

Dear [REDACTED]

My name is Leah McCluskey and I am the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review at the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is in this office where we receive and investigate all allegations of the sexual abuse of children (those under the age of 18) by priests, deacons, lay employees, and volunteers of this archdiocese.

Jimmy Lago, the Chancellor of the archdiocese, forwarded to me a copy of your June 22, 2010 letter. I want to thank you for sharing all of the information that you did in your letter about your mother [REDACTED] and the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski. As you can see, I have copied four other people from the archdiocese on this e-mail to you. Rev. John Collins and Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski are our Vicar for Priests, Matt Hunnicutt is the Director of the Office of Assistance Ministry, and Jimmy Lago. From the information that you shared in your letter about your mother and the former Fr. Baranowski, each of our offices may be able to provide you with some response to your questions, concerns, and requests.

I am writing with regard to the information you shared that the former Fr. Baranowski's involvement with your mother began when she was 13 or 14 years old. If you are able [REDACTED] would you be able to provide some additional information about this--namely, if it is your understanding that Fr. Baranowski's involvement with your mother when she was under the age of 18 was sexual or physical in nature. Whatever information you would be able to provide would be extremely helpful.

Matt Hunnicutt or someone from his office would be able to provide you with a response to your question about support care for your mother.

I have copied Fr. Collins and Fr. Budzikowski on this e-mail due to the fact that all reports of inappropriate behaviors between a priest and another adult (those 18 years of age or older) are addressed by the Vicar for Priests.

Thank you again for your letter [REDACTED] I look forward to hearing from you again.

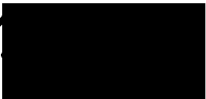
Peace,

Leah

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redacted from Baranowski / 

SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
Name:	Rev. Alexander Baranowski [Baran]	[REDACTED]
Address:	Fox Lake, IL	Chicago, IL
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]	
Current age:	75	
Name of civil attorney:	N/A	N/A

Date of Ordination [of accused]: 5/3/55

Location: Mundelein

Age at ordination: 25

Assignment location of accused: N/A

Status of accused: Laicized

Name of canonical advocate: N/A

Date allegation received by PRA: 11/21/92

Date allegation formalized with PRA:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1957

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1961

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: more than one

Brief summary of alleged abuse: sexual touching over clothes of cleric; legal settlement reached

Brief summary and date of response from accused:

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: this matter was not reviewed by the

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: Unidentified female

Date of Birth:

Current age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received by PRA: 2/20/04

Date allegation formalized with PRA:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: alleged victim not interested in formalizing her allegation at time she notified PRA

Brief summary and date of response from accused:

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: N/A

Additional allegations made by accuser: none



Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a short story written by a relative of Victim LA, published in 2001. Victim LA's relative alleged that Victim LA had an inappropriate relationship with Rev. Alexander Baranowski when Victim LA was sixteen years old. Victim LA's relative alleged that the relationship continued after Victim LA turned eighteen years old.



John -

Enclosed is my letter of petition -
I lost my balance, fell and injured my
right arm on New Years Day. I hope
you can read the scribble - It's
usually not that bad!

Re: the letter.

Please have it typed because I do
not type... Feel free to edit it and
I will double check it when you return
it for a signature... I hope it's
long enough. I may be wrong
but I have tried to cover everything
without seeming too petty. - Please
advise -

Also -

① Could you find out about Blue Cross-
Blue Shield - When will I be
terminated?

② Also about the ^{life} insurance policy -
Can I continue it? If so, at
the same rates? The same goes
for The Blue Cross...?

You can see this number now:

587-7591

Usually between 9:00 + 11:00 A.M. is
the best time - I'm the only one
here then -

Thanks!

Al

Your Excellency,

Enclosed you will find further testimony in the case of
Father Al Baranowski.

F. Byrne

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Monsignor F.W. Byrne of a meeting between Msgr. Byrne and the wife of Victim LB on October 11, 1969. During the meeting, Victim LB's wife alleged that Rev. Alexander Baranowski sexually abused Victim LB from the time Victim LB was in the eighth grade until he graduated from high school.

Your Eminence:

This is the file on Reverend Al Baranowski

Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

Alexander Sylvester
Baranowski

Born:



Ordained: 05/03/1955

Died:

Ethnicity:

No Image
Attached

Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. Wenceslaus Parish (Monticello Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	07/07/1955	07/05/1961
St. Mary of Perpetual Help Parish (32nd St.)	Assistant Pastor	07/05/1961	05/15/1966
Holy Innocents Parish (Armour St.)	Assistant Pastor	05/16/1966	07/23/1968
St. Bruno Parish (Harding Ave.)	Vicarius Cooperator	07/23/1968	06/01/1975
	On Leave	04/07/1971	12/01/1971
	On Leave	06/02/1975	11/30/1975
	Resigned	01/07/1976	
	Laicized	05/14/1976	

Extraordinary
Appointments:

Fr. Alexander Baranowski
973-588-1135 - ~~St. Wenceslaus~~
OK Pastor, Fr. Leary

177-927-6616 ~~Perpetual Help~~
* * Donald Craig V Mail

312-666- ~~Holy Spirit~~
3675 OK Rich Klayman V Mail

973-523- ~~St. Bruno~~ Rev
3467th. Waldemar Kelen

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June 29, 1955

My dear Father Barnowski:

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of
St. Wenceslaus Church, Chicago.

You will kindly report for duty to Msgr. Czastka
on July 7th.

With blessing.

Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Alexander S. Baranowski
5855 Ainslie Street
Chicago 30 Illinois

June 22, 1961

My dear Father Baranowski:

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor
of St. Mary of Perpetual Help Church, Chicago, transferring
you from assistant to the pastor of St. Wenceslaus Church,
Chicago.

You will kindly report for duty on Wednesday,
July 5th, to Monsignor Smaza, the pastor.

With blessing, I remain,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend A. S. Baranowski

St. Wenceslaus Rectory

3400 N. Monticello Av.

Chicago 18 Ill.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the statement of the relative of Victim LA made on August 26, 1963. Victim LA's father alleged that his daughter, Victim LA, had an inappropriate relationship with Rev. Alexander Baranowski when Rev. Baranowski was assigned to the St. Wenceslaus parish. Victim LA's relative alleged that the relationship began before Victim LA was 18 years old and ended when she was approximately 21 years old.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

Tuesday, August 27, 1963

Dear [REDACTED]:

Recently a rather serious accusation was made against Father Alexander Saramowski. I would like to see you about the matter, so that his position might be clarified.

I would appreciate it very much if you would come to see me on Saturday, August 31, 1963, at 9:30 A.M., if this is possible for you. The phone number at the office is Su 7-2315. You may reach me at that number if the appointment proves inconvenient.

Sincerely in Christ,

F. W. Byrne
Reverend Francis W. Byrne
Chancellor

Certificate of Baptism



Church of

ST. MARY OF PERPETUAL HELP

1039 West 32nd Street

Chicago, Illinois 60608

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

that

child of

and

born in

CHICAGO ILLINOIS

on the

28

day of

DEC.

1944

was BAPTIZED

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

on the

10

day of

JAN.

1945

by the Rev.

GEORGE O'BRIEN

the sponsors being

and

as appears in the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated December 22 1965

Rev. J. P. Gremble
Pastor

NOTATIONS

First Communion:.....19.....

Confirmation: Date.....

Given Name.....

Godparent.....

By.....

Marriage: To.....

Date.....

Church.....

Place.....

St. Mary of Perpetual Help Church
1039 West 32nd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60608

March 9, 1966

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Byrne,
Chancellor - Archdiocese of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Monsignor Byrne:

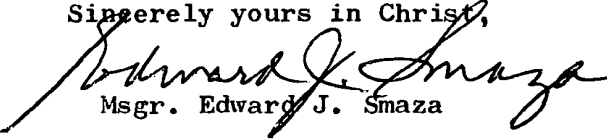
Thank you kindly for informing me that I have the Archbishop's permission to make the Pilgrimage to Poland.

As Father Kantowicz was appointed pastor of St. John the Baptist church in Harvey just yesterday, in his stead I would appreciate Father Al.S. Baranowski being named as Vicar Substitute during my absence from April 28, 1966, to May 19, 1966.

With thanks and best wishes,

I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Msgr. Edward J. Smaza

Msgr. Byrne

March 14, 1966

Reverend Al S. Baranowski
St. Mary of Perpetual Help Rectory
1039 West 32nd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Dear Father Baranowski:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicar Substitute
(Canon 474) and to grant you the necessary faculties to care for
St. Mary of Perpetual Help Parish during the absence of the Pastor.
(Canon 465)

This appointment is effective from April 28, 1966 to
May 19, 1966.

With every sincere best wish, I remain

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

JPC/FWB:mp
cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Smaza

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Priests file

March 14, 1966

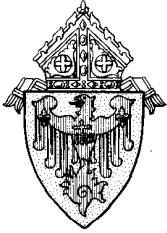
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Archbishop Cody:

Your Excellency has already given permission for Father Smaza to make the Pilgrimage to Poland. However, Father Kantowicz, who was appointed as Vicar Substitute, was appointed a Pastor recently. Therefore, Father Smaza asks that Father Baranowski, the oldest assistant, be appointed as Vicar Substitute.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Byrne

Priest File



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop

May 10, 1966

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Reverend Alexander S. Baranowski
St. Mary of Perpetual Help Rectory
1039 W. 32nd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60608

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Dear Father Baranowski:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Assistant to the Reverend Claude E. Klarkowski, Pastor of Holy Innocents Church, Chicago, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

P

This appointment is effective May 16, 1966, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you assume your new duties.

Y

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in this pastoral assignment, I am, dear Father Baranowski,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Claude E. Klarkowski

AOC 006201

6/1/66

HOLY INNOCENTS CHURCH
743 NORTH ARMOUR STREET
CHICAGO 22, ILLINOIS

666-4063
PRIVATE NUMBER

Hi Toots!

Hope you don't think anything is
wrong. It's taken me this long to
get organized. The phone was put in
just the other day - they had problems!
Give me a buzz, huh?

A

Parents file

Take to Washington

Baranowski, Rev. Al. S.
Class of 1955
Assistant- Holy Innocents

On Monday, August 1, Father [REDACTED] pastor of St. Mary's, Buffalo Grove, Ill, saw me to report that a young man from his parish had visited him yesterday to complain about the actions of Father Al Baranowski. The young man explained that he was keeping company with a nurse, named [REDACTED]. She had told him that Father Baranowski had propositioned her in the arly part of the year. I told Father [REDACTED] that I would contact [REDACTED] to investigate the matter.

I phoned [REDACTED] and she agreed to see me on Tuesday, August 2. The enclosed is her story. She is extremely frightened about possible repercussions, should Father Baranowski find that she told this story. Also she left a note written her by Father Baranowski, and abaptismal certificate that he forged, so that were she questioned at the bar where they drank, she might produce it to prove she was of age, for she actaally was under age.

About two and a half years ago a similar accusation was alleged against Father Baranowski, but the girl who was supposed to be involved, would not see anyone of us at the office. At that time Father Baranowski denied the accusation absolutely, and no proof was available.

I am positive that he is involved. I have asked [REDACTED] to inquire if any of the other girls would be willing to see me. She thinks they will not, but she will inquire.

My own opinion is that Father Baranowski should be taken out of circulation. I await your decision on how to handle him. If you wish that I see him, I will. You might prefer to see him. The fact that he has a gun has frightened [REDACTED]

F.W. Byrne

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces notes prepared by Monsignor F.W. Bryne regarding his August 2, 1966 meeting with Victim MY regarding her report of inappropriate conduct by Fr. Alexander Baranowski. According to Msgr. Bryne's notes, Victim MY reported that on several occasions, Baranowski provided her with alcohol, took her hotel rooms and engaged in sexual acts with her. At the time of these incidents, Victim MY was nineteen years old. Victim MY also reported to Msgr. Bryne the names of at least four other females who had engaged in similar relationships with Baranowski.

Baranowski, Rev. Alexander class of 1965

Tuesday, August 27, 1968

Father Edward Baranowski saw me today at my request, concerning this matter of [REDACTED]. I outlined the accusations as presented by her father, and Fr. B. denied all of them. He stated that he met [REDACTED] when she was in eighth grade at St. Wenceslaus, along with other children from her class. She and other girls of the grade did work for the priests at the rectory. At times she and her girl friends would visit him, even after he was changed to St. Mary of Perpetual Help. He flatly denies any dating or sin of any nature.

His explanation of the father's feelings is this: The father treated the girl very badly all through high school- cursing, abuse, drunkenness, etc. The girl decided to move away from home, after she graduated from high school. The father now is trying to blame Father B. for her leaving home.

Father B. stated that the people at St. Wenceslaus are somewhat anticlerical. He stated that at one time the parish was under interdict; he said that when Father Czastka arrived as their new pastor, the women lined up with brooms at the door of the rectory, and tried to prevent his entrance.

He stated that some years back Msgr. [REDACTED] called him in, but didn't name the complainant- and this time he was accused of homosexuality, and he stoutly denied this charge. He stated that he had spent a great deal of time with boys and girls from the school, and some resented this. He even suspects a priest from the parish.

There never was any talk of marriage, never any ring, in fact never anything. So Father B. states.

I will try to see [REDACTED], for her side of the story. I must admit that that Father B. sounded and acted convincingly.

F. Byrne

Thursday, August 29, 1963

[redacted] phoned in answer to my letter. She stated that she would not come in to see me at any time.

I tried to obtain some kind of information about the situation between her and Father Baronowski; [redacted]

F. Byrne

Saturday, September 9, 1963

Father [redacted] assistant at St. Wenceslaus, saw me at my request. Father [redacted] Had seen [redacted], but his reference-"I have been expecting to hear from you" meant that [redacted] had phoned Father [redacted] about two weeks before, and had arranged that [redacted] see Father [redacted] It had no reference to immoral behaviour of the Part of Father Baranowski. Father [redacted] lived with Father B. He stated that he is a good priest, but somewhat imprudent regarding parlor calls. The pastor had to reprimand Father B about staying in the parlor with [redacted] until 11:00 P.M. Father B. always said that she was having trouble with her father, and came over to see him. She would be alone. Father [redacted] has no proof whatsoever of immoral behaviour. Father [redacted] was called down here some years ago by [redacted], at the time Father B. was accused of homosexuality- with boys. At that time very little was proved. Again Father B. was imprudent. He took boys away with him on vacation. One of the boys accused him of solicitation. In short Father [redacted] thinks there is no sin, but imprudence.

F. Byrne

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Monsignor F.W. Bryne to file dated August 29, 1963, summarizing a phone call with Victim LA. According to Msgr. Bryne's memorandum, Victim LA denied any close relationship between herself and Fr. Alexander Baranowski. Victim LA acknowledged visiting Baranowski with other girls when she was in high school, but explicitly refuted the allegations made by her father regarding a more intimate relationship with Baranowski.

Friday, September 2, 1966

[REDACTED] 20 years ago.

[REDACTED] saw me today at my request.

I am a close friend of [REDACTED]. During the Spring [REDACTED] asked me to phone Father A. Baranowski, to lead him on and get him curious. She did not say why she wanted me to do this, and I didn't ask. I think she wanted me to keep him guessing, for I would change my attitude every time I phoned him. I painted a picture that I was some kind of wild girl, and coming from the Art Institute, he would believe it. I think I did a good job of leading him on.

He would talk to [REDACTED] and ask all sorts of questions about me. This was hurting her, also, and even when they were together in the motel, he would ask her about me. "What if this were [REDACTED]?"

Every time I spoke with him, he tried to date me. He said he had a room, and he did invite me to go; we set a date, and a place where he would pick me up, but I called up the last minute and said that I could not go. I kept calling him after this, and he would try to date me again, but I kept putting him off. He did not know that I knew he was a priest, but [REDACTED] had told me about this.

[REDACTED] had told me that he was very nice to her; that he had taken her to a hotel, and that they had relations, and that they had food. In my phone conversations he kept hinting around to this same sort of thing- come over and see for yourself. He has an easy way of talking, kind of appealing.

I stopped phoning him, and he asked [REDACTED] what had happened. Everytime I talked to him, he would always get back to the subject of sex, no matter what you said. I did ask him if he could help me with something, but he was never serious. He did say that he was a counselor, but never said that he was a priest. I had told him about my relationship with my boyfriend, and whether something was wrong, and he said that he would have to go out with me to determine whether anything was wrong with me. Even when I mentioned my sexual relationship with my boy friend, he said that he would have to try this out with me, before he could give me any opinion.

I did hear from [REDACTED] that other girls were involved. One of them is a nurse. My contact with him was over a period of some ten phone calls. I never met him. I stopped calling him.

He is hurting a lot of people, and I am here to help put a stop to it, since he is a priest, for he has quite an effect on people.

I am not a Catholic.

I swear to the truth of all these statements.

Two or three weeks ago, [REDACTED] attempted suicide. She used pills; she is now in the hospital. [REDACTED] is very depressed. This does have something to do with her problems. There are family problems also.

St. Louis
Presbytery

F. W. Byrne

Your Excellency,

Enclosed you will find further testimony in the case of
Father Al Baranowski.

F. Byrne

Memorandum

From the Desk of
Archbishop Cody

Date
10/19/67

To: Msgr. Byrne

Please speak with me about
this man.

+ JPC

(Rev. Baranowski, A. S.,
Holy Innocents)

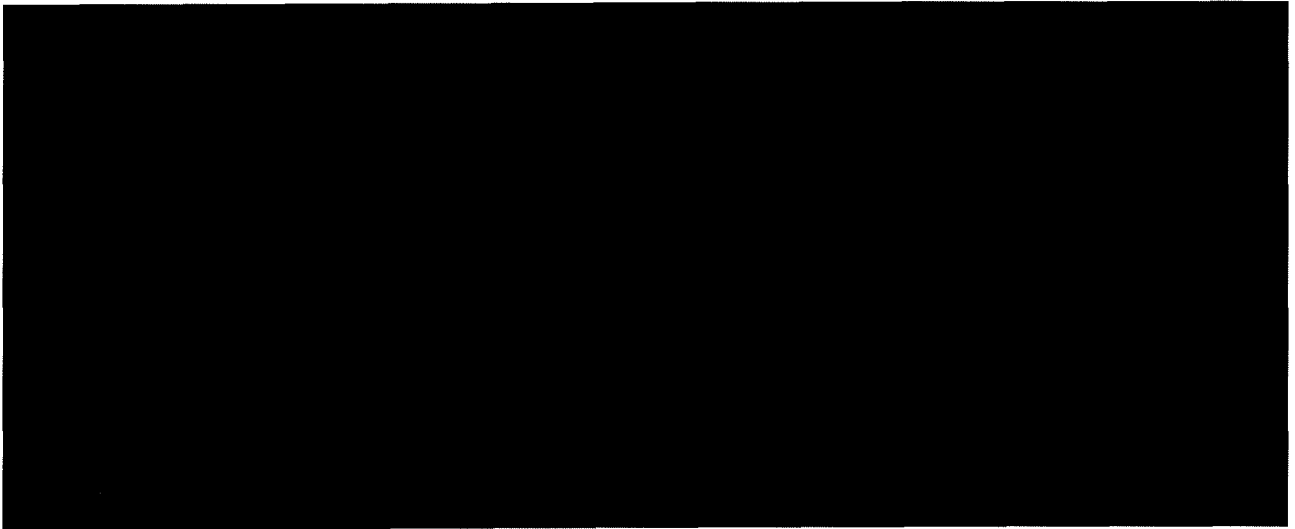
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A G E N D A
(Meeting Number 59)
June 30, 1968

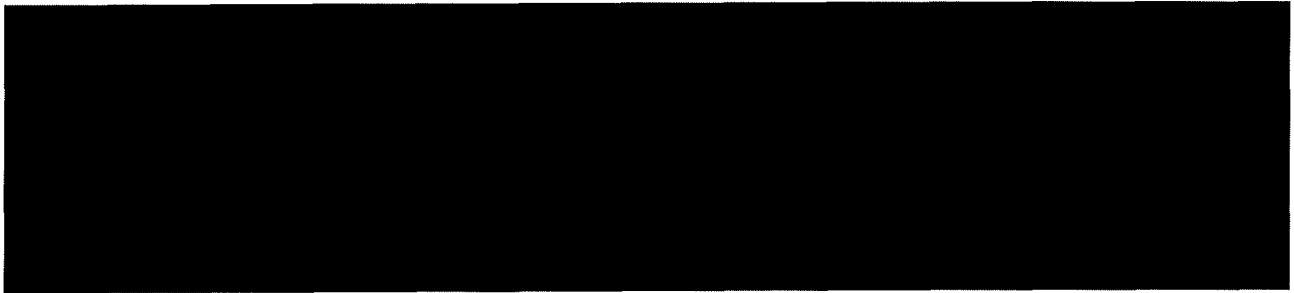
Place: Goedert's Cottage on Lake Marie - Telephone: 395-3431

Sunday Night - Time: 8:30 P.M. for sure - to get acclimated
9:00 P.M. Sharp - Meeting to begin.

1. Minutes
2. Approval of the Agenda



6. Place: - [redacted]
A. Baranowski (to St. Bruno?)



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Item 4 Associates:

[REDACTED]

2) St. Bruno - A. Baranowski - approved by vote.

[REDACTED]

IV. Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

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ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

MINUTES
MEETING NUMBER 60

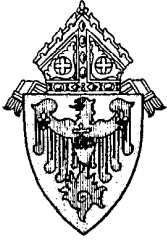
Meeting: July 8, 1968
Place: Personnel Board
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Present: All present.



Item 3 Associate Pastors

St. Bruno - A. Baranowski, consulted, APPROVED for WSR.





Office of the Archbishop

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

July 23, 1968

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Reverend Al S. Baranowski
Holy Innocents Rectory
743 N. Armour Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60622

Dear Father Baranowski:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as
Vicarius Cooperator to the Reverend Stanley C. Stoga, Pastor of
St. Bruno Church, 4751 South Harding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary
faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

This appointment is 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 Baranowski,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Stanley C. Stoga

AOC 006214

REV. AL BARANOWSKI

Your Eminence:

At Your request I saw Father Al Baranowski on November 6, 1969.
I related the accusations and he denied each of them. This under oath.
He claims that both parties who have accused him are emotionally
disturbed people. There is some truth to this. The girl attempted
suicide and the young man has at least six counts against him before
the courts- one of which is indecent exposure.

Father Baranowski claims that he loves the priesthood, is innocent,
and is discouraged by the many accusations against him in the past
number of years. He claims that he may have been imprudent in
his relationship with people, rather free and easy, but there was
no sin involved.

Where the truth lies only God knows.

F.W. Byrne

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OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

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F. Byrne

AOC 006216

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This abstract replaces the statement of the wife of Victim LB, given to Monsignor F.W. Byrne on October 11, 1969. The wife of Victim LB alleged that Victim LB was sexually abused by Rev. Alexander Baranowski from the time Victim LB was 13 years old until he graduated from high school. Victim LB's wife alleged that Rev. Baranowski began sexually abusing Victim LB when he was an altar boy at St. Wenceslaus parish. Victim LB's wife alleged that the abuse occurred during vacations, at the St. Wenceslaus rectory, and at Victim LB's home.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the statement of Victim LB made to Monsignor F.W. Byrne on October 13, 1969. Victim LB alleged that he was sexually abused by Rev. Alexander Baranowski between the time he was in eighth grade and the time he was eighteen years old. The alleged abuse also consisted of providing Victim LB with alcohol and pills. Victim LB also alleged that, during the period of abuse, Rev. Baranowski gave him gifts.

Monday, October 20, 1969

Father [REDACTED] saw me at my request.

I was an associate with Father Baranowski, three possibly four years. I knew him quite well. This was his first assignment after ordination. I knew [REDACTED] quite well, and though he was a fine boy; he had a great respect for Father Al, and did a lot of work around the Church. I knew that Father Al and [REDACTED] were very close, but I never suspected any homosexual relationship. No one ever mentioned anything of this nature to me; I knew [REDACTED], mother of [REDACTED], very well, and she never indicated anything about this. I have absolutely no proof that there was any such relationship.

He was very interested in his work- very energetic, fulfilled all his obligations; very well appreciated and like by the mother's club and he worked well with them.

There was another complaint by a policeman, stating that Father Al was involved with his daughter, [REDACTED]. But even there, I had no proof. Father Al was in charge of the Teen club, and both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were quite close to him, and worked well with him.

He did keep late hours in the office, and we didn't think he showed good judgement in this.

I swear to the truth of all these statements.

[REDACTED]

f.w. Byrne

Thursday, November 6, 1969

Homosexuality charge-

I deny this completely. I recall that Msgr. Burke called me to the Chancery Office. He asked me- what is this about homosexuality- if you don't tell me the whole truth the Cardinal wants to cross-examine you. I am positive that Msgr. Burke accepted my explanation- for I told him there was no truth to it. When I left Msgr. Burke I am sure that he believed me. Nothing more ever happened. ~~He~~ I thought that I should move from the Parish, however. There were inferences made that would be difficult to live under in a Parish. It was the same case that you have talked about today. I was close to the boy- did take him on a couple of vacations- this of course was a big mistake. I absolutely deny any kind of homosexual activity. The family had a history of alcoholism. The father was a heavy drinker. But he was a hard working man. And he drank hard. This boy was drinking even in grammar school. I never gave him a drink. I take this back- we were out in Colorado one time and he had a terrific toothache- and I gave him some liquor to hold in his mouth- I probably gave him some kind of pill.

I think that he came to the Chancery Office simply because his wife is on him.

Sexuality Charge:

I deny outright that I ever had relations with this girl. I never had her in a car- never in a motel- never gave her liquor. She is a girl who needs psychiatric help. People told me that she has tried suicide. I met her through the kids who were in training in Oak Park Hospital. She would stop in the rectory with them. At times she stopped in the rectory to see me by herself. Mostly she wanted to talk about her problems. She was all mixed up- difficult girl to understand. She had met some boy- who had a year to live- and she wanted to marry him after knowing him for a month- wanted to have children right away- later found out this was a lie- a line he was giving her just to marry her. The last I heard of her when a girl told me she tried to commit suicide- kids never considered her normal- something wrong with her- she used to tell the kids stories- about how she went to orgies etc- this I never spoke about with her. The note is mine- probably she wanted to see me and I was being transferred from Holy Innocents. The only time I saw her at Holy Innocents was the time she came in with this guy. The baptismal certificate I do not remember. It does not look like my handwriting. I have never forged a baptismal certificate. My only explanation for her testimony is that perhaps she wanted me to give her a tumble- and I didn't- so she made up this story.

I swear to the truth of all these statements.


F.W. Byrne



Memo From:

JOHN CARDINAL CODY

*Priests file - Baranowski
Al. S.*

Date _____ To _____

Your Eminence:

Fr. Baranowski must be at St. Bruno's
since Fr. Stoga asked for him to be
named V.S. while he is on vacation now

DR

*1/13/71 Dan Ryan called
Rectory and I spoke with
him. He is back at his
Rectory. J*



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Chancellor
312/787-2315

March 30, 1971

M E M O R A N D U M

To: CARDINAL CODY

From: FATHER KALAS

Re: Reverend Alexander Baranowski
Associate Pastor - Saint Bruno's Parish

Your Eminence:

Father Baranowski was involved in a "freak" accident in February. The rectory heating system exploded while he was attempting to relight it. He suffered external damage to his ear and lost about half his hearing in one ear. The neurologist has not been satisfied with his progress thus far. He still suffers from amnesia on occasion. Because of this his doctor has ordered him to take absolute rest for a period of one to three months.

Father has requested a sick leave for this time period. He is in the process of writing a letter to you and will include the report of the neurologist.

He will be leaving Saint Bruno's this coming Friday. He will keep in contact with you and report his progress.

Resp.,

AOC 006222

St. Bruno Church
4751 S. Harding Ave.
Chicago, 32, Ill.

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

March 31, 1971

Your Eminence,

You have doubtlessly heard of the accident which befell me here in the rectory on February 21, 1971. The consequent results of that boiler explosion were a torn left outer ear (which was repaired by plastic surgery), a shattered left ear drum, a smashed cap on the hinge of the left jawbone, a concussion and contusions of the brain. There is still the possibility of cracks in the left temporal bone. As a consequence of these injuries the neuro-surgeon, Dr. [REDACTED] has advised that I take a sick leave immediately in order to recuperate. I spoke to Father Ron Kalas in your absence and he advised me to follow the advice of the Doctor.

I hope that this sick leave meets with your approval. I shall keep the Chancery informed about my progress and I shall return as soon as possible.

Sincerely in Him,

Al. Baranowski

Rev. Al. Baranowski

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AOC 006224

BARANOWSKI

Reverend Al S. Baranowski

Pending

April 7, 1971

Reverend Al S. Baranowski
St. Bruno Rectory
4751 S. Harding
Chicago, Illinois 60632

Dear Father Baranowski:

Upon my return here from Rome on Saturday, Father Kalas told me about your urgent phone message in which you indicated that your doctor recommended you take a leave of absence in order to regain your health.

I wish now to acknowledge your letter of March 31, 1971, with the medical report from Doctor [REDACTED], who explains the reason for suggesting your leave of absence.

I hope that your health will be improved after a period of rest and relaxation.

Wishing you a very Joyous Easter and with kindest personal regards, I am, dear Father Baranowski,

Very truly yours in Christ,

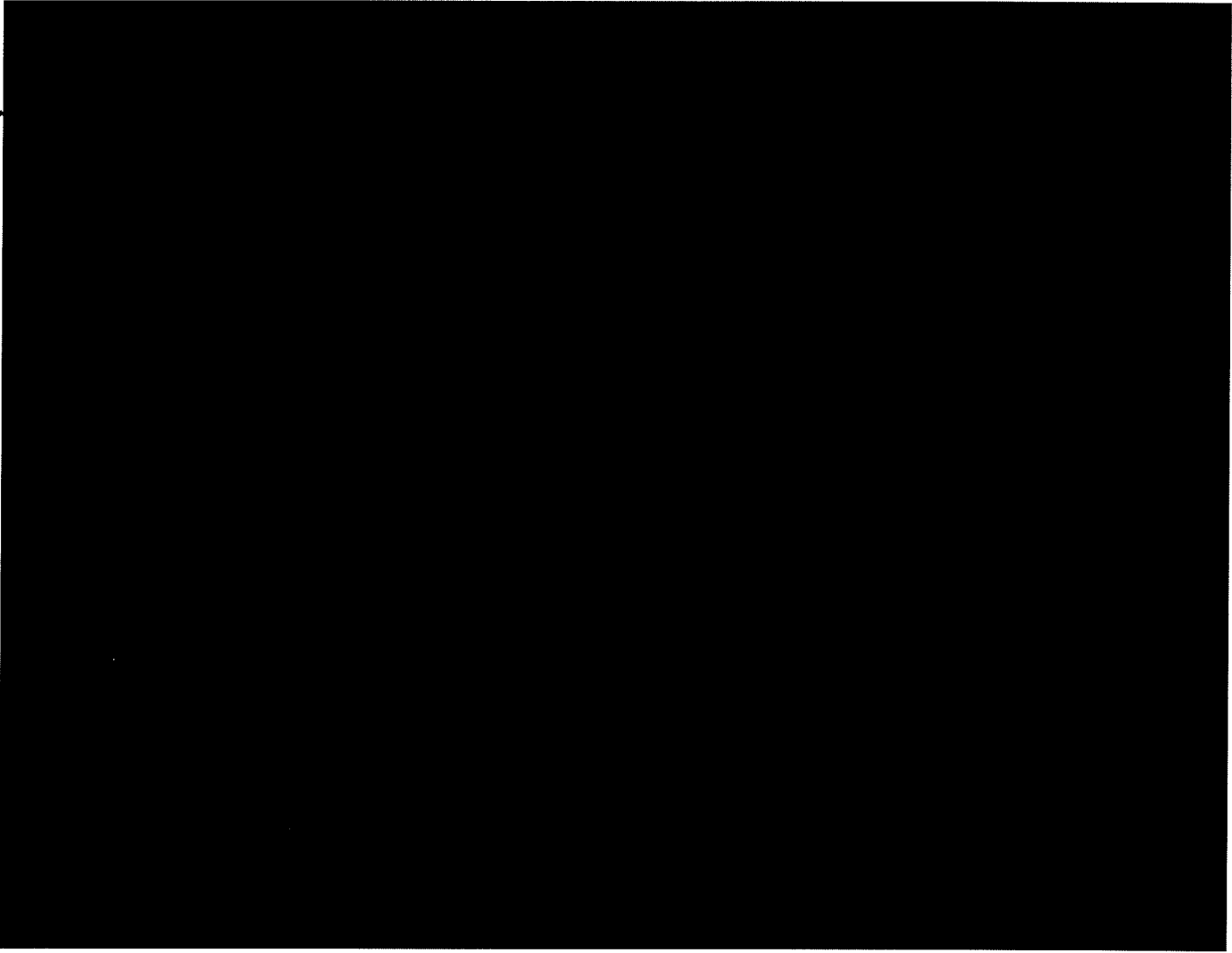
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cc: Reverend Stanley C. Stoga, Pastor
St. Bruno Church

Reverend Cletus J. Lynch, Chairman
Priests' Personnel Board

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14. Regarding Reverend Al Baranowski, St. Bruno Church. The Cardinal has sent to the Board a copy of his letter to Al Baranowski, along with the copy of the letter of Al Baranowski to the Cardinal and the report of the Doctor of Al Baranowski concerning him. This material is in the Personal File of Al Baranowski.
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Memo From:

JOHN CARDINAL CODY

Date June 10, 1971 To FATHER KALAS

Will you please call St. Bruno's
rectory and find out the latest
information on Father Baranowski?

Has he returned to the rectory?

+J. P. C.

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Pending

TO Cardinal Cody

FROM Fr. Kalas

SUBJECT Fr. Al Baranowski

—NO. 9 & 10 FOLD

MESSAGE

DATE June 11, 19 71

Your Eminence:

Fr. Stoga did not know of Fr. B's whereabouts. They have been sending his monthly check to the home of his parents in Park Ridge. I phoned Mrs. Baranowski and asked her to have Father write to you as soon as possible to give some report on his progress. She seemed rather cryptic in her responses. Apparently he is still out of town for she mentioned that she hoped to hear from him over the weekend.

SIGNED Fr. Kalas

REPLY

DATE June 16, 1971 19 71

NOTE:

Father Kalas indicated that Father Barnowski will write to me in the near future.

+J.P.C.

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AOC 006229

B.A. RONOWSKI, AL, Rev
June 14, 1971

Your Eminence,

I must apologize for not writing to you much sooner. Even though each individual day drags on endlessly, the last 2½ months are just a blur.

My condition has improved slightly but according to the neurologist, I still have some time to go. In fact, he said that in the light of the findings of Dr. [REDACTED] (enclosure) I am more than fortunate to be among the living. (These findings were made known to me at the end of April.) As the report says, I was found

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to have multiple fractures on the²
left side of the skull. I still have
many moments of confusion and
periods of dizziness, and some days
are worse than others. My
memory of day to day happenings
since the accident is rather
poor and often disheartening.
My balance is still bad whenever
I bend, stand with my feet in
tandem, or move my head quickly.
The hearing in my right ear has
returned but the left ear is
far from good... the left jaw
hinge is repairing itself slowly
and from time to time I am able
to eat solid foods. (Up to this time
I have lost 22 pounds but the

Doctors say this is also partly³
an after-effect of the severe
concussion.)

I am very aware that my
absence is causing difficulties
at St. Bruno's, but the neurologist
told me just two weeks ago not
to consider going back before the
beginning of September. I sincerely
fear the consequences if I were
not to heed his warning. He said
that to rush things or to try to
push myself could affect me
mentally.

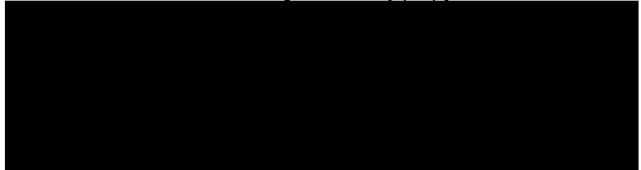
Most of the time I am staying
at a lake-side cottage between
Antioch, Ill. and Salem, Wisc.. About
once a week I stay with my

folks because it is closer to ⁴
my medical appointments.

I ask for your continued
patience and understanding in
this situation over which I have
no control. I am grateful for
your concern and, above all,
your prayers.

Sincerely in Him,

Al Baranowski

P.S. The address of my parents
is: 

REV. AL S. BARANOWSKI

June 30, 1971

7/1/71, Show to Fr.
Franyone - keep
in your file for
future appt.
+J

Reverend Al S. Baranowski

Dear Father Baranowski:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 14, 1971, with the attached copy of the doctor's report on your recovery. I am delighted to know that you are improving slowly and I hope that within due time you will be able to resume your priestly duties.

As soon as you are able to get about, I would indeed be pleased to have a visit with you at my residence. Perhaps you could call Mr. Ryan (telephone 787-2315) and he could make arrangements for you to drop in some day.

With the assurance of my prayers for your complete restoration to health, and with kind personal regards, I am, dear Father Baranowski,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

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TO Cardinal Cody

FROM Father Franzone

SUBJECT Father Al Baranowski - Class of 1955

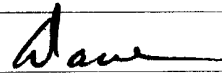
MESSAGE

DATE August 27, 19 71

Al Baranowski phoned this afternoon to say that you will soon be receiving another letter from his neurologist if, indeed, it has not already arrived. He wants you to know that he is still feeling very poorly and suffers dizziness from time to time. He will write you personally within the near future but claims he is having difficulty in writing because his hands tremble. He expressed resentment that his pastor is spreading rumors that he has married and wants you to know that none of this is true. Al asked me to relay this information to you and I promised to do so.

Resp.,

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Rev. A. Baranowski

Rec'd 8/30/71
August 28, 1971

Your Eminence,

By now you should have received a letter from [REDACTED] my neuro-surgeon. I was anxiously planning to return to St. Bruno's after the beginning of September but The doctor has forbidden me to do so. I am still getting spells of dizziness, confusion and forgetfulness. I am rather weak because of all the medication and because I have now lost 40 pounds. I keep being told that time and rest are the only things that will do the most good. I must admit that I am quite discouraged and most impatient because I keep wondering if I will ever again return to complete normalcy.

I am looking forward to visiting with you and I hope it will be soon.

Please excuse the handwriting, but my hands are not too steady.

In Him,
Al Baranowski

Apt



August 31, 1971

*Phoned
9/3/71
out of town*

Reverend A. S. Baranowski



Dear Father Baranowski,

This will acknowledge your letter of August 28, 1971 in which you advise me that you are still under the care of [redacted] and that you feel that you are not making too much progress. Naturally it takes time to recover from such a traumatic experience which you have had, but I am sure that with the competent therapy you are receiving in due time you will be able to resume your priestly duties.

I have asked Mr. Ryan, my secretary, to arrange a meeting with you at your convenience.

Assuring you of a daily memento in my Masses and prayers and with every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear Father Baranowski

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

August 31, 1971

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I am very grateful for your letter of August 26, 1971, re: Rev. Al Baranowski, in which you advise me of his state of health.

Under your care, I am sure, that Father Baranowski will be able to return to his priestly duties in due time.

With all good wishes, I am, dear [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Rev. Stanely Stoga

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

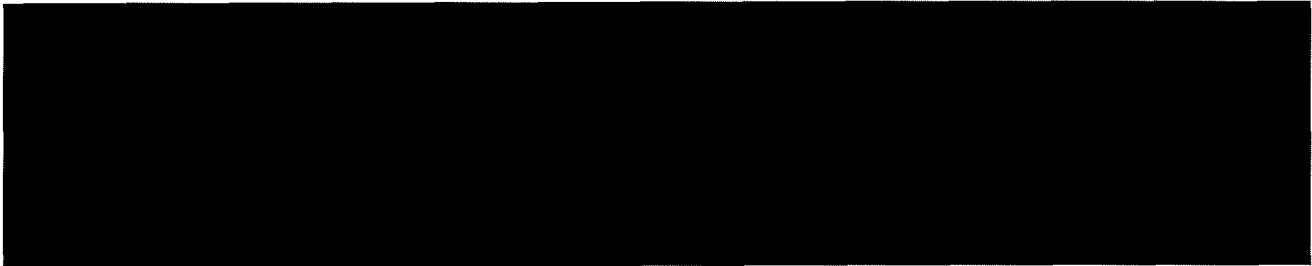
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Meeting No. 120 - Second Board

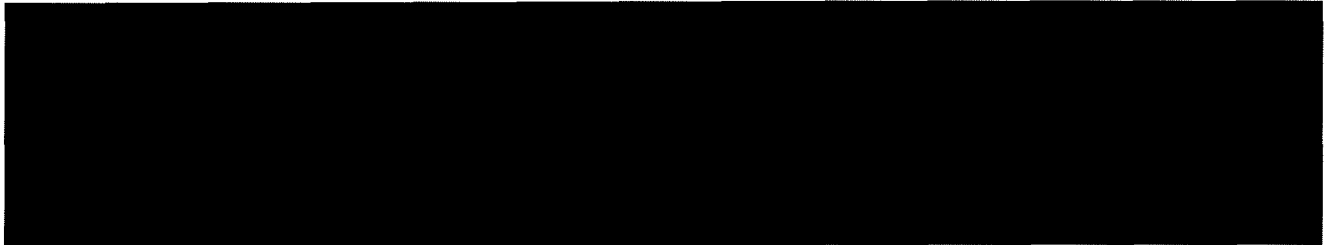
Meeting: Friday, September 17, 1971

Present: Cardiff, Lynch, O'Malley, Roche, Ventura, Wachowiak

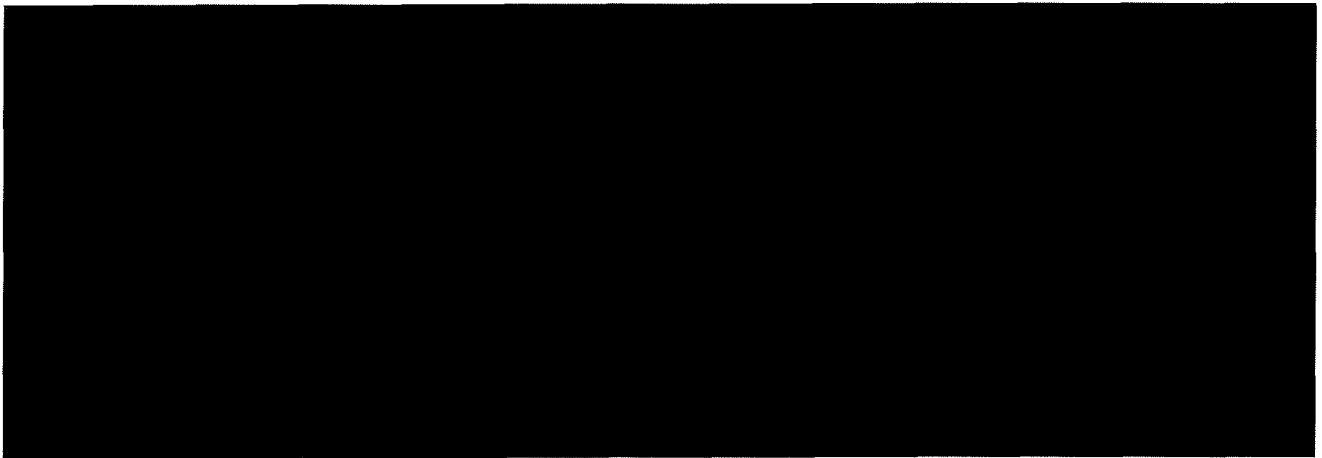
Place: Personnel Board Office



2. Reports:



- Reverend Al Baranowski: Al met with Cardinal Cody on Tuesday, September 7th. He must see his Neurologist at the end of the month. He hopes to return to St. Bruno's in two or three weeks and will notify us before he does so.



October 8, 1971

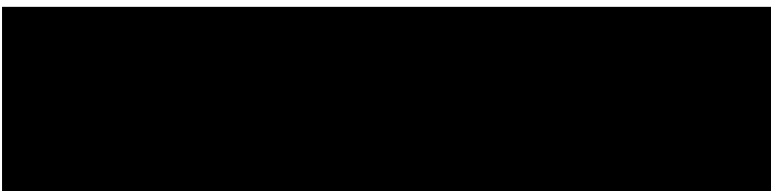
Your Eminence:

For the first time I think I finally have some good news. The Doctors seem to think that I'll be ready to go back to my duties at St Bruno's in about four or five weeks. I have been feeling some really tangible improvement and I too feel that I am almost ready to return. I have been cautioned to work myself into the schedule gradually and that I will do.

Thank you for the pleasant and re-assuring visit we had about a month ago. I thank you also for your prayers and encouragement.

Sincerely in Him,

Al Baranowski



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Reverend Al S. Baranowski

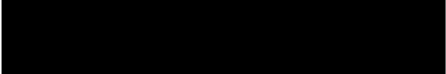
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October 14, 1971

Reverend Al S. Baranowski



Dear Father Baranowski:

I am very grateful for your letter of October 8, 1971, in which you advise me that you will be able to resume your priestly duties at St. Bruno Parish in about four or five weeks.

I am pleased to know that you have improved so much in health and I am sure that you will be able to adapt yourself gradually to the work at the Parish.

With all best wishes and the assurance of my prayers, I am, dear Father Baranowski,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

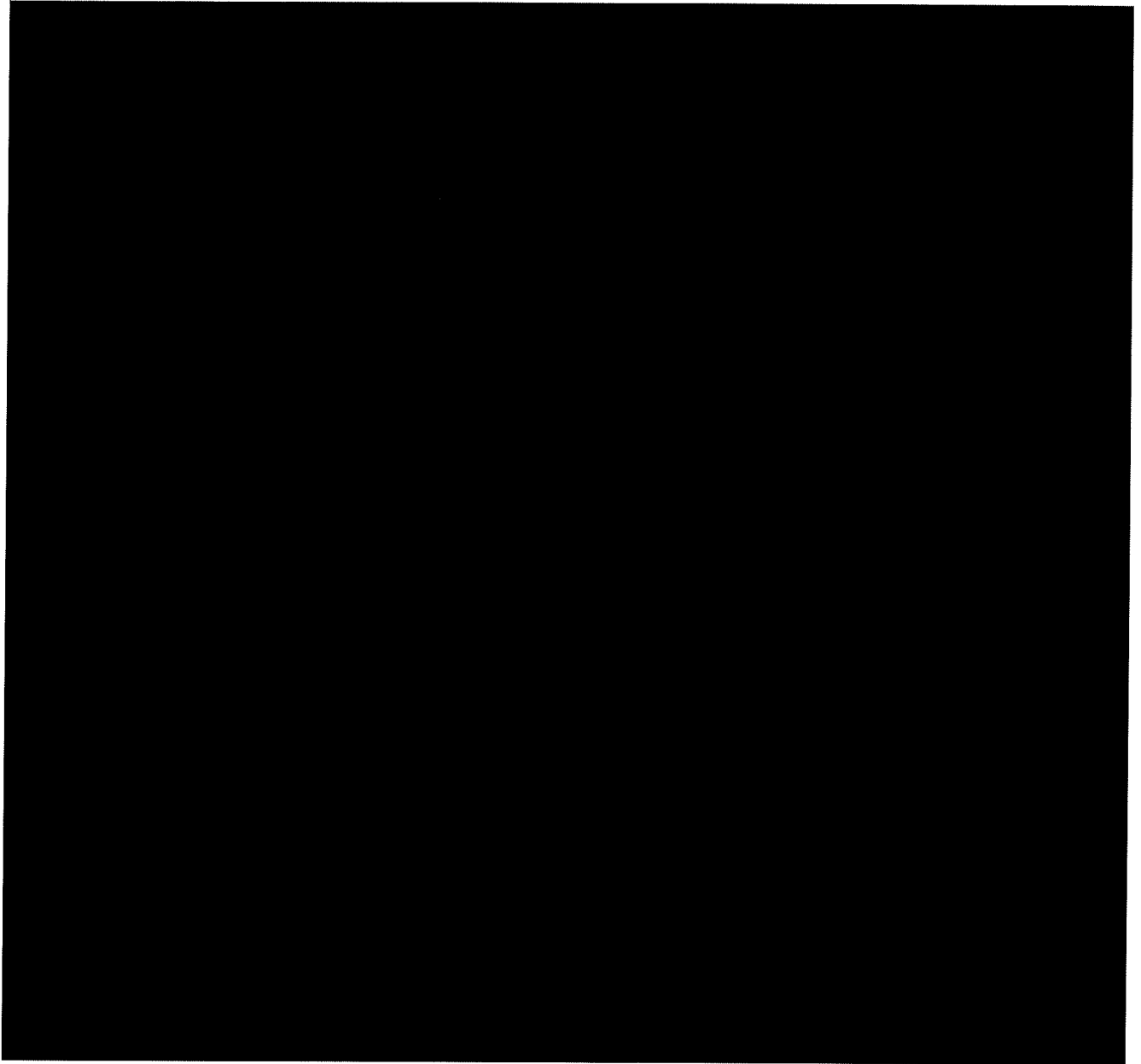
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PB NOTES

November 11, 1971

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4. Concerning the Reverend Aloysius Baranowski, '55: Al has been on sick leave as a result of an accident. His doctor informs him that he should be able to return to his former assignment as associate at St. Bruno Parish on December 1st.

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St. Bruno Church

4751 SOUTH HARDING AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILL. 60632

March 4, 1973

Priest's Personnel Board
Harrison and Hillside Avenue
Hillside, Illinois 60162

Dear Fathers,

I received a call from Father Lynch on March 3rd, 1973 concerning my acceptance of a transfer from St. Bruno this coming June.

My only reason for not wanting a transfer at this time has to do with the head injury I received here in the Rectory two years ago on February 21st, 1971 when the boiler exploded. If the Personnel Board will check the files, it will find that I was on a sick leave following the accident for almost seven months. My physical condition has improved very little or not at all since then. I am still experiencing losses of balance, dizzy spells, arthritic headaches and losses of memory. In addition to this the hearing in my left ear is 70% impaired, the left eye has double vision, and the left jaw hinge is damaged to the extent that I cannot chew on the left side. I am still under the care of an internist, a neurologist, an oral surgeon, an otolaryngologist and a plastic surgeon. Within the next two weeks, I am scheduled to fly to the west coast for tests and possible auricular and neural surgery. If the latter takes place, I am told I may be incapacitated for several months.

In view of all this, I hope the Personnel Board will agree that I have enough to cope with, without going through a transfer at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Al Baranowski

Rev. A. Baranowski

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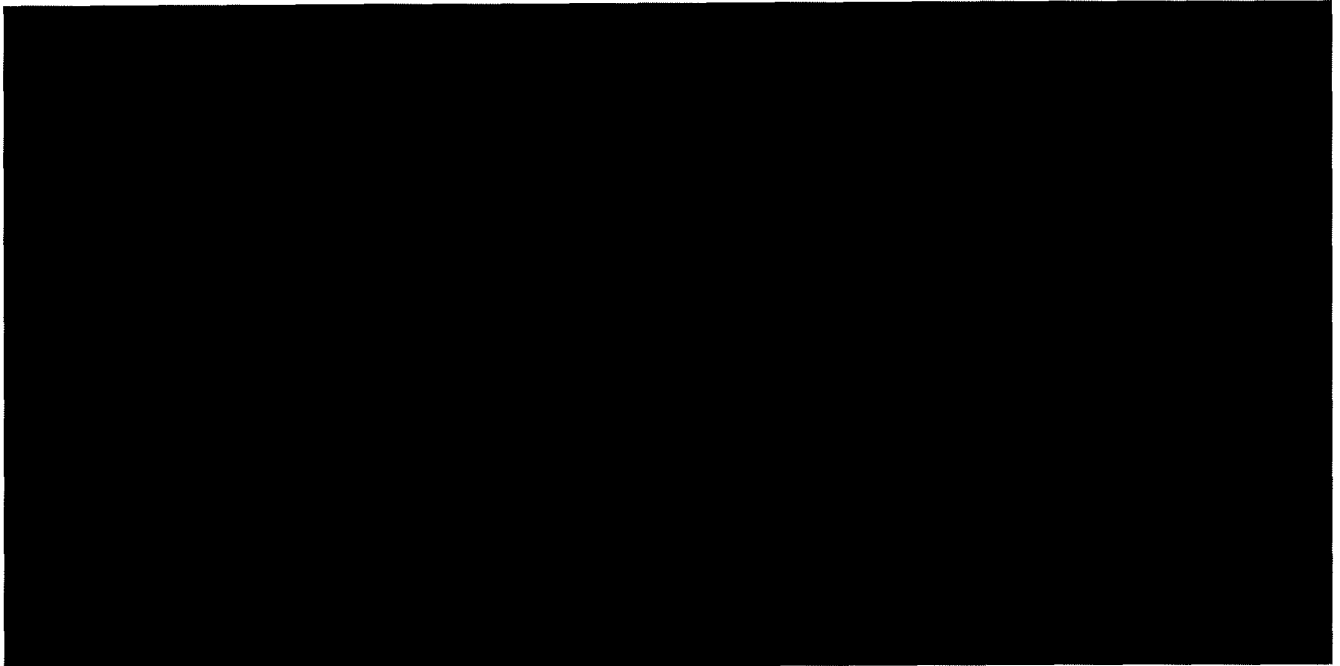
THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

MINUTES
Meeting No. 81 - Third Board

Meeting: Friday, March 9, 1973

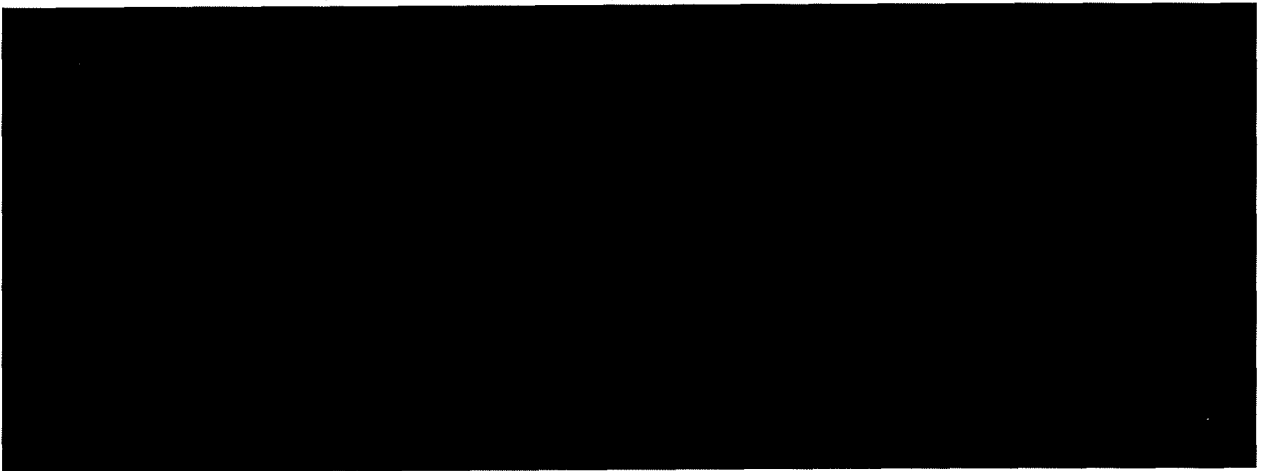
Present: Lynch, Upton, O'Malley, Adams, Scheid, McDonagh, Ventura, Keating, Kinane

Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office



- Responses:

1. A. Baranowski, St. Bruno - STAY. (health reasons) UNANIMOUS.



IV-178

Rev Al Baranowski

April 3, 1973

Reverend Al Baranowski
St. Bruno Church
4751 South Harding Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60632

Dear Al:

This letter will confirm the decision of the Clergy Personnel Board that you be granted a one year extension of your term of office at St. Bruno for the reasons of health cited in your letter of March 4, 1973.

Our prayers for your better health in the future.

Faternally yours,

MJA:ncp

Reverend Michael J. Adams
Executive Secretary.

SPEED LETTER®

TO Your Eminence

FROM Msgr. Brackin

St Bruno

SUBJECT St. Bruno Parish

MESSAGE

DATE April 10, 19 73

There is a problem here involving the priests, Trustees, Principal, School Board, and parents. Have had calls about it ever since coming into this office. Last week had several more calls. Have talked to the priests by phone. Think it advisable to have them come into the office and ventilate. Basically, the problem arises from conflicts on administration and policy - i.e., Communion before Confession, and the "authority" of the Trustees. If you have no objections or recommendations, will set-up an appointment to see them. (They were at the Personnel Board several years ago for the same matters)

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[REDACTED]
April 16, 1973

Your Eminence:

What I am about to write about has a very important bearing on the future of St. Bruno Parish.

This is not a hasty decision, but one that should be acted upon and investigated as soon as possible.

I have resided and have been a member of St. Bruno Parish since 1929. I and all five of my children have graduated or are attending St. Bruno School. All of us, including my wife, have been active in parish organizations and have on numerous occasions extended considerable time and effort to raise money for our church and school.

I am a past President of the Holy Name Society, at present a member of the School Board, Chairman of the St. Bruno Booster Club, and past Co-Chairman of the Parish Festival for the past two years. The two festivals netted more than \$50,000.

Our problem is the lack of co-operation from two of our Assistant Pastors, namely Rev. Al Baranowski and Rev. Hal Mysliwiec. It seems to me that with all the time available to our two supposedly dedicated men, very little or nothing is accomplished.

Neither of the two visits the school, nor will they instruct the children in any way. I can't remember anybody ever mentioning that either Father Al or Father Hal visited them while sick or hospitalized. I can't remember when Father Al preached a sermon to the congregation.

I have spent many hours in the rectory preparing for fund-raising activities and have never received any assistance from either priest. The Spring Festival has been dropped because of the lack of co-operation from our Assistant Pastors. It is my sincere belief if some positive action is taken as soon as possible, the festival could be scheduled for the Fall.

I am not faulting either Father Al or Father Hal for all of the bad atmosphere in the Parish, but I do believe a change would do the Parish, the two priests and Father Stoga much good.

I remain your Servant in Christ,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Member - School Board

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St. Bruno Parish

*May Brockin
Keep in your file*

April 18, 1973

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

His Eminence has asked me to acknowledge your letter of April 16, 1973, and to assure you that an investigation will be made by the Archdiocesan Personnel Board about the confidential information conveyed to the Cardinal in your communication.

Wishing you a Joyous Easter and with kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Reverend David E. Franzone
Secretary to the Cardinal

cc: Archdiocesan Personnel Board

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OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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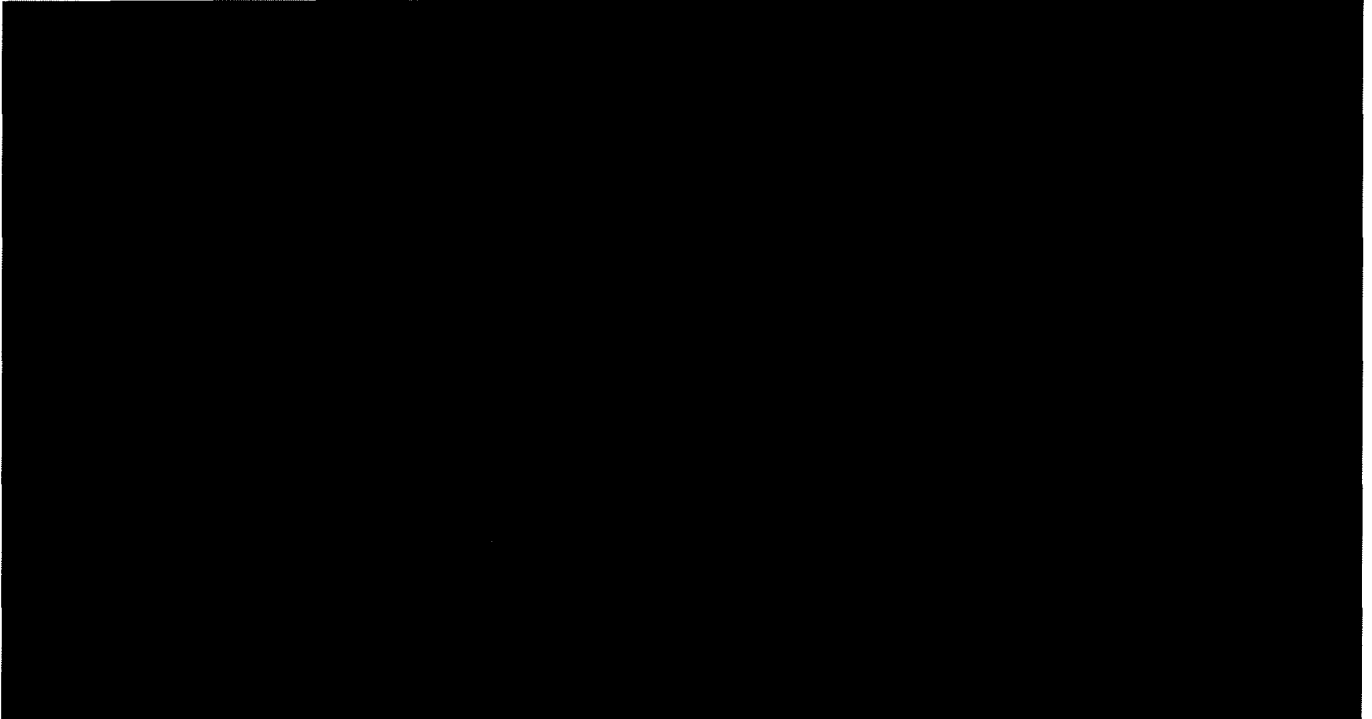
Meeting No. 89 - Third Board
Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Date: April 27, 1973, Friday.

1. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 88

2. Reports:



- C. Carbon of a letter from a parishioner of St. Bruno complaining of the complete lack of cooperation of the two associates, Reverend Al Baranowski and Reverend Hal Mysliwiec . Attached to the carbon was a carbon of a note to the parishioner from Dave Franzone - "His Eminence has asked me to assure you that an investigation will be made by the Archdiocesan Personnel Board about the confidential information conveyed to the Cardinal in your communication." Cf. Agenda.



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His Eminence

FROM Msgr. Brackin

SUBJECT St. Bruno - Problem

NO. 9 & 10 FOLD

MESSAGE

DATE April 30, 1973

On April 26, saw Fathers Stoga, A. Baranowski and H. Mysliwiec at the Chancery Office and discussed the complaints coming in to you and to me. Urged a united front among the priests, a gradual putting of the Trustees into their proper place, more communication and trust among the priests, a proper respect for each other in public, and more coordination in the operation of the Parish. Basic problem is too much authority given to the Trustees and no confidence in the Associates. Father Baranowski is not a well man as result of an accident; it is problematic how long he can be assigned full time anywhere.

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AGM
Request for Extension: Al Baranowski #2

St. Bruno Church

4754 So. Harding

Chicago, Illinois 60632

February 11, 1974

Dear members of the Personnel Board:

Once again this year, I feel that it is necessary for me to request that my present assignment be extended. The reasons are the same as those I gave last year. I am enclosing a copy of a recent letter to my Attorneys.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

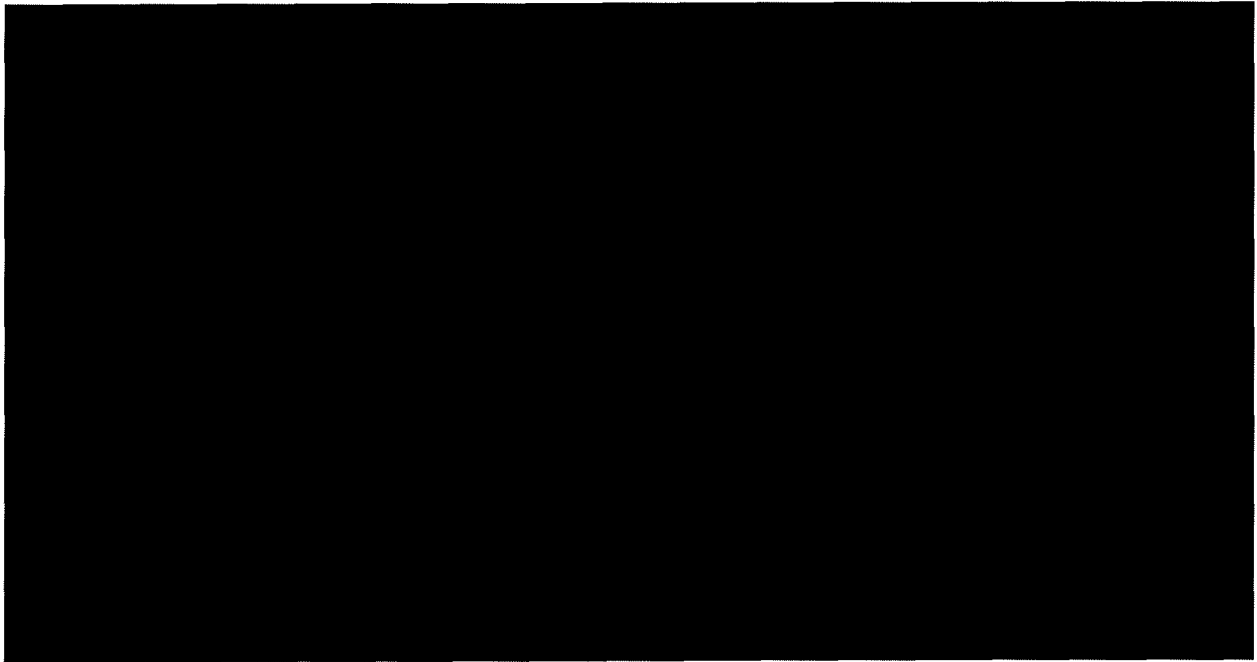
Al Baranowski

Rev. Al Baranowski

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S
Meeting No. 30 - The Fourth Board

Meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 1974 - Meeting began at 10:40 A. M.
Present: McDonagh, Kelly, Upton, Kinane, Adams and Zawistanowicz
Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office

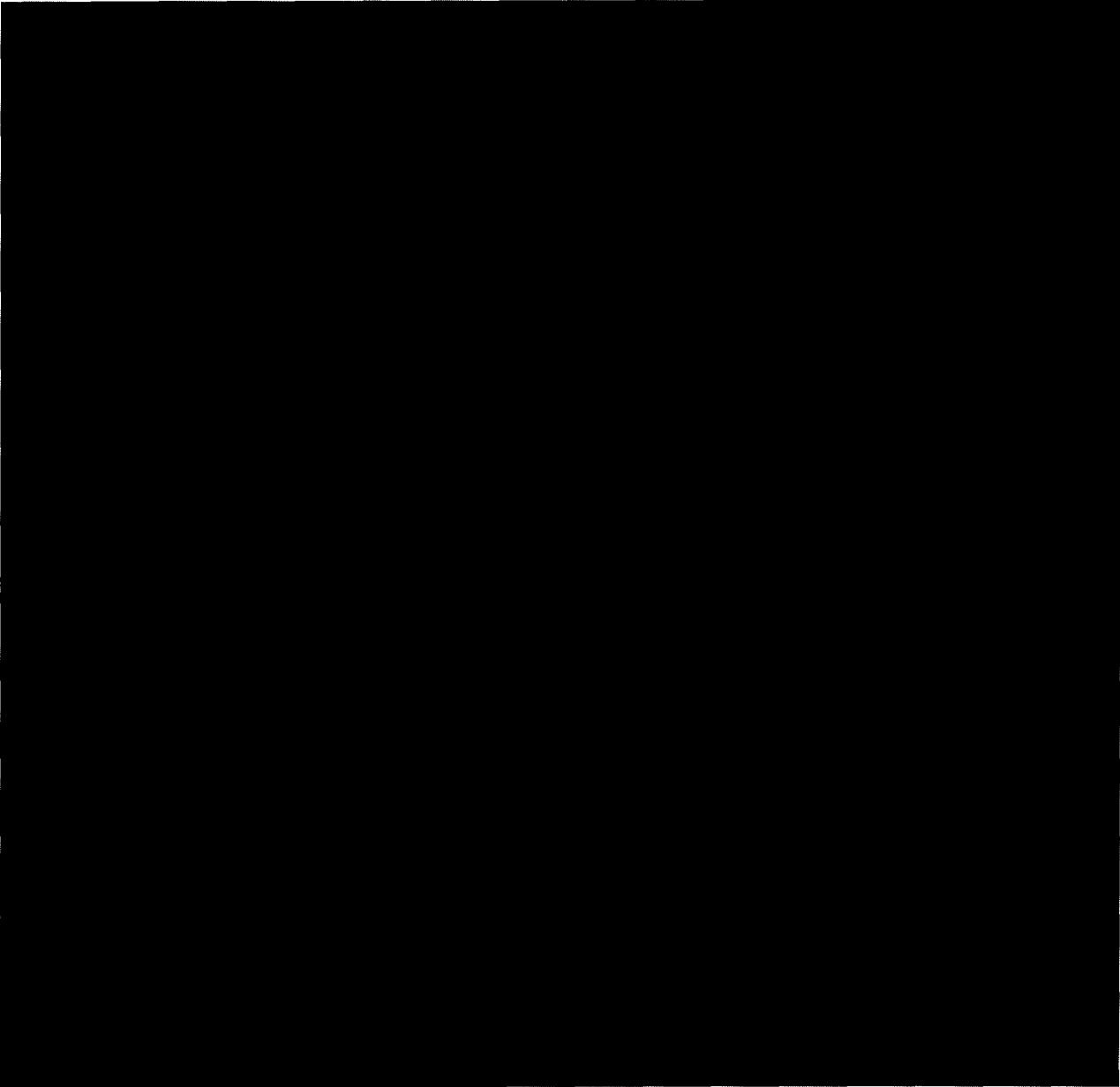


Baranowski, Al. He should be seen by the Board. There seems to be some internal problem at the rectory. Stay for 1 year because of his health. 5 Yes.



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Reports (contd):

- I. Al Baranowski and Hal Mysliwiec were in to talk about St. Bruno parish. In their minds Stan Stoga has been the big problem. He quashes everything. They think he is an alcoholic and accuse him of calling them names to the people and undermining them. Al and Hal say they have not been allowed to do things.
 - J. Conversation with [REDACTED] of Manor Funeral Home: Al and Hal have become vindictive. Stoga was never interested in being a pastor. He just went along with a situation which existed. Allegedly the Trustees are thieves. Accounts are inaccurate. Hal is very rude in his remarks to people. Once he told people that he would not be able to go to the cemetery with a funeral, because he had a prior commitment - he had to make preparations to celebrate Al's birthday.
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III-128

ST. BRUNO PARISH
4751 S. Harding Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60632

Request for delay
JH
RMM

Dear Herb -

Regarding our conversation of
1-23-75 — Because of the upcoming
trial in connection with the injuries I
sustained on 2-22-71, I ask that the Board
wait until after 2-14-75 for me to make

a decision about a change of
assignments. By that time I will
also have medical advice about the
same subject... Thanks for your
consideration -

Sincerely,

Al Pacanowski

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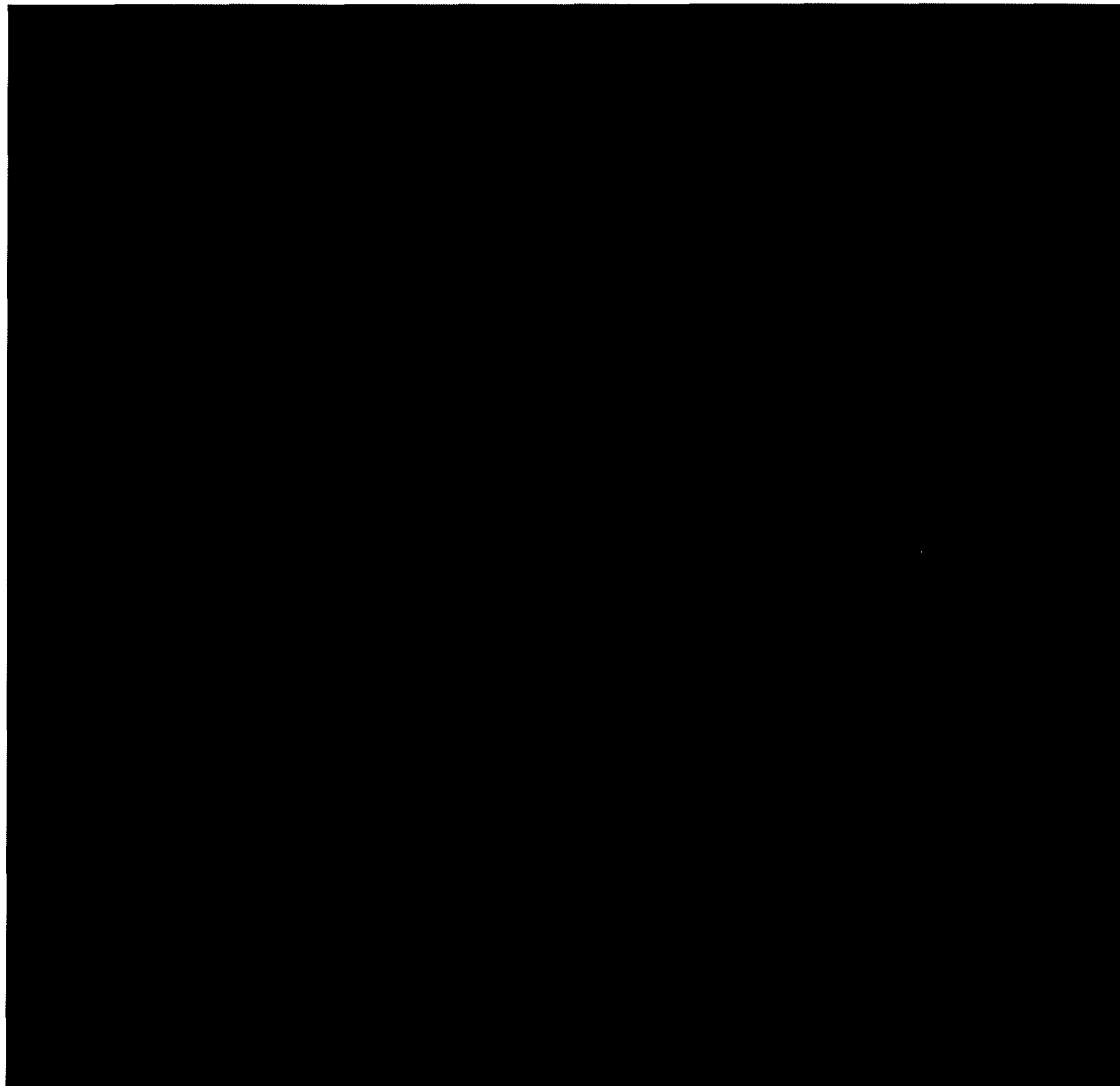
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Meeting No. 74 - The Fourth Board

Place: Clergy Personnel Board

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Date: Friday, January 31, 1975



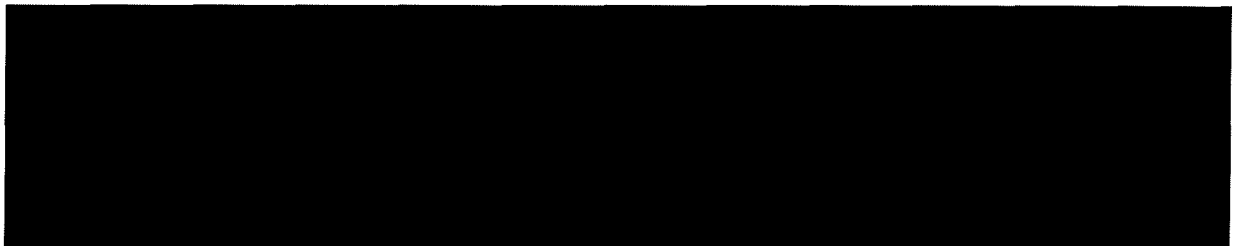
- H. Request from Al Baranowski at St. Bruno to delay any decision about a transfer until after February 14. By that time his trial will be over and he will have medical advice about his future.

III-203



2. Reports:

Zawistanowicz: Ed Szlanga asked if both men could be changed. He thinks Al Baranowski will want to leave, though he is anxious about what kind of work he can do, since he has suffered ear, head and brain damage. He does what work he can, but never knows when he will black out. It probably would be better for Al to stay, if he had to choose. If Hal Mysliwiec stays, then he will need someone who can speak Polish.

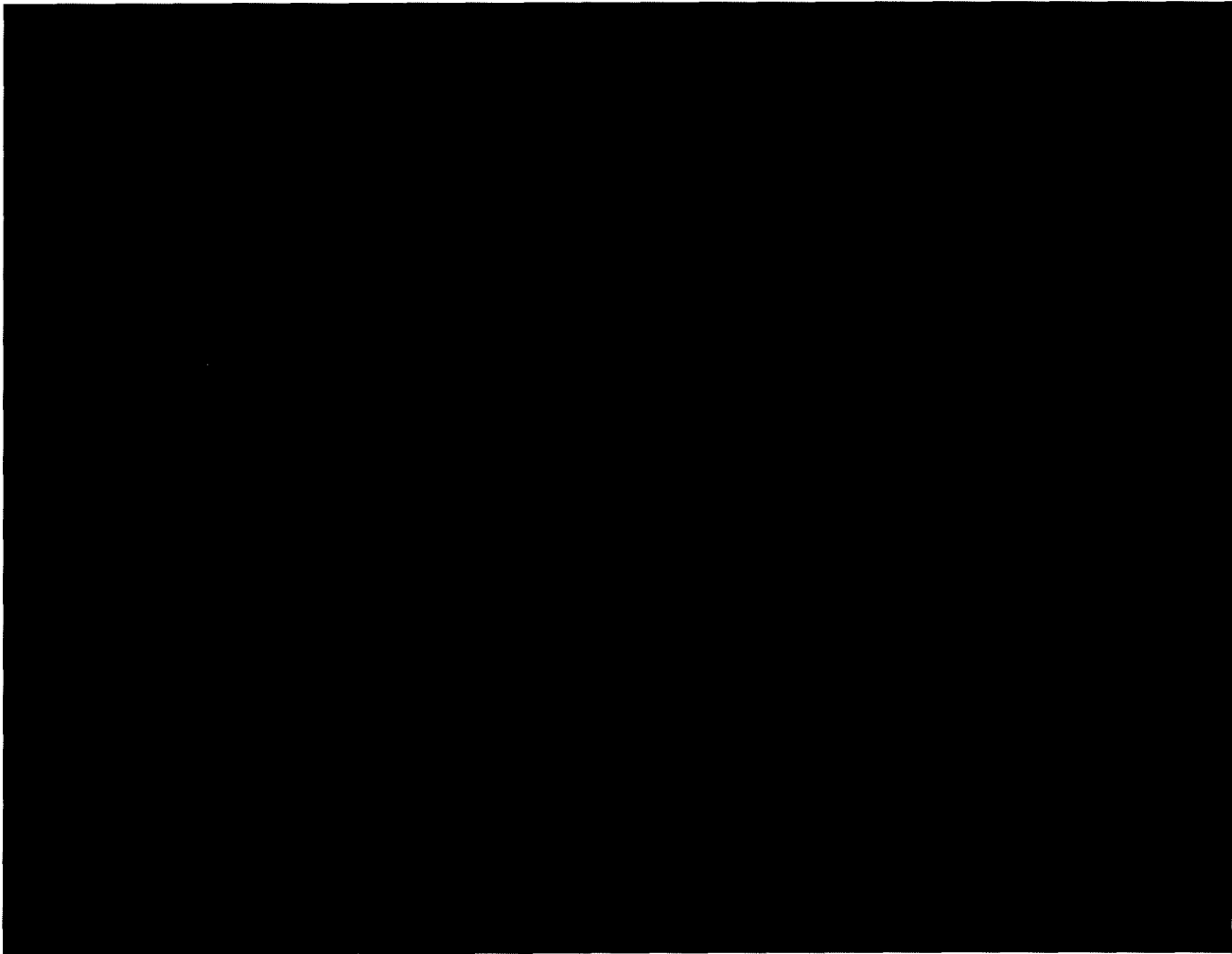


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A G E N D A
Meeting No. 88 - The Fourth Board
Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Date: April 11, 1975

1. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 87.

2. Reports:

- A. Al Baranowski saw Adams. His lawsuit regarding damage to his health has been settled. He listed his many infirmities. He was advised to stay at St. Bruno and let us know if it becomes too tense.
- 

III-227

St. Bruno Church

4751 SOUTH HARDING AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILL. 60632

May 23, 1975

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

Your Eminence,

On the advice of Monsignor Rosemeyer, I am writing you concerning a leave of absence for reasons of health.

The injuries I sustained in the boiler explosion in the rectory on February 21, 1971, have left many permanent effects. Some of these effects have become more pronounced since I returned from a previous sick leave on December 1, 1971. It is because of this that I find it increasingly more difficult to perform my duties as an Associate at this time. In connection with this I am enclosing only the pertinent sworn testimony of my neurologist, Dr. Jonas Byla, in which most, but not all of my complaints are enumerated.

Accordingly, therefore, I request permission for a sick leave for a period of at least six months to begin as soon as possible. I also request that some provision be made for some kind of adequate financial assistance. From among the options presented to me by Monsignor Rosemeyer, I have chosen to stay with my mother at [REDACTED]

Thanking Your Eminence for Your consideration, and hoping for Your own speedy recovery, I remain.

Sincerely Yours in Him,

Al Baranowski

Rev. Al Baranowski



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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Residence during leave:



Office of the Chancellor
312/787-2315

June 2, 1975

(her mother)

Please (not for publication):



Reverend Alexander S. Baranowski
St. Bruno Parish
4751 South Harding
Chicago, Illinois 60632

Dear Father Baranowski:

In the light of the medical reasons which you have presented in your letter of May 23, 1975, His Eminence is pleased to honor your request for a temporary sick leave from active service in the Archdiocese, effective June 1 through November 30, 1975.

When your leave is about to expire, I would ask that you discuss the situation with me, so that we can decide what should be done at that time.

While on leave, you will, of course, retain the faculties of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Sick pay of \$200.00 a month will be provided by the Mutual Aid Association of the Archdiocese.

We earnestly hope that this period of temporary leave from active duty will be a period of rest, therapy, and recuperation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Rosemeyer
Chancellor

cc: Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Brackin
Rev. John P. Griffin
Rev. Frederick M. Niemeyer
Personnel Board

Rev. Edmund S. Szlanga, Pastor - St. Bruno Parish

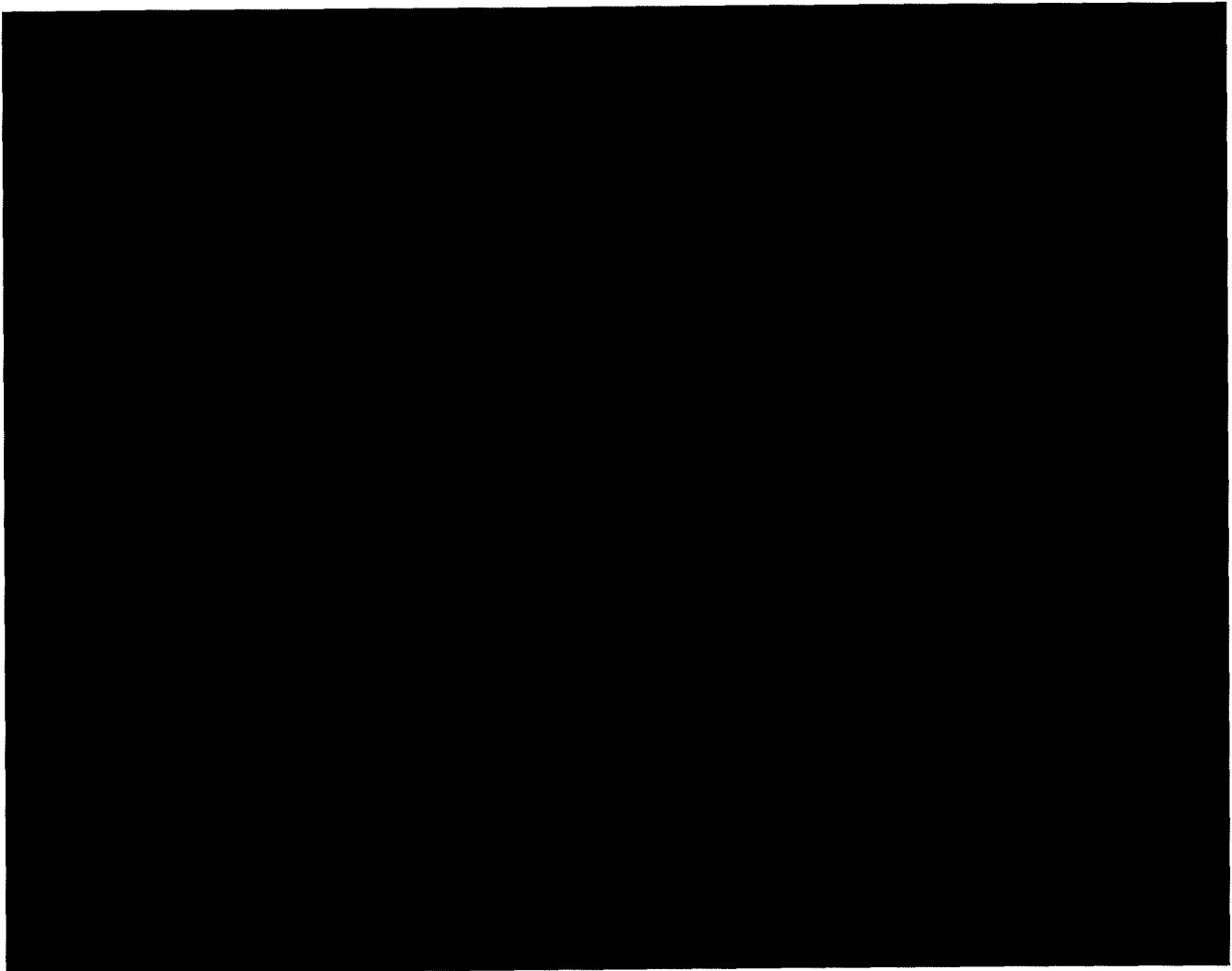
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OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A G E N D A
Meeting No. 98 - The Fourth Board
Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Date: Friday, June 6, 1975

1. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 97.

2. Reports:

A. Copy of a letter to Al Baranowski granting Temporary Sick Leave June 1 - November 30, 1975.



III-252

August 9, 1975

Dear Monsignor —

Just a few lines to let you know how
I am getting along...

I am not feeling any better even though
I have done nothing but rest for almost two
months now. I'm still having serious problems
with balance, dizziness and momentary black-outs.
Unfortunately, I have bruises to prove it.

I also feel very insecure and uneasy
because of my financial condition. The \$200.00
monthly allowance does not stretch far enough
to cover the basic necessities. I feel that at
this point in my life, I have no right to be
a financial burden to my 70 year old mother.
What might be called bitterness is only
increased by the knowledge that the one
who reduced me to this sorry physical, mental
and financial state is still enjoying good
health, and mental and financial security.

I sincerely hope there is something you can
do to remedy ^{my} ~~this~~ situation.

Sincerely
Al Baranowski

P.S. [REDACTED]

Sept. 27, 1975

Dear Monsignor:

Just a word to let you know that I will be staying with my sister and her family... My mother has not been well and I decided it would be for the best... I ask, then, that all communications be mailed to me in care of:

P.O. Box 24

SPRING GROVE, ILL. 60081

I am getting more than enough rest, but I have not been feeling any better —

Sincerely,

Al Baranowski

Mr. A. Baranowski
P.O. Box 24
Spring Grove, Ill.
60081



Msgr. Richard Rosemeyer
Chancery Office
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago Ill. 60690

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

TO: Mr. O'CONNOR - MAILING DEPARTMENT
MISSION PRESS - Mr. Eugene Watrach
SENATE OFFICE

FROM: CARDINAL CODY

DATE: September 29, 1975

Will you please make the following change immediately. When this change has been made, will you please advise the Cardinal's Office (Miss A. Punzi). Send back completed changes once a week. Thank you!

During Fr. Alexander S. Boronowski's sick-leave:

From: 1506 South Cumberland
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

To: Reverend Alexander S. Boronowski
P.O. Box 24
Spring Grove, Illinois 60081

All communications should be so addressed until further notice.

Notice received and completed,

(date and signature)

11-13-75

Dear Fred -

Thank you for your letter, but must say that I was disappointed with the contents.

To begin with, the accident in the Rectory basement was not my own fault. It was the fault of an incompetent alcoholic who perjured himself in court ^{and} which forced me to settle for peanuts. I carefully avoided filing suit against the Archdiocese because I did not want to cause a scandal - a scandal that would have revealed more than just negligence.

2.

You mentioned a financial statement: Going into the lawsuit, I was \$18,300 in debt because of that boiler explosion. After the settlement I paid off \$5700 ... I didn't make that much money either, during the 3 years afterwards because I was only part time - and that went for medical expenses which are not included in the above. I am trying to live on the \$200 per month from the PRMAA because I ~~cannot~~^{do not} have ~~not~~ and cannot have ~~stepends~~.

My going into an old Nurses Home and selling my car - as

was officially suggested - are^{3.}
no solution.

I might also add that
during an 8 month sick leave
after the accident in 1971, I
received no help from the PRKAA
nor get I get my salary
every month.

The \$58.50 bill I submitted
was for a series of tests for
suspected Parkinson's and leukemia.
As it turned out, I only have
Meno...

Our insurance, by the way,
is for all practical purposes
worthless because it does not
cover out-patient care.

x.

In closing, may I wish the
PRMAA continued success in
showing "Man's humanity towards
Man" in such a pretty fashion.

Sincerely

Al Baranowski

P.S. I almost forgot — my first
check from the PRMAA was
accompanied by a sarcastic
note from John Griffin — THAT
I did not and do not need.

Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association
Archdiocese of Chicago

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11-17-75

Dick:

Enclaved letter from Al Baranowski arrived today.

He sounds pretty bitter and can't imagine what kind of comment John Griffin could have made with his first check. I must have been out of town that John sent him his check. Sounds as tho he expects to continue on Leave of Absence.

Regret his appraisal of The PRMAA.

Cordially,

Fred



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor
312/787-2315

November 25, 1975

To: His Eminence

Re: Rev. Alexander Baranowski

My first involvement in this case was in May of 1975, when Fr. B. came in to see me about going on sick leave. I suggested he write directly to you (cf. his enclosed letter of May 23). *

Although I was sceptical about his alleged inability to function at least part-time in a parish, I discussed the matter with you during a visit at the hospital in May, and it was agreed that we grant him 6 month's sick leave, with the PRMAA paying him \$200 a month during that time.

He had said that he wanted to live privately near Fox Lake, and reacted rather bitterly when I said it was against PRMAA policy to give him more than \$200 unless he first proved special need by presenting a report on his assets. He did not do so. Nor did he accept my offer to find him board and lodging (with no responsibilities) in an ecclesiastical residence (such as Alvernia Manor in Lemont).

He chose instead to live with his mother in Park Ridge and later moved in with his sister in Spring Grove, Ill.

Recently he asked the PRMAA to pay a \$58 medical bill that was not covered by Blue Cross. The Board informed him again that according to policy a statement of financial assets (e.g. IRS report) would have to be submitted for proof of need. Instead, He sent Fr. Niemeyer another rather bitter letter (enclosed). *

To my knowledge, he never requested help from the PRMAA prior to May of 1975. I don't know how he ran up a debt of \$18,300, but he did mention travelling to California and Texas for medical consultations of a kind not covered by Blue Cross.

He has accused his former pastor, Fr. Stoga, of perjury in court, of alcoholism, and of using church funds for his personal use. In support of the latter contention, he gave me some check stubs, which I turned over to Msgr. Brackin.

Msgr. Byrne had collected a series of complaints against him and Fr. A's response to these complaints (enclosed). *

I suspect Fr. A. is a disturbed person in need of therapy. I would not object to his petition for laicization through proper channels.

* All sent to H.E.
on Nov 25, 1975

Large Ramsey



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Vicar General

MEMO TO: CARDINAL CODY

FROM: MSGR. BRACKIN

DATE: November 26, 1975

RE: Rev. Alexander Baranowski

I have no information concerning the boiler explosion which injured Fr. Baranowski and I was not involved in his temporary sick leave except to be told of its granting.

I was involved as you recall in trying to bring peace into the Rectory situation which involved numerous phone calls, letters, etc. I did see all the priests at the Chancery and I did direct Fr. Stoga to get rid of the trustees and to tighten up control, recognize the proper plan of his Associates, etc. I would suggest a physical exam and perhaps psychiatric testing for Fr. Baranowski. I am attaching some of the pertinent documents.

Attach.

AOC 006274



To: FATHER KEATING

Re: REVEREND ALEXANDER BARANOWSKI

Date: December 5, 1975

Memo From:
CARDINAL CODY

- ☐ Personal & confidential.
- ☐ File.
- ☐ Please handle.
- ☐ Prepare reply for my signature.
- ☐ Reply over your signature.
- ☐ Review and return with comments.
- ☐ No answer required.
- ☐ Read and return.
- ☐ Contact me.
- ☐ Investigate and report.
- ☐ Make _____ copies.
- ☐ Note contents and forward to _____

Will you be good enough to speak with me about this case.

Monsignor Rosemeyer and Father Niemeyer could probably fill you in some of the details.

+JPC / ja

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

TO: Mr. O'CONNOR - MAILING DEPARTMENT
MISSION PRESS - Mr. Eugene Watrach
SENATE OFFICE

FROM: CARDINAL CODY

DATE: 1/7/76

Will you please make the following change immediately. When this change has been made, will you please advise the Cardinal's Office (Miss A. Punzi). Send back completed changes once a week. Thank you!

Please DELETE the following diocesan priest (class of '55):

Rev. Alexander S. BARANOWSKI
P. O. Box 24
Spring Grove, IL 60081

(Prior to his request for sick leave, he was
Associate at St. Bruno)

Requested Cancellation per Fr. Kertig.

Notice received and completed,

(date and signature)

Rec'd 2/23/76

John -

Am finally sending
you my petition with
my signature. I had
recently fallen down
so many times that
I could hardly walk and
I was unable to use
my right arm... I
was "all aches & pains".
I'll be hearing from
you!

Al

ALEXANDER S. BARANOWSKI

PERSONAL AND
CONFIDENTIAL

August 5, 1976

His Excellency
The Most Reverend [REDACTED]
Bishop of Rockford
1245 N. Court Street
Rockford, Illinois 61101

Your Excellency:

Recently I received from the Holy See a favorable reply to the petition of laicization by ALEXANDER S. BARANOWSKI, formerly a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The terms of the rescript were fully explained to Mr. Baranowski, and on August 4, 1976, I executed the rescript, a copy of which I enclose.

Baranowski (who also goes by the name of Baran) has recently taken up residence in the home of a relative in Spring Grove, Illinois [REDACTED] He has indicated that he may wish to enter marriage in the near future and that his choice of location for a ceremony would probably be within the Diocese of Rockford.

May I ask Your Excellency to have your Delegate contact Mr. Baranowski to discuss possible wedding arrangements. I am sure that Mr. Baranowski will abide by whatever stipulations Your Excellency may make in the matter.

With deep appreciation for your valuable collaboration, and with every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear Bishop [REDACTED]

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Encls. (2)

JPC:JRK/ag

AOC 006278



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Off: (312) 642-1837
Fax: (312) 642-4933

Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 11/11/92

Re: Alex Baranowski '55

Al Baranowski left the priesthood in 1976. Recently the Cardinal received a letter from a woman named [REDACTED] who is an [REDACTED]. She sent a letter to VOCAL and a copy to the Cardinal.

Ralph contacted [REDACTED] about her accusation against Al Baranowski. Apparently it took place over a space of four years from the time she was in seventh grade and 13 years old until she was 17. She does not describe any of the actions at this time but says it was sexual abuse. This occurred from 1955 to about 1958 or thereabouts. She wrote to VOCAL out of desperation about her feelings and sent the Cardinal a copy.

[REDACTED] Bonaccorsi will follow up with her. She wants to know if Baranowski still lives around the Chicago area. We have no contact with him, but I will call Bill Gubbins, a classmate, to see if Bill can get some information for us.



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Memo

To: Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 11/21/92
Re: Alex Baranowski

Alex Baranowski '55, still lives in the metropolitan area. He resides, I believe, in Antioch, Illinois and, from what Fr. Bill Gubbins told me, he is running a series of motels and doing quite well financially. He is married and has children.

According to Fr. Gubbins, Baranowski could be tracked down through Fr. John Kauzlarich of St. John Parish, 301 Cottage Grove Ave., Glenwood, IL 60425, phone # [REDACTED]. I do not know whether you require more information than this, but please let me know if you do.



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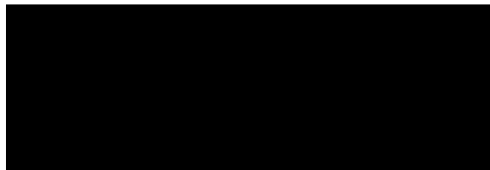
MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi
FROM: Father Velo *KV*
DATE: December 22, 1992

Ralph,

Listed below is the address of Al Baranowski, now
shortened to Baron.

Mr. Al Baron



Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter to Rev. Alexander Baranowski from Victim LF, dated September 30, 1993. In the letter, Victim LF alleges that she had a sexual relationship with Rev. Baranowski when he was the pastor at St. Wenceslaus.



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12/15/93

Mr. Al Baranowski
248 Lippincott Lane
Fox Lake, Il 60020

Dear Al,

It's been years since we met, Al. You may remember me from the class of 1957. I am now acting as the vicar for priests here in the Archdiocese and I have been asked to get in touch with you.

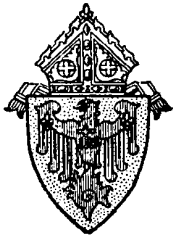
I spoke to John Kauzlarich the other day and he provided me with your address and phone.

I'm wondering if you could possibly give me a call here at 312-246-1857. If you call and I'm not available, please let my secretary know when the best time to call would be and I'll get back to you.

Meantime I hope you and your family are doing well.

Respectfully yours

Rev. Patrick O'Malley



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Memo

To: Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 12/18/93
Re: Al Baranowski

I spoke to Alexander Baranowski on Saturday, 12/18/93, after dropping him a line. He called me and wanted to know what the situation was. I told him in a general way about the accusation of [REDACTED]. I told him that Ralph Bonaccorsi has all the information. He agreed that he would call Ralph Bonaccorsi and find out what is to be found out and what the next steps are. Al says he does not remember any such thing and was very flabbergasted that such an allegation was brought forward. He will call Bonaccorsi during the coming week.

PFR
224

To: Jan

From: Mary Ann

Date: 1/29/04

Re: Unidentified Roles

1/30/04

Baranowski, Alexander: Archdiocesan priest; ordained 1955; resigned 1976

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Responsibility



P.O. Box 1979
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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-224

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Baranowski, Alexander Sylvester [Resigned/Laicized]/Unidentified Female

Date: February 20, 2004

PRA received a phone call today from Fr. [REDACTED] of St. Paul of the Cross Parish [847 825-7605, ext. 249]. Fr. [REDACTED] was directed to call PRA by Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice.

Fr. [REDACTED] informed PRA that he had an appointment yesterday with a woman whom he described as being in her mid-50s. The woman [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The woman then identified the accused as Rev. Alexander Sylvester Baranowski and that the abuse took place at St. Wenceslaus. According to Archdiocesan Archives, Fr. Baranowski was assigned to St. Wenceslaus [North] from July 7, 1955 through July 5, 1961. PRA shared Fr. Baranowski's assignment dates to St. Wenceslaus with Fr. [REDACTED] and also informed him that Fr. Baranowski is a resigned priest of the Archdiocese and is also laicized.

[REDACTED] When asked, PRA advised Fr. [REDACTED] for contacting the Office of Professional Responsibility and that this matter would be documented and a file be open with the victim name "Unidentified Female." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRA asked Fr. [REDACTED] to direct the woman to the Office of Assistance Ministry and the Office of Professional Responsibility if she approaches him in the future and wishes to continue forward with this matter with the Archdiocese.

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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
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Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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

DATE: February 26, 2004

RE: **[PFR-224] Baranowski, Alexander Sylvester (Resigned/Laicized)/
Unidentified Female**

Attached is a new allegation received by this office on 2/20/04. We have opened a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator has begun the Review Process by attempting to interview **Unidentified Female** through Fr. Bob Rizzo of St. Paul of the Cross. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Baranowski, Alexander Sylvester/Unidentified Female.

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: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

AOC 006288

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Legal Services

John C. O'Malley
Director



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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
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Mr. Michael J. Howlett, Jr.
Counsel to the State's Attorney
Richard J. Daley Center
69 West Washington Street, 32nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: Unidentified female
Date of Birth: Unknown
Date of alleged abuse: approx. 1959

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an allegation from a third party on behalf of an unidentified female, currently in her mid 50's, that she had been sexually abused when she was 10 years of age at St. Wenceslaus Parish. The parish is located at 3400 North Monticello Avenue in Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. The unidentified female identified her perpetrator as Fr. Alexander Sylvester Baranowski, an archdiocesan priest who was assigned to the parish from 1955 to 1961. The priest is resigned and laicized.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John C. O'Malley".
John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

JCOM:sm

cc: Ms. Shauna Boliker
Ms. Leah Mc Cluskey
Mr. James A. Serritella

SC:04SC065\Notification to State's Attorney Office re unidentified female

AOC 006289

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 LC's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey over the phone on December 13, 2004, reporting an allegation of abuse against Rev. Alexander Baranowski. The alleged abuse occurred in or around 1958, when Victim LC was approximately 13 years old and a member of the St. Wenceslaus parish, where Rev. Baranowski was the pastor. Victim LC also alleged that her husband was abused by Rev. Baranowski between 1955 and 1958.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
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✓ Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: December 15, 2004

RE: [PFR-224]] Baranowski, Alexander S. (Resigned/Laicized)/Unidentified

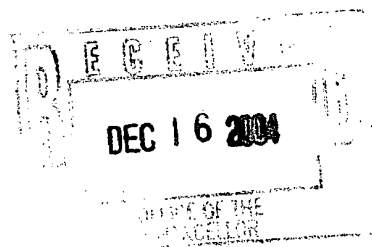
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Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Rev. George Rassas, Vicar General



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FROM: ^{LNP} Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
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DATE: December 15, 2004

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[REDACTED]

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 12/15/04 3:17PM
Subject: Message

[REDACTED]
Thank you for calling--I did just receive your message.

I have e-mailed Dr. Michael Bland, who is a part of the Office of Assistance Ministry and who will also be in LA the last week in January. I asked him to get back to me in terms of availability and times to meet with you on Monday, January 24th [Michael is a part of the actual conference that we are attending in LA that week].

I will keep you informed as Michael and I work on travel arrangements and where to meet. I am nearly certain that we will be flying in to LA for the conference...but as I said, I will keep you informed as we plan to meet on the 24th.

Take care [REDACTED] and we'll speak soon.

Leah

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To: Leah McCluskey
From: Mary Ann Zrust, SLW *may*
Date: December 20, 2004
Re: Summaries of Allegations

Ed Grace and I had a conversation about the clause on allegation memos which states that, "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 ...". The conversation grew out of the memo regarding Alex Baranowski. I realize that we have not sent copies of documents that may be in someone's file pertaining to a specific case. I believe it wasn't done because we were operating under the assumption that in most cases your office already has information from the past. At any rate, Ed felt that it may be helpful to forward the enclosed documents from the Baranowski file.

In the future, we are suggesting that whoever wishes information from a file follow this procedure. Because we do not know what documents in our files are already in your files, we suggest that the person concerned review the file in our office and make copies of documents that are applicable to a specific case. If the number of pages to be copied is large, the person can take the file back to your office for copying due to the limited capacity of our copier. Normally, this is the procedure we follow with lawyers.

If you have questions concerning this process, please contact me. Thank you.

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 1/4/2005 1:16:31 PM
Subject: Re: Monday, January 24th

Dear [REDACTED]

So good to hear from you! Two questions then. Would you feel comfortable meeting in a hotel setting? I would call the hotel we are staying at to determine if they have a small conference room of some sort that might be comfortable. As for time, would some time around 2pm work for you?

Peace,

Leah

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From: [REDACTED]
To: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Date: 1/4/2005 12:49:06 PM
Subject: Re: Monday, January 24th

Hi Leah, Yes I can drive to LA on the afternoon of the 24th.

On Monday, January 3, 2005, at 01:36 PM, Leah McCluskey wrote:

> Dear [REDACTED]
>
> Happy New Year to you--and I hope that this e-mail finds you doing
> well.
>
> I have spoken with both Dr. Michael Bland and Mayra Flores of our
> Assistance Ministry in regards to setting up a time to meet on Monday,
> January 24th. Michael, Mayra, and I will be in LA for a symposium that
> is taking place on January 25th and 26th.
>
> I know that you said that you live approximately 2 hours away from LA.
> I also know that Michael, Mayra, and myself will all arrive in LA by
> mid-morning on Monday the 24th. Either Michael or Mayra would be
> present with me at our meeting--and their presence is as a support to
> you as well as to share with you more specifics on the supports and
> services of their office.
>
> I hate to ask this, but would you be willing and/or able to drive to LA
> on the 24th to meet in the early afternoon? I could then determine if
> there is a suitable place for us to meet in the hotel we will be
> staying
> at, as I completely understand and respect your preference to not meet
> in any church-related setting.
>
> [REDACTED] please feel free to either call or e-mail me when you have the
> chance. I look forward to hearing from you.
>
> Peace,
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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 1/18/2005 1:23:16 PM
Subject: Monday

[REDACTED]
Good afternoon!

I just wanted to update you on a specific meeting place in the hotel on Monday. I did speak with a representative from the hotel and have arranged for a small [conference-type] room for us to meet in on Monday from 2-4p.

So we can plan on meeting you in the hotel lobby at 2p on Monday. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to meeting you in person!

Peace,

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 1/18/2005 8:29:11 AM
Subject: Re: Monday, January 24th

Dear [REDACTED]

Good morning! I don't know if you received my e-mail from earlier this month, but I was hoping to settle on a time next Monday, January 24th to meet in the afternoon in LA. If you would be comfortable, I would like to arrange for a small meeting room in the hotel where we will be staying. We will be staying at the Renaissance Los Angeles Hotel, near the airport.

I will be leaving tomorrow for a conference in Minnesota and will not be back in the office for the rest of the week. If I don't hear from you via e-mail, I will hopefully be able to reach you by phone.

Looking forward to meeting you next week.

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 01/04/05 12:46 PM >>>
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[REDACTED]

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From: John Treanor
To: Neri-Palomino, Laura
Date: 1/27/2005 3:16:16 PM
Subject: Re: assignments

Laura,

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Leonard Felczak
Chester P. Konsowski
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Attached to this email is Fr. Sheridan's vitae card (only one side the other side was blank).
Peace
Jac

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>>> Laura Neri-Palomino 01/27/05 11:21 AM >>>

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Thank you.

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant
312-751-5206

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 1/27/2005 11:32:02 AM
Subject: Hello

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this note finds you doing well. I have been thinking of and praying for you each day since we have met and again, am in awe of your courage and thankful for your choice to meet with Michael and myself on Monday.

I have attached the single memorandum that I wrote based upon our phone conversation in December of last year. I will be working on the draft report of the information that you graciously shared with Michael and myself. Once I have a draft prepared, I will e-mail you and ask how you would like for me to forward the information to you for your review.

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1/76 - Laicized

[REDACTED] I hope that this information is helpful to you. Please e-mail or call me at any time with any questions, concerns, or if you just want to talk.

Peace,

Leah

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 1/31/2005 8:50:00 AM
Subject: Good Morning

Dear [REDACTED]

Good morning--and I hope that this note finds you doing well.

I just wanted to share with you some information that my assistant Laura received from our Archives and Records.

In 1958 a priest by the name of Fr. [REDACTED] was assigned to St. Wenceslaus with Baranowski. I would have to assume that this is the Fr. [REDACTED] that you remember. The other priests assigned to the parish in 1958 were T. Czastka, Chester P. Konsowski, and M. Madaj.

You and your family continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Please contact me at any time if there is any information/assistance you feel that I could provide.

Peace,

Leah

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE:

[REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Date of alleged abuse: 1958 (approx.)

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an allegation from [REDACTED] currently 60 years of age, that in approximately 1958 when she was 13 years of age, she was the alleged victim of sexual abuse by Fr. Alexander Baranowski. Fr. Baranowski was an archdiocesan priest who was assigned to St. Wenceslaus Parish at 3400 North Monticello Avenue in Chicago during the 1950's. The priest is resigned from the priesthood. The alleged abuse took place in Cook County Illinois. There is no other information available at this time.

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

Very truly yours,

John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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

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RE: Unidentified Male
Date of Birth: Unknown
Date of alleged abuse: 1955 – 1958
(approximately)

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an allegation from [REDACTED] that an "unidentified male", current age unknown, was the alleged victim of sexual abuse by Fr. Alexander Baranowski between 1955 and 1958. Fr. Baranowski was an archdiocesan priest who was assigned to St. Wenceslaus Parish located at 3400 North Monticello Avenue in Chicago during the 1950's. The priest is now deceased. The alleged abuse took place in Cook County Illinois. There is no other information available at this time.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. O'Malley".
John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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

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AOC 006306

From: [REDACTED]
To: Leah McCluskey <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Date: 2/14/2005 10:04:11 AM
Subject: Fwd: I have questions

Leah,

Good morning. You may have been traveling and if you answered this email it never reached me.

Thank you.

Begin forwarded message:

> From: [REDACTED]
> Date: Tue Feb 1, 2005 10:12:28 AM US/Pacific
> To: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
> Cc: [REDACTED]
> Subject: I have questions
>
> Leah, Thanks for the information. I have questions.
>
> Is he alive? Do you know his location? Where are his
> pension/retirement checks, disability checks being sent?
>
> Has the church accepted the fact that these men committed crimes or do
> they still see them as unfortunate incidents? If someone is reported
> today are they turned over to the police. Is the church filing
> criminal charges against active priests that currently have complaints
> against them?
>
> In any of these cases once the church knows that a priest has
> committed crimes are they beginning to turn them over for prosecution.
>
> How much responsibility is the church taking upon itself to clean
> house. It seems more reactive to people like me coming forward than
> proactive on the behalf of victims.
>
> I feel I am getting info on a need to know basis and I'd like to know
> what stage I am in as relates to other cases you have handled. I know
> you have a procedure to follow - where am I in it? How do I find out
> more? Is it up to me to ask? If I neglect to ask an important question
> that the church already knows the answer to then am I without benefit
> of the information until I think to ask? Do you follow me?
>
> How many complaints have been filed against Baranowski? How many law
> suits have been brought against the church because of him?
>
> Why was he laicized? When he was moved to different parishes what
> reason was given in his file?
>
> Why am I pulling this information. Deeper more detailed information
> about Baranowski is not being offered.

>
> Was Baranowski at St. Bruno's from 1968 until he took sick leave in
> June of 75?
>
> The church's stand on homosexuality is to condemn it publically while
> protecting and concealing it internally. Why?
>
> Regards, [REDACTED]
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CC:



From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 2/18/2005 2:33:21 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: I have questions

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope all is well with you.

I so apologize for my delay in responding to your e-mail. I have been out of the office for work as well as to fight a cold. I would like to try to answer some of your questions, but feel others I might not be able to answer to your satisfaction--at least via e-mail. I was wondering if I might call you on a designated day and time that would be good for you so that we could talk. Please, let me know. Until then, here is some information that I hope might be helpful to you.

I called to ask the Vicar for Priests' office if they knew if Baranowski was still alive. Last either of the Vicars knew [Fr. Kaczorowski and Fr. Grace], Baranowski is still alive.

I do not know of Baranowski's location, as he is a resigned and laicized priest of the diocese. I will attempt to find out from the Vicar's office if that is information that the Archdiocese has.

I am not certain of any pension/retirement/funds that Baranowski may or may not be receiving. I have asked that question of the Vicars and will communicate the response with you when I receive it.

All allegations of the abuse of minors by clerics, lay employees, and volunteers of this Archdiocese are reported to the State's Attorneys office. One of the reasons that the Archdiocese reports all such matters to the State's Attorneys office is so that they [SA office] can decide which cases are within the statute of limitations as well as fit for prosecution.

There is one substantiated allegation of sexual abuse against Baranowski. Substantiated, meaning that based upon the information received at the time the individual came forward, it was determined that there was reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged abuse occurred.

I do not know why Baranowski was laicized--I will ask the Vicars if they are aware of a reason for the laicization.

Based upon the information I received from Archives, I have to assume that Baranowski was at St. Bruno's from 1968 until his sick leave in 1975.

[REDACTED] again I do hope that some of this information is helpful to you. By no means have I meant to frustrate you with some of the lack of answers or responses to your questions in this e-mail. As I asked, I am hoping that possibly you and I could have a phone conversation so that we might be able to talk more about the questions that you have asked of me.

Have a good weekend and I look forward to hearing from you again.

Leah

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim LC's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on January 24, 2005, formalizing her allegation of abuse against Rev. Alexander Baranowski. This abstract also replaces a handwritten note from Victim LC, transmitting the revised statement to McCluskey. The alleged abuse, which occurred when Victim LC was a sophomore in high school, consisted of one incident of fondling. The alleged abuse occurred at the St. Wenceslaus parish rectory. Victim LC also alleged that her husband was abused by Rev. Baranowski when he was between twelve and sixteen or seventeen years old.

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March 18, 2005



Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

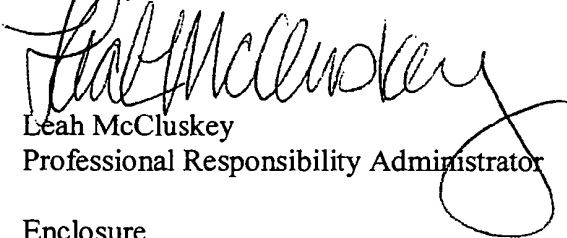
Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Alexander Sylvester Baranowski. The report is based upon our meeting that took place January 24, 2005.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, you will be given a copy of the final report.

[REDACTED] in the interest of moving this matter forward, I ask that you return the enclosed report with your changes by March 31, 2005. Please know that you may also respond with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by April 14, 2005. In the event that I do not receive a response from you by March 31st, I will assume that the draft report is accurate and I will proceed forward with this matter.

Also, I do believe that there is additional information that you have requested regarding Fr. Baranowski's assignments as well as copies of information that you provided prior to our meeting on January 24th. I would like to provide you with all of the information that you requested. Please either e-mail me at lmcccluskey@archchicago.org or phone me at [312] 751-5205 so that I am sure to get you all of the correct information.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 4/6/2005 8:25:12 AM
Subject: Re: The draft you sent

Dear [REDACTED]

Good morning--and so good to hear from you.

In regards to next steps, once you have had the time to review the draft and make your changes, I ask that you return the draft to me. I will then include your changes in a "final" report--that I will return to you for your revisions and will only determine it to be "final" with your approval.

Once I have a final report approved by you, I will ask one of our Vicars for Priests to attempt to locate Baranowski. If he is located, I will read the allegation [the final report approved by you] to him and ask for his response. I of course will keep you updated with the Vicars and when and if Baranowski is located.

I hope that this answers some of your questions--but please e-mail me any time.

Take care [REDACTED] and talk to you soon--

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 04/03/05 9:05 PM >>>

Dear Leah,

Good morning. Sorry for the delay but I just re-read the dates. Please let this serve as my written request for an extension. Also I have a question about something in your cover letter.

What does it mean when you say, "in the interest of moving this matter forward" and "proceed forward with this matter". I just don't recall a conversation regarding future steps. Can you explain?

Regards, [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-224

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino *LNP*

Re: [REDACTED]

Date: April 26, 2005

[REDACTED] called the office and asked for an extension in returning her report to PRA. PRA asked that I contact her and thank her for calling and that she can return her report at any time she is ready.

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Kaczorowski, James
Date: 6/14/2005 11:04:03 AM
Subject: Allegation to read

Kaz,

Just wanted to let you know that I have an allegation made by [REDACTED] against the former Fr. Alexander Baranowski to read. According to the database, he is resigned and laicized. I would be interested in scheduling a time where I can present the allegation to him.

Thanks.

Leah

CC: Zrust, Mary Ann

(55) ~~alexander~~ Baranowski (fully Anacard)

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Fr. Grace

Let
Please take care of!
Thanks,
[Signature]

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-224

From: Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator PZ

Re: Baranowski, Alexander S. (Resigned/Laicized)/Unidentified Adult Male

Date: July 12, 2005

This case will be made inactive as of today.

This was a third-party allegation made in December 2004. The accuser has not come forward to formalize his allegation.

Cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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MEMORANDUM

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To: PFR-224

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator (w)

Re: **REV. ALEXANDER SYLVESTER BARANOWSKI'S
[RESIGNED/LAICIZED] RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF
SEXUAL ABUSE MADE BY [REDACTED]**

Date: August 16, 2005

Date of Meeting: July 27, 2005

Time of Meeting: 10:00 am

Present at Meeting

Mr. Al Baran [formerly known as Rev. Alexander Sylvester Baranowski]
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Conference Call

This meeting took place entirely via conference call. PRA arrived at the Vicar for Priests' Office for the 10:00 am scheduled meeting. Rev. Vincent Costello and PRA then contacted Mr. Al Baran via phone.

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When asked, Mr. Baran stated that, "...it could have happened..." that he called [REDACTED] to meet with him in the rectory as she alleged. Mr. Baran added, "...but those things [the alleged abuse] didn't happen."

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When asked, Mr. Baran stated that he was not removed early from St. Wenceslaus as [REDACTED] alleges. As per Mr. Baran, he left St. Wenceslaus "...the day the new assignments came out..."

4. AB At this point during the July 27th meeting, Mr. Baran stated that approximately 10 or 15 years ago "...another gal came forward [with an allegation of sexual abuse against him]...[and] they [the Archdiocese of Chicago] paid her off..." Mr. Baran noted that he "...didn't really remember her either..." He then began to speak about St. Wenceslaus parish and the "...history of this stuff [alleged sexual abuse]..." that had gone on prior to his assignment there in July 1955. Mr. Baran estimated that the alleged abuse involving the pastor prior to him took place 65 or 75 years ago. At this point during the July 27th meeting, Fr. Costello indicated his knowledge of the allegations of which Mr. Baran spoke.

6. AB When asked for clarification, Mr. Baran stated that he is "...completely denying [REDACTED] allegation..." Also when asked, Mr. Baran acknowledged that [REDACTED] "...was around a lot at the time [when he was assigned to St. Wenceslaus]..."

7. AB PRA then asked Mr. Baran if he could talk about his reasons for resigning from the priesthood. Mr. Baran again referenced the boiler accident that he had been involved in and that as a result of his injuries, he had asked then Cardinal Cody if he could reside in a nursing home. He stated that he had this conversation with Cardinal Cody when he [Cardinal Cody] was a patient at St. Joseph's hospital [Fr. Costello needed to assist Mr. Baran with the name of the hospital]. Mr. Baran continued and stated that Cardinal Cody's response to his request was, "Find a good woman [to take care of you] and get married." As per Mr. Baran, that is what he did.

When asked by Fr. Costello, Mr. Baran stated that he does not "...remember anything about the sexual abuse of [REDACTED]..." Also when asked, Mr. Baran stated that

8. he does not remember a [REDACTED] trip to [REDACTED] as stated by [REDACTED] in her allegation.
AB

9. Mr. Baran then clarified for PRA that the boiler accident took place at St. Bruno's. He stated that his injuries included 13 skull fractures, which has resulted in lost memory and "...a lot of blank spots [in his memory]..."
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Both PRA and Fr. Costello thanked Mr. Baran for his time. It was agreed that PRA would send Mr. Baran a copy of the draft report of his responses to [REDACTED] allegation for his review. Mr. Baran will then return the draft report to PRA with his additions and/or corrections.

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

10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
AB

(10) AT THE PRESENT I AM DEALING WITH THE AFTERMATH OF EIGHT SURGERIES WHICH I HAD IN THE LAST 2 1/2 YEARS: CORONARY BYPASS (TRIPLE), ARTERIAL BYPASSES IN EACH LEG, KNEE REPLACEMENT, 2 PODIATRIC SURGERIES AND CATARACT SURGERIES. THE PODIATRIC SURGERIES DID NOT WORK OUT AND NOW I HAVE NEUROPATHY IN EACH LEG. I CAN'T REALLY DRIVE BECAUSE IF I WERE TO GO SOMEPLACE, I CANNOT GET OUT OF THE CAR AND WALK. — BEFORE THE SURGERIES I HAD TWO HEART ATTACKS. AFTER THE SURGERIES I HAD TWO STROKES WHICH NUMBED MY LEFT HAND AND SLIGHTLY AFFECTED MY LEFT LEG.

— I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF IN THE FUTURE ALL CONTACTS WERE MADE BY MAIL AND I WILL RESPOND BY PHONE ASAP. THANK YOU!

COMMENTS:

① THE SITUATION SHE DESCRIBED — NEVER EVER HAPPENED. AT THIS TIME I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS OR WAS. MY RESPONSE WAS ONE OF SHOCK. I DO NOT REMEMBER SAYING I REMEMBER HER "VAGUELY". IF IT DID NOT HAPPEN, THERE WOULD BE NO REASON TO REMEMBER BEING ALONE

② I DO NOT THINK I EVER SAID THAT HER MARRIED NAME WAS [REDACTED] — (IF I DID NOT KNOW HER) IF I DID KNOW IT WAS, I LEARNED IT FROM PARISH BULLETINS THAT WERE MAILED TO ME AFTER I MOVED. (I WAS TOLD ABOUT THE BULLETINS AFTER I WAS INJURED — BUT I DON'T REMEMBER THEM NOW) THE LADY WHO MAILED THEM TO ME DID CLERICAL WORK FOR THE PARISH AND WE WERE FRIENDS FOR ALMOST 50 YRS. UNTIL HER DEATH ABOUT A YEAR AGO AT AGE 84 (I DID HAVE SOME NOTES ON DIFFERENT THINGS MADE BY HER. I DISCARDED ALMOST EVERYTHING WHEN SHE DIED)

③ I WAS NEVER IN THEIR HOUSE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT ALLOWED — EXCEPT IF IT WAS FOR A "SICK CALL" — AND I DON'T THINK IT WAS THE NAME [REDACTED] IS A COMMON POLISH NAME, BUT I DO NOT RECALL ANY FACE THAT GOES WITH IT

(4) THE SECRETARY I JUST SPOKE OF (FROM NOTES) AGREED TO TALK TO WHOEVER CALLED ME BECAUSE SHE REMEMBERED THAT AFTER I MOVED TO ANOTHER PARISH THIS [REDACTED] SENT ME A PACKET OF POLAROID PICTURES OF HERSELF AND A GROUP OF YOUNG MEN IN ALL KINDS OF INDECENT ACTIVITIES. I DON'T REMEMBER THAT. BUT I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHO SHE WAS THAT'S PROBABLY WHY I TOLD YOU IT WAS FOR A "PAY OFF". WHOEVER~~RE~~ CALLED ME DID NOT CALL MY FRIEND.

(5) I NEVER SAID SEX ABUSE TOOK PLACE AT ST. WENCESLAUS YEARS AGO.. I DO REMEMBER MY OWN MOTHER TELLING ME THAT THE PEOPLE THERE WERE "MEAN" AND ANTI-PIRES I WAS A LITTLE BOY AT THE TIME.

(6) AS IN ALL OTHER PARISHES, THERE ALWAYS MANY KIDS AROUND AND HE MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THEM, I DON'T KNOW.. THE NAME IS A COMMON "POLISH" NAME, BUT NO FACE GOES WITH IT.

(7) I DID NOT^{ASK} CARD. CODY TO RESIDE IN A NURSING HOME... I DID ASK IF I COULD BE A CHAPLAIN IN SOME CONVENT, MOTHERHOUSE OR HOSPITAL... THE CARDINAL DID SAY, "FIND A GOOD WOMAN TO TAKE OF YOU," BUT HE DID NOT SAY TO GET MARRIED.. THAT WORD WAS NEVER USED BY HIM, BUT WAS TO... (ALL FROM MY NOTES)

⑧ I NEVER CONDUCTED OR ARRANGED A TEEN CLUB TRIP TO ANYWHERE... I ALWAYS TOOK VACATIONS WITH MY CLASSMATES — MOST OF WHOM ARE ALREADY DEAD.

⑨ THE RESULTS OF THE BOILER EXPLOSION WERE MORE THAN SKULL FRACTURES... I HAD DAMAGE TO THE RETINA IN MY LEFT EYE (REQUIRED SURGERY); ALSO THE LEFT JAW HINGER WAS DAMAGED; THE EAR BONES IN MY LEFT EAR WERE SMASHED MY LEFT EAR WAS MORE THAN $\frac{1}{2}$ TORN OFF AND SEWED BACK ON (I STILL HAVE THE SCARS); MY LEFT SHOULDER WAS BURNED. * I DON'T REMEMBER HOW LONG I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL OR WHICH ONE. MY MEMORY OF ALL THIS IS VERY FUZZY. (I AM REFERRING TO NOTES FROM THE LEGAL SUIT I HAD AGAINST THE PARISH REPAIRMAN... I LOST THE CASE BECAUSE THE MALE COOK WE HAD TESTIFIED THAT I WAS WARNED TO STAY AWAY. HOWEVER, THE REPAIR MAN SHOWED ME WHAT PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW TO RE-IGNITE THE BOILER EVERY 3-4 HRS. IN THE DEAD OF WINTER. I TOOK A LEAVE AND STAYED WITH MY MOTHER. I DON'T REMEMBER HOW LONG.) MY MOTHER SUPPORTED ME BECAUSE I RECEIVED NO SALARY OR HELP.

* ALSO VERTIGO WHICH I STILL HAVE QUITE NOTICEABLY.

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August 16, 2005

Mr. Al Baran
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Baran,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft report written based upon our meeting that took place on July 27, 2005, concerning [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you. Please make any changes necessary to ensure the accuracy of the report and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you feel that the report is accurate as written, please sign and date the report on the appropriate lines and return it to me in the same manner.

Mr. Baran, I ask that you return the report to me by August 30, 2005 so that I may continue to move this matter forward. Once I have a final copy of the report as indicated by the appropriate signatures, I will return a copy to you for your records.

Please know that you may contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns. Also, Rev. Vincent Costello your Vicar for Priests continues to be available to you. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".
Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

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To: PFR-224

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: **REV. ALEXANDER SYLVESTER BARANOWSKI'S
[RESIGNED/LAICIZED] RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF
SEXUAL ABUSE MADE BY [REDACTED]**

Date: August 16, 2005

Date of Meeting: July 27, 2005

Time of Meeting: 10:00 am

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Date: September 6, 2005

Date of Meeting: July 27, 2005

Time of Meeting: 10:00 am

Present at Meeting

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Once introductions were made, PRA asked Mr. Baran if he had any questions or concerns regarding the process of one formalizing an allegation against a priest and/or the Review Board process. Mr. Baran stated that he did not have any initial questions or concerns prior to hearing the allegation. ***The situation she described never ever happened. At this time I do not know who she is or was. My response was one of shock. I do not remember saying I remember her "vaguely." If it did not happen, there would be no reason to remember being alone.***

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When asked, Mr. Baran stated that, "...it could have happened..." that he called [REDACTED] to meet with him in the rectory as she alleged. Mr. Baran added, "...but those things [the alleged abuse] didn't happen."

Mr. Baran stated that he never visited [REDACTED] family home [as alleged], as the pastor of St. Wenceslaus at the time forbade it. When asked, Mr. Baran stated that he vaguely remembers [REDACTED] *I was never in their house because it was not allowed—except if it was for a "sick call"—and I don't think it was. The name [REDACTED] is a common Polish name, but I do not recall the face that goes with it.*

When asked, Mr. Baran stated that he was not removed early from St. Wenceslaus as [REDACTED] alleges. As per Mr. Baran, he left St. Wenceslaus "...the day the new assignments came out..."

At this point during the July 27th meeting, Mr. Baran stated that approximately 10 or 15 years ago "...another gal came forward [with an allegation of sexual abuse against him]...[and] they [the Archdiocese of Chicago] paid her off..." *The secretary I just spoke of (from notes) agreed to talk to whoever called me because she remembered that after I moved to another parish this "gal" sent me a packet of Polaroid pictures of herself and a group of young men in all kinds of indecent activities. I don't remember that. But I still do not know who she was. That's probably why I told you it was for a "pay off." Whoever called me did not call my friend.* Mr. Baran noted that he "...didn't really remember her either..." He then began to speak about St. Wenceslaus parish and the "...history of this stuff [alleged sexual abuse]..." that had gone on prior to his assignment there in July 1955. *I never said sex abuse took place at St. Wenceslaus years ago. I do remember my own mother telling me that the people there were*

“mean” and anti-priest. I was a little boy at the time. Mr. Baran estimated that the alleged abuse involving the pastor prior to him took place 65 or 75 years ago. At this point during the July 27th meeting, Fr. Costello indicated his knowledge of the allegations of which Mr. Baran spoke.

When asked for clarification, Mr. Baran stated that he is “...completely denying [REDACTED] allegation...” Also when asked, Mr. Baran acknowledged that [REDACTED] “...was around a lot at the time [when he was assigned to St. Wenceslaus]...” ***As in all other parishes, there always many kids around and he may have been one of them. I don’t know. The name is a common “Polish” name, but no face goes with it.***

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Mr. Baran then clarified for PRA that the boiler accident took place at St. Bruno’s. He stated that his injuries included 13 skull fractures, which has resulted in lost memory and “...a lot of blank spots [in his memory]...” ***The results of the boiler explosion were more than skull fractures. I had damage to the retina in my left eye (required surgery); also the left jaw hinge was damaged; the ear bones in my left ear were smashed; my left ear was more than ½ torn off and sewed back on (I still have the scars); my left shoulder was burned. Also vertigo, which I still have quite noticeably. I don’t remember how long I was in the hospital or which one. My memory of all this is very fuzzy (I am referring to notes from the legal suit I had against the parish repairman...I lost the case because the male cook we had testified that I was warned to stay away. However, the repairman showed me what procedure to follow to re-ignite the boiler every 3-4 hrs. in the dead of winter. I took a leave and stayed with my mother. I don’t remember how long). My mother supported me because I received no salary or help.***

Both PRA and Fr. Costello thanked Mr. Baran for his time. It was agreed that PRA would send Mr. Baran a copy of the draft report of his responses to [REDACTED] allegation

for his review. Mr. Baran will then return the draft report to PRA with his additions and/or corrections.

Additional Information:

At the present I am dealing with the aftermath of eight surgeries, which I had in the last 2 ½ years. Coronary bypass (triple), arterial bypasses in each leg, knee replacement, 2 podiatric surgeries and cataract surgeries. The podiatric surgeries did not work out and now I have neuropathy in each leg. I can't really drive because if I were to go someplace, I cannot get out of the car and walk. Before the surgeries I had two heart attacks. After the surgeries I had two strokes, which numbed my left hand and slightly affected my left leg.

I would appreciate it if in the future all contacts were made by mail and I will respond by phone ASAP. Thank you!

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

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September 7, 2005

Mr. Al Baran


Dear Mr. Baran,

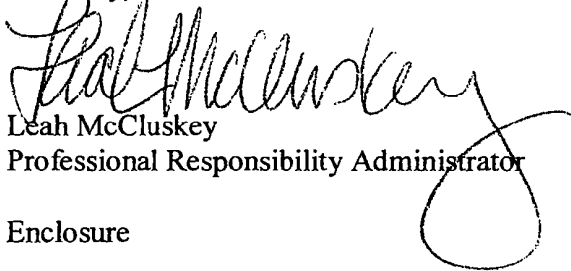
Enclosed you will find a final report of your response to  allegation of sexual misconduct against you. The report is based upon your revisions you returned to me. Thank you so much for your additions and changes.

Upon your review of the report, please provide your signature and date and return the document in the envelope provided.

Mr. Baran, in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report to me by September 21, 2005. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by September 21st, I will assume that the final report is accurate and I will proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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September 26, 2005

Mr. Al Baran
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Baran,

On September 7, 2005 our office sent you a final report of your response to [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you. Unfortunately, the report did not include a signature line for you to sign. Therefore, I am sending you another final report for you to review, sign and date and to return the document in the envelope I have provided. A copy of the report will be provided you once all signatures have been made.

Mr. Baran, in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report to Leah McCluskey by October 6, 2005. In the event that Ms. McCluskey does not receive a response from you by October 6th, She will assume that the final report is accurate and will proceed forward with this matter.

Mr. Baran, we apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Leah McCluskey directly at 312-751-5205

Sincerely,

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant

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MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Present via Phone:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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- I. **Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2005**
- No objections or proposed changes to the agenda

II. **Case Reviews**

Initial Review

A. **In the Matter of Rev. Alexander Baranowski [now Al Baran] [Resigned 1975/Laicized 1976] – PFR 224**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of the allegation made by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The allegation is as follows: Fr. Baranowski fondled [REDACTED] under her clothing [uniform jumper].

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board recommended that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also directed PRA to do the following:

- Send a registered letter and copy of draft report to [REDACTED] in attempts to reinstate contact with her and to inform her that this matter will only be able to proceed forward when she is able to respond to PRA.
- Review the Chancellor's and the Vicar for Priests' files on Fr. Baranowski and determine if there is any information regarding the cleric's move from St. Wenceslaus.
- Write to Mr. Baran and ask if he would provide information on the circumstances surrounding his laicization.

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of

F. In the Matter of

Review for Cause

G. In the Matter of

In the Matter of [REDACTED]

H. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

I. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

J. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

K. In the Matter of [REDACTED]



III. Other Matters

- Due to time constraints, a review of the "Other Matters" unable to be completed. The "Other Matters" will be placed on the agenda for the scheduled November 19, 2005 Review Board meeting.

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, November 19, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING Saturday, October 15, 2005

AGENDA

Corrected

I. Approval of Minutes -- August 20, 2005

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review:

A. In the Matter of Rev. Alexander Baranowski [now Al Baran] (Resigned 1975/Laicized) - PFR-224

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

Review for Cause:

G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

H. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

I. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

J. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

K. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

III. **Review for Advice:**

L. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

IV. **Other Matters:**

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

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, November 19, 2005

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-224

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Baranowski, Rev. Alexander (Resigned)/ [REDACTED]

Date: October 15, 2005

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of the allegation made by [REDACTED]. The allegation is as follows: Fr. Baranowski fondled [REDACTED] under her clothing [uniform jumper].

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board recommended that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also directed PRA to do the following:

- Send a registered letter and copy of draft report to [REDACTED] in attempts to reinitiate contact with her and to inform her that this matter will only be able to proceed forward when she is able to respond to PRA.
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October 15, 2005

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on October 15, 2005 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Al Baranowski pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. Al Baran as he is now known, is a resigned and laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the recommendation that in light of the information presented, this matter warrants additional investigation. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board along with all other information regarding this matter for a Review for Cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".
Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept the
recommendation -
R. Bar
Oct 17, 2005*

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

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 10/15/05 to conduct a(n)
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) ☒ Initial Review Preliminary Review Review for Cause Supplementary Review
Status Report

regarding the allegation of

against Al Bavan (formerly Al Bavanowski)
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago
an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of _____
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

a religious priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of religious community)

a resigned priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

a deceased priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: _____
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

Initial Review: In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) the information at least seems to be true of an offense.
the information does not seem to be true of an offense and the file should be closed.

If the information at least seems to be true of an offense, the Board recommends that

(check one:) the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.
the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.
the accused may remain in ministry without monitoring or restrictions pending inquiry.

Review for Cause: In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from
ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with
Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except
to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: the 7-0 warrants add 1
info. investigation

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October 25, 2005

Al Baran



Dear Mr. Baran,

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

I am writing on behalf of the Independent Review Board and the matter of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you. This matter was presented to the Board on October 15, 2005 for an Initial Review.

The Board has asked if you would feel comfortable sharing with them the circumstances surrounding your laicization. I ask that you forward any response to the Board's question to my attention as soon as you are able.

Mr. Baran, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me through any of the following means:

Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Responsibility
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago, Illinois 60611

E-mail: lmcccluskey@archchicago
Phone: [312] 751-5205
Fax: [312] 751-5279

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Ms. McCloskey -

SORRY FOR DELAY. I WAS IN THE
NORTHERN ILL. MED. CENTER FROM 10/22
UNTIL 10/28 FOR CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE
AND AGAIN FROM 10/29 TO 11/02 FOR BLOOD
CLOTS IN MY LUNG AND LEFT LEG... I AM
AT PRESENT CONFINED AT HOME FOR ANOTHER
WEEK OR MORE...

REGARDING THE OTHER INFO YOU SEEK,
I WILL NEED MORE TIME. I WILL FULLY
EXPLAIN AGAIN THE BOILER EXPLOSION AT
ST. BRUNO'S WHICH PUT ME OUT OF
COMMISSION FOR ALL THESE YEARS... I AM
MARRIED AND HAVE 2 GROWN CHILDREN
AND 2 GRAND SONS... I WILL WRITE
MORE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE... MY
WRITING IS POOR BECAUSE OF THE STROKES.
I CANNOT TYPE NOR CAN I WRITE IN
SCRIPT. YOU WILL HEAR FROM ME AS
SOON AS I ^{HAVE} IMPROVED HEALTH-WISE.

Sincerely,

AL BARRAN

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DEAR MS. McCUSKEY -

SORRY FOR THE DELAY. I'M STILL A
BIT "OUT OF SORTS."

I EXPLAINED LAST TIME THAT CARD. CODY
TURNED ME AWAY WHEN I ASKED HIM IF
I COULD "RETIRE." I FIRST CALLED BISHOP
[REDACTED] IN GREEN BAY IF HE COULD GET
ME A DISPENSATION. HE STEERED ^{ME} TO EITHER
FR. KEATING OR ~~BEGAN~~ (I DON'T REMEMBER
WHICH) AND HE (?) PREPARED THE
PAPER WORK AND SENT IT TO ROME. POPE
PAUL GRANTED THE DISPENSATION AND
WITHIN A YEAR I GOT MARRIED IN A
SUBURBAN PARISH TO A REGISTERED NURSE.
OUR OLDEST WAS BORN ABOUT 13 MOS.
LATER. . . MY WIFE WORKED AND HELPED
SUPPORT ME — EVEN WHEN ON SOCIAL
SECURITY I COULD NOT AFFORD
INSURANCE AND/OR MEDS THAT I
NEEDED. SHE HAS BEEN A "BLESSING."

I THINK THAT COVERS THE INFO
YOU WERE SEEKING. . . WRITE TO US
AGAIN IF YOU SEEK MORE. . .

SINCERELY,
AC BARRON

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November 18, 2005

Mr. Al Baran



Dear Mr. Baran,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on October 15, 2005 and conducted an Initial Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's recommendation that in light of the information presented, additional investigation is warranted. Meaning, the Board determined that based upon the information presented for their review, there is cause to continue to investigate this matter. Further, if you have any additional information at this time you wish to share and have presented to the Board, please forward it to my attention. Any additional information obtained and/or received will be presented to the Board at a Review for Cause of this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Vincent Costello continues to be available to you. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

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November 18, 2005



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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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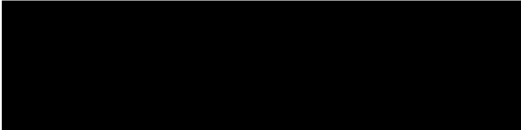
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December 15, 2005



*Sent registered
mail*

Dear [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board

Saturday, May 31, 2008 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Present Via Phone:

[REDACTED]

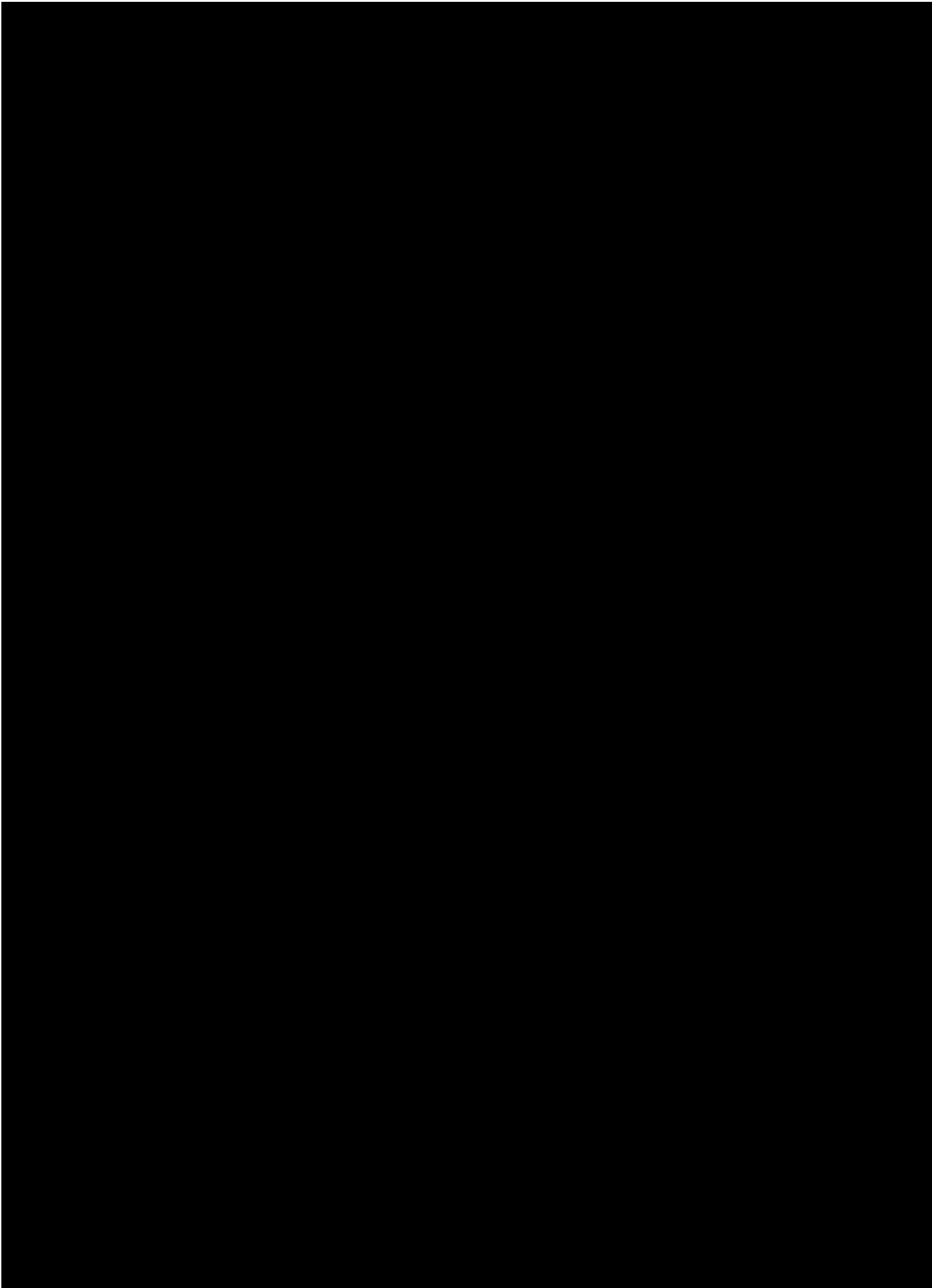
Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

Non-members Present:

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

[REDACTED]



I. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2008

- Minutes approved

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of Rev. Alexander Baranowski [Laicized 1976/Resigned 1975] – PFR - 224

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski [now known as Al Baran]. A summary of the allegation is as follows: French kissing, masturbation, attempted anal sex, alcohol, some sort of pills that would make [REDACTED] black out; mutual oral sex; Fr. Baranowski put his penis in [REDACTED] mouth, both ejaculated [one incident].

Ms. McCluskey was asked to provide the Board with a verbal overview of this matter, which included past information provided by [REDACTED] ex-wife of [REDACTED]

Ms. McCluskey informed the Board of her decision to wait to direct the investigative firm of Hillard Heintze to work on this matter based upon the related information in the former Fr. Baranowski's file in the Chancellor's Office. Ms. McCluskey wanted the Board to have the information [provided in the May 31st packets] first to review. Hillard Heintze would be asked to work on this matter if it was determined necessary by the Board to obtain additional information for its consideration.

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation. When asked, the Board asked for the following information to be obtained:

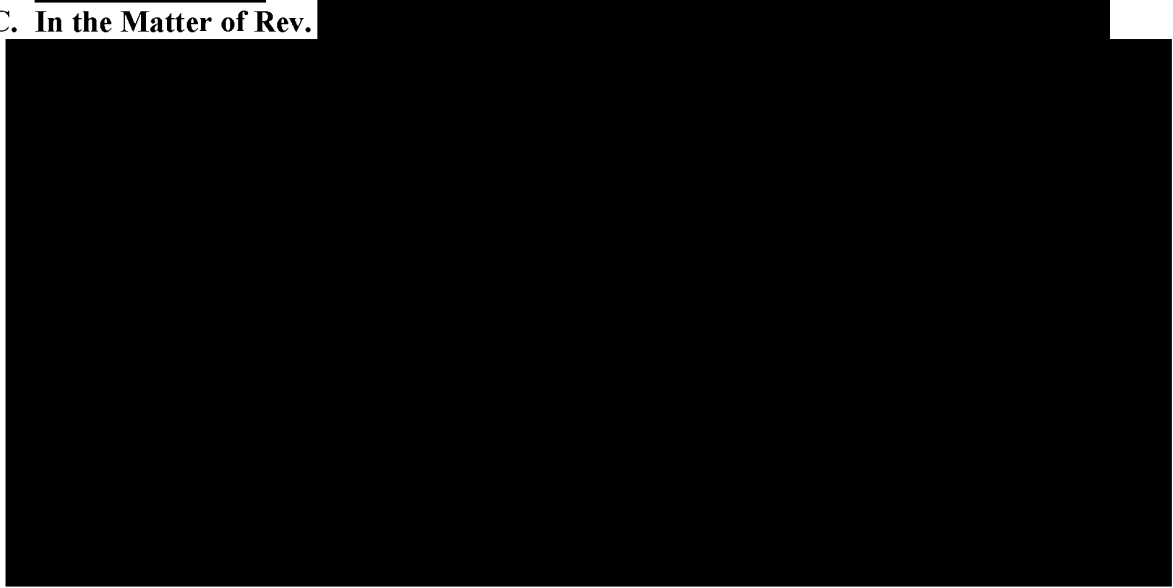
- That Ms. McCluskey contact Hillard Heintze and request that they complete a background check on [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Review for Cause

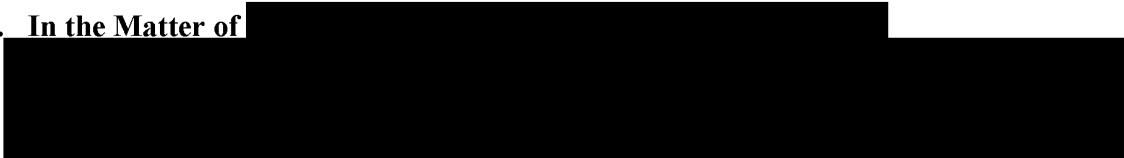
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D. In the Matter of



E. In the Matter of



[REDACTED]

F. In the Matter of

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G. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

H. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

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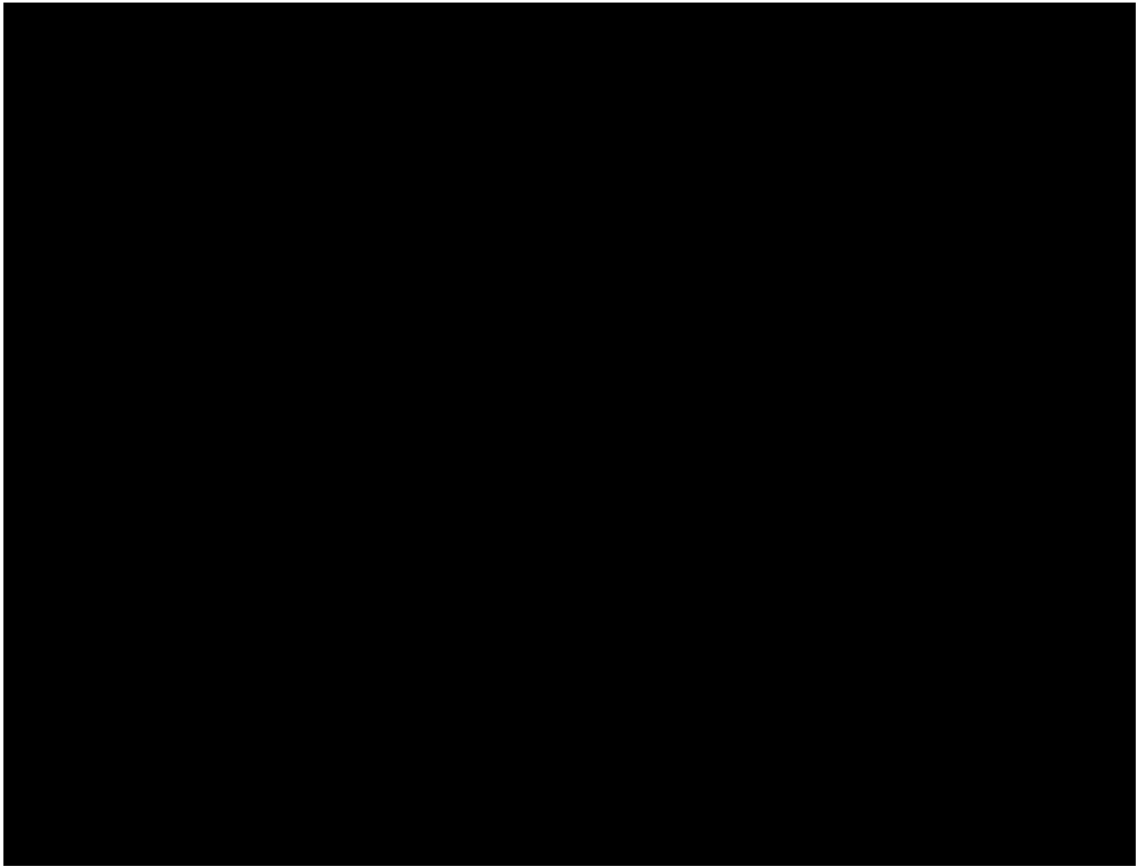
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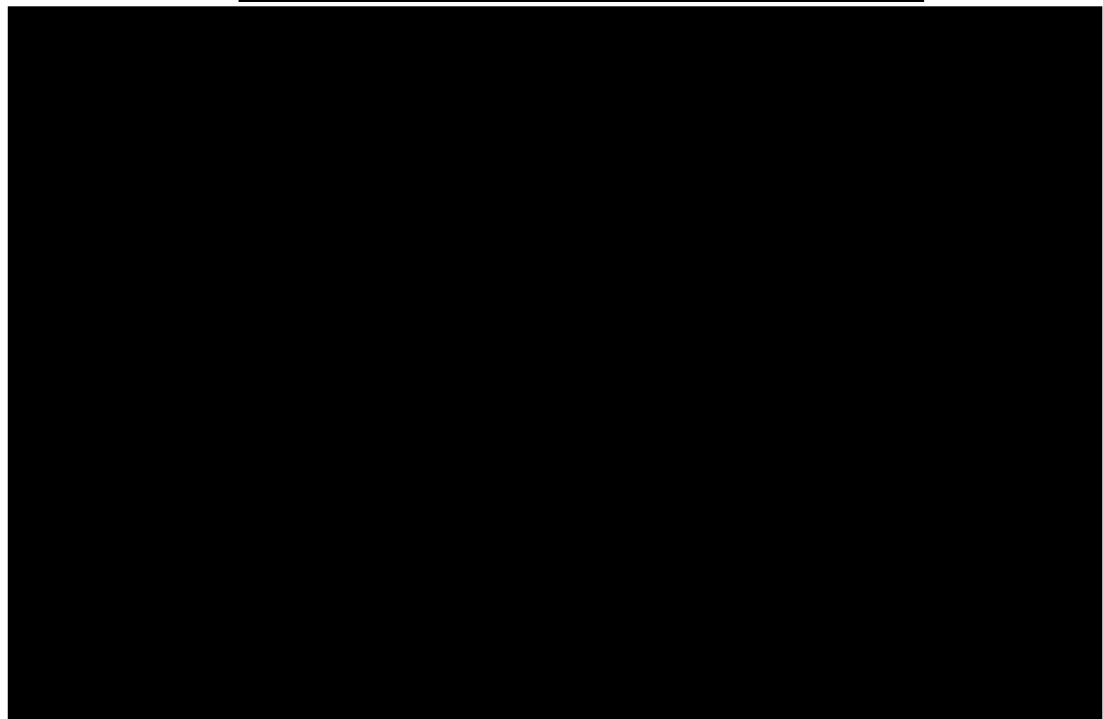
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L. In the Matter of

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M. In the Matter of

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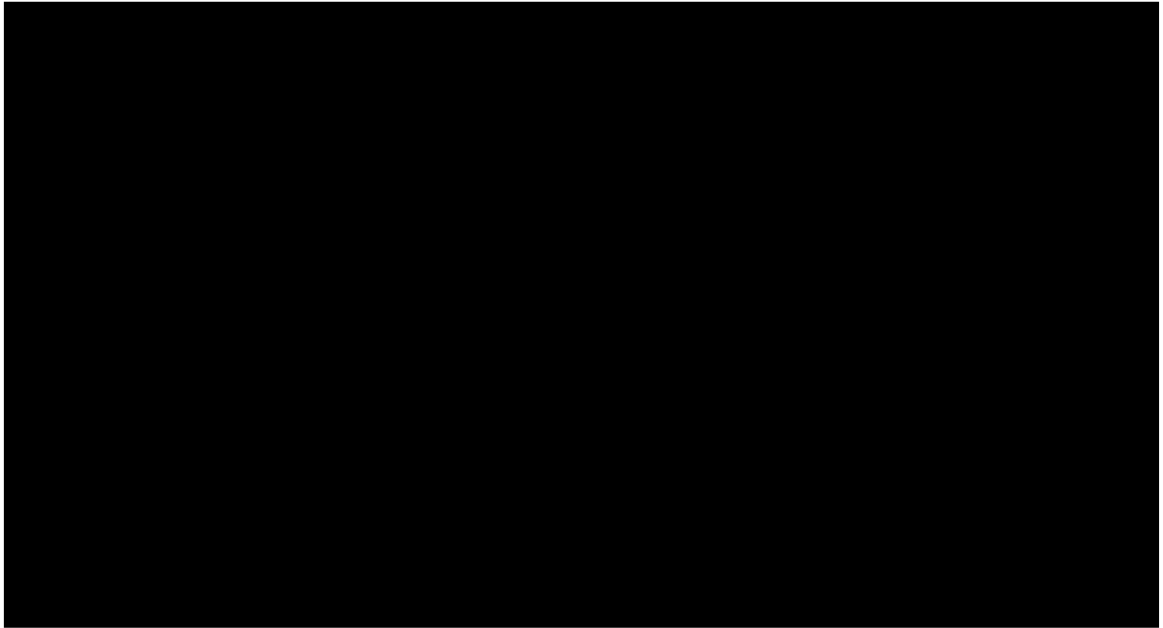
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

[REDACTED]



Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
Name:	Rev. Alexander Baranowski [Baran]	[REDACTED]
Address:	Fox Lake, IL	Chicago, IL
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]	
Current age:	75	
Name of civil attorney:	N/A	N/A

Date of Ordination [of accused]: 5/3/55

Location: Mundelein

Age at ordination: 25

Assignment location of accused: N/A

Status of accused: Laicized

Name of canonical advocate: N/A

Date allegation received by PRA: 11/21/92

Date allegation formalized with PRA:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1957

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1961

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: more than one

Brief summary of alleged abuse: sexual touching over clothes of cleric; legal settlement reached

Brief summary and date of response from accused:

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: this matter was not reviewed by the

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: Unidentified female

Date of Birth:

Current age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received by PRA: 2/20/04

Date allegation formalized with PRA:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: alleged victim not interested in formalizing her allegation at time she notified PRA

Brief summary and date of response from accused:

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: N/A

Additional allegations made by accuser: none

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Current age: 60

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received by PRA: 12/13/04

Date allegation formalized with PRA: 1/24/05

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1959/1960

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1959/1960

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: one

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Fr. Baranowski fondled [REDACTED] underneath her uniform jumper

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 7/27/05; Mr. Baran denied the allegation

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: Review for Cause

Additional allegations made by accuser: none

Signature of PRA:



Date:

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Date:

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 224

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Baranowski [now Baran], Rev. Alexander [Laicized] 

Date: April 6, 2006

As requested by the Professional Responsibility Review Board, PRA conducted a review on April 4, 2006 of the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski's file in the Chancellor's office. The following is a summary of the file review:

- **8/26/63:** signed statement from an adult male who was a Chicago police officer at the time who stated that his daughter was having a relationship that included "fooling around" with Fr. Baranowski; allegation out of St. Mary of Perpetual Help
- **8/27/63:** letter from the Chancellor [Msgr. ] to the Chicago police officer's daughter requesting scheduling a time to meet regarding "...a rather serious accusation [that] was made against Fr. Alexander Baranowski..."
- **10/19/67:** memo from Cardinal Cody to Msgr. Byrne to speak about Fr. Baranowski
- **2/21/71:** Fr. Baranowski was involved in an accident at St. Bruno's rectory where the furnace exploded; Fr. Baranowski sustained serious injuries to his face, ears, hearing
- **3/31/71:** letter to Cardinal Cody Fr. Baranowski requested a medical leave as per his doctor's recommendations
- **3/30/71:** memorandum to Cardinal Cody from Fr. Kalas regarding Fr. Baranowski's accident at St. Bruno's; Fr. Kalas spoke of Fr. Baranowski's hearing damage and amnesia
- **10/8/71:** letter from Fr. Baranowski to Cardinal Cody stating that his doctors felt that he could return to St. Bruno's between four and five weeks from the date of the letter
- **5/23/75:** letter from Fr. Baranowski to Cardinal Cody requesting sick leave with pay for six months to begin immediately and he would reside with his mother
- **6/2/75:** letter from the Chancellor [Msgr. Rosemeyer] to Fr. Baranowski granting sick leave through 11/30/75

three separate incidents of Fr. Baranowski taking her to hotel rooms where they had "relations;" gave the names of three other girls involved with Fr. Baranowski

- **10/11/69:** sworn and signed statement from [REDACTED] saw Msgr. [REDACTED] regarding her husband who "...was ill because of treatment received by him when he was a young man by Fr. Al Baranowski." Stated that her husband [REDACTED] was engaged in homosexual acts by Fr. Baranowski from the time he was in eighth grade at St. Wencesalus through his graduation from Weber High School; described her husband as an alcoholic and more than one court case for "drunken driving;" [REDACTED] demanded financial help from the Archdiocese of Chicago for psychiatric care for her husband; statement signed by Msgr. [REDACTED] as well
- **10/13/69:** [REDACTED] met with Msgr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] signed typed statement of the alleged abuse he sustained by Fr. Baranowski; statement signed by Msgr. [REDACTED] as well
- **5/14/76:** laicization of Fr. Baranowski granted

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MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA] 
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2006

- Due to the fact that the March 18, 2006 minutes were not presented to Review Board members for their review until the April 8, 2006 meeting, Board members will make corrections to the March 18th minutes and bring them to the May 13, 2006 meeting for review and approval

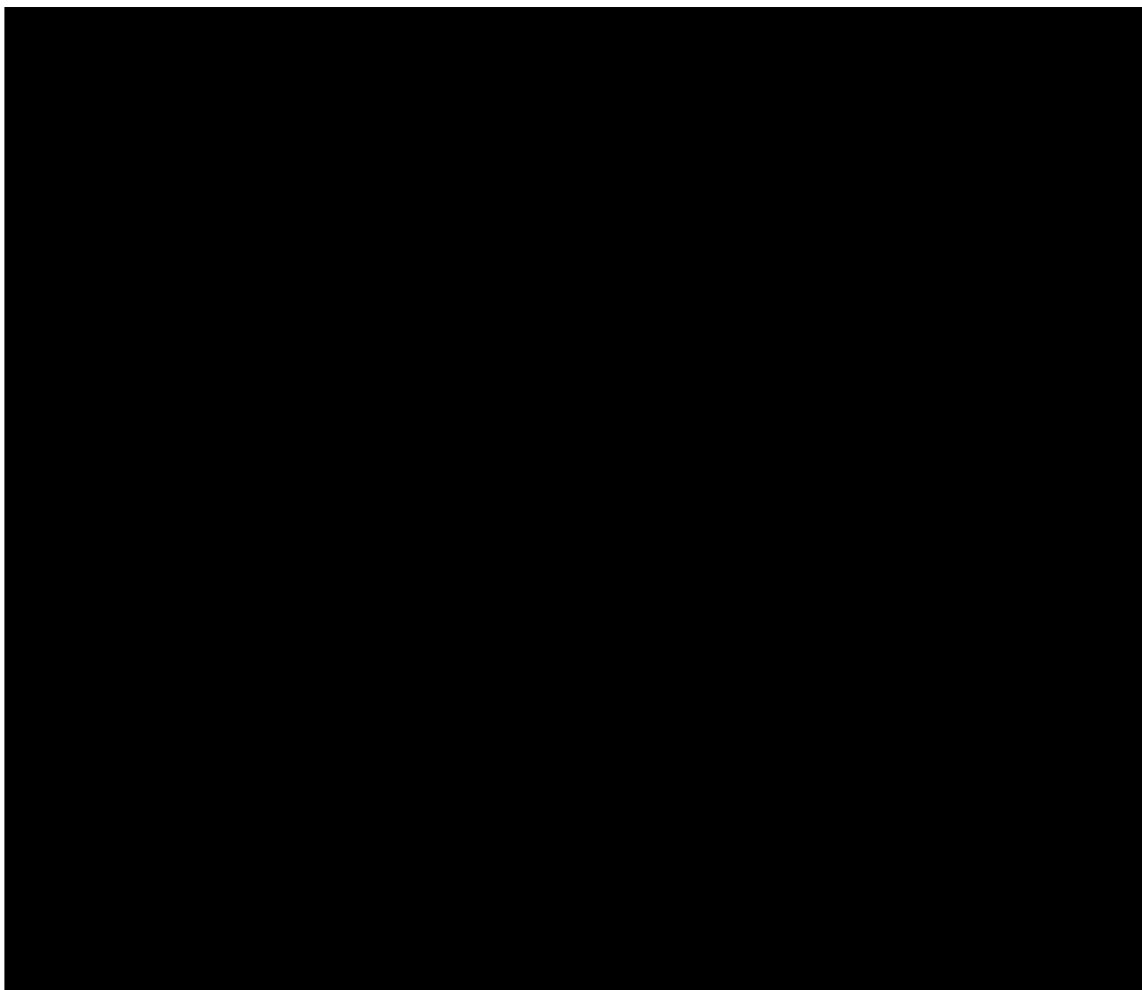
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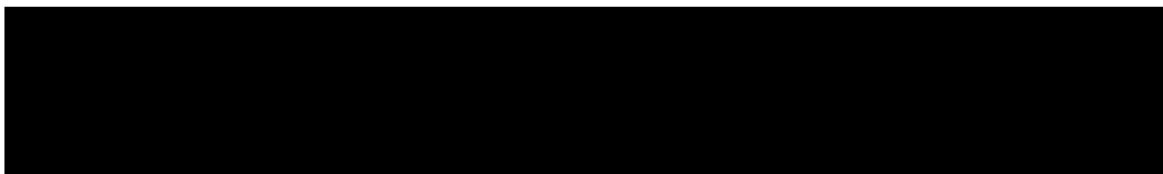
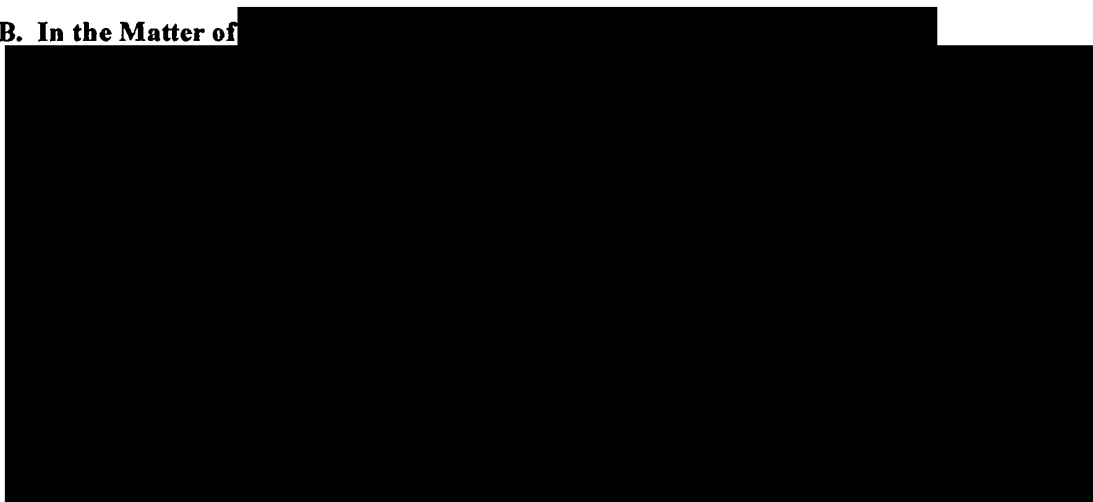
Initial Review

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B. In the Matter of

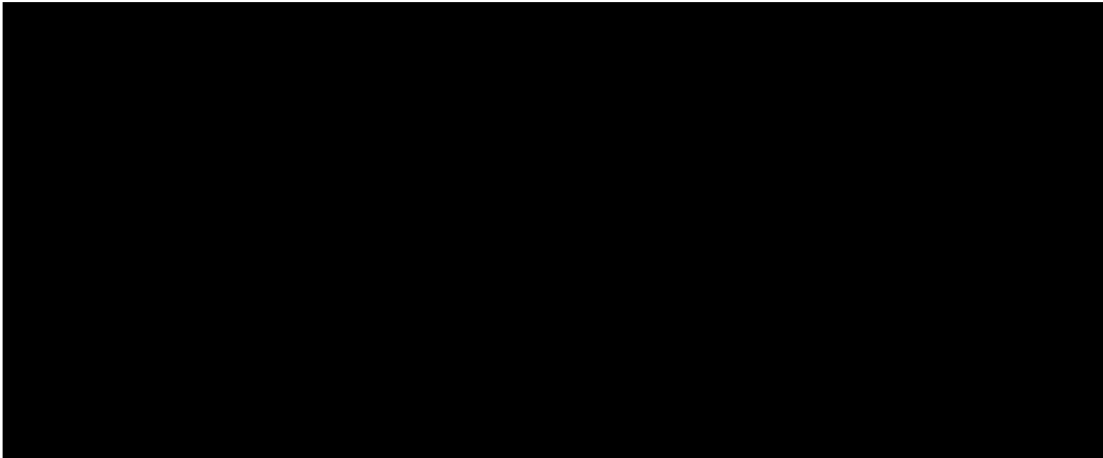
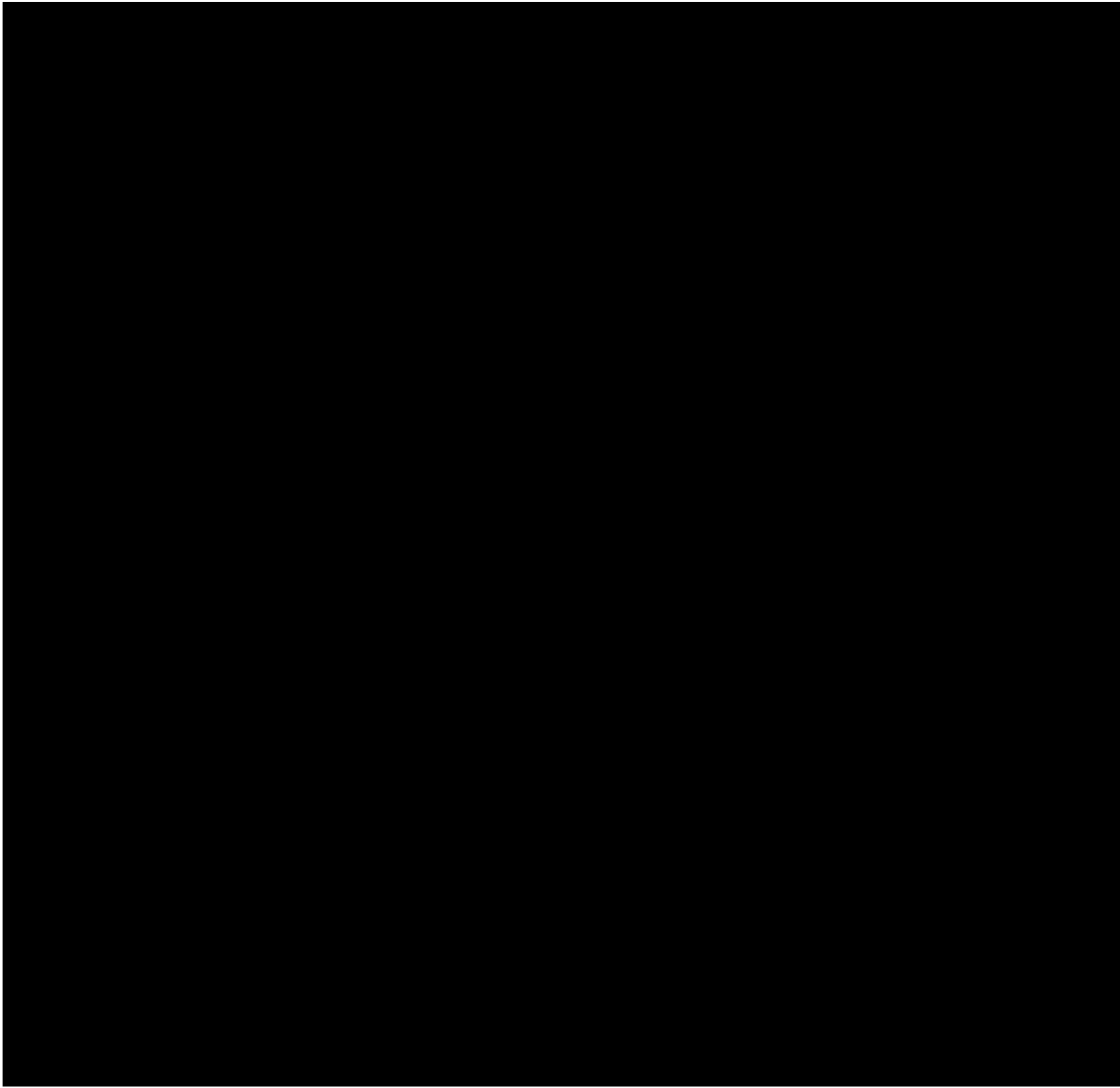


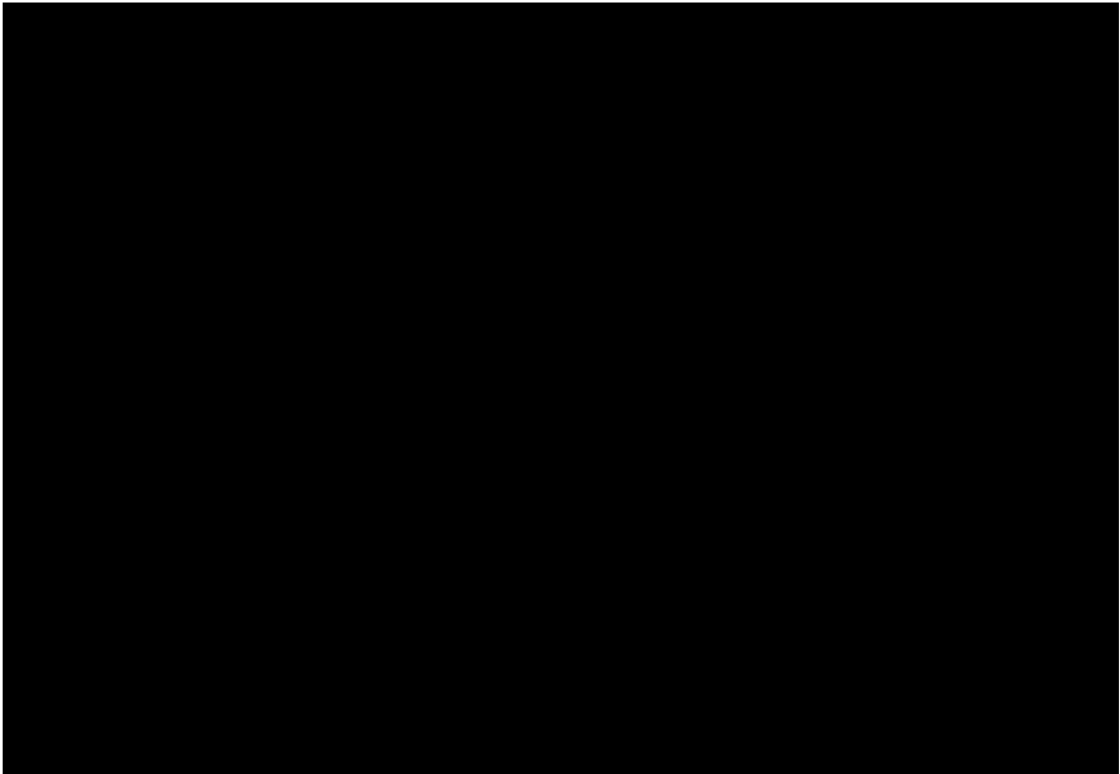
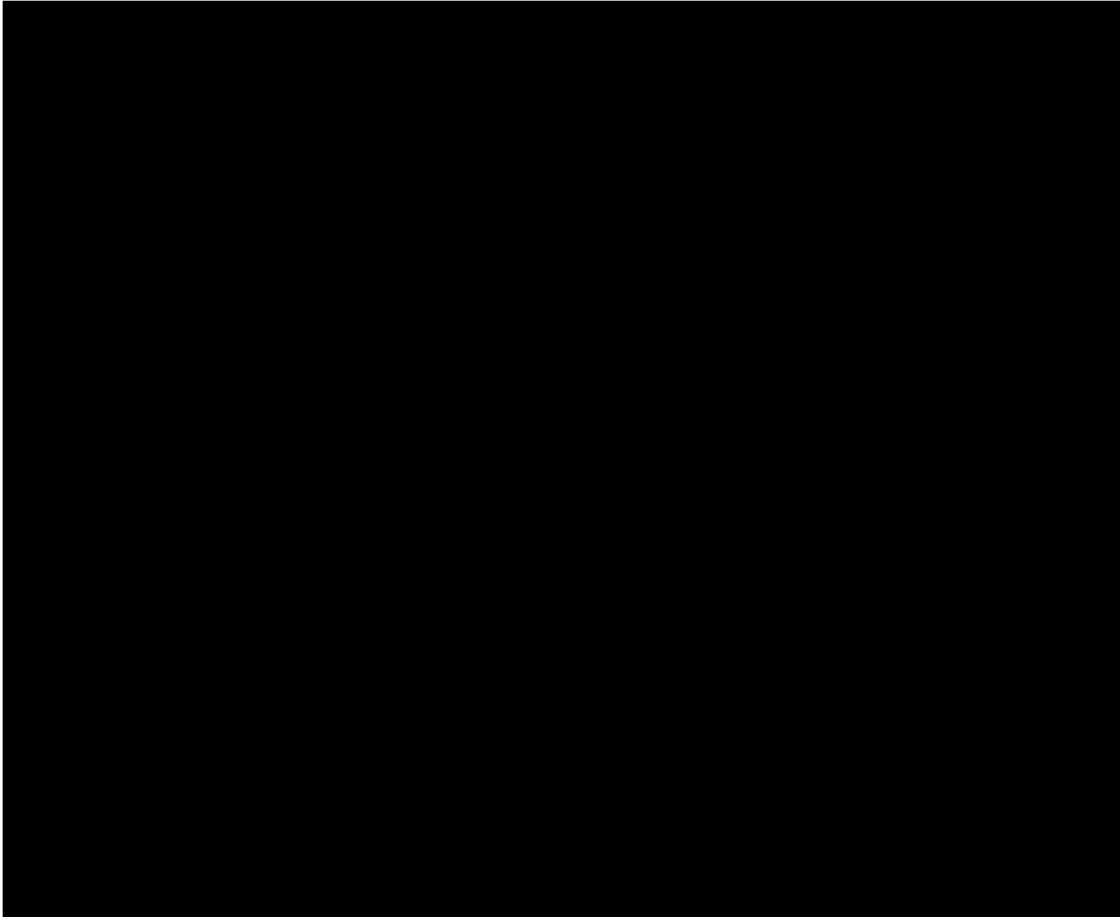
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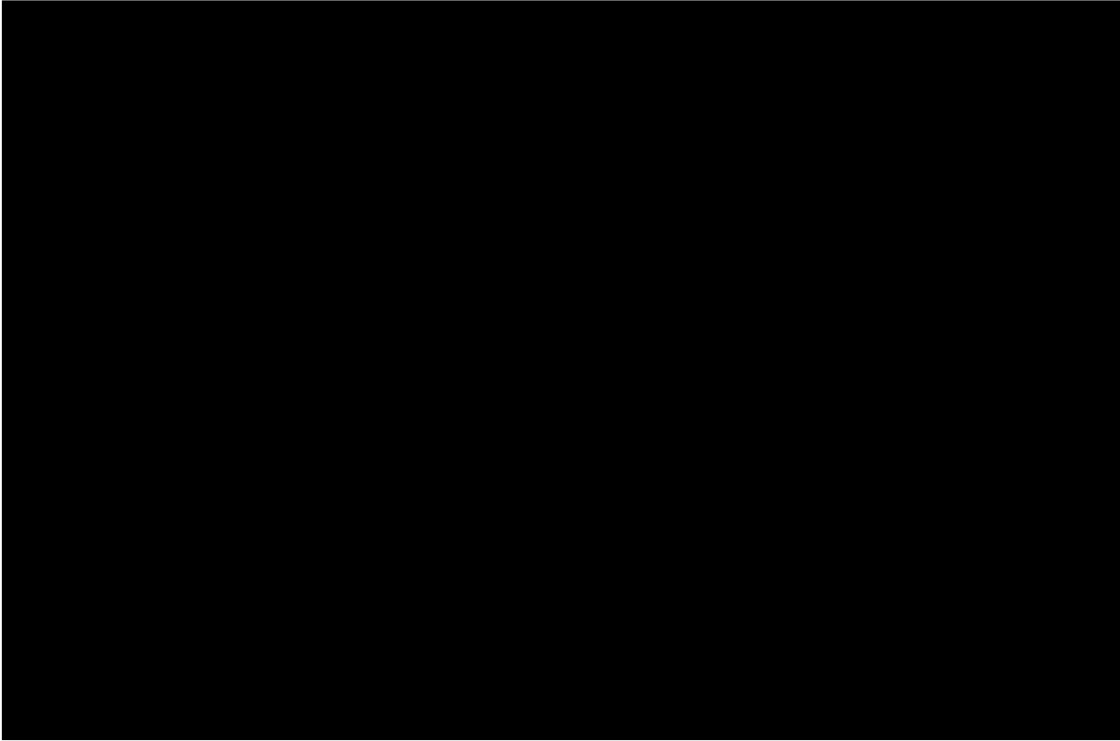
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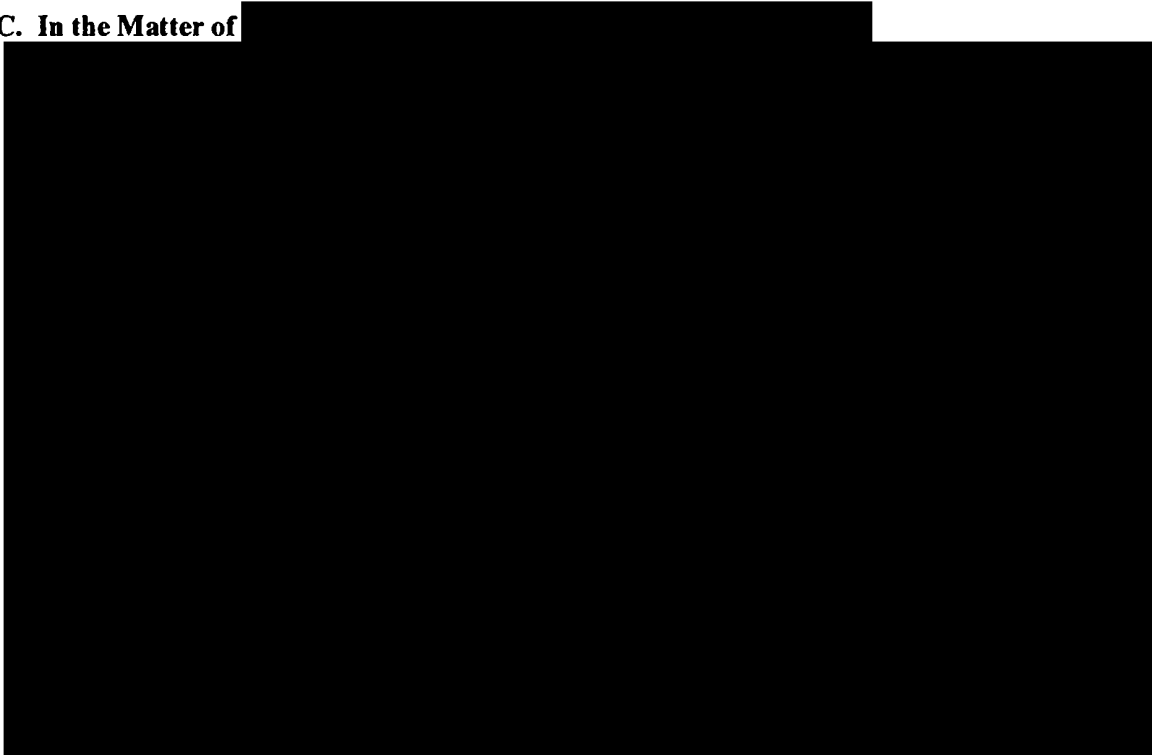
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C. In the Matter of



III. Review for Cause

**D. In the Matter of Rev. Alexander Sylvester Baranowski [Laicized 1976]–PFR-
- 224**

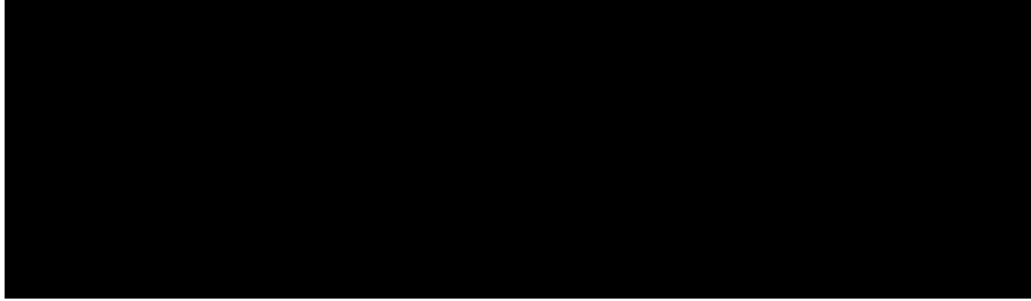
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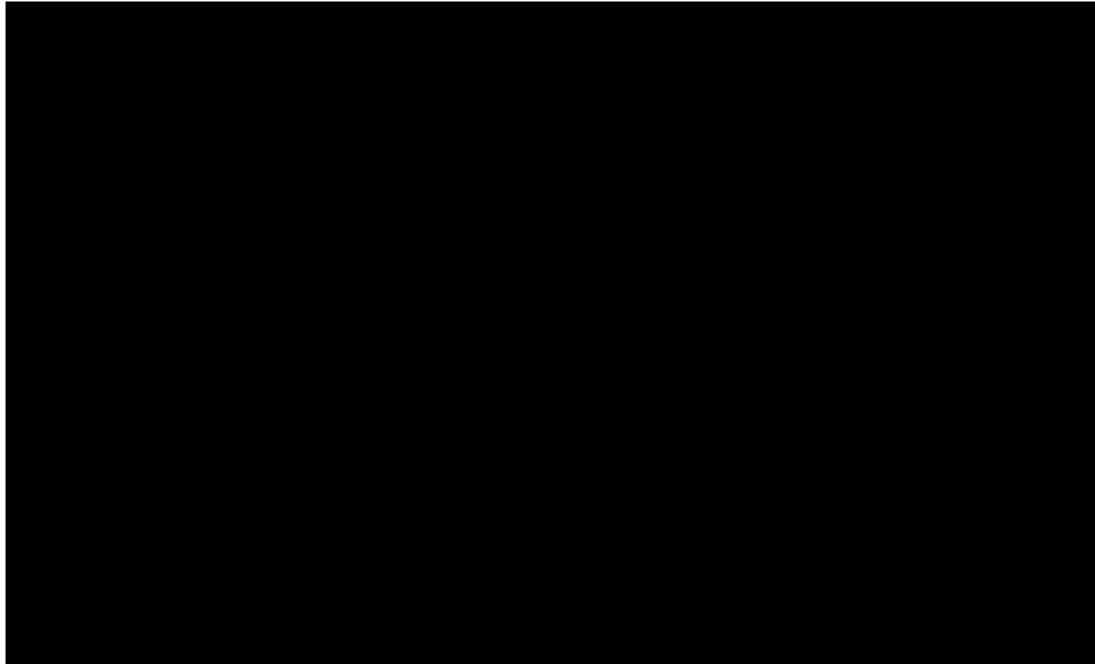
E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

G. In the Matter of



III. Other Matters



Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
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AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2006
- II. Case Reviews

Initial Reviews:

A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

III. **Review for Causes:**

D. In the Matter of Rev. Alexander Sylvester Baranowski (Laicized 1976) – PFR-224

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]
- Initial Review 10/15/2005

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

Review for Cause (Cont'd)

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

G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

IV. **Other Matters:**

[REDACTED]

The next Board Meeting is the scheduled for Saturday, **May 13, 2006.**

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-224

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Baranowski, Rev. Alexander Sylvester (Laicized) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date: April 8, 2006

A summary of the discussion from the Review Board Meeting on April 8, 2006:

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of the allegation made by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The allegation is as follows: one incident of fondling under her uniform jumper.

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board further recommended that no further action be taken due to the fact that Mr. Baran is laicized, except to provide outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 4/2/06 to conduct a(n)
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) Initial Review Review for Cause Supplementary Review Review for Advice
Status Report
regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]

against Rev. Lawrence Baranowski
(enter name of alleged victim)
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago
an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of _____
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

a religious priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of religious community)

☒ a resigned priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

a deceased priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: _____
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

Initial Review: In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) the information warrants additional investigation.
the information does not seem to be true of an offense and the file should be closed.

If the information at least seems to be true of an offense, the Board recommends that

(check one:) the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.
the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.
the accused may remain in ministry without monitoring or restrictions pending inquiry.

Review for Cause: In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☒ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from
ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with
Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

☒ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except
to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 7-0 reasonable cause

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April 12, 2006

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

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on April 8, 2006 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski [now known as Al Baran] pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. Baran is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the recommendation that in light of the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board further recommended that no further action be taken due to the fact that Mr. Baran is laicized, except to provide outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".
Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept this
recommendation.
Flora
april 17, 2006*

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

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-224

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Baranowski, Rev. Alexander [Baran]

Date: April 27, 2006

The attached is a copy of the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski's "Summary Time Line of Allegation" presented to all Review Board members for the April 8, 2006 Board meeting.

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May 2, 2006

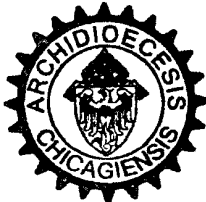
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Responsibility
676 N. St. Clair St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

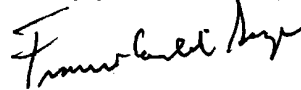
I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of April 17, 2006 in response to your letter of April 12, 2006, regarding the matter of **Alexander Baranowski**, who was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago but who is now laicized, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. This matter was discussed in a Review for Cause by the Professional Responsibility Review Board at their meeting of April 8, 2006.

I accept the Review Board's determination that no further action can be taken against Alexander Baranowski since he has already been laicized, but that outreach ought to be provided to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

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

Rev. Richard Scuderi

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Rev. John F. Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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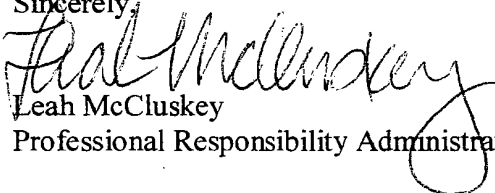
Mr. Al Baran
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Baran,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on April 8, 2006 and conducted a Review for Cause regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In the Review for Cause of this matter that took place on April 8th, the Board recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the sexual abuse of a minor did occur. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's recommendations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that Rev. Vincent Costello is available to you as your Vicar for Priests. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

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May 8, 2006



Dear 

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on April 8, 2006 and conducted a Review for Cause regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. Baranowski is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At a Review for Cause the Review Board recommends, based on the information that has been gathered and made available to it, whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in the sexual misconduct of a minor.

In the Review for Cause of this matter on April 8th, the Board recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's recommendations. Since Mr. Baranowski is laicized, there is no further action that can be taken at this time. However, Cardinal George's determinations will be recorded in Archdiocesan records related to Mr. Baranowski.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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July 27, 2005

Mr. Alexander S. Baranowski



Dear Mr. Baranowski,

Enclosed you will find a copy of §1100 *Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*. Additionally, I am enclosing information on our office.

Also, Leah McCluskey will forward you a copy of the draft report of your response to the allegation made by [REDACTED] once it is completed.

Please feel free to contact Leah McCluskey at [312] 751-5205 with any other questions or concerns you may have regarding the process involving this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures

AOC 006386

Memo from:

Sister Pat

To: Leah Date: 9/13/06

Leah,

Lianne found this
this morning stuck behind
or between the desk & the
wall. It must have
fallen from the ledge
where it was placed for
pick-up!

Sorry about that!

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Pat

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September 18, 2006

Mr. Al Baran
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Baran:

Enclosed you will find a copy of your Response to an allegation made by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dated July 27, 2005.

I apologize for the delay in sending it to you. The Vicar for Priest's office just recently forwarded it back to us.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

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[REDACTED]

January 25, 2007

James A. Serritella
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C.
One IBM Plaza
330 North Wabash Avenue, 22nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60611

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Serritella:

Please be advised that I have been retained to represent [REDACTED] with respect to her claim against Reverend Alexander Sylvester Baranowski and the Archdiocese of Chicago. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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April 19, 2007

VIA FACSIMILE (312-558-7772) & U.S. MAIL

Re: [REDACTED] Father Alexander Baranowski

Dear [REDACTED]

I am following up on your letter of January 25, 2007 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 Ms. McCluskey has been or will be in contact with your client. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister of 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

lj

cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)
Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)

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bcc: Reverend Edward Grace (via facsimile)
Reverend Vincent Costello (via facsimile)
John O'Malley (via facsimile)

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MEMORANDUM

To: File - 224

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review *(w)*

Re: Baranowski, Rev. Alexander Sylvester [Laicized—now known as Baran, Al]/[REDACTED]

Date: April 24, 2007

In a fax received by my office on April 23, 2007 from Mr. James Serritella, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I attempted to reach [REDACTED] via phone today to discuss the matter with him. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] did return my phone call later this morning.

I informed [REDACTED] that I had just received information from Mr. Serritella's office the day before noting that he is now representing [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he has been representing [REDACTED] "...for some time..." I continued by informing [REDACTED] that I had already met with [REDACTED] where she formalized her allegation against Fr. Baranowski. I also informed [REDACTED] that this matter had already been before the Review Board and that Cardinal George made the decision that there was reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. [REDACTED] stated that he was aware of my past meeting with [REDACTED] as well as the conclusion and outcome of the Review Board process. He also stated that he does have a copy of the report that I wrote based upon my January 24, 2005 meeting with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] thanked me for the phone call.

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

*bc: John O'Malley
Jim Serritella*

Carolyn- original in
the file

Please circulate and
send BCs (blind
copies) to John O'Malley
and Jim Serritella.

Thank you!

Leah

Jim 4-24-01
op.

POSTED
s/d

By Messenger

July 26, 2007

James A. Serritella
Patricia B. Carlson
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C.
One IBM Plaza
330 North Wabash Avenue, 22nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60611

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Serritella and Ms. Carlson:

Please be advised that I have been retained to represent [REDACTED] with respect to his claim against Reverend Alexander Sylvester Baranowski and the Archdiocese of Chicago. [REDACTED]

A settlement proposal, [REDACTED] will be submitted to you as soon as I receive [REDACTED]

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

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August 15, 2007

VIA FACSIMILE (312-558-7772) & U.S. MAIL



Re: [REDACTED] Father Alexander Baranowski

Dear [REDACTED]

I am following up on your letter of July 26, 2007 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 Ms. Mayra Flores (312-751-8291), Assistant 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

lj

cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)
Mayra Flores (via facsimile)


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bcc: Reverend Edward Grace (via facsimile)
Reverend Vincent Costello (via facsimile)
John O'Malley (via facsimile)

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August 22, 2007



Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in regards to your client [REDACTED] and his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Alexander Sylvester Baranowski. As you may know, Fr. Baranowski is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

As a follow up to our August 7, 2007 phone conversation, I do understand that you have spoken with Kathleen Leggdas of the Office of Assistance Ministry [REDACTED]. As we also discussed, I will wait to hear from you and/or [REDACTED] when he is ready to schedule a time to meet so that he may formalize his allegation against Fr. Baranowski.

Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Kathleen Leggdas, Office of Assistance Ministry
John O'Malley, Legal Services
James Serritella, Civil Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
John O'Malley, Legal Services
James Serritella, attorney
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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

Re: Baranowski, Rev. Alexander [Laicized]/ [REDACTED]

Date: August 22, 2007

Please note that as per civil attorney [REDACTED] July 26, 2007 written correspondence, he is representing [REDACTED] with respect to his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski. Please note that the former Fr. Baranowski is now known as "Al Baran."

Based upon the information in our files concerning Fr. Baranowski, [REDACTED] is the "Unidentified Male [Baranowski]" allegation received on December 14, 2004. [REDACTED] ex-wife is [REDACTED] who alleged that Fr. Baranowski sexually abused her ex-husband.

Please make the appropriate changes to your respective files.

AOC 006398

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MEMORANDUM

To: PFR - 224

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

Re: Baranowski, Rev. Alexander [Laicized]/[REDACTED]

Date: August 24, 2007

On August 8, 2007, I received a voice mail message from civil attorney [REDACTED] concerning a new client, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski. He stated that he had spoken with Kathleen Leggdas of the Office of Assistance Ministry [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. He stated that he would have [REDACTED] call me when he is ready to schedule a time to meet.

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

AOC 006399

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Hunnicutt, Matthew
Date: 2/12/2008 9:12:20 AM
Subject: Re-scheduling of meeting

Hi Matt,

I have a message from [REDACTED] asking if we can re-schedule our 2/13 2:30p meeting with him and his client [REDACTED] asked if we could change it to Friday, 2/15 at 2:30p, but I already have a meeting scheduled for that afternoon.

I left a message for [REDACTED] this morning and suggested next week any time on Wednesday, 2/20 or Thursday, 2/21.

I will let you know when I hear back from [REDACTED] _____

Thanks.

Leah

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR- 224

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

Re: **RESPONSE OF REV. ALEXANDER BARANOWSKI [LAICIZED] - NOW KNOWN AS AL BARAN] TO THE ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MADE BY [REDACTED]**

Date: May 15, 2008

Date of Conference Call: March 9, 2008

Time of Conference Call: 10:00 am

Participants in Conference Call

Al Baran

Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Conference Call

I arrived at the Vicar for Priests' Office at 10:00 am for the scheduled conference call with the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski [now known as Al Baran]. Rev. Vincent Costello initiated the scheduled call with Mr. Baran promptly at 10:00 am.

When Mr. Baran answered the phone, Fr. Costello and I introduced ourselves and thanked him for his time. Fr. Costello asked Mr. Baran how his recovery was progressing. Mr. Baran said that he had fallen two months ago and the recovery was not going well.

As we continued, I informed Mr. Baran that I had [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor to read to him. When asked, Mr. Baran indicated that he did not have any questions to ask of me. I continued by reading [REDACTED] allegation against Mr. Baran in its entirety and without interruption.

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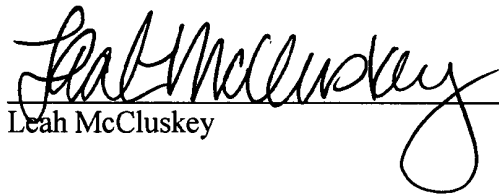
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Also when asked by Fr. Costello, Mr. Baran said that he does not have an attorney. Mr. Baran then sighed, "Oh well." He said that his memory is so bad after the two accidents that he sustained in the past that he has trouble remembering anything. Mr. Baran next remarked, "I don't even remember being in the parish [St. Wenceslaus]..." but that [REDACTED] name "...rings a bell."

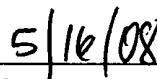
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Al Baran

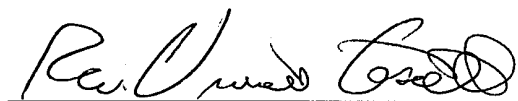
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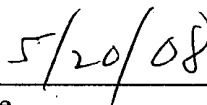
Leah McCluskey



Date



Rev. Vincent Costello



Date

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Perz, Carolyn
Date: 4/18/2008 9:42:42 AM
Subject: Request for School Records

Hi Carolyn,

When you have a chance, could you please request school records from St. Wenceslaus for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]? [REDACTED] attended St. Wenceslaus from K-8th and graduated in 1951.

Thank you!

Leah

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to you. The original copy of this allegation will be mailed to you today.

Please call Leah at 312/ 751-5205 with any questions you may have.

Thank you.

*allegation
dated 3-27-08
L.M. letter
dated 4-22-08*

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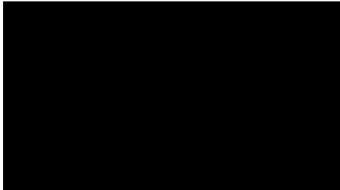


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VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL

April 22, 2008

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Dear [REDACTED]

I first want to apologize for my delay in getting this draft report to you. I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on February 20, 2008. Thank you again for agreeing to and meet with Ms. Kathleen Leggdas and me.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you through your attorney [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes by May 6, 2008. Please know that you may also respond by May 6th with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by May 20, 2008. I have noted this time frame in light of presenting this matter to the Review Board as soon as possible so that this matter may continue forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

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Thank you.

*allegation
dated 3-27-08
L.M. letter
dated 4-22-08*

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April 23, 2008

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the school transcript you requested for [REDACTED]. Please review the enclosed records for accuracy. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office. The Archives & Records Center is dedicated to providing timely and accurate information while protecting the privacy of individuals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia Manzo".

Sylvia Manzo
Records Clerk

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR- 224

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

Re: Baranowski, Rev. Alexander [Laicized], [REDACTED]

Date: April 29, 2008

The following is a summary of [REDACTED] records from St. Wenceslaus School received from the Archives & Records Center on April 24, 2008.

Pupil's Record

- Notes that [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] in Chicago and that his home address was [REDACTED]
- Date of entry to St. Wenceslaus was September 8, 1948
- Father's name was [REDACTED] and mother's name was [REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] was a printer

Attendance and Pupil Progress from 1949-1950

- [REDACTED] was in second grade
- Sister Mary Anista was [REDACTED] teacher for First and Second Semesters
- First Semester, [REDACTED] was marked 18 "1/2 Days Abs."
- Second Semester, [REDACTED] was marked 19 "1/2 Days Abs."
- Grades consisted of Gs [Above average] and Cs [Average achievement]

Attendance and Pupil Progress from 1950-1951

- [REDACTED] was in third grade
- S.M. Desideria was [REDACTED] teacher First Semester
- First Semester, [REDACTED] was marked 10 "1/2 Days Abs."
- Second Semester, [REDACTED] was marked 26 "1/2 Days Abs."
- Grades consisted mostly of Ss [Satisfactory progress for this child] and Cs

1951-1952

- Only information that [REDACTED] was in fourth grade and his teacher was S. M. Renetta

1952-1953

- [REDACTED] was in fifth grade
- S. M. Angelita was [REDACTED] teacher First Semester
- Grades consisted mostly of Ss and Cs

Attendance and Pupil Progress from 1953-1954

- [REDACTED] was in sixth grade
- S.M. Angelita was [REDACTED] teacher First Semester
- First Semester, [REDACTED] was marked 2 "1/2 Days Abs."
- Second Semester, [REDACTED] was marked 6 "1/2 Days Abs."
- Grades consisted mostly of Ss and Cs

Attendance and Pupil Progress from 1954-1955

- [REDACTED] was in seventh grade
- Sister Mary Renetta was [REDACTED] teacher First and Second Semesters
- First Semester, [REDACTED] was marked 2 "1/2 Days Abs."
- Second Semester, [REDACTED] was marked 1 "1/2 Days Abs."
- Grades consisted mostly of Gs [Average], some VGs [Above Average], and two Us [Unsatisfactory] in Arithmetic
- Noted that [REDACTED] was promoted to the next grade

Attendance and Pupil Progress from 1955-1956

- [REDACTED] was in eighth grade
- Sister Mary Joycine was [REDACTED] teacher First and Second Semesters
- Second Semester, [REDACTED] was marked 5 "1/2 Days Abs."
- Grades consisted of Gs and VGs

Other Documentation

- [REDACTED] was baptized on [REDACTED], made his First Communion on [REDACTED] and was Confirmed on [REDACTED] all at St. Wenceslaus
- Graduation Date recorded as [REDACTED]
- Indicated that [REDACTED] was going to Weber High School

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 LB's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on February 20, 2008, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Alexander Baranowski. The alleged abuse, which occurred from the time Victim LB was thirteen years old until he was a freshman or sophomore in high school, consisted of numerous incidents of kissing, fondling and oral sex. The alleged abuse also consisted of Rev. Baranowski providing Victim LB with alcohol and pills. The locations of the alleged abuse included Fr. Baranowski's car, at St. Wenceslaus parish rectory, and during several out-of-state trips.

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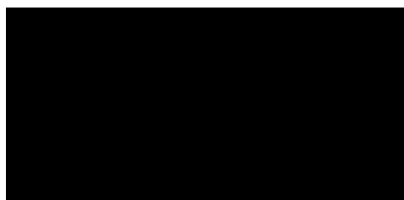
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VIA FACIMILIE AND MAIL

May 5, 2008



Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski. The report is based upon your revisions that you returned to me. Thank you very much for your additions and changes.

[REDACTED] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report with your signature to me by May 19, 2008. I will return a copy of the report to you through your attorney [REDACTED] once it is signed by those parties indicated on the final page of the report. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by May 19th, I will use the enclosed report and continue to proceed forward with this matter.

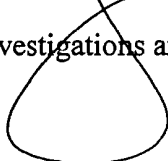
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Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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Via Telecopier

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Ms. Leah McCluskey
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Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Enclosed are the changes [REDACTED] has made to the report. If you cannot make out handwritten notes, please call me and I will read them to you over the phone.

Please return the final version to me as soon as possible. I will have [REDACTED] sign it, and I'll fax a signed copy to you with a hard copy to follow in the mail.

Thank you for expediting this case. As we discussed, I would like to have it presented to the Board at its meeting on May 31, 2008.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

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Leah -
Any chance I
can get final copy
by a.m. tomorrow?
I'm going to see
him in the afternoon
and he can sign.
Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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FAX MEMORANDUM

TO: [REDACTED]
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RE: [REDACTED]
DATE: May 5, 2008

Message: Dear [REDACTED]
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former Fr. Baranowski. [REDACTED] additions and changes are reflected in the
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Thank you,
Leah

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Costello, Vincent
Date: 5/5/2008 9:56:12 AM
Subject: Allegation to read

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MESSAGE: Enclosed is the final report signed by
[REDACTED] the original has been mailed to you.
Please fax me a copy fully signed.
Please schedule this on the agenda for the
May 31 meeting.
Thank you again for all of your help!

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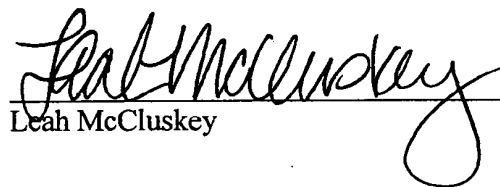
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Also when asked by Fr. Costello, Mr. Baran said that he does not have an attorney. Mr. Baran then sighed, "Oh well." He said that his memory is so bad after the two accidents that he sustained in the past that he has trouble remembering anything. Mr. Baran next remarked, "I don't even remember being in the parish [St. Wenceslaus]..." but that [REDACTED] name "...rings a bell."

Fr. Costello and I again thanked Mr. Baran for his time. Prior to ending the conversation, Mr. Baran thanked us for the phone call to inform him of this matter.

Al Baran

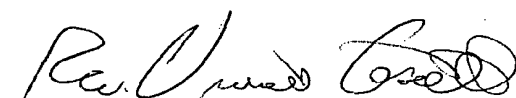
Date



Leah McCluskey

5/16/08

Date



Rev. Vincent Costello

5/20/08

Date

SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
Name:	Rev. Alexander Baranowski [now known as Al Baran]	[REDACTED]
Address:	Fox Lake, IL	Chicago, IL area
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Current Age:	78	65
Name of civil attorney:	N/A	[REDACTED]

Date of Ordination [of accused]: 5/3/55

Location: Mundelein

Age at ordination: 25

Assignment location of accused: N/A

Status of accused: Laicized

Name of canonical advocate: N/A

Date allegation received: 12/14/04

Date allegation formalized: 2/20/08

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1955

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1958

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: several

Brief summary of alleged abuse: [REDACTED] [formerly [REDACTED]] contacted the AOC and stated that her husband [REDACTED] was abused as a minor by Fr. Baranowski; she said that Fr. Wojokowski (who was also assigned to St. Wenceslaus) knew about the abuse
2/20/08: meeting with [REDACTED]; French kissing, masturbation, attempted anal sex, alcohol, some sort of pills that would make [REDACTED] black out; mutual oral sex; Fr. Baranowski put his penis in [REDACTED] mouth, both ejaculated [one incident]

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 5/9/08; Mr. Baran stated that due to past injuries, he does not remember even being assigned to St. Wenceslaus; stated that [REDACTED] name is familiar to him

Stage of disposition by independent Review Board: Initial Review

Additional allegations made by accuser: N/A

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Address: Chicago, IL

Date of Birth: unknown

Age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 11/21/92

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1957

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1961

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: unknown

Brief summary of alleged abuse: sexual touching over clothes by cleric; legal settlement reached

Brief summary of response:

Stage of disposition by independent Review Board: not brought before Review Board; this matter was substantiated by Administrative Review

Additional allegations made by accuser: none

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: Unidentified female

Address: unknown

Date of Birth: unknown

Age: unknown

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 2/20/04

Date allegation formalized: N/A

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: unknown; age of alleged victim was 10 years old

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: unknown

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: unknown

Brief summary of alleged abuse: third party allegation reported by Fr. [REDACTED] of St. Paul of the Cross Parish; Fr. [REDACTED] was referred to PRA by Promoter of Justice; unidentified female not interested in pursuing this matter at the time of report to AOC

Brief summary of response: N/A

Stage of disposition by independent Review Board: alleged victim refused process, therefore this matter was not presented to the Board

Additional allegations made by accuser:

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Address: California

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Age: 62

Name of civil attorney:

Date allegation received: 12/13/04

Date allegation formalized: 1/24/05

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1959/1960

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1959/1960

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: one

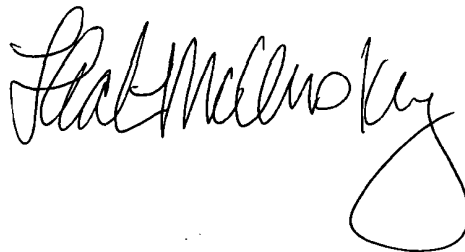
Brief summary of alleged abuse: one incident of fondling under clothing
[uniform jumper]

Brief summary of response: 7/27/05; Mr. Baran denied the entire allegation

Stage of disposition by independent Review Board: 4/06; reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred

Additional allegations made by accuser: [REDACTED] alleged that Fr. Baranowski also sexually abused her ex-husband [REDACTED] when he was a minor

Signature of Director:



Date: 5/20/08

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

From: Santa Garcia, Secretary *SG*
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: [PFR-224] BARANOWSKI, REV. ALEXANDER (LAICIZED) –
NOW KNOWN AS AL BARAN/ [REDACTED]

Date: May 27, 2008

Enclosed find a copy of the Response of [PFR-224] Rev. Alexander Baranowski {Laicized} - (Now known as Al Baran)/ [REDACTED] for your files.

Please call Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205 with any questions you may have.
Thank you.

Enclosure

Bcc: John O'Malley
James Serritella

From: Leah McCluskey
To: harvey@hillardheintze.com
Date: 5/31/2008 3:08:56 PM
Subject: Re: New Matter

Thank you Harvey.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900
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Office: [312] 751-5205
Fax: [312] 751-5279
lmcccluskey@archchicago.org

>>> <harvey@hillardheintze.com> 5/31/2008 2:42 PM >>>
Not a problem. We'll get started right away.

Harvey

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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

From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>

Date: Sat, 31 May 2008 14:32:58
To: <harvey@hillardheintze.com>
Subject: New Matter

Hello Harvey,

The Board has asked if you would conduct a background check on the following individual:



If possible, I ask if you could have this information to me by June 11, 2008.

Thank you.

Leah

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

Dear Cardinal George,

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The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, this matter warrants additional investigation. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board along with all other information regarding this matter for a Review for Cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the
determination.
F. for
justice and*

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: harvey@hillardheintze.com
Date: 6/3/2008 6:24:57 AM
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Very good. Thanks Harvey.

Leah

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>>> <harvey@hillardheintze.com> 06/02/08 4:51 PM >>>
Thanks Leah. This works just fine. This additional information is what I needed.

HR
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----
From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>

Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2008 16:33:36
To: "Harvey Radney" <harvey@hillardheintze.com>
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Hello Harvey,

In terms of the requested background check on [REDACTED] I am just asking for whatever checks you would do/have done on any other case we have sent to you.

[REDACTED]

If this does not help you, please let me know and I will see what other information we have that might assist you.

Thanks.

Leah

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <harvey@hillardheintze.com> 6/2/2008 1:02 PM >>>
Hi Leah:

Working on the [REDACTED] background and was wondering if there was any additional information you could share with me on this one. It seems the last known address is several years old, actually dates back to 2001. There's no record so far of property in his name, although I do have listings for possible relatives. Perhaps if you could let me know if there is anything specific we're looking for or are we just checking for criminal, suits, judgements, bankruptcies etc.

Thanks,

Harvey

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June 24, 2008

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of June 3, 2008, regarding the matter of **Reverend Alexander Baranowski**, a priest ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago who was dispensed from the obligations of the clerical state and who is now known as Al Baran, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the Initial Review conducted by the Review Board on May 31, 2008.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination, and believe that the information suggests further investigation into whether **Father Baranowski** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

With this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Father Baranowski**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

Rev. Richard Sanchez
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Minister
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Review Board that information at least seems to be true that **Reverend Alexander Baranowski** engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED] a minor at the time of the alleged incident, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717) and warrants further investigation.

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **Father Baranowski**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm [REDACTED] name or to violate his right to protect his privacy.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written and oral report to the Review Board, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense. This report is to be sent to me, along with the advice of the Review Board.

Given on June 24, 2008, at Chicago, Illinois.

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

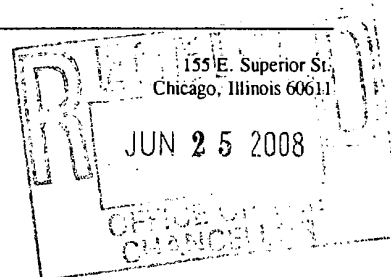


Rev. Richard Saulis
Ecclesiastical Notary

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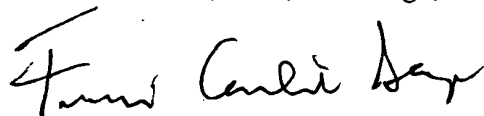
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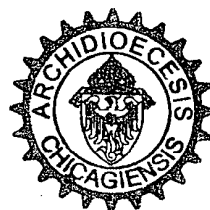
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June 26, 2008

Mr. Al Baran


Dear Mr. Baran,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on May 31, 2008 and conducted an Initial Review of  allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that in light of the information presented, additional investigation is warranted. Meaning, the Board determined that based upon the information presented for their review, there is cause to continue to investigate this matter. Further, if you have any additional information at this time you wish to share and have presented to the Board, please forward it to my attention. Any additional information obtained and/or received will be presented to the Board at a Review for Cause of this matter.

I would also like to remind you of your right to appear before the Review Board. If you wish to do so, please contact me directly so that we may schedule a date and time for you to address the Board in regards to this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

Bcc: John O'Malley
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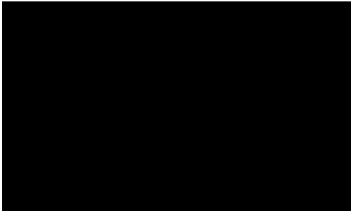
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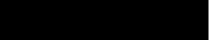
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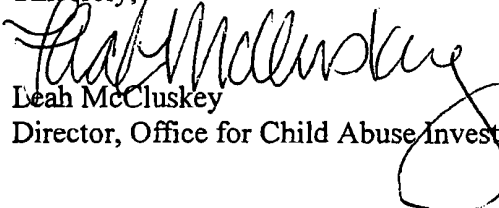
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the staff of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bcc: John O'Malley
James Serritella

AOC 006435

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter to the members of the Independent Review Board, from Victim LB, dated August 11, 2008. In the letter, Victim LB alleged that Rev. Alexander Baranowski sexually abused him numerous times, beginning in 1954. Victim LB also stated in his letter that the alleged sexual abuse had a severely detrimental effect on his life.

[REDACTED]

Via Telecopier

August 13, 2008

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Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office for Child Abuse Investigations
and Review
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Leah:

Enclosed is [REDACTED] letter which he was planning on reading to the Review Board this Saturday. It is my understanding that he cannot appear in person this week because the agenda for the meeting is full. In lieu of an appearance, please present this letter to the Board on his behalf.

Thank you again for your help and for expediting his case. Please advise me of the outcome at your earliest opportunity.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED][REDACTED]
Enclosure

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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION SHEET

TO: Leah McCluskey

FROM: [REDACTED]

DATE: 8-14-08

NUMBER OF PAGES (Including Cover): 4

If you did not receive all pages, please call [REDACTED]

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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**Review Board Meeting
Saturday, August 16, 2008 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

Non-members Present:

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

I. Approval of Minutes

- June 28, 2008 - Minutes approved
- July 15, 2008 – Minutes approved

[REDACTED]

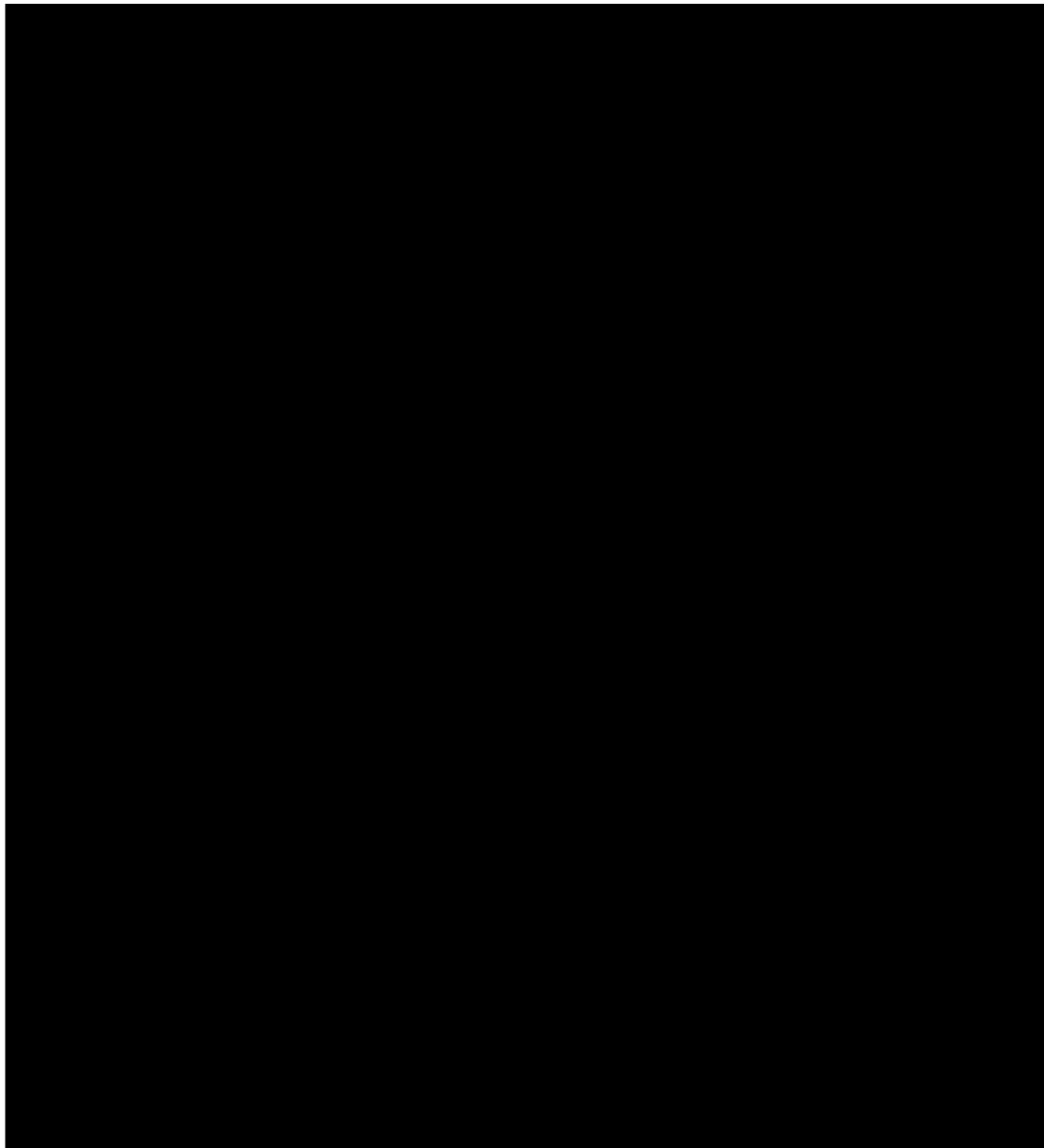
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Initial Review

A. In the Matter of

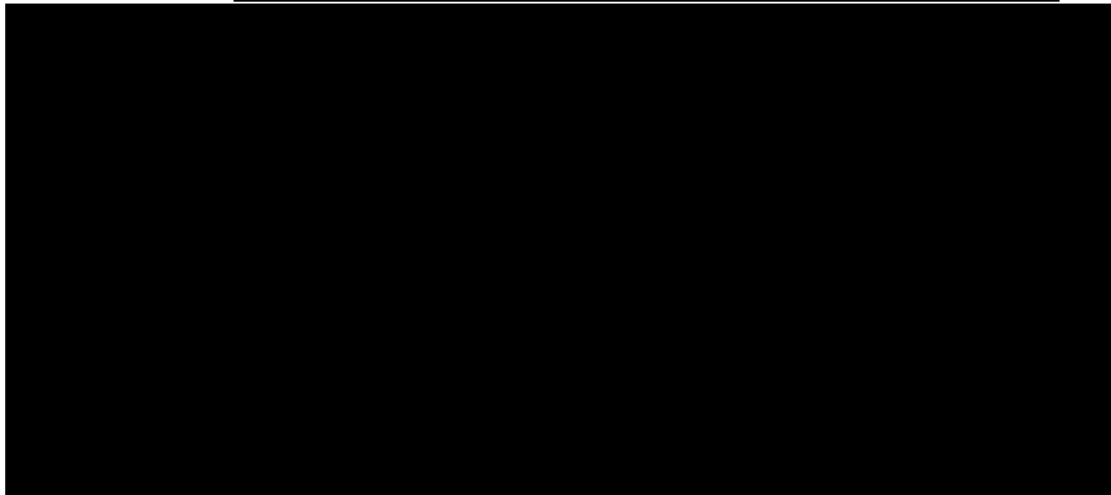
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B. In the Matter of

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[REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Review for Cause

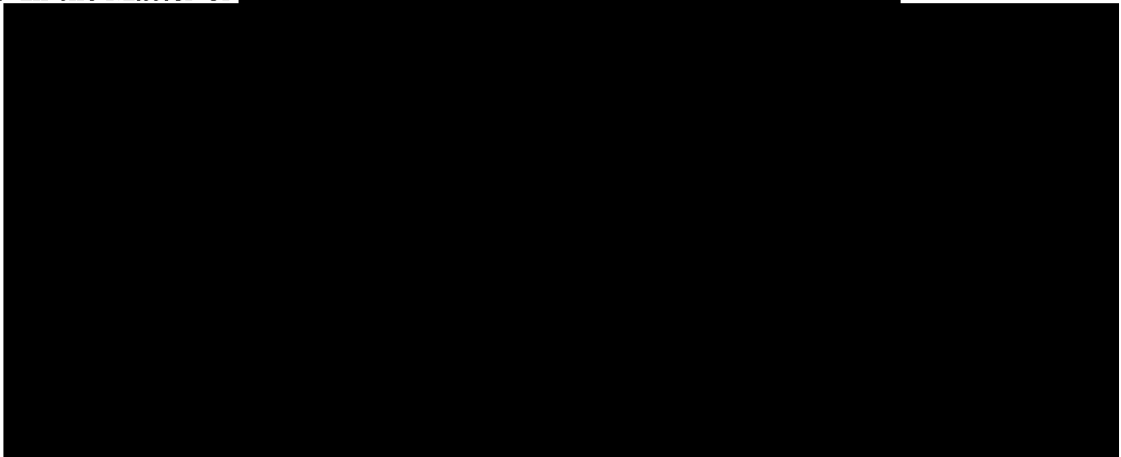
D. In the Matter of Rev. Alexander Baranowski (now Al Baran) [Laicized 1976] – PFR – 224

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski. A summary of the allegation is as follows: French kissing, masturbation, attempted anal sex, alcohol, some sort of pills that would make [REDACTED] black out; mutual oral sex; Fr. Baranowski put his penis in [REDACTED] mouth, both ejaculated [one incident].

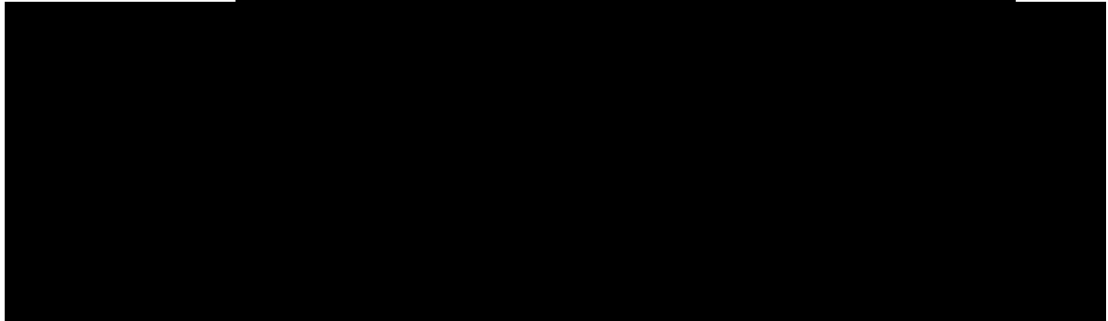
When asked, Ms. McCluskey provided a verbal update of this matter. Ms. McCluskey also provided the Board with a copy of [REDACTED] letter forwarded by his civil attorney [REDACTED]

In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that the former Fr. Baranowski did sexually abuse [REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

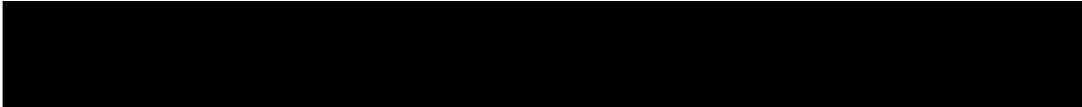


F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]





III. Other Matters



Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

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August 18, 2008

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.
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Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on August 16, 2008 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski [now known as Al Baran] pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. Baran is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is reason to suspect that the accused did sexually abuse [REDACTED]

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".
Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I must do
determine
T. M. J.
Aug 22, 2008*

AOC 006444

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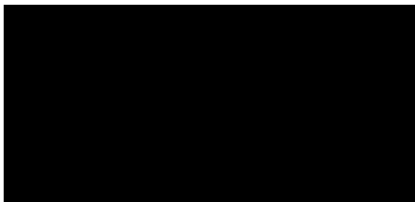
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August 26, 2008



Dear 

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on August 16, 2008 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski [now known as Al Baran] pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. Baran is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At a Review for Cause the Review Board determines, based on the information that has been gathered and made available to it, whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in the sexual misconduct of a minor.

In the Review for Cause of this matter on August 16th, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that Fr. Baranowski sexually abused you. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the staff of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

✓ Bcc: John O'Malley
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August 26, 2008

Mr. Al Baran



Dear Mr. Baran,

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Sincerely,

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Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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To: [REDACTED]

Re: Baranowski, Rev. Alexander [REDACTED]

Ph. [REDACTED] **Fax** [REDACTED]

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Message: Dear [REDACTED]

Leah McCluskey asked me to fax you the attached. Please
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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter to the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of the Chancellor, from the daughter of Victim LA, dated June 22, 2010. In the letter, the relative of Victim LA alleges that Victim LA became involved with Rev. Alexander Baranowski when Victim LA was approximately 13 or 14 years old. The relative of Victim LA also alleged that Victim LA was impregnated by Rev. Baranowski.



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To: Matt
Hinnant,

Please follow-up
per our usual
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Jim Lage

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Message: EMA/2010/159199

From: Jennifer Hibben
To: Lavelle, Peggy
Cc:
Sent: 6/30/2010 at 1:13 PM
Received: 6/30/2010 at 1:13 PM
Subject: Re: Fr. Alexander Baranowski

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Thanks! Just found out he's alive too, but resigned and changed his name. No wonder I had trouble finding him. Thanks again!

Jen

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
CC: Collins, John; Hunnicutt, Matthew; kbudzikowski@archchicago.org; Lago...
Date: 7/2/2010 2:10 PM
Subject: Hello
Attachments: Leah McCluskey.vcf

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Dear [REDACTED]

A copy of the letter that you wrote on June 22, 2010, to the Office of the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago was sent to my office, the Office of Assistance Ministry.

This office is an extension of the Cardinal's outreach to those who have reported as being sexually abused as minors by a priest, deacon, or others who minister, work, or volunteer for the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Office of Assistance Ministry is sanctioned to provide services, resources, and support to victim/survivors of cleric sexual abuse and their family members. These services are therapeutic related and offer individual psychological counseling and spiritual direction by trained and qualified providers.

We are sad to hear about the difficulties that your mother has experienced in her life and the plight that you and your entire family grapple with today. However, our program does not provide any financial resources. And it appears that you and your family are in need of some type of financial resources in order for you to resolve the problems that you are facing today. We are not aware of any resources that could assist you at this time.

We also would like you to know that a copy of your letter was sent to Leah McCluskey, Director of the Office For Child Abuse Investigations & Review. This is the office that is responsible for receiving and investigating allegations of child sexual abuse within the Archdiocese of Chicago. Her phone number is 312-534-5205. It is my understanding that you have already been in touch with Ms. McCluskey.

I am enclosing information that explains the services that the Office of Assistance Ministry provides to victim/survivors of cleric sexual abuse and their family members. Please feel free to contact my Director, Matt Hunnicutt, at 312-534-8267 or me at 312-534-8256 if you have any questions or if you would like to request any services.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Robinson, BSW
Assistant Director
Office of Assistance Ministry
Archdiocese of Chicago

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
CC: Budzikowski, Kenneth; Collins, John; Hunnicutt, Matthew; Lago, Jimmy
Date: 7/7/2010 10:47 AM
Subject: Re: Hello
Attachments: Leah McCluskey.vcf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your e-mail. Please contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you again.

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 7/2/2010 4:08 PM >>>

Thank you for contacting me so quickly.
I will start gathering the information for you.



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To: [REDACTED]
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Sent: Friday, July 02, 2010 3:10 PM
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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Hunnicutt, Matthew; Robinson, Ruth
Date: 7/7/2010 4:10 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: [REDACTED] Response
Attachments: Re: [REDACTED] Response; Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Matt and Ruth,

Did you happen to send a copy of your letter to [REDACTED] to the Vicars and Jimmy as well?

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Date: 7/7/2010 11:53 AM
Subject: Re: former Rev. Alexander Baranowski
Attachments: Story.pdf

Dear Ms. McCluskey, Mr. Collins, Mr. Lago, Mr. Budzikowski and Mr. Hunnicutt:

This Thursday, July, 8th, my mother is arriving. I will be caring for her while my brother and dad put their house up for sale in Illinois. My brother is bringing the photo albums and I plan to try to "interview" my mother over the space of the next few weeks for more details. Please pray for comfort and peace.

I am attaching a scanned copy of a published short story my sister wrote several years ago. It includes some of my mother's history.

I have also contacted my Uncle [REDACTED] and my Aunt [REDACTED] and her long time school friend [REDACTED]. Their other two brothers [REDACTED] have passed on. [REDACTED] of cancer and of suicide (we don't know the cause). Here are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] emailed comments below. When I get more information from [REDACTED] I will pass it on.

In Him,

[REDACTED]

from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I managed to avoid AI as much as possible. He had one sexual discussion with me and I told my Mom. Once my Dad found out he went to the Monsignor and told him to stay away from me.

I know Mom and Dad were really upset with the situation. Dad wrote the Archdiocese several times and even went there on one occasion that I knew of.

[REDACTED] (wife of Uncle [REDACTED]) and [REDACTED] would know much more.

Uncle [REDACTED]

from [REDACTED]

██████ I just read the letters.

In your letter you ask for the Church's help. It's unfortunate, but I'm sure they will not provide any. They asked for more information....if they check the diocese records they should have reports of the many times Grandpa contacted them, and was only told that he needed to provide "proof". That's when Me, Uncle ██████ and his friends started to follow "Al". It's when "Al" produced a gun and threatened to use it if we continued to follow him that Grandpa told us to stop.

Also, if the Chancery office needs "more information" they can refer to the article written a couple years ago by a Chicago newspaper about the pedophile priests that have been reported over the years. I have a copy of that article and Al Baranowski is at the top of that list.

Your mother was in the 8th grade at the time when "Al" a newly ordained priest was assigned to St Wenceslaus. He made many sexual advances toward me and also Uncle ██████. He had no preference as to gender.

Your Mom had a friend who was "covering up" for her during the time she was pregnant. If I remember correctly, her name was ██████ (I think) and she worked with her at ██████. I believe she either shared her apt with her or was staying there while your Mom was supposed to be "in New York for training". It was an apt in the suburbs, maybe Elmwood Park.

She had the baby sometime just before I got married in June 1964. She always told me she wasn't sure who the father was, so I don't know what was put on the birth certificate.

I'm sure the Church will try to sweep your letter under the rug with the others. If you're going to pursue this, I think a consultation with an attorney might be in order?

Keep me posted.
Love, Aunt ██████

In additional phone conversation with my Aunt ██████ today, 7/7/10:

██████ said that Father Al had attempted to take them all on a vacation to California and her dad put his foot down.

She said my mom, who was the oldest, was given a little more freedom and took a job at the "dimestore". When she had enough money, she had her own phone line installed in their bedroom and would stay up all night talking to Father Al on it. She also had an 8x10 photo of him hanging on the wall. ██████ said she used to cover it up with a scarf because it made her sick and mom would get really mad at her. She felt very sorry that my mom had fallen for all of his persuasiveness.

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MEMORANDUM



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

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

Re: [PFR - 224] BARANOWSKI, REV., ALEXANDER (LAICIZED)
[REDACTED]

Date: July 8, 2010

A copy of a new allegation was received by this office on June 28, 2010.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding [PFR - 224] BARANOWSKI, REV., ALEXANDER (LAICIZED) [REDACTED]
[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 Leah McCluskey with any questions you may have at (312) 534-5205 or lmcccluskey@archchicago.org regarding this matter. Thank you.

Cc: Ray Gass, Review Board Chair
John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services
Jan Slattery, Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

Attachment

Message: EMA/2013/507869

From: Leah McCluskey
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Ms. Shauna Boliker
Chief, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau
State's Attorney of Cook County
2650 South California, Room 11D36
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE:

[REDACTED]
Our File #10 SC 045
Date of Birth: Unknown
Date of Incident: 1950's - 1966
Location of Incident: St. Wenceslas, Chicago

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review has received an allegation from [REDACTED] that her mother [REDACTED] was sexually abused as a minor by Rev. Alexander Baranowski in the 1950s. [REDACTED] further alleges that the relationship continued until 1966 and involved the birth of a child in 1966. Fr. Baranowski apparently was assigned to St. Wenceslas parish in Chicago at the relevant time. Rev. Baranowski is laicized.

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

Very truly yours,


John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

JCOM:dd

cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓
Mr. James A. Serritella
Ms. Dixie Peterson, DCFS Counsel

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RE:

[REDACTED]
Our File #10 SC 045

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please note that in our recent letter dated August 5, 2010, notifying you of the above-referenced allegation, [REDACTED] middle name was spelled incorrectly [REDACTED]. Please note the correct spelling is [REDACTED]. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Donna Demars

Donna Demars
Legal Secretary

DD:slf

cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓
Mr. James A. Serritella
Ms. Dixie Peterson, DCFS Counsel

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AOC 006468

Message: EMR/2010/11466

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Lago, Jimmy
Cc:
Sent: 8/23/2010 at 3:01 PM
Received: 8/23/2010 at 3:01 PM
Subject: Baranowski files

Attachments: Leah McCluskey.vcf (445 bytes)

Hi Jimmy,

Could I come over to your office on Thursday or Friday morning to review your (Chancellor) file on the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski (now known as 'Al Baran')?

Thanks.

Leah

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Message: EMR/2010/11513

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Fox, Maryann
Cc:
Sent: 8/24/2010 at 9:18 AM
Received: 8/24/2010 at 9:18 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Baranowski files

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Thanks Maryann. How about Thursday morning-- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thank you!

Leah

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>>> Maryann Fox 8/24/2010 9:48 AM >>>
Leah, I will be here both days.

[REDACTED]

>>> Jimmy Lago 8/23/2010 4:03 PM >>>
fyi. jml

>>> Leah McCluskey 8/23/2010 4:01 PM >>>
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Message: EMR/2010/11515

From: Maryann Fox
To: McCluskey, Leah
Cc:
Sent: 8/24/2010 at 8:48 AM
Received: 8/24/2010 at 8:48 AM
Subject: Fwd: Baranowski files

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Leah, I will be here both days.

Do you need seminary files on [REDACTED]

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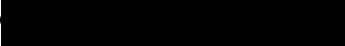


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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 224

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

Re: Baranowski, Rev. Alexander (Laicized) 


Date: August 26, 2010

As a result of the third party allegation of the sexual abuse of 
 against the former Rev. Alexander Baranowski (now Baran), I reviewed Baranowski's file in the Chancellor's Office.

Attached are copies of original documents located in the aforementioned file.

Attachments

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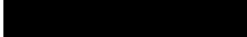
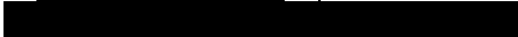
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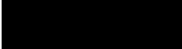
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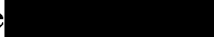
From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: [PFR - 224] Baranowski, Alexander (Laicized) 


Date: February 8, 2011

On June 30, 2010, this office was forwarded a third party allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Alexander Baranowski.  reported that Mr. Baranowski sexually abused her mother,  when she was a minor. Mr. Baranowski is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The last contact that this office had with  on behalf of  was on July 7, 2010.

Due to the fact that 180 days has passed since  last contact with this office and that this office has not received any contact about this matter from anyone on  behalf, this matter is considered to be inactive at this time.

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SUMMONS

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

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
Plaintiffs,

v.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, and
ALEXANDER SYLVESTER BARANOWSKI,

Defendants.

No.

Please serve: Archdiocese of Chicago
c/o Legal Services Director:
John C. O'Malley
835 N. Rush
Chicago, IL 60611

SUMMONS

To each defendant:

YOU ARE SUMMONED and required to file an answer in this case, or otherwise file your appearance in the office of the clerk of this court (located in the Richard J. Daley Center, Room * 801 Chicago, Illinois 60602) within 30 days after service of this summons, not counting the day of service. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT, A COPY OF WHICH IS HERETO ATTACHED.

To the officer:

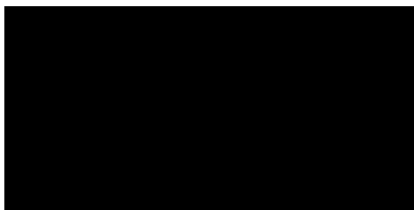
This summons must be returned by the officer or other person to whom it was given for service, with endorsement of service and fees, if any, immediately after service. If service cannot be made, this summons shall be returned so endorsed. This summons may not be served later than 30 days after its date.

WITNESS, APR 22 2013, 20

DOROTHY BROWN
DOROTHY BROWN Clerk of Court

Date of service: _____, 20

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Attorney for:
Address:
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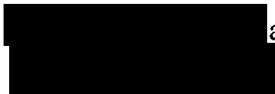
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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the complaint at law filed by Victim LD and Victim LE against the Archdiocese of Chicago and Alexander Baranowski. In the complaint, Victim LD alleged that he was sexually abused by Rev. Baranowski when he was in the eighth grade. Victim LE alleged that he was sexually abused by Rev. Baranowski when he was in the seventh grade. Both Victim LD and LE alleged that they were abused during overnight trips.

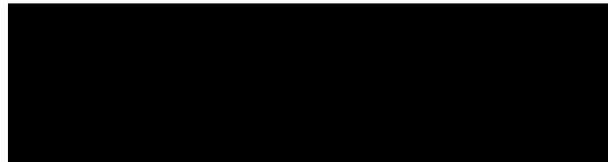
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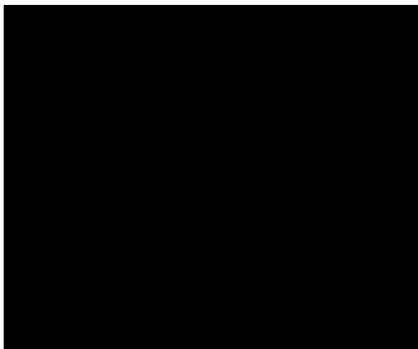
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NOW COME the Plaintiffs,  and  by and through
their attorney,  your affiant and being first duly sworn under oath, states as
follows:

1. That your affiant is one of the attorneys of record for the Plaintiffs in this matter.
2. That the total money damages sought in this civil action exceeds an amount in excess
of \$50,000.00.



[X] Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109 (1993), I certify that the
statements set forth herein are true and correct.



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

Re: PFR-224 Baranowski, Alexander / [REDACTED]

Date: April 29, 2013

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Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services

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Message: EMA/2013/367829

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Kenneth Budzikowski, Christopher Cannova, Colleen Dolan, Daniel Smilanic, John Canary, Jimmy Lago, Peter Snieg, Thomas Tharayil, Jeff Grob
Cc: Janet Leonatti, John O'Malley
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Leah

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AOC 006481

Message: EMA/2013/367839

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Alex Becker
Date: 4/30/2013 4:00 PM
Subject: Re: Question
Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf

Hi Alex,

Thank you so much for the information.

Leah

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>>> Alex Becker 4/30/2013 3:50 PM >>>

Hi Leah,

Yes I was notified that he had died.

A family member called and informed us we could stop sending the monthly check.

Alex

Alex B. Becker
Executive Director
Priests Retirement and Mutual Aid Association
Archdiocese of Chicago
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Hillside, IL 60162

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fax 708 449 8148

>>> Leah McCluskey 4/30/2013 3:27 PM >>>

Hi Alex,

I hope that all is well with you.

I called over to the Vicar for Priests' Office today and spoke with Fr. Ed Grace. I asked Ed if he knew if Alexander Sylvester Baranowski, ordination class of 1955, had passed away. Baranowski was laicized in 1976 and changed his last name to Baran. Through an internet search, I found an obituary from 2011 for an Alexander S. Baran, date of death June 21, 2011. Ed suggested that you may know whether Baranowski/Baran is alive or deceased. Would you have that information?

Thank you!

Leah

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 4/30/2013 4:34 PM
Subject: RE: Information
Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf

You are most welcome. Thank you, [REDACTED]

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 4/30/2013 4:32 PM >>>

Thank you for the quick response. I will discuss with my clients and get back to you.



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

Subject: Re: Information
From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Date: Tue, April 30, 2013 4:14 pm
To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I wanted to inform you that I was able to confirm that Alexander Baranowski is deceased.

As we discussed on the phone earlier, the fact that Baranowski is deceased takes nothing away from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] coming forward to report their abuse. I look forward to hearing from you to discuss scheduling dates to meet so that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have the opportunity to formalize their allegations against Alexander Baranowski, if they wish to do so.

Thank you, [REDACTED] Talk with you soon.

Leah

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>>> Leah McCluskey 4/30/2013 3:34 PM >>>
Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you again for your time on the phone today. It was good to speak with you.

Per our conversation, I wanted to send you additional information about the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review. Please click on this link to access our website:
<http://www.archchicago.org/departments/ocair/ocair.shtm>

Please click on this link to access a copy of the clerical sexual abuse policies:
http://policy.archchicago.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=YAY5LPGR_9o%3D&tabid=10167

As we discussed, I also wanted to provide you with additional information on the Office of Assistance Ministry:
http://www.archchicago.org/departments/assistance_ministry/assistance_ministry.shtm

[REDACTED] please let me know if you have any questions or need for additional information. Also as we discussed, I will call you once I am able to determine whether Baranowski is alive or deceased.

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Message: EMA/2013/368639

From: Karen Gorajski
To: John O'Malley, Leah McCluskey
Cc: John Canary
Sent: 4/30/2013 at 8:11 AM
Received: 4/30/2013 at 8:11 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: HP TRIM Electronic Record : ER/2013/210751 : PFR-224 Baranowski, Alexander / [REDACTED] / PCAC memo

Dear Leah and John,

The Vicar General's office has no information regarding Alexander Baranowski.

Karen

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>>> John Canary 4/29/2013 8:45 PM >>>
Send any more information we may have.

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Begin forwarded message:

> From: "Leah McCluskey"
> Date: April 29, 2013, 4:26:15 PM CDT
> To: "Kenneth Budzikowski" , "Christopher Cannova" , "Colleen Dolan" , "Daniel Smilanic" , "John Canary" , "Jimmy Lago" , "Peter Snieg" , "Thomas Tharayil" , "Jeff Grob"
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Subject: Re: Fwd: HP TRIM Electronic Record : ER/2013/210755 : PFR-224 Baranowski, Alexander / [REDACTED] / PCAC memo

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>>> John Canary 4/29/2013 8:42 PM >>>

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Can you forward any Alexander Baranowski material we have in our files. Thanks.

Msgr. Canary

Sent from my iPad

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> Date: April 29, 2013, 4:39:10 PM CDT
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Message: EMA/2013/369963

From: Leah McCluskey
To:
Cc:
Sent: 4/30/2013 at 2:34 PM
Received: 4/30/2013 at 2:34 PM
Subject: Information

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

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Thank you again, Brian. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Message: EMA/2013/369964

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Alex Becker
Cc:
Sent: 4/30/2013 at 2:27 PM
Received: 4/30/2013 at 2:27 PM
Subject: Question

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

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Message: EMA/2013/369966

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Alex Becker
Cc:
Sent: 4/30/2013 at 3:00 PM
Received: 4/30/2013 at 3:00 PM
Subject: Re: Question

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

Hi Alex,

Thank you so much for the information.

Leah

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To:
Cc:
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Received: 4/30/2013 at 3:14 PM
Subject: Re: Information

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

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Message: EMA/2013/369970

From: [Alex Becker](#)
To: [Leah McCluskey](#)
Cc:
Sent: 4/30/2013 at 2:50 PM
Received: 4/30/2013 at 2:50 PM
Subject: Re: Question

Attachments: [TEXT.htm \(2 KB\)](#)

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Message: EMA/2013/369990

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Sent: 4/30/2013 at 3:34 PM
Received: 4/30/2013 at 3:34 PM
Subject: RE: Information

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

You are most welcome. Thank you, [REDACTED].

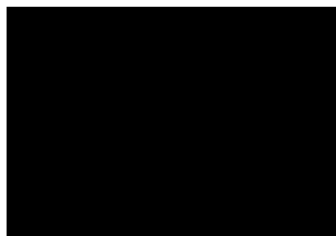
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To:

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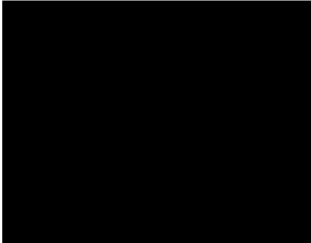
Message: EMA/2013/369991

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Leah McCluskey](#)
Cc:
Sent: 4/30/2013 at 3:32 PM
Received: 4/30/2013 at 3:32 PM
Subject: RE: Information

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Message: EMA/2013/375562

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To: Janet Leonatti
Cc:
Sent: 4/30/2013 at 3:03 PM
Received: 4/30/2013 at 3:03 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Question - Baranowski

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

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Received: 4/30/2013 at 8:21 AM
Subject: PFR-224 Baranowski, Alexander / [REDACTED]

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

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>>> Karen Gorajski 4/30/2013 9:10 AM >>>
Dear Leah and John,

The Vicar General's office has no information regarding Alexander Baranowski.

Karen

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>>> John Canary 4/29/2013 8:42 PM >>>
Karen,

Can you forward any Alexander Baranowski material we have in our files. Thanks.

Msgr. Canary

AOC 006507

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

> From: "Leah McCluskey"
> Date: April 29, 2013, 4:39:10 PM CDT
> To: "Kenneth Budzikowski" , "Christopher Cannova" , "Colleen Dolan" , "Daniel Smilanic" , "John Canary" , "Jimmy Lago" , "Peter Snieg" , "Thomas Tharayil" , "Jeff Grob"

> Cc: "Janet Leonatti" , "John O'Malley"
> Subject: HP TRIM Electronic Record : ER/2013/210755 : PFR-224 Baranowski, Alexander / [REDACTED] / PCAC memo
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> FYI.
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> Leah
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Message: EMA/2013/375576

From: Leah McCluskey
To: John O'Malley, Karen Gorajski
Cc: John Canary
Sent: 4/30/2013 at 8:20 AM
Received: 4/30/2013 at 8:20 AM
Subject: PFR-224 Baranowski, Alexander / [REDACTED]

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Thank you, Karen.

Leah

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>>> John Canary 4/29/2013 8:45 PM >>>
Send any more information we may have.

Sent from my iPad

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> Date: April 29, 2013, 4:26:15 PM CDT
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Ms. Shauna Boliker
First Assistant State's Attorney
Cook County State's Attorney Office
69 W. Washington, Suite 3200
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: Baranowski, Rev. Alexander / [REDACTED]
Our File Number: 2013SC0025
Date of Birth: 1948
Date of Incident: 1962
Location of Incident: Trip to Springfield, IL

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Legal Services has received a Summons and Complaint in which [REDACTED] alleges he was sexually abused by Fr. Alexander Baranowski while a student at St. Wenceslaus School. [REDACTED] alleges that the abuse occurred in 1962 while on a trip with Fr. Baranowski. [REDACTED] is represented by [REDACTED]. Fr. Baranowski is a deceased priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. We have no additional information at this time.

[REDACTED] can be reached at [REDACTED]

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 black ink.
John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

JCOM:tm

cc: Ms. Womazetta Jones, DCFS
Deputy Director of the Division of Child Protection
Ms. Leah McCluskey
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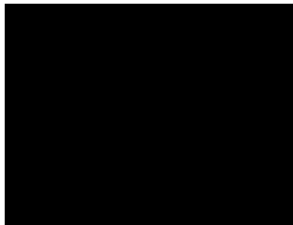
Message: EMA/2013/422804

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Leah McCluskey](#)
Cc:
Sent: 5/22/2013 at 12:52 PM
Received: 5/22/2013 at 12:52 PM
Subject: RE: Information

Attachments: [TEXT.htm \(9 KB\)](#)
[Mime.822 \(9 KB\)](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 1:52 PM
To: Leah McCluskey <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Subject: RE: Information

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Subject: RE: Information
From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Date: Tue, April 30, 2013 4:34 pm
To: [REDACTED]

You are most welcome. Thank you, [REDACTED].

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 4/30/2013 4:32 PM >>>

Thank you for the quick response. I will discuss with my clients and get back to you.



[REDACTED]

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Date: Tue, April 30, 2013 4:14 pm

To: [REDACTED]

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 5/30/2013 9:02 AM
Subject: RE: Information
Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf

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Date: Tue, April 30, 2013 4:34 pm

To:



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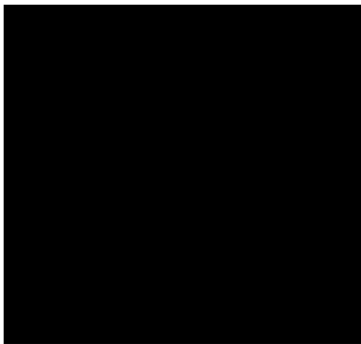
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Message: EMA/2013/422826

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Sent: 5/30/2013 at 8:02 AM
Received: 5/30/2013 at 8:02 AM
Subject: RE: Information

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AOC 006523



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From: "Leah McCluskey"

Date: Tue, April 30, 2013 4:34 pm

To: 

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Dear 

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AOC 006524

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Message: EMA/2013/427461

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Sent: 5/30/2013 at 10:28 AM
Received: 5/30/2013 at 10:28 AM
Subject: Re: Information

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail.

During the week of June 17th, Tom Tharayil and I are free all day on Tuesday, June 18th. Would that day work for you? I'm glad that having one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon would work for you. Also, once you have the chance to speak with [REDACTED], please let me know his preference about travel arrangements.

Thank you again, [REDACTED] I look forward to hearing from you.

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> Date: Tue, April 30, 2013 4:34 pm
> To: [REDACTED]

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Message: EMA/2013/427462

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Sent: 5/30/2013 at 10:40 AM
Received: 5/30/2013 at 10:40 AM
Subject: Re: Information

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

Great. Thank you, [REDACTED]. I'll ask Tom to hold June 18th and wait to hear from you.

Leah

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Cc:
Sent: 5/30/2013 at 10:39 AM
Received: 5/30/2013 at 10:39 AM
Subject: Re: Information

Attachments: Mime.822 (12 KB)

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>>>>> Date: Tue, April 30, 2013 4:34 pm
>>>>> To: [REDACTED]

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Received: 5/30/2013 at 9:20 AM
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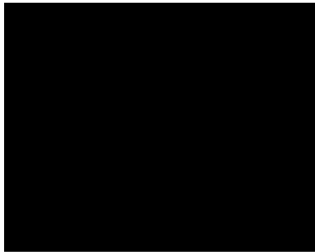
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Sent: 5/31/2013 at 7:13 AM
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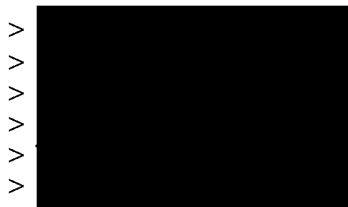
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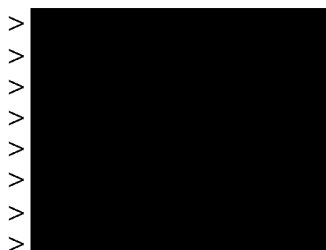
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> I wanted to inform you that I was able to confirm that Alexander Baranowski is deceased.
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To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Sent: 5/31/2013 at 8:30 AM
Received: 5/31/2013 at 8:30 AM
Subject: RE: Information

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

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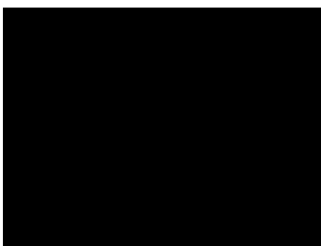
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Received: 6/2/2013 at 11:21 PM
Subject: RE: Information

Attachments: [TEXT.htm \(17 KB\)](#)
[Mime.822 \(17 KB\)](#)

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 6/3/2013 9:33 AM
Subject: RE: Information
Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail.

Beginning at 10am sounds great and may I suggest beginning the afternoon meeting at 1:30p? With regard to the length of a meeting, I tell the person who comes forward that the length of the meeting is completely in his or her control. I would say that meetings typically last about an hour or so, but I have had some last up to two or three hours dependent upon the comfort level and emotions of the individual who has come forward to formalize his or her allegation.

I am happy to make arrangements for you to park in the lot across from Holy Name Cathedral. I will put two separate requests under "[REDACTED] and client." The lot is located at State and Superior Streets directly across from the Cathedral. The entrance to the lot is on Superior Street, which is one block south of Chicago Avenue and is a one way street going East. Once you park in the lot, please walk east down Chicago Avenue to our office located at 737 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1220. As I mentioned, the entrance is 1/2 block east of Michigan Avenue on the south side of the street.

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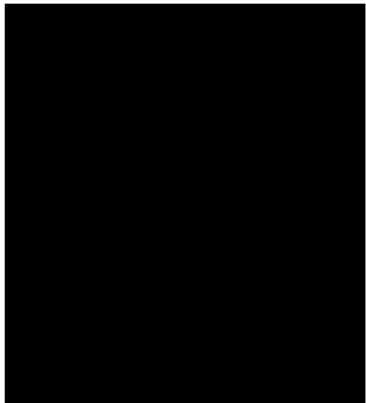
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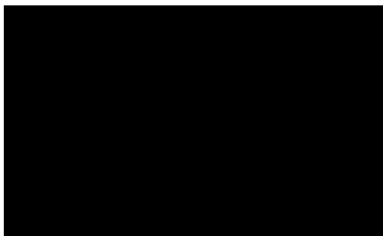
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> ----- Original Message -----

> Subject: Re: Information

> From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>

> Date: Tue, April 30, 2013 4:14 pm

> To: [REDACTED]

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> Dear [REDACTED]

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> I wanted to inform you that I was able to confirm that Alexander Baranowski is deceased.

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> As we discussed on the phone earlier, the fact that Baranowski is deceased takes nothing away from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] coming forward to report their abuse. I look forward to hearing from you to discuss scheduling dates to meet so that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have the opportunity to formalize their allegations against Alexander Baranowski, if they wish to do so.

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> Thank you, [REDACTED] Talk with you soon.

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Message: EMA/2013/427452

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Sent: 6/3/2013 at 8:33 AM
Received: 6/3/2013 at 8:33 AM
Subject: RE: Information

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

Good Morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail.

Beginning at 10am sounds great and may I suggest beginning the afternoon meeting at 1:30p? With regard to the length of a meeting, I tell the person who comes forward that the length of the meeting is completely in his or her control. I would say that meetings typically last about an hour or so, but I have had some last up to two or three hours dependent upon the comfort level and emotions of the individual who has come forward to formalize his or her allegation.

I am happy to make arrangements for you to park in the lot across from Holy Name Cathedral. I will put two separate requests under "[REDACTED] and client." The lot is located at State and Superior Streets directly across from the Cathedral. The entrance to the lot is on Superior Street, which is one block south of Chicago Avenue and is a one way street going East. Once you park in the lot, please walk east down Chicago Avenue to our office located at 737 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1220. As I mentioned, the entrance is 1/2 block east of Michigan Avenue on the south side of the street.

Thank you again, [REDACTED]. Talk to you soon.

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>>> "[REDACTED]" 6/3/2013 12:21 AM >>>

Since they will be coming in from the suburbs, I was thinking of starting around 10 am for the first one and 1 or 2 pm for the second one after a quick lunch, depending on how long the first one goes. As we discussed, I am not sure how long these typically go. Not sure if it matters who goes first but let me know. That would be great if we could park in the Holy Name Cathedral lot, there will probably be 2 cars total. I will have [REDACTED] bring his receipts and I know his wife is coming along with him.

AOC 006568

[REDACTED]

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Date: Fri, May 31, 2013 9:30 am
To: [REDACTED]

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail. I am glad that June 18th works for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. What time would you like to begin in the morning and resume in the afternoon? Also, we may absolutely meet in our offices, which are located at 737 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1220. The entrance to the building is actually on Chicago Avenue, approximately 1/2 block east of Michigan Avenue on the south side of the street. If you and/or your clients will be driving, you are welcome to park in the lot across the street from Holy Name Cathedral, located at State and Superior. Please let me know if you would like to park there and I can provide more detail about the location and submit the parking request.

With regard to [REDACTED] travel arrangements, I will certainly take care of the reimbursement once he provides me with the receipts.

Thank you again, [REDACTED]. Talk to you soon.

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>>> [REDACTED] 5/31/2013 8:13 AM >>>

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Sent from my iPhone

On May 30, 2013, at 9:02 AM, "Leah McCluskey" wrote:

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AOC 006570

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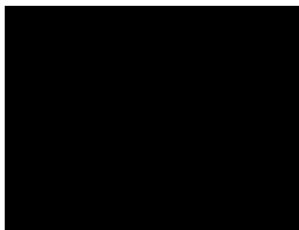
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> Thank you for the quick response. I will discuss with my clients and get back to you.

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> ----- Original Message -----
> Subject: Re: Information
> From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
> Date: Tue, April 30, 2013 4:14 pm
> To: [REDACTED]
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> Dear [REDACTED],
>
> I wanted to inform you that I was able to confirm that Alexander Baranowski is deceased.
>
> As we discussed on the phone earlier, the fact that Baranowski is deceased takes nothing away from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] coming forward to report their abuse. I look forward to hearing from you to discuss scheduling dates to meet so that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have the opportunity to formalize their allegations against Alexander Baranowski, if they wish to do so.
>
> Thank you, [REDACTED] Talk with you soon.
>
> Leah
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> Thank you again for your time on the phone today. It was good to speak with you.
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> Per our conversation, I wanted to send you additional information about the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review. Please click on this link to access our website:
> <http://www.archchicago.org/departments/ocair/ocair.shtm>
>
> Please click on this link to access a copy of the clerical sexual abuse policies:
> http://policy.archchicago.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=YAY5LPGR_9o%3D&tabid=10167
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> As we discussed, I also wanted to provide you with additional information on the Office of Assistance Ministry:
> http://www.archchicago.org/departments/assistance_ministry/assistance_ministry.shtm
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> [REDACTED] please let me know if you have any questions or need for additional information. Also as we discussed, I will call you once I am able to determine whether Baranowski is alive or deceased.

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> Thank you again, [REDACTED] I look forward to hearing from you.

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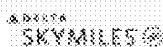
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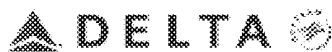
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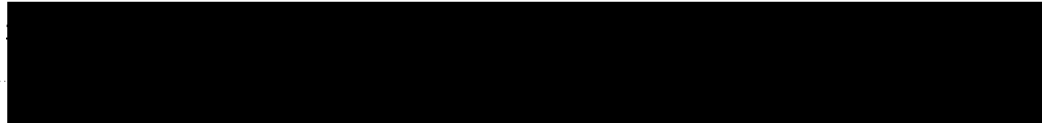
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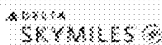
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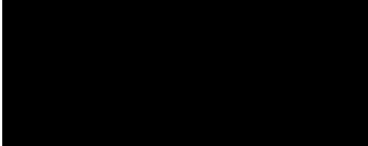
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Odometer In: 27813
Total Driven: 181
Fuel Gauge Reading: Full

Your Rental

Pickup Date/Time: JUN 17,2013@4:45PM
Pickup Location: 5300 SOUTH HOWELL AVENUE
GENERAL MITCHELL FIELD
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414-482-8345

Return Date/Time: JUN 19,2013@12:59PM
Return Location: 5300 SOUTH HOWELL AVENUE
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Your Vehicle Charges (MIN 1 DAY / MAX DAY)

Rate Chart:	Free Miles:	Time and Mileage:
Miles: UNLIMITED		Your Discount:
Hourly: 47.26		2 DY @ 63.00 = 126.00
Daily: 63.00		
Ad'l day: 0.00		Time and Mileage: 126.00
Weekly: 378.00		
Monthly: 1512.00		

Your Optional Products/Services

Optional Services Total: 0.00

Your Taxable Fees

11.11% Concession Recovery Fee	14.26
7.5% TX FF MIDY	.12
VEH LICENSE RECOUP 0.52/DY	1.04
ENERGY RECOVERY FEE 0.60/DY	1.20

Sub-total-Charges: 142.62
TAX 10.600% 15.12

Your Non-Taxable Products/Services

*3% SURCHARGE 4.28

Your Total Charges paid:	162.02	
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Your Total Due:	0.00

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the transcript of an interview of Victim LD, conducted by Leah McCluskey of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, on June 18, 2013, in which Victim LD formalized his allegation of abuse against Rev. Alexander Baranowski. The alleged abuse consisted of one incident of fondling under Victim LD's clothes when Victim LD was in the seventh grade. The alleged abuse occurred in a hotel room during an overnight trip.

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Adult/Child 2/0
Room Rate 134.10

RATE PLAN S-AAA

HH# [REDACTED]

AL: [REDACTED]

BONUS AL:

CAR:

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6/19/2013 PAGE 1

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AUTHORIZATION	INITIAL
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TAXES	
TIPS & MISC.	
TOTAL AMOUNT	0.00

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Hi Teri,

Per your request.

Leah

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Hi Teri,

Any time! You are most welcome.

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>>> Teri McGinley 6/27/2013 1:08 PM >>>

Hi Leah, thank you so very much for your quick response. I really appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Walline T. McGinley (Teri)
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tmcginley@archchicago.org
312 / 534-8288

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June 28, 2013



Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that you and your family are well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against Alexander Baranowski. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on June 18, 2013. Thank you again for allowing Mr. Tom Tharayil and me to meet with you.

I ask that you review the report and make any additions and/or changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please have the draft returned to me with any changes. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, I will return a copy of the final report to you through [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes by July 12, 2013. Please know that you may also respond by July 12th with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, to then be returned to me by July 26th. I have noted this time frame so that this matter may continue forward.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or lmcccluskey@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leah McCluskey', with a large loop at the end.

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

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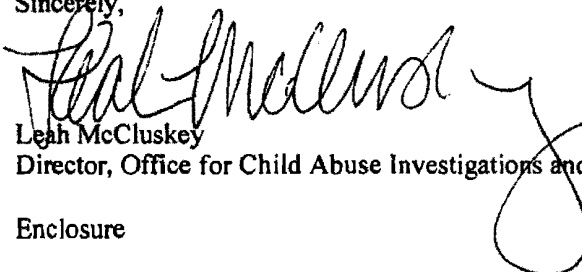
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Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
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Enclosure

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Message: EMA/2013/486616

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To: [Leah McCluskey](#)
Cc:
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Received: 7/9/2013 at 1:11 PM
Subject: [REDACTED]

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[Airline Ticket Invoice - \[REDACTED\].pdf \(1 MB\)](#)
[Airline Ticket Invoice - \[REDACTED\].pdf \(1 MB\)](#)
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Hi Leah, I am attaching [REDACTED] travel receipts so whatever amount the Archdiocese will reimburse him and his wife you can just make a check payable to him and you could forward it to me and I will forward it on to [REDACTED]

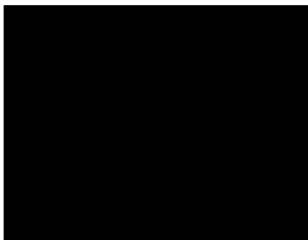
Also, I did receive the transcripts from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] interviews. If there are edits, changes or additional information that they wish to supply, please let me know how/where that should be done. Thanks.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2013 2:11 PM
To: Leah McCluskey <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Subject: [REDACTED]
Attach: Airline Ticket Invoice - [REDACTED].pdf; Airline Ticket Invoice - [REDACTED].pdf;
Avis Rental Car Invoice.pdf; Hotel Invoice.pdf

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Message: EMA/2013/486627

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Carolyn Perz
Cc: Jan Slattery
Sent: 7/9/2013 at 3:36 PM
Received: 7/9/2013 at 3:36 PM
Subject: Check request for Reimbursement

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Hi Carolyn,

Attached are receipts submitted to me by attorney [REDACTED] on behalf of his client, [REDACTED]. This would be charged to the misconduct budget, as the travel was for an interview where the accused was an archdiocesan priest and the alleged victim was a minor (sexual abuse of a minor). The alleged victim was accompanied to the interview by his wife.

Could you please request a check for reimbursement? Per [REDACTED] request, please have the check made out to [REDACTED]. The check can be sent to [REDACTED] in care of his attorney:

[REDACTED]

Thank you so much, Carolyn. Please let me know if you need any additional information from me.

Leah

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MEMORANDUM

To: File

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

Re: PFR-224 Baranowski, Alexander / [REDACTED]

Date: July 19, 2013

On June 28, 2013, I sent the draft report of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Alexander Baranowski to [REDACTED] in care of his attorney, [REDACTED]. Due to the fact that the draft allegation report has not been returned nor has a request been made for an extension to review the report within the time frame identified in the June 28th cover letter, the attached is being circulated as the final allegation report.

Attachment

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To: File

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

Re: PFR-224 Baranowski, Alexander / [REDACTED]

Date: July 19, 2013

A handwritten signature, possibly "LM", enclosed in a circle.

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Attachment

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Leah

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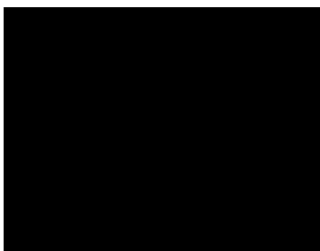
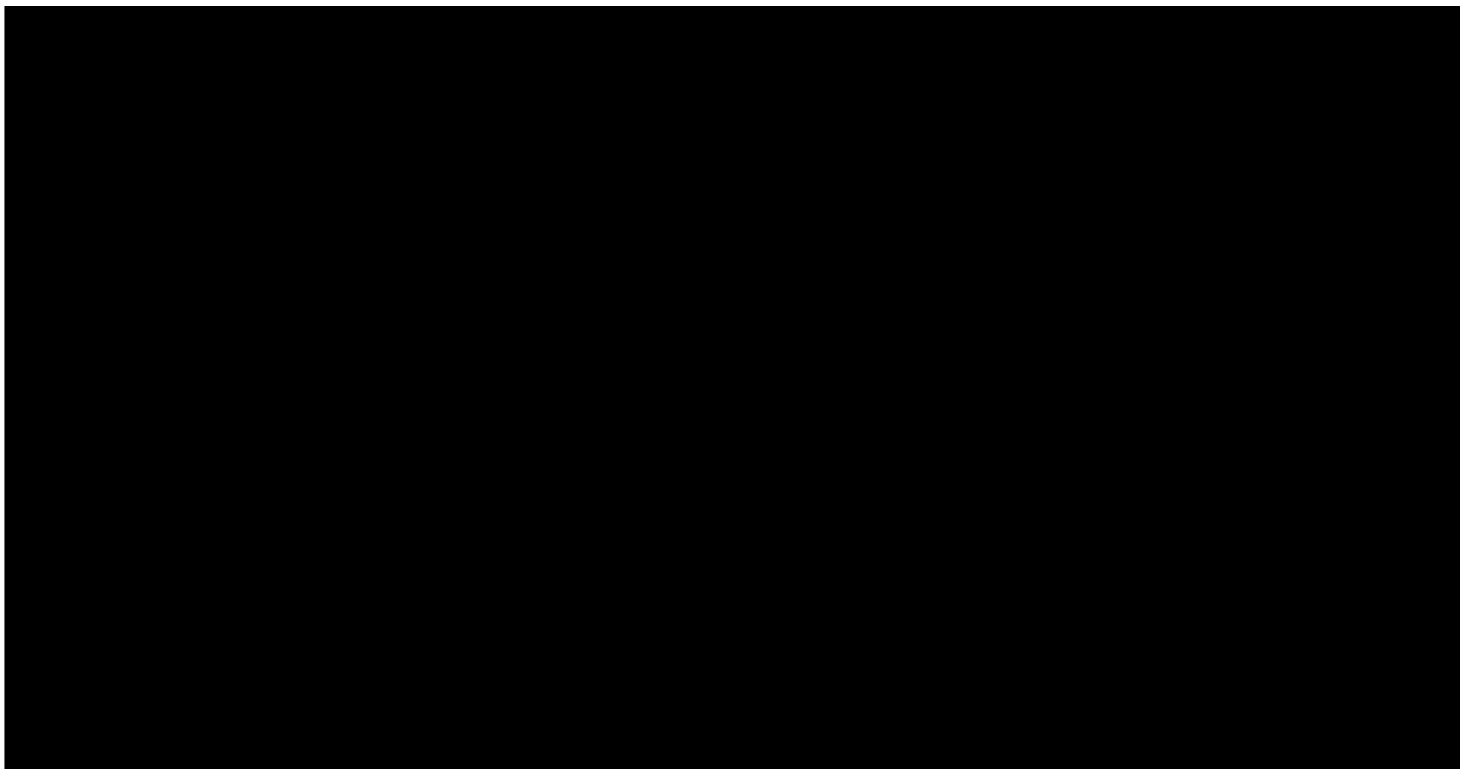
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 1:17 AM
To: Leah McCluskey <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Hi Leah, see below for a few edits to the interview transcripts of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Also, I have an old photo of Father Al recently discovered in [REDACTED] mother's photo album after she passed away. Please let me know if you want a copy. I'll await revised transcripts from you for my clients to sign off on. Thanks.



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

Subject: RE: [REDACTED]
From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Date: Wed, July 10, 2013 9:28 am
To: [REDACTED]

Thank you, [REDACTED]

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 7/9/2013 4:50 PM >>>

I will send you an email with their respective changes, if any.



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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for the receipts. I will put in a check request and have it sent to you in care of [REDACTED]

With regard to the transcripts, please submit any changes/additions to me and I will include them in final copies of transcripts that I will return to you for signatures. They may write additions/changes onto the draft transcript itself and/or type/write an addendum that once returned to me, I will include as part of the final report(s) and return to you for signatures.

Thank you again, [REDACTED] Please do not hesitate to call/e-mail with any other questions or concerns.

Leah

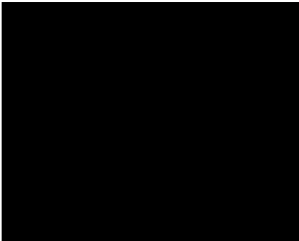
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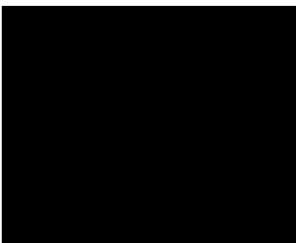
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Subject: [REDACTED]

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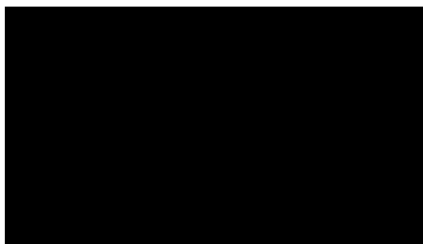
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July 30, 2013



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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or lmclluskey@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

AOC 006611

Victim Statement Abstract

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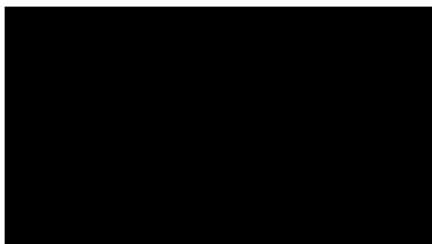
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To: [REDACTED]
Date: 7/30/2013 9:59 AM
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]
Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf

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- The correct spelling of one of my former employers is [REDACTED], not [REDACTED] (pp. 3-4)

- I cannot emphasize enough that I attribute the loss of many academic and athletic opportunities in high school and college to this one experience with this priest.

- This experience with this priest destroyed my Catholic faith. It also seriously negatively impacted my connection to my Polish heritage, which is centered around the Church.

[REDACTED]

- When I was discussing excuses Father Al would use to ask my mom for permission for me to go out with him, I referenced one excuse might be his sister was in town, I probably should have said that a family member was in town, not necessarily a sister, I was just using that as an example. (p. 11)

- I was terrified and headaches entire time driving home from dinners at Father Al's parents' house. It was dark and I was afraid he might stop and try something.

- To be clear, I never shared with [REDACTED] that I was sexually abused by Father Al during my childhood. (p. 21)

[REDACTED]

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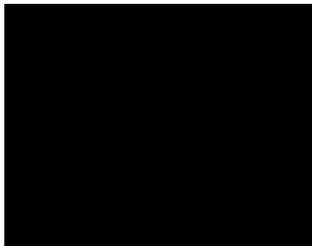
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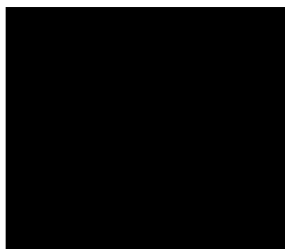
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Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

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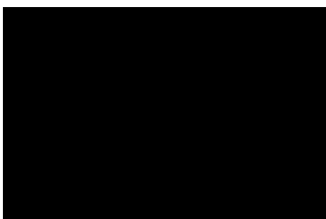
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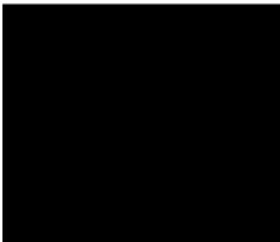
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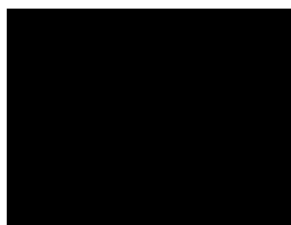
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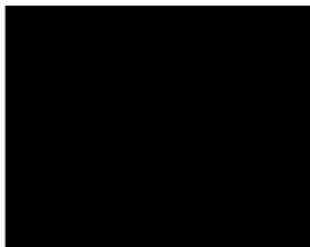
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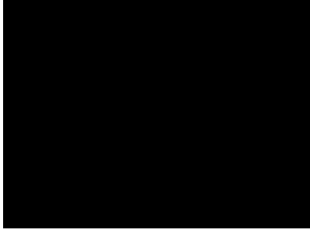
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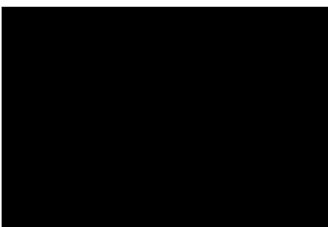
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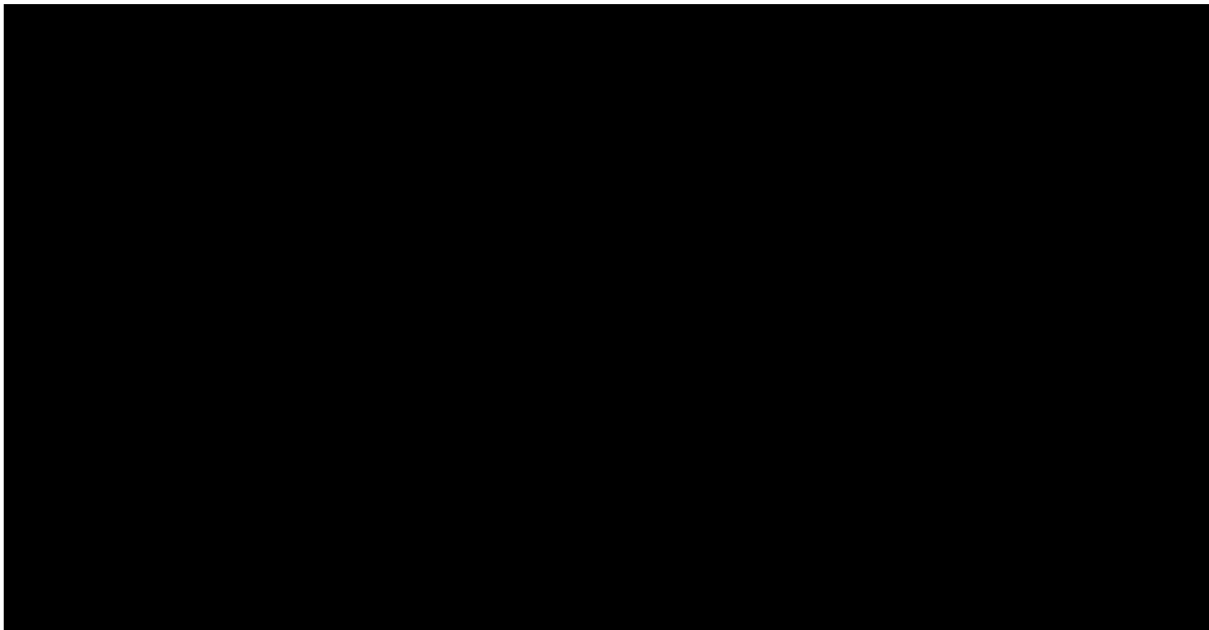
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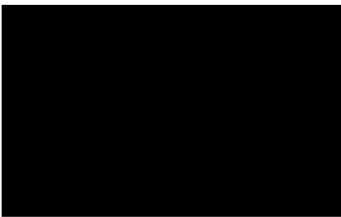
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To: [REDACTED]"

Good Morning [REDACTED]

In checking on the status of [REDACTED] reimbursement check, per our Finance Department, the check was mailed to you on July 26th. Could you please let me know when you receive it?

AOC 006633

Thank you.

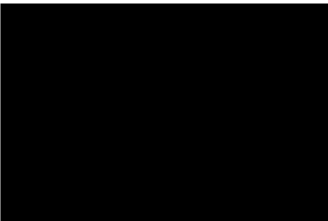
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>>> [REDACTED] 7/29/2013 12:24 PM >>>

Hi Leah, I am just checking status of [REDACTED] travel expense reimbursement check, apparently his credit card payment is due at the end of the month so he has been asking me about it. Let me know when you get a chance, thanks.



Message: EMA/2013/536141

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Sent: 7/30/2013 at 8:59 AM
Received: 7/30/2013 at 8:59 AM
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your e-mail. I will update [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] transcripts with the edits you have provided and will send them to you.

As for the photo of Fr. Baranowski that [REDACTED] recently discovered, if you could provide me with a copy, I will attach it to the transcript of our meeting with [REDACTED] so that it may be included as a part of the report of his allegation.

Thank you again, [REDACTED] Please feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns.

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>>> [REDACTED] 7/26/2013 1:16 AM >>>

Hi Leah, see below for a few edits to the interview transcripts of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Also, I have an old photo of Father Al recently discovered in [REDACTED] mother's photo album after she passed away. Please let me know if you want a copy. I'll await revised transcripts from you for my clients to sign off on. Thanks.

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

Subject: RE: [REDACTED]
From: "Leah McCluskey"
Date: Wed, July 10, 2013 9:28 am
To: [REDACTED]

Thank you, [REDACTED]

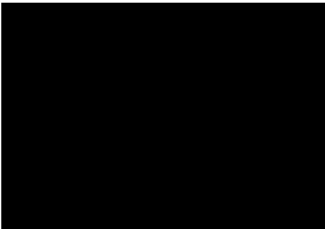
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>>> [REDACTED] 7/9/2013 4:50 PM >>>

I will send you an email with their respective changes, if any.



----- Original Message -----
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]
From: "Leah McCluskey"
Date: Tue, July 09, 2013 4:28 pm
To: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for the receipts. I will put in a check request and have it sent to you in care of [REDACTED]

With regard to the transcripts, please submit any changes/additions to me and I will include them in final copies of transcripts that I will return to you for signatures. They may write additions/changes onto the draft transcript itself and/or type/write an addendum that once returned to me, I will include as part of the final report(s) and return to you for signatures.

Thank you again, [REDACTED]. Please do not hesitate to call/e-mail with any other questions or concerns.

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>>> [REDACTED] 7/9/2013 2:11 PM >>>

Hi Leah, I am attaching [REDACTED] travel receipts so whatever amount the Archdiocese will reimburse him and his wife you can just make a check payable to him and you could forward it to me and I will forward it on to [REDACTED]

Also, I did receive the transcripts from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] interviews. If

there are edits, changes or additional information that they wish to supply, please let me know how/where that should be done. Thanks.



Message: EMA/2013/536101

From: Leah McCluskey
To:
Cc:
Sent: 7/31/2013 at 8:37 AM
Received: 7/31/2013 at 8:37 AM
Subject: [REDACTED]

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

Good Morning [REDACTED],

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Thank you again, [REDACTED]. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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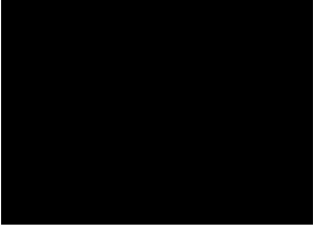
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Leah McCluskey](#)
Cc:
Sent: 7/31/2013 at 1:30 PM
Received: 7/31/2013 at 1:30 PM
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 2:31 PM
To: Leah McCluskey <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

That's fine, thanks.



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

Subject: [REDACTED]
From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Date: Wed, July 31, 2013 9:37 am
To: [REDACTED]

Good Morning [REDACTED]

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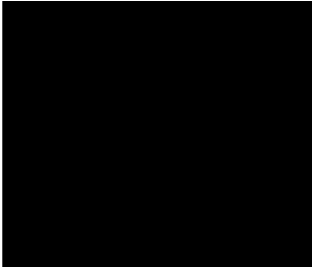
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Leah McCluskey](#)
Cc:
Sent: 8/7/2013 at 3:16 PM
Received: 8/7/2013 at 3:16 PM
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2013 4:16 PM
To: Leah McCluskey <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]
Attach: [REDACTED] Interview Signature.pdf; [REDACTED] Interview Signature.jpg

Leah, attached please find the signed signature pages for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] corrected transcripts. Also, I did receive the [REDACTED] travel reimbursement check, thanks.



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

Subject: [REDACTED]
From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
Date: Wed, July 31, 2013 9:37 am
To: [REDACTED]

Good Morning [REDACTED]

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Thank you again, [REDACTED] Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the transcript of an interview of Victim LD, conducted by Leah McCluskey of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, on June 18, 2013, in which Victim LD formalized his allegation of abuse against Rev. Alexander Baranowski. The alleged abuse consisted of one incident of fondling under Victim LD's clothes when Victim LD was in the seventh grade. The alleged abuse occurred in a hotel room during an overnight trip.

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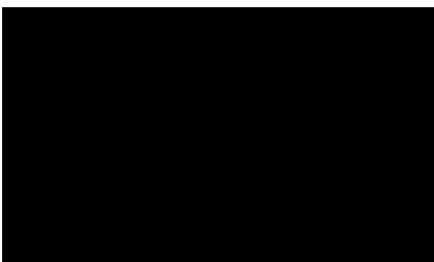
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August 13, 2013



Dear [REDACTED]

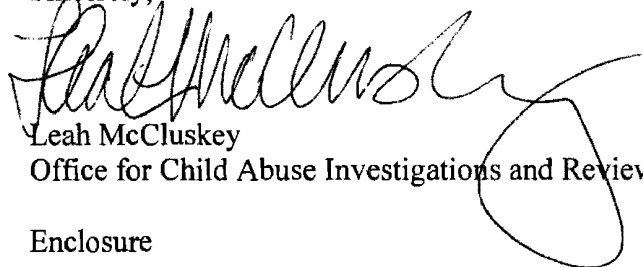
I hope that you and your family are well.

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegations of the sexual abuse of a minor against Alexander Baranowski. Thank you very much for taking the time to review the report, make additions and corrections, and have it returned to me. As you know, [REDACTED] provided me with a copy of the picture of Fr. Baranowski that you found while going through your mother's photo album. Please note that I have added a copy of the picture to the final report.

Due to the fact that the accused is deceased, my office's involvement with this matter is now concluded.

[REDACTED] please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or lmcccluskey@archchicago.org with any questions or concerns. Please know that Tom Tharayil and Ruth Robinson of the Office of Assistance Ministry continue to be available to you. Mr. Tharayil may be reached at (312) 534-8267 or ttharayil@archchicago.org and Mrs. Robinson may be reached at (312) 534-8256 or rurobinson@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Cc Tom Tharayil, Office of Assistance Ministry

AOC 006646

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 8/13/2013 9:48 AM
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]
Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for the signature pages. Once I have all signatures (Tom is out of the office on vacation until next week), I will send final copies to you for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Thank you also for confirming receipt of [REDACTED] travel reimbursement.

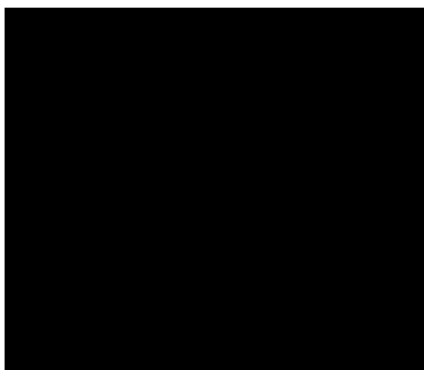
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>>> [REDACTED] 8/7/2013 4:16 PM >>>

Leah, attached please find the signed signature pages for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] corrected transcripts. Also, I did receive the [REDACTED] travel reimbursement check, thanks.



Message: EMA/2013/556271

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Sent: 8/13/2013 at 8:48 AM
Received: 8/13/2013 at 8:48 AM
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Attachments: McCluskey, Leah.vcf (551 bytes)

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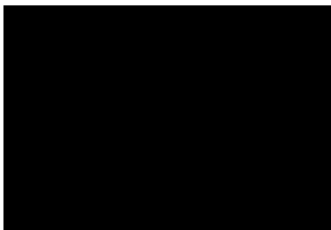
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AOC 006648

Date: Wed, July 31, 2013 9:37 am
To:

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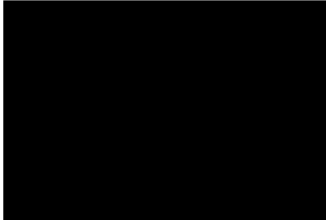
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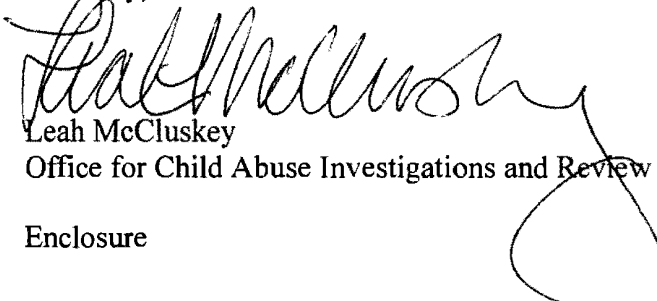
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AOC 006650

Message: EMA/2013/566566

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Thomas Tharayil
Cc: Janet Leonatti, John O'Malley
Sent: 8/21/2013 at 8:38 AM
Received: 8/21/2013 at 8:38 AM
Subject: HP TRIM Electronic Record : ER/2013/302754 : PFR-224 Baranowski, Alexander / [REDACTED] / final allegation report with signatures

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AOC 006651

Message: EMA/2013/566580

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To: Thomas Tharayil
Cc: Janet Leonatti, John O'Malley
Sent: 8/21/2013 at 8:40 AM
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