is under monitoring/restrictions and is not allowed alone with any children without the presence of another responsible adult. Rev. Curran was to have explained that to the [REDACTED]'s a year and 1/2 ago that he'd received credible allegations of sexual misconduct against him as a minor.

- [REDACTED] said that he and his brother thought at first when J.C. came to visit [REDACTED]'s house that he would just be staying through the Thanksgiving holiday but then he stayed on and [REDACTED] felt he couldn't exactly tell J.C. to "get out" right before this next Christmas holiday.

- I explained to [REDACTED] that even though he's been there, we have been monitoring Rev. Curran each day and require him to phone into our Residential Director at least one a day (and his # can be verified of course), but that we do have a monitoring structure set-up through J.C.'s official residence at Alvernia which would be preferable.

Phone Call to Rev. John Curran:

12-21-94

- "I (J.C.) need to leave here too." (i.e. the [REDACTED]'s home). I told John C. we'll talk again in early January, but that he should return to Alvernia Manor and that perhaps we'll have to talk about a time frame as to his decision on whether he is going to choose to leave the priesthood.

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11-22-94

Phone Call to Rev. John Curran (not present S.S. spoke to his sister):

- J.C.'s sister said "He left this morning about 10:00 a.m. He didn't say anything about where he was going."

- "I (John's sister) recommended that he go back to Alvernia Manor;" he's been gone awhile.

- She told him that it was okay if he stayed through Thanksgiving.

- His sister [REDACTED] is very hurt about all this she admitted.

- "I told him for a very long time that he needed some counseling. Something should've been done a long time ago," she said.

- "I told him he ought to get to St. Luke's and get on with his life."

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MEMO

TO: File (PFR-07)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: November 29, 1993

RE: Discussion with Rev. Pat O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
11-16-93

POM called me today to discuss with me the possibility of pursuing the "Villa Scalabrini" residence at 480 N. Wolf Rd. in Northlake, Ill. as a possible new residence for Fr. John Curran. (POM had mentioned to me that he had been out to the Scalabrini sometime in the recent past as a possibility for long-term housing for the priest perpetrator clients, but POM was concerned in that he learned somehow that the [REDACTED] is apparently a victim of child sexual abuse by an Archdiocese of Chicago priest and as such POM is not certain how pursuing this possible housing site would play out given that factor).

I pointed out to POM that John Curran has explicitly requested to not be placed in the same residence with "the group of eight" priests requiring stricter supervision and protocol. POM is aware of that request by John Curran, but we both agreed that if John's primary objective is to find a new residence other than Alvernia Manor that even he might consider this as a better alternative. Also, though POM has not discounted the possibility of still pursuing the Scalabrini residence for the larger group of priest clients, for the time being John Curran could perhaps live there and then if we had to move the others in eventually, POM and I agreed we would be up front (POM will actually speak with JC we agreed) about that possibility so that if JC is turned-off from the start about this possibility of having other priests move in there as well, he could then tell POM that he is not interested in living at Villa Scalabrini right now.

In any event, POM will run this idea past John Curran to see if he is interested. I told POM that I would explain to the Review Board (if given the opportunity) at one of its upcoming meetings about how the Rosary Hill possible housing site fell through for JC but that Scalabrini might be a possibility for him or even the others down the road.

POM said that he did speak with [REDACTED] who is the director of the area within Villa Scalabrini where JC (or the others) would be living. [REDACTED] herself said she is willing to take John Curran and/or the others and then she would be the person who would know about John Curran's background/situation requiring monitoring and could herself serve as the primary monitor, although POM and I agreed that her Assistant or another responsible adult employee would also need to be informed as a back-up.

POM also suggested the possibility that JC could then become a part-time chaplain to the retirement community at Villa Scalabrini which is apparently primarily composed of senior citizens with an extended care unit which JC could minister to in terms of the last rites, etc. and perhaps Mass.

Anyway, POM will get back to me when he finds out how JC feels about this possible housing site.

***Please note that apparently Villa Scalabrini is owned and operated by the Missionaries of St. Charles (C.S.) per 1993 Archdiocesan Directory.

MEMO

TO: File (PFR-07)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: November 3, 1993

RE: Phone Call with Bishop Abramowicz

I called the Bishop to ensure that he is going to Rosary Hill to be the first contact with the sisters there to ask them if it is acceptable that John Curran lives there and if the Superior, Sr. [REDACTED], and perhaps another nun would be willing to monitor John Curran.

Bishop A. told me that he hopes the nuns will be willing to cooperate. He said he doesn't know Sr. [REDACTED] personally though the nuns have been cooperative with him in the past. We discussed the monitoring of John Curran somewhat and I explained to Bishop A. how I would hope there would be at least two of the nuns who would be available to monitor John Curran. I explained to Bishop A. that I would go out myself to discuss the monitoring guidelines with the two sisters if they are acceptable to having John Curran stay there. Bishop told me that he would get back to me following his meeting. I also asked him if he could get Sr. [REDACTED]'s private number - he said he would.

Phone Conversation with Bishop Abramowicz - 11-5-93:

Bishop Abramowicz returned my phone call to him yesterday and we discussed the outcome of his meeting with Sr. [REDACTED] at Rosary Hill in Justice, Ill.

Bishop Abramowicz said that Sister [REDACTED] is willing to take Fr. Curran, but she had already committed herself to a Dominican priest, Fr. [REDACTED] from River Forest, Ill.; i.e., she has offered Fr. [REDACTED] the opportunity to move into Rosary Hill and serve as chaplain there.

Apparently, the Bishop found out that Fr. [REDACTED] was a substitute for Fr. [REDACTED], another Dominican priest, and the previous chaplain who just moved out.

Sr. [REDACTED] told Bishop A. that Fr. [REDACTED] has to get permission from his Provincial to formally sign-off on him staying and working at Rosary Hill. However, the Bishop seemed to think that this was really a formality and expects Fr. [REDACTED] will be living and working at Rosary Hill in the intended work that had been discussed for John Curran.

Sr. [REDACTED] told the Bishop as of the other day she does not know if he has formally received permission, but assuming there is no

problem, Fr. [REDACTED] will have the assignment and physical living space that there was a possibility John Curran might have gotten.

The way the Bishop explained it, apparently, Sr. [REDACTED] asked John Curran if he could come to live at Rosary Hill right away after she learned that Fr. [REDACTED] was leaving. But as John Curran could make no commitment (knowing he'd have to check with the Review Board, Pat O'Malley etc.), Sr. [REDACTED] then went ahead and asked Fr. [REDACTED] if he wanted to move in and serve as chaplain and he accepted.

Bishop Abramowicz told me that he did not tell Sr. [REDACTED] anything about John Curran's background/situation/condition; rather, he said that all he told her was that John Curran was re-recuperating from illness and residing at Alvernia Manor during his recuperation.

The Bishop further informed me that right after his meeting at Rosary Hill, he traveled to Alvernia Manor and met with John Curran and told him the outcome of the meeting. After telling John Curran, the Bishop described his feelings as "down in the dumps."
(John's)

As a possible alternative, I discussed with Bishop Abramowicz perhaps the sisters or Rosary Hill has living space available for John Curran and that perhaps he should look into that possibility, i.e., that John would live there (as actually living in Alvernia Manor is what bothers John the most apparently) and then John Curran could serve in the same role as Fr. [REDACTED] formerly did - i.e., be the substitute chaplain for Fr. [REDACTED] and continue on in his daily full-time ministry as assistant to the Senior Vicar for Priests, Bishop Lyne.

The Bishop responded "let's explore that possibility." I told him that I would be informing Pat O'Malley about the outcome of the Rosary Hill meeting and discuss pursuing the "substitute chaplaincy" option and if POM thinks it is a possibility how we should go about that. I asked the Bishop that if we were to proceed with looking into that possibility that either Pat O'Malley or myself would get back to him to see if he would be willing to contact Sr. [REDACTED] further about that possibility.

*** Please note that I informed Tom Paprocki of all of the above on 11-5-93.

MEMO

TO: File (PFR-07)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: October 14, 1993

RE: Phone Conversation with Rev. Pat O'Malley,
Vicar for Priests: 10-1-93

Pat O'Malley called me to tell me that he had spoken with Bishop Abramowicz regarding John Curran's housing situation. Apparently, there is an opening/opportunity for a priest to go to Rosary Hill at 9000 W. 81st St. in Justice, Ill. as a part-time chaplain. It seems that John Curran found out about this opportunity on his own and is interested in it. Per POM, Curran would live there on the grounds. Rosary Hill is a convalescent home of senior citizens. The idea is that John Curran's official assignment would remain as the Assistant to the Senior Vicar for Priests (Bishop Lyne) but John Curran could also say Mass at Rosary Hill and administer the last rites to residents about to die. However, John Curran would remain working for Bishop Lyne and Pat Pollard of Catholic Cemeteries on a full-time basis.

Pat said that Rosary Hill was run by an order of conservative Polish nuns who may be able to provide him with room and board.

In any event, POM and I agreed that this idea should be run by the Review Board as John Curran's case is now in their jurisdiction. If the Review Board finds that this is a feasible option for John Curran to live at, then Pat's suggestion was that he would tell Bishop Abramowicz that he could go to Rosary Hill first, speak with the nuns in charge, and then after that assuming there are no problems, I could then contact the religious community there to arrange with at least two of the sisters in charge to hopefully serve as monitors of John Curran. Both Pat O'Malley and I agreed that there is no question whatsoever that the monitoring must continue of John Curran, and indeed, the Review Board did recommend and the Cardinal did accept their recommendation at the Second Stage Review that such restrictions continue to be imposed upon him.

Pat and I agreed that I would contact John Curran to inform him that I would bring this matter to the Review Board. POM said that John Curran knows a Dominican priest there at Rosary Hill and this led to the suggestion for his move.

PHONE CALL TO JOHN CURRAN: 10-13-93

I confirmed with John Curran about his interest in Rosary Hill as a new residence as opposed to Alvernia Manor. Regarding Rosary Hill John Curran said "it would be better. I'm all for it. I'm needed there." He would like to move there.

However, John Curran is concerned about whether it will work in that the Polish nuns there might feel too uncomfortable with his monitoring. He said "I don't know if it will work" but he is willing to try.

His work with Bishop Lyne is working out well. He is conducting various meetings at different points throughout the Archdiocese and also working with Pat Pollard. He likes the idea that he could say Mass at Rosary Hill and administer last rites when necessary.

He found out about Rosary Hill from someone who told him about it - he doesn't really remember who. However, he said that a lot of priests knew that Fr. [REDACTED], a Dominican there, is leaving and going to Detroit thus providing the opening.

John reiterated that he is "not fighting the restrictive^{ed} ministry"; yet at times he doesn't care for being monitored though I explained to him that there have been no reports of problems with his living or work situation/restrictions and if he ever wants to seek a Supplementary Review, he may.

I told John that following the Review Board meeting on 10-16-93, I would either inform Pat O'Malley, the Vicar about the Board's consensus regarding John Curran's proposed move to Rosary Hill, and either Pat O'Malley or myself will get back to John to let him know what the status is following the meeting.

If the Board has no problem with the suggested move, I told John that Bishop Abramowicz would probably be the first contact with the sisters at Rosary Hill and thereafter, assuming no problems, I would contact the sisters to arrange for two of the sisters in charge to hopefully assist us with monitoring John Curran.

John Curran said that about 50 senior citizens live at Rosary Hill and to his knowledge, there are no schools in the nearby vicinity.

PHONE CALL FROM BROTHER [REDACTED]:

5-28-93

- Per Brother [REDACTED]: "I had heard it more than once" - i.e. that John Curran was involved in inappropriate sexual behavior.

- "I can't reveal the adult's name - he told me what happened - he wasn't asking me to report it but I had heard inuendos about it though, so I felt obligated to report it."

- This person was very clear, but he wants to keep his name confidential.

- He does not want his name revealed.

- This person did not want to report it to the Diocese the last time Brother [REDACTED] spoke to him. However, Brother [REDACTED] will speak to him before we meet (on Wednesday, June 2nd) to see if it is okay for [REDACTED] to give me the person's name so that I might be able to contact him or for [REDACTED] to suggest to him that if he wants to he can call my 800# or write me - however he chooses to inform me of more information on J.C.

MEMO

TO: File

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: May 24, 1993

RE: Phone call to Sr. [REDACTED]

Sister had called Pat O'Malley today. Pat then called me. Sister had suggested the idea of perhaps offering an extra room across the hall for John Curran in his current residence. Apparently, John had wanted a larger suite at Alvernia Manor and had expressed this desire to Sr. [REDACTED] previously. Sister noted that there is just not enough room for that. However, for an additional \$250.00 per month, Sister stated that an extra room across the hall would be available for Curran.

Sister said that she had not yet told Curran about her idea. We discussed and agreed that she would bring her idea to Curran sometime shortly. If Curran agrees to take the extra room, or not, Sister will get back to me/my office either way. (So that we will know whether to memo Pat O'Malley about having PRMAA pay the additional \$250.00 a month for Curran's residence until July, 1993).

Sister and I also talked about a phone for John Curran. I told her to tell Curran that he can purchase a phone on his own and the Diocese will reimburse him later. The bill for the phone can either be sent to me or the Vicar's office, as PRMAA will pay for such a cost until July 1, 1993 in any event. I told Sister that it is my understanding that local calls will be paid for by the Diocese but that Curran must be told that he will have to pay for long distance calls himself.

Sister [REDACTED] is still very interested about Curran's ministry status. She said he started to say Mass at Alvernia last week, although as a con-celebrant. I reminded Sister that in matters of ministry, she would need to talk to Fr. Pat O'Malley. I also reminded her that when I was last at Alvernia and spoke to Curran, I told John that he would need to speak with Pat O'Malley about the details of his upcoming assignment, as well as whether he would continue to say Mass at Holy Family Villa or where he would be involved in sacraments if anywhere.

Sister said she will probably wait a few days and then call Pat O'Malley. I told her that we have no additional information regarding the more recent allegations of sexual misconduct against John Curran at this point; however, I told her that more information may be forthcoming shortly, as the Principal from the school who may have more information is apparently now available to speak to. Sister and I discussed the possibility that a more formal protocol will need to be perhaps developed for Curran down

the road.

Sister [REDACTED] acknowledged that she received the formal notice from Cardinal Bernardin on Curran's assignment and residence at Alvernia Manor.

MEMO TO: File

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

RE: Phone call to Rev. Ed Conway, Director of Catholic Charities

DATE: May 3, 1993

I called Ed Conway of Catholic Charities regarding the current situation with Rev. John Curran. Presently, J.C. is residing at Alvernia Manor in Lemont, Il. Ed and I discussed J.C.'s situation. I told Ed that I'd spoken with Pat O'Malley recently and as Holy Family is a Catholic Charities facility I wanted to speak with him first hand to make sure I'd covered all bases. I added that Pat had told me that Ed had some concerns but they were workable and that Ed wanted to talk with me about them. I also told Ed that I had spoken with [REDACTED], the administrator at Holy Family in Lemont, last week about Curran having moved over to Alvernia Manor. I additionally noted that [REDACTED] informed me that her C.C. Supervisor, [REDACTED], told [REDACTED] to call me last week about Curran's quick change in residence.

As I had informed [REDACTED] on 4-29-93, I told Ed Conway that I had spoken with Chancellor Tom Paprocki last Monday (4-26-93) and that Tom approved of J.C. going to Alvernia at least temporarily, had signed off on it, though I noted to Tom that this quick change of residence would need to be brought to the Review Board's attention at their next meeting, as the Board and the Cardinal had previously deliberated at length about where John Curran should live. I added to E.C. that at the last Review Board meeting I told the Board how Curran had entered the hospital and had severely complained about the Holy Family Residence/House on 123rd St., and how J.C. said it was just awful, he could not live there any longer, and we'd just have to find him another place to live. Ed and I agreed that the Residence at Holy Family Villa (on 123rd St.) is fine, acceptable and very liveable. I also told Ed how J.C. apparently complained to Pat O'Malley that Holy Family Villa told him that he could renovate the house on 123rd St. and Curran had gotten the impression that was no longer possible. Both Ed and I agreed that in no way did Holy Family Villa or Bobbie Magurany or Ed Conway or myself tell J.C. that he would not be able to work on renovating/improving the environment in the 123rd St. residence. I suggested to Fr. Conway that at the last Board meeting, some Board members stated that it sounded like Curran was pushing us to the perimeters and trying to use some clout regarding exactly where he would live. I told Ed that I had told the Board that I have been in that particular home on 123rd St. and it is more than acceptable as a place to live.

In any event, Ed Conway stated that his concern was that although there was no formal assignment by Cardinal Bernardin for J.C. to the Chaplain at Holy Family Villa, the understanding was the Curran was to take on the morning Masses at the Villa at least every other week, and that [REDACTED]/Catholic Charities were counting on Curran to provide that service before this latest move to Alvernia Manor. Ed Conway noted that another resident in the 123rd St. home, Fr. [REDACTED], had collapsed today (5-3-93), and now Msgr. [REDACTED] was the only priest left at Holy Family Villa to say all the Masses. Conway added that he has not himself spoken to John Curran. I informed Ed Conway that in my conversation last week with Tom Paprocki, Tom said that when Curran is healthy, that he should continue to remain available to say Masses at Holy Family Villa, even though he may continue to reside at Alvernia Manor down the road for the time being.

Ed told me that whatever we settle on, that is fine with him, and if Curran returns to Holy Family Villa to do the morning liturgies and/or to live there once again, that's fine with him.

Ed wanted to know if [REDACTED] was told that it is okay for J.C. to continue to say morning Masses at Holy Family Villa. I told Ed that at this point, no, in that I told [REDACTED] last week that I would be calling Fr. Conway about J.C.'s situation. As such, I will need to either call [REDACTED] or her supervisor [REDACTED] (that's what she would prefer) to inform them that it will be okay for Curran to begin saying Mass at Holy Family once he is healthy enough and ready to.

I told Ed Conway that I and/or Pat O'Malley would need to speak to John Curran further about this issue of J.C. continuing to say Mass at Holy Family, in that regarding ministry matters, involving the guys that have been withdrawn from their parishes, POM will continue to play a serious role. Once it is hopefully agreed between John Curran, Pat O'Malley, and myself that he is healthy enough and ready, then I will need to contact [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] to tell them to expect Curran to be returning soon at least say Mass. However, the issue as to whether J.C. will return to Holy Family to actually reside there once again will apparently remain unresolved until both the Review Board and presumably the Cardinal review this situation fully and more closely.

I explained to Ed Conway as well that I will be going out to Alvernia Manor this week to see John Curran, evaluate the residence, and speak with the Administrator and Assistant Administrator there as well.

I thanked Ed for his kind note that I received recently apologizing for his attitude towards me in our earlier conversation on the day I was at Holy Family Villa speaking with [REDACTED] and making arrangements, per the Cardinal's and Review Board's instructions/directions, for her to assist in monitoring John

Curran while he resides at Holy Family Villa. It was a nice, affirming letter. I also expressed my gratitude to him regarding Catholic Charities making Cooke's Manor available to our program as soon as late June in order to provide housing for the priests who have been withdrawn. I added that Pat O'Malley and I would be meeting with Walter Ousley tomorrow to further discuss details and possible arrangements for how the living situation at Cooke's Manor will work.

Overall it was a very pleasant conversation and Ed Conway seemed pleased to be updated about Curran's situation involving Holy Family Villa.

PHONE CALL TO ALVERNIA MANOR

4-28-93

([REDACTED])

- Sr. [REDACTED] - Administrator - 13950 Main Street, Lemont, Ill. 60439. About his situation and background - he told me nothing. The priests live in a different wing with priests. He's in a wing with retired nuns, but not in with the priests; he's not in our licensed area/part.

- This was done without my input and had he come in as an actual resident, he would have needed a full evaluation.

- He spoke to the Assistant Administrator and she (Sr. [REDACTED]) told him he could get a room - she does have the authority. Sr. [REDACTED] also lives there day and night.

- We have a full time Activity Director.

- He arrived Monday evening apparently - there was a woman from St. Alexander's with her 10 yr. old daughter who said she and her family have been friends of Curran's for many years.

- She has not yet discussed his situation with him. Sr. [REDACTED] intends to go tomorrow to speak with him.

- A girl's high school - Mt. Assisi Academy - right there on their property. He can watch the girls come and go.

- We border "Cog Hill" on one side. On the other side, is St. Mary's Seminary, but it also has a picnic ground with lots of family picnics.

- We'll be as kind and sensitive as we can. I will talk to him. Eight Sisters on Staff - all Franciscans.

PHONE CALL TO REV. JOHN CURRAN AT REAGAN FAMILY HOME: 3-28-93

- I (Steve Sidlowski) clearly explained and communicated to Fr. Curran the outcome of the First Stage Review completed by the Review Board on 3-26-93. I communicated to John Curran that the Board unanimously recommended to Cardinal Bernardin that there should be no re-assignment to a parish or other ministry with access to minors.

[REDACTED]

Further, I explained to John Curran that the Board suggested that for the coming week he should report to the Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein until the Cardinal can further determine, along with the Review Board, if he is willing to meet with them, his future assignment and residence.

- Curran noted that "I'll be very cooperative."

- "I went to my sister's house and broke my arm."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- J.C. stated: "Steve, you know I'm destroyed. I'm 61 yrs. old. With Holy Family Villa, I could have kept some vestige of respect. It's terrible. I don't know if I'm gonna make it through this. I don't know if I can handle it." "It's over now - finished."

[REDACTED]

- "I've been gone 6 weeks now."

- "I'll only go to Stritch if I have to. I'm not sure I'm psychologically or physically up to going to Stritch."

- "I'm not gonna call Dan Coughlin tonight."

MEETING WITH REV. TOM PAPROCKI 3-29-93

- I met with Tom Paprocki and informed him that I had communicated to Fr. John Curran the Review Board's recommendations to Cardinal Bernardin in this First Stage Review on 3-26-93. Furthermore, I

told Tom how I told Curran that the Board suggested that he go to Stritch Retreat House until the matter could be further sorted out, and Curran's shaken response to the suggestion. Tom and I discussed how Curran seemed extraordinarily emotionally distraught, even sounding as if could consider suicidal type behavior. As such, Tom and I discussed the possibility that Curran might be able to stay with the [REDACTED] family that week until the Cardinal meets with the Review Board on 4-3-93, so long as we clearly to Curran that he is to have no unsupervised contact with the [REDACTED] Family teen-age boy.

- Tom noted that he spoke to Cardinal Bernardin and communicated to the Cardinal the Review Board's recommendations in Curran's First Stage Review completed on 3-26-93. The Cardinal acknowledged the Board's recommendation of no re-assignment for Curran into a ministry which includes access to minors, and agreed to meet with the Review Board directly in its 4-3-93 meeting to discuss the matter further.

MEMO

TO: File (PFR-07)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: July 13, 1993

RE: Meeting with Fr. Curran

I visited Fr. Curran at his residence at Alvernia Manor in Lemont.

[REDACTED]

John Curran is not looking well overall, physically,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has recently begun work in his new assignment as an Assistant to the Vicar for Senior Priests, Bishop Lyne. So far he likes the work and is looking forward to it even more. He will also be working with Fr. Patrick Pollard of Catholic Cemeteries in an Administrative capacity.

Curran feels Alvernia Manor was perfect for his recuperation from his various surgeries. However, he does not want to remain there for any great length of time. At the most, he would prefer to be gone from Alvernia Manor in six months or so. We discussed various options regarding his living situation, including the possibility of his return to the residence off 123rd St. on the grounds of Holy Family Villa outside of Lemont, Ill (apparently, a classmate, Fr. Sloan is talking about moving into that residence; if so, Curran would find it more acceptable).

Curran complained a bit about the need to sign in and out for monitoring purposes, although he said the Sisters there know about his situation and have been very kind and helpful.

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MEETING WITH SR. [REDACTED], ADMINISTRATOR
and SISTER [REDACTED], ASST. ADMINISTRATOR - ALVERNIA MANOR -
5-5-93

- They don't need J.C. for ministerial assignment. The resident priests do the sacramental work and mass here. Actually 2 of the priests - one of the priests is incapacitated. (Fr. [REDACTED] - retired St. James Parish and Fr. [REDACTED] - classmates been priests for 51 years).

- Alvernia is very active in terms of sacramental life, but it is all covered.

- At this point, we don't have a problem with helping out with the monitoring.

- No liquor on the premises allowed - except it is served for special parties, special occasions, etc.

- \$20/Day for the priests = \$600.00 a month, regardless of if it is 28 or 31 days/month. By the 10th of month, payment is requested.

- I need to contacty Vicar's Office.

- \$100.00 owed for April thus far;

- Usually we have 50 residents' right now, we have 44.

- J.C. in our "A" Building.

- Telephone: \$55.00 installation - \$14.90/month + calls. He does NOT have a phone right now, but it could be installed - do I pay for this?

- Access of minors here: very limited - when they do come, there are always adult monitors with them - e.g. there's a grade school program to sing or visit maybe 5 or 6 times a year. From Mt. Assisi may 5 or 6 times a year.

- They would never come alone except for 2 girls who come here on Sundays - freshman volunteer helpers - they just started - they help in Sinski Lounge. Other resident adults are present; up to 2 hours.

- [REDACTED] - runs the Snack Bar and she would always to in Sinski Lounge on Sundays during the time the girls would be here and she is responsible.

- [REDACTED] - 30/40 year old - a nephew of one of our sisters - he's a very developed normal man - he's a good person.

- No real regular activities just with boys or teenage boys alone.

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- There's one Supervisor (nun) every day and night i.e. 24 hours a day.

- Most employees are women and the few males that are employed there are older.

- Sometimes in summer, there are SPORTS Camps in the area but Sr. [REDACTED] thinks it's all girls and very monitored - if she finds out there are boys or it it's co-ed, Sister will let me know.

MEETING WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

4-8-93

([REDACTED]) At Holy Family Villa

- [REDACTED] would like to make phone contact with Fr. Conway to ensure his awareness of situation.

- Last Sept. '92 - Media incident - where resident wandered away basically; Holy Family is being sued - 3/4 weeks. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have a concern that there will be continued MEDIA coverage of this issue. On Monday, April 12, 1993, Holy Family's attorney is going to court. Holy Family will be responding to the lawsuit.

- [REDACTED]: He DRINKS alot; very well may be an alcoholic. Sue's been here 13 years. Past 2 years, he still does drink, but it's not excessive.

- [REDACTED]: There's no school within 5 miles; except for St. Coletta's.

- Fr. [REDACTED] - 79 years old. Msgr. [REDACTED] - late 70's.

- 99 residents - all over 65. 12 are men; 2 are retired priests, Fr. [REDACTED] and Fr. [REDACTED]. 87 are females.

- About 80 are disabled - both mentally and physically .

- 7:15 a.m. Mass every Sunday.

- Every two months there's a family Mass on a Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

- There's a Girl Scouts Camp approximately about a mile beyond Holy Family. In the summer pretty much. there are girls there.

CURRAN, John William

Date of birth

Ordained

May 3, 1957

Nationality

Irish

Date Appointed

Assignment

Charge

Date Left

7-6-57

St. Bede the Venerable

Asst.

7-5-61

7-5-61

Professor - Quigley - South-
Rea: Blessed Sacrament

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6-66

6-66

St. Catherine of Siena (Oak Park)

Asst.

6/17/70

6/17/70

St. Albert the Great (Oak Lawn)

Assistant

7/80

7/1/80

St. Christina

PASTOR

4/13/93

4/1/84

Deanery #11, Vicariate I

Dean

4/13/93

4/13/93

Vicar for Senior Priests

Assistant

Extraordinary Appointments

4/13/93

Alvernia House, General President

4/76 - Urban Vicar,
4/1/84 Region XI

2/9/00

retirement - remain at

Resurrection Life Center

3/28/00

died

3/28/00



John W. Curran

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

(Please type all information)

NAME Curran John William
(last) (first) (middle)

BORN [REDACTED] Chicago Illinois St. Philip Neri
(date) (city) (state) (parish)

BAPTIZED June 2, 1932 Chicago Illinois St. Philip Neri
(date) (city) (state) (parish)

ORDAINED May 3, 1957 Mundelein Illinois St. Timothy
(date) (city) (state) (parish)

ORDAINING PRELATE Samuel A. Cardinal Stritch Chicago
(name) (diocese)

FIRST SOLEMN MASS May 5, 1957 Chicago Illinois St. Timothy
(date) (city) (state) (parish)

NAME OF FATHER [REDACTED] Living ☐
 Deceased ☒

NAME OF MOTHER (maiden) [REDACTED] Living ☒
 Deceased ☒ 10/1/1972

NATIONALITY: Irish

HOME PARISH: St. Timothy

KNOWLEDGE OF MODERN LANGUAGES
 OTHER THAN ENGLISH:

		Poor	Average	Fluent
Reading	<u>French</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Spoken	<u>French</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confessional Work Only				

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY:

1. [REDACTED] Mother
(name) (relationship)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
(address) (telephone)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
(city) (state) (zone)

2. [REDACTED] Sister
(name) (relationship)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
(address) (telephone)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
(city) (state) (zone)

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

ELEMENTARY

(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
St. Timothy	Chicago	Illinois	1939-1945

SECONDARY

(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Quigley Preparatory Seminary	Chicago	Illinois	1946-1950

COLLEGE

(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
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PHILOSOPHY St. Mary of the Lake	Mundelein	Illinois	1951-1953
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THEOLOGY St. Mary of the Lake	Mundelein	Illinois	1954-1957
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POST GRADUATE Georgetown U.	Washington	D.C.	1961
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Pius X School, Manhattanville	Purchase	N.Y.	1962
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American Conservatory	Chicago	Ill.	1945-49
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DEGREES EARNED	(degree)	(college or university)	(year)
A.B.	St. Mary of the Lake	1953	
M.A.	St. Mary of the Lake	1956	
S.T.B.-S.T.L.	St. Mary of the Lake	1955	

DEGREES HONORARY

(degree)	(college or university)	(year)
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WORKS PUBLISHED

(title)	(date)	(publisher)

ECCLESIASTICAL HONORS RECEIVED

	(date)
	(date)
	(date)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

NATIONAL OR N C W C

(position)

(from)

(to)

posted in the
THE
CHICAGO

DIOCESAN

(position)

(from)

(to)

Professor, Quigley Seminary South

1961 -

(position)

(from)

(to)

Urban Vicar Vicariate XI

1976 - 4/1/84

(position)

(from)

(to)

Deanery #11, Vicariate I Dean

4/1/84 - 4-30-87

(position)

(from)

(to)

Deanery #12 - Vicariate II Dean

5-1-87

(position)

(from)

(to)

11

PAROCHIAL AND CHAPLAIN ASSIGNMENTS (Chronological)

St. Bede the Venerable Parish

Assistant

1957 - 1961

(position)

(from)

(to)

Blessed Sacrament Parish

In Residence

1961 -

(OAK PARK)

(position)

(from)

(to)

6/15/1966

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA ASST. PASTOR

(position)

(from)

(to)

6/17/70

St/ Albert the Great (Oak Lawn)

Assistant

6/17/70 - 7/2/80

(position)

(from)

(to)

St. Christina, Chap. M. Pastor

(position)

(from)

(to)

7/2/80

(position)

(from)

(to)

(position)

(from)

(to)

(position)

(from)

(to)

(position)

(from)

(to)

(position)

(from)

(to)

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS (e.g. Moderator of diocesan organizations, etc.)

Liturgical Music Director

West District

1964

(position)

(from)

(to)

CYO District Moderator

Southwest District

1959 - 1961

(position)

(from)

(to)

(position)

(from)

(to)

(position)

(from)

(to)

(position)

(from)

(to)

(position)

(from)

(to)

MILITARY SERVICE

(name of service)	(position)	(rank)	(dates)

HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE Dioecesan Insurance - Blue Cross Blue Shield
(insuring company)

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE Insurance Co. of North America
(insuring company)

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT presently none
(date of most recent copy) (place)

Do you have a copy in a sealed envelope on file in the Chancery? No

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

PREFERRED PLACE OF BURIAL [REDACTED]

(Filed at the Chancery Office, together with a recent copy of the Will, should be a letter of instructions to be opened at the time of death.)

December 1965
DATE

John H. Curran
SIGNATURE

FINAL

Facts about Fr. John Curran

Age: 62 [REDACTED] (birthdate)
Ordained: 1957

Work history:

7/57 - 7/61 St. Bede the Venerable, Assistant
7/61 - 6/66 Quigley South, Professor (reside Blessed Sacrament)
6/66 - 6/70 St. Catherine of Siena (Oak Park), Assistant
6/70 - 7/80 St. Albert the Great (Oak Lawn), Assistant
7/80 - 5/93 St. Christina, Pastor
4/84 - 5/93 Deanery 11, Vicariate V, Dean
5/93 - ??? Vicar for Senior Priests, Assistant (DO NOT REFERENCE PUBLICLY)
5/93 - ??? Alvernia Manor (Lemont), Resident (DO NOT NAME SITE)

"Extraordinary appointments:" 4/76 - 4/84 Region XI, Urban Vicar

Do the allegations deal with past abuse?

Yes.

When did the alleged misconduct occur . . ?

Between 1986-1990.

Where did the alleged incidents occur?

I don't know.

How many allegations and how many victims?

Two allegations and two alleged victims.

Male or female victims?

Both males.

**** When did the Archdiocese learn of the allegations?**

The end of August, 1994.

**** How did the Archdiocese learn of the allegations?**

Information brought to attention of current pastor -- Fr. Martin O'Donovan--
and then immediately referred to our Office of Professional Fitness Review.
The Archdiocesan Review Board was informed in August, 1994.

****Relative to the Archdiocese learning about the allegations, when was Fr. Curran removed from his post?**

Fr. Curran left his ministry at St. Christina in February 1993. From that time until the time the Archdiocese (and the Review Board) began processing the allegations, Father worked

with elderly priests of the Archdiocese, and lived in a non-parish setting.

Any previous allegations?

Yes.

As a result of allegations made in 1990 and 1991, Fr. Curran's case was referred to the then newly-established Cardinal's Special Commission on Sexual Misconduct with Minors in November, 1991.

An additional allegation was made in 1992. (and an additional anonymous allegation by phone)

All allegations involved persons who are no longer minors. All were alleged to have occurred 18 - 30 years previous.

Based on the information it received, the Cardinal's Commission recommended that he be withdrawn from parish ministry. The Archdiocese concurred and determined that Fr. Curran's assignment as pastor not be renewed, and that he be monitored with restrictions. Fr. Curran left parish ministry in early February, 1993.

[In the time period that elapsed shortly before Fr. Curran left St. Christina and the lodging of the current allegations in late August, 1994, the Archdiocese received additional anonymous allegations.]

Why so long before he was removed? Doesn't the Review Board act more quickly?

The formation of the Review Board was announced in September 1992, and that Board commenced operation in February, 1993. The Cardinal referred Fr. Curran's case to the Review Board immediately after it commenced, (early March of 1993), and the Review Board confirmed the Archdiocese's decision to withdraw Fr. Curran from parish ministry. The Review Board recommended and the Archdiocese concurred that increased restrictions be placed upon Fr. Curran.

Nature of sexual misconduct alleged in current allegation?

Out of respect for the privacy of individuals bringing forth the allegations, the details of allegations are confidentially reported to the Professional Fitness Review Board.

Has DCFS been notified?

No -- the allegations don't involve individuals who are currently minors.

Has the State's Attorney/other police been notified?

Yes, in accordance with the Archdiocese's commitment to cooperate with civil authorities, the Cook County State's Attorney Office was notified. ~~(HOLD FOR CONFIRMATION OF THIS HAPPENING FROM JOHN. IF NOT REACHED: An effort was made to reach the Cook County State's Attorney Office on Nov. 11, 1994.)~~

Where is Fr. Curran now/Where will he go/What will Archdiocese do with him?

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He continues to reside in a supervised non-parish setting, without access to minors.
Upon receipt of the recent allegations, Father was retired from all ministry.

Is Fr. Curran undergoing psychiatric evaluation?

We are following that archdiocesan policy.

Has the Archdiocese offered any kind of assistance, financial or other, to the individuals making the allegations?

Yes, the Archdiocese is offering and will offer pastoral and counseling support.

How were parishioners made aware?

St. Christina parishioners were informed of the allegations against Fr. Curran by their current pastor, Fr. Martin O'Donovan, during weekend masses on November 12 and 13, 1994.

Why wasn't the parish informed earlier - when the allegations were first brought forth? Why NOW?

The recent allegations are alleged to have occurred during the time Fr. Curran served as pastor of St. Christina. After Father O'Donovan, the current pastor, consulted with parish staff members, a group of St. Christina parishioners, and archdiocesan personnel, it was decided that an announcement to the people of St. Christina was now appropriate.

Has the Archdiocese planned any special outreach to parishioners who may have been at a parish where Fr. Curran was?

It is the custom of the Archdiocese to rely upon parish leadership to inform them if any special outreach is desired. The Archdiocese is prepared to offer whatever parish leadership thinks is appropriate for its parish. Pastors at other parishes where Fr. Curran served have been notified of this.

**** Have any legal suits been brought against Fr. Curran?**

None of which we are aware.

Does Fr. Curran have legal representation?

Yes. (IF ASKED WHO: His attorney is Patrick Reardon.)

Who will pay for legal fees?

If any claims would be brought forth, archdiocesan protocol would be followed and the Archdiocese of Chicago would assist with the costs of Fr. Curran's legal fees. (Customary unless a criminal charge is filed.)

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW
CLIENT INFORMATION SHEET

(Revised 5/26/99)

Client Info/LNP

FILE #: PFR-07

REVIEW STATUS: (DATE)

Opened Date: 3/13/93

1st Stage: 3/26/93

Closed Date: _____

2nd Stage: 7/24/93

Supplementary: 9/17/94

1. **Name:** John Curran **Date Ordained:** 1957
Birth Date: [REDACTED] **Current S/S #:** _____

2. **Current Residence:** Resurrection Life Ctr. **Address:** 7370 W. Talcott, Chicago **Date:** 1999
Telephone: Home: [REDACTED] **Office:** _____ **Pager:** _____

3. **Ministry:** Resigned **Status (Check one)** **Date:** 5/93
Active: _____
Deceased: _____
Resigned: ✓
Withdrawn: _____
Other: _____

4. Allegation(s):			Credibility:	
Date:	Date of the Offense(s):	Sex/Age	Yes	No
<u>N/K</u>	<u>Early 1960's</u>	<u>M/13-14</u>	<u>✓</u>	
<u>N/K</u>	<u>1963/1964</u>	<u>M/H.S.</u>	<u>✓</u>	
<u>N/K</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>M/H.S. Fresh.</u>	<u>✓</u>	
<u>N/K</u>	<u>1973/74</u>	<u>M/16-17</u>	<u>✓</u>	
<u>N/K</u>	<u>1983/84</u>	<u>M/13-14</u>	<u>✓</u>	
<u>March/1993</u>	<u>Within last few years (AA ltr.)</u>	<u>M/NK</u>	<u>✓</u>	
<u>August 30, 1994</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>M/16</u>	<u>✓</u>	
<u>August 30, 1994</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>M/13</u>	<u>✓</u>	

5. **General Nature of Allegation(s):**
Allegations include J.C. touching various boy's genitals and inviting them to touch his genitals which was
done; touching/groping teen-age boy's buttocks' receiving oral sex from an adult male after friendship of
many years; facial kissing, oral sex.

6. **Protocol:** _____ **Original Date:** _____
Review Dates: _____ **Review Dates:** _____

Assessment(s):

Source:

N/A

Date:

Report on File: (?)

Date Received:

Education:

Ministerial Assignments:

St. Bede the Venerable, Asst. 7/57 - 7/61

Quigley So. Prof. - Res. Blessed Sac. 7/61 - 6/66

St. Catherine of Siena (Oak Park), Asst. 6/66 - 6/70

St. Albert the Great (Oak Lawn), Asst. 6/70 - 7/80

St. Christina, Pastor 7/80 - 5/93

Deanery 11, Vicariate V, Dean 4/84 - 5/93

Vicar for Senior Priests, Asst. 5/93 - ??

Family Composition:

Parents:

Siblings:

Monitors:

N/A

Address:

Phone:

Emergency Contacts:

1st

Relationship:

Home #:

Work #:

Sister

2nd

Relationship:

Home #:

Work #:

Concerns:

Alcohol Abuse

Other Matters:

Checking Account Effective August, 1999 checks will be deposited to bank by PFR office.

Letter sent to J.C. re: notification of deposit, with deposit slip.

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October 14, 2008

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OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEWJames Serritella
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella
22nd Floor, IBM Plaza
330 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611-3607

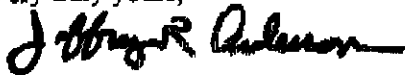
RE: [REDACTED] v. Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Mr. Serritella:

This is to advise you that we represent the interests of [REDACTED] in a claim against the Archdiocese of Chicago for claims of sexual misconduct by Fr. John Curran while that priest was serving in and for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please contact either David Argay or Jessica Arbour at 312-261-4550 to facilitate the review board process with our client.

We will consider adding [REDACTED] to the tolling agreement after we discuss updating and modifying it. Please contact me to discuss.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey R. Anderson
jeff@andersonadvocates.com

JRA:tat

cc: Marc Pearlman
[REDACTED]**www.andersonadvocates.com**

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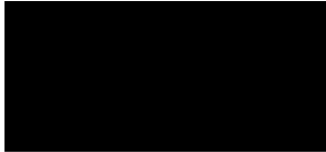
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Office for the Protection of Children and Youth
Office of Assistance Ministry
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Safe Environment Office

P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979
312-251-5348
312-751-8307, fax

June 25, 2008

**FILE COPY**

Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a finalized report of your allegation dated June 2, 2008 with the changes you submitted.

Upon your review of the report, please provide your signature and date and return the document in the envelope provided.

[REDACTED] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report to this office by July 9, 2008. In the event that we do not receive any response from you by July 9th, we will move forward with the process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patty Zacharias at 312-867-8793.

Sincerely,

Sarah Stevens
Secretary

Enclosure

MAY-21-2008 11:54 FROM:

TO: BWM S

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MAY 19 2008

CATHOLIC DIVISION OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF LEGAL SERVICES
TELEPHONE:
(312) 236-3576FACSIMILE
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May 14, 2008

Mr. John C. O'Malley
The Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of Legal Services
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

Please be advised that this office has been retained to represent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who were sexually abused by Father John W. Curran (deceased) during the years 1980-1986 while Father Curran was serving at St. Christina School in Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] now age 41, was abused in what he recalls were approximately 50 incidents during the aforementioned time period which occurred both in his home and in Father Curran's room. [REDACTED] came to your office several years ago to report this abuse.

[REDACTED] now age 39, was abused in what he recalls were approximately 20 incidents during the aforementioned time period. [REDACTED] has yet to undergo any kind of rehabilitation.

As a result of these abusive acts by Father Curran, [REDACTED] have suffered profound psychological injuries and the loss of their normal lives.

AOC

AOC 002142

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Jennifer Hibben, Assistant Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, of Victim FQ's statement, given to Ms. Hibben on July 28, 2011, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. John Curran. The alleged abuse consisted of sexually explicit discussions, genital grabbing and fondling, masturbation, one incident of attempted digital penetration, and about 3 incidents of Fr. Curran attempting oral sex on Victim FQ. The alleged abuse occurred at the St. Christina parish rectory, beginning in approximately 1984 and continued for several years. The incidents of abuse happened at least a dozen times. Victim FQ also states that Fr. Curran gave him alcohol while at the parish.

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



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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR 007

From: Jen Hibben, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review *jh*

Re: Curran, Rev. John W. (Deceased Priest) [REDACTED]

Date: July 28, 2011

On Monday July 25, 2011 at 6:47 pm [REDACTED] called and left a message. He explained that he has been trouble sleeping and [REDACTED]. He stated that he feels like he wants to get this over with as soon as possible. He asked that I return his call so that we can move forward with the process.

On Tuesday July 26, 2011 at 4:40pm [REDACTED] called and left a message. He stated that he knew that I was not in the office today, but that he hoped when I returned that we could do the next step in the process. He also stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On Wednesday July 27, 2011 at 11:19 am I received a call from [REDACTED]. He explained his desire to move forward as quickly as possible. I explained to him that we could do the interview over the phone tomorrow, which would be the earliest time available. He said that would be fine and we scheduled a phone meeting for 3:00 pm. During our conversation [REDACTED] went into the details of his current situation, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He expressed and strong desire not to harm the church (via legal remedies or otherwise) and only requested help paying for [REDACTED] that he feels that he needs and is not currently receiving. I explained to [REDACTED] the differences between CAIR and the Office of Assistance Ministry and let him know that Tom Tharayil would be available to speak with him about his needs and available resources.

Priest file



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Office of the Archbishop

June 7, 1966

C Reverend John W. Curran
Blessed Sacrament Rectory
2153 S. Millard Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60623

Dear Father Curran:

O It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Assistant to the Reverend Harry C. Rynard, Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, 38 N. Austin Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty. You will, however, also retain your present duties as a member of the faculty of Quigley Preparatory Seminary South.

P It is understood that you will render every priestly assistance, in conformity with your administrative duties, to the Pastor of the parish. It will be feasible, I am certain, for you to hear confessions and to assist with Masses on the weekend, and to take whatever other assignment would render your priestly service helpful to the parish.

Y This appointment is effective June 15, 1966, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you assume your new duties.

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in this pastoral assignment, I am, dear Father Curran,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Martin M. Howard
Rev. Harry C. Rynard

AOC 002145

St. Catherine of Siena Rectory

Thirty-Eight North Austin Boulevard
Oak Park, Illinois

April 11, 1970

His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody
Archbishop of Chicago
Chancery Office
Chicago, Illinois

Your Eminence:

By this letter I submit and respectfully ask you to accept my resignation from the faculty of Quigley South. After considerable reflection and consultation, I am convinced that it is now the time for me to take this step.

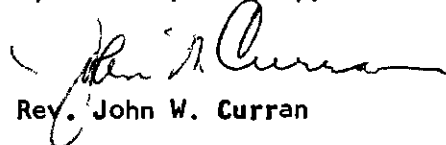
Nine years ago, Cardinal Meyer asked me to open the Music Department at the new Quigley. This entailed the traditional seminary music program being inaugurated and developed - Gregorian Chant theory and choir, polyphonic groups, etc. - in the old tradition. With a few regrets in leaving St. Bede's, where I had been four years since ordination as assistant to Fr. John Griffin, and happily so, I accepted the Cardinal's appointment with satisfaction because he insisted he needed me for this at that time. I like to think that the following years were productive in what I was doing at Quigley and enjoying it.

My strong suit and special contribution to the Quigley of that day - ie. church music - is really no longer a part of an evolving program. By disposition and preference, I am not really a high school teacher and never would elect to be one. It is only rational, I believe, at this time to determine to make this move, altho never completely easy. I have talked this over at length with Fr. John Fahey and others who are agreed to my doing so.

I shall be in contact with the Personnel Board immediately for a parochial appointment in which at thirty-seven and thirteen years ordained next month, I think I still have something to offer. It is probably high time that I did so.

I want to thank you, Your Eminence, for the years at Quigley and in music in the Archdiocese. I intend to remain a member of the Sacred Music Commission. I shall be glad to help you in any way that you find necessary in the future.

Cordially and respectfully,


Rev. John W. Curran

cc Rev. Cletus Lynch, President, Personnel Board
Very Rev. John F. Fahey, Rector, Quigley South



REV. JOHN W. CURRAN

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Office of the Archbishop

June 17, 1970

C

Reverend John W. Curran
St. Catherine of Siena Rectory
38 N. Austin Boulevard
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

O

Dear Father Curran:

P

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicarius Cooperator to the Reverend William J. Rogers, Pastor of St. Albert the Great Parish, 5555 West State Road, Oak Lawn, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty, thereby relieving you of your duties as a member of the faculty of Quigley Preparatory Seminary-South.

Y

This appointment will be effective immediately, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you will assume your new duties.

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in this pastoral assignment, I am, dear Father Curran,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. William J. Rogers

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FATHER KEATING
Encls. for Profession of Faith

Office of the Archbishop

June 24, 1980

C Very Reverend John W. Curran
St. Albert the Great Rectory
5555 W. State Road
Burbank, Illinois 60459

Dear Father Curran:

O Due to the transfer of the Reverend Raymond A. Pavis, Pastor of St. Christina parish, Chicago, that parish will become vacant on July 1, 1980.

P In accordance with Canon 455 of the Code of Canon Law and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, we are pleased to appoint you herewith as Pastor of St. Christina parish, Chicago, with full spiritual and temporal administrative powers, and we heartily commend you to the good people there. You will, however, retain your present appointment as Urban Vicar.

P This appointment will become effective on July 1, 1980, and, in accord with Archdiocesan policy, is valid for a term of six years, that is, to July 1, 1986. We wish you to take canonical possession of this parish as soon as this appointment becomes effective.

Y You will assume canonical possession and jurisdiction of the above-mentioned parish as soon as the Profession of Faith is taken (July 1 or thereafter, but not before) before the Chancellor or Co-Chancellor, acting as our Delegate according to the provisions of Canon Law.

Wishing you every blessing in this pastoral office, we remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

+JPC:JRK/ ag

Chancellor

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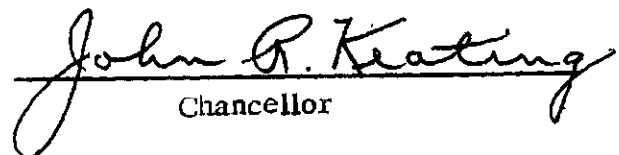
ATTESTATION OF ACT OF INSTALLATION IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, AMEN

Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody, being Archbishop of Chicago, I do hereby attest that the

VERY REV. JOHN W. CURRAN

duly appointed pastor whose letter of appointment bears the date of June 24, 1980, has on this date in accordance with Canon Law (Canon 461) and the statutes of the Archdiocese of Chicago taken canonical possession of the parish of

St. Christina
11005 S. Roman
Chicago, Illinois 60655


Chancellor

Dated: July 10, 1980.

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Office of the Archbishop

March 29, 1984

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Dear Father Curran:

In light of the needs of the Archdiocese and in accordance with Canon 553 of the Code of Canon Law, it gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Dean of Deanery No. 11 of Vicariate V. The Episcopal Vicar for this Vicariate is The Most Reverend Alfred L. Abramowicz, whom I will ask to receive your Profession of Faith.

This appointment is effective April 1, 1984, and will be for a term of three years, which is renewable.

May I take this opportunity to express my own appreciation for your willingness to serve the Church of Chicago and in particular the people of God of your Deanery in this capacity. In this work you will be assisting me and the Episcopal Vicars as we minister to this vast and complex Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my hope that these new duties will not conflict exceedingly with your present work at Saint Christina Church.

May I add a personal note of gratitude for all that you have done during the past in your service as Urban Vicar. It is my hope that you will draw great satisfaction from the knowledge that you have shared your priestly gifts with so many and will now be renewed in this work with the knowledge of the support that you have received from your brother priests.

Know that I stand with you and support you in this ministry. I am sure that the priests and people of your area will warmly receive you as you minister to their needs and proclaim the message of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ through your life.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Faternally yours,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend John W. Curran
Saint Christina Church
11005 South Homan
Chicago, Illinois 60655

cc: The Most Reverend Alfred L. Abramowicz

file:Priest's file

April 14, 1987

Dear Father Curran:

I am pleased to reappoint you as dean. In this capacity you will be serving Deanery 12 Southwest Suburban of Vicariate V. You will continue to serve with Bishop Abramowicz, the Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate V.

Your term of office is effective May 1, 1987, and will be for a term of three years, which is renewable.

John, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for all that you have done during your service as dean. At times your work has been of personal sacrifice to you and I am deeply grateful for your willingness to accept another term of office. The priests and people of your deanery deeply respect your judgement and hold you in high regard. On a very personal note, I have enjoyed working with you in the past and look forward to a continued opportunity to do so in the future. Hopefully, these duties will not interfere exceedingly with your pastoral duties at Saint Christina Parish.

Be assured of my continued prayers and support. I hope that this reappointment will also be a time of renewal for you personally in your important work of ministering to the needs of the priests and people of your deanery.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend John W. Curran
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cc: Most Reverend Alfred Abramowicz

AOC 002151



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Office of the Archbishop

August 29, 1991

Dear Father Curran:

After extensive consultation and in accord with canon 553 of the Code of Canon Law, I am pleased to re-appoint you as Dean of Deanery 12 (Southwest Suburban) of Vicariate V. I will ask your Episcopal Vicar, Bishop Alfred Abramowicz, to receive your Profession of Faith. This appointment is effective September 1, 1991 and will be for a term of three years, which is renewable.

I am grateful for your continued willingness to serve the Archdiocese and, in particular, the people of God in your Deanery through the office of Dean. As Dean, you will be assisting me, the Vicar for Regional Services and your Episcopal Vicar to better provide for the pastoral governance of this local church.

The office of Dean is described in canons 554 and 555. In general, it is the Dean's responsibility to promote and coordinate common pastoral activity within the Deanery, to see to it that the priests and deacons in the Deanery diligently perform their proper roles and duties, and to ascertain that the parishes in the Deanery are being administered properly in accord with liturgical norms and canon law, as well as Archdiocesan policies and procedures. Among your particular duties, the Dean is responsible to inspect and verify that parish sacramental records are correctly inscribed and being kept in good condition. In addition to these provisions, your role as Dean will be more fully explained and discussed in future meetings with the Episcopal Vicars and other Deans.

John, please know of my personal support and prayers for you in this ministry. I am sure that the priests and people of the Deanery will welcome your leadership and unique contribution of Christian service.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Thomas J. Reprochi
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend John W. Curran
Saint Christina Parish
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cc: Most Reverend John Gorman, Vicar General/Vicar for Regional Services
Most Reverend Alfred Abramowicz, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate V

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Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL. 60690

September 27, 1994

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

I want to acknowledge and thank you for your letter dated September 26, 1994 regarding Rev. John Curran's situation, which I received through Rev. Tom Paprocki at yesterday afternoon's Advisory Committee meeting.

You mentioned in your letter that perhaps the tone of my formal letter to you communicating the Review Board's determination and recommendations in the Supplementary Review of this matter might have sounded or been interpreted as punitive toward Rev. Curran in some way.

Please be assured unequivocally that neither the letter's substance nor its tone was intended by me in any way whatsoever to seem punitive toward Rev. Curran.

I believe I can say with confidence that both the Review Board and I have grown to become profoundly concerned about and very sensitive to Rev. Curran's depressed state. That very concern for his well-being also contributed significantly to the Board's recommendation [REDACTED]

After meeting with you early last week, Rev. Tom Paprocki called my Office and related that you desired a Vicar for Priests and I to first meet in-person with Rev. Curran to share the Review Board's latest determination/recommendations and your acceptance of the recommendations in his situation before I would send Rev. Curran my formal letter. Rev. Pat O'Malley and I did meet with Rev. Curran yesterday morning and I communicated to John first-hand the outcome of the Board review of his situation and that you had accepted the Board's recommendations (which Tom Paprocki informed my Office last week).

My sincere hope in the meeting was to also convey to John in a positive way, and I tried, that the recommended [REDACTED] approach was intended not only to address the sexual misconduct issue, but to help him in that the Board and I have grown deeply concerned about his depression and minimal activity. I also asked

*I spoke with Steve about this
and all is fine. +JLB
9/30/94*

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Pat O'Malley and John if it would help if Pat and John would like to converse further outside of my presence. They agreed and did then continue to meet for nearly an hour. Pat informed me after the meeting that he tried strenuously to persuade Rev. Curran that it would help him to [REDACTED]

Before receiving your letter yesterday afternoon, I should note that I had already just mailed my follow-up letter to John Curran (after the meeting with him) formalizing the Board's views which had been discussed in the meeting with John. You may already know, your Eminence, that the contents of every such letter following a formal Review Board Review of any priest's matter are reviewed by Legal Director John O'Malley and must be approved by John to ensure every such letter is legally acceptable. John has also sought Jim Serritella's advice at times regarding these types of formal letters. All such letters since I assumed this position in February, 1993 have been reviewed and their language approved by either John O'Malley, Jim Serritella, or on occasions when the former two were unavailable, by Rev. Tom Paprocki.

[REDACTED]

Perhaps for these reasons, the tone of the letters might at times seem somewhat formal and legalistic. However, once again please be re-assured that the letters are not ever intended by me to be punitive toward the priests involved.

As has become a standard routine, I first submitted the September 21 letter written to you, as well as the draft letters to Rev. Curran and the [REDACTED] who have most recently come forward with allegations against Rev. Curran, to John O'Malley. He approved all of them in their entirety. I had utilized what I earnestly believed to be rather typical language in the letter at such a stage in the Review process (e.g. "...that restrictions should continue to be imposed upon Rev. Curran..." etc.). I tried in good faith to be accurate in regard to the Board's specific recommendations.

I regret it if my letter to you seemed to make the Review Board's determination and recommendations regarding Rev. Curran

sound overly punitive somehow - that was not, has not ever been, nor ever will be my intention in communicating the formal outcomes of these matters to you.

I hope that this letter has helped to clarify the basis for my 9-21-94 letter contents to you and my own sincere concern for Rev. Curran's welfare in this difficult situation as well.

Very truly yours,

Steve Sidlowski

Steve Sidlowski
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

SS/rm



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VICAR FOR PRIESTS

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*This letter
is already to be
typed
cc. Vicars in Priests*

Memo (curran87)
To: Cardinal Bernardin
From: Rev. P. O'Malley
Re: Fr. John Curran
Date: 6/8/96

I talked this matter over with the PCAC on 6/10/96 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DRAFT

Dear Members of the Board,

One of my concerns over the past few years has been the health of Fr. John Curran who was accused some time back of misconduct with minors. I know that the Board too has tried to deal with his situation through Bernadette Connolly, but I realize you have experienced some frustration. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] seemed to have made it impossible to do anything. Fr. O'Malley has kept me informed of the efforts of the Vicars' office, and the efforts of a number of others, to move his situation along, all to no avail.

Father's recent, [REDACTED], illness seems to have brought us to another moment. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and it seems to be working somewhat, I am told by Fr. O'Malley.

I wish to ask the Board to consider a possible scenario for Fr. Curran which would address his mental and physical health and provide him with a living situation that may lead to some healing over the next few months.

As you know, Fr. Curran was removed from active parochial ministry in February, 1993. Before that, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Since his case went public in November of 1994, Fr. Curran has been depressed, isolated and dispirited. His physical health has also suffered greatly. [REDACTED]



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To begin with, it is clear that any future return to even limited ministry for Fr. Curran will have to be processed by the Professional Fitness Review Board. In the meantime, the Board will have to monitor his situation closely. All that is taken for granted in this proposal.

The priestly staff of St. Joseph's parish in Homewood-Flossmoor has recently approached me asking if Fr. Curran could be allowed to reside at their rectory. They are fully aware of his past, and wish only to be of brotherly service to him. The rectory provides the kind of atmosphere that Fr. Curran needs to re-discover his own humanity and recover his health. There is a school in the parish.

Fr. Curran would reside at St. Joseph's without any parochial or ministerial duties. His stay there would be provisional and would be reviewed within a given amount of time to be determined by the Board.

While at St. Joseph's, Fr. Curran would agree to pursue therapy with Fr. Larry Gorski, an archdiocesan priest-psychologist [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. Gorski has an office a few blocks from St. Joseph's. The goals and scope of the therapy would be worked out with the Vicars' office, with the PFRBD Administrator and with Frs. Gorski and Curran.

Fr. Curran would be asked to sign and observe a protocol document which would be formulated and monitored on a regular basis by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.

The three resident priests would agree to act as monitors under the direction of the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.

I believe that, with this kind of arrangement, Fr. Curran would have a chance to regain his health and work towards a more realistic future, given all his restrictions on ministry.

I know you will have questions and concerns about this request and I await your counsel. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully etc.

Wegm

Sincerely yours in X

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October 28, 1992

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of September 17, 1992, indicating your intention not to seek a third term as Pastor of St. Christina Parish. Accordingly, I accept your resignation from the pastorate upon the completion of your second term on November 1, 1992.

In order to provide for the continued pastoral care of the parish, I am appointing you as Administrator of the parish until a new pastor is named, following the Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board's usual procedures for open-listing of pastorates.

In accepting your resignation from the pastorate, I understand that you are not resigning your role as Dean. I hope to discuss your role as Dean and other ministerial plans with you in the very near future. As you indicated in your letter, I agree that your resignation as Pastor entails a change in residence.

John, I am deeply grateful for the dedicated service you have given to St. Christina Parish for the past twelve years. I am sure that the people of the parish are also very appreciative of all you have done for them.

Please be assured of my continued prayers and personal support.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

Curran, John (320)
Christina (820)

Reverend John W. Curran
St. Christina Parish
11005 S. Homan Ave.
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cc: Most Rev. Alfred L. Abramowicz, Episcopal Vicar
Reverend Kenneth Velo, Diocesan Priests' Personnel

bc: Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board ✓

AOC 002158

AGENDA

Meeting: #19th - Seventeenth Board
Date: February 25, 2000
Place: Priests' Placement Board

Present: Rev.: Jeremiah M. Boland, Kurt D. Boras, Joseph P. Grembla,
David A. Jones, Daniel P. McCarthy, Michael J. Shanahan.

Absent: Rev Martin E. O'Donovan, and Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo

I Opening Prayer: Rev.

II Acceptance of Minutes: VOTE.

III Reports:

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3. John Curran '57: The Cardinal wrote to John to inform him that now is the appropriate time for him to retire from active ministry His retirement is effective immediately.

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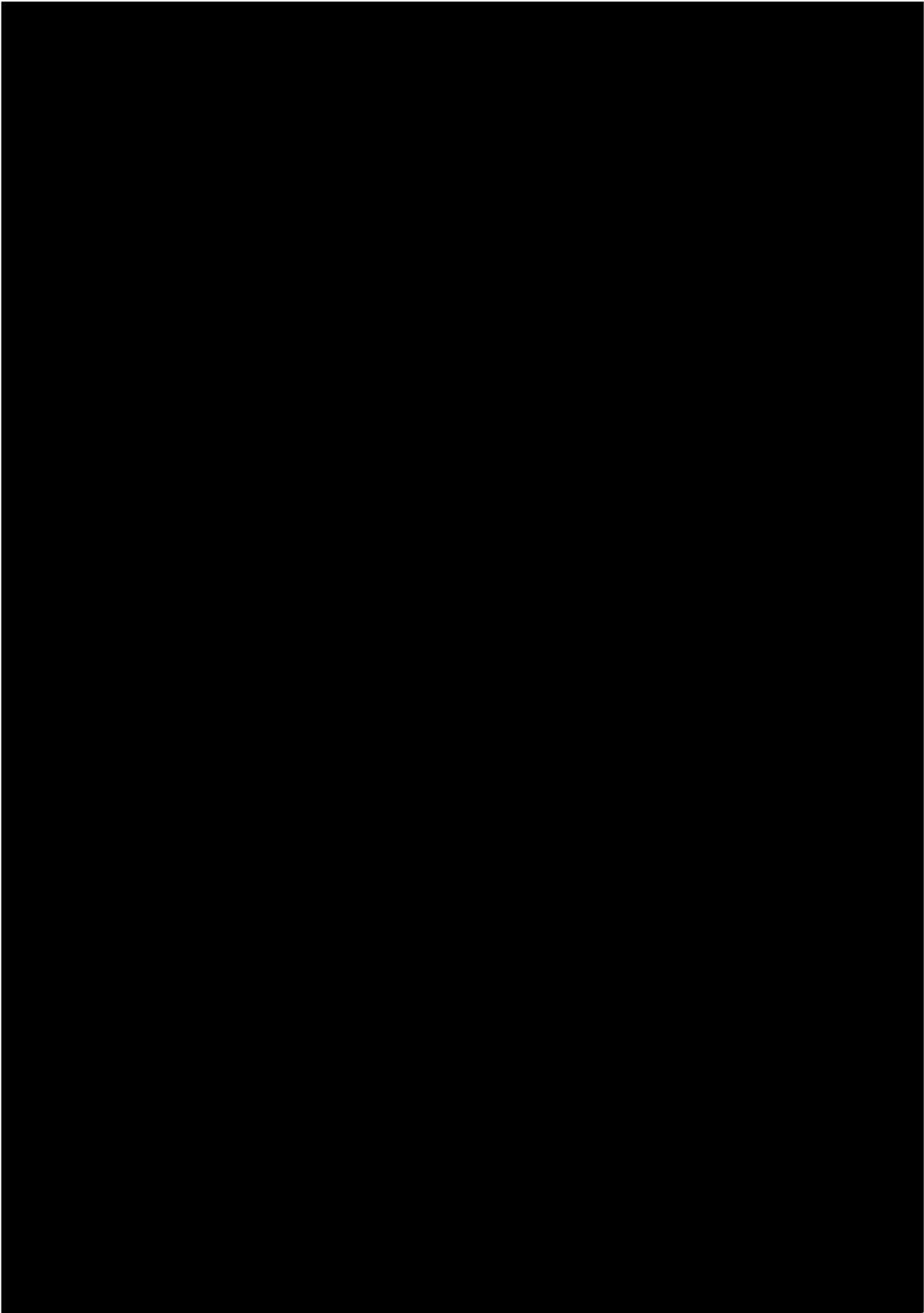
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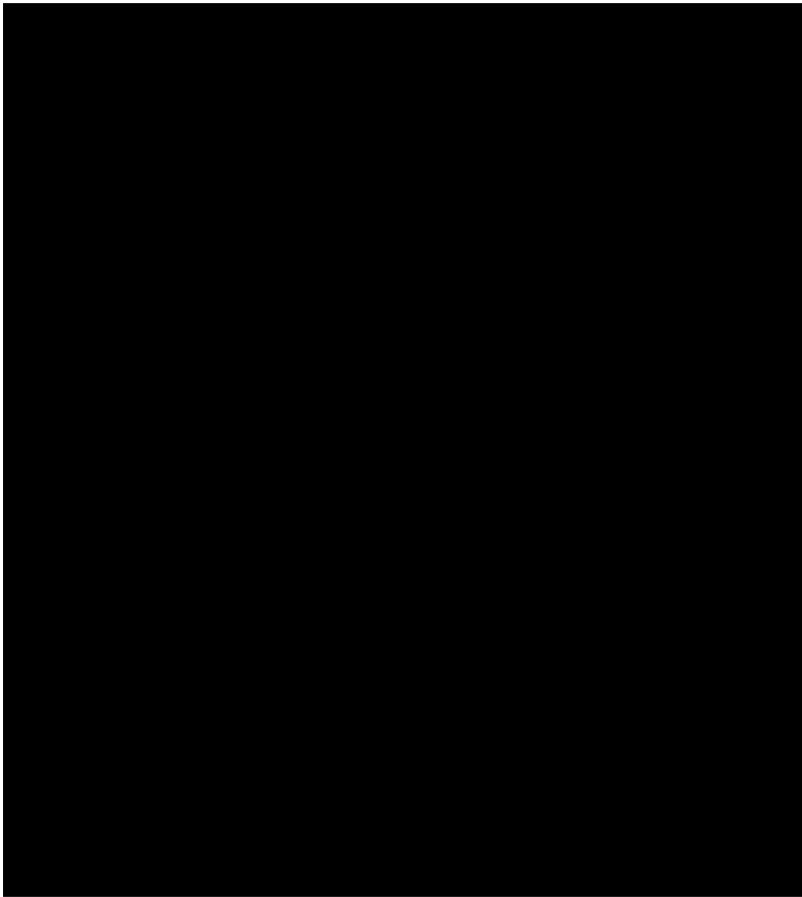
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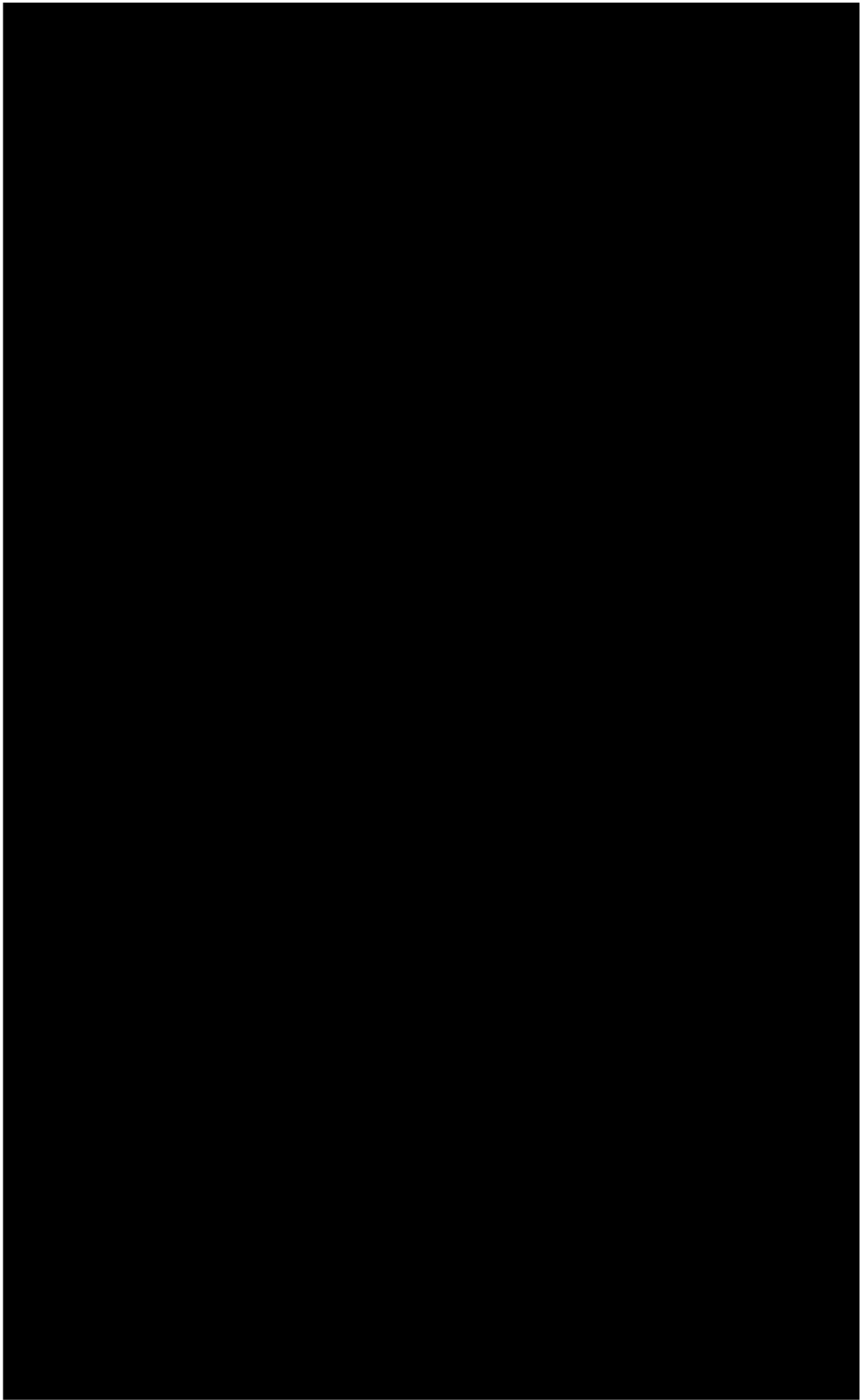
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VIII Adjournment: _____ P.M.
 MOTION: _____

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