

**From:** Laura Neri-Palomino  
**To:** McCluskey, Leah R.  
**Date:** 10/4/2007 10:20:29 AM  
**Subject:** Fr Emmanuel Pallakunnel

Leah,  
Hope all is well!

Jan Leonatti asked that I check to see if I had a file on a Fr Emmanuel Pallakunnel. There is a file on him at Archives and I have asked that it be sent to me.

As I told Jan, there was no last name given for Fr. Emmanuel and the pending file I have on him only contains information on "Fr. Emmanuel" from your office.

Once, I get this file, I will make a copy and send to you.

Take care,  
Laura

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
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**CC:** Boland, Jeremiah

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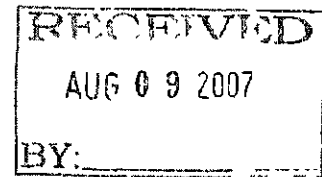
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## MEMORANDUM



To: File - PFR - 319

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: Emanuel, Fr. [Extern] [REDACTED]

Date: August 6, 2007

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On July 31, 2007 I called and spoke with Rev. Lawrence F. Springer at St. Mary's parish. Fr. Springer was the only other priest assigned with Rev. George Ballweber [deceased] to St. Mary parish in Buffalo Grove in 1966. [REDACTED] brought forward an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against a Fr. Emanuel, whom she recalls was a priest from India who did work at St. Mary in Buffalo Grove. As per [REDACTED] the alleged abuse took place over the summer of 1966 [see file].

When I introduced myself to Fr. Springer and explained the reason for my call, he said that he did have the time to speak with me. Fr. Springer first confirmed that he was assigned to St. Mary from 1964 through 1969 and that he and Fr. Ballweber were the only two clerics assigned to the parish during 1966. When asked, Fr. Springer stated that an Extern by the name of Fr. Emanuel did not ring a bell for him at all as someone being associated with St. Mary's during the identified time period.

I asked Fr. Springer if I could ask him some questions related to the allegation that was made against Fr. Emanuel. Fr. Springer agreed. When asked, Fr. Springer stated that he did not recall rummage sales or Bingo being held at St. Mary's as described by [REDACTED] in her allegation. Fr. Springer also said that Fr. Ballweber would not have had fundraisers at the parish, that he "...pushed tithing [having parishioners donate 10% of their income] instead of fundraisers." He remarked that at the time, the "old time farmers really supported the parish" and that this population donated much money to the church.

Prior to continuing, I informed Fr. Springer that all investigations out of this office are confidential. Fr. Springer immediately expressed his understanding and said that he would not speak of this with anyone. I then asked Fr. Springer if I could share with him the last name of the individual who has brought forward the allegation to determine if the family name was familiar to him. Fr. Springer agreed, and I informed him that [REDACTED]

was the last name of the alleged victim. As per Fr. Springer, the last name did not ring a bell for him. I asked Fr. Springer if it would have been possible for a fundraiser outside of the church to be held for a particular priest. Fr. Springer said that such an event would have been possible, but he did not know anything about it.

Fr. Springer expressed his willingness to help with this matter as much as he could. It was agreed that at this point I would ask the alleged victim's attorney if [REDACTED] is her maiden name. If it is learned that the alleged victim has a different maiden name, I will call Fr. Springer again and share the name with him.

Fr. Springer may be reached at [REDACTED]

Cc Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Extern Priests  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

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To: File – PFR - 319

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse

Re: Emanuel, Father [External] [REDACTED]

Date: July 30, 2007

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In following up on the matter of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against "Father Emanuel," I have done the following:

- Completed a file review of the file of Rev. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, an Extern priest who served in the Archdiocese of Chicago from October 1955 until he was instructed to return to Kerala, India by June 15, 1966. See file for complete file review.
- Spoke with Bishop Raymond Goedert via phone on July 20, 2007 to ask additional questions about this matter. My first conversation with Bishop Goedert was on August 11, 2006 [see file]. However, after speaking with Bishop Goedert on July 20<sup>th</sup>, I realized the incorrect information contained in the August 11<sup>th</sup> Memorandum. The August 11<sup>th</sup> Memorandum should have stated that Bishop Goedert confirmed that Rev. George Ballweber was pastor of St. Mary's in Buffalo Grove in the 1960s, not Rev. Eugene Ballweber. Fr. George Ballweber is deceased and the uncle of Fr. Eugene Ballweber. As per Bishop Goedert, Fr. Eugene Ballweber is a classmate of his and still alive, however reports of his health and memory are not good. When asked, Bishop Goedert does not recall the Fr. Emanuel that he knew in the 1950s and 1960s as being involved in book drives and the like, as described by [REDACTED] in her allegation. I verbally provided Bishop Goedert with information found in the file review of Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen's file, including the date of his arrival to the Archdiocese of Chicago, a mentioned list of his assignments, as well as his scheduled departure. Based upon this information, Bishop Goedert expressed that he does not believe that Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen is the Fr. Emanuel that he remembers from the aforementioned time period.
- Requested list of those priests assigned to St. Mary's in Buffalo Grove during 1966 from Archdiocesan Archives. Those listed were Fr. George Ballweber and Rev. Lawrence F. Springer. According to the current Archdiocesan Directory, Fr.

Springer was ordained in 1959, is retired, and assigned to St. Zachary in Des Plaines. I attempted to reach Fr. Springer today, but was told that the office was closed and suggested that I try back tomorrow after 9:00 am. Fr. Springer may be reached at [REDACTED] My intent is to speak with Fr. Springer in attempts to determine if he has a recollection of a Fr. Emanuel affiliated with St. Mary's in 1966.

Cc Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Extern Priests  
Kathleen Leggdas, Office of Assistance Ministry

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Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
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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: <sup>LNP</sup> Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: August 22, 2006

RE: [PFR-319] Emanuel, Rev. (Extern)/ [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 8/10/06. 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 Emanuel, Rev./ [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.

### Attachments

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Extern & International Priests ✓

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From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Emanuel, Rev. [Extern] [REDACTED]

Date: August 11, 2006

PRA contacted Bishop Raymond Goedert via phone today in attempts to obtain information on Rev. Eugene Ballweber, former pastor of St. Mary's in Buffalo Grove at some point in the 1960s. The inquiry was in regards to [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against an extern priest from India named "Fr. Emanuel."

Bishop Goedert first clarified that Fr. Eugene Ballweber was the pastor of St. Mary's in Buffalo Grove in the 1960s and is now deceased. When asked by PRA, Bishop Goedert stated that Rev. George Ballweber, retired and listed in the current Archdiocesan Directory is Fr. Eugene Ballweber's nephew.

PRA then provided Bishop Goedert with general information regarding the allegation made against Fr. Emanuel. Bishop Goedert stated that he recalls working with an extern priest from India named Fr. Emanuel while at St. Charles Borromeo on Roosevelt Road. He also informed PRA that he was assigned to St. Charles Borromeo from 1956 through 1966 and recalls that Fr. Emanuel was at that parish for a period of time. As per Bishop Goedert, he and others would joke that Fr. Emanuel had "200 [educational] degrees" as the cleric seemed to always be in school working towards a degree. Bishop Goedert also recalls that Fr. Emanuel was in the Archdiocese of Chicago for a long period of time.

Bishop Goedert suggested that PRA look through old Archdiocesan directories from the 1960s in attempts to positively identify Fr. Emanuel.

PRA thanked Bishop Goedert for all of the information provided.

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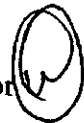
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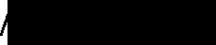
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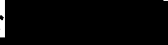
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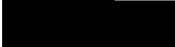
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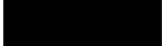
Date: August 11, 2006

PRA received a phone call on August 10, 2006 from a woman who eventually identified herself as  was calling to report the alleged abuse that she sustained as a nine year old by “Fr. Emanuel” while at St. Mary’s parish in Buffalo Grove.

 identified Fr. Emanuel as a visiting priest at St. Mary’s who was in the parish “fundraising for India.” She remembers that Fr. Emanuel was a large priest and was certain that he was from India. As per  Fr. Emanuel lived with host families in the parish, 

When asked,  stated that she is not certain if Fr. Emanuel is the first or last name of the priest, just the recollection that all called him “Fr. Emanuel.” Also when asked,  stated that she is not certain if Fr. Emanuel’s name was spelled with an “E” or an “I.”

 stated that Fr. Emanuel sexually abused her over several months when she was nine years old. 

 stated that her parents contacted the church [St. Mary’s] to report the abuse by Fr. Emanuel. She recalls that Fr. Emanuel “...admitted to it [the sexual abuse]...” and also added, “...that [the sexual abuse of a minor girl] was accepted...” in India.  stated that the next thing she knew, Fr.

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Emanuel was gone from St. Mary's parish. As per [REDACTED] all "...pretended nothing happened..." after Fr. Emanuel left the parish.

[REDACTED] stated that the abuse by Fr. Emanuel took place in the mid 1960s. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the pastor of St. Mary's at the time was Rev. George Ballweber. She mentioned her feeling that Fr. Emanuel is now deceased.

When asked, [REDACTED] agreed to have PRA verbally provide her information regarding the Office of Professional Responsibility and one formalizing his/her allegation of sexual misconduct against a cleric. PRA also provided [REDACTED] with basic information about the Office of Assistance Ministry, as she had asked about the types of assistance offered by the Archdiocese of Chicago. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRA verbally provided [REDACTED] with basic information about the Department of Legal Services and the name of the Director, John O'Malley.

[REDACTED] was informed of PRA's intent to attempt to identify Fr. Emanuel, his whereabouts, and his current status. She informed PRA that she lives in [REDACTED] and asked how a face-to-face meeting would take place. It was agreed that when [REDACTED] was ready, PRA and a representative from the Office of Assistance Ministry would travel to [REDACTED] to meet with her.

[REDACTED] It was agreed that once PRA was able to obtain some sort of information on Fr. Emanuel, she would contact [REDACTED] and discuss again her feelings on scheduling a meeting to formalize her allegation.

[REDACTED] provided the following personal and contact information: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that brief messages may be left for her on either her work or home voice mails. **DO NOT COPY**

*Sacristan*

*Presets file - appt.*

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624 DOUGLAS AVENUE

WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

PHONE: 623-2878

April 22, 1966

*Fr. Keenan*

*By*

*file*

Most Reverend Archbishop Patrick J. Cody  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Chancery Office  
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Your Excellency:

I write to again request the assignment of a second curate to Saint Anastasia Parish.

Since my appointment to this parish five years ago, I have felt that the needs of the parish called for the services of a pastor and two assistants. I have made the request several times before, but no priest was available.

Our parish mailing list has 1,170 names, the parish school has 725 pupils, and we service a 300-bed community hospital that is within the boundaries of the parish.

During the past year I have had the part-time assistance of Reverend Emmanuel Pallikunnen, a priest from India. Father Emmanuel, however, will be leaving the diocese on June 16.

I will deeply appreciate your serious consideration of this request.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Magr. Joseph D. Connerton

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PALLIKUNNEN, Emmanuel (Kerala) /

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SAINT ANASTASIA RECTORY

624 DOUGLAS AVENUE

WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

June 15, 1966

His Excellency  
Most Rev. John P. Cody  
Archbishop of Chicago  
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more going  
VxJ*

May it please Your Excellency:

This is to inform your Excellency, that I have left the Archdiocese of Chicago on this day June 15, 1966, according to your kind letter dated January 20, 1966.

It has been my singular privilege to live and work in this great Archdiocese while pursuing higher studies during the past years. I really did enjoy my stay here. The kindness, courtesy, hospitality and good will shown to me by Your Excellency, your predecessors of happy memory and the priests and the people of this Archdiocese have been indeed great. For which I shall be ever grateful and obliged.

The experience and wisdom I have earned during my stay here will help me a lot in my future works in India. I have tried to serve your people, in the parishes where I have had been stationed, to the best of my ability. I am deeply indebted to You and Your predecessors, for granting me this opportunity of helping You out.

Wherever I am I shall be keeping Your Excellency and Your works in my prayers, in return for everything Your Archdiocese has done for me, in the past.

With the highest regards, most cordial best wishes, grateful appreciations, and most humbly requesting Your Excellency's Paternal blessings,

Yours very obedient son in  
Our Lord,

Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, V.C.

*Fr. Emmanuel*

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May 9, 1966

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Edward J. Herrmann, D.D. —  
Vicar General, Archdiocese of Washington  
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Your Excellency:

May I acknowledge your gracious letter of May 2, 1966, to Monsignor Hagarty relative to the credentials of the Reverend Emmanuel Pallikunnen, V.C., a priest of the Vincentian Congregation of Kerala Province, India, who resided in the Archdiocese of Chicago before applying for permission to reside in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Father Emmanuel originally came to Chicago in October of 1955 to pursue a course in Education at De Paul University. During his more than ten years in Chicago, he resided at seven different parishes in addition to a Jesuit religious house and Barat College in Lake Forest. During this time he has taken a Master's degree in Education at De Paul, a Licentiate degree in Philosophy at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, and has pursued various courses in Social Science, with the expressed hope of taking a doctorate someday in Sociology.

In view of the fact that he had completed his stated assignment and had terminated the studies for which he was originally sent to Chicago, His Excellency, Archbishop Cody, in his letter of January 20, 1966, notified Father Pallikunnen that he was withdrawing consent to his continued residence in this Archdiocese, and was advising him to arrange to leave this jurisdiction no later than June 15, 1966. This decision of His Excellency was reported to the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, to the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and to the Superior General of the Vincentian Congregation in Kerala, Father Jacob Kallarakal, V.C.

The basis of His Excellency's decision was that Father Pallikunnen represented a prime example of some priests who have become "professional" students and have exploited the hospitality of the Archdiocese over a period of many years, without serving in the ministry proportionately. Consequent upon this decision, we were given to understand that Father Pallikunnen was being recalled to Kerala in order to teach in the seminary there. It is somewhat of a surprise, therefore, to learn that Father Pallikunnen intends to pursue his academic career still further at Catholic University.

Should Your Excellency wish further information on Father Pallikunnen, I shall be most happy to send it to you.

With sentiments of esteem and all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend John R. Keating  
Assistant Chancellor

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SACRA CONGREGATIO  
"PRO ECCLESIA ORIENTALI"

Roma, 29 gennaio 1966  
Via della Conciliazione, 34

*Handwritten signature: J. Keating*  
*Handwritten initials: J. Keating*

PROT. N. 250/55

*Mentionem facias, quæso, huius numeri in tua responsione*  
*Si prega di citare questo numero nella risposta*

Eccellenza Reverendissima,

Con lettera n. 250/55 del 20 corrente l'Eccellenza Vostra Reverendissima informava cortesemente questo Dicastero di aver invitato il Rev. Emmanuel A. PALLIKUNNEN, sacerdote malabarese della Congregazione Vincenziana, a terminare gli studi in modo da lasciare cotesta diocesi, ove risiede da dieci anni, entro il 31 giugno prossimo.

Ho preso nota della comunicazione e, mentre esprimo il mio vivo apprezzamento per la vigile premura di Vostra Eccellenza, mi auguro che il religioso faccia onore alla Congregazione Vincenziana cui appartiene e che è tanto stimata per spirito missionario e iniziative apostoliche.

Con sensi di vivo ossequio mi professo

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A Sua Eccellenza Rev. ma  
Mons. JOHN P. CODY  
Arcivescovo di

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dell'Eccellenza Vostra Reverendissima  
aff. mo come fratello

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*Superior General*  
VINCENTIAN CONGREGATION

VINCENTIAN HOUSE  
ANGAMALY P. O.  
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*Ref. No.*

*Fr. Kallarakal*  
Date February 2, 1966.

His Excellency The Most Rev. John P. Cody D.D.  
Archbishop of Chicago,  
Post Office Box 1979,  
Chicago, Illinois 60690, U.S.A.

My Lord Archbishop,

Thank you very much for your kind letter dated January 20, informing me that you have advised Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, a member of the Vincentian Congregation to discontinue his residence in your Archdiocese by June 15, 1966, in view of the fact that he has now resided in the Archdiocese for more than ten years.

I too have already directed Fr. Emmanuel to leave the Archdiocese by June 15, 1966. Let me avail myself of this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude on behalf of the Vincentian Congregation for the kindness, hospitality and consideration which Your Excellency and your illustrious predecessors have accorded to Fr. Emmanuel. I am also very thankful to you for the good remarks you have made about Fr. Emmanuel in your letter. It is my firm hope that the Father, who has always been a devoted member of our Congregation, will continue to conduct himself as a good priest. Fr. Emmanuel and all of us have considered it an honor and privilege that he could be of some service to the few parishes of your great Archdiocese, in which he has been residing during the past few years.

Allow me to congratulate Your Excellency on your new assignment as the Archbishop of Chicago, the greatest Archdiocese of the United States. Your Excellency can be assured of our humble prayers always.

Recommending myself and our Congregation to your valuable prayers and requesting your paternal blessing,

I beg to remain,  
May it please Your Excellency,  
Your devoted son in our Lord,

*Fr. Jacob Kallarakal*  
Fr. Jacob Kallarakal V.C.  
Superior General.

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*Office of the Archbishop*

January 29, 1966

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The Very Reverend Jacob Kallarakal, V.C.  
Superior General, Vincentian Congregation  
Vincentian House  
Angamaly P.O.  
Kerala State, India

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Very Reverend and dear Father Kallarakal:

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I have received a most cordial letter from Father Emmanuel Pallikunnen, who is presently making arrangements to return this summer to India. I understand that Father is to be assigned to teach in your Seminary, and I am sure that his training received here in the Archdiocese of Chicago will be of very great value to him in his new and most important work.

Please be assured that Father has conducted himself well during his residence in Chicago, and it has been a pleasure to extend to him the hospitality of this Archdiocese during the past ten years.

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With sentiments of high esteem and every personal good wish, I am, dear Father Kallarakal,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

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January 29, 1966

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Reverend Emmanuel A. Pallikunnen  
St. Anastasia Church  
624 Douglas Avenue  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

Dear Father Pallikunnen:

I am most grateful for your cordial letter of January 26 regarding your departure from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please be assured that it has been a pleasure to extend to you the courtesies and hospitality of the Archdiocese during the past ten years. I am sure that the experience of spending ten years in Chicago will prove invaluable in the years to come, as you dedicate yourself to the service of the Church in India. I understand that you will be teaching in the Seminary there. May God bless you abundantly in that most important work.

With every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear Father Pallikunnen,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

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Rev. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, V.C.  
St. Anastasia Rectory  
624 Douglas Avenue  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

January 26, 1966

His Excellency  
Most Reverend John P. Cody, D.D.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
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*Fr. Keating  
please discuss  
this with  
me  
JOC*

Most Reverend and my very dear Archbishop:

I have received Your Excellency's kind letter dated January 20, 1966 advising me to make the necessary arrangements so that I may leave this Archdiocese since You are unable to consent to my continued residence in view of the fact that I have completed my stated assignment and have terminated the studies for which I was originally sent to Chicago.

In accordance with Your letter I will be leaving this diocese by June 15, 1966. I have written to my Superior General also about Your Excellency's decision.

Permit me to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to You and Your Predecessors of happy memory for all the kindness, hospitality and paternal care accorded to me in the past, during my stay here, as a student.

I do consider it a great privilege to be able to assist a few parishes of Your Archdiocese, the best way I could, during my stay and thus I was able to keep up both my priestly works and academic duties.

May I also avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate Your Excellency on your new assignment as the Archbishop of this great Archdiocese and to wish You the best of everything. I shall certainly keep your Excellency and Your intentions in my prayers.

Most humbly requesting Your Excellency's paternal blessings with the highest regards and cordial best wishes,

Your Excellency's most obedient son  
in Christ,

Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, V.C.

of

The Vincentian Congregation, India.

*Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen*

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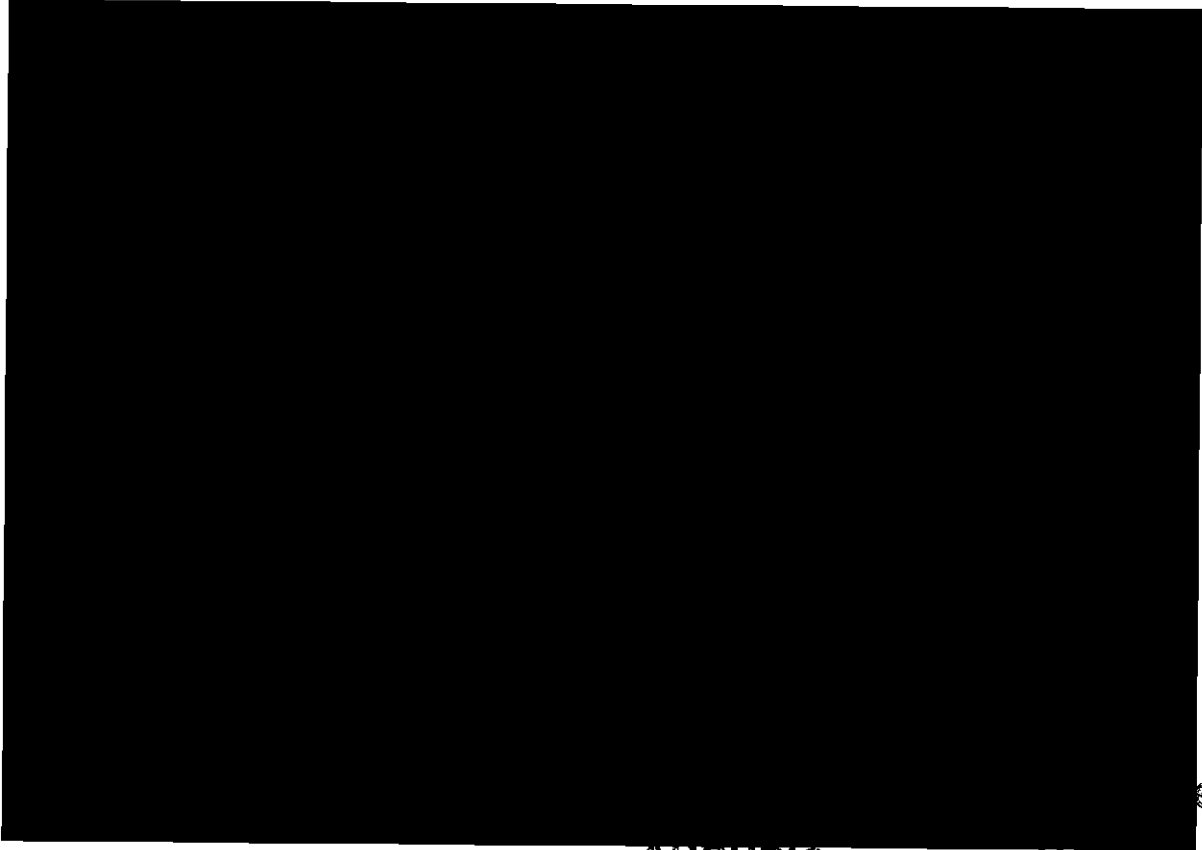
TO: His Excellency, Archbishop Cody

FROM: Father Keating

RE: Reverend Emanuel Pallikunnen and [REDACTED]

The following are two sacerdotes e teri who have clearly overstayed their legitimate mission to the Archdiocese of Chicago. Attached are drafts of tentative letters in their regard.

1. Rev. Emanuel Pallikunnen, V.C.: Father Emanuel is an Indian Vincentian priest of the Syro-Malabar Rite of Kerala Province. Father Emanuel originally came to Chicago in October of 1955 to study Education at De Paul University. During his more than ten years in Chicago, he has resided at seven different parishes in addition to a Jesuit religious house and Barat College in Lake Forest. During this time he has taken a Master's degree in Education at De Paul, Licentiate in Philosophy at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, and has pursued various courses in Social Science, hoping to get a doctorate some day in Sociology. Presently he is enrolled at Berlitz, studying languages.



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Your Eminence:

O

I am sending to you copies of two letters which I have recently written concerning the Reverend EMMANUEL A. PALLIKUNNEN, V. C., a priest of the Vincentian Congregation of Kerala Province, India, who has been residing in the Archdiocese of Chicago for the past ten years.

P

His prolonged tenure in the Archdiocese of Chicago has gradually lost sufficient foundation, and I have had to advise Father Pallikunnen to terminate his studies here and to leave this jurisdiction by June 15, 1966.

Y

From time to time I shall send Your Eminence similar correspondence for the future reference of the Sacred Congregation.

With sentiments of highest esteem and with every personal good wish, I am, Your Eminence,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Enc.

Archbishop of Chicago

His Eminence  
Gustavo Cardinal TESTA, Secretary  
Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church  
Palazzo dei Convertendi  
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C

Reverend Emanuel A. Pallikunnen —  
St. Anastasia Church  
624 Douglas Avenue  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

O

Dear Father Pallikunnen:

P

In October of 1955 you came to the Archdiocese of Chicago for the purpose of pursuing higher studies in Education at De Paul University. In order to accommodate your legitimate assignment at that time the Ordinary of Chicago granted you permission to reside here temporarily. I understand that since you attained a Master's degree in Education, you have also pursued courses in Philosophy at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, in Sociology at Loyola University, and in various languages at the Berlitz School.

Y

In view of the fact that you have completed your stated assignment and have terminated the studies for which you were originally sent to Chicago, I am unable to consent to your continued residence in this Archdiocese and must advise you to arrange to leave by June 15, 1966. I am notifying your Superior General of this decision and I suggest that you contact him as soon as possible and seek his instructions.

Wishing you all God's blessings on your next assignment, and with every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear Father Pallikunnen,

Very truly yours in Christ,

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January 20, 1966

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The Very Reverend Monsignor Joseph Connerton  
Pastor, St. Anastasia Parish  
624 Douglas Avenue  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

O

Dear Monsignor Connerton:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter which I have written today to Father Emanuel Pallikunnen who has been residing at St. Anastasia Rectory since May of 1965. His prolonged tenure in the Archdiocese of Chicago is now without proportionate reason and I have had to withdraw consent to his continued residence in the Archdiocese.

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With every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear Monsignor Connerton,

Y

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Enc.

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May 11, 1965

Reverend Emmanuel Pallikunnen  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
1590 Green Bay Road  
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear Father Pallikunnen:

Thank you for your letter of May 9 in which you inform us that as of May 15 you will be residing at Saint Anastasia's Rectory in Waukegan, Illinois, at the invitation of the Very Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Connerton.

May I inform you that we are happy to renew your faculties for the Archdiocese of Chicago; and once again I would remind you that if there should be a change of residence from Saint Anastasia's, it will be necessary to have the faculties renewed again.

With every best wish for your continued success in your studies, may I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Reverend Edward M. Egan  
Assistant Chancellor

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J.M.J.V.

*Full  
of love and  
kindness*

Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, V.C.,  
St. James Parish,  
841 N. State Rd.,  
Arlington Heights, ILL.

29th Sept. 1960.

Rt. Rev and my very dear Mgr.

This is Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, a Vincentian priest from, Kerala State, So. India, writing to You. I do write these lines just to inform You that I am now stationed at St. James' Parish in Arlington Hts. and I will be helping out here until the end of my stay here. I am studying for my Ph.D. in sociology at Loyola and hope to be here for two years.

About a month ago, remember I had an interview with You and then I told You that I may get <sup>a</sup> place at St. Sabina. You had my name and address listed under that parish. May I request Your Reverence to change that into:

Rev. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, V.C.,  
St. James Rectory,  
841 N. State Rd.,  
Arlington Heights, ILL.

As soon I moved into this parish, I wrote to Mgr. Burke and he has given me the renewal (extension) of the Archdiocesan faculties. The pastor, priests, and the people are good to me and I will be more than happy to render all possible helps until the end of my stay here.

With fond regards, best wishes, assurance of prayers, and requesting Your paternal blessings,

Very sincerely Yours in O. Lord,  
Father Emmanuel Pallikunnen,

*Fr. Emmanuel P.*

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**(EXTERN)**

*(Please type all information)*

NAME **PALLIKUNNEN** **EMMANUEL** **AUGUSTINE**  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 For Seculars) **DIOCESE**

For Religious) **INSTITUTE C.M. (Syro-Malabar Rite) Bi-ritual** **PROVINCE Kerala Province**

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] **Thodupuzha, Kerala State, India**

ORDAINED **12/22/52** **Alwaye, Kerala State** By: **Bishop Matthew Kavukat**  
 (Date) (Place)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ABSENCE**

| Rescript or Letter No. | Date    | Competent Authority                              | Duration   | Expiration |
|------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                        | 7/19/64 | Letter of Superior General authorizing absence   | Indefinite | Not given  |
| 50/55                  | 6/19/64 | Oriental Congregation - celebret & biritual fac. | Triennium  | 6/19/67    |
|                        |         |                                                  |            |            |
|                        |         |                                                  |            |            |

*N. B. Norms of the Apostolic Constitution "Exsul Familia" apply to all priests coming from Europe or Mediterranean regions regardless of the duration of their absence, except for religious priests ordered by their superiors to a house of their own order. After February 13, 1960, the same norms apply also to priests from Latin America and the Philippine Islands.*

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Office for Extern and International Priests  
Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Patty Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

FROM: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

RE: Pallikunnen, Rev. Emmanuel [Deceased/Extern/Vincentian]  
- PFR - 319

DATE: June 6, 2008

This office first received this allegation on August 10, 2006. [REDACTED]  
originally identified the accused as Rev. Emmanuel Pallakunnel.

Upon investigating this matter, it was determined that the accused is Rev. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, a deceased member of the Vincentian Congregation in India. Fr. Pallikunnen served an extern priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago from 1955 through 1966. His date of death is February 16, 1978.

Please make the appropriate changes to the spelling of Fr. Pallikunnen's name and religious community to your files. If you are in need of any additional information on this matter, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board

Saturday, February 16, 2008 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Present Via Phone:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Patricia Zacharias, Assistant Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

- I. **Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2008**
  - Minutes approved

- II. **Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

- A. **In the Matter of**

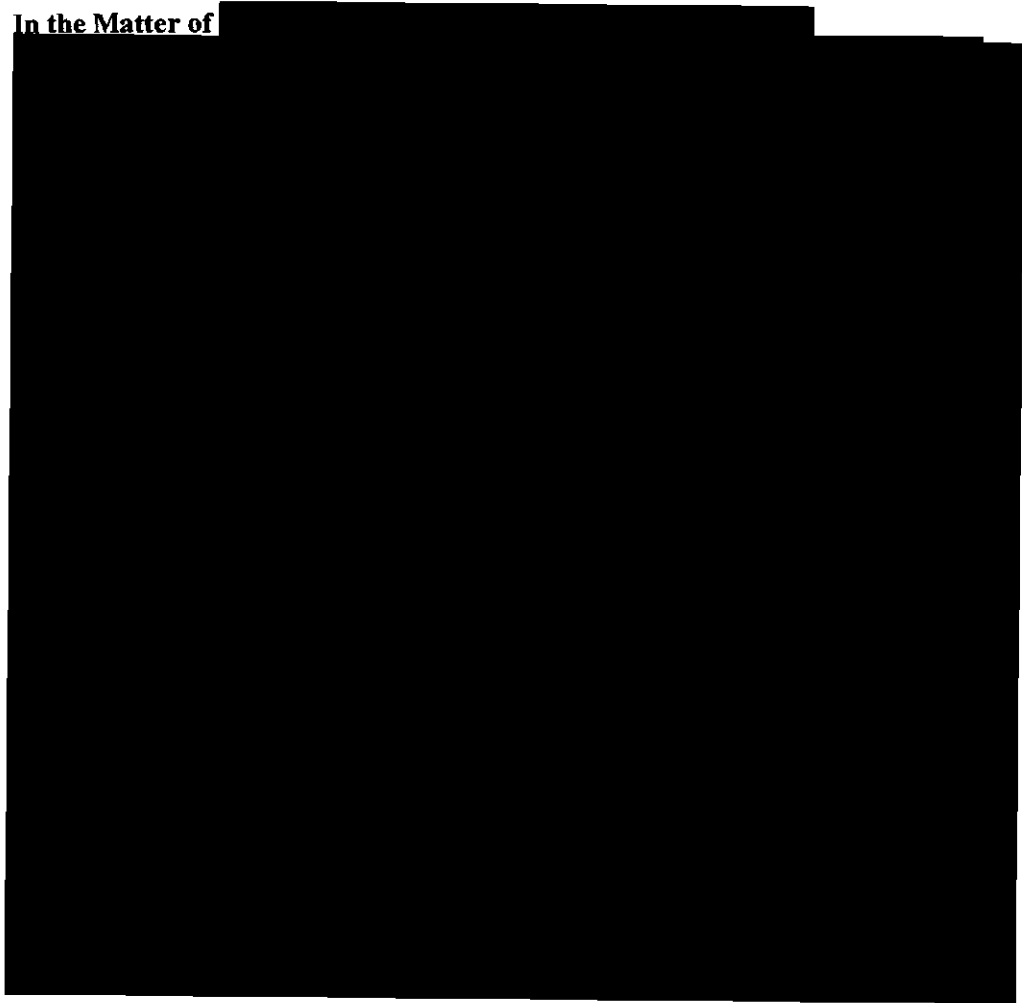
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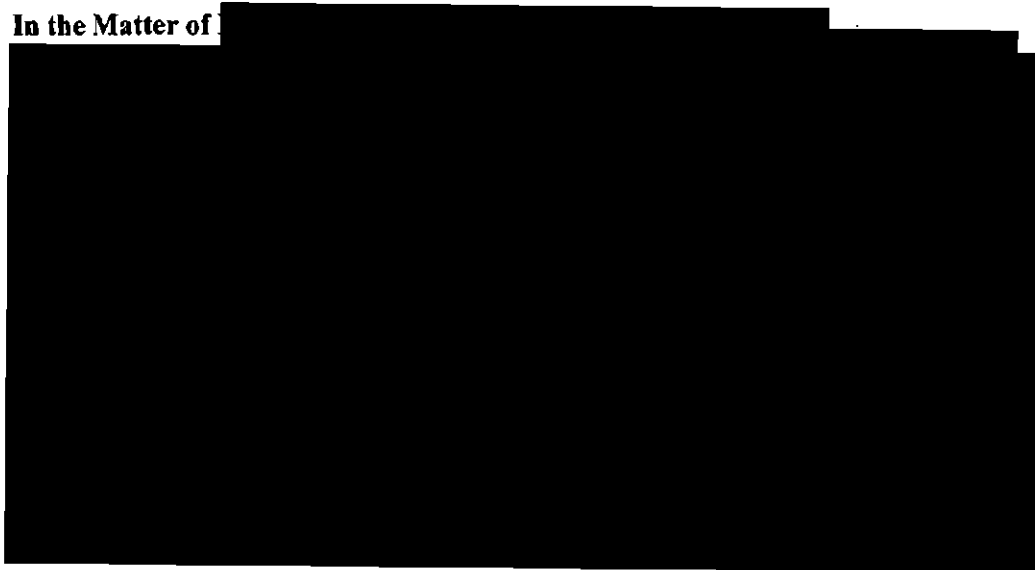
**B. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**C. In the Matter of**



**D. In the Matter of**



**E. In the Matter of Rev. Emmanuel Pallakunnel [Extern] – PFR - 319**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by Rev. Emmanuel Pallakunnel. A summary of the allegation is as follows: alleged abuse took place in Fr. Pallakunnel's car; he would pull over and expose his erect penis to [REDACTED] he would attempt to guide [REDACTED] by putting his arm around her to bend down and kiss his penis; Fr. Pallakunnel put his penis in [REDACTED] mouth [REDACTED]

Ms. McCluskey provided a verbal update of the matter, including that it is not certain if the spelling of "Emmanuel Pallakunnel" is correct and if he is alive or deceased.

In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also advised Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

- Call Fr. Springer to ask him if he remembers the last name [REDACTED] [REDACTED] maiden name]" from St. Mary's parish
- Attempt to determine if any staff from St. Mary's at the time of the allegation are still around who could be asked about Fr. Emmanuel and if they remember such a priest being around the parish
- Contact Rev. Jeremiah Boland as a follow up to the 10/16/07 e-mail asking for additional information about Fr. Emmanuel and his home community and diocese

- Ask [REDACTED] permission to speak with her [REDACTED] regarding her alleged abuse by Fr. Emmanuel
- Request [REDACTED] school files

**F. In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

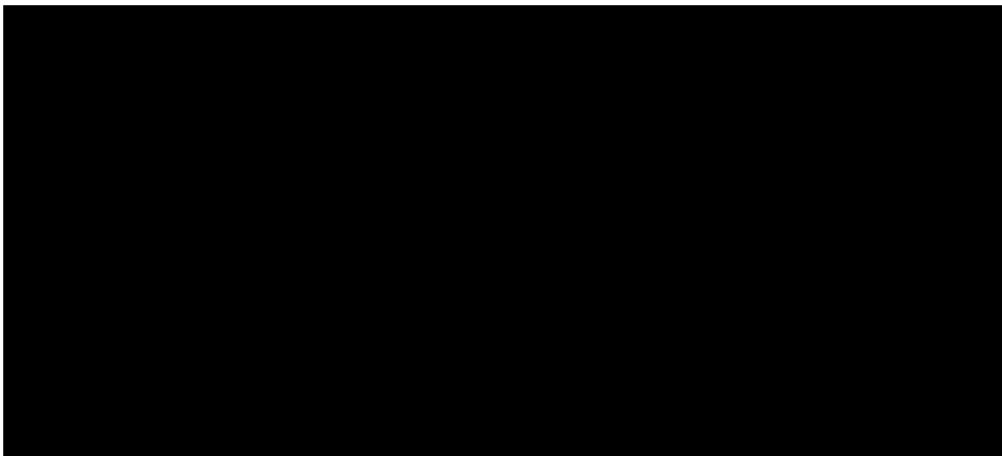
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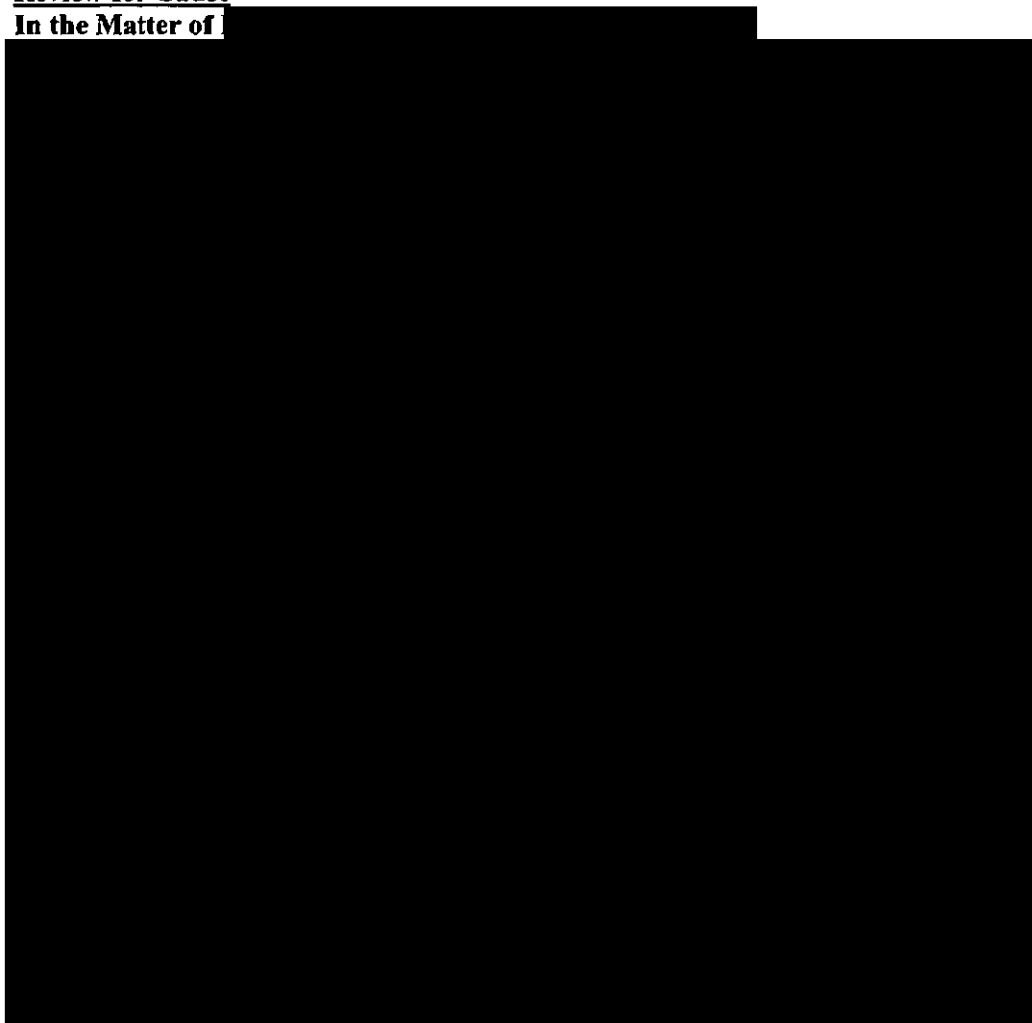
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**In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]



Review for Cause  
G. In the Matter of



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**In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**III. Canonical Updates**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

**IV. Other Matters**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
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*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.*

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

THE HONORABLE JUDGE



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

## **INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

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CASE # PFR-319

IN THE MATTER OF: REV. EMMANUEL A. PALLIKUNNEN

Delivered on May 14, 2008 to:

MS. LEAH MCCLUSKEY, DIRECTOR  
OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW  
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May 14, 2008

Ms. Leah R. McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
737 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 900  
Chicago, Illinois, 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Hillard Heintze has completed the requested investigation in the March 12, 2008 case referral in the matter of Rev. Emmanuel Pallikunnen. Attached, you will find our investigative report, which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago. With this transmittal, one (1) original hardbound copy and an electronic version are being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

In the case referral, Hillard Heintze was provided the allegations and was requested to locate and interview Fr. Lawrence Springer, which was accomplished. Hillard Heintze also identified and interviewed former St. Mary staff members [REDACTED] and Fr. Edwin Pacocha who provided relevant information and insight to this case.

The investigation has confirmed Fr. Pallikunnen's death, which occurred on February 16, 1978 at the Willington Hospital, New Delhi, India. Additionally a photograph of Rev Pallikunnen has been obtained and is included in this report.

The investigation has noted several key points, which have been documented as Key Findings. One of which includes the request to interview family members the accuser has noted as potential corroborating witnesses.

Should you need any additional information on our investigation, please do not hesitate to call me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,  
HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Arnette Heintze'.

Arnette Heintze



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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On March 12, 2008, Hillard Heintze received a request from the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for investigative assistance in the matter of Rev. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, an extern priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Rev. Pallikunnen was originally from the Vincentian Congregation in Kerala, India. Specifically, we were requested to interview a person who had previously spoken to the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, Fr. Lawrence Springer, as well as assistance to locating and interviewing former staff members at St. Mary. Additionally, Hillard Heintze was instructed to seek the approval for follow-up questions to [REDACTED] sister and godmother regarding her alleged abuse.

Hillard Heintze Investigator Rich Kobel conducted the re-interview of Fr. Lawrence Springer and staff members [REDACTED] and Fr. Edwin Pacocha. In addition to these interviews, Investigator Jim Molloy contacted the home congregation of Fr. Pallikunnen to confirm his return date to India. It was discovered through contact with Varkey Cardinal Vithyathil and Fr. Jose Chettoor, Vicentian Generalate, Fr. Pallikunnen returned to India approximately two years after he left the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Investigation led Investigator Rich Kobel to [REDACTED] Public Information Director, Gannon University, Erie, PA. [REDACTED] advised that Fr. Pallikunnen spent two years teaching at Gannon University prior to returning to India and was also able to provide a photograph of Rev. Pallikunnen.

The investigation has noted several key points, which have been documented as **Key Findings**. These include, 1) a potential discrepancy with reported dates of abuse by the accused; 2) the former St. Mary staff members did not recall Fr. Pallikunnen working at St. Mary during the time of alleged abuse in 1966; and 3) efforts to substantiate and corroborate the allegations of [REDACTED] with interviews of the relatives the accuser has listed as potential witnesses may provide crucial information. As of this report date, Hillard Heintze awaits a response to the request for an interview with the sister and godmother of [REDACTED]



## CASE REFERRAL TO HILLARD HEINTZE

On March 12, 2008, Director Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, referred the Rev. Emmanuel Pallikunnen matter to Hillard Heintze for investigation. Specifically, we were requested to interview persons who had previously given statements to the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and to locate and interview former St. Mary staff members.

In the original referral to the Office for Child Abuse Investigations, the Review Board requested the following:

1. Call Fr. Springer to ask him if he remembers the last name [REDACTED] (maiden name) from St. Mary parish.
2. Attempt to determine if any staff from St. Mary at the time of the allegation are still around who could be interviewed about Fr. Emmanuel and if they remember such a priest around the parish.
3. Contact Rev. Jeremiah Boland as a follow-up to the email of October 16, 2007 asking for additional information about Fr. Emmanuel and his home community and diocese.
4. Seek [REDACTED] approval to speak with her sister and/or godmother regarding her alleged abuse by Fr. Emmanuel.
5. Request [REDACTED] school files.

It should be noted that the Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review performed items 1, 3 and 5. Hillard Heintze completed item 2 and we are awaiting the response to complete item 4.

On March 12, 2008, Harvey Radney, Hillard Heintze Senior Vice President for Investigative Services, initiated a comprehensive case review of the Pallikunnen investigative file provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

On March 13, 2008, Radney assigned Investigator Rich Kobel the primary responsibility of conducting the requested interviews.

## DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

### Case Review

From March 12, 2008 to March 13, 2008, Arnette Heintze, Harvey Radney and Investigative Associate Jim Molloy initiated a comprehensive review of the investigative case and associated files in the matter of Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen, which were provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

During the investigative process several key points were noted. These points are documented in the Key Findings section of this report.



## Interviews

Starting on March 17, 2008, Hillard Heintze Investigator Rich Kobel conducted the following interviews. While the interviews are summarized below, the complete memorandums of these interviews are contained as attachments to this file.

### March 17, 2008 - Interview of Fr. Lawrence Springer

Fr. Springer was re-interviewed and stated he did not recall a Fr. Pallikunnen assigned to St. Mary from 1964 to 1969. He stated that he and Fr. Ballweber were the only priests assigned to St. Mary during the stated time period. Fr. Springer provided the name of Marianne Krug, a long time parishioner of St. Mary, who may have additional information.

### March 17, 2008 - Interview of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated she was a member of St. Mary parish and was in charge of religious education at St. Mary School in the mid to late 1960s. She stated she recalled a Fr. Emmanuel being at St. Mary in the mid to late 1960s although she couldn't remember Fr. Emmanuel's full name, she believed Emmanuel was his last name. [REDACTED] provided the name of [REDACTED] as a person who may be able to add additional information to this investigation.

### March 18, 2008 - Interview of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated she has been a member of St. Mary parish since 1959 and was a teacher at St. Mary School during the 1960s. She stated she did not recall any priest with the first name of Emmanuel at St. Mary during the 1960s.

### March 19, 2008 - Second Interview of [REDACTED]

During the re-interview of [REDACTED] she stated the Fr. Emmanuel she recalled at St. Mary was there prior to the arrival of Fr. Lawrence Springer (It should be noted Fr. Springer was assigned to St. Mary from 1964-1969). She also stated she could not recall Fr. Emmanuel celebrating mass or teaching classes at St. Mary.

### March 19, 2008 - Interview of Fr. Edwin Pacocha

Fr. Pacocha stated in his interview he was assigned to St. Mary in the late 1960s and did not remember any priest at St. Mary with the first or last name of Emmanuel.

### March 4, 2008 - Second Interview of [REDACTED]

During the re-interview of [REDACTED] she stated other long time parishioners of St. Mary with whom she spoke following her first interview could not recall a Fr. Emmanuel at St. Mary.



### Research & Site Visits

The allegations brought forward by [REDACTED] against Fr. Pallikunnen reportedly took place during the summer of 1966. [REDACTED] recalls the abuse taking place before and after the murders committed by Richard Speck in July 1966.

Documents examined during the course of this investigation indicated Fr. Pallikunnen was ordered by Archbishop Cody to leave the Chicago Archdiocese by June 15, 1966. In fact, a letter written by Fr. Pallikunnen on June 15, 1966 stated he had left the Archdiocese of Chicago as of June 15, 1966.

Associate Investigator Jim Molloy contacted the home congregation of Fr. Pallikunnen, Vincentian Congregation, via email inquiring as to the date Fr. Pallikunnen returned to India from the United States and whether Fr. Pallikunnen was presently still alive.

A response was received via return e-mail from Varkey Cardinal Vithyathil stating Fr. Pallikunnen had died on February 16, 1978. Another response from Fr. Jose Chetoor, Vincentian Generalate, stated Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen arrived in India on October 18, 1968. He was appointed as the Rector of the Vincentian Study House at Aluva. Later he was appointed Executive Director of Catholic Hospital Association of India (CHAI). He died on February 16, 1978 at Willington Hospital, New Delhi. A death certificate copy could not be found.

**Note:** Attempts to obtain a copy of the death certificate of Fr. Palikunnel through independent sources in India met with negative results.

Fr. Jose Chetoor wrote in later emails that Fr. Pallikunnen taught for two years (1966-1968) at Gannon, a Catholic University in Pennsylvania, before his return to India in 1968. In response to a request for a photo of Fr. Pallikunnen, Fr. Chetoor stated he did not have a good photo of him due to the length of time since his death.

**April 8, 2008 – Interview of [REDACTED]**  
Investigator Kobel contacted [REDACTED] Public Information Officer at Gannon University. A request was made for information to determine whether Fr. Pallikunnen was a faculty member of the University from 1966-1968.

[REDACTED] was interviewed by phone and when asked about the progress of locating information on Fr. Pallikunnen she stated they were successful in locating some information along with a photographic negative of Fr. Pallikunnen. She stated further the information would be forwarded through the attorney for the Archdiocese in Erie.

On April 21, 2008, correspondence was received from Monsignor Robert J. Smith, JCL, Vicar General, Diocese of Erie. Monsignor Smith included in this correspondence the biographical information of Fr. Pallikunnen retained by Gannon University along with two photo negatives of Fr. Pallikunnen. See attachment #8.



## MULTI-DATABASE INQUIRIES

Proprietary multi-database resources were queried for the following information:

- Current address information
- Historical address information
- Date of birth
- Information related to social security numbers
- Driver licenses
- Phone numbers
- Criminal history
- Court records
- Names of an individual's relatives
- Other people who have used the individual's addresses
- Neighbors with listed phone numbers

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## BACKGROUND CHECK

On March 23, 2008, Harvey Radney conducted a multi-database inquiry on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The results of these inquiries are listed.

Accuser - [REDACTED]

### Federal Civil and Criminal Court Records

[REDACTED] - Negative

### State Civil and Criminal Court Records

[REDACTED] - Negative

### Uniform Commercial Code

[REDACTED] - Negative

### Bankruptcies, Liens and Judgments

[REDACTED] - Negative

### Business Affiliations

[REDACTED] - Negative



## KEY FINDINGS

During the course of the case review by Hillard Heintze, we noted the following findings:

### FINDING 1

**Accuser Statement:** [REDACTED] stated in her accusation that the abuse by Fr. Palikunnel took place during the summer of 1966, both before and after the murders in Chicago by Richard Speck. (The murders took place on July 14, 1966). [REDACTED] emphasized that Fr. Palikunnel really scared her after she became aware of the Richard Speck murders.

**Conflicting Issue:** Fr. Pallikunnen was directed by Archbishop Patrick J. Cody to leave the Chicago Archdiocese by June 15, 1966 in a letter to Pallikunnen, dated January 20, 1966. In a letter dated June 15, 1966, Fr. Palikunnel writes to Archbishop Cody "... I have left the Archdiocese of Chicago on this date June 15, 1966..." At some point after that, Fr. Palikunnel resurfaced in Erie, PA at Gannon University.

### FINDING 2

None of the former staff members of St. Mary remembered a Father Emmanuel Pallikunnen from India working at St. Mary during the time period in question.

### FINDING 3

An interview of the accuser's sister and godmother may provide crucial information to corroborate or refute the allegations in this matter.



## ATTACHMENTS

### #1: Memorandum of Interview: Fr. Lawrence Springer

Re: Case File PFR 319 - Pallikunnen/ [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

On March 17, 2008, at 10:00 am, Investigator Kobel conducted a telephonic interview with Fr. Lawrence Springer. The interview was conducted as a result of the Archdiocesan Review Board requesting additional information.

Fr. Springer stated he was aware that a complaint had been filed regarding a Fr. Emmanuel who was reportedly assigned to Saint Mary in the mid 1960s.

Fr. Springer stated he was assigned to Saint Mary from 1964 until 1969. When asked, Fr. Springer stated clearly he did not remember any Fr. Emmanuel being assigned to or working at Saint Mary during the time he was assigned at Saint Mary from 1964 to 1969.

Fr. Springer further stated he and Fr. Ballweber were the only priests assigned to Saint Mary during the years of 1964 through 1969. Fr. Springer said Fr. Ballweber is now deceased.

When asked, Fr. Springer stated he and Fr. Ballweber each owned a car and they kept them in the two-car garage at Saint Mary.

Fr. Springer suggested contacting Fr. Edwin Pacocha who succeeded him at Saint Mary. He also suggested contacting [REDACTED] who was a long-time parishioner of Saint Mary and was very active in the church.

The interview with Fr. Springer was then concluded.



**#2: Memorandum of Interview:** [REDACTED]

Re: Case File PFR 319 - Pallikunnen [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

On March 17, 2008 at 10:30 am, Investigator Kobel conducted a telephonic interview with [REDACTED] based on the lead and recommendation of Fr. Lawrence Springer.

[REDACTED] stated she was a member of Saint Mary Parish in the 1960s. [REDACTED] further stated she was in charge of religious education at Saint Mary School in the 1960s. [REDACTED] stated she did remember a Fr. Emmanuel being at Saint Mary's in the mid to late 1960s.

[REDACTED] further described Fr. Emmanuel as about 5'10" tall, thin build and dark hair. She further stated she did not know what country he was from and he did not speak with an accent. During questioning [REDACTED] stated that Fr. Emmanuel was at Saint Mary for about one year during the mid 1960s. [REDACTED] did not recall specifically if Fr. Emmanuel had a car however, she stated to the best of her knowledge all the priests at St. Mary had cars of their own. [REDACTED] did not remember Fr. Emmanuel's full name and she believed that Emmanuel was his last name.

[REDACTED] was asked if she could recall other people who were associated with Saint Mary during the 1960s that could assist in this investigation. [REDACTED] stated she knew [REDACTED] as a long-time parish member, and that [REDACTED] taught school at St. Mary during the 1960s.

[REDACTED] supplied contact information for [REDACTED] and the interview was then concluded.



#3: Memorandum of Interview: [REDACTED]

Re: Case File PFR 319 - Pallikunnen [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

On March 18, 2008 at 10:00 am, [REDACTED] was interviewed by telephone regarding the aforementioned case.

[REDACTED] was asked if she was a member of Saint Mary in the 1960s. [REDACTED] stated she is currently a member of Saint Mary's Parish and has been since 1959. [REDACTED] further stated she was a teacher at Saint Mary School during the 1960s.

[REDACTED] was questioned about her knowledge of Fr. Emmanuel. [REDACTED] stated she could not recall any priest with the first or last name of Emmanuel at Saint Mary during the 1960s.

[REDACTED] stated that as a teacher at the parish school she had contact with all the priests assigned to the parish on a regular basis. [REDACTED] was questioned and she stated she recalled several extern priests being assigned to Saint Mary, however, she could not recall a single one from India.

The investigator informed [REDACTED] of the description given by [REDACTED] of Fr. Emmanuel. [REDACTED] again stated that she had no knowledge of a Fr. Emmanuel fitting that description.

[REDACTED] was asked if she could think of anyone else that would have been in the parish during the 1960s that might have knowledge of Fr. Emmanuel. [REDACTED] stated she could not think of anyone offhand, however, she would contact the investigator if she thought of anyone.

The interview with [REDACTED] was then concluded.



**#4: Memorandum of Second Interview:** [REDACTED]

Re: Case File PFR 319 - Pallikunnen [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

On March 19, 2008 at 9:30 am, Investigator Kobel interviewed [REDACTED] for a second time to see if she recalled any additional information.

[REDACTED] related she talked to several parishioners who had been in Saint Mary Parish since the early 1960s. [REDACTED] stated no one recalled a Fr. Emmanuel at St. Mary.

[REDACTED] was asked if she remembered anything else about Fr. Emmanuel. [REDACTED] believed the Fr. Emmanuel she is thinking of was only at Saint Mary on the weekends. She further stated Fr. Emmanuel was at Saint Mary's before Fr. Springer was assigned to the parish. It should be noted Fr. Springer was assigned to Saint Mary from 1964 until 1969. [REDACTED] was questioned further and she could not recall Fr. Emmanuel celebrating mass or teaching any classes at St. Mary.

[REDACTED] was asked to contact the investigator if she spoke to anyone who had any knowledge of Fr. Emmanuel and she agreed.

The interview with [REDACTED] was then concluded.



**#5: Memorandum of Interview: Fr. Edwin Pacocha**

Re: Case File PFR 319 - Pallikunnen [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

On March 19, 2008 at 3:00 pm, Fr. Edwin Pacocha was interviewed by telephone regarding this case.

Fr. Pacocha stated he was assigned to Saint Mary in the late 1960s and did not remember any priest with the first or last name of Emmanuel.

Fr. Pacocha was asked if he could direct the investigator to any parishioner or cleric that would have knowledge of the priests at Saint Mary during the mid 1960s. Fr. Pacocha named Fr. Springer, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as people who would have knowledge of the parish during the mid 1960s. The investigator informed Fr. Pacocha that everyone he named had already been interviewed and inquired if he could recall any other individuals. Fr. Pacocha stated he could not.

The interview with Fr. Pacocha was then concluded.



**#6: Memorandum of Second Interview:** [REDACTED]

Re: Case File PFR 319 - Palikunnel [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

On March 19, 2008 at 11:00 am, a second interview of Elaine Anclade was conducted.

[REDACTED] stated she had spoken to two couples that were long-time parishioners at Saint Mary. No one [REDACTED] questioned could recall a Fr. Emmanuel at St. Mary.

[REDACTED] stated the parish priests taught some religious school classes in the 1960s. She further stated while Fr. Ballweber was at St. Mary, the school children attended mass everyday at the beginning of the day. [REDACTED] stated she had almost daily contact with the priests at St. Mary and cannot recall a Fr. Emmanuel.

[REDACTED] was asked if she would contact the investigator if she talked to anyone who had knowledge of Fr. Emmanuel and she agreed.

The interview with [REDACTED] was then concluded.



**#7: Memorandum of Interview:** [REDACTED]

**Re:** Case File PFR 319 - Palikunnel [REDACTED]

**From:** Investigator Richard Kobel

On April 8, 2008, [REDACTED] was interviewed telephonically regarding the progress in locating information on Fr. Emmanuel.

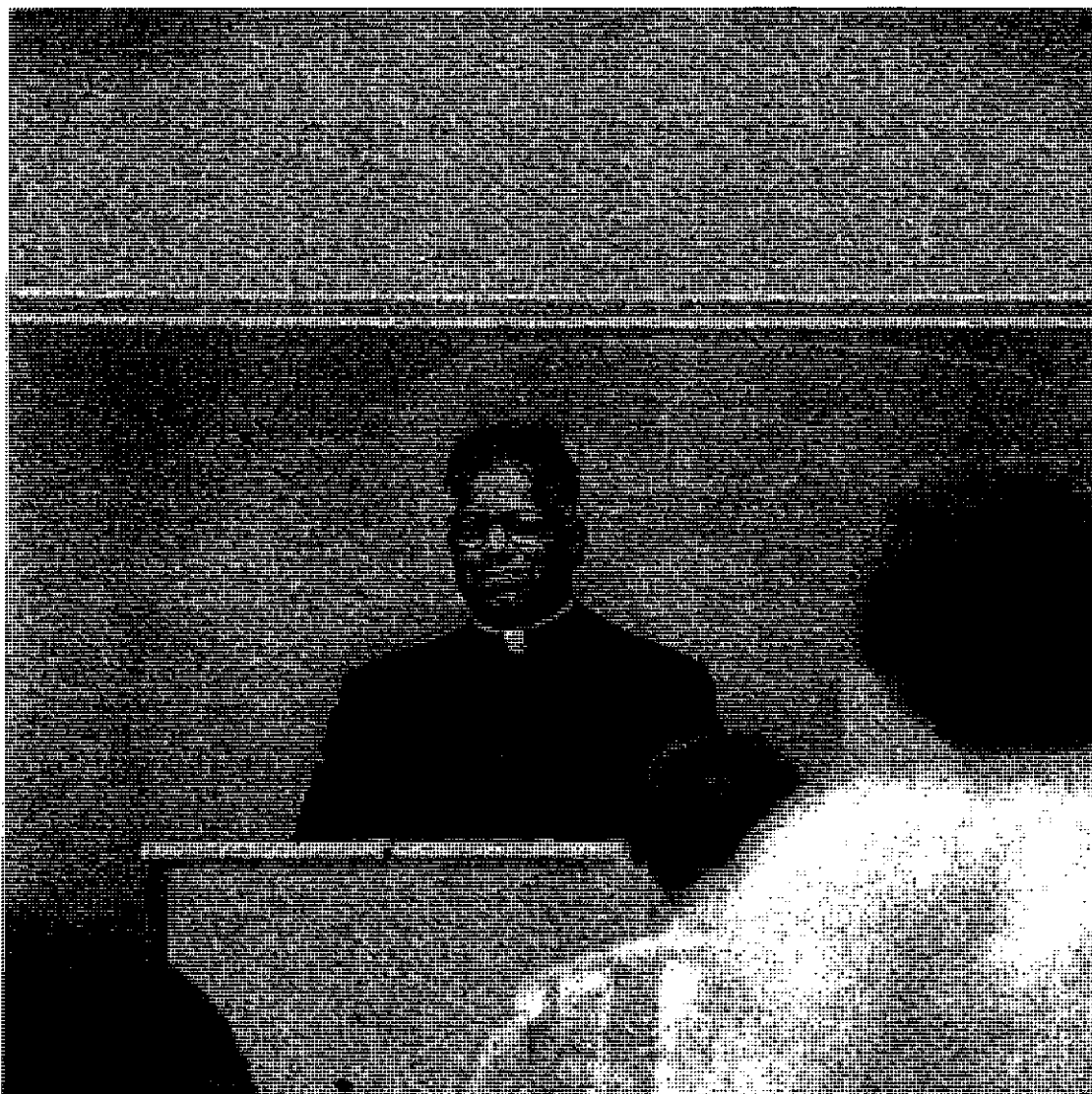
[REDACTED] stated they were able to locate an information sheet on classes that Fr. Emmanuel taught while he was at Gannon University. [REDACTED] further stated they also found a photographic negative of Fr. Emmanuel.

[REDACTED] was asked about obtaining the information and a copy of the photograph. [REDACTED] stated the house attorney at Gannon would give the information to the attorney at the Archdiocese in Erie and the Archdiocese in Erie would then transfer the information to an attorney in the Archdiocese in Chicago.

The interview with [REDACTED] was then concluded.



**#8: Photo of Father Emmanuel A. Pallikunnen**



### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim P's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on June 13, 2007, formalizing her allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnen. According to Victim P's statement, Fr. Pallikunnen befriended her family in the summer of 1966 when she was 11 years old. Victim P reported that the abuse consisted of multiple incidents of fondling and oral sex. These incidents took place in Fr. Pallikunnen's car.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 319

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: Pallakunnel, Rev. Emmanuel [Extern] [REDACTED]

Date: January 14, 2008

Upon receipt of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against an Extern priest whom she first identified as “Fr. Emmanuel” and eventually as “Rev. Emmanuel Pallakunnel,” I contacted Rev. Jeremiah Boland, in the Office for Extern Priests. I asked Fr. Boland if he had records of a “Fr. Emmanuel Pallakunnel” assigned to St. Mary’s in Buffalo Grove in the mid 1960s.

[REDACTED] did inform me during our June 13, 2007 meeting that she thinks that “Fr. Emmanuel” went back to India within two or three weeks of the alleged abuse, which she also recalls was the summer of the Richard Speck murders. I took the following from [REDACTED] final September 26, 2007 report of her allegation against Fr. Emmanuel Pallakunnel, [REDACTED] stated that the alleged abuse by Fr. *Pallakunnel* took place during the summer of 1966, the same time as the Richard Speck murders [the murders took place on July 14, 1966]. As per [REDACTED], the abuse by Fr. *Pallakunnel* took place several times before and after the Speck murders. This is the first point during the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting that [REDACTED] had compared her fear of reading about the Richard Speck murders and the abuse by Fr. *Pallakunnel*. [REDACTED] emphasized that Fr. *Pallakunnel* really scared her after being aware of the Richard Speck murders.”

Fr. Boland responded by contacting Archives and requesting the file for “Rev. Emmanuel Pallikunnen”, of which the following is a summary of my review of this file.

- Fr. Pallikunnen was from Kerala, India and was of the “(Indian) Vincentian of Syro-Malabar Rite of Kerala Province
- 9/29/60: letter from Fr. Pallikunnen to “Rt. Rev. and my very dear Msgr.” Where he noted that he was currently at St. James
- 7/16/64: letter from Superior General, Rev. Jacob Kallarakal, V.C.; noted that Fr. Pallikunnen’s Date of Ordination was December 22, 1952 at St. Joseph’s Pontifical Seminary, Alwaye, Kerala State, India; noted that Fr. Pallikunnen was in good standing

- **10/13/64:** letter from the Assistant Chancellor, Rev. Edward M. Egan addressed "To Whom it May Concern"; confirmed Fr. Pallikunnen's faculties in the Archdiocese of Chicago [AOC] and was residing at Barat Catholic College; noted that for the past three years [from the date of the 10/13/64 letter] Fr. Pallikunnen resided at St. James in Arlington Heights and prior to that, had resided at St. Luke's in River Forest
- **12/18/64:** letter from Fr. Pallikunnen to Fr. Egan; noted that he had moved from Barat to Immaculate Conception [IC] in Highland Park at the request of Rev. Msgr. James Murphy, pastor of IC; requested extended faculties, which were granted as per December 22, 1964 letter to him from Fr. Egan
- **5/9/65:** letter from Fr. Pallikunnen to Fr. Egan; stated that on May 15, 1965 he would transfer his residence to St. Anastasia in Waukegan; requested extended faculties, which were granted as per May 11, 1965 letter to him from Fr. Egan
- **1/20/66:** Memorandum to Cardinal Cody from Fr. Keating; opening paragraph was that Fr. Pallikunnen "...[has] clearly over-stayed [his] legitimate mission to the Archdiocese of Chicago."; noted that Fr. Pallikunnen originally came to the AOC in October 1955 to study education at DePaul; noted that after more than 10 years in the AOC, Fr. Pallikunnen had been in seven different parishes, the Jesuit religious house, and Barat College in Lake Forest; during Fr. Pallikunnen's 10 years in the AOC, he obtained his Master's degree in Education from DePaul, earned a Licentiate in Philosophy at Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, pursued various courses in Social Science toward his doctorate in Sociology, and was currently [as of 1/20/66] enrolled at Berlitz studying languages
- **1/20/66:** letter from Cardinal Cody to the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph Connerton, St. Anastasia pastor; noted that Fr. Pallikunnen had been at the parish since May 1965 and that his [Fr. Pallikunnen's] consent to continued residence in the AOC was withdrawn
- **1/26/66:** letter from Fr. Pallikunnen to Cardinal Cody; acknowledged Cardinal Cody's January 20, 1966 letter telling him to arrange to leave the AOC "...since you are unable to consent to my continued residence in view of the fact that I have completed my stated assignment and have terminated the studies for which I was originally sent to Chicago."; noted that he would be leaving the AOC by June 15, 1966
- **1/29/66:** letter from Cardinal Cody to Superior General, Vincentian Congregation in Kerala State, India; Cardinal Cody noted his understanding that Fr. Pallikunnen was being sent back to teach in the Vincentian Seminary; gave positive remarks about Fr. Pallikunnen while in the AOC
- **5/9/66:** letter from Rev. John R. Keating, Assistant Chancellor to the Most Rev. Edward J. Herrmann, D.D., Vicar General; described Fr. Pallikunnen as a "professional student"; noted that he realized this when he learned that Fr. Pallikunnen intended continue his studies at Catholic University after leaving the AOC

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
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**Date:** 4/4/2008 9:12:52 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Re: Father Pallikunnel

Good question!

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Rich, Harvey, Leah

Here is the latest info from India on Fr Pallikunnel. Now the question, where was he from June 15, 1966 until 18 Oct 1968?

----- Forwarded Message: -----

From: "Vincentian Generalate" <vcgeneral@gmail.com>  
To: "Jim Molloy" <bigjimcpd@comcast.net>  
Subject: Re: Father Pallikunnel  
Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 06:48:49 +0000

Sir,

According to the chronicle kept here Fr. Emmanuel Pallikunnel arrived here on 18 October, 1968 from the U.S.A. He was then appointed as the Rector of the Vincentian Study House at Aluva. Later he was appointed Executive Director of Catholic Hospital Association of India (CHAI). He died on 16 February, 1978 at Willington Hospital, New Delhi. I am sorry to inform you that I could not find any death certificate in our archives.

Fr. Jose Chettoor

On 3/31/08, Jim Molloy <bigjimcpd@comcast.net> wrote:  
Sirs,

Thank you for your response. We got the message from the palace about the death of Father Pallikunnel. The Archdiocese of Chicago wants to make sure that he is the same person wh served as an extern priest in Chicago during the time, 1955 to 1966. Can you send us confirmation of this, along with the date he returned to India from Chicago. If possible, could you send a copy of his death certificate to us.

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I am using this email as I am working from home and although I can receive on the HillardHeintze email, I cannot send.

Thank you,

Jim Molloy

CC: Radney, Harvey