

**§1104.8.1. Questions for Review**

**1104.8.1. Policy** At the meeting, the Board shall determine: (1) whether the Administrator's original determination and recommendation about withdrawal of the cleric from his ministerial assignment adequately provides for the safety of children; (2) whether the other preliminary actions taken by the Administrator were appropriate; and (3) what further action should be taken with respect to the allegation.

**Procedure**

The Board shall consider the Administrator's report, information provided by the Archbishop's delegate or other persons identified by the Archbishop, and any other information which the Board believes helpful and is able to obtain.

**§1104.8.2. Determination and Recommendations**

**1104.8.2. Policy** The Board shall determine whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused cleric engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, and on the basis of this determination shall make recommendations to the Archbishop about the following:

1. if the cleric has already been withdrawn from ministry pending inquiry, whether such withdrawal should continue; if the withdrawal should not continue, whether any restrictions should be imposed on a cleric returning to ministry;
2. if the cleric has not been withdrawn from ministry, whether he should be withdrawn, whether he should continue in his assignment and, if so, whether any restrictions should be imposed upon him;
3. whether the preliminary actions taken by the Administrator were appropriate and whether further action by the Administrator is required;
4. whether the file may be closed at this stage of the proceedings or held open pending action by public bodies, further inquiry by the Administrator, or further action by the Board; and
5. if the cleric's conduct does not constitute sexual misconduct with a minor but is otherwise inappropriate, whether further action is warranted and suggestions as to such action.

ARCHDIOCESAN SABBATICAL BOARD  
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY  
ST. MARY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY  
MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS 60060  
(312) 566-6401

SABBATICAL REVIEW AND EVALUATION FORM

Name REV. WALTER DG ROGCK Phone [REDACTED]  
Address 90 [REDACTED] Year of [REDACTED]  
Ordination 1971

Present Assignment TBA

Location of your Sabbatical WASHINGTON THEOLOGICAL UNION  
9001 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE  
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20903

Dates of your Sabbatical AUG 24 - DEC 10 (?) AT WTU - REMAINING

Briefly describe the components of your sabbatical: PART OF 16 MONTHS IN  
VARIOUS PLACES (CP. BELOW)  
ONE SEMESTER OF AUDITING COURSES AND EXPERIENCING  
THE NATION'S CAPITOL, ONE MONTH IN CALIFORNIA VISITING  
FAMILY + FRIENDS AND SPENDING A WEEK OF IT AT A HERMITAGE  
ONE MONTH TRAVELLING THROUGH VARIOUS STATES TAKING SLIDES  
PERSONAL: FOR THE TV SHOW EXPERIENCING HISTORIC SIGHTS AND RENOVATING  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUSINS AND FRIENDS.

1. Briefly state the goals you set for your sabbatical:  
RENEWAL IN ENTHUSIASM FOR MINISTRY, BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF  
AND CREATIVITY WITHIN LITURGY, OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND WHAT  
CAN BE DONE IN MY TV WORK, CHANCE TO GO ON  
RETREAT AND GROW IN PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL READING, TIME  
FOR RENEWAL OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS, REST + RELAXATION  
2. How did your sabbatical meet your goals?

FAR EXCEEDED MY HOPES + EXPECTATIONS!

3. How has your sabbatical affected your ministry and your career development?

I'M MORE INTO LITURGY THAN EVER BEFORE, I'VE GOT BETTER SENSE OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GIMMICKS AND SOUND CREATIVITY, MORE PEOPLE ORIENTED AND LESS TASK ORIENTED, EXCITED ABOUT TV WORK & ITS POSSIBILITIES!

PROGRAM:

1. Describe the quality of instruction of the program in which you participated:

I TOOK THREE COURSES AND ONE SEMINAR. TWO OF THE THREE COURSES WERE SUPERB; THE THIRD COURSE WAS MEDIOCRE, BUT ITS READING LIST WAS

2. Describe the depth of the program: EXCELLENT. SEMINAR GETS B

SUPERB READING LIST EXPANDED MY GRADE, UNDERSTANDING, EXCELLENT POSITIVE CLASSROOM CRITIQUE AND THOROUGH EXPLORATION OF POSSIBILITIES!

3. How would you describe and evaluate the other participants in contributing to your experience?

VERY SUPPORTIVE IN LISTENING/SHARING EXPERIENCES IN MINISTRY AND SHARING CREATIVE IDEAS AND WORTHWHILE QUESTIONS

4. Describe the quality of the spiritual components of the program (e.g. prayer life, worship, reflection, spiritual direction, etc.):

SCHEDULING OF WORSHIP (SPECIFICALLY MASS) OPPORTUNITIES WAS NOT HELPFUL, BUT PRAYER IN SMALL GROUPS WAS GOOD (NOT GREAT).

5. Describe the quality of the program's environment, in terms of:

a. location: NOT GOOD FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BUT WITH A CAR, IT WAS 20-30 MINUTES FROM D.C.'S CAPITAL BLDG. AND 15 MINUTES TO MY

b. comfort: RESIDENCE AND 25 MINUTES TO MY COURSE LOCATIONS.

→ NO PROBLEM WITH THIS (CLEAN, BRIGHT)

c. food service:

EXCEPT FOR ORIENTATION, FOOD SERVICE WAS POOR AT THE SITE, BUT AT THE RESIDENCE I PICKED BUT (CHRISTIAN BROTHERS) IT WAS RATED A B+!

- d. housing: SIMPLE BUT HOSPITABLE AND NON-PRESSURED ENVIRONMENT
- e. extra-curricular activities:  
WONDERFUL VARIETY INCL. ORIENTATION TOUR OF D.C. AT NIGHT AND "MESSIAH" AT ANNAPOLIS.
6. Did the program offer you personal assistance in the areas of:
- a. spiritual direction Yes X No         
If yes, describe its quality:  
A VARIETY OF OPTIONS WERE PRESENTED (GOOD).
- b. academic counseling Yes X No         
If yes, describe its quality:  
VERY DETAILED + EXTREMELY HELPFUL
- c. personal counseling Yes X No         
If yes, describe its quality:  
NUMEROUS OPTIONS PROVIDED; DID NOT AVAIL MYSELF OF ONE-ON-ONE, BUT SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS WERE HELPFUL.
7. Were other options made available to you in addition to the basic program? Yes X No         
If yes, please describe:  
VARIOUS WORKSHOPS, SOCIAL GATHERINGS, PRAYER EXPERIENCES, DISCUSSIONS ON LIFE ISSUES
8. Overall, how would you rate the program?  
B+ (AS FLEXIBLE OR AS STRUCTURED AS YOU LIKE IT)
9. Would you consider the program: financially worthwhile X  
overpriced

Please explain why:

CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT CROSS REGISTRATION WITH SEVEN OTHER THEOLOGY SCHOOLS, THE MANY OFFERINGS + RESOURCES AVAILABLE MAKE IT WORTHWHILE!



10. Would you recommend this site/program to other priests?

Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

qualifiers on your response:

IF POSSIBLE, GO OUT THERE FOR A FEW DAYS DURING THE SEMESTER PRIOR TO YOUR STARTING. MEET THE DIRECTORS + SOME OF THE TEACHERS + SABBATICAL STUDENTS!

ARCHDIOCESAN CONCERN:

1. How were your ministerial responsibilities covered while you were away?

I HAD RESIGNED THE PARISH SO AN ADMINISTRATOR WAS IN PLACE UNTIL A NEW PASTOR WAS NAMED.

2. Describe the extent to which your absence caused hardships in your ministerial setting:

ADJUSTMENTS TO NEW LEADERSHIP STYLES ARE INEVITABLE. THERE WERE SOME NITTY-GRITTY DETAILS THAT I HAD TO CLEAR UP "FROM A DISTANCE."

3. Was your remuneration (salary, car allowance, stole fee) received by you on time?

Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

4. Was your income sufficient to meet your needs during the sabbatical?

PER DIEM EXPENSES TOTALLED \$481.93 MORE THAN BUDGETTED!

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No X

5. To what extent did you feel "connected" with the Archdiocese during your sabbatical?

VERY LITTLE OTHER THAN CONTACTS BY MERLEANNE HIETT AND A FEW PHONE CALLS WITH A FEW PRIESTS. BUT VERY CONNECTED TO THE FORMER PARISHIONERS (CARDS + LETTERS).

6. Did you regularly receive Archdiocesan mailings?

Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

7. To what extent was communication necessitated and executed with and by the Center for Development in Ministry?

BASICALLY FINANCIAL ISSUES /

GENERAL:

1. What was most satisfying to you about your sabbatical?

MY LITURGY COURSE WITH ANDREW CIFEEN,  
THE TIME TO READ WHAT I WANTED TO READ,  
THE TIME TO BE WITH FAMILY AND "LONG-LOST  
FRIENDS" AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A  
BIT MORE OF THE BIG PICTURE (TRAVEL TO  
25 STATES; FELLOW SABBATICAL STUDENTS FROM  
VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY & WORLD).

(SORRY, I COULDN'T POINT TO JUST ONE)

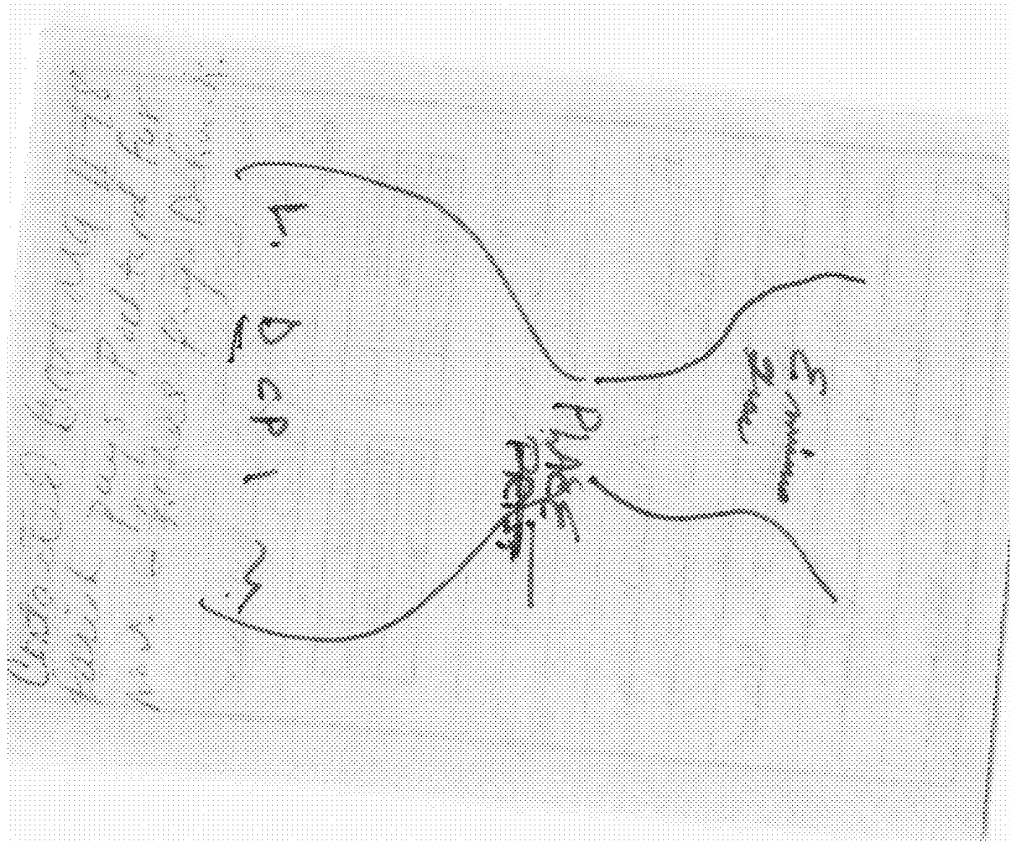
2. What was least satisfying to you about your sabbatical?

I WAS JEALOUS OF THE RELIGIOUS IN OUR  
GROUP WHO WERE BEING ALLOWED A FULL YEAR  
WHILE US DIOCESAN (SECULARS) WERE LIMITED  
TO A HALF YEAR!

3. Any further comments and/or suggestions for the Sabbatical Board  
and the Center for Development in Ministry?

AS REGARDS MONEY AVAILABLE FOR SABBATICAL  
I RECOMMEND PRO-RATING IT BASED ON MONTHS  
AND TYPE OF PROGRAM.

A SIX MONTH SABBATICAL AND A THREE  
MONTH SABBATICAL ARE GOING TO HAVE DIFFERENT  
COSTS. A PURELY ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE  
OR ONE WHICH ALSO ENTAILS MORE TRAVEL AND  
ROOM & BOARD (PER DIEM) EXPENSES ARE DIFFERENT.  
PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS!



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**FAX**

**VICAR FOR PRIESTS OFFICE**

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**Chicago, Illinois 60611**

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**To:** Fr. Walter De Roock

**From:** Fr. Dan Coughlin

**Fax Number:** 301-422-5400

**Number of pages including cover sheet:** 2

**MESSAGE:**

☐ URGENT ☐ FOR YOUR REVIEW ☐ REPLY ASAP ☐ COMMENT

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To : Ray Gredick  
From : Andy McDermott  
Re : [REDACTED]

Fr. [REDACTED]<sup>83</sup> is an associate and at St. John Basilians  
and is leaving this because he can no longer tolerate the relationship  
between Fr. Wally De Preck and the "young priest" (~~Fr. James H. [REDACTED]~~)  
I presume you know about this situation. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Wally fired some of the parish recently.  
[REDACTED]

4/2/90 - I explained the problem to Andy.

## WORKSHEET


RE: WDR & St. Celestine

1. Report
  - on allegations & response
  - on PFR Bd. Meeting
  - on Cardinal's response
2. Status
  - of WDR
  - of St. Celestine
  - of victims
3. Delegation
  - Center of Gravity
  - Administrator & parish
  - 
  - Legal
4. Communication
  - copies of Cardinal's letter
  - for parish next weekend
  - other? *a victim*
5. Atmosphere
  - a quote
  - rumors

KL  
KL  
DC & KL

AMD & KL  
LM  
RB

DC  
LM  
KL

?   
?  
JOM & JS

①

Alleged inappropriate sexual behavior in the presence of  
minors. Student

allegedly ~~did~~ not indicate

- what did it intend

- not in this parish

~~take action~~

- did you know -

over any allegations as such

- boundary violation - stepped to a teenager's room

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- was this sexual abuse?

- "a lot of smoke"
- judgment
- age inappropriate friendships
- not other allegations of this kind (concern about)

Language to explain

- removed already - Card knows meeting
- what appropriate to say - don't go public
- there is a protocol

B. were consulting  
not brought to conclusion - not proposed  
wanted Card - this is new  
- we took steps of process  
sensitive + face to face

Card needs to assess personally

take a while - Second Stage Review - hope for the best

PFRA - investigate

Did he deny? - He denied a lot of it?  
Not fair - completed



Review letter - Wally & Lucy - file

Call Doug

- call Joe Loughlin on cell
- cancell anything
- be getting papers

Debra - Dean



**Support Team for Walter G. De Roeck**

John Barkemeyer - (773) 238-4100

Ken Fischer - (708) 771-8250

Larry McBrady - (312) 642-1837

John Michet - (847) 566-6060

Mike Solazzo - (847) 864-0333 or Priv. # [REDACTED]

Gerald Walsh - (708) 532-2243

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9/23  
I talked with Wally &  
told him of conversation  
with Vodka & he should write  
to J.V. himself. DE

**To:** Wally DeRoek

**From:** Dan Coughlin

**Fax Number:** 301.422.5400

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Vrdok

DeR

5 hrs week

full time

issue

personal

- performed since

budgeted points

being up-front i

engineering dept -

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth  
Office of Assistance Ministry  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Safe Environment Office



P. O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979  
312-534-5254, general  
312-751-8307, fax

Once an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against a cleric is received by the Archdiocese of Chicago, the appropriate policies and procedures are followed as outlined in the **§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry.**

Upon receipt of any information concerning and/or related to an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, lay employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Chicago, an investigation by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review will be conducted. Such an investigation may include utilizing the services of a professional investigator as referenced in policy §1104.9.3. Preliminary Investigation, Procedure c):

Under the supervision of the Archbishop or his delegate and in cooperation with the Review Board, the auditor may retain whatever professional assistance necessary and appropriate to conduct a thorough investigation of an allegation.

In cases where the services of a professional investigator is utilized, the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review will work collaboratively with the professionals of Hillard Heintze, LLC, or another professional investigation firm if the aforementioned is not available, to ensure that a thorough investigation of an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor is conducted.

## Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

Walter George DeRoeck Born: [REDACTED] Ordained: 05/12/1971 Died: Ethnicity:

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Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. Paul of the Cross Parish (Park Ridge)	Associate Pastor	06/14/1971	06/10/1976
Quigley Preparatory Seminary (North)	Faculty	06/10/1976	02/15/1985
Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish (Cicero)	Associate Pastor	06/11/1976	02/15/1985
St. John Berchmans Parish (Logan Blvd.)	Pastor	02/15/1985	08/19/1991
	Sabbatical	08/19/1991	05/20/1992
St. Catherine Laboure Parish (Glenview)	Associate Pastor	05/20/1992	09/01/1996
St. Celestine Parish (Elmwood Park)	Pastor	09/01/1996	08/31/1999
	Resigned	08/27/2001	

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Extraordinary  
Appointments:



Father Walter G. DeRoeck

**FATHER WALTER G. DEROECK**, associate pastor of St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Glenview since 1992, will offer a special Mass there at 11 a.m. June 30.

DeRoeck was pastor of St. John Berchmans Parish for seven years before coming to St. Catherine Laboure. His earlier assignments as associate pastor were at St. Paul of the Cross, Park Ridge, 1971-76; and Mary Queen of Heaven, Cicero, 1976-85.

He also has served on the board of the Association of Chicago Priests and as a member of the Presbyteral Council. Since 1983 he has been active in local Catholic television, serving as host/producer of WLS-TV's "Sanctuary" program (formerly called "Of Cabbages and Kings").

Born in Sint Niklaas, Belgium, he received his early education in Chicago at St. Jerome School and then continued his studies at Quigley North and South, and Niles College.

St. Raymond de Penafort  
301 S. I-Oka  
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Reverend Steven G. Dombrowski, Administrator

Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, Vicar (I)  
Reverend John J. Hurley, Dean (B)

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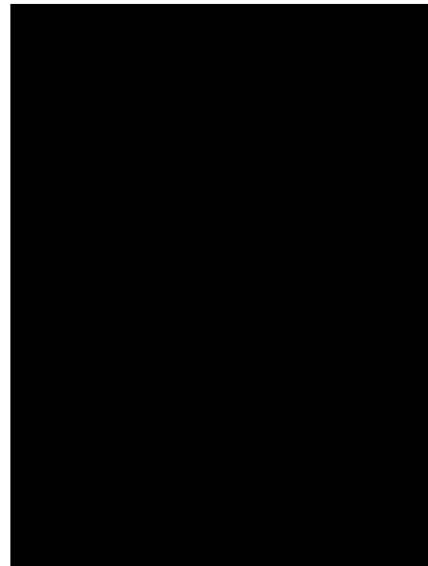
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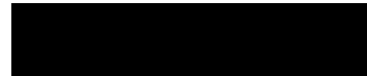
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Our Lady, Mother of the Church  
8747 W. Lawrence Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60656

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Rev. Joseph F. Ognibene, Pastor

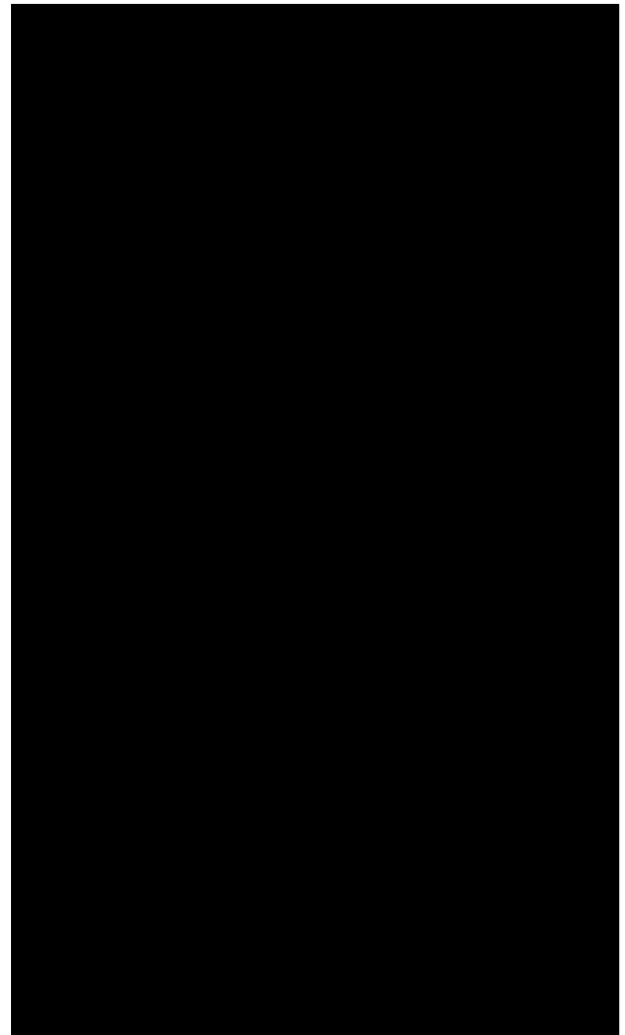
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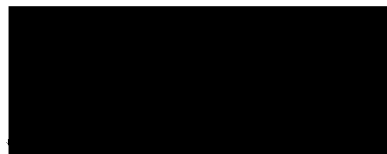
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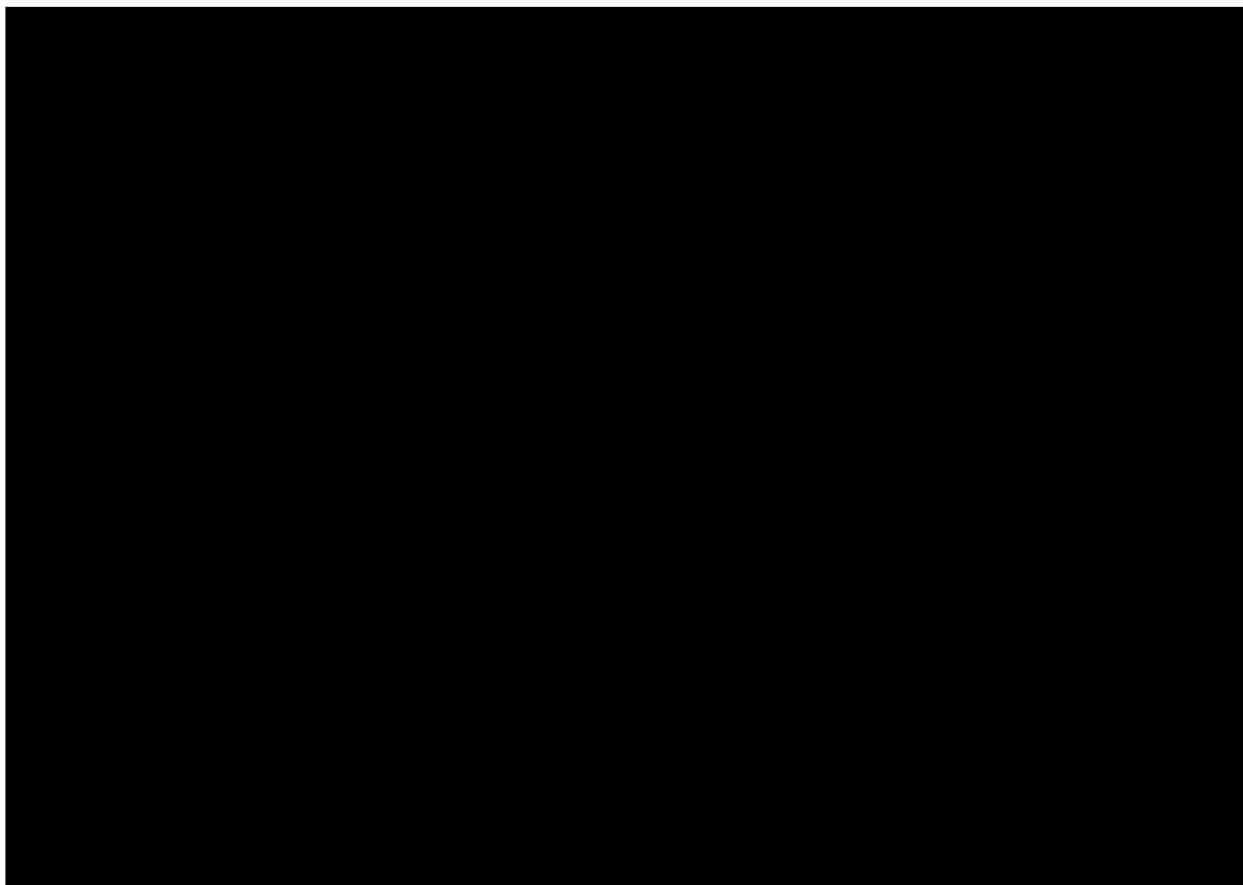


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320 S. WASHINGTON ST.  
PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

Rev. Joseph J. Kinane, Pastor

Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway, Vicar, (V2)  
Rev. Michael A. Wulsch, Dean, (F)

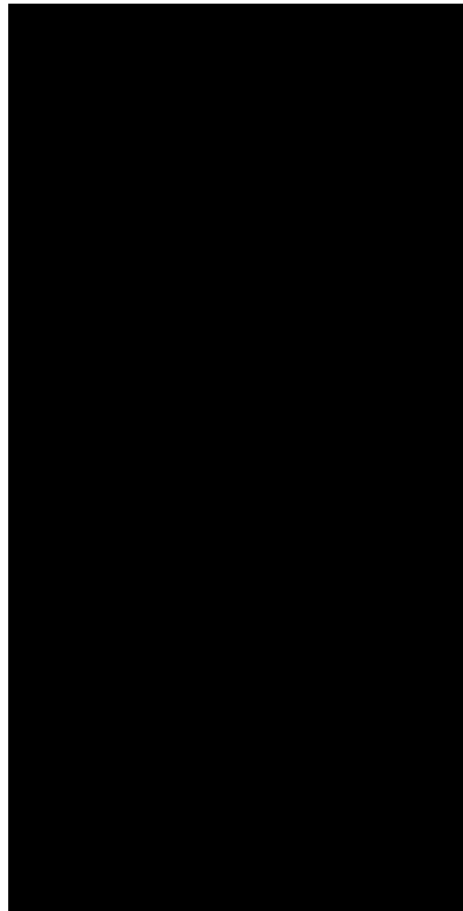
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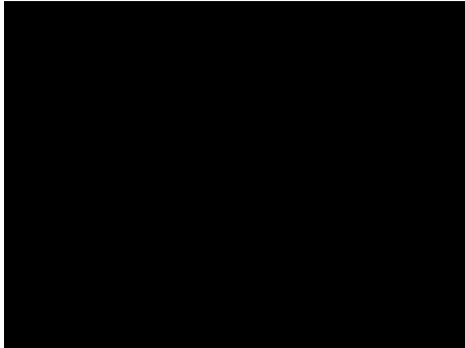
Saint Gerald Parish  
9349 South Central Avenue  
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

Reverend William J. White, Pastor ✓

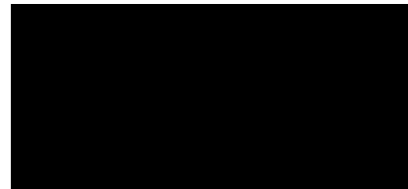
Most Reverend John R. Gorman, Vicar (V) ✓  
Reverend Paul C. Burak, Dean (D) ✓

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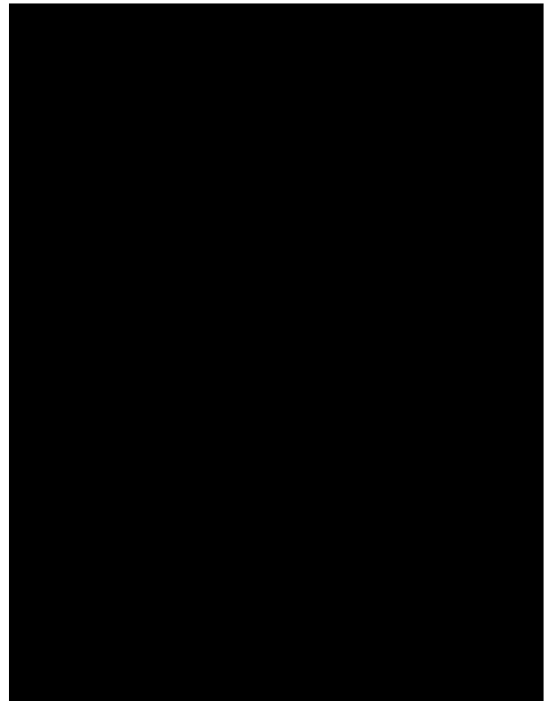
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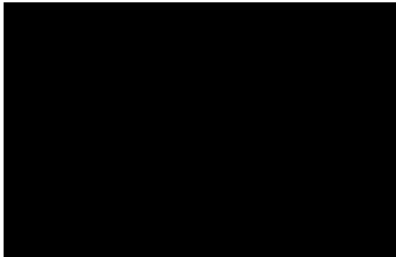
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Western Springs, IL 60558

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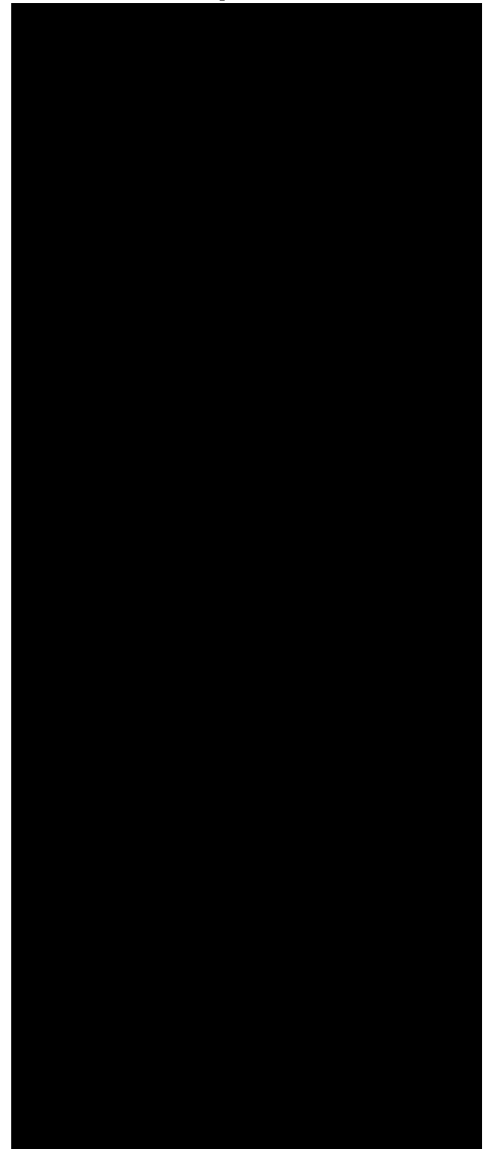
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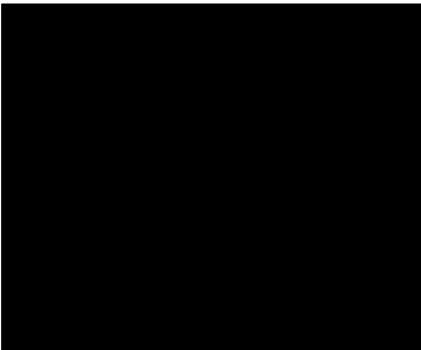
Queen of the Rosary Parish  
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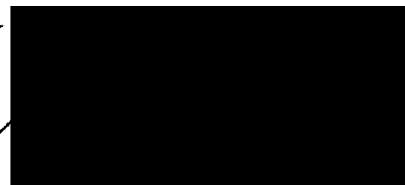
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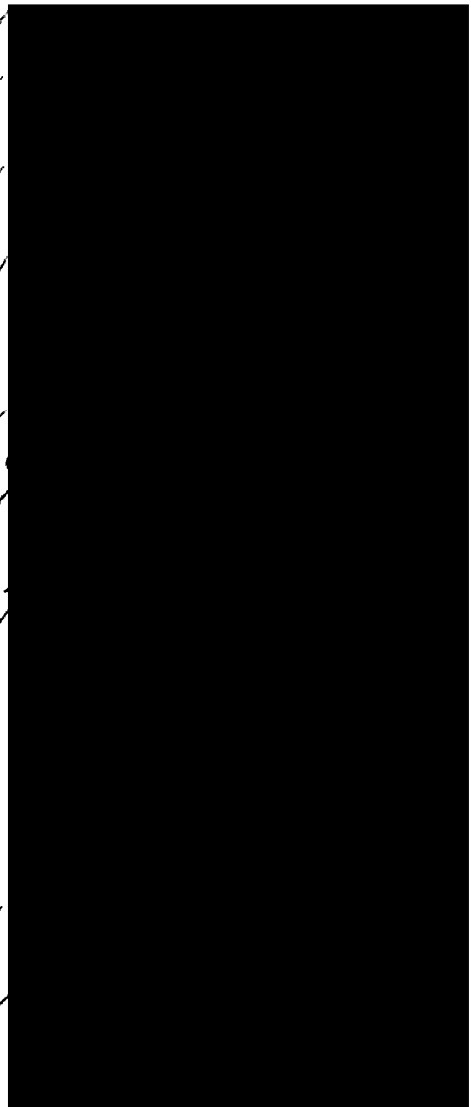
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St. Celestine Parish  
3020 N. 76th Court  
Elmwood Park, IL 60638

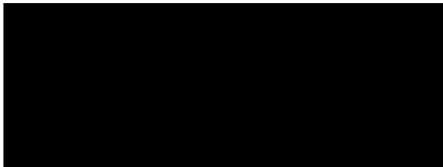
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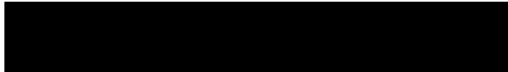
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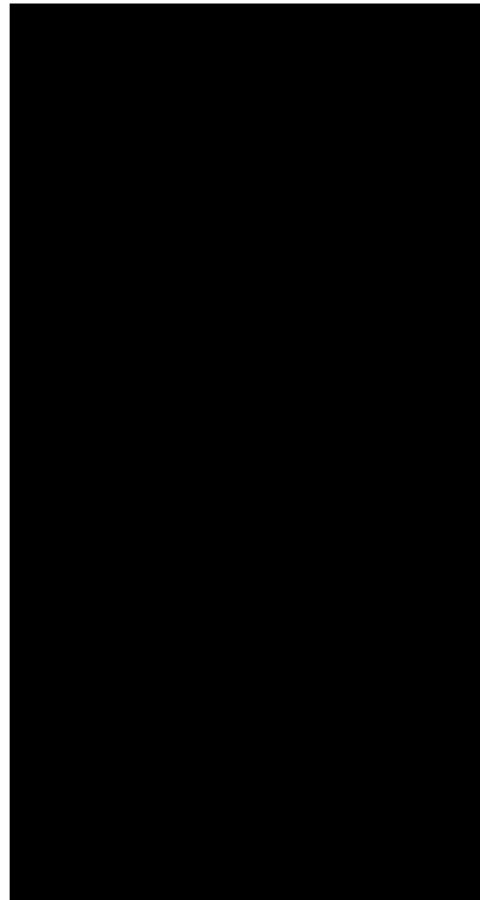
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REV. WALTER G. DeROECK

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

June 4, 1971

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Reverend Walter G. DeRoeck  
6972 North Sheridan Road  
Chicago, Illinois 60626

Dear Father DeRoeck:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicarius Cooperator to the Rev. Msgr. James A. Duffin, Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish, 320 South Washington Street, Park Ridge, 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 June 14, 1971, 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 DeRoeck,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Vice Chancellor

cc: Rev. Msgr. James A. Duffin, Pastor  
Rev. Msgr. Donald J. Masterson, Administrator





# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop

June 3, 1976

C  
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Reverend Walter G. De Roeck  
St. Paul of the Cross Rectory  
320 S. Washington Street  
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068 ✓

Dear Father De Roeck:

In accordance with Canon 1358, and in light of the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, I am pleased to appoint you to the faculty of Quigley Preparatory Seminary North, Chicago, Illinois. ✓

At the same time, I am pleased to appoint you Associate Pastor to the Reverend Francis J. Spellman, Pastor, Mary Queen of Heaven parish, Cicero, where you will reside and assist pastorally in addition to your primary duties at Quigley Seminary. ✓

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This appointment is effective June 10, 1976, but I would ask you to confer with the Very Rev. Donald E. Cusack, Rector of Quigley Preparatory Seminary North, regarding the exact date when you will assume your new duties.

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success, I am, dear Father De Roeck,

Very truly yours in Christ,

+ John Cardinal Cody  
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Very Rev. Donald E. Cusack, Rector, Quigley Preparatory Seminary North  
Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Pastor, Mary Queen of Heaven parish, Cicero  
Rev. Msgr. Donald J. Masterson, Pastor, St. Paul of the Cross parish, Park Ridge  
Very Rev. John J. Fahey, Urban Vicar, Vicariate VII  
—Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board

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## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop

February 4, 1985

Dear Father DeRoeck:

C It is my pleasure to appoint you to be Pastor of Saint John Berchmans Parish, 2517 West Logan, Chicago, Illinois. This appointment is made in consultation with the Clergy Personnel Board and is effective February 15, 1985. Your term of office will expire February 15, 1991.

O Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez, Episcopal Vicar, will act as my delegate in receiving your profession of faith. I ask that you contact him as soon as possible concerning your formal installation as Pastor. Once this takes place he will forward the official documents for your installation to the Chancery.

P It is my understanding that insofar as you are able you will continue your present duties at Quigley Preparatory Seminary North until the present school year is completed. May I take this opportunity to thank you for the service you rendered at Quigley as well as Mary Queen of Heaven Parish. I know that your ministry at both of these places has been very important as you have shared yourself in word and example with those in your care.

Y I am confident that the Parish community at Saint John Berchmans will receive you and respond wholeheartedly to your pastoral leadership. Know that as you begin this pastoral charge you have my support and prayers. Should you ever need me for anything, please do not hesitate to call me. Know that the agencies of the Archdiocese stand ready to assist you in whatever way necessary.

With gratitude for your cooperation and with cordial best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Walter G. DeRoeck  
Mary Queen of Heaven Church  
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Cicero, Illinois 60650

cc: Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez  
Reverend Edmund J. Siedlecki  
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## St. John Berchmans Parish

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Dear Fr. Goedert:

This is to inform you that I have received a letter from Wally also. I do not believe he addresses "his" problem at all. I as a nurse would never take a teenager into my home for "counseling" without informing my supervisor at the hospital and here at the parish. I would be cited for professional misconduct why is he any different? As a parent of a 16 year old, if someone who was 25 years older said that she was their friend, I would have serious questions about this person and my daughters appropriateness of choice.

in friendship. But I would look to the  
adult to set appropriate limits and  
boundaries - Wally has not done  
this. If you can not see there  
is a problem with Wally that  
he continues to deny - you also  
have a problem.

Sincerely



Thursday - 11:00 a.m.

Dear Ray,

This morning I received a letter from Kally in response to Monday's meeting with you. I find this letter extremely disturbing. I can't believe the letters written by us were shared with a nineteen year old student - I had several things in my letter to Kally that were strictly personal and I am angry that they are now known to this boy. It is quite obvious that Kally was NOT the person who should have been dealing with [REDACTED] leaving. I read so many comments in Kally's letter that were not as they were discussed with us. I personally feel they were taken out of context. I came over to the rectory to talk to someone about this copy (which, incidentally says "destroy") but they are all at meetings at this time. I don't just feel, I know, there's a bigger and more serious problem than has been dealt with and I'm really concerned.

I could say much more but this is in haste as I have to be in school soon. I certainly hope something is

done to help the "very evident" problems.  
St. John's is a great parish, my parish,  
and it has a concerned, caring staff.  
For the health and peace of mind of  
everyone, please do something to  
help Itally. At this point it is  
obvious he needs more than a bandaid.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: FILE  
DATE: August 7, 1989  
RE: William Stenzel

1. Bill called today. ( ) He said that he had received a call from two staff members of a particular parish who are concerned about the behavior of the pastor. They do not wish to give any names until they know what process will be followed. Basically the problem is that a seminarian from Niles, over the age of eighteen, is working at the parish during the summertime and has been living at the parish throughout the year and even though there are several extra rooms in the rectory, the seminarian lives in the pastor's room, sleeping on the couch. The appearance of this is quite bad and apparently there are a lot of comments from parishioners about this. When the pastor first brought up the situation of the seminarian living there, he told the housekeeper that she would not have to prepare an extra room and he acted as though he was doing her a favor.
2. Evidently the staff members brought it up to the pastor around Christmas time and he got very angry. He has not talked to the associate pastor since. The associate confronted him on the situation when some of the parishioners began talking about the pastor taking some of the servers to his summer home.
3. Bill said that the particular parish in question is not in his deanery. He received a call from the youth minister, whom he knows, and then subsequently the associate had called to confirm what the youth minister had told Bill. They are also critical because the pastor is not present to the parish, and less involved than he ought to be. He claims to be too busy to study a language that is needed in the parish, and yet he spends most of his time gardening with this seminarian.
4. I explained to Bill the process that I would follow. I suggested that he communicate it to the informants and ask that they call me. I assured them that I would meet with them and not do anything further without explaining each step of the way to them. But I did indicate that I would do nothing, if they wanted to remain anonymous or would not permit me to use their names, if the pastor pressed me for that information.
5. Bill will get back to them and leave it up to them to get in touch with me.



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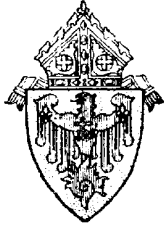
Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: FILE  
DATE: August 8, 1989  
RE: Walter De Roeck

1. I received a call from [REDACTED] '83, today. He was assigned to St. John Berchman's in April, 1985. Walter De Roeck, the pastor, had been appointed a few months earlier - January, 1985.
2. [REDACTED]'s main complaint is the relationship between Walter and a Niles seminarian, [REDACTED]. Evidently Walter got to know [REDACTED] and his family when he was a resident in a parish in Cicero, while teaching at Quigley. [REDACTED] has been coming to St. John Berchman's throughout the school year at least one night a week and weekends and during the summer he is staying there all the time. Even though there are several empty rooms available, Walter has [REDACTED] staying in his own quarters and sleeping on the couch. This is becoming a source of scandal, as [REDACTED] has been confronted about this both by other staff members, as well as parishioners. Recently, a bingo worker asked him if there was something going on between the pastor and the seminarian. [REDACTED] talked to Wally about this in December. He told him that parishioners were talking openly about the situation. Wally responded angrily. [REDACTED] told him that he felt uncomfortable living in that kind of situation.
3. [REDACTED] was living at the rectory almost every day during the Christmas break. [REDACTED] talked to Gery Stefanski about it and Gary said that unless he could prove there was something immoral going on, not much could be done. Eventually [REDACTED] talked to Bill Stenzel who then referred [REDACTED] to me.
4. [REDACTED] says that Wally spends all of his time with [REDACTED]. He even takes vacations with kids and then hired [REDACTED] this summer, even though there are a number of Hispanic parishioners that [REDACTED] felt needed the work and should have been hired.
5. Wally shares a cottage in Michigan City with [REDACTED] and another priest or two. He takes [REDACTED] to the cottage.
6. As a result of Walter's attachment to [REDACTED] he is not available to the people. He is never there. He tells the people that he is too busy, but then he spends a lot of time gardening with [REDACTED]. They both lift weights together for long periods of time.
7. This whole situation is getting to [REDACTED] and he finally talked to Ken Velo. Ken talked to Bob McLaughlin about the seminarian situation and reported back to [REDACTED] that Bob did not seem too disturbed about the fact that he was staying at the rectory. Apparently Bob was not aware that he was also staying in the pastor's room. When [REDACTED] told Ken that, Ken suggested that he talk to me.



8. [REDACTED] said that when he first got to St. John Berchman's he found alot of young guys hanging around all the time. He didn't think much of it at the time, because Wally had been a Quigley professor and he just presumed that these were kids that he taught that just wanted to keep up the contact. Now [REDACTED] wonders. [REDACTED] is not in a position to say that there is anything sexual going on. But Wally's obsessiveness with [REDACTED] consumes all of hsi time and the parish gets nothing. Wally was supposed to be taking a Spanish course at Mundelein but gave it up because he said that he didn't have enough time and yet he spends all of the time with this kid. As a result, he is not tuned in to the Spanish ministry at St. John's at all.
9. [REDACTED] said that recently Wally and [REDACTED] came back from Michigan City with their hair dyed the same color!
10. I asked [REDACTED] who on the staff was aware of what [REDACTED] himself was telling me. He named four staff members all of whom are willing to allow their names to be used. They are:
  - a) [REDACTED] - President of CARE and D.R.E.
  - b) [REDACTED] - Health Minister
  - c) [REDACTED] - Youth Minister
  - d) [REDACTED] - Early Childhood Director
11. [REDACTED] also mentioned that other parishioners have brought the matter up but don't want their names used.
12. [REDACTED] agreed to have me confront Wally together with him. I will call Wally and ask him to come in on Monday, August 14th at 10:00 a.m. and [REDACTED] will be here as well.



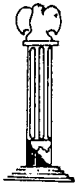
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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: FILE  
DATE: August 11, 1989  
RE: Walter De Roeck

1. [REDACTED] called this morning. [REDACTED] is staying at Gene Dyer's rectory. [REDACTED]'s phone number at the rectory is [REDACTED], but the residence is [REDACTED].
2. [REDACTED] said that he wrote a letter to Walter just so that he would be aware that there is a lot of tension, that he has serious concerns on how the parish is being operated, etc. But he made no mention of Walter's relationship with [REDACTED].
3. [REDACTED] also said that the other newly ordained priest, [REDACTED], has picked up on Walter's relationship with [REDACTED] already. [REDACTED] had a brief conversation with him and [REDACTED] made a reference to the [REDACTED] situation.
4. While talking with [REDACTED], Walter De Roeck called in answer to my request and we set up the appointment for Monday, August 14th. Walter acted like he was totally unaware that there were any problems. He knew that he had some difficulties with [REDACTED], but he was surprised when I mentioned that it is not just [REDACTED], but other members of the staff. He wondered why they would not have brought the matters to his attention themselves. I told him that that was a fair question and perhaps he can raise it at our meeting on Monday.



# *Logan Square Youth Center* of St. John Berchmans



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August 12, 1989

Dear Wally,

I apologize that you are receiving this letter today. I would have preferred to attend the gathering of Ray Goedert, [REDACTED] and you. Fr. Goedert after hearing our concerns, felt that it would be better for you not to meet with the staff at this initial gathering.

What is taking place in this gathering this morning, is what I would like to call an intervention. The behavior that I have seen since December of 1988 has left me as a new staff member with many questions. I have been very concerned over your relationship with young [REDACTED]. At times, I have even speculated as to whether the young seminarian was your illegitimate son. Even I, who spends very little time at the rectory was totally amazed at the time you spend with him and the time [REDACTED] spends at the rectory. In fourteen years of ministry to the church, I have never witnessed a pastor/associate/deacon/seminarian relationship like this one. I know that healthy and very unhealthy relationships among religious and diocesan priests do exist. [REDACTED] I have had my share of seeing others live the double-standard of celibacy. Perhaps, celibacy was the reason sisters were warned of having "particular friendships". At any rate, I have observed how many of my priest colleagues and other ministers have jeopardized their priest/sister/brother/minister relationship and career with the parish family by their obsessive and addictive behavior in public and in what they perceived to be their private life.

We, as ministers, are constantly in the scrutiny of others.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wally, you and I have had a number of conversations about professional standards in our ministering to youth and young adults. I can clearly recall our meeting in the youth center the afternoon I needed to tell you about [REDACTED]. We spoke about his inappropriate actions and behaviors and relationships with some of the teens in our youth center. You seemed very disturbed that day, and rightly so, considering the nature and gravity of [REDACTED]'s problem. At that time, we spoke about sexual addiction and you seemed very nervous and uneasy. I knew at that time that you and [REDACTED] had a special relationship. Over Christmas break, I learned that [REDACTED] was sleeping on your couch even though we had empty rooms in the rectory.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I also, recall bumping into the two of you and having you tell me that you would drive and pick up [REDACTED] from his painting job. For a man who always complained about being so busy, I couldn't understand how you could spend so much time with [REDACTED]. I wondered where [REDACTED] parents were. I also wondered why [REDACTED] car was parked in front of the rectory overnight practically every weekend.

I know the basement of ECC - my youth center is very warm but when we met about [REDACTED] that day you were very uncomfortable and I remember you sweating profusely. I gave you the long distance number for an out-of-state addictions clinic and began to feel very uneasy about our conversation and was a little glad that you would be away on vacation when I confronted [REDACTED]. During this time however, I really felt your relationship with [REDACTED] was normal and healthy although I felt I needed to confront you about [REDACTED] living arrangements. Soon, [REDACTED] moved in and I was about moving into an apartment [REDACTED]. I shared my concerns in confidence with [REDACTED] and urged him to confront you about the living situation. Nothing more was said or discussed.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wally, you have been one of the most helpful pastors I have worked with. I have been able to call you at anytime with problems I have had in the youth center. I truly have appreciated your support and encouragement over this past year. It is because of my high regard of you and my friendship with you that I am very confused with what I have seen this summer.

[REDACTED] moved in the end of May and you hired him to do yard work. [REDACTED] family is from [REDACTED]. I wondered why you would hire a kid with money when I have so many qualified young men from our youth center in need of work. Many times I have asked [REDACTED] to help out with our activities - ski trips, retreats, dances, you name it. Every time I ask him, he tells me he is interested but then tells me he is going to Michigan City with you or planned something with you or is doing something with someone and or is at Niles as well as doing somethings with you. Now once or twice I wouldn't be suspicious but I have asked this guy over seven times. The last time, I asked him to go with us to Magic Waters and he said "I promised Wally I'd paint the cottage and we have planned this for a long time."

You promised Bishop Rodriguez and the staff that you would take Spanish class this summer. I found out from [REDACTED] when you dropped out even though you led us to believe you were still there. Instead when I would run in to you, you were driving with [REDACTED] gardening with [REDACTED] eating with [REDACTED] waiting for [REDACTED] or vice-versa. You came back from Florida and even though I had no clue [REDACTED] appeared on the scene just as tan as you were.

The straw that broke the camel's back was when you and [REDACTED] had the same hair color returning from the Michigan City trip to "paint". When I asked one of the servers how the trip was I was told that you and [REDACTED] have the same tatoo and skimpy bathing trunks. You both having pierced ears was now no happy coincidence. If he was younger, I would have reported you to DCFS. But, as far as I am concerned that young man is still a minor and impressionable. What portrait of priesthood are you painting, Wally?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] What is the Church asking of you? What does the Church hope for [REDACTED] What is your living arrangement of [REDACTED] on your couch in your closed living area saying to our support staff, the staff, to me? I am extremely concerned. I feel that you owe us an explanation. [REDACTED] must leave our rectory permanently and never return. You need counseling to deal with your family problems and your intimacy needs and perhaps your obsessive relationships with young men like [REDACTED]

You are in my constant prayer and thoughts these days. The parish is now on the brink of your scandal. Please be open to this intervention and do not deny what hope God is calling you to - healing and honesty.

With prayer,

[REDACTED]

*Received by me 8/14/89  
R. Gaedert*



# St. John Berchmans Parish

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8/12/89

Dear Wally,

First of all I want you to know that this is difficult for me. Difficult is that I can't be meeting with you face to face. I also want you to know that I care about you very much as a person. The reason I am not there is that it was advised we not be at this meeting. The reason for this letter is to

share with you that I too am concerned about [REDACTED] being here particularly living in your room. I don't understand that when there are other available rooms upstairs in the rectory. I think you must know that both you and [REDACTED] are seen as public leaders

in this community. Your behavior  
is closely looked at. I also do not  
understand why [REDACTED] was employed  
here this summer, when we did  
not even discuss this as staff.

There are men <sup>and women</sup> who are <sup>trying to</sup> ~~supporting~~  
to support families in this community  
that I am in contact with who need  
and could use a job here.

I am not concerned with your  
personal life you need to be  
the judge of that. But I think  
it is having an effect on how you  
pastor at this parish. You may come  
to meetings but for only a short time  
20-30 min. What does this say to staff?  
What does it say to parishioners? What  
are your priorities?





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This parish and community are important to me. I think you need to make a decision about what is important to you and your life at this time.

I pray that this meeting goes well for you and the parish. I also want Fr. Gordert to know I would meet with him at another time because I feel it is important.

Sincerely,

(HEALTH MINISTER)

Received by me 8/14/89  
R. Gordert



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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: FILE

DATE: August 14, 1989

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. [REDACTED] and Walter De Roeck came to see me today at 10:00 a.m. We discussed the matter until 12:00 noon. At that time we moved over to the apartment of [REDACTED] where the rest of the staff was convened. I met with all of them from approximately 1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
2. The main issue that surfaced in my preliminary discussion with [REDACTED] and Wally was the presence of [REDACTED] and the negative impact his relationship with Wally has on Wally's ministry and, as a result, the ministry of the entire parish.
3. I emphasized to Wally that this was just not a complaint from [REDACTED], but rather a staff complaint. [REDACTED] had brought in letters which each of the staff persons had addressed to Wally, summarizing their position. They have all put their name to it and are quite willing to meet with Wally in person. It was only because I had decided otherwise that they were not present for the first part of our meeting. I did not think it was fair to gang up on Wally before he knew what the issues were.
4. [REDACTED] indicated that at least ten other parishioners had expressed similar feelings to him, but they are reluctant to give their names. They are fearful about what might happen.
5. Wally read all of the material first and then made some comments. [REDACTED]
6. Wally also elaborated a bit on [REDACTED]'s background. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] needed summer work and he happened to be the first one to ask Wally about this so Wally hired him. Wally said that he always hired the maintenance people and saw no need to go to the staff for this purpose. With regard to the work outs, Wally said that the doctor told him that he needed to do a little more exercise and when Wally mentioned it to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] agreed to work out with him. They do this about three times a week. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also asked if he could stay at the rectory. Wally said that his room is pretty big and he sleeps in the bedroom and [REDACTED] on the couch. Moreover, the room is air-conditioned. The room next door which is vacant doesn't have a shower and plumbing facilities that work.

7. [REDACTED] first came to visit Wally in 1988 while he was still a senior at Quigley. Then in November of 88 as a Niles student, he would come over approximately two nights a week and would stay overnight in Wally's room. During the Christmas break he would stay for the full two weeks and then for the rest of the school year he would come usually two or three times a week, more often during the Easter break. Once summer began in May, 1989, Wally would allow [REDACTED] to be in his room overnight four or five times a week. [REDACTED]
8. After Wally and [REDACTED] had finished as much as they wanted to say, I asked if Wally would be willing to meet with the rest of the staff and he was.
9. We reconvened at the apartment of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] (phone [REDACTED]). [REDACTED] lives there with [REDACTED]. Present at the meeting were [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (the principal), [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] came in later on. Some of the pertinent comments were as follows:

[REDACTED], the DRE, said that he considered the relationship between Wally and [REDACTED] to be one of compulsive behavior that is detrimental both to Wally's ministry and his own. He felt that they should be working as a team and Wally has to deal with this inappropriate relationship and since parishioners are talking about it, [REDACTED] felt that he had to bring it up. [REDACTED] said that Wally may need help to deal with the compulsion and he also feels that [REDACTED] should leave the premises right away.

[REDACTED], the principal, admitted that he was not that involved in this process. Because he is in the school all the time, he has not observed what is going on. Since St. John's is not his parish, he has not been privy to [REDACTED] and that whole relationship. However, as a member of the staff, he wanted to be present, as he wishes to give whatever support he can to the entire staff, including Wally. He had no observations to make and indicated that [REDACTED] presence has not impacted on his ministry one way or the other. Moreover, he has received no comments from school parents or parishioners. The only way he knew there was a problem was through the staff. To the extent this affects the parish, [REDACTED] wants something to be done.

[REDACTED] expressed her concern over the fact that she had not been able to establish an adequate relationship with Wally as her boss in the way she was able to do with Casey, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has been at John Berchman's for a long time. She feels that she ought to be able to discuss with Wally whenever she feels the need for it and for the last year or so, Wally simply hasn't been available to her.

█████ stated that often when she felt she needed to talk to Wally that he would be with █████. Moreover, the cook (█████) talks alot and █████ has picked up some of her comments through the parishioners.

█████ feels that for the sake of Wally, the staff and the parish, █████ should live elsewhere. █████ also feels that █████ himself will need alot of counselling and help on this issue. █████ doesn't want anyone to be hurt. █████ is involved in many areas of the parish and she truly cares. She thinks █████ should leave immediately. And as things stand now, she doesn't think he should be around at all. He has put a barrier between the staff and Wally and it has caused Wally not to be as involved in the parish as much as █████ would like and maybe also as much as he himself would like.

█████, the parish nurse, said that the relationship of Wally and █████ doesn't impact directly on her ministry other than she thought that they should have discussed █████ employment as a staff issue.

█████ said that she has a sixteen year old daughter, not that different in age from █████. She feels that if she was trying to help someone in that age bracket whose parents had kicked him/her out of the home, she would definitely handle the living arrangements differently from what Wally has done. As long as █████ has somewhere else to go, █████ thinks he should leave now.

█████, the eighth grade teacher, was on the staff up until two months ago. She had been on the staff for about three years as an unpaid coordinator of liturgical ministries, etc. █████, a parishioner, indicated that she cared very much about the staff and about Wally. She has heard the same rumblings as everyone else. She said that she was very uncomfortable about the living situation and especially because nobody was talking about it. When she raised the question to █████, he simply remained silent. A few parents have also spoken to █████ about █████ and the role he has in the parish. They don't understand it. He seems to have more influence in the parish than many long time parishioners have.

█████ said that she believes that it is an emotional involvement between Wally and █████. She doesn't like what she sees, nor does she like the gossip that is beginning to go around the parish. █████ said that she believed the staff is a very caring one and they can reach a solution. She definitely feels that █████ should live elsewhere because of all of the talk. She is not sure he should leave immediately, but thinks it might be better. █████ should not have any part in the parish life at St. John's. █████ is not sure what Wally and █████ ought to do about their relationship. She is inclined to think that that is a personal matter.

She does think that whatever is done to █████, it should be handled very gently, especially if he has to leave right away. Because of the gossip and potential harm to the parish, she does think that the decision ought to be made rather quickly.

█████ who used to be on the staff and currently lives with █████, said that she cares very much about Wally and would like to see whatever is best happen for all concerned. She also cares about █████. She

does believe that the relationship of Wally and [REDACTED] does affect the way in which the rest of the people as well as Wally ministers. It is a preoccupation with him and it takes away from his presence to his people.

[REDACTED] feels that this is the logical time for [REDACTED] to depart. Since he will be returning to school in a few weeks, no one would question his departure now but he should be given whatever counseling or help he needs in order to make this separation.

[REDACTED], the youth minister, came in late in the meeting. I filled her in on what had transpired thus far. She is the one who first talked to Bill Stenzel. She is a friend of [REDACTED] and based on the experience that [REDACTED] has had, [REDACTED] encouraged Wally to take action now. She said that if he truly cares about [REDACTED], he ought to be concerned about what people are saying about him. Many have commented on the relationship, including teenagers with whom [REDACTED] works. [REDACTED] is fearful that the scandal will grow. What will it do to [REDACTED] and his future? [REDACTED] felt that there was a real scandal when [REDACTED] and Wally came home from vacation both wearing the same tattoo and color of hair.

10. After listening to everyone present, I tried to summarize some of the conclusions:

- a) because of the appearance of impropriety, for the sake of the parishioners as well as the staff we have to move quickly.
- b) both Wally and [REDACTED] need help. Their relationship is considered to be obsessive by at least one of the staff and most look upon it as too emotional for Wally's and [REDACTED]'s good.
- c) all agree that [REDACTED] should go and that it would be better if he did not return to the parish at all. Just seeing him may raise the same old gossip again. If Wally feels the need to continue the friendship, he should do it on [REDACTED]'s turf or elsewhere. But a clean break is preferable now. [REDACTED] ought to be trying to make friends with his own peers, especially at Niles.

11. Wally expressed some of his own concerns:

- a) he indicated that [REDACTED] has already experienced rejection from his own family and hopes that he will not see this as an additional rejection.
- b) [REDACTED] is very interested in liturgy and Wally wonders how he will react when he hears that his input is no longer valued.
- c) Wally works out with [REDACTED] three days a week and is upset at the thought that the staff is telling him he cannot choose his own friends and that [REDACTED] cannot feel free to come around Wally's home.
- d) Wally has retained the services of [REDACTED] for the next two weeks and wonders about that. [REDACTED] would earn approximately \$150.00 serving as a maintenance person. The staff immediately agreed that it would be perfectly alright for this amount of money to be given to him out of St. Vincent de Paul funds.
- e) Wally again said that he could accept [REDACTED] leaving the premises,

as far as living arrangements are concerned, but he is having difficulty accepting that [REDACTED] cannot come back to visit even as a friend.

12. As we concluded our meeting, I summarized the following decisions:

- a) Wally will explain to [REDACTED] today or tomorrow what the situation is and that he will have to return to either his parents home or to Niles. Wally will also notify Fr. McLaughlin at Niles and request that counselling be provided to [REDACTED].
- b) [REDACTED] should not return to St. John and should stay away for at least the foreseeable future.
- c) Some of the staff wish to have the opportunity to talk to Wally privately. Wally should make himself available for this purpose.
- d) In view of the fact that [REDACTED] indicated the need for a facilitator for himself and Wally to work out their relationship, I recommended Dr. Bogicalupo and they accepted. I called Dr. Bogicalupo from the apartment. He was not there and I left a message. When he returns my call, I will give him the general summary of the situation and then ask that he contact Wally De Roeck at 486-4300.
- e) Assuming that [REDACTED] and Wally will be satisfied with the services of Dr. Bagicalupo, the entire staff would then request his services in order to help them to work out whatever problems they might still have.
- f) I raised the question as to the parish's ability to pay for Dr. Bagicalupo's services. Wally indicated that the parish is on subsidy. Because of that, I will ask PRMAA to pick up the expenses.

14 August 1989

Dear Wally,

█████ is meeting alone with you today because Fr. Goedert insisted on it. But the fact is that █████ is not there alone. He is there representing all of us who are concerned about you and the parish. After your meeting he will be meeting with us to consider what we should do next.

There are many examples I could list about why I feel you have no pastoral involvement in the parish. It would be long indeed, and others could add more. But I have come to realize that what is at the base of your inability to be pastor is your obsession with young men, the latest of whom is █████

The suspicion that something is wrong has been growing over the past four years. It did not bother me that you had visits from Quigley students. But I did begin to get concerned when I noticed that your only visitors were young men. Since my office is right at the front door I see people coming to the door all day long. I can count on one hand the times adults, parishioner or not, have come to see you while the number of adults coming to see █████ is in the hundreds. I became concerned when so many of the young men who would visit would tell me of their trips with you to Michigan City and when I noticed that on most days when the schools would have a holiday you would be at Michigan City. I have seen you leave meetings where discussions important to the parish were taking place only to see you going out with young men.

The liturgy committee just last week is only the most recent example. You left at 8:30pm, the scheduled ending time of the meeting, even though we needed to address important concerns of the music director. You said you had to leave. We stayed another half hour. █████

█████ I'm glad she did not leave through the courtyard to see, as I did, you and █████ working out in the basement. This was your reason for leaving an important meeting.

The visits from young men ended for the most part about a year and a half ago (I don't really remember the exact date) when █████ appeared on the scene. █████ So I got used to seeing his car out front when I would arrive at 8:00am on Sundays. However I also began to notice that he was not sleeping in any of the guest rooms but in your room. I felt uncomfortable one Sunday when a member of the folk group, concerned that █████ was not up yet and it was almost 8:30, asked me to call him in your room.

It came to a head for me last Christmas. █████

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Since it was Christmas ██████████ was out of school and so was staying in your room for a couple of weeks straight. ██████████ and I talked about the situation and he decided to confront you with the fact that this behavior was inappropriate, too many people, even without ██████████, were beginning to notice your relationship. This confrontation changed nothing. So ██████████ called people at the chancery, with my total agreement, and told them that he and I were concerned about this situation. Their response was classic avoidance. They would not get involved unless we could prove something was going on. We were not saying anything was going on, only that the relationship was taking over your time to the detriment of your ministry and we felt a scandal developing. This week's NCR has three articles and an editorial about priests and pedophilia. Since you would not listen to ██████████ we wanted someone from the chancery to talk to you.

Being told to forget it by the chancery, we did just that. But this Summer has made your behavior impossible to ignore. You went on vacation with ██████████ for two weeks but could not openly tell anyone. I put two and two together when ██████████ showed me a note to see if it reflected how I wanted the basement set up for a meeting and saw it mentioned that ██████████ would be on vacation for the same two weeks. I latter heard from one of the young people of the parish that ██████████ had gone to Florida. It was even more clear when you and ██████████ returned on the same day with matching tans. (You returned from your last trip to Michigan City with matching hair color.)

When I returned to work from vacation in Mexico on July 18 you were working on the lawn with ██████████ I was surprised since you were supposed to be at Spanish class. You informed me that there was just too much work to get done and so you had to drop it. You did this though you committed yourself, in front of Bishop Rodriguez and the entire staff, to begin again learning Spanish. Learning Spanish was also a requirement of the personnel board when they made you pastor. Since I have been back, however, I have not been able to see what all this work was.

Your sister and niece arrived that evening. That is why you could not attend the liturgy committee evening of reflection. I hope that is true, but I have to say I'm not sure what to believe anymore. Sunday the 24th you left for Michigan City and returned on Wednesday afternoon. After taping Of Cabbages and Kings with me on Thursday and a few afternoon meetings you were gone again until the next Wednesday evening, returning only for the 5:00pm Saturday mass. You were painting the cottage with ██████████. Even though we had just discussed as a staff in our meeting with ██████████ that it was important that you not use the excuse of not having a Sunday mass as a reason to not be present to parishioners on Sunday, you took the first chance you could to be with ██████████ instead. You didn't even tell ██████████ you would be away from the parish for a weekend. The only person you told was ██████████. She showed me the note.



██████ has been around working from morning to night since I have been back from vacation. I asked him if he was getting paid more money since ██████ was away and he was doing a lot of extra work. He said you told him he would only be paid for his usual five hours but you were giving ██████ more hours, even though ██████ like you, has hardly been around. You also told ██████, who is homeless since his building was sold, that you better not find him sleeping in any of the church buildings. "I don't want to see you after 10:00pm" were the words he quoted you as saying. 10:00pm was your limit because, though supposedly working only his five hours, ██████ still had to be around for the 10:00pm security check. Meanwhile ██████ who has a home and family, is sleeping in your room.

My concern is not about your private life but about your ministry here. But I believe you have let your private life harm your ministry. I now know that parishioners have noticed the situation and are beginning to voice concerns. If we the staff are to retain credibility as ministers in the parish we must act. We can not sit back silently anymore.

Perhaps we will have a chance to discuss this together. Perhaps the discussion will go on without you. Either way I want you to know that I am dedicated to two things, your getting help with your obsessive behavior and assuring that children, young people and adults will find at St. John Berchmans a place to hear the gospel, develop their gifts and build christian community.

I am willing to talk to you about these concerns along with all the other parties involved when you set a day and time.

peace,

████████████████████

(████████████████████ -D.R.E.)

*Received by me 8/14/89*  
*L. Gaudet*

During the past two weeks, members of our staff spoke to me about concerns they had about you Wally. These concerns are very serious and important. These staff members would like to be here today with me as I talk to you and Ray, but they have presented their concerns in letter form. Thus, I am presently here alone, but my concerns are shared by members of our parish and our staff.

This is most difficult for me due to the uncomfortable nature of what I need to share with you. My prayer is that you have an open spirit to hear what I have to say and also listen to the concerns voiced by your staff.

Over the last four years of living and working at St. John Berchmans, I have noticed a pattern that is uncomfortable and needs to be addressed. From the beginning of my assignment, I have been aware of the need you have to visit with other people on a social basis. This too is a shared need by me. However, initially, the concern was that young men were always seeking your attention. They would be in your room, in your office, using your phone and come and go as they pleased. The initial stages of readjustment from Quigley North to Parish life could foster these relationships. In time, I felt, they would subside.

Yet, the opposite fact is true. These relationships have had a pattern. They involve young boys who are in high school or college age groups and these boys have access to you freely. You have been attentive to these relationships over the last four years and these relationships have been influencing your pastoral work at our parish.

I have noticed a pattern to the relationships. The boy would be very visible at the rectory, come over at all hours of the day or night and always would be in your room with the door closed. One time, I found someone in your room and he walked in the rectory with his girl friend while you were in Michigan City. I kicked him out but he said you gave him permission. In time, the boys lessen their presence due to other commitments, but someone new has been on the scene. The boys who have been significant to you over the years include [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and most recently [REDACTED] for the last two years, [REDACTED]

The relationship with these boys has had a negative impact upon our living situation as well. But the experience with [REDACTED] is most distressing. [REDACTED] appeared, at times, during the year of 1987 and came and went but was not very consistent. During the summer of 1988, [REDACTED] began to come around more often. This very same summer saw three people living in our rectory and space was limited. At times, I noticed and answered the door when [REDACTED] would come late at night, and I would also notice that [REDACTED] had spent the night. He would spend the night in your room on these occasions. It made sense, the house was full. But I was fearful as I saw this pattern increase.

Finally, at the end of the summer our rectory had been empty of visitors and the rooms were available. In September, the seminarians started back at school and life went on. But [REDACTED] began to come a little more often. He would be around to help and it was noticed that he spent the night because of his car parked out in front. It was also a little odd because he should have been back at school, but he would leave early, go to class and often come back later in the week. This pattern continued to exist and cause uncomfortableness for me in our living space.

Finally, in December of 1988, I talked to you about the situation. I mentioned that I could not understand how [REDACTED] continued to visit and stayed in your room. People would be talking if they knew where he stayed. I had heard comments from others and tried to tell you that this was a suspicious world and people may misconstrue the behavior. You responded with anger but also seemed to hear my concerns. After our December conversation, I thought the situation would change. I know it did. [REDACTED] basically moved into your room during the Christmas season and his vacation. He was hidden and not at meals. He would eat outside the regular schedule and often times would close the door to your room if my voice was heard. I wondered if [REDACTED] was from another state and had no where to go. I wondered if [REDACTED] had family problems and needed someone for support. But most importantly, I wondered why I was never informed.

In the past, we both discussed when seminarians were going to be living with us for the summer. We would outline responsibilities and who would supervise them. Even when [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were living with us for the summer, you discussed this with me. Yet, [REDACTED] was never discussed. You never mentioned his name in any of our conversations.

One time, at dinner alone, you mentioned to me that [REDACTED] felt uncomfortable eating dinner with me. Yet, I tried to tell you how uncomfortable I had felt that he was thrust on me in my living space. But then it slowly and gradually affected our parish too.

[REDACTED] How come he seems special? These are questions that people have raised.

[REDACTED] even [REDACTED] mentioned something to me. But we laughed and thought this too will pass.

It did pass into a new phase of being more present to [REDACTED]. Once, I remember [REDACTED] telling me that he and you were going out with his girlfriend and her mother. I found it difficult wondering why his parents were not going to meet this women. His parents even ate dinner at the rectory once and they commented that [REDACTED] got an earring because you had one. I then noticed that your ear was pierced. I had never notice you wear the earring, but the pierced ear seemed strange.

But, a new phase developed for fitness. You were told by the doctor that you needed to lose some weight. I had been dieting at this time so it comfortably fit into our parish life with no disturbance to the cook. But, then you set up a weight room in the basement and [REDACTED] began to become your work-out partner. This obsessiveness with weights may be understandable, but [REDACTED] had lost his car and you would drive him from school to the parish and back to school the next morning. I noticed this because I answered the phone and [REDACTED] told me to tell you where to pick him up. It was odd that you would leave meetings with our parishoners and go to Niles to pick up a kid who had formational and academic responsibilities. You would leave meetings that were important for our parish to lift weights with [REDACTED]. This relationship became a problem for not just me but now had much impact upon the parish community.

In January of 1989, I met with you and you told me that you only had fifteen minutes. We met for two and one half hours. In our meeting, I challanged you about Hispanic ministry here at St. John Berchmans and also wanted to let you know I supported you. I encouraged you to get some counseling or possibly talk to someone, a mentor or spiritual director. I told you that you were emotionally distant from me and the staff and that I did not know what oyur priorities were. I did not mention [REDACTED] name once. Yet, my fear, which was unexpressed, was that you had begun to invest too much time in this particular relationship and it was affecting your pastoral ministry and your presence. You were physically sick in January and went to Mundelein for a supervisory meeting.

[REDACTED]. You appeared to follow through with your commitment as [REDACTED] lessened his presence. Yet, in a short time, you seemed distant and busy with [REDACTED] again.

During Easter break, you arranged your schedule to take time to be with [REDACTED]. He had a key to our rectory, and this was discovered by accident when I walked in from the back and he told me that you gave him a key. This seemed most peculiar because of the expense and frustration you expressed in a number of staff meetings about the keys and security. People who were paide employees had lost their key to rectory access, yet a college student and seminarian could come and go as he pleased.

Many times, over the last few months, I have noticed the final stage of the relationship. [REDACTED] has moved in completely. In April, we had received notice about seminarians for the summer. I said that because of vacations and other activites, I would not welcome seminarians this past summer. You agreed. Yet, [REDACTED], a seminarian, has been secretly living in your room all summer long. We hired [REDACTED] to work for the parish, you hired, we as staff had no input. Yet, in our neighborhood, there are young boys and girls who are unable to work. Even [REDACTED], our

youth minister could not believe the decision to hire [REDACTED] when she had mentioned early how she was looking for summer jobs for parish teens in her program. [REDACTED] also has a room and board in your living space, although this summer there is one extra room between us. His presence at our parish has created a myriad of problems, someone at Bingo came up and point blank asked me if there was anything going one between the two of you. Even the altar servers told me that after their recent trip, that it was neat that you and [REDACTED] had the same tatoos. People have talked and our staff needs to respond. This situation of obsessiveness is a major problem among us as a staff and also in our parish community.

It is also interesting that while our full time maintenance man was gone on vacation, our part-time maintenance man was given only five additional hours. Yet, [REDACTED] is hear about fifty to sixty hours a week. It is also odd that [REDACTED] now is homeless and told me that you told him to get out of the boiler room because of insurance. We are able to allow a seminarian to sleep in the pastor's room but we can't, in pastoral care, offer shelter to our maintenance man who has given so much free time to St. John Berchmans?

In February, [REDACTED] and I discussed the situation and I called Gery Stefanski, [REDACTED] and also Ken Velo. Without proof, I could do nothing. Thus, frustrated, [REDACTED] and I had no support among others and felt that our concerns were unfounded. But when [REDACTED] moved in and after two weeks asked me, "What's going on with Wally and [REDACTED]" I knew that my concerns were valid.

The pattern of emotional bonding with young men is a problem and mostly a present problem with [REDACTED]. It needs to be helped. This bonding has been so strong that you withdrew from Spanish classes this summer because you said you were too busy. I left for vacation and had no work, no phone calls, no weddings, no parish commitment that I dumped on you. But, you had time to spend with [REDACTED].

You sat through our staff meeting with [REDACTED] and agreed that Sunday is the primary day for our community. You voiced the need to be present to people and how this is a value for all priests. Yet, the following Sunday, you were not present. You were gone on Friday evening, returned for the Saturday evening liturgy and were gone till Wednesday night. You had to paint Michigan City and [REDACTED] helped you. People also asked at the picnic for Carnival workers what you and [REDACTED] had done to your hair? It was the same color.

This summer has in reality, been a sort of "honeymoon" for you. I am uncomfortable eating with you and inviting friends to the rectory. I believe our house situation is unhealthy and this also was a motivation for not wanting [REDACTED] assigned here. Confrontation today helps me to break the dishonesty that exists and also confronts the lack of communication that also is part of our parish staff.

I believe that you need some professional assistance. I also know [REDACTED] would be most important to receive some help as well. I do not want [REDACTED] present to our community, to our liturgies, or spending any more nights in your room. The speculation now has escalated into a sexual nature and this is most unhealthy for us all.

The relationship with [REDACTED] is suspicious, hidden and secretive. It is not a public relationship. Your recent vacation to Florida was something of a surprise when I found out [REDACTED] took the same vacation time that you did. More importantly, you did not tell any staff who would be on vacation with you. I heard from a parishoner that [REDACTED] was in Florida. It is interesting to see how hidden and secretive this relationship has become.

During the Carnival, I was working till 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning. One night, at 10:00 p.m., I walked downstairs and the money counters told me that you were working out with [REDACTED]. An entire parish community was on our front loawn and you found more importance to be with [REDACTED]. This is just another example of how obsessed you have become with [REDACTED].

But this obsessiveness has existed for all the years that I have lived with you. A few months back, I had dinner with some friends in their home. They had asked me who my pastor was and I mentioned your name. There was an uncomfortable silence which followed. When I asked my friends if they knew you, they asked me if you still hung around with young men and they were around the rectory. These friends admitted that this behaviour and obsessiveness with young boys has been a part of your priesthood since your first assignment.

I am frightened and live with tension because of this situation. I am uncomfortable knowing that only altar boys will be with you in Michigan City and feel that this trip should be canceled. The pattern I have seen has now become a major problem for you and I don't know how to help you anymore. XXXX

We, as staff, feel the need for responsible adult behavior. In sharing this, we feel that you must know how your behaviour has now created negative stress for us and for our parish. Our meeting with you today is to help you see the need for professional help.

As a brother priest, I am tired of covering up, lying, being lied to and feeling overly responsible for your parish. I have spent four years doing the work of more than one person and the anger has built and affected me and my work. I prayed that my hunches and uncomfortable feelings would go away, and for brief moments, they would. But this type of living situation is not tolerable anymore.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I also have the support of our staff. They are willing to talk and have written letters to be supportive to me and also help you see that a serious problem now exists. There also are people in our parish who are concerned but they are frightened of what will happen if you knew them by name. Many are concerned and they agree that this obsessive behaviour with boys has impacted your work and ministry. Our objective is not to overthrow you, but to hope that you begin to see the severity of the problem and seek some help. ←

We are unable to communicate with you on our parish level because of the obsessive concern you have with [REDACTED] Even two weeks ago, mail was addressed to [REDACTED] at the rectory address, with the name [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This now is a concrete example of how much he has entered not only your personal life, but your professional life as well.

I know that you may hate me and be angry at me. My prayer is that in time, you must decide how to handle this situation. I feel responsible to report back everything from our meeting to the staff. We need to support one another as decisions must be made today. I am also committed to the good of our parish. In your role as pastor, you too made this same commitment. However, until you accept that a problem exists, you will not be able to support the good work that our parish has begun without help. Our meeting today is the first step for your good, the good of our staff and the spiritual good of our parish community.

This whole process and struggle is done in love. Wally, I pray that you may believe this.

[REDACTED]

14 Aug. 1989

Received by me 8/14/89  
R. Benedict

Dear Kally,

Writing this makes me feel as though I'm going back in time about two years when I asked to meet with you for a few minutes. That meeting, if you recall, became two hours of talking and sharing. I was honest with you and feel that I tried to keep open communication between us as I continued on staff. We both know that honesty, openness, and trust are necessary not only for personal growth but for productive relationships with co-workers. Mutual agreement, continuing cooperation, and a sincere striving to understand and accept personalities are some of the things we discussed as being of primary importance to "pastor" to a parish. You have a terrific staff that I feel cares so much for the well-being of St. John's.

Kally, have you really lived up to your agreements with staff and parishioners? Having been asked to share some of my insights and feelings as a recent, former member of your staff, as a parishioner, and as a parish



minister with you today answers the question. It's my opinion that, after much soul-searching with staff, you verbally expressed your role as pastor and arrived at some reasonable, acceptable priorities. I also feel that, after some futile attempts, you have not lived up to many of those commitments. It's disappointing! I did hope with the help of the staff that I know you have supporting you (or would have if you wanted it) your pastorate would be flourishing and your parishioners content. I know, for many, this isn't so.

Let me cite a few problems as I see them:

1. Your lack of availability to parishioners. Three times since June I personally called to speak to you. You were not on vacation. On each occasion I was told you would not be back for two or three days. As a member of the parish, I have heard this from others, too. Unfortunately, it is usually in a sarcastic tone of voice. When you are available, Wally, you have a tendency to press people for time.
2. We all have other commitments. Members

of various committees have one or two jobs, families and their concerns, and complete fatigue at times. Yet, I don't find these people absent or saying they have to leave. They give completely!

3. Socializing with adults of the parish.

I don't know how much of this you do but I believe it is important and should be general. I had invited you on several occasions during the first couple of years to my home. You always declined. And, if you recall, your reasons were totally unfounded. You said you felt unwelcome. Untrue! I (we) bent backwards to make you feel welcome. Since we all arrived at St. John's as a group about the same time, we all had to be open and willing to form new relationships. For some reason, you pulled away.

4. You seem to have an eagerness to please the young of our parish: altar boys, teen graduates, seminary students. I feel your pastoral presence or commitment is affected by the presence of these boys. When you first arrived at St. John's, I was disturbed at the number of fellows that had unlimited access to the rectory.

I became aware of it as a problem when boys began grumbling, "They weren't allowed in because they weren't part of the crowd." That gradually stopped and I was relieved. Somewhere along the line, [REDACTED] entered the picture and that, too, brought dissension. There were people not understanding and being critical. Now [REDACTED] the fella from the ← choir group, is on the scene. Let me simply say, "There's a lot of gossip recently and it's very difficult to avoid." I have personally had people from the parish either mention [REDACTED] presence or question his role in our parish. Some are inquisitive, some negative, some confused. I recall on one occasion after meeting in [REDACTED]'s room that I asked him about the situation. I never received a direct reply which made me uncomfortable. A personal note here - I as a staff member who used the copy machine and typewriter for staff notes, liturgy notes, PEP reports, etc. was not allowed a key to the rectory. Yet [REDACTED] let me in on two occasions with his key. This angered me.

5. You vacationed in Florida recently in

the city where my parents reside I wouldn't have expected you to visit them but how much time would a phone call have taken? Let me delve into a past hurt.

Guess what

I'm trying to tell you again - if I had these feelings, what about all the other confused, hurting members of our community? Are you there for them? Is your priority parish or youth? Do you know how to be there for everyone? Do you want to be there for them?

Wally, I know there are problems that exist. I wouldn't have agreed to share my thoughts with you today if I didn't care about you. The love your staff would like to share must be accepted by you before it can develop into a bond of trust and support of each other. And you need them to help you truly minister to our people.

A few months ago I realized that I needed more than the warmth, advice, and support of my friends to get me through some difficult times with my family, my job, and myself.

Do

you think, Kally, this might be a beginning to a happy solution for you, too?

Remember, please, I do care. I would like to meet and share more with you.

Know you're in my thoughts and prayers, especially at this time.

Sincerely,

(8th grade teacher - former staff member  
and parishiner)

Received by me 8/14/89  
R. Goodrich

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August 14, 1989

Dear Wally,

I hope you truly trust and believe that I write this letter out of care and concern both for you, Wally and the people of St. John Berchmans.

In my 20 years working here at St. John Berchmans I have had the opportunity to work with many different priests. I always felt I had a good relationship with the priests even with Fr. Szatkowski during those difficult days. Several years ago (if you remember) we met in your room and shared how we were feeling at the time. I felt we were both honest and that our relationship would be better for us, as we continued to minister together here at St. John Berchmans. This did not continue to happen or at least for me it did not continue to happen.

Since we were advised not to meet with you, [REDACTED], and Fr. Goedert, I feel I need to write this letter so you know how I am feeling at this time.

The last three weeks during the month of July I found myself working from morning to night and ending up exhausted and drained but I did so because it was part of who I am for people here at St. John Berchmans. I would go to the Early Childhood Center, to the hospital, to Loyola for class in the

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afternoon and back to the Early Childhood Center to finish up. When I heard you had dropped out of Spanish class because you had too much to do I found myself very angry because I still did not find you available.

One day I was in the back room with [REDACTED] and saw you carrying bags of dirt with [REDACTED] I thought we pay maintenance men to do that. It also disturbed me that day I saw you weeding the front yard with [REDACTED] and again we pay maintenance to do this kind of work.

When you said Mass on Saturday night, July 29th before I left on Wednesday to visit my parents, I assumed you would be there on Monday morning, August 31st, however, when I went over to see you about things to be done at school and to tell you I was leaving, they said you had left on Saturday, July 29th after Mass and wouldn't return until Wednesday, August 2nd. I was determined I wasn't going to leave another note because I'm tired of notes as our only means of communication. I really don't understand why and how you can leave the parish for days at a time when we are all there working.

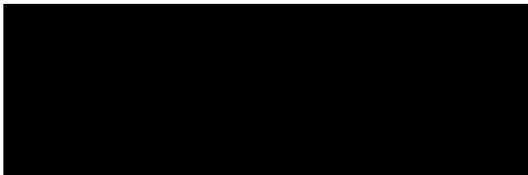
I am also disappointed that there has been no follow up from you concerning the meeting we had with the two women from the Archdiocesan School Office. I would like to have talked to you more about the conversation of that meeting.

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The above are only a few times that I could have used your support. I come to the rectory almost every day and you are either gone, too busy about other things, or have asked not to be disturbed. If I do happen to catch you, it is either on the steps of the rectory in the hallway or passing through the church and I don't feel this is the place to discuss concerns that we have regarding the parish. Sometimes I feel there is a real lack of interest or you are too preoccupied with other things or persons. For example, I feel your relationship with [REDACTED] and maybe some others keep you from being present to the staff and the people here at St. John Berchmans.

I hope someday we (you and I) can sit down and talk about our concerns so that we can continue to minister together here at St. John Berchmans with openness and honesty.

Sincerely,



*Received by me 8/14/89  
R. Goedert*





## St. John Berchmans Parish

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16 August 1989

To: Fr. Ray Goedert

From: The Staff of St. John Berchmans

Our meeting with you and Wally had one necessary result, [REDACTED] is gone and a possibly great scandal has been avoided. But we did not call you in to solve a problem. We called you in to intervene with us in a serious case of addiction. This you did not address.

It should be obvious to you from all you observed on Monday that Wally has a serious problem that he refuses to face. If this is not clear let us reiterate. **The problem is not [REDACTED]. Wally has a disease, an obsession with young men, that affects his work as pastor and our work as the pastoral staff.**

There were four promises that resulted from Monday's meeting: (1) [REDACTED] would leave and not be allowed back, (2) Wally would see that [REDACTED] got counselling, (3) [REDACTED], (4) [REDACTED], Wally and then the entire staff would have a facilitator come in to help us work better in the wake of this meeting. But the only concrete step taken was to contact a person to begin to work on point four.

This is totally unacceptable to us. We demand that the concrete step taken is that Wally [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Until that happens we will not work with him on the St. John Berchmans staff nor will we meet with a facilitator. This ignores the issue. Instead we will work as a team for the good of the parish without him.

For four years we have stood by and watched as Wally has let his illness interfere with his ministry at St. John Berchmans. We will stand by no longer. We insist he get help now. Only you can force that on him for his own good and for the good of the parish.

[REDACTED], Associate Pastor

[REDACTED], Director of Religious Education

[REDACTED], Principal

[REDACTED], Director of the Early Childhood Center

[REDACTED], Parish Nurse

[REDACTED], Youth Minister

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memo dated August 16, 1989 from Fr. Walter DeRoeck to the staff of St. John Berchman. In the memo, Fr. DeRoeck recounts his discussions with Victim IR on August 14 and 15 about the letters that the members of the staff wrote to Fr. DeRoeck regarding their concerns over Fr. DeRoeck's relationship with Victim IR. Fr. DeRoeck writes of Victim IR's disappointment and frustration with the situation, including having to absent himself from the parish and the allegations of impropriety between himself and Fr. DeRoeck.



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## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: August 17, 1989

RE: Walter DeRoeck

1. [REDACTED] came in at his request. He brought with him a letter from the staff to me as well as a letter Wally sent to the staff dated August 16. He also gave me a letter addressed to me by [REDACTED] and another sent to me by [REDACTED].

2. The bottom line is that the staff thought that Wally had just gone through an exhibition of massive denial at our meeting on Monday and they wondered if I had even picked it up. Inasmuch as I didn't say anything about this to Wally or the staff, indicating that I was aware of all the denial, they thought I might have missed it.

3. I told [REDACTED] that in one sense I was very disappointed. I thought that the staff had given me very little credit for knowing what the score is. I told him that in all cases like this denial is kind of a "given" and I was well aware of what Wally was doing. I admitted I did not show my hand to the staff, but I didn't think that was appropriate for me to do. [REDACTED] said that the staff thought that this was an intervention in the technical sense. I told him that that was not my intention at all. I only went to meet with the staff in order to give them a chance to express themselves in Wally's presence. But I had already concluded from my meeting with Wally and [REDACTED] in the morning that Wally had a very serious problem and was not dealing with it and was in denial. The fact that he told me that the reason why [REDACTED] stayed in his room was because of air-conditioning was a tip-off enough that he had no idea of the magnitude and seriousness of the problems he was dealing with. And even if there has been no sexual misconduct, he certainly evidenced gross immaturity in the remarks he made to me concerning his friendship with [REDACTED]. It appeared to me to be a sick relationship and an unfair one to [REDACTED]. At any rate, I told [REDACTED] that that was exactly why I wanted Dr. Bacigalupo to become involved. I had every intention of filling in Dr. Bacigalupo on what I thought and find out from him how best to proceed.

4. I'm not sure how [REDACTED] felt by the time he left, but he seemed more at ease. I told him I would be talking to Dr. Bacigalupo tomorrow and I would get back to him as soon as I can.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Aug. 28, 1989

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. Larry McBrady called today. He wanted to fill me in on what he knows about the situation concerning Wally. First of all, he understands from [REDACTED] that Wally considers Larry to be his closest friend. Larry said that it is true they grew up together and have known each other since second grade. They were ordained on the same day. But Larry said in all honesty they are not really close. He probably sees Wally about six times a year. Larry would not consider Wally to be one of his "best friends". The sadness is that Wally probably doesn't have any close priest friends and probably not even any close adult relationships.

2. Larry said that Wally is in with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the cottage at Michigan City. Larry knows that the other three are somewhat irritated at Wally because he always seems to be bringing kids to the house. Wally tends to go to the cottage when the others aren't there.

3. Larry says that Wally has distanced himself from adult relationships. Larry wanted to let me know, however, that the tattoo, earing and weight-lifting allegations are totally out of character with Wally. Larry is not denying them. He is just saying that he is really surprised, because Wally had always been considered a super straight arrow.

4. Larry said that Wally had always been very conscientious, whereas now he does seem obsessed with Michigan City. Wally wanted to be a pastor. But he now has no adult support. Wally also has a sister who seems to be having problems and Wally's parents, who live in California, seem to come to Wally with the problems.

5. Larry said that his information comes from [REDACTED], but he is also hearing it from other members of the clergy. Evidently [REDACTED] is talking a lot and Larry has picked up much of this stuff about [REDACTED] from other priests, so it is not a quiet situation.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: August 29, 1989

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. Larry McBrady called. He had dinner with Wally last night and Larry feels more worried than ever. Wally must be into massive denial. He made no mention whatever of his problem. Larry himself had to bring it up and he just mentioned to Wally that he had received a phone call from [REDACTED]. Wally was aware of this and he said something to the effect that [REDACTED] is upset with him because of the problems with the Spanish community, etc. But Wally was very calm and relaxed about it and said the he felt he could handle it for another year. That's as long as [REDACTED] will be there and Wally thought he could sweat it out. Larry offered the assistance of his office, but Wally did not think he would need it. Wally made no mention whatsoever of having come to see me or anything about [REDACTED].
2. Larry emphasized that this is totally out of character for Wally. He said that Wally was the kind of guy that would be petrified if the diocesan authorities were checking him out, etc.
3. Larry said that he will contact Wally again next week to set up another date to go down to Michigan City together. He will keep closer in touch with him so that Wally will at least have someone to unload on, should he so desire. Larry is convinced that if Wally wouldn't bring it up to him, then he hasn't mentioned it to anyone. Evidently the only one Wally talks to is [REDACTED] himself.
4. Larry said that if it became necessary to remove Wally from the parish, they do have an extra suite at St. Celestine's and Larry was sure Pat O'Malley would be happy to take Wally in.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Sept. 17, 1989

RE: Walter DeRoeck

1. [REDACTED] called me at the rectory Sunday morning. He said that he accidentally discovered Wally has been paying partial tuition for [REDACTED] at Niles for the last two years and using parish funds for this. This has upset [REDACTED] and other staff members very much.

2. I asked [REDACTED] how he came upon the information. He said that the parish has an accountant and he happened to be waiting for the accountant to write out his salary check and he noticed a check written to Niles college for [REDACTED] tuition. When he asked the accountant about it, the accountant simply said that he/she does what he is told and Wally had told him to send a check each month to Niles. [REDACTED] made copies of the checks. One of them is dated after [REDACTED], so the staff is even more upset about this.

3. [REDACTED] said that some of the staff have said that they would leave if Wally stays. [REDACTED]



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Sept. 19, 1989

RE: Walter DeRoeck

1. [REDACTED] called. He said that he gave all of the material to Wally and said that Wally should communicate it to me. [REDACTED] is getting tired of being the middle-man on all of this. He also told the rest of the staff that he was not going to be the one to always blow the whistle and that if they had a problem with Wally then they should call me directly.

2. [REDACTED] said he told Wally that from now on he would keep the communications with him to a minimum. This seemed to upset Wally very much, but [REDACTED] said that for all practical purposes, they haven't been in communication anyway. But [REDACTED] is tapering off with the idea of leaving in June. That is when his term will be up.

3. I asked [REDACTED] if he thought he could hang on until then and he thought he could. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has not been around at all.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Nov. 10, 1989

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. [REDACTED] called. He wanted to know what the next step is. I told him that Wally was going to convene the staff, but he couldn't do it this week because [REDACTED] was supposed to be on retreat. [REDACTED] said that Wally did mention it to him and they are supposed to meet next Wednesday.

2. I told [REDACTED] that Wally will discuss the matter with them and then indicate that I want to meet with the staff just to bring closure. [REDACTED] thought that that would be a good idea.

3. [REDACTED] said he feels that there is a lot of anger in Wally and I agreed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Nov. 16, 1989

RE: Walter DeRoeck

1. Wally De Roeck called. He said he met with the staff yesterday and it went quite well. Wally wanted to alert me, however, to the fact that the staff seems to have a lot of anger at me. They do not think the whole thing was handled well. They had not expected to have a confrontation with Wally when I was there last August.

2. Wally said that he mentioned to the staff that I would like to meet with them for the sake of closure. First, they were somewhat negative about this. But eventually they changed and felt that they did want to have a meeting, but more for the opportunity to express their anger at me, rather than to listen to whatever I might have to say. I told Wally that that was perfectly OK by me. Wally said that he gave them the option of himself being present or absent and they suggested that he be present. We agreed on Dec. 4 at 1:00 but Wally will have to get back to me to let me know if that date is acceptable to the staff.

3. Wally said that [REDACTED] still seems to be the angriest. [REDACTED] is cynical towards the Church and towards authority figures and that might account for some of the problem.

4. [REDACTED]

5. Wally said that [REDACTED] talked to him personally after the staff meeting and [REDACTED] doesn't seem to be as angry at Wally any more. [REDACTED] Wally said that they had a very good conversation and, in a sense, extended to each other their apologies for past problems, etc. [REDACTED] also indicated a willingness to be reconciled with [REDACTED]. Wally thought that this was interesting, [REDACTED]



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Dec. 4, 1989

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. I met with the staff of St. John Berchmans today at the rectory. In addition to Wally and [REDACTED], present were [REDACTED].
2. The staff wondered whether they had done the right thing in raising the issue and I assured them that they had. The staff also raised objections to the process.
3. [REDACTED] said that the staff had been looking for an intervention and that is not what happened. They were upset that I had [REDACTED] come alone to meet with Wally. [REDACTED] said that he felt very much like a victim when he was here in the office, etc.
4. I assured the staff that if I had to do it all over again, I would follow the same procedure. I did not think it would be fair to have the entire staff here, as it were, ganging up on Wally. On the other hand, if it was an "intervention" in the technical sense of the word, that they were looking for, they should have made that clear to me. Whether or not [REDACTED] used the word intervention when he first called, I definitely understood him to simply mean that someone in authority has to intervene in the situation they were facing. I do not fancy myself as an expert in conducting interventions in the technical sense of the word, and had I known that that is what they were looking for, I would surely have gotten someone more expert than myself to handle it.
5. Unfortunately, I think I was much too defensive throughout a good part of our discussion. I should have let the staff simply ventilate their feelings and anger, as I think I would have done more good. Eventually, I did shift gears a bit and began to empathize with their situation, the feelings that they were having, and I admitted that I had learned something from all of this -- namely, that I have to be much more sensitive to how the staff is feeling in situations like this and be more in touch with them. That was one of their criticisms -- namely, that they reported the situation and then proceeded to hear nothing from me for the next several months. [REDACTED]
6. We did part on somewhat friendly terms. It was agreed that the staff would determine at its next meeting whether or not they would need a facilitator for them to continue working together. Some had expressed a definite need for this.

7. I told the staff that I wanted this meeting today in order to bring closure as far as my part in this is concerned. They seemed to appreciate that.





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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Dec. 8, 1989

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. I spoke to Wally today. He said that he is still working out things with staff members as individuals, and he was hoping that things would begin to improve. The staff did agree unanimously that they would like the services of Dr. Bacigalupo. There are 7 on the staff including Wally. I mentioned to Wally that it might be necessary for the staff to go to Dr. Bacigalupo's office, but in view of the fact that there are 7 of them, it might be easier for him to go to them. At any rate, I will call Dr. Bacigalupo and see if we can set something up.

2. Wally said that the staff would like to begin after Jan. 1. He also asked about finances, as the parish would find this very difficult. I told him that if he is willing to do it under my auspices, I will see to it that the bills are sent directly to me, but that, of course, implies that I will also get periodical reports. That was fine with Wally.

3. I called Dr. Bacigalupo at 4:15 P.M., and I left the message with his answering service to return my call.

To Fr. Puro ☐ URGENT  
A.M. P.M.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**  
1034

From John Beckman  
[REDACTED]

Number (30) 486-4300

Telephoned	Please call
Came to see you	Wants to see you
Referenced your call	Will call again

Message  
Replies - at church  
office

Fr. Walter De Roache on  
 Subtotal now - parish  
 paying salary - near  
 parish (Wash) - for War  
 now does parish pay  
 him or cover loss  
 Subtotal fund.  
 (Forwards his money)

## REPORT ON Fr. Walter De Roeck

We worked from 19 returned questionnaires; all but 2 said they were in leadership roles in the parish; some were unsigned, and we were not able to judge if they were actual staff members or not. The parish staff was quite large; we are quite sure that all received questionnaires and the majority returned them. 6 of the 19 returned were definitely staff, and perhaps more. 16 of 19 said they have known the pastor for over 4 years. 3 see him daily; 15 at least weekly, and one just once a month. All feel he is in good health.

The marks given to Fr. De Roeck were very high almost throughout the questionnaires; there, however, were not too many written statements which would help us get a better picture in some unquestioned areas. When we mention an area of strength and an area of so-called weakness in the various sections there is often only a slight difference in the marks he received in the two areas. We feel that the survey should be very encouraging to Father De Roeck.

In his role as teacher, Walter was seen to be very strong in his support of religious education not only in the school, pre-school areas but also in CCD. He definitely is interested in education. He, however, was rated lower when it came to adult religious education: there was a desire for more adult religious education and a regret that the adult religious education that is available is so poorly attended.

In his role as spiritual guide, he was praised for his style of presiding at the Eucharist; his homilies are appreciated; people felt that there is cohesion in the St. John's community. Some, however, were not so sure about the Pastor's input into this community building; and he received lower marks in his relationships to others. Somewhere along the line, there must have been a couple of disagreements. He should encourage others to become more involved.

I imagine it must be pleasing to any pastor to realize that his people view him as a community leader who is definitely interested in social outreach. He is praised for his concern for the needy, as evidenced in his St. Vincent de Paul, pantry, and parish nurse programs. His administration is seen as concerned with those in the hospitals. Its weaknesses are found in the lack of approach to inactive parishioners and lack of welcome to newcomers. In these areas he received his lowest marks

In the section on communication skills, he is rated very good at returning phone calls; he also is faithful in attending parish functions. His lower marks come from his relationship to his staff; the staff is perceived as not getting along so

We feel that St. John Berchman Parish likes its pastor; we encourage him to remain as pastor for a second term. He has had problems with his staff, but the staff has changed quite a bit in its members giving Walter the chance to start anew with them. He feels inadequate in the Spanish language, and we encourage him to make a renewed effort to learn it better because his parish is 70 percent Spanish sur-named. His lack of fluent Spanish, however, was not overly emphasized in the questionnaires. Finally, we congratulate Fr. De Roeck for his good work which is an inspiration to the one who wrote this report.

*Ra Edward J Maloney*  
*Fr. Michael Godoy*

PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED EVALUATION FORMS

(24)

Staff:

[REDACTED], Associate  
[REDACTED], Resident  
[REDACTED], Deacon  
[REDACTED], Early Childhood Director  
[REDACTED], Youth Minister  
[REDACTED], School Principal  
[REDACTED], DRE  
[REDACTED], Health Nurse  
[REDACTED], Parish Secretary

Parishioners:

[REDACTED], Hispanic Leaders  
[REDACTED], Ministers of Care  
[REDACTED], Women's Guild  
[REDACTED], Education Commission  
[REDACTED], Administration Commission  
[REDACTED], Grammar School Faculty  
[REDACTED], School Board  
[REDACTED], Finance Committee  
[REDACTED], Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality  
[REDACTED], CCD  
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[REDACTED], Holy Name  
[REDACTED], Athletic Association  
[REDACTED], Carnival  
[REDACTED], Money Counters



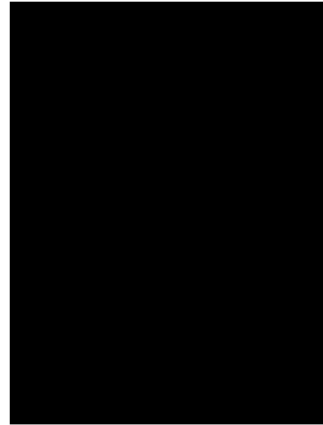
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Rev. Walter De Roeck '71  
St. John Berchmans



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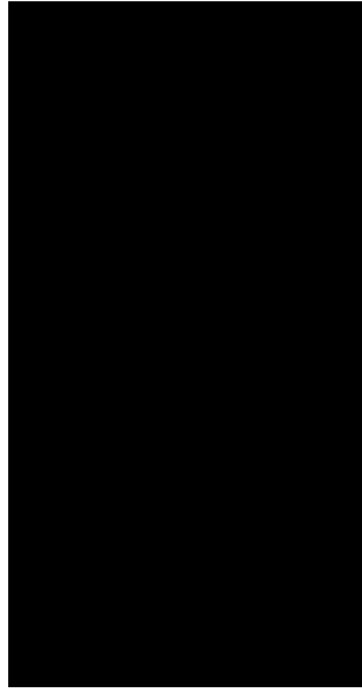
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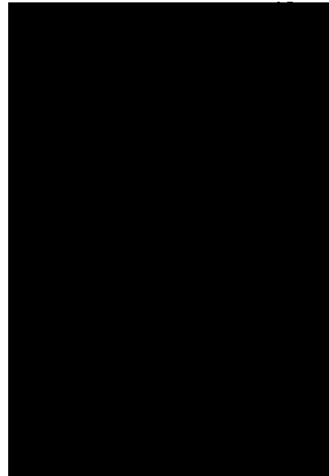
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St. John Berchmans



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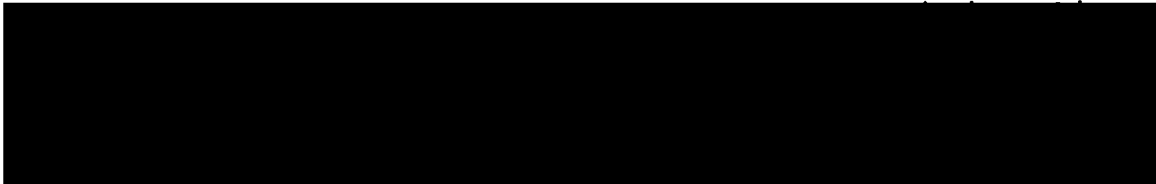
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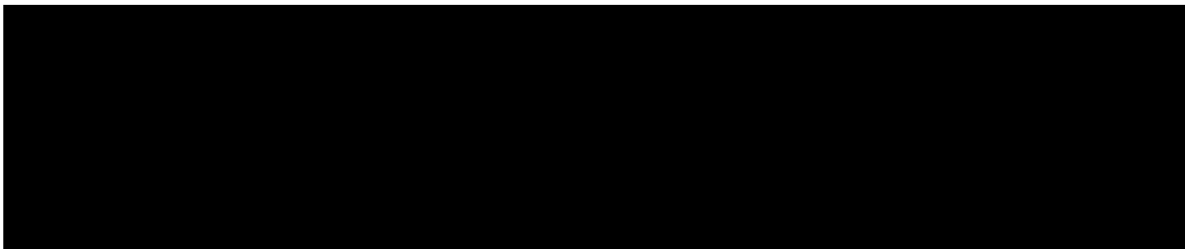
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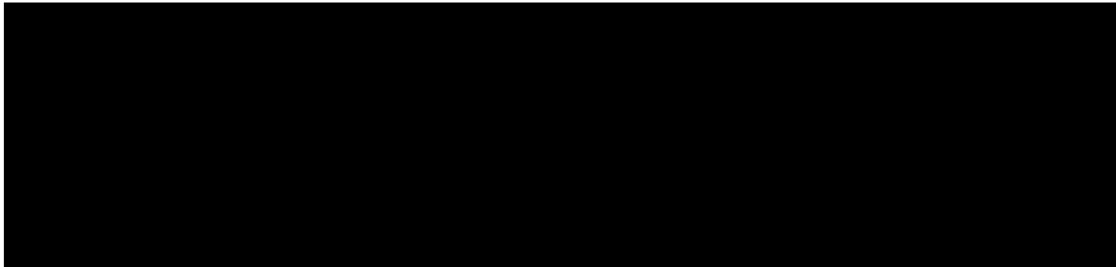


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\* Yes-De Roeck



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Jan. 22, 1990

RE: Walter DeRoeck

1. Wally called. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

3. Wally inquired about [REDACTED] Wally was concerned, since Clete Kiley was chairman of my department and now is rector at Niles. He wondered if Clete had any information about [REDACTED] that would influence his judgement on him out there. I assured Wally that Clete has no knowledge whatever of this. Nor does anyone else other than myself, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. I have never reported anything to either Jim Roache, Clete Kiley, or the Cardinal. I told him that basically I never report to Clete and that is the way Clete wants it from the very beginning. I went through the entire file while talking to Wally and there is not a single memo indicating that anyone other than myself is aware of the situation. This seemed to put Wally at ease. I told him that if for any reason [REDACTED] did have a problem out there, Wally ought to get in touch with me.



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*Department of Personnel Services*

*Office of Appraisal and  
Evaluation*

(312) 566-6401

TO: Rev. Francis S. Rog, Dean

FROM: Rev. Edward F. Upton, Director  
Office of Appraisal and Evaluation

DATE: January 23, 1990

SUBJECT: First Term Pastors  
Term Ending January through May, 1991  
Rev. Walter G. De Roeck

The priest listed above was named a pastor in the first quarter of 1985 (January through May). His term of office will be completed in the first quarter of 1991. I am beginning the evaluation process.

The first step in the process is for the Dean to select a team manager. Once you have secured a team manager, you are asked to inform him. I will then write the pastor and tell him the evaluation process is beginning. He then selects another priest to assist the team manager in the evaluation process. The pastor must also agree to the team manager you have selected.

Once the two priests' coordinators have been selected, the team manager takes responsibility for the process.

Can you get the team manager's name back to me by February 1, 1990? If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at Mundelein, 312-566-6401 or at my new office:

Office of Appraisal and Evaluation  
25 West Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60610  
312-944-7790

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PRIEST: Rev. Walter G. De Roeck, St. John Berchmans

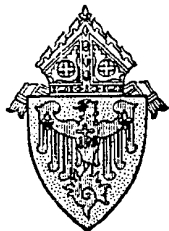
TERM ENDS: February, 1991

TEAM MANAGER: <sup>#1</sup> L. Ed Maloney ~ <sup>#2</sup> Lee Jim Miller

DATE: 2/5/90

DEAN: Louis A. Reg. et.

Please return to Rev. Edward F. Upton by February 1, 1990.



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Feb. 6, 1990

RE: Walter de Roeck

1. [REDACTED] called. Her work number is [REDACTED]. Her home number is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is the Youth Minister at St. John Berchmans.

2. [REDACTED] just wanted to alert me to a particular problem. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However, something happened yesterday that really upset her. St. John Berchmans had been receiving \$237,000 in subsidy and they were notified that it was going to be cut in half. This meant that \$139,000 had to be cut out of their own budgets. The meeting they had yesterday was to look into what these cuts ought to be, etc.

3. [REDACTED] reported at the meeting that Fr. De Roeck had approached him previously and indicated that his contract may not be renewed. [REDACTED] is the DRE. Wally mentioned that the reason the contract may not be renewed was both because of the necessary cut in subsidy and also because of the conflict that had existed between [REDACTED] and himself. It upset the staff very much that Wally would have taken a unilateral action like that, particularly since the whole purpose of the meeting was to determine where the cuts ought to be.

4. [REDACTED] fully believes she herself will also be cut. Furthermore, [REDACTED] is definitely in his last months and will be leaving in June. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She said that there's just something not right about the way things are going. She is afraid that now Wally has an excuse for getting rid of all those who opposed him and she is beginning to suspect that the problem for Wally is much bigger than he has owned up to. There seems to be a lot of denial still going on.

6. [REDACTED]



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February 20, 1990

Rev. Walter G. De Roeck  
St. John Berchmans  
2517 West Logan Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60647

Dear Wally:

I am writing regarding your participation in the evaluation process for pastors. As you know, your term of office will end in 1991.

As Director of the Office of Appraisal and Evaluation, I have some convictions about this process which I would like to share. I hope they set a context for the evaluation.

My first conviction is about the role of pastor. In Coordinating Parish Ministries (A publication written by the Department of Personnel Services, 1987), the role of pastor is defined:

"The pastor serves the Christian community by sharing with them graces which God has given him and which are revealed in his spirituality and leadership, as well as in his limitations and inadequacies. 'To be' means 'to be with'".

You have a critical and demanding role in the life of our community. I hope the process enhances your role.

The second conviction revolves around the evaluation process. The National Association of Church Personnel Administrators in a handbook on performance appraisal, describes the appraisal process. They suggest it to be:

"supportive of people" (so those involved are affirmed and challenged) and is  
"implemented in a flexible way" (so the process is able to serve the individual).



Thus, the context out of which I work is to encourage your role as pastor, and to provide a structure to affirm, support and challenge. Hopefully, you will be renewed to continue your ministry in newer and more effective ways.

The evaluation process is more fully explained on the enclosed sheet. The first step is for you to approve the team manager selected by the Dean. Francis Rog selected Ed Maloney as your team manager. If you have any concern about that selection, please indicate on the form. You are asked to select one priest to work with Ed in conducting the evaluation.

Your staff and twelve to fifteen lay leaders, whom you designate, will be asked to complete evaluation forms. The evaluation team will discuss and share this material as well as the final report. Copies of the final report will be given to the Dean, Vicar and the Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board and my office.

At the time you apply for renewal of your term, the Vicar and Dean will be asked to support your reappointment.

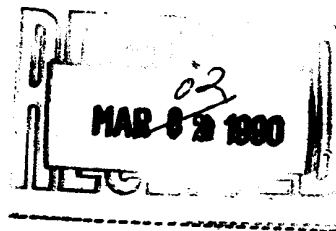
I ask that you return the blue form as soon as possible. The process will continue when I receive this information.

Sincerely,



Rev. Edward F. Upton, Director  
Office of Appraisal and Evaluation

cc: Rev. Francis Rog, Dean  
Rev. Edward Maloney, Team Manager



NAME: Rev. Walter G. De Roeck

PARISH: St. John Berchmans

PLEASE SELECT THE NAME OF ONE PRIEST YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
SERVE ON YOUR EVALUATION TEAM.

REV. MIKE RODRIGUEZ

ALTERNATE: Rev. MIKE HERMAN

THE EVALUATION TEAM MANAGER SELECTED BY YOUR DEAN IS:

REV. EDWARD MALONEY

OK

IF FOR SOME REASON YOU WOULD PREFER SOMEONE RATHER THAN THE  
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SIGNATURE: Walter G. De Roeck

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Rev. Edward Maloney  
FROM: Rev. Edward F. Upton, Director  
Office of Appraisal and Evaluation  
SUBJECT: Evaluation Process: First Term Pastors  
DATE: March 5, 1990

Rev. Walter De Roeck is concluding his first term as Pastor. The evaluation process is beginning.

The Dean has asked you to serve as Team Manager. I presume you have agreed. Father Michael Rodriguez has been selected by Father De Roeck to work with you on the team.

In order to review the process, as well as serve as resources to one another, I would like to invite you to a meeting:

Monday, March 19, 1990  
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Office of Appraisal  
and Evaluation  
25 West Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60610

At this meeting, I will also distribute the evaluation materials. Please call my office at 312-944-7790 to R.S.V.P. If you are unable to attend, please call me and we can arrange an alternate method to distribute the materials.

Please accept my thanks for your work in this process.

cc: Rev. Francis Rog, Dean

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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: March 5, 1990

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. [REDACTED] called. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] But the next day when she met with Wally he said that he had to cut \$139,000 from the budget. [REDACTED] told him that she presumed that she would be cut, though she wanted to stay on until June, and even after that she was quite willing to volunteer her services. But Wally said that "the Staff and I" decided not to renew the contact and he did not want me to volunteer either. This left [REDACTED] in shock. She asked him if it had anything to do with the previous confrontation over [REDACTED] He insisted that it did not and that this was a professional judgement.
2. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] will be meeting with Wally tomorrow, March 6. When she asked the Staff whether they were aware of the firing, they indicated that they were not. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] says that she is not trying to reclaim her job, especially since she knows she cannot work with Wally. But she fears for what Wally is doing to the parish and the Staff. He told [REDACTED] that he wouldn't be able to pay anything at all from the parish for her services. And if he decides to let [REDACTED] go and with [REDACTED] leaving in June, [REDACTED] She said that the trust level is so low and the staff members feel that Wally is simply acting out of reaction to the previous confrontation and just using the budgetary problem as an excuse.
4. [REDACTED] said the next Staff meeting is March 14.



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Rev. Michael P. Rodriguez  
FROM: Rev. Edward F. Upton, Director  
Office of Appraisal and Evaluation  
SUBJECT: Evaluation Process: First Term Pastors  
DATE: March 7, 1990

Rev. Walter De Roeck is concluding his first term as Pastor. The evaluation process is beginning.

The Pastor has asked you to serve on the evaluation team. I presume you have agreed. Father Edward Maloney is the Team Manager.

In order to review the process, as well as serve as resources to one another, I would like to invite you to a meeting:

Monday, March 19, 1990  
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At this meeting, I will also distribute the evaluation materials. Please call my office at 312-944-7790 to R.S.V.P. If you are unable to attend, please call me and we can arrange an alternate method to distribute the materials.

Please accept my thanks for your work in this process.

cc: Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R., Dean  
Rev. Edward Maloney, Team Manager

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: March 8, 1990

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. [REDACTED] called. ([REDACTED]) He said that he met with Wally on Tuesday and Wally said that there was not enough money available to pay for him, so he would not be able to renew [REDACTED]'s contract.

2. [REDACTED] said that the relationships with [REDACTED] is continuing, though not on St. John Berchmans' premises. [REDACTED] feels it is unfair that Wally is making these decisions unilaterally, as he is letting go everyone who seemed to be on the opposite side of the issue with him. [REDACTED] feels that once the parishioners become aware of what is happening, they will be upset.

3. [REDACTED] wasn't sure if I was the one to whom they should go. I told [REDACTED] that technically the local Dean and Vicar should be the ones who should handle this kind of situation. However, since I have been involved, I would certainly be willing to meet with the Staff, if that was their wish. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: April 19, 1990

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. I called Wally just to see how he was doing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Wally felt very good about his relationship with [REDACTED] at this time.

2. The otherse were O.K. to one degree or another but the toughest of all was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] came right out and said that he thought Wally should leave the parish. I discussed [REDACTED] a bit with Wally. I said if Wally was going to leave the parish, that's his decision. On the other hand, if he intends to stay on and especially to take another term, he will have to build up a staff that is willing and able to work with him. It appears that [REDACTED] doesn't respect Wally enough to work effectively with him and the fact that he stood up at a public meeting and publicly challenged Wally would indicate that he should no longer serve on the staff. In my mind that represents insubordination which should not be tolerated.

3. Wally said that he promised the staff he would have weekly meetings with each one individually. He did not want to continue the haphazard sort of way in which staff meetings were held. Wally said the Bishop Rodriguez and Frank Rog both thought that [REDACTED] should go and apparently they are going to meet with him themselves. Wally felt that they were both very supportive of him.

4. [REDACTED]



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May 9, 1990

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago,  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
155 East Superior  
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Dear Cardinal Bernardin:

I wrote you in February about the merging of St. Ludmilla Parish and St. Casimir Parish. I am the Director of the Parish Nurse Program sponsored by the Columbus-Cabrini Medical Center. We currently have five nurses working in inner city parishes (St. John Berchman, St. Ludmilla, Providence of God,, St. Vincent DePaul, and the Chicago Uptown Ministry, a Lutheran sponsored worship/social service community). We have been in each of these parishes for almost four years.

It has come to my attention in the last few months through my conversations with [REDACTED], the Parish Nurse at St. John's, that the conflicts caused by communication problems between the pastor, Father Walter DeRoeck, and the parish staff continue to linger and affect the atmosphere and ability of the staff to work in a vital way in the parishes. I know information regarding this situation has been communicated to Father Raymond Goedert by the parish staff. While some action is being taken, it does seem that the focus of change is primarily directed to the parish staff. They are being asked by those involved in the facilitation process to accommodate to Father DeRoeck's leadership style rather than have their question as to the appropriateness of his continued appointment in this parish at this time taken seriously.

We have very much liked having [REDACTED] working at St. John's. She has found the staff to be interested in the building of a parish community, and to extend themselves to the larger needs of families. However, the internal conflicts which have surfaced this past year have taken a lot of precious service time and staff momentum, including her own. I do hope there can be an enlightened resolution to this situation before the summer vacation begins.

Columbus-Cabrini Medical Center ■ Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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I am enclosing an article by Harvey Cox which appears in the current issue of Cross Currents. He speaks of the "spiritual awakening, a renewal of hope and energy going on among those who, although once muffled or ignored, now raise their theological voices." I imagine more mergings and closings will take place in the near future. I do hope that the implications of crisis decisions will take into account the sources of vitality among us, that come from other cultural groups of persons, that will be lost to the Chicago Church and the American Church if systemic changes are not considered along with financial realities.

Thank-you for answering my last letter. And thank-you for any attention you might give this situation.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

OSF

Director, Parish Nurse Program

cc: Father Walter DeRoeck, Father Raymond Goedert, [REDACTED].

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# THEOLOGY FROM THE UNDERSIDE

"By virtue of the authority delegated to me, I confer on you the degree of Master of Theological Studies, Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, or Doctor of Theology, and declare that you are well prepared to foster the health and vitality of the communities of faith."

These are the words intoned by the President of the University on Commencement Day, as he bestows degrees on the graduates of this school. I repeat them here today not to attempt some seizure of power, but to remind us as we begin our year's work, that our purpose at HDS is to *foster* the *health* and *vitality* of *communities of faith*. I want to speak today about the responsibility of *fostering* (a word derived from the Old English for feeding), and about the nature of the communities whose health we seek to foster. Since by their nature *faith* communities have a certain particularity I will refer mainly to one in which I live, trusting you will make whatever emendation you need for yours.

How does one foster the health of communities of faith? Our faith tradition has a clear answer. Health and vitality come not from us, but from God, from the activity of the Spirit. That is fortunate for us. We are *not* called upon to create health or pump up vitality, but to *foster* something that is already going on. This means we have to be alert to the sources of health. Where are they?

No one at Harvard Divinity School can be unaware that the theologies most of us were raised on are under siege. Their methods, agendas, and assumptions are being radically questioned. Not, however, by some rival divinity faculty or schismatic school of clerics; no, the most sustained and engaging critique is coming from those sectors of our faith communities that have—until quite recently—been silenced or shoved to the margin, or otherwise excluded from the theological enterprise. It is coming, for example, from Christians in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, from minority churches, from feminist theology.

We all know how much this critique has fostered the intellectual health and vitality of our school. What we do *not* always recognize, however, is

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that this uprising of repressed voices is the *intellectual* expression of a more comprehensive reality—a *spiritual* awakening, a renewal of hope and energy—going on among those who, although once muffled or ignored, now raise their theological voices. The health and vitality of the Christian community of faith (and I suspect this may also be true for other faith communities) is not “trickling down” from the top. It is seeping up from the bottom and surging in from the edges. The blooming vitality of such previously denigrated regions in our faith communities supplies the indispensable religious and social *base* without which the critical theologies we read would never have appeared. This helps explain why the most animating new insights in our field are coming from what Gustavo Gutierrez calls “the underside of history.”

The underside has always been there, though not always noticed. Last summer I visited the medieval priory church of Great Malvern, a village in the English midlands. There I discovered something called “miseri-cords,” pictorial wood carvings on the underside of the seats used by the monks in the choir. The name is derived from the Latin for “mercy,” since the seats had front edges on which, when swivelled up, the long-suffering monks could rest their weary haunches during the interminable services. Unlike the stained glass and the statuary, which celebrates coronations and ascensions, these misericords depict scenes from everyday life—raking grain, scything hay, harvesting acorns for the hogs. One shows an angry wife who has just lugged a heavy pail of water from the well and is upbraiding her lazy husband warming himself idly by the fire.

An architectural metaphor? While the monks gazed upward at the stained glass archangels and the towering thrones, and chanted their Laudes and Te Deums, under their bottoms—literally—the earthy reality of seasonal changes, farm animals and domestic jostling kept them from collapsing in a heap.

The underside is not only a source of vitality; it also provides the grounding without which theologies soar into lofty ethereality.

The poets join in too, often using languages drawn from a faith tradition both to assail its complicity with injustice and to spin out a dream of something better. Here is “The Good Mass,” by the Latin American poet Jorge Debravo, a Catholic and a guerrilla who was killed at 29:

#### *Nostros Hombres*

Let us celebrate  
the Mass of love this morning.  
We shall make a host  
of corn meal, flour, and hope  
On a rocky ledge,  
in the bowels of a hill,  
we shall consecrate the host of life  
and the wine of right . . .

We shall all be priests, all,  
the high and the low.  
And we shall all eat the host of love  
like warm animals.  
We shall invite everyone to the Mass:  
children, the aged, prisoners,  
pilots and mechanics,  
archbishops and laborers . . .

Notice how, like the misericords, this poem invokes the commonplace, the beasts and the earth, and how it punctuates grandiose hierarchies with its imagery of equality.

Our convocation music provides a melodic metaphor for the repressed voices of another era. These songs of praise were originally composed not for choirs to perform but for whole congregations to sing. Further they were created not by trained composers but by tinkers and peddlers who wanted to praise the Lord with a joyous sound. For years they were sung by New England congregations, until trained professional music masters, returning from their studies in Europe, insisted that such vociferous chirruping was unseemly. They imported chorales; and the music we are enjoying today was *driven* from the churches, to take refuge in remote rural areas where it is still sung today and from whence it is being retrieved by such groups as Nurumbega Harmony. It also reminds us that theologies from the underside often arrive in non-discursive idioms—through sagas and stories, protests and processions. So unless we learn how to read such signals, we will miss the message. As the Filipino theologian Edicio de la Torre says, “if you want to know our theology, listen to our songs.”

The underside theology that is trying to make itself heard today carries, I believe, an indispensable current of health and vitality that we ignore at our peril. But how could we possibly miss it? The danger, however, is not that we will criticize it—no worthwhile theology ever suffered from robust criticism—the danger is that we will compare and contrast, classify and categorize, that we will hear the message and not be changed. For it is the vitalizing message of these theologies that the *purpose* of our faith communities is to claim the promise of God’s justice for *all* the earth’s peoples, whether inside or outside the church, in the teeth of the opposition of those who deny it.

So the theology from the underside poses the awkward questions of *power*, and of theology’s inevitable involvement in the nasty realities of power. An old Navajo woman in a recent collection of Native American tales says ruefully, “those who tell the stories rule the world.” The question her statement raises, one that exposes the myth of theological or academic neutrality, is *whose* stories will be heard, and whose will go unheard? In a world where power is so unequally distributed, we have the responsibility to help make these stories heard. Divinity schools have some of the skills to make a difference. Often underside theologies come to us

in, unsystematic, inchoate form, or at least in a form that seems inchoate to us. We can help draw attention to them if we learn their codes and translate them into idioms the people around us can grasp. Underside theologies have often been ignored in the past, not because they were not worth attending to, but because generations of theologizing without them had so narrowed our perception that we did not recognize them as theologies. Yet they are theologies—more or less consistent constructions of God, good and evil, human destiny and cosmic purpose. We can be thankful that some members of our faculty are beginning to help us appreciate them as theologies. We are learning, for example, that the pictures may be as important as the words, that the *fiesia* may bear as much meaning as the sermon, and that the lilt of the music may carry more freight than the lyrics. We are taking small steps toward a mode of theologizing that, as Elizabeth Schüssler Fiorenza said here last year, would “no longer constitute itself by excluding the religious experience and theological voices of the subordinated.”

I sometimes ask myself, was Jesus a teacher of theology? I think he was, among other things, and we could learn something from his pedagogical approach, but we may sometimes be embarrassed by the company he kept. It was usually not people like us. In fact, he is reported to have scandalized his contemporaries by consorting with prostitutes and publicans, with the religiously impure and the politically suspect. Why did he keep such company? Could it be that he wanted to direct the attention of those he encountered to the underside of his own society and to the Reign of God that he saw appearing among the outcasts of this time? I think the answer is yes, and if we are concerned to foster the health and vitality of communities of faith, it is hard to improve on his example.

If our purpose is to make God's justice visible in the world, then why do we bother with communities of faith? We must realize from the outset that the purpose of faith communities is not to foster their *own* health and vitality. That would be introverted churchiness at its worst. Let us rather put it this way: the purpose of communities of faith is to foster the health and vitality of the *world*, to foster—now using a more traditional term with close ties to the words for health and wholeness—to foster the world's salvation. So the vitality of the faith community, however important, is only instrumental. Its purpose is strictly secondary to what theologians used to call the “*messia dei*,” the purpose of God, which is to bring the whole creation to its fulfillment and to make visible God's Shalom, “*on earth*” as it is in heaven.” And this is the purpose, too, of the people of God. But this means we must take note of another “underside,” the 99% of our faith communities made up of what we call the “laity,” a word that simply means the *laos theon*, the people of God.

This is why it is especially important that we who teach and study at divinity schools avoid drawing too many close parallels with the other

“professional schools” of the university. We are similar in some ways, but not in others, to our colleagues and fellow students in, say, the Law School, the Business School or the School of Medicine. The difference is that we live in a closer degree of kinship to the people we serve in communities of faith. They are not our clients, nor our patients, and despite what one might deduce from the touching dramas of TV evangelists, they are not our customers. Therefore, when we draw on these other worthy enterprises for metaphors to make sense of our own, we do considerable damage to the understanding of our mission.

The members of these faith communities are our sisters and brothers, our fathers and mothers, our ministers and our teachers. We are joined in a network of entanglements with them that is more multi-faceted than any that language drawn from the legal, medical or business world can quite encompass. It is a bond our traditions have described with similes such as “household of faith” and “mystical body.” They are our “fellow pilgrims” and “joint-heirs.” They are, to recall a trope Jesus himself once used, our “friends.”

Too often our reliance on the language of the “professional school” makes us forget that the ministry of the church (and here I am still speaking about my own tradition) is the task of *all* the people of God. There are varieties of gifts, as St. Paul puts it . . . “some are called to be apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the people of God for their service in the world.” Whatever faults St. Paul may have had, he was not a clericalist. But at divinity schools we still sometimes talk about “ministry” as though it were the prerogative of an educated or professional elite, as though somehow it is *we* who minister *to* the laity. But St. Paul puts it just the other way around. It is the people of God who *do* the work of ministry, and we are their equippers. And this makes sense. If God's shalom of justice and peace is to become more visible in the secular world, it will clearly be those who live and work in that world who will make it so. We in divinity schools should not be toning ourselves up to be the star performers; we are the trainers and prompters for the people out front. Of course, that can sometimes make us jealous, but that is not a new problem. In the 11th chapter of the Book of Numbers we are told that one day someone ran in to Moses to report indignantly that Elidad and Medad were prophesying in the camp, whereupon Joshua the son of Nun said, “Moses, my Lord, stop them!” Moses's answer is instructive. “Are you jealous on my account?” he asks, “I wish that *all* the Lord's people were prophets.”

I believe that in the most important sense of the word, all the Lord's people *are* prophets. All bear the responsibility for discerning the signs of the times, for bringing moral insight to bear in the intricate decisions of professional and political life, for enacting in the public sector the reconciling Shalom of the Spirit. Especially when we begin to talk about “values and public policy,” it is important to remember that ultimately

it will not be theological professionals who link values and policies, it will be laity.

In this area, we at Harvard Divinity School have made a small start. In a series of conferences, we have begun welcoming into our previously esoteric conversation the people who live their day-to-day lives in the editorial offices and labs and courts and TV studios and clinics—at least for short periods of time. We could do much more and for longer periods. Let us not be jealous of the Eldads and Medads of the world: “would that all the Lord’s people were prophets.”

I have linked my two points together: we foster the vitality of the communities of faith *so that* the whole People of God can foster the health and wholeness of the world, the best objective of God’s love and Shalom. It is time for what teachers of preaching sometimes call the “closing homiletical clincher.” A recurrent image in the Bible is that of sleepers who need to be awakened—like those monks who gratefully leaned their posteriors on the misericords, but sometimes, of course, dozed off. However, when they did, the hinged seat would slam down with a resounding bang; everyone would know right away which unlucky friar had slipped over the border from meditation to hibernation.

Today sharp bangs—in the church and outside it—are again being heard all over the land. Once comfortable snoozers are being rudely awakened, because the underside just won’t stay put. I conclude, therefore, with a cheerful word from St. Paul, which could help us welcome this boisterous clamor from the underside not as a threat, but as a source of health and vitality: “Remember the hour. It is time to awaken out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed” (Rom.)



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: May 17, 1990

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. Wally called just to bring me up to date. He said that [REDACTED] resigned on Tuesday, May 15. Evidently he was offered a job by [REDACTED] at Our Lady of Mercy. This surprised Wally, as it seemed as though he and [REDACTED] were beginning to work things out. But evidently [REDACTED] received a memo from Bishop Rodriguez and Frank Rog that didn't sit well with him.

2. In addition to [REDACTED]'s leaving, Wally also wonders about [REDACTED]. Wally said that he talked to [REDACTED] about this and her letter to the Cardinal. All in all, it would appear as though the only one that seems to be still on board is [REDACTED]. Wally is somewhat ambivalent about all of this.



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TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *RG*

DATE: May 26, 1990

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. I received a copy of [REDACTED]'s letter to you, dated May 9, 1990. In her letter, she raises questions about the situation at St. John Berchmans. I have been involved with this parish since August 8, 1989. There was quite a bit of conflict within the staff [REDACTED]  
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2. [REDACTED]  
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3. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Perhaps you have already responded to [REDACTED]'s letter. If not, you might just want to mention to her that you are aware that [REDACTED]. In the mean time, [REDACTED] should encourage [REDACTED] to make sure she brings up her concerns in the meetings that the staff has [REDACTED].

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18. Walter De Roeck '71 & [REDACTED]: contacted Don Nevins to express concerns that they were not going to get an associate and that they were removed from the open list. Don assured them that they still may get an associate and they also have the possibility of getting a resident.

IV. Acceptance of Agenda: Accepted 8 - 0

V. Business:

A. [REDACTED]





ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Office of the Archbishop*

June 7, 1990

Dear Sister [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter of May 9, 1990, in which you asked me to see what could be done to facilitate the parish situation at Saint John Berchmans.

As you mentioned, Father Raymond Goedert has been involved in this matter. [REDACTED]

It would be very helpful for you to encourage [REDACTED] to bring up her concerns [REDACTED]

Thank you, too, [REDACTED], for the article you included with your letter. I understand the concerns you have regarding the closing of parishes and do appreciate your comments.

Please join me in prayer that there will be a fair resolution to the situation at Saint John Berchmans.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Carl Bernardini*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Sister [REDACTED] O.S.F.  
Director, Parish Nurse Program  
Columbus Hospital  
2520 North Lakeview Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

cc: Reverend Raymond E. Goedert ✓


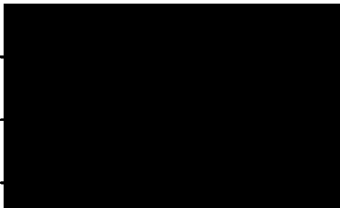
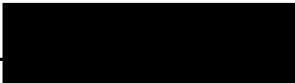

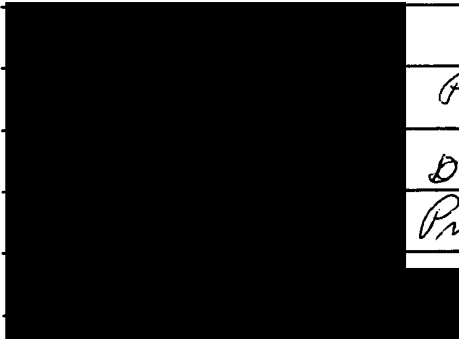
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FORM A

PASTOR Rev Walter DeRoek DATE 6-8-90  
 PARISH St John Berchman EPISCOPAL VICAR Bp Rodriguez CMF  
 ADDRESS 2517 W Logan Blvd DEAN Rev Frank Roy CR.

EVALUATION TEAM: 1. Rev Edward Maloney  
 2. Rev Michael Rodriguez

APPRAISAL FORMS FILLED OUT BY:

STAFF	POSITION	LAY	POSITION
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(If there are more, please list on other side)

## GUIDELINES - WRITTEN REPORT

### Part I - Statistical Data

Use the tabulation guide to summarize the data. In each section, teacher/spiritual guide/community leader/ organizational leader, determine two strengths as well as two areas of growth.

### Part II - Summary Report

#### A. Overview

For this section, please answer the following questions:

1. Who completed the report - <sup>486-4300</sup> percent staff/percent parishioners.
2. Give the average length of time they have known the pastor.
3. What percent of those forms distributed are represented in the final results?

Any other overview insights would be helpful. Attach Form A.

#### B. Evaluation - Pastor

In narrative style, please indicate the overall strengths as well as limits which surface from the data regarding the pastor. In each of these categories, please try to describe how the people and/or staff perceive the pastor in these roles.

#### C. Evaluation - Parish

In narrative style, please describe in some detail the direction, vitality, and significant activities of the parish.

1. What are the strengths of the parish, with regard to programs and to characteristics (location, population, facilities, etc.)?
2. What are the weaknesses of the parish, with regard to programs and to characteristics?
3. Are there programs or other activities not presently engaged in by the parish which should be initiated?
4. Are there programs or other activities presently engaged in by the parish which should be terminated or redesigned?

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As you read the comments, review the reports, etc. what overall themes emerge?

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particular style - hard working

In other words, what themes keep recurring.

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6-9-90  
Date

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WALTER DE ROECK'S  
REPORT GIVEN TO PPR.  
10/22/2001



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June 21, 1990

Reverend Walter G. De Roeck  
St. John Berchmans  
2517 W. Logan  
Chicago, IL 60647

Dear Walter,

On February 15 1991, you will complete your first term as Pastor of St. John Berchmans Parish. The Board members hope you found the years both challenging and rewarding.

Now that your evaluation has been completed, the Board is in a position to conclude this process. If you choose to apply for a second term as pastor, you are asked to write a letter to the Personnel Board formally requesting such an appointment. Once your letter is received, your Vicar and Dean will each be asked to make a recommendation in light of your request. Upon receipt of these letters, a formal recommendation will be made to the Cardinal.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this process, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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

Reverend Edward R. Fialkowski  
Recording Secretary

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AOC 012368

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 06/29/1990

REPORTS: (06/29/90)

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# St. John Berchmans Parish

2517 LOGAN BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60647  
(312) 486-4300

July 1, 1990

Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
25 West Chicago Avenue - Suite 500  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Dear Membership of the Board,

On February 15, 1991 I will have completed my first term as Pastor of St. John Berchmans Parish. Indeed, this first term has been both challenging and rewarding. I have read the report of the evaluation and, by and large, I feel good about the work I have done.

Needless to say, there have been some struggles and some pain and disappointment along the way. Things have not always gone as smoothly as I had hoped when I first accepted the position as pastor, but there have been some wonderful learning experiences.

I have many mixed feelings about my accepting a second term as Pastor. The parish had gone through some trauma and major tension before I arrived on the scene. The people were seeking some degree of stability. That was my focus. This past year has not been an easy one; it was made even more aggravating by the cuts that affected so many parishes and parish programs. It made for additional trauma and turmoil, some of which I handled well and some of which I could have handled better. I am learning the hard way sometimes.

There were a good number of Staff who are now no longer with us as of this date. One major change is that we went from a parish with a full-time associate and a resident priest assisting the pastor (three priests) to only one priest. And that one priest, yours truly, has limited Spanish skills. I have participated in numerous language programs along the way, but with little success. Linguistics is not an area of expertise for me. I can celebrate Spanish Mass and, with the help of a number of parishioners who translate homilies for me, I can get up there and preach. But I am unable to adequately serve the needs of those who come for one on one counseling or who come seeking help in the sacrament of reconciliation. Bilingual meetings or meetings with the Hispanic Leadership are draining and require constant stopping to translate and explain.

I have made some inroads with the Hispanic Community, of which I am proud, but racial tensions are still very real here -- not easy. In building the Parish Council it is a constant struggle to overcome the tensions between old-time Anglos and the ever growing leadership of the younger Hispanics!

# St. John Berchmans Parish

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In some ways I am very hopeful about the future and I want to be a part of it, but I am unsure. I don't know how I can do it well without some help: a priest with better Spanish skills than I.

I am willing to consider another term, but I am not sure that I can complete that term without some help in this regard. I know I am capable of doing a good job as pastor, but I wonder whether a setting such as this with the great need for Spanish is the place I ought to be.

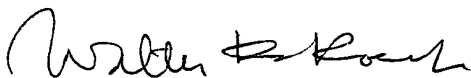
People keep asking me whether I am going to leave too. I tell them No. They need the assurance of some stability. I want to do that for them. But is it really good for me and for them that I stay, given the limitations of language skill.

It is draining to be in a bilingual parish ---twice the work! It is especially draining when the language doesn't come easy. I welcome the input of the Dean and the Vicar, both of whom are very well aware of the struggles and efforts made here at SJB.

I wish I could tell you that I enthusiastically seek a second term, but that would be a lie. I am anxious about it and somewhat reluctant, given my limitations. Should I stay here or should I seek a pastorate elsewhere? It is still a question as I write!

As I said earlier, if all parties concerned agree, I am willing to continue, but I do not know whether or not I can complete a full six years' second term!

Sincerely,



Rev. Walter De Roeck



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July 3, 1990

Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R., Dean  
St. Hyacinth Church  
3636 West Wolfram  
Chicago, IL 60618

Dear Father Rog,

The Personnel Board has received a letter from  
Reverend Walter DeRoeck, of St. John Berchman Parish,  
requesting a second term as pastor.

His evaluation having been completed, the Board needs  
to know if you support his request before making a  
recommendation to the Cardinal.

Looking forward to receiving your response as soon as  
possible, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Reverend Edward R. Fialkowski  
Recording Secretary

ERF/dos

*I approve the appointment wholeheartedly.  
Fialkowski has done a great job.*

July 3, 1990

Most Rev. Placido Rodriguez, Vicar  
St. Mark Rectory  
1048 North Campbell  
Chicago, IL 60622

Dear Bishop Rodriguez,

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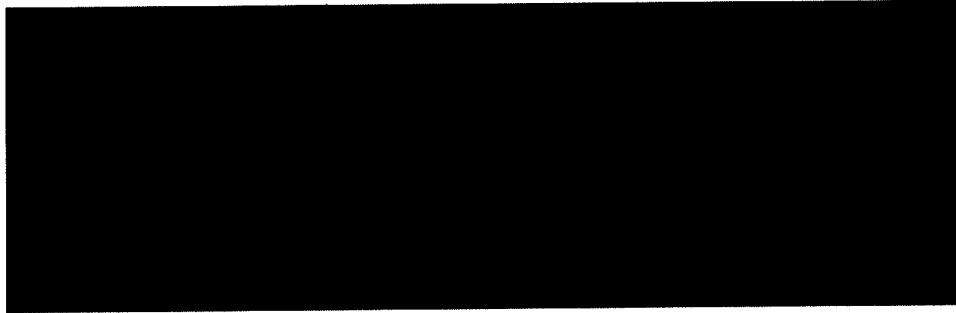
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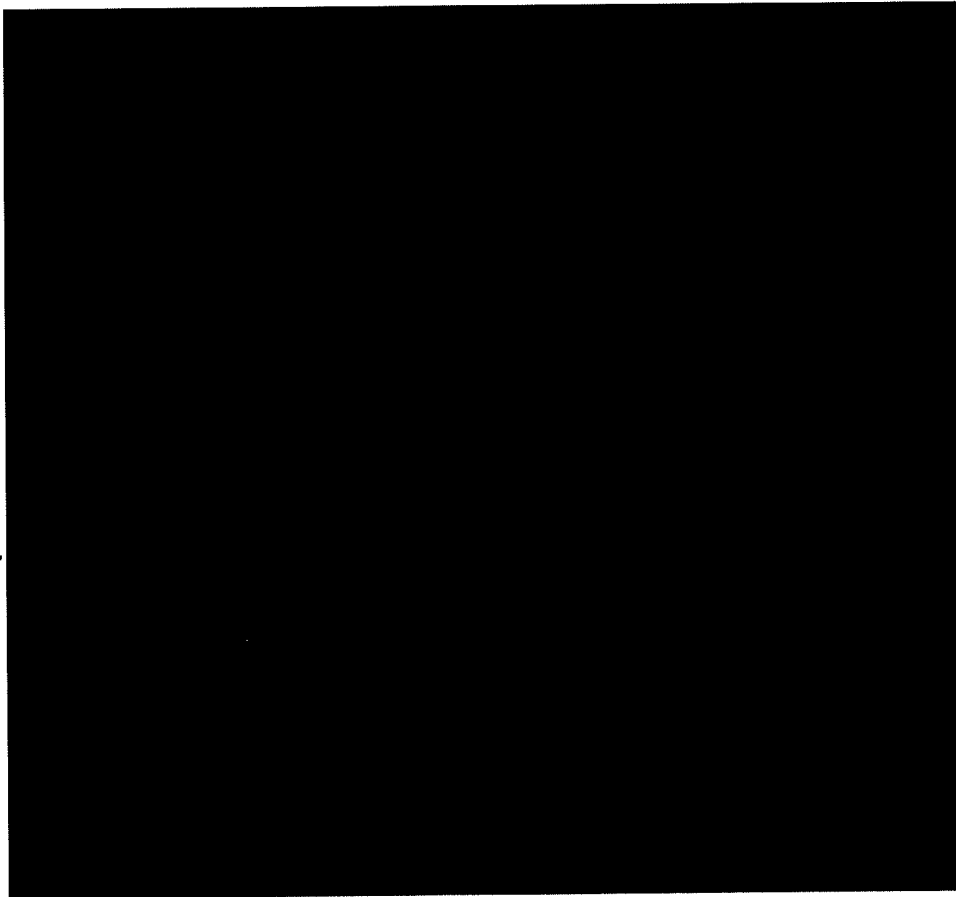


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## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Episcopal Vicar  
1048 North Campbell Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60622  
(312) 486 - 6966

July 31, 1990

The Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board  
Rev. Edward R. Fialkowski  
25 W. Chicago Avenue - Suite 500  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Dear Ed,

I received your letter of July 3, 1990, regarding Rev. Walter DeRoeck, Pastor of St. John Berchmans Parish. The reason for a delayed response is that I've been out of my office for the last three weeks. Don't let my late reply reflect on any way on the worthiness of the matter.

I concur with the request of Fr. DeRoeck for a second term as pastor at St. John Berchmans Parish. I am sure that his first term has been a spiritual growth, while he has exhibited a noteworthy dedication and single-mindedness in the parish. I am sure that his second term will be greatly rewarding and increase his pastoral experience and self confidence.

I would like to commend him for his dedication, and I wish him a successful pastorate. I offer him my support and prayers.

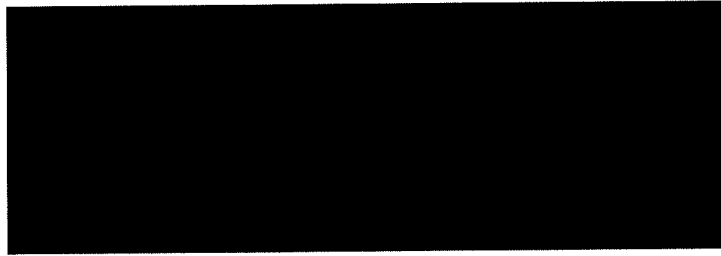
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Plácido Rodríguez, C.M.F.*

Most Rev. Plácido Rodríguez, C.M.F.  
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

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C. Second Term Pastors: E.F.

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ACTION:

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5. Walter DeRoeck '71 - St. John Berchmans (2/1/91)

ACTION:

D. [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED]



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Meeting: #49 - Twelfth Board  
Date: August 31, 1990  
Place: Priest's Personnel Board

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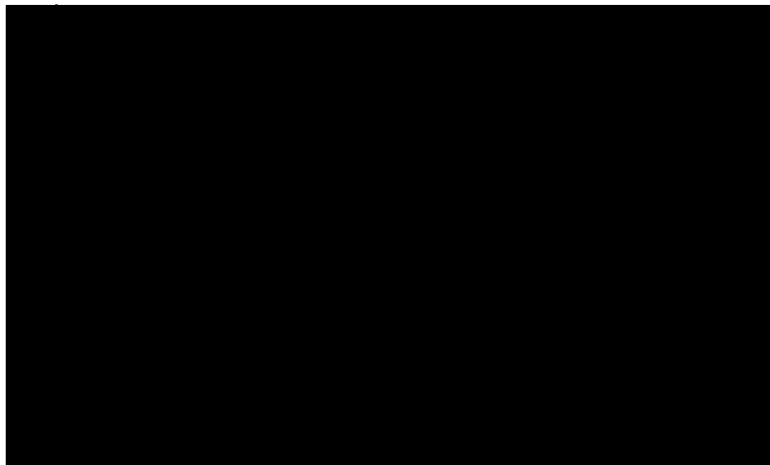
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IV. Acceptance of Agenda:

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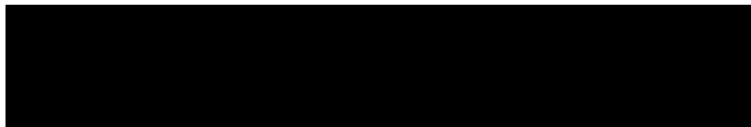
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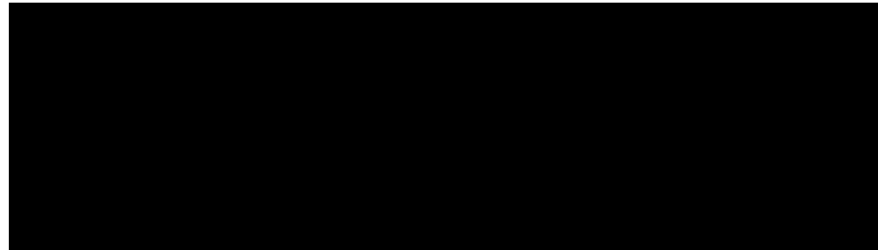
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5. Walter DeRoeck '71 - St. John Berchmans (2/1/91)

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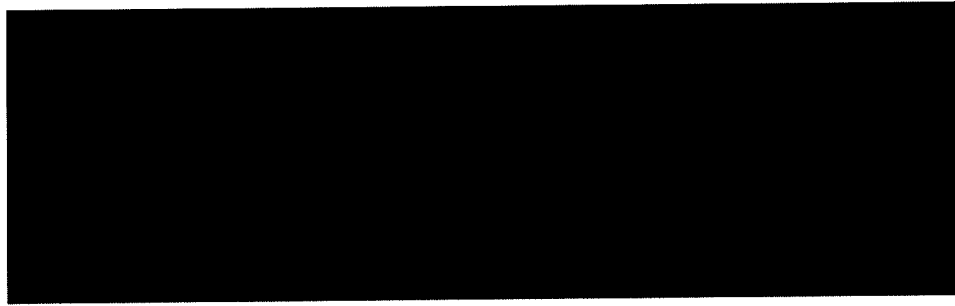
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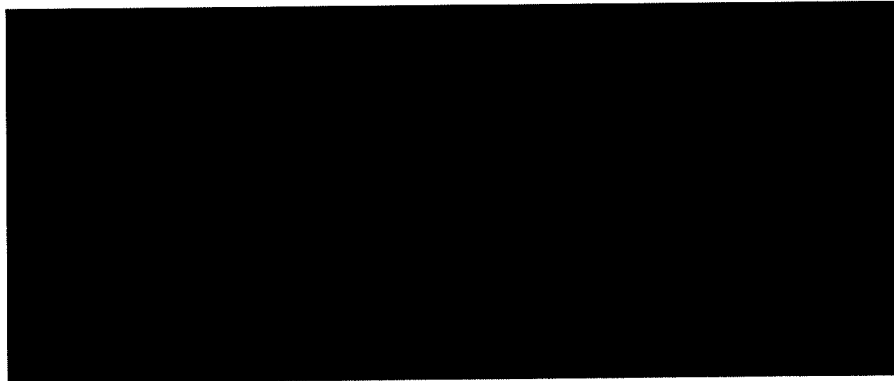
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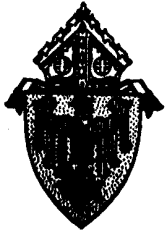
5. Walter DeRoeck '71 - St. John Berchmans (2/1/91): Wally's evaluation of his first term as Pastor of St. John Berchmans was very positive, yet the evaluation did site some past difficulties Wally experienced with his staff. Ed Fialkowski will be in contact with Ray Goedert [Vicar for Priests] who mediated the difficulties between Wally and his staff.

MOTION: 7-0-1 That Wally be recommended for a second term as Pastor of St. John Berchmans providing Ray Goedert offers a positive evaluation for Wally and the situation at St. John's.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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*Office of the Archbishop*

September 7, 1990

Dear Father De Roeck:

In light of the recommendation of the Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board, which reflects the endorsement of your Episcopal Vicar as well as the Dean of your area, I am pleased to extend your appointment as Pastor of Saint John Berchmans Parish, for an additional six years.

The support you have received for this reappointment is an indication of the fine pastoral leadership that you have rendered to the people of Saint John Berchmans as you have proclaimed the Gospel there through your word and deed.

Walter, it is my hope that this will be a time of renewal for you personally as you continue to share your priestly gifts with the people of God.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Carl Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Kenneth Vels*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Walter G. De Roeck  
Saint John Berchmans Parish  
2517 W. Logan Boulevard  
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cc: Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez, C.M.F., Episcopal Vicar  
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WEEKLY STATUS REPORTS

*approved  
JLB  
9/7/90*

Week of September 4, 1990

Personal & Confidential

TO: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
FROM: Priests' Personnel Board  
RE: Recommendations  
DATE: September 7, 1990

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Your Eminence,

At the August 31 meeting of the Priests' Personnel Board the following recommendations were made:

8 members present and voting

2ND TERM PASTOR:

[REDACTED]

Rev. Walter De Roeck '71 to be renewed for a second term as Pastor  
of St. John Berchmans. (8-0)

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9. Cardinal's Appointments:

a) Walter De Roeck '71: The Cardinal has extended Wally's appointment as Pastor of St. John Berchmans for an additional 6 years.

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## *St. John Berchmans Parish*

2517 Logan Boulevard • Chicago, Ill. 60647-1926 • (312) 486-4300

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September 20, 1990

Dear Ed,

This is to inform you and the other members of the Priests' Personnel Board that I and the rest of the staff here at St. John Berchmans recently met with Fr. Jim Kastigar.

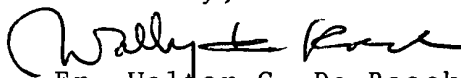
It was a most positive meeting as we discussed the possibility of his coming here as full-time Associate Pastor.

After consulting with the Staff today and hearing their views, I am happy to report a consensus regarding Fr. Jim Kastigar's joining us in ministry here.

I have indicated this to Jim in a phone conversation earlier today. We would very much like to see him here as full-time Associate. Jim has indicated to me that he wishes the same. He will be in touch with you in writing, indicating his preference to be assigned here.

Thanks for your help in this matter. I await further word from the Board.

Sincerely,

  
Fr. Walter G. De Roeck



Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 09/21/1990

REPORTS: (09/21/90)

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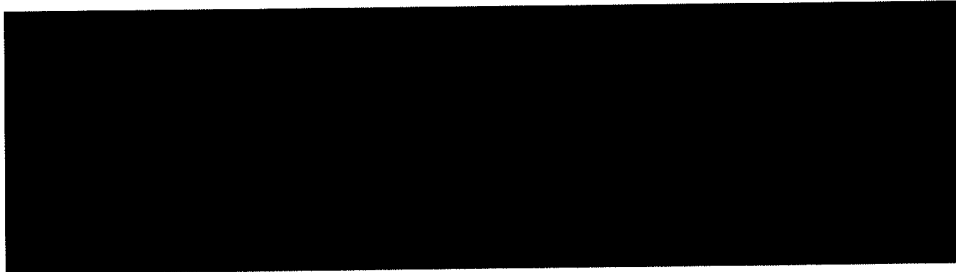
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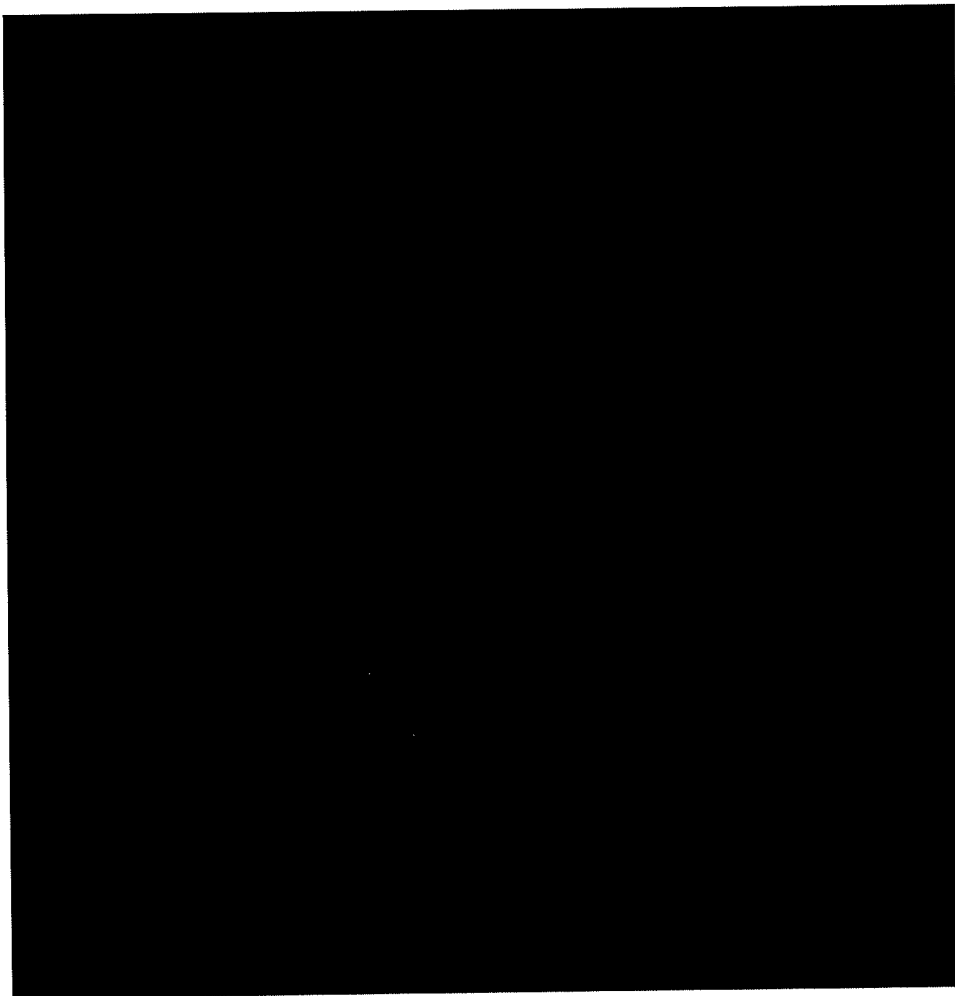
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### SUPERVISOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A priest who wishes a Sabbatical should discuss the implications of his departure among colleagues with whom he shares ministry.

The appropriate supervisor colleague (pastor, agency director, or dean) must be aware of the proposal before the application is made. Even when a priest's Sabbatical comes at a time of termination/transition, there should be discussion beforehand.

A pastor whose associate is making application should understand the Archdiocesan policy that the parish continues to pay full salary (minus the \$200.00 stole honorarium) until the associate returns (maximum 6 months).

If a parish is on subsidy, the priest's salary will be paid by the Archdiocesan Parish Subsidy Fund.

If a pastor requests a Sabbatical, the dean should be informed and acknowledge that he is aware of the application.

Sabbatical Candidate Walter B. B. Kowak

Supervisor's Signature Francis J. O'Connell

Title Dean

Date 10/26/90

N.B. Sabbatical applications are considered in the order in which they arrive. Please endorse this form and return it to the Sabbatical candidate so that he can forward it with his application.

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Application form sent 1/1

Application returned 11/9/90

Request to Cardinal 1/1

CDM Advocate \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Dean letter received \_\_\_\_\_

Staff letter received \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy Personnel Board notified \_\_\_\_\_

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# SABBATICAL APPLICATION

Name WALTER DE ROECK

Ordination 1971 Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned to ST. JOHN BERCHMANS

Position PASTOR

Residence 2517 W. LOGAN

City/Zip CHICAGO 60647

The letter of acknowledgement from your superior must accompany this application. Name of pastor, agency director or dean:

REV. FRANK ROG

What is the Personnel Board's expected termination date for you?

FEBRUARY 1997

Does the Board list you as: extension or transition

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Base salary after July 1, 1991 :

\$ 1295.33

Is parish receiving subsidy? YES

While on Sabbatical your designated local contact will be:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip CHICAGO

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship BROTHER

NOTE: Priests who will be concluding a term and considering whether or not to request extension or early termination must ask the Personnel Board for status to be clarified prior to applying for a Sabbatical.

PREVIOUS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Chronologically list colleges, universities, graduate schools attended.

<u>INSTITUTION &amp; LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDED</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>CONFERRED</u>
A. <u>NILES COLLEGE AND</u> <u>SML</u>	<u>1963-67</u>	<u>B.A.</u> <u>PHIL.</u>	<u>JUNE 1967</u>
B. <u>UNIV. of ST. MARY</u> <u>OF THE LAKE</u>	<u>1967-71</u>	<u>M.Div.</u>	<u>JUNE 1971</u>
C. <u>LOYOLA UNIVERSITY</u> <u>CHICAGO</u>	<u>1976-82</u>	<u>B.A.</u> <u>ART</u>	<u>MAY 1982</u>
D. _____	_____	_____	_____
E. _____	_____	_____	_____

Have you pursued opportunities for personal, educational, ministerial continuing growth and development?

SPANISH Offered by MUNDELGIN COLLEGE

Description 3 SUMMER PROGRAMS

SPANISH Offered by CUAUNAVACA

Description 4 WEEKS IN CUERNAVACA

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

Continuing development may be personalized, without structured programs.  
How have you grown in your own pursuits?

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# PROPOSED PROGRAM

Please give a description of the plans you have, or indicate what you would like the staff of the Center for Development in Ministry to help you arrange. Your selected site/s from the Sabbatical catalog is on Page/s 75.  
If you have researched your own program, please attach a copy of the brochure. Please indicate the dates of your sabbatical program.

Dates: SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 1991 WOULD  
BE SPENT AT WTU IN SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND.  
ONE WEEK WILL BE SPENT DRIVING THERE AND BACK.  
I WILL BE IN THE PARISH FOR CHRISTMAS DAYS AND  
THEN INTEND TO SPEND TWO WEEKS IN JANUARY 1992 IN  
VARIOUS CALIFORNIA CITIES ALONG THE COAST (R+R).

Expenses: \$2750.00 Tuition \$1500 Room and Board Combination

Other: 3 WEEKS TRAVEL/R+R @ \$35.00 per day = \$935

Have you tentatively inquired about availability? Yes        No       

## DATE CHRONOLOGICAL PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS (Beginning with current assignment)

'85 - ST. JOHN BERCHMANS  
'76 - '85 CROGLEY SEMINARY NORTH  
'71 - '76 ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, PARK RIDGE  
'70 - '71 ST. NICHOLAS, EVANSTON (DIACONATE)  
      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "

If you will be returning to your present ministry, what arrangements do you anticipate making for your current work while you are on leave?

ASSOCIATE SIM KASTIGAR WILL HANDLE  
THE PARISH IN MY ABSENCE.

Is there anything else that that Sabbatical Board should know about you or your plans for ministry, in considering your application?

ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Is your Sabbatical proposal primarily a time designed for you spiritual, intellectual, or physical renewal; or a combination?

DEFINITELY A COMBINATION. I NEED  
SOME THEOLOGICAL + PASTORAL ENRICHMENT, BUT  
ALSO NEED TO GET AWAY FROM 'SHOP TALK'  
I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE SOME AREAS OF LITURGY,  
CANON LAW, COMMUNICATION ARTS, WHILE AT THE  
SAME TIME HAVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL  
GROWTH AND R&R.

How does your program fit your service to the diocesan or parish Church?

I AM NOT AS IN TUNED WITH  
CANON LAW (ESPEC MARRIAGE CASES) AS I'D LIKE  
TO BE. I ALSO WANT TO IMPROVE MY  
SKILLS FOR MY TV WORK AND EXPAND MY  
HORIZONS IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

Evaluate your ability to pursue a Sabbatical.

I'VE BEEN A PRIEST FOR TWENTY YEARS; I  
AM JUST COMPLETING MY FIRST TERM AS PASTOR OF  
SSB. AS I BEGIN THE SECOND TERM, HAVING  
LEARNED "PASTORING" DURING TERM ONE, I LOOK  
FORWARD RENEWED ENTHUSIASM AND CONFIDENCE  
IN COMPETENT PASTORAL MINISTRY.

Have you ever had a Sabbatical opportunity? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

When? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

What? \_\_\_\_\_



# St. John Berchmans Parish

2517 Logan Boulevard • Chicago, Ill. 60647-1926 • (312) 486-4300

Nov. 15, 1990

Dear Ray,

Thanks for your wonderful support during some rough times. Thought you'd appreciate a copy of the bulletin which says a lot.

God bless!

Wally DeRouch

P.S.

Thanks for your help. And, by the way, Grady knows not what a good man you really are! Can we loan him to another place!????!??!!





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Nov 16, 1990

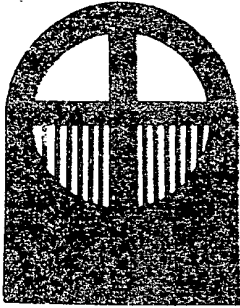
Dear Brother Joseph,

As I enclose this latest bulletin, I want you to know how much I have appreciated your support and assistance in the years I've been here as pastor, especially in the last two which have not been easy.

I sincerely believe things are looking up - your support has been a key factor in that.

God bless!

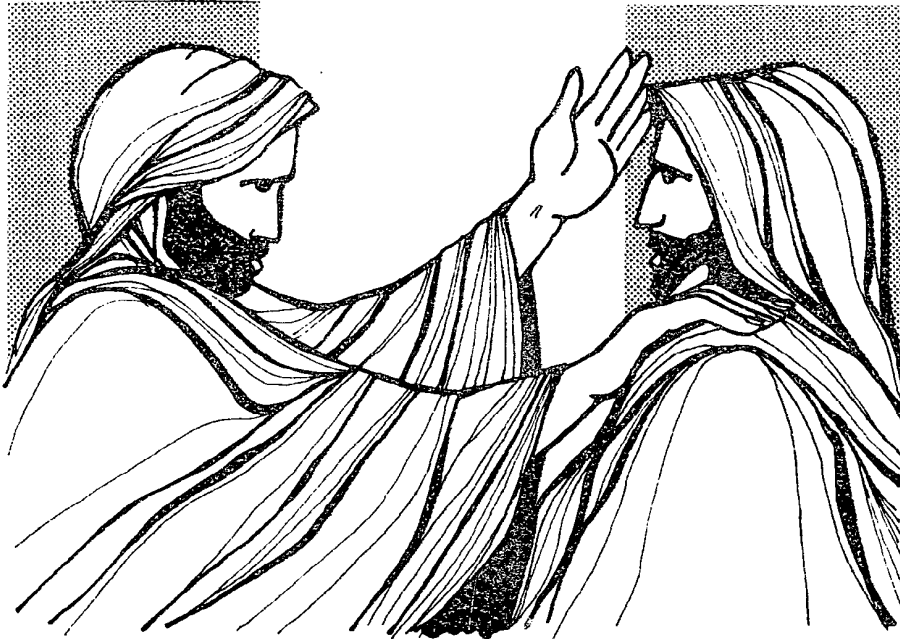
Wally DeRoch



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 18, 1990

## *St. John Berchmans Parish*

*2517 Logan Boulevard Chicago, Ill. 60647*



### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Walter G. De Roeck, Pastor — 486-4300  
Rev. James Kastigar, Associate Pastor — 486-4300  
Mr. Virgilio Bonifazi, Deacon — [REDACTED]  
Mr. Jorge Cabrera, Deacon — [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Early Childhood Center Director — [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], School Principal — [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Director of Religious Education — 486-4300  
[REDACTED], Health Minister — 486-4300  
[REDACTED], English Music Director — [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Spanish Music Director — [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Sacristan — 486-4300

#### **MASSES:**

**Weekdays and Holy Days:** See Mass Schedule  
**Saturday:** 5:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 9:00, 11:00 AM (Spanish)

#### **RECONCILIATION (Confession):**

**Saturday:** 4:00 PM  
**Weekdays:** By Appointment

#### **BAPTISM:**

Preparation Program: Advance registration at rectory office required.

#### **MARRIAGE:**

Call 486-4300 six months in advance

#### **MISAS:**

**Diariamente y Dias Santos:** Vea el Horario  
**Sabado:** 5:00 PM  
**Domingo:** 9:00, 11:00 AM (Español)

#### **RECONCILIACION (Confession):**

**Sabado:** 4:00 PM  
**Durante la Semana:** Por Cita

#### **BAUTISMO:**

Para el programa de preparación se requiere inscribirse en la oficina de la rectoria.

#### **MATRIMONIO:**

Llame 486-4300 seis meses por adelantado

### VOCATION PRIORITY

As many of you know, Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life are one of the four major priorities for the Archdiocese of Chicago as enunciated by our Cardinal a number of months ago. Certainly, that has been a priority in our family. We can point to numerous relatives who entered the Convent as religious women and two cousins who became religious brothers. Then in 1959 I entered Quigley Seminary to explore the possibility of priesthood. There was a great deal of family support for my decision; friends, too, let it be known that they were behind me all the way. As I neared ordination in 1971, numerous other cousins decided to enter the seminary (six to be exact). The last of the six was still a Quigley student while I was teaching there. In fact, I was his teacher for one semester. The other five had dropped out along the way. He was in his senior year and we prayed hard for him and spoke to him of his potential for priesthood and we shared the joys of ordained ministry. He decided to go on to the college seminary.

I remember speaking with him at length when he was approached about the possibility of finishing his studies for the priesthood in Rome. He had many misgivings because he was so close to his family and was so at ease with the idea of ministry here in the Chicago area. He was not sure that his being away from all that would be good for him. Again, his family assured him of their support. This past Spring he was ordained a Deacon in Rome; many of his family and friends made the journey.

Earlier this year I was privileged to participate in his priesthood ordination at his home parish of St. Francis Xavier in Wilmette. Cardinal Bernardin officiated and we family members smiled with pride and joy. As I approached to participate in the imposition of hands, I got a little choked up. Here was a relative of mine and a student of mine walking the same road I started on almost twenty years ago. It was a moving experience.

Our family has indeed made priestly and religious vocations a priority in prayer and encouragement. May other families do likewise!

Fr. John Barkemeyer, that newly ordained cousin of mine, wrote a few words that were shared on his ordination day, June 30, 1990. I am happy to share them with you in the hope that others will consider ministry as ordained priests and religious (See article that follows).

Fr. Walter De Roeck

Dear Friends,

A question I've heard a lot recently is "How do you know you've been called to the priesthood?" Twelve years ago when I graduated from St. Francis School and entered the high school seminary, I remember thinking that if indeed God wanted me to become a priest surely He would make this known to me by a spectacular sign. Instead of this, I have miraculous stories of faith which have occurred in the ordinariness of life. The quiet seeds that were planted by teachers and friends at St. Francis have contributed tremendously to my own stories of faith. Over the years I've discovered it's not so much in the hurricanes and earthquakes that God reveals His will, but rather it's in the soft whispers of the men and women who have taught me His ways. I've often joked with my classmates that the reason that I've been in the seminary for twelve years (fairly uncommon these days) is because I'm a little hard of hearing! And yet family and friends, professors and priests have inspired and challenged me to listen even more closely to Jesus Christ, who is the Word who speaks in whispers.

I'm aware that priesthood is both a tremendous gift and an awesome responsibility. Over the past few years as I have reflected more deeply on the meaning of priesthood the more certain I am that I will never be fully prepared for it no matter what I do. I won't ever be "worthy enough" to celebrate the sacrament or "able enough" to minister to the people of God as fully as I would like. In spite of this, the whispers of the Word have led me to this point. I know of nothing in life that fills my heart with as much peace and happiness than serving God's people. It is with a bit of anxiety and a great deal of joy that I earnestly respond to the call of the Word.

I know that whatever fruit my ministry may bear is the work of the Lord. He is the Alpha and Omega of each of our lives. I rely on the Lord to lead me with His grace and to give me His strength to serve His people. The whispers of the past years have become louder. Today, with your prayers, love and support I eagerly desire to say, "Yes, Lord, I come to do Your will."

May the Lord continue to bless you with His peace and joy.

John Barkemeyer

My name is Fr. Jim Kastigar, and I am the new associate pastor. Ordained in 1982, I have been a priest for 8 years, having served previously in Blessed Agnes (27th & Central Park), and Good Shepherd (28th & Kolin). While at Good Shepherd, I was teaching Spanish for Native Speakers at Quigley Seminary South. I speak, read and write Spanish and hope to finish my Masters Degree in Spanish this summer. Most recently, I have been helping out at St. Ann's Parish at 18th & Leavitt.

My family boasts five sisters and two brothers; I'm the second oldest of the 8 children. My older sister gave birth to my first niece just two weeks ago. I'll be going to St. Louis over Thanksgiving to baptize the baby. My mother and 6 of my siblings live in and around St. Louis. One sister and her husband live here, in Chicago.

I enjoy jogging, playing basketball, racquetball, tennis and fishing as well as meeting people, leading the community in prayer and visiting the hospitals and the schools.

Harold and Esquicle come with me, however. Harold is 13 and might outlive me. He is an Amazon parrot. Esquicle is quite a bit smaller and is only a two year old conure. They cause a bit of a stir with their whistling and antics, but are very obedient and quiet pets overall.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you and living on the northside for the first time. I'm confident that the next five years that I will spend with you will be good ones for both you and I.

Fr. Kim Kastigar



Me llamo Padre Jaime Kastigar, soy el asociado nuevo. Ordenado un sacerdote en 1982, he sido un sacerdote por 8 años, habiendo servido previamente en Blessed Agnes (27 y Central Park), y Good Shepherd (28 y Kolin). Mientras estaba en Good Shepherd, enseñaba por los Hispanohablantes en el seminario, Quigley South. Hablo, leo y escribo Español y espero terminar mi maestría en Español este verano. Mas reciente, estaba ayudando en la parroquia de Santa Ana, en el 18 y Leavitt.

Mi familia tiene cinco hermanas y dos hermanos; soy número dos entre los ocho. Mi hermana mayor dio a luz a una niña hace desde dos semanas. Voy a San Luis, Missouri, a bautizar a la criatura durante las vacaciones del Día de Acción de Gracias. Mi mamá y 6 de mis hermanos viven en San Luis o

alrededor. Tengo una hermana y su esposo quienes viven en Chicago.

Me gusta correr, jugar baloncesto, racquetbol, tenis y pescar tanto como conocer a personas, guiar la comunidad en oración y visitara los enfermos en los hospitales y a los niños de las escuelas.

Geraldo y Esquicle me acompañan. Geraldo tiene 13 años y puede vivir más años que yo. El es un loro de México. Esquicle es el chico, un cotorro de solo dos años. No causan mucha molestia con su chiflar y su tontería, pero son bien obedientes y buenos mascotas.

Espero conocer a ustedes y vivir en el 'northside' por la primera vez. Tengo confianza que los próximos cinco años que pasaré con ustedes serán edificantes para ustedes como para mí.

Padre Jaime Kastigar

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATE

This weekend Fr. Jim Kastigar begins his ministry here as full-time Associate Pastor. He began moving in many of his belongings a few weeks ago and he has been meeting with me and the rest of the Pastoral Staff a number of times already. He met some of you at our Open Forum in October. We are excited that he has come aboard. His extensive Spanish skills are also a special reason for rejoicing since we are able to better serve the spiritual needs of many in our community for whom Spanish is the primary language.

Welcome, Jim. We are very happy that you are with us. May God bless your years of ministry among this wonderful people!

Fr. Walter De Roeck

### BIENVENIDOS A NUESTRO ASOCIADO NUEVO

Pd. Jaime comienza su ministerio como asociado aquí en Sn. Juan este fin de semana. Empezó hace unas semanas pasadas a traer sus cosas aquí a la rectoría y ha asistido a las reuniones del equipo pastoral. El conocio algunos de ustedes durante nuestra Reunión Abierta en octubre. Estamos felices en tenerlo con nosotros. Especialmente porque su español es muy bueno y servirá para mejor servirle a nuestra comunidad hispana.

Bienvenido, Pd. Jaime. Que Dios bendiga tus años entre esta gente maravillosa.

Pd. Walter De Roeck

## LA PRIORIDAD DE LA VOCACION

Queridos amigos:

Como muchos de uds. saben, las vocaciones para el sacerdocio y la vida religiosa son una de las cuatro prioridades para la arquidiócesis de Chicago, como fué mencionado por nuestro Cardenal, hace algunos meses. Ciertamente, ésta ha sido siempre, una prioridad en nuestra familia. Podemos señalar a varios parientes, algunas que ingresaron al Convento, para convertirse en mujeres religiosas y a dos primos que se hicieron hermanos religiosos. Entonces, en 1959, yo entré al Seminario de Quigley, para explorar la posibilidad, del sacerdocio. Hubo un gran acuerdo de familia para apoyar mi decisión; así como amigos también me respaldarían todo el camino. Para cuando se acercaba mi ordenación en 1971, otro número de primos, decidieron entrar al seminario (seis para ser exacto). El último de los seis era todavía un estudiante del Quigley, cuando yo estaba allí enseñando. De hecho yo fui su maestro durante un semestre. Los cinco restantes se fueron retirando poco a poco durante el trayecto. El ya estaba en su año senior y rezamos árdamente por él y le hablamos de su potencial para el sacerdocio y le compartíamos los gozos del ser ordenado para el ministerio. Decidió seguir adelante a el colegio del seminario.

Recuerdo que hablábamos largamente, cuando se aproximaba la posibilidad de terminar sus estudios para sacerdote, en Roma. Tenía algunas dudas porque él era muy apegado a su familia y lo que le atraía era la idea de un ministerio en el área de Chicago. No se sentía muy seguro de que estando lejos de todo eso le haría bien. Otra vez, su familia le reiteró su apoyo. La primavera pasada fué ordenado Diácono en Roma; muchos de sus familiares y amigos hicieron el viaje.

A principios de éste año tuve el privilegio de participar en su ordenamiento sacerdotal, en su casa parroquial de San Francisco Javier en Wilmette. El Cardenal Bernardín ofició y nosotros miembros de familia sonreímos con felicidad y orgullo. Cuando me acercaba para participar, en la imposición de manos, me atragante un poco. Aquí estaba un pariente mío, un estudiante mío, caminando por el mismo sendero que yo empecé a caminar hace 20 años. Fué una experiencia conmovedora.

Nuestra familia, por supuesto ha hecho de las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas una prioridad con oraciones y estímulos. Ojalá muchas otras familias pudieran hacer así.

El padre John Barkemeyer, ese primo mío recientemente ordenado, escribió algunas palabras que fueron compartidas en su ordenación el día 30 de junio de 1990. Me siento contento de compartirlas ahora con ustedes en la esperanza de que otros consideren en sus vidas, el ministerio para ordenarse sacerdotes y religiosas (Véa el artículo a continuación).

Pd. Walter De Roeck

Recientemente, he estado escuchando mucho ésta pregunta: "¿Como es que Ud. supo que estaba llamado para el sacerdocio?" Hace doce años cuando me gradué de la Escuela de San Francisco y entré a la secundaria del seminario, recuerdo que pensaba, que si Dios de veras quería que yo fuera padre,, seguramente me lo dejaría saber por medio de alguna señal espectacular. En lugar de ésto, lo que tuve fueron milagrosas historias de fé que han ocurrido en la vida ordinaria. Las quietas semillas que fueron plantadas por maestros y amigos en San Francisco han contribuido a mis propias historias de Fé. A través de los años, he descubierto que no es tanto por medio de Huracanes y temblores de tierra que Dios manifiesta sus designios, sino más bien es en los suaves murmullos de hombres y mujeres que me ha enseñado sus caminos. Con frecuencia bromeaba con mis compañeros de clase, de que la razón por la cual yo estuve en el seminario durante doce años (claramente, no muy común en éstos días) es porque soy un poco duro de oído! Y de éste modo, familia y amistades, profesores y sacerdotes me habían inspirado y desafiado a escuchar mas de cerca a Jesucristo, quien es el Señor que habla en susurros.

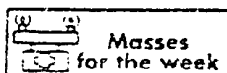
Estoy conciente que el sacerdocio es ambas cosas: un don tremendo y una abrumadora responsabilidad. Sobre los últimos años entre más me he tenido que reflejar profundamente en el significado del sacerdocio, más me he dado cuenta de que nunca estaré preparado para ello, no importa que haga. Nunca seré lo bastante digno para celebrar el Sacramento o lo suficientemente capaz para ministeriar a la gente de Dios, tanto como me gustaría. A pesar de ésto los murmullos de la Palabra me han guiado a éste punto. No sé de nada en la vida que pueda llenar mi corazón con tanta paz y felicidad como el servir al pueblo de Dios. Es con un poco de ansiedad y un gran regocijo, que yo encarecidamente respondo a la llamada del Señor.

Yo sé que cualquiera que sea el fruto que mi ministerio pueda lograr, es el trabajo del Señor. El es el alfa y el omega de cada una de nuestras vidas. Yo confío en el Señor para que me oriente con su gracia y me dé fuerza para servir a su gente. Los murmullos de los años pasados se han hecho resonantes. Hoy, con sus oraciones, amor y apoyo, vehementemente quiero decir: "Sí, Señor, vengo a hacer tu voluntad."

Que el Señor continúe bendiciéndoles con su paz y alegría.

John Barkemeyer

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MONDAY, November 19th

7:00 AM—

TUESDAY, November 20th

7:00 AM—SPECIAL INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, November 21st

7:00 PM—

THURSDAY, November 22nd

10:00 AM—

FRIDAY, November 23rd

8:30 AM—SPECIAL INTENTION

SATURDAY, November 24th

5:00 PM—

SUNDAY, November 25th

9:00 AM—WOMEN'S GUILD

11:00 AM—

(ANNIV. OF DEATH)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

SATURDAY, November 24th

4:00 PM—Rev. Walter G. De Roeck

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

SATURDAY, November 24th

5:00 PM—Rev. Walter G. De Roeck

SUNDAY, November 25th

9:00 AM—Rev. Walter G. De Roeck

11:00 AM—Rev. Walter G. De Roeck

**MONTHLY OFFERTORY REPORT  
OCTOBER**

Average Weekly Collection	
OCTOBER	\$2,793.75
Average Weekly Collection	
SEPTEMBER	\$2,601.00
Special Collection:	
WORLD MISSION	\$847.61
ALL SOULS DAY	\$125.75

**1989/90 COMPARISON**

October 1989—average weekly	\$1,960.03
October 1990—average weekly	\$2,793.75
\$ Increase	\$833.72
% Increase	30%

**THANKSGIVING**

This coming Thursday we will celebrate a special 10 AM Mass to express our gratitude to God for the many blessings we have received. As the nation's many and varied people celebrate Thanksgiving Day, let us be mindful of those who have little; let us express thanks, too, for the opportunities we have to respond to the needs of "the least" among us. We can best speak of gratitude to the Almighty by doing for others! And may that doing go far beyond the holiday seasons.

**SUCCESSFUL PROJECT LIFE**

Thanks to all who participated in PROJECT LIFE. Our letter writing campaign to Congressman Rostenkowski to let him know we do not want our tax dollars to pay for abortions yielded 289 letters. Congratulations. That's great! The letters are probably there right now. Thanks for your support and prayers.

SJB Pro-Life Committee

**DIA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS**

El siguiente jueves, tendremos una Misa especial a las 10 AM para expresar nuestra gratitud a dios por los tantos bendiciones que hemos recibido. Mientras la gente de nuestra gran nación celebra el Dia de Acción de Gracias, dejamos recordarnos de los que tienen muy poco; dejamos expresar también, nuestras gracias por las oportunidades que tenemos para responder a las necesidades de otros menos afortunados entre nosotros. El mejor modo de enseñar nuestra gratitud al Señor es por ayudarlo a otros! Y ojalá continuemos dando ayuda mas después de estos días de fiesta.

**SUCESO DEL PROYECTO VIDA**

Gracias a todos que participaron en PROYECTO VIDA. Nuestra campaña de escribir cartas a nuestro representante del congreso para dejarle saber que no queremos que nuestros impuestos sean usados para pagar por abortos procucio 289 cartas. Felicitaciones! Quizas las cartas esten alli ahorrita. Gracias por su apoyo y oraciones.

SJB Pro-Life Committee

**El Coro Hispano De San Juan Berchmans**

LES INVITA A SU EVENTO ANUAL CONMEMORANDO

EL DIA DE

*Nuestra Senora De Guadalupe*

con un

**Grandioso Baile**

SABADO, 8 DE DICIEMBRE, 1990

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## SABBATICAL PROPOSAL

DATE: November 27, 1990NAME: Rev. Walter De RoeckADVOCATE: Dave ByrneDATES OF SABBATICAL: From September 1, 1991 to February 1, 1992

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM: Washington Theological Union, September to December  
 Wally is presently pastor at St. John Berchmans. In his absence, ~~John~~ Kastigar would  
 be the administrator. Wally intends to return after WTU for Advent/Christmas season  
 and will resume pastorate after 2 week travel to California to be with family in January.

## BUDGET INFORMATION:

FISCAL YEAR 1991-1992

✓ 75	WTU tuition
✓ \$2750	Room & board at Christian Brothers Dr. Talbot
✓ 1350	Accommodations enroute 4 days @ \$50/day
✓ 200 215	Accommodations enroute to California 8 days @ \$50/day
✓ 400	Food allowance in California 10 days @ \$30/day
✓ 300	
<u>\$5000</u>	

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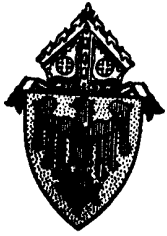
SALARY PAID BY: Parish MONTHLY AMOUNT: \$1295.83TRANSITION \_\_\_\_\_ RETURN TO SAME ASSIGNMENT X RETIREMENT \_\_\_\_\_SUPERVISOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

## ADVOCATE'S RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Sabbatical Board accept Wally De Roeck's proposal

DATE OF APPROVAL BY BOARD: \_\_\_\_\_





ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Office of the Archbishop*

November 28, 1990

Dear Wally:

Thank you very much for your note and for the accompanying bulletin.

I am happy to hear that things are better at the parish. I am sure your leadership and service are deeply appreciated by the people of the parish. Be assured that you have my continued support and prayers for all that you are doing for the parishioners at Saint John Berchmans and for the Archdiocese.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Walter G. DeRoeck  
Saint John Berchmans Parish  
2517 Logan Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60647

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10. Sabbatical Board: Vic Sivore reported to the Board the priests that are returning from sabbatical after January 1, 1991.

[REDACTED]

Walter DeRoeck '71    09/01/91 ~ 02/01/92    Return as Pastor

[REDACTED]

IV. Acceptance of Agenda: 8 - 0 With Additions:

[REDACTED]

V. Business:

A.

[REDACTED]



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Off: (312) 642-1837

December 4, 1990

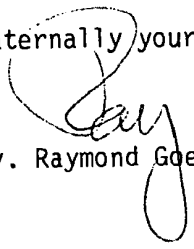
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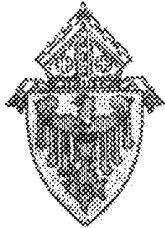
Dear Wally,

It was a delight to receive your recent letter, together with the parish bulletin. You have been through a lot, but it looks as though you have turned the corner and life at St. John Berchmans seems to have improved considerably. I am really happy for you, Wally, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will you!

Faternally yours,

  
Rev. Raymond Goedert



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop

December 18, 1990

Dear Wally,

In light of the recommendation of the Sabbatical Board, I am pleased to grant your request for a sabbatical beginning September 1, 1991, through February 1, 1992. Please inform Fr. Ken Velo and Fr. Wayne Frist of your address(es) during this time.

This appointment is made with the understanding that you will be returning as Pastor at St. John Berchmans.

Following Archdiocesan and Sabbatical Board Policy, the Archdiocesan Parish Subsidy Fund will pay your salary for the period of the 5-month sabbatical. The Center for Development in Ministry will pay tuition, room and board expenses.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your fine work at St. John Berchmans as well as for your eleven years of service to the Archdiocese.

As you look forward to this important <sup>time away</sup> ~~transition in your~~ ~~priesthood~~, please know that you have my support and prayers. Please pray for me as well.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*

Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Walter De Roeck  
St. John Berchmans  
2517 W. Logan  
Chicago, IL 60647

cc: Rev. Kenneth Velo  
Rev. Wayne F. Frist  
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board  
Rev. Francis Rog, C.R.  
Mr. Jack Benware

*As over  
18 years  
ordained 1971*



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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*Office of the Archbishop*

December 20, 1990

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As you look forward to this important time away, please know that you have my support and prayers. Please pray for me as well.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

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*Joseph Carl Bernardini*  
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Rev. Walter De Roeck  
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Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board  
Rev. Francis Rog, C.R.  
Mr. Jack Benware

PRIESTS ON SABBATICAL

Returning in 1992

<u>Name</u>	<u>Begin</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Return</u>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
WALTER DEROECK '71 #412	09/01/91	02/01/92	Returning as Pastor
[REDACTED]			

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 01/04/1991

REPORTS: (01/04/91)

1. Cardinal's Appointments:

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b) Walter De Roeck '71: Wally has been granted a sabbatical from 9/1/91 through 2/1/92 and will return as Pastor at St. John Berchmans.

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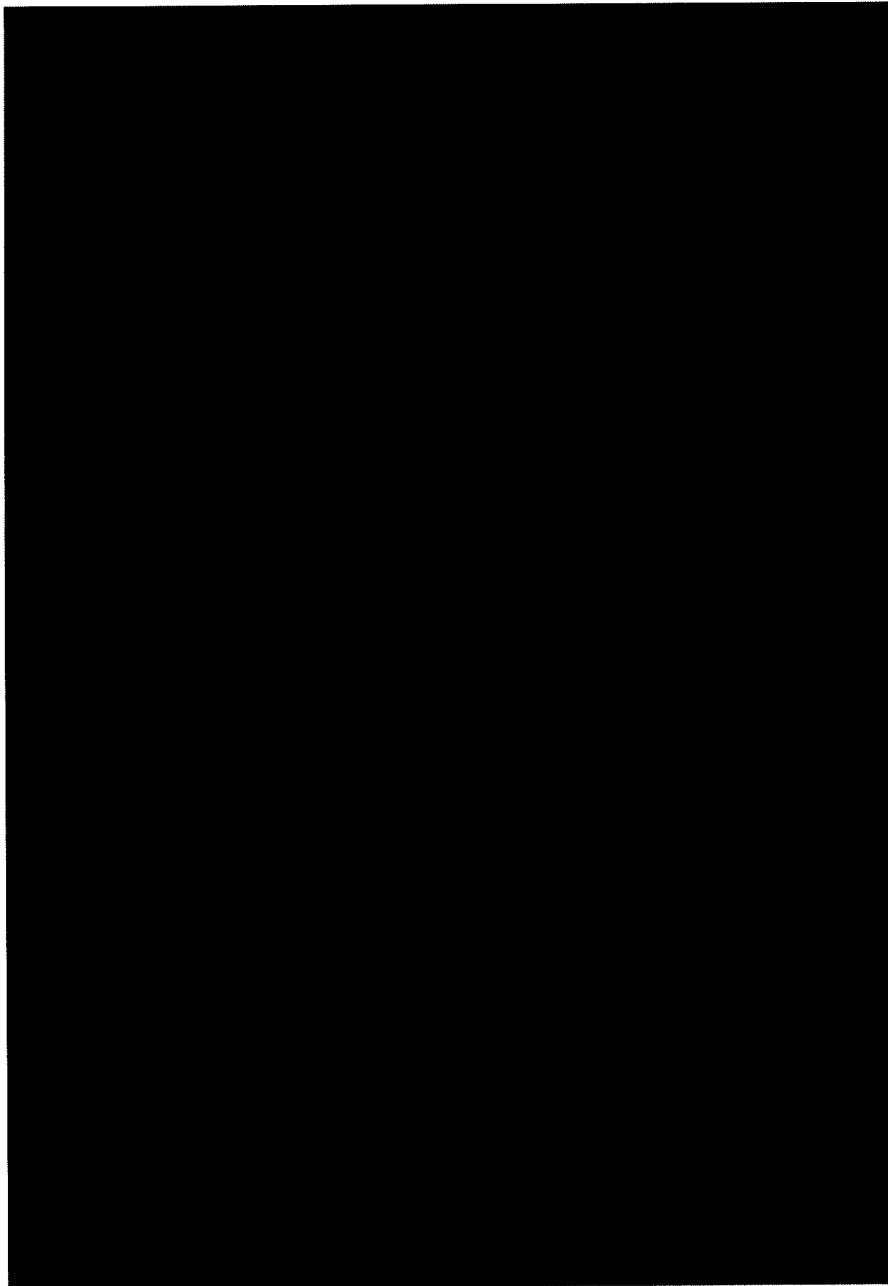
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MINUTES

Meeting: #61 - Twelfth Board

Date: January 4, 1991

Place: Priests' Personnel Board

Present: Reverends: John W. Calicott (arriv. 10:46),  
Edward R. Fialkowski, James P. Finno,  
George J. Kane, Donald J. Nevins,  
Michael W. O'Connell, Victor J. Sivore,  
Kenneth J. Velo.

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Edward R. Fialkowski 10:30 A.M.

II. Minutes: Accepted with corrections 6 - 0 - 1

III. Reports:

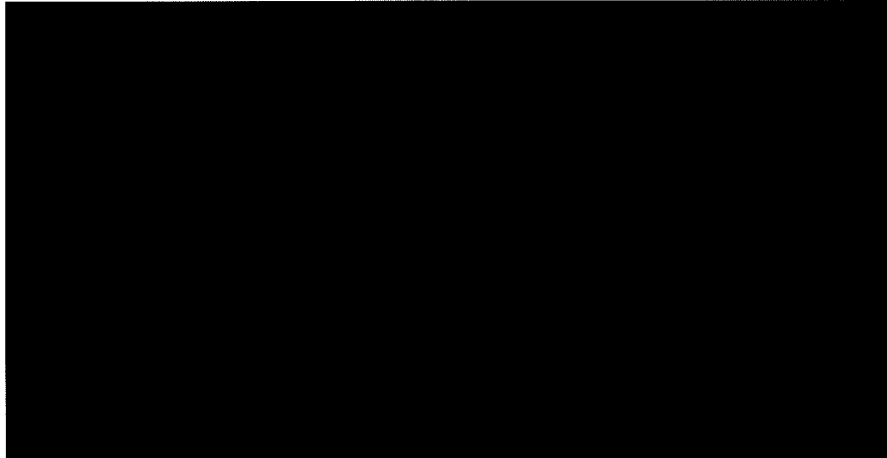
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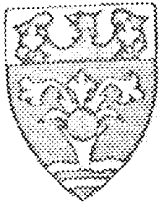
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UNIVERSITY of SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

TO: Mr. Jack Benware  
FROM: Rev. Wayne F. Priest  
RE: Fr. Walter DeRoeck's Salary while on Sabbatical  
DATE: February 4, 1991

Please note that the Cardinal's letter states that Fr. DeRoeck's salary will be paid by the Archdiocesan Parish Subsidy Fund. Please be informed that Fr. DeRoeck's salary is already included in the parish budget from the subsidy fund. St. John Berchman's is on subsidy; therefore there is no need for a second entry into that parish budget for pastor's salary because Fr. DeRoeck is not being replaced.

Thank you.

(2-15-91)

NAME: Rev. *William DeRoek*

PARISH: *St. John Berchmans*

EVALUATION RECEIVED: 6-20-90

LETTER TO PASTOR REQUESTING SECOND TERM: 6-21-90

REQUEST FOR SECOND TERM RECEIVED: 7-3-90

LETTER TO VICAR AND DEAN: 7-3-90

VICARS LETTER RECEIVED: 8-16-90

DEANS LETTER RECEIVED: 7-9-90

RECOMMENDATION TO CARDINAL: \_\_\_\_\_

REAPPOINTMENT LETTER FROM CARDINAL: \_\_\_\_\_



## St. John Berchmans Parish

2517 Logan Boulevard • Chicago, Ill. 60647-1926 • (312) 486-4300

ack 3-20-91  
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March 16, 1991

Dear Members of the Personnel Board,

As I indicated to Ed Fialkowski a few months back, I did renew for another term as Pastor of St. John Berchmans Parish, but somewhat reluctantly. The reluctance is a matter of the language problem. Despite extensive schooling efforts, my poor Spanish is a major stumbling block and a great drain in my efforts to minister well.

Ed recommended that I explore possible future assignments with a view to accepting a pastorate in a parish where the issue of Spanish skill would not be a factor.

I would like to apply for the pastorate at St. Barbara Parish in Brookfield, knowing that there is for me at this time in my life one pre-requisite, namely a matter of my sabbatical.

The Cardinal in late December approved my request for a sabbatical beginning on September 1, 1991 and running to February 1, 1992. I've spent a great deal of time researching the possibilities, even flying out to the Sabbatical site to interview people there. I have been ordained 20 years and have not taken a sabbatical. I've been accepted into the program at Washington Theological Union in Silver Springs, Maryland. I do want to pursue that at this time in my life.

Perhaps, as Ed has already indicated in a recent phone conversation, this "given" will jeopardize my even being considered for the St. Barbara pastorate. If that is so, so be it. The exciting challenge of St. Barbara's will be for someone else. I will regret not having had the opportunity to minister there as pastor.

But, just in case....I do present my case, as follows:

I am aware that Fr. Donald Hughes is a hard act to follow. He was my parish priest as I was entering Quigley. He was dynamic and enthusiastic and full of creative ideas. He was admired by young and old alike. I know that that did not change over the years. I have friends living in the parish in Brookfield and I see them often. I am familiar with the area and the parish.

I know that Liturgy (a great love of mine) is of major importance in the parish (How often I've heard of their magnificent Midnight Mass at Chrstmas!). The profile confirms that.

My six years as pastor HAVE TAUGHT ME MUCH about the role of pastor in this day and age. I was so new at this when I began that ministry after eight years as a seminary prof. I still am amazed that I survived those first crazy months!!!! I have learned much about Staff Development and my role as enabler. Bill Bausch's TAKE HEART, FATHER has become my own personal Bible for continued growth.

I look for creative ways to get people involved, yes. The parish needs individuals willing to take part in the various tasks of parish life. But I also want to explore ways in which the parish can be in touch with people where they're at, find out their genuine concerns, and offer them assistance in living the Gospel at home, in the workplace, etc.

RCIA is such a wonderful experience. I would hope to encourage staff and people to take hold of that "structure" in pursuing growth as a people of faith. I would not ignore the traditions of the past, but neither would I feel constrained to simply implement programs already set up by previous leadership. At times it is appropriate to let things die a happy death and be open to the new.

Does the parish (not simply the staff) have a clear notion of what they are about? What is the goal of St. Barbara's? What specific steps have been taken to achieve that goal in the past? What specific steps need still to be taken? How do the various groups fit in with the vision articulated? What adjustments are appropriate? I believe in collaboration and consensus building as the formation of parish council goes on. We need to address the question of expectations? What do we expect of each other? Are these reasonable expectations? Can we live with those expectations?

I am glad to hear that St. Barbara is a lively place anxious for a "human" pastor who wants to empower them. Amen to that. I want to get the deacons more involved if at all possible. Our parochial school here at St. John's has become a vibrant place of Catholic education in the years I have been here. No need to worry about enrollment and recruitment. The word has spread from parent to neighbor. People are on the waiting list; we need more room. I would hope to encourage growth in St. Barbara's as well.

The pastor cannot be everywhere, but he needs to reach out to young and old alike. Encourage them to growth in spirituality, celebrate community, expand ecumenical efforts, be there in times of pain and struggle to offer Gospel hope, look for ways in which the parish can impact on the local neighborhood, and gently listen to the questions and concerns of the people who are the parish.

That is my vision and my hope for St. Barbara parish in the years to come. It is something I am comfortable with and something I can commit myself to.

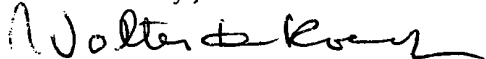
But, for the good of the people I am called to serve, whether it be here at St. John Berchmans or there at St. Barbara's or anywhere else for that matter, I must follow through on my sabbatical.

I want to pursue spiritual direction, further studies in liturgy and homiletics, and some in depth canon law while I am gone (specifically "marriage law"). Retreat and vacation time with my folks in California are also part of that picture. I am committed to that.

Then, a full-time effort upon my return in February 1992.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter De Roeck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fr. Walter De Roeck



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Off: (312) 642-1837

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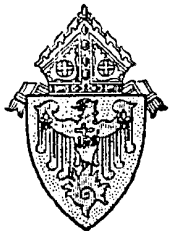
DATE: June 7, 1991

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. I received a phone call from [REDACTED], who is in charge of the Early Childhood Program at St. John Berchmans. She asked if she and two others could meet with me and I set up an appointment for today at 5 P.M. In addition to [REDACTED], [REDACTED], who was formerly on the staff, and [REDACTED], who used to be on the staff and is now a teacher in the grammar school were here. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are also parishioners.
2. We met until about 6:30 P.M. The meeting was a very good one. There was no anger or animosity and it was clear that their concerns were for:
  - 1) the parish itself
  - 2) Jim Kastigar
  - 3) Walter DeRoeck
3. The concerns listed above were not their order of importance. They seemed to share concern equally among all three.
4. [REDACTED] began by expressing her shock at the announcement by Jim Kastigar that he was leaving. Jim had not let on to anyone what his thoughts were, so it really came as a surprise and a great disappointment. The parish had taken to Jim quite positively, especially the school. All agreed that Wally is a good person, but he cannot seem to really relate to adults in an adult fashion. Wally does speak Spanish reasonably well, but he feels very inadequate and as a result he does nothing for the Hispanic community. They feel very neglected. But all three said that the Anglo community also feels neglected. Wally just has a very difficult time dealing with the parishioners, and as a result he is away from the parish much of the time and people complain that they are not able to reach him.
5. All three felt that Wally would probably do well in a parish where there wasn't a mixed community, or at least he would have a fighting chance to succeed, whereas he doesn't seem to have the opportunity here at St. John Berchmans. They were concerned as to how his re-appointment came about. They had heard that Wally was pressured into taking the assignment for another six years against his own better judgement. I asked the three if I could have their permission to carry their concerns to the Personnel Board and they readily gave their permission. They also permitted me to talk to Wally if I wished. I told them I would wait until next week and give them an opportunity to speak to him first and let them say whatever they wished to say about our meeting today. Wally was aware that at least some of them were coming down to see me.

6. [REDACTED] said she heard from someone just within the last day or so that Wally is supposed to have resigned the parish. I knew nothing at all about this but said that I would try to check it out.





## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 10, 1991

RE: Walter DeRoeck

1. Don Nevins called. He said that Virgilio Bonifazi, the Permanent Deacon at St. John Berchmans, talked to him and asked to have a meeting with him with some of the representatives of the Hispanic community. I mentioned to Don that two others had called me and I will refer them to Virgilio. I saw no reason for Don not to meet with them. Don said that Sr. Mary Christoffel also called him and said that I had told her to contact him. I explained to Don that I felt that these people have a right to bring their concerns to the Personnel Board and since Jim Kastigar had already filled in Don, I thought it would be better if they spoke to him. Don agreed that he would meet with them and if he uncovers anything that he thinks I ought to know, he will get back to me.



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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 11, 1991

RE: Walter DeRoeck

1. I received a phone call on June 6 from [REDACTED] (work no. [REDACTED]) and [REDACTED] (work no. [REDACTED], home no. [REDACTED]). I did not return the calls on June 6, but did on June 11. After explaining the situation to both of them, I suggested that they either get in touch with the Deacon, Virgilio Bonafazi, or Fr. Nevins directly. I explained that Fr. Nevins is a member of the Personnel Board and the issue ought to be brought to their attention.
2. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were asked by the Hispanic community to represent their interests. They really feel totally neglected. They are very upset with the fact that Jim Kastigar is leaving, because it means that no one will be taking care of the Hispanic community.



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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 13, 1991

RE: Walter De Roeck

Wally called. He was aware that I had met with the three women from the parish and that Jim Kastigar had also talked to me. Wally thought it might be good for us to get together just so that I would hear from him just where he's at. He is thinking along the lines of possibly resigning and starting over somewhere else. He just wants to bounce it off me and get my view as to what he might do.



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Off: (312) 642-1837


TO: CARDINAL BERNARDIN

FROM: FR. RAY GOEDERT 

DATE: JUNE 21, 1991

RE: WALTER DE ROECK

1. I met with Walter today. Ordained in 1971, Wally is in his second term as pastor of St. John Berchman's. These have not been easy years for him. I have been involved with Wally and his staff for almost two years. There was considerable turmoil within the staff, and Wally was the focal point for much of the criticism. To a certain extent, he was at fault, but by no means was he the sole cause of the internal strife. 

, and although things seemed to improve somewhat, several of the staff resigned and Wally had to rebuild.

2. Wally was optimistic about the future, especially after the appointment of Jim Kastigar. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, things did not work out and, as you know, Jim has now left St. John Berchman's.

3. Wally had been reflecting for a long time on whether or not he should stay at St. John Berchman's. Although he believes he is a good administrator, he finds it very difficult to cope with the necessity of speaking Spanish, especially in one-on-one situations such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, private counselling, marriage preparation, etc. The parish is 70% Hispanic, so Wally feels quite inadequate to deal with well over half his parish.

4. Wally has reached the conclusion that he should resign his pastorate. I know that he has not taken this action rashly. He has done alot of consulting and has already indicated to Ed Fialkowski the direction he is contemplating. Based on my knowledge of what he has been through in the past, and given his own sense of inadequacy to handle the Hispanic population, I strongly support his decision to resign. I really think that Wally ought to be given the opportunity to pastor a parish where bilingual skills are not needed. To leave him at St. John Berchman's would run the risk of turning him into a frustrated and possibly embittered priest.

5. Wally had already made plans for a sabbatical before he was aware that Jim Kastigar was leaving. I suggested that he present his request to you as soon as possible to enable the Personnel Board to begin the search for a replacement, in the event you do accept his resignation. His sabbatical is scheduled to begin toward the end of August, so he would like to resign the parish effective Aug. 15 or thereabouts. I spoke to Ken Velo about this and asked him to set up an appointment for Wally. Ken suggested that Wally bring with him a letter of resignation.

cc: Fr. De Roeck

AOC 012422



# St. John Berchmans Parish

2517 Logan Boulevard • Chicago, Ill. 60647-1926 • (312) 486-4300

June 21, 1991

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

After a good many weeks of prayerful reflection and after having sought the input of the Vicar of Priests, Fr. Ray Goedert and a rather lengthy conversation with Fr. Ed Fialkowski of the Priests' Personnel Board, I made contact with Fr. Ken Velo to seek an appointment with you.

The discernment process has led me to the conclusion that I ought to ask you to accept my resignation as pastor of St. John Berchmans' Church. I feel it is best for the parish and most certainly best for me.

I have carefully asked counsel also of members of my family and members of the parish staff here.

I am scheduled to go on my sabbatical near the end of August, so I am asking your approval to make this official some time near mid-August.

I am personally comfortable making this request, having spend considerable time in a discernment process.

I understand that my appointment with you is scheduled for July 1 at 2 PM. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Walter De Roeck



Off: (312) 642-1837

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

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

TO: CARDINAL BERNARDIN  
FROM: REV. RAYMOND GOEDERT  
DATE: JUNE 25, 1991  
RE: WALTER DE ROECK

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'RG' or similar initials, written over the 'FROM' line.

1. Ken Velo indicated that you would like a little more background information to the situation at St. John Berchman's, particularly in the light of Wally's decision to resign the pastorate. As I mentioned to you, I have been dealing with this since August, 1989. I am enclosing a number of file memos, probably alot more than you care to read, but it will give you a sense of what has been going on. I am including copies of the correspondence you had with Sr. [REDACTED], together with my own memo to you dated May 26, 1990 which more or less summarizes the situation.

2. As I said to you last night, I strongly support Wally's decision to resign. I think he has been through an awful lot and I would hope that he would be able to make a new beginning after he finishes his sabbatical.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: JUNE 27, 1991

RE: WALTER DE ROECK

1. I spoke to [REDACTED], the principal at St. John Berchman's. Her telephone number is [REDACTED]. She just wanted to let me know what her own thoughts were with regard to Wally De Roeck.
2. [REDACTED] said that Wally has been very supportive of the school and she has found him to be a very good pastor and administrator. She has no quarrel with him whatever. She admits that she has only been there one year and not being a member of the parish, she may not see everything, but she just wanted to make sure that we had another side to the story. She is aware that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came to see me and she has a real problem with both of them. She thinks that they are negative personalities and [REDACTED] was even quoted as having said something to the effect: "we got the other pastor and now we can get this one". [REDACTED] doesn't understand the mentality at all. It seems as though the previous staff that had opposed Wally continues to see each other and support each other in their negative attitude toward him. They simply won't let go.
3. [REDACTED] also said [REDACTED], who is the eighth grade teacher, is negative on the faculty in other ways. She is a destructive sort of person. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED], the school nurse, also has had a change of heart. While she used to be with the other group in opposition to Wally, now she sees things differently. [REDACTED] said that the DRE, who is also new, [REDACTED], is supportive of Wally. I suggested that [REDACTED] herself send me a letter summarizing her thoughts and I asked her if she would encourage [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to do the same. I will see to it that the Cardinal gets this information, so that he knows that things are not all one-sided.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

July 5, 1991

Dear Father DeRoeck:

In light of your letter dated June 21, 1991, and our visit on July 1, 1991, I hereby accept your request and relieve you of duties as pastor of Saint John Berchmans Parish, effective August 19, 1991.

It is understood that you will be leaving for a Sabbatical. I ask that you be in contact with the Priests' Personnel Board now regarding the transition at the parish and also during or immediately after your sabbatical regarding a new assignment.

Wally, I would like to thank you for the service you have given to the people of Saint John Berchman's through these past nearly seven years. It is my hope that your Sabbatical will be a growthful and renewing time for you personally.

Know that you have my continued prayers, support and fraternal affection.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Kenneth Vels*

Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Walter De Roeck  
Saint John Berchmans Parish  
2517 Logan Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60647-1926

cc: Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez, C.M.F., Vicar  
Reverend Francis S. Rog, C.R., Dean  
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board

bc: Reverend Raymond E. Goedert ✓  
Office of Research and Planning

AOC 012426





ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: JULY 18, 1991

RE: WALTER DE ROECK

1. Wally called today just to let me know that he had a very nice conversation with the Cardinal and found the Cardinal very supportive. Wally has also spoken to the Personnel Board. He announced his resignation at all the Masses on the weekend and said that it would be effective August 19.

2. With regard to the decision, Wally still feels quite good about it. He feels it is the right decision. He said that there were a lot of tears from the Anglo Community, but there was no reaction whatever from the Hispanic Community and Wally doesn't know what that means.



Center for Development in Ministry

July 22,  
1991  
Mr. Walter De Rocch  
Called

- He is not returning to St. John Berchman's
- wanted to know who paid his salary - AP subsidy fund.
- when in New World?  
I called Kay in Fr. Vello's office -  
He saw his name this morning -  
will be in Aug. issue
- He'll let me know about fees -  
may just be reimbursed if  
that is easier for him.

SABBATICAL WHEREABOUTS

FR. DE ROECK  
MAILING ADDRESS:

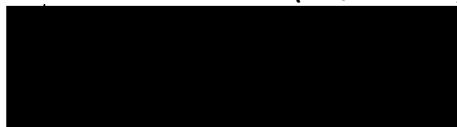
August 24-December 15 - c/o St. John's College  
2607 Military Road  
Washington, D.C. 20015  
Phone: 202-363-0507

- RESIDENCE

OR Washington Theological Union  
9001 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20903  
PHONE: 301-439-0551

- SCHOOL

December 15-January 8 -



- BROTHER

January 9-January 31 -



- PARENTS

I will be doing some travelling and some retreating from December 15 through January 31, but my family will know where I am from day to day; I will call in to them very frequently and leave phone numbers of my whereabouts.

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13-19 I WILL  
BE ON BETREAT AT THE CAMALDOLI  
HERMITAGE NEAR BIG SUR. THE  
PHONE # (408) 667-2456

TO: Mr. Jack Benware  
FROM: Fr. Wayne Prist  
RE: Fr. Walter DeRoeck's Salary while on Sabbatical  
DATE: August 2, 1991

Please note that the Cardinal's letter of December 20 (attached with my memo to you of February 4) states that Fr. DeRoeck's salary will be paid by the Archdiocesan Parish Subsidy Fund and that he will be returning to St. John Berchmans.

Fr. DeRoeck recently contacted our office and informed us that he would not be returning to St. John Berchmans.

There will now be a need for another salary in the parish budget for the pastor who will replace him.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

*Blind*  
cc: Dave Byrne



# St. John Berchmans Parish

2517 Logan Boulevard • Chicago, IL 60647-1926 • (312) 486-4300

August 8, 1991

Dear Wayne,

As per the Cardinal's request, here is the itinerary for my sabbatical, along with addresses and phone numbers where I can be reached.

I hope this is sufficient. If not, please contact me before August 18. I leave town that day as I leisurely make my way out east.

Looking forward to this like crazy. Thanks to all in your office who have helped so far.

God bless!

Wally De Roeck

Sabbatical Plans

FR. DE ROECK  
MAILING ADDRESS:

August 24-December 15 - c/o St. John's College  
2607 Military Road  
Washington, D.C. 20015  
Phone: 202-363-0507

363-2316

OR Washington Theological Union  
9001 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20903  
Phone: 301-434-0551

December 15-January 8 - c/o [REDACTED]

January 9-January 31 - c/o [REDACTED]

I will be doing some travelling and some retreating from December 15 through January 31, but my family will know where I am from day to day; I will call in to them very frequently and leave phone numbers of my whereabouts.

I will be on retreat at the Benedictine  
hermitage of Camaldoli near Brig Sur  
from January 13 - 19. That week I  
can be contacted at (408) 667-2956



# St. John Berchmans Parish

2517 Logan Boulevard • Chicago, Ill. 60647-1926 • (312) 486-4300

*file*

August 8, 1991

Dear Ken,

As per the Cardinal's request, please find attached my itinerary for the sabbatical time away. I hope the info is sufficient. If not, please let me know as soon as possible.

I will be leaving town the afternoon of August 18, stopping at Michigan City for a few days before continuing on to the sabbatical sight in Silver Spring.

Thanks for all your help and support, especailly these last few difficult years. It is much appreciated and will never be forgotten.

I will actually fly back into Chicago on February 2, since air fare is cheaper then than coming in on the 31st of January.

God bless!

*W. De Roeck*  
Rev. Walter De Roeck

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

(312) 751-8230  
Fax (312) 337-6379

August 14, 1991

Dear Wally:

Many thanks for your letter. I appreciated your words very much.

Wally, I will put your itinerary in the file in case of emergency. Also, the mail normally will go to Saint John Berchmans. Perhaps, the secretary there could forward the 1st class mail. The normal change of address process takes too long to follow your whereabouts during Sabbatical.

Best wishes, Wally, for your months away on Sabbatical.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Walter De Roeck  
Saint John Berchmans Parish  
2517 Logan Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60647-1926

AOC 012434



THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

2807 MILITARY ROAD, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20015

(23)

Apr 9, 1991

Dear Marianne,

Enclosed please find some  
bills to be reimbursed to me:

- 1) WFO Appellate Fee - \$15.00
- 2) Mile & on way out home - \$32.13

I don't know if this one  
combined part of the per diem  
allowance, but I enclose them  
just in case: total - 14.40  
If they don't qualify, please  
send them back to me for IRS  
purposes.

I presume gas coming out here  
is not covered. I'll pay in  
cash as the well runs dry!

Just as you know, I'm leaving  
soon! I'm staying for five months,  
and I wanted to extend to six  
months is that possible? What is  
the procedure!!?!? I may not  
do this, but just in case I fail  
I need it...

Good ideas!

Really to know

- better to put  
- spirit into  
the program  
- what doing  
1 month  
DeVre

**Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 09/13/1991**

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PRIESTS ON SABBATICAL

Returning in 1992

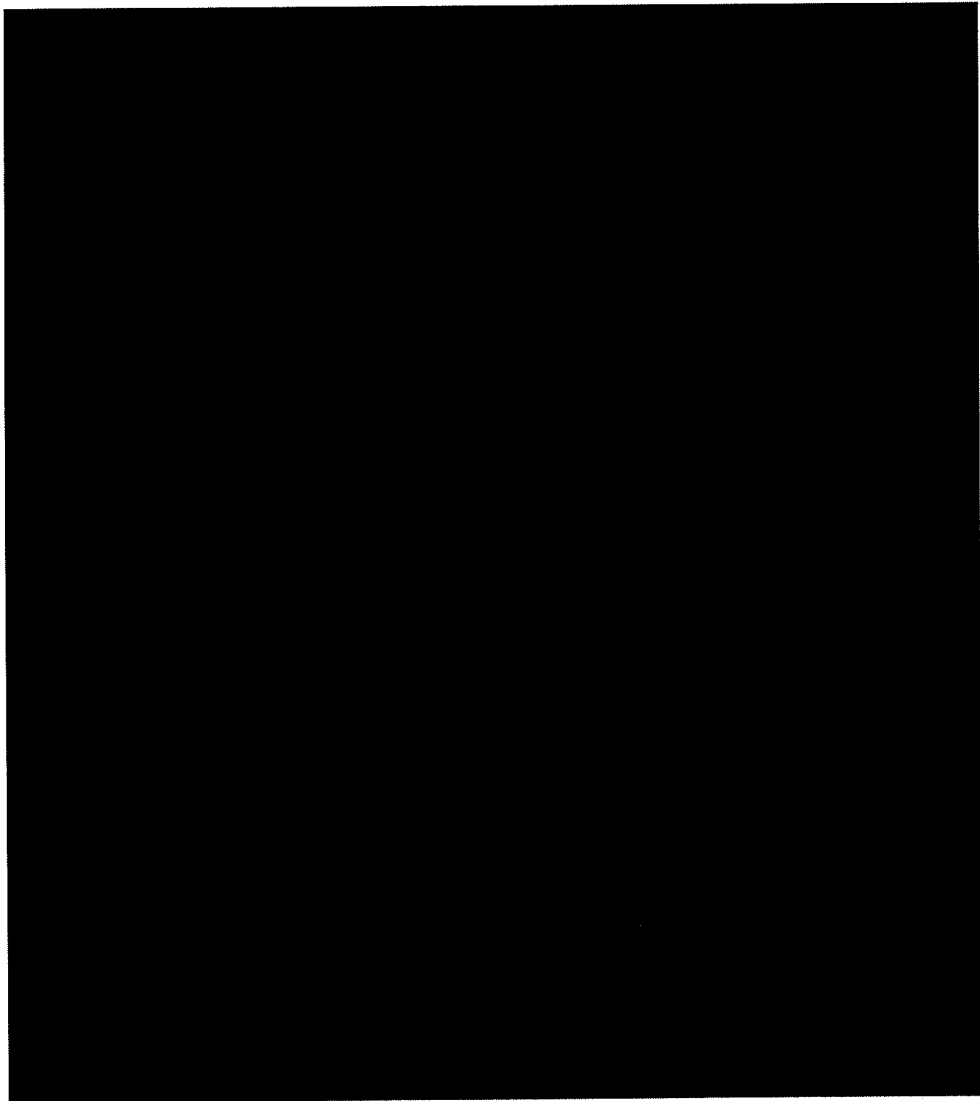
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WALTER DEROECK '71 #412	09/01/91	02/01/92	Returning as Pastor



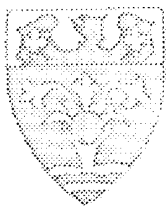
E. Preliminary Considerations:

1. St. John Berchmans: Don Nevins and Ed Fialkowski described St. John's. The parish is somewhat unsettled due to the abrupt departure of Walter De Roeck '71 [Pastor]. The parishioners really want and need a pastor who will be present to both the Anglo and Hispanic communities. The Early Childhood Center has become a serious concern in terms of the parish operation. There is a tremendous need for unification. The new pastor needs to be in good health and a healer.

F.



G.



UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

September 27, 1991

Rev. Walter DeRoeck  
c/o Christian Brothers  
2607 Military Road, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Fr. Wally,

Hello! Hope all is well. I'm glad to hear that you are having such a great time.

I'm enclosing a check made payable to you in the amount of \$215.00. \$200.00 is for your room and board enroute to D.C. I thought it might be helpful to have the full amount now. (Please send whatever documentation, receipts, etc. or notes you can send on any of your per diem and room and board type expenses you have during your sabbatical. We can cover the tolls, but we can not cover the gas or any other travel expenses.) \$15.00 is reimbursement for the deposit you made at WTU.

FYI, this is your budget approved by the Board; I thought it might be helpful for you to have:

\$2,750.00	WTU Tuition
1,350.00	Room & board at Christian Bros.
200.00	Accommodations enroute 4 days @ \$50.00/day
400.00	Accommodations enroute to California 8 days @ \$50.00/day
300.00	Food allowance in California 10 days @ \$30.00/day
<u>\$5,000.00</u>	

I just received an invoice from WTU for your tuition and student fee and have requested a check to cover that from our Business Office. I hope to have it back in the next week or two. I will send you a copy of my correspondence to them for your files.

Also, as far as extending your sabbatical one more month (for the maximum six); that is possible. You would need to write a letter to Wayne Prist requesting the additional month, describing what you would be doing during that month, and how it would fit in to your sabbatical program.

I hope you will have time to visit the Smithsonian Buildings and some of the other spots while you are there. I think I told you that I spent time studying at American University and had an internship with one of our Senators during my 4th year in college. It was a wonderful experience. There is so much to do in D.C. and the Metro system is wonderful as well. If you

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have time you should stop in and see your Senator or Congressman; they should have special passes to some of the sites they can give you.

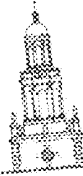
Well, I think that is all for now. Please let me know if I can help you in any other way. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Merleanne

enc.



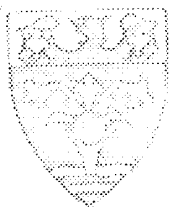
Center for Development in Ministry

10-1-91

Fr. Wally called.  
He received my note.  
Had couple questions.

- 1) \$200.00 - what for? I told him food - rooms, etc.
- 2) where did budget come from? Dave Byrnes - approved by Board

He said he also received a check for \$1,400+ from Archdiocese. Will check to see what that is. I told him to call w/ back if he needed any help w/ that or if he had any other questions.



UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

October 2, 1991

Washington Theological Union  
9001 New Hampshire Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20903

Attn: Business Office

I am enclosing a check made payable to Washington Theological Union in the amount of \$2,775.00 along with your invoice to me, to cover costs for Fr. Walter DeRoeck. \$2,750.00 is for tuition for his sabbatical, and \$25.00 is to cover the student fee.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

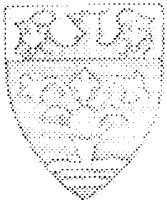
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Merleanne Hiatt  
Secretary, Archdiocesan Sabbatical Board

enc.

cc: Fr. Wally DeRoeck





UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

October 2, 1991

Greetings from Mundelein, Illinois!

FYI, I'm enclosing my correspondence to WTU. It was nice talking with you yesterday.  
Look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Sincerely,

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



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

FROM: Bishop Raymond Goedert 

DATE: Oct. 10, 1991

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. Art Perez, the administrator at St. John Berchman's (486-4300) called Ken Velo yesterday and Ken referred him to me, since I had dealt with Walter. I returned Art's call today.
2. Art said a [REDACTED] called, asking questions about Wally and the circumstances surrounding his departure. He said he wanted to speak to the cook, as she had information that he needed, etc. He had obviously spoken to others and knew there were some sort of allegations against Wally.
3. Art didn't give [REDACTED] any information, but told him to call me. [REDACTED] told Art he had already spoken to me and wasn't really satisfied. In this statement, he lied, inasmuch as he never did speak to me. I have no recollection whatever of talking to him at any time. I believe he is the same one who questioned Marty O'Day about Bill Cloutier, and perhaps Tim Lyne or someone else spoke to [REDACTED], but I never had.
4. I told Art to call a meeting of his staff and alert them to what is going on. They should be advised to give him no information whatever.
5. He claims Tony Brankin as a reference. I suppose he belongs to St. Thomas More Parish. My guess is that this is all part of the ongoing saga of [REDACTED] & Company vs the Archdiocese.



Off: (312) 642-1837

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

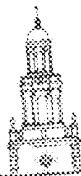
DATE: Oct. 19, 1991

RE: Walter DeRoeck

1. Wally called today from Washington. He expressed great anxiety about what has been happening at St. John Berchmans. Art told him that [REDACTED], a Private Investigator, has been inquiring around of different people about why Wally left the parish.

2. I told Wally that it's true and that the climate around here is very, very tense and that investigators are out trying to dig up all kinds of things. Wally asked me to keep in touch with him and gave me his address: 2607 Military Road, Washington, D.C. 20015.

3. In speaking to Ray Goedert afterward, Ray told me to be sure to tell Wally not only of the seriousness of the climate around here, but also the fact that some people on the staff have indicated that he is taking his Sabbatical out in Washington where it is thought [REDACTED] is presently living. [REDACTED] is the one with whom Wally had the relationship that began his problems at St. John Berchmans. I was unable to get hold of Wally when I called back, but I will call him again on Monday.



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Center for Development in Ministry

St. John Berchmans  
Parish & Ray Ranas from APC  
Barb Barack

sent him Sept salary check.

(APC) Subsidy Fund was supposed  
to pay since parish would  
have new pastor. No  
new pastor yet so parish  
was paying too.  
Contacted Barb & Ray  
Parish will pay for his salary  
until they have a new  
pastor. Ray will contact  
Barb to work out the Sept/Oct  
check situation. WFP will  
send memo to Ray (who should  
state he shouldn't pay until new  
at 5:14 PM)

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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

TO: Ray Ranas, Payroll Office, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
Barb Banacek, St. John Berchman's

FROM: Rev. Wayne F. Prist  
Executive Secretary, Archdiocesan Sabbatical Board

RE: Salary for Rev. Walter DeRoeck

DATE: October 25, 1991

I am enclosing a copy of a memo from my office to Mr. Jack Benware of August 2, 1991. At that time the Sabbatical Board was informed that Fr. DeRoeck would not be returning to the parish. So, there was a need for that salary in the subsidized parish budget for the new pastor who would replace him.

We have recently been informed of a double salary payment to Fr. DeRoeck for September. The parish payed because Fr. DeRoeck has not yet been replaced and they had the money in the budget for him. Also, the Pastoral Center payed because of my memo's instructions of August 2. I recommend that the parish continue to pay his salary until they have a new pastor. At that time, St. John Berchman's should contact the Archdiocesan Payroll Office and inform them that they should take over his salary payments. I presume that you will be able to handle any other questions by being in communication with each other.

Thank you.

enc.

cc: Mr. Jack Benware  
Rev. Walter DeRoeck



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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

Off: (312) 642-1837

October 28, 1991

Rev. Walter De Roeck  
2607 Military Road  
Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Wally,

I have been trying to get in touch with you -- 4 times by phone -- and I know you have been trying to reach me. So, in order to get my message out, I decided I'd better write.

My reason for calling was to simply remind you once again that there are investigators about checking everything out. The climate is vicious these days, and the slightest impropriety can become the occasion of a full-blown investigation.

I would caution you, Wally, to make sure that you are not in the company of [REDACTED] who is reportedly out in that area. It's for your own good. The damage that I have been monitoring lately resulting from various past indiscretions -- and worse -- is astounding. Sometimes guys don't realize how their actions impact on others. I have been in the midst of it all lately at St. Odilo. My advice is meant in a fraternal way.

All that notwithstanding, Wally, I do hope you enjoy your sabbatical. I envy you immensely. I was just two weeks into my 6 month sabbatical when this job came along. I made my own choice, by I still look back on that aborted sabbatical with longing. Take care and God bless you.

Fraternally,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests

Ex. DeLoester. 10-29

Ray Kasey \$ 1,419.

Barb from parent  
gave back for 1,219

Wally will call Ray  
Kasey - he spent the \$200.  
Kasey - he spent what he got  
they'll work out what he gets  
other parent should be getting  
more after any day. →



THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

2607 MILITARY ROAD, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20015

November 4, 1991

Dear Wayne,

I spoke with Marleanne Hiett a few weeks ago about the possibility of extending my sabbatical to the maximum six months. She indicated that this was possible, but that I should put my request in writing to you, describing my plans for that last month.

Here's what I would like to do and why.

I am already scheduled to go on retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House the first week in February. This would count for my annual allowed retreat. Upon completion of that retreat I would start the last month of sabbatical, departing on February 7 or 8 and returning to Chicago March 7 or 8.

One of the things I have come to grips with during this special time so far is how much I have lost touch with the adults in my life --good family and friends who have been after me to come and visit. Seminary work got me so involved in working with kids that my adult relationships suffered. I need to spend sufficient time to rekindle those friendships too long ignored.

I have family and friends in Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, New Jersey, Virginia, Connecticut, Indiana, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Arizona, Minnesota, Ohio, and seven cities in Florida. Needless to say, I can't visit all of them. But I would like to map out a plan if the extension is approved. Right now, as I write, I am considering driving so as to see much of the country as I travel. You can see that four weeks is needed. I also plan to bring my camera along to take many slides that will be beneficial for my TV work.

If you want more details as to the exact when and where, I will draw this up for you after approval. Then I will make contact with all these people to work out the exact schema.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future, so I know how to proceed. Thanks for your consideration of my plan.

Sincerely,

*Wally DeRosch*  
Walter De Rosch

*OK six months*

*\$5000. Limit*

*Would like retreat/spiritual component  
in the sixth month, i.e. Feb.  
to March 1*

*Wally*

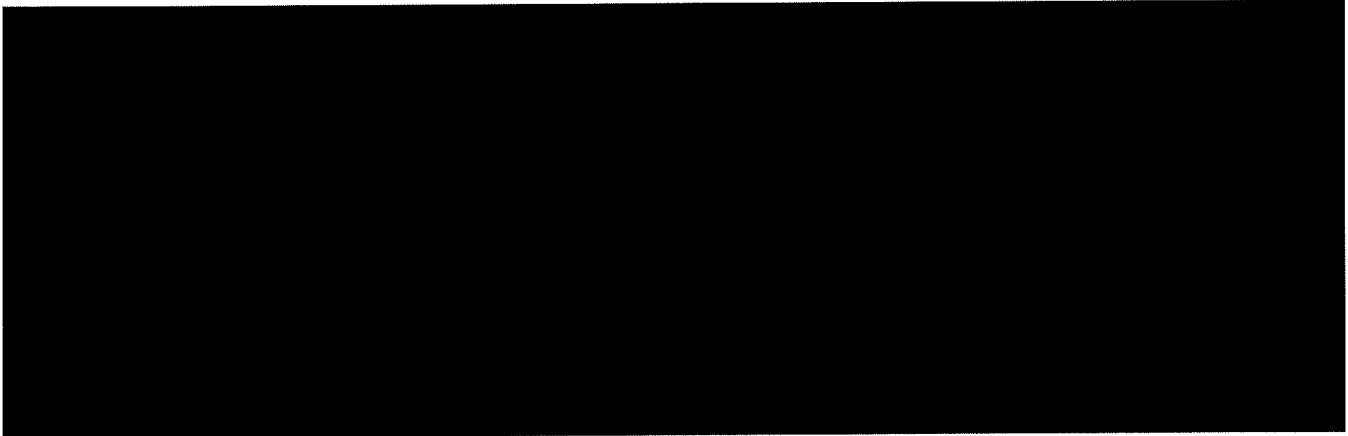
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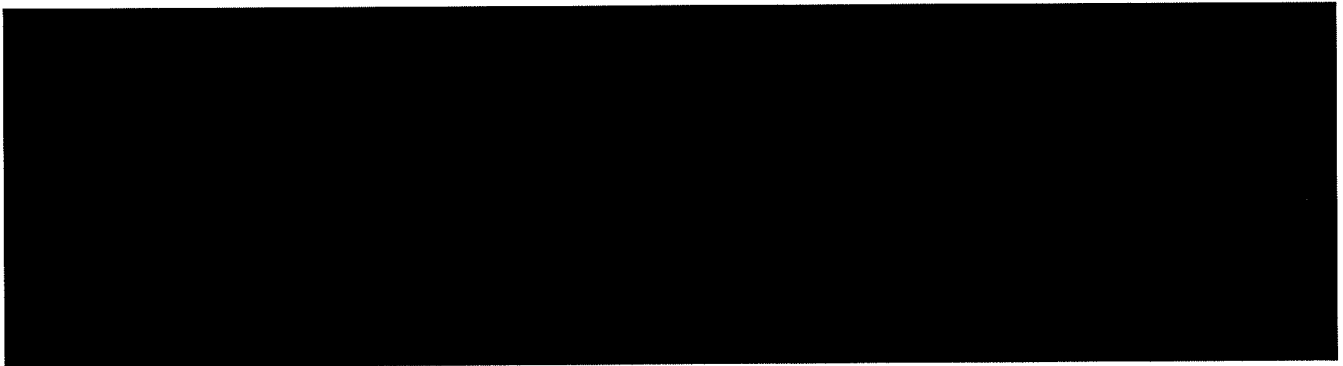
NOTES



Walter DeRoeck

Sabbatical (2/1/92)

Returning to new assignment



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until - Dec. 13 -

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File  
FROM: Bishop Goedert  
DATE: Nov. 20, 1991  
RE: Walter DeRoeck

1. I received a phone call from [REDACTED] at Niles College. Clete Kiley, the Rector, had asked [REDACTED] to communicate with me. [REDACTED] said that over this past weekend, a group of some 100 Catholic University students came by bus to Chicago to attend some sort of event. They had been looking for a place to stay overnight and [REDACTED], a member of the group, consulted with officials at Niles College to see if Niles would be available. While [REDACTED] was reluctant to have them come, they eventually did agree as long as the Catholic University students would abide by all Niles College regulations concerning drinking, etc. [REDACTED] also insisted that adult chaperones be present.
2. [REDACTED] is a Chicago seminarian studying in the Basilian program at CU. Evidently all in the group were under 21 with the exception of 3 students. At the time of their arrival at Niles, no adult chaperone identified himself to [REDACTED]. As the group was leaving the next day, however, [REDACTED] happened to be outside and saw Walter DeRoeck checking the students onto the bus. Walter was the chaperone for the group, having been persuaded, evidently, by [REDACTED] to do this. [REDACTED] did not speak to Walter, but Walter was well aware that [REDACTED] saw him. [REDACTED] went to get Clete Kiley and by the time he and Clete returned, the buses had departed.
3. [REDACTED] called because he felt that Walter has once more shown very poor judgment. I told [REDACTED] that I would communicate this to Pat O'Malley, as it does appear that Walter is making very little or no progress in his effort to free himself from this inordinate attachment to [REDACTED].
4. As an aside, [REDACTED] said that last year, at the time of the Bishops' meeting in Washington, when he and Clete went out to prepare for the special dinner that they hold in an effort to recruit Bishops to consider Niles as a seminary for their students, [REDACTED] said that he and Clete decided to take out their own two seminarians. [REDACTED] is one of them and the other is a young man of Mexican descent. When they knocked on [REDACTED] door and it opened, there was Walter, sitting with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also said that on the same occasion this year, when he was speaking to [REDACTED] and this Mexican, he was just making small talk and asking about the holidays, whether they were coming home or not, etc. They indicated that they would not be coming home for Thanksgiving, but would be coming for Christmas. When he asked whether or not they had the funds to make the trip or if they needed any financial assistance, the young Mexican indicated that he was saving up enough for bus fare home. But [REDACTED] said it was no problem, as he and Wally were coming home together. When [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if they couldn't take the young Mexican with them, [REDACTED] said that it would not be possible, because they had a full load in the car, etc.

5. [REDACTED] also said that in the course of a conversation with [REDACTED] he was expressing great discontent with what is happening to the priests in Chicago in the light of the recent scandals. He was speaking very defensively and [REDACTED] thought that this was somewhat inappropriate for a young man to be feeling so strongly about the issue. Evidently he is self-conscious about his relationship with Wally. [REDACTED] will be notified of all of this, since [REDACTED] is now under his tutelage.



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## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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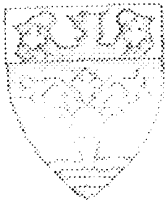
TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Nov. 26, 1991

RE: Walter DeRoeck

After going over the notes that Ray Goedert left concerning Wally DeRoeck and his continuing association with that young seminarian, I called the Cardinal and informed him of that and he agreed that we had to get in touch with Wally.

AOC 012456



UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

December 5, 1991

Rev. Walter DeRoeck  
c/o Christian Brothers  
2607 Military Rd., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Fr. Wally,

Hello! Hope all is well. It was nice talking with you again. I'm happy Fr. Prist was able to grant you the additional time.

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I haven't heard what the weather is like in D.C., but things are looking quite white here. Temperatures have been from 5 to 20 above and 20-30 below with the wind chill factor added the last few days. I must say though, that it is very beautiful to look out my window here at the University and see the trees covered in the snow.

I am enclosing a check made payable to you in the amount of \$700.00. This is for your California per diem expenses. Have a wonderful time. Enjoy the sunshine. I hope your Christmas will be blessed.

Sincerely,

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

Merleanne Hiett

encl.

P.S. I still haven't received a bill from Christian Brothers for your room and board. We have \$1,350.00 in the budget left to cover that. Let me know if you hear anything.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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

Off: (312) 642-1837

December 9, 1991

Rev. Walter DeRoeck  
2607 Military Road  
Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Wally,

Getting in touch seems to be something of an impossibility for the two of us. That's why this letter rather than another phone call.

As you recall, earlier in the Fall, I talked to you about the climate of things here in the Archdiocese. The atmosphere has been charged and remains so especially in the light of Bob Mayer's recent indictment.

When I wrote to you last, I asked you to keep your distance from that young man, [REDACTED]. Your relationship with him, however innocent in your eyes, is open to a variety of interpretations.

Recently I got word from a priest at Niles that you were chaperone to a group of seminarians from Washington, among whom was [REDACTED]. Your relationship to him is known and it is not looked upon by the seminary authorities with approval.

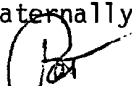
The Cardinal also heard of the fact that you still seem to be seeing [REDACTED]. In the meantime, Mike Rochford at St. John's has received several phone calls from media people asking whether your leaving St. John's had anything to do with the current issue of child abuse. I told Mike to say that you were on sabbatical, nothing more, and that you would be due back in Chicago for reassignment.

The combination of the continuing interest of the press in child abuse, of your proximity to [REDACTED] in Washington, and of your seeming failure to keep your distance in that relationship troubles the Cardinal greatly.

As a result, he wants to sit down and talk to you face to face. I don't know what your present schedule is, Wally, but I suggest you call Ken Velo at 312-751-8219 to set up an appointment at your earliest convenience. I wish we could have made contact over the weekend when you were in town, but I had no number at which to contact you.

I am sorry that this situation is not settling down, but you must understand what we are facing back here. Hope to hear from you soon.

Faternally,

  
Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests

AOC 012458





Off: (312) 642-1837

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Dec. 13, 1991

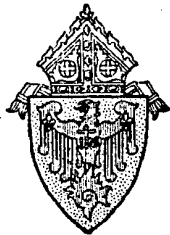
RE: Walter DeRoeck

1. Larry McBrady called today expressing his concern about Wally DeRoeck. He feels that Wally is a perfectionist and has always gloried in the fact that he is a person who didn't make foolish mistakes. He thinks therefore that it is very difficult for him to face up to what's happening to him right now in relation to [REDACTED]

2. Larry is worried about Wally. He thinks there is a possibility that Wally might take his own life. He has no indication of this from past experience, but he is not a person who can face up to mistakes.

3. I told Larry that if Wally calls him, have him give me a call. I also told him that Wally should be calling the Cardinal for an appointment. It would be good if I would see Wally beforehand to kind of support him before he goes in to see the Cardinal.

4. His attitude toward authority is quite subservient and authority means a great deal in his life.



Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Rev. Patrick O'Malley *you*

DATE: Dec. 20, 1991

RE: Letter to Walter DeRoeck

The following is a suggested letter for Wally DeRoeck:

Dear Wally,

I appreciate your being able to meet at such short notice last Friday, December 20. I hope that our meeting was a productive one. I felt that you were open to what we had to say and that, together, we can move ahead into a more confident future.

I can sum up my requests to you in the following order:

1. I ask you to break off the relationship with [REDACTED] immediately. Since you are, in fact, going to spend the next three months out west, I believe this is a good time to start. If there are a couple of events you have to attend with him during the holidays, please make sure that others are present. You have assured me that this is the way you have been conducting yourself for quite some time.

2. Upon your return, we will look to place you in an appropriate assignment as an associate pastor.

3. When we reassign you, I will speak to your pastor and ask that he monitor your conduct in regard to this relationship with [REDACTED].

4. [REDACTED]

Wally, you are a good man and I want to see you succeed as a priest. Your sincerity is evident and, I believe, that once you have established some distance in this relationship with [REDACTED] you will begin to see that what is happening now is for the best.

I hope your remaining sabbatical time will be profitable at every level. God be with you and keep you safe.

Sincerely,  
Cardinal Bernardin

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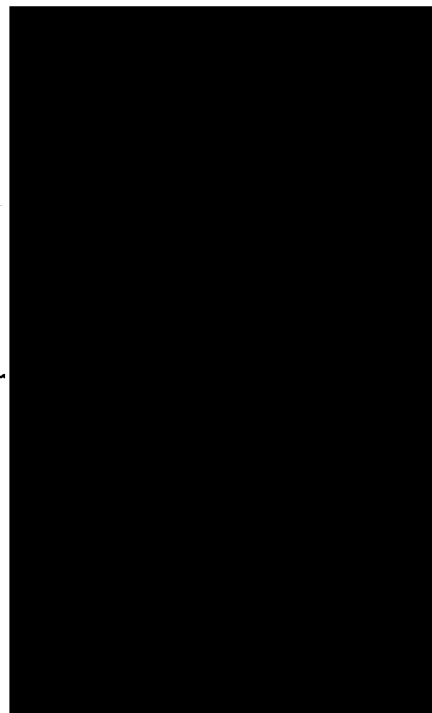
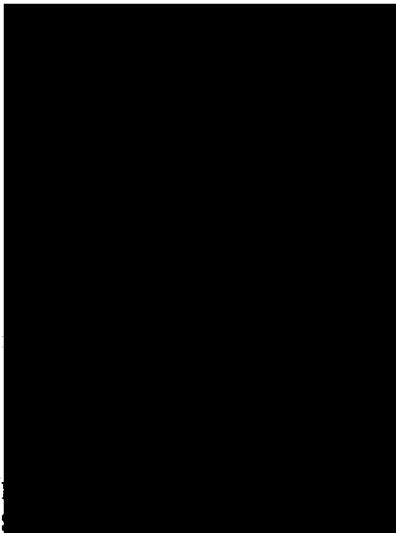
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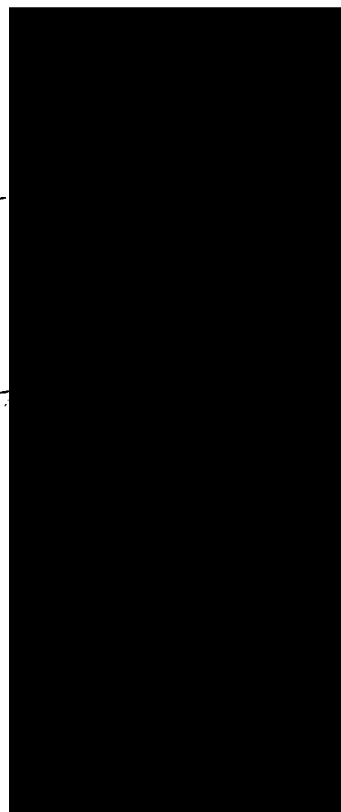
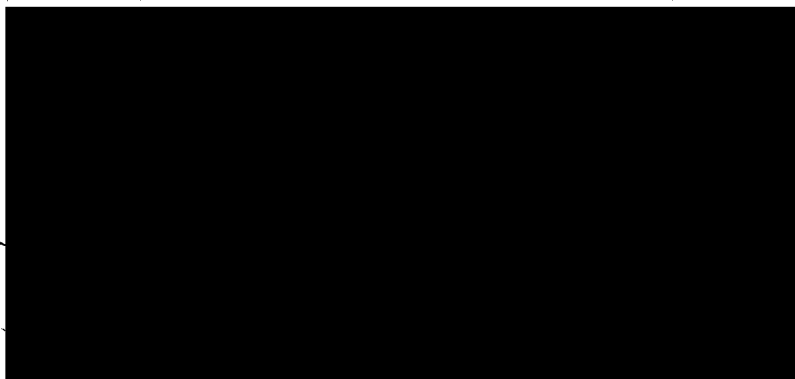
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Rev. Walter DeRoeck '71  
Sabbatical

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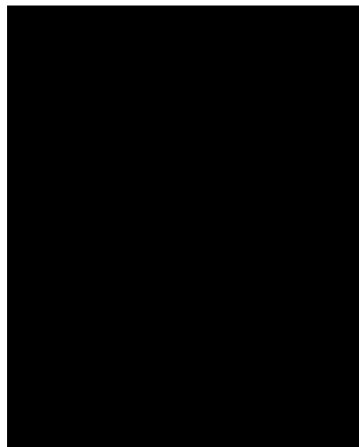
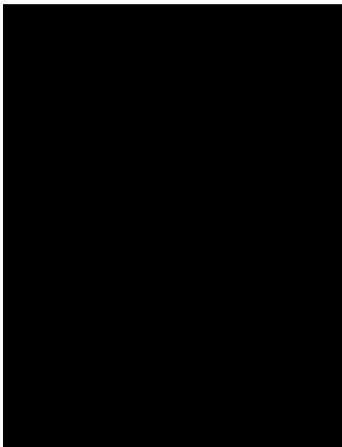
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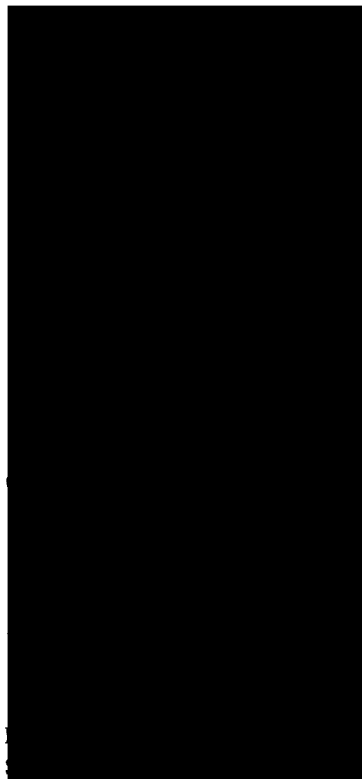
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Rev. Walter DeRoeck '71  
Sabbatical



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

(312) 751-8230  
Fax (312) 337-6379

January 2, 1991

Dear Wally:

I appreciate your being able to meet at such short notice on Friday, December 20. I hope that our meeting was a productive one. I felt that you were open to what we had to say and that, together, we can move ahead into a more confident future.

I can sum up my requests to you in the following order:

1. I ask you to break off the relationship with [REDACTED] immediately. Since you are, in fact, going to spend the next three months out west, I believe this is a good time to start. If there are a couple of events you have to attend with him during the holidays, please make sure that others are present. You have assured me that this is the way you have been conducting yourself for quite some time.
2. Upon your return, we will look to place you in an appropriate assignment as an associate pastor.
3. When we reassign you, I will speak to your pastor and ask that he monitor your conduct in regard to this relationship with [REDACTED].
4. I also ask that you [REDACTED]. Please contact Pat O'Malley when you return so that he can help you make arrangements.

Wally, you are a good man and I want to see you succeed as a priest. Your sincerity is evident and, I believe, that once you have established some distance in this relationship with [REDACTED], you will begin to see that what is happening now is for the best.

I hope your remaining sabbatical time will be profitable at every level. God be with you and keep you safe.

Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Walter G. De Roeck  
c/o [REDACTED]

AOC 012463



Off: (312) 642-1837

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Jan. 20, 1992

RE: Rev. Walter De Roeck

1. I received a call on Jan. 16 from Jim Kastigar and returned that call today. Jim seems to be doing well at St. Nicholas in Evanston and likes it. He had been a pretty angry man earlier when he had been assigned to that parish, but things seem to have smoothed out.

2. He asked me what had happened in the situation concerning Wally De Roeck and I told him as much as I could -- that we had interviewed him, talked to him, and spoke about that relationship and that he had to cut it off. Jim's concern is that Wally is in his words a "pathological liar" and he saw this in action during the six months he was stationed with Wally.

3. He says that Wally can wiggle out of anything and it is his fear that Wally will wiggle out of our surveillance and our monitoring. I told him that we certainly would have something in effect and that Wally had been warned. I also told Jim that there's not much more we could do within reason. We had certainly dealt with the problem as best we could. He seemed satisfied at that time.



Off: (312) 642-1837

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Jan. 25, 1992

RE: Walter De Roeck

1. I had a call from [REDACTED], who is a Capuchin priest at Maternity, BVM parish. [REDACTED] told me that a seminarian from the parish was in to see him. This seminarian is presently in the Washington, D.C. seminary course even though he is part of our Niles Seminary. He is in the same course as [REDACTED] the friend of Wally DeRoeck.
2. The seminarian expressed to [REDACTED] his concern about that relationship. He said that he had nothing specific to report, but that it seemed to him that it was not a good relationship.
3. I told [REDACTED] that we were alert to it, that the Cardinal had seen both Wally and [REDACTED] and had demanded that that relationship be terminated. I told him that Wally would be under supervision in the future and that our expectation is that he would no longer be seeing [REDACTED].
4. I also asked [REDACTED] not to talk about this to anyone else lest more be made of it than should be. I also asked him to keep me in touch if he hears any more about that relationship in the future. This is one way it might be monitored from [REDACTED]'s point of view.

Dear Madeline,

Jan 31, 1992

Enclosed please find a few more bills for saltwater expenses. I presume the WTV (Washington Thudysine Union) and the Room and Board at the Christian Brothers in D.C. are all taken care of. I did in the past send you a few motel bills.

I will get the remainder to you when I return in March. While still "on the road" I am continuing to use my brother's mailing address for correspondence. At the moment I am enjoying a stay with my folks, having had a wonderful experience making my way up north from San Diego and even spending some time at a hermitage near Big Sur!

Hope all is well in chilly Chicago area.

(over)

Yr. Wally the Ranch



- [REDACTED]
8. Walter De Roeck '71: Wally is still on Sabbatical; he will not be eligible for a pastorate. Patrick O'Malley [Vicar for Priests] will be in contact with Wally regarding placement as an Associate.

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

H. [REDACTED]

I. [REDACTED]

Dear Marianne,

Feb 25, 1992

According to my records,  
I have already sent you  
receipts totaling \$241.01 to  
cover per diem expenses for  
my Sabbatical travels. I  
have a budget of \$900.00 for this.  
Enclosed, find some more  
receipts.

Motel 6	27.69
	22.84
	25.88
	24.80
	26.11
	34.35
	33.09
	27.45
	23.10
	48.21

Dusse Cholat 58.06

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TOTAL = 351.58

Thus, the grand total sent in  
to date is \$592.59. I return

in a few weeks with the  
remaining receipts.

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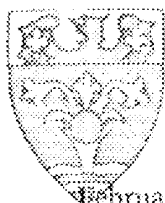
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UNIVERSITY of SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

February 28, 1992

Rev. Walter DeRoeck

c/o [REDACTED]

Dear Fr. Wally,

Thanks for your recent note. I am enclosing a copy of my note to Br. Talbot at the Christian Brothers. I had left messages at Christian Brothers over the past couple of months regarding payment for your stay, but had not heard back. I called again on the 25th and Br. Talbot called me back. He said they usually charge \$450.00 per month or \$15.00 per day. I had mentioned that you had \$1,350.00 left in your sabbatical funds to be used and he said that since 3 months @ \$450.00 would come to \$1,350.00, that would be fine to cover the expenses there. He is not going to bill you for the few additional days. He was very gracious.

I thought it might be helpful for you to see what your final expenses looked like. Here they are:

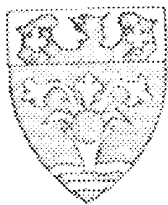
\$2,775.00	WTU Tuition
1,350.00	Christian Brothers
200.00	Accommodations enroute 4 days @ \$50.00/day
15.00	Reimbursement for deposit at WTU
400.00	Accommodations enroute to California 8 days @ \$50.00/day
300.00	Food allowance in California 10 days @ \$30.00/day

\$5,040.00

I hope all is well. It sounded from your notes to me like you had a very rewarding experience. I hope that your sabbatical was everything you wanted it to be. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Merleanne



UNIVERSITY of SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

March 2, 1992

Rev. Walter DeRoeck  
c/o [REDACTED]

Dear Wally,

Since you have returned from your sabbatical it would be helpful if you would share your comments about lodging, program, professors, etc.

The information that you could provide on the enclosed evaluation form will be used to help others who might be interested in the same site.

I would also like to refer future sabbatical candidates to contact you. They might get in touch with you by phone with questions that are not answered on the evaluation form.

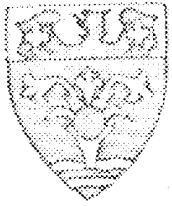
I hope your sabbatical lived up to your expectations and that you found it the renewing experience that it promised to be.

Sincerely,

Wayne Prist

enc.

N.B. Please return your completed evaluation within 3-4 weeks to my office at CDM, Attn: Merleanne Hiatt.



UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

March 2, 1992

Br. Talbot  
Brothers Community  
St. John High School  
2605 Military Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20015

Dear Br. Talbot,

Per our phone conversation on February 25th, I am enclosing a check for \$1,350.00. This is to cover room and board for Fr. Walter DeRoeck from late August to early December while he was on sabbatical.

Thank you for your help and attention.

Sincerely,

*Merleanne Hiett*  
Merleanne Hiett

enc.

cc: Rev. Walter DeRoeck

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 03/06/1992

F. Vicar for Priests

1. [REDACTED]  
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2. [REDACTED]  
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5. [REDACTED]  
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6. Walter De Roeck '71  
ACTION:

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6. Walter De Roeck '71: It is the understanding of Pat O'Malley that Wally will be participating in the June Associate Change Process. Before he is appointed, Pat will need to talk to his potential pastor.

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G.

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J.



March 9, 1992

Dear Marianne,

I have enclosed some more  
outstanding bills for you. Four  
motel bills:

24.44

26.94

33.24

31.76

\$ 116.38

I also enclose the retreat  
bill of \$ 180.00. Finally,

one bill for a meal  
\$ 10.10

As far as I know, that  
brings my expenses (including  
lunch / room + board) to

\$ 4999.07

I must tell you that I  
have many meal & toll bills  
I have not submitted because  
they would take me over the

\$5000 limit easily.

Should I have put the  
\$180 retreat under a separate  
category/plan?

Obviously, a six month  
sabbatical is far more expensive  
than a three month one and  
\$5000 is an unrealistic figure.  
Please keep this in mind for  
future planning.

Perhaps a man taking a  
six month sabbatical should  
receive up to twice as much as  
one taking a three month  
sabbatical. Maybe a three month  
sabbatical does not use  
\$5000 worth of expenses.

Something to look into.

Finally, if you wish, I  
will tally my remaining  
expenses for you so you have  
an idea of money spent.

Mind you, many times in  
my travels I spent with  
family or friends around the country  
who treated me to meals. The  
bills are for the other times while  
on the road.

Take care! Keeping up the  
good work.

Sincerely,

J. Walter DePue

A G E N D A

Meeting: #29 - Thirteenth Board  
Date: March 13, 1992  
Place: Priests' Personnel Board

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Victor J. Sivore

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

III. Reports: (See Attached Sheet)

IV. Acceptance of Agenda:

V. Business:

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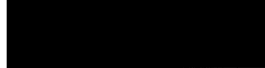


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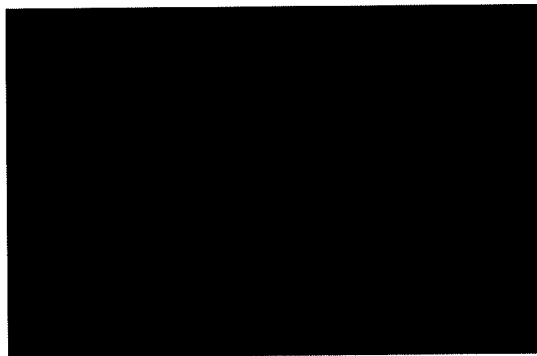
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Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 03/13/1992

REPORTS: (03/13/92)

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3. Walter De Roeck '71: Wally met with Ed Fialkowski upon his return from sabbatical. He will be interviewing with pastors whose parishes have been placed on the '92 June Associate Change list.

4.

M I N U T E S

Meeting: #29 - Thirteenth Board

Date: March 13, 1992

Place: Priests' Personnel Board

Present: Reverends: Edward R. Fialkowski, Robert P. Heinz,  
Donald J. Nevins, Michael W. O'Connell,  
Victor J. Sivore, Kenneth J. Velo.

Absent: Revs. Jeremiah M. Boland, Daniel P. Coughlin, Michael T. Ivers

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Victor J. Sivore 10:20 A.M.

II. Minutes: Accepted 5 - 0 - 1

III. Reports:

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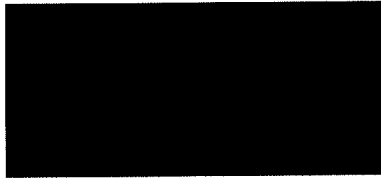
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3. Walter De Roeck '71: Wally met with Ed Fialkowski upon his return from sabbatical. He will be interviewing with pastors whose parishes have been placed on the '92 June Associate Change list.

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V. Business:

A. Priests:

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2. Walter De Roeck '71: Wally is presently looking for an assignment as an associate pastor.

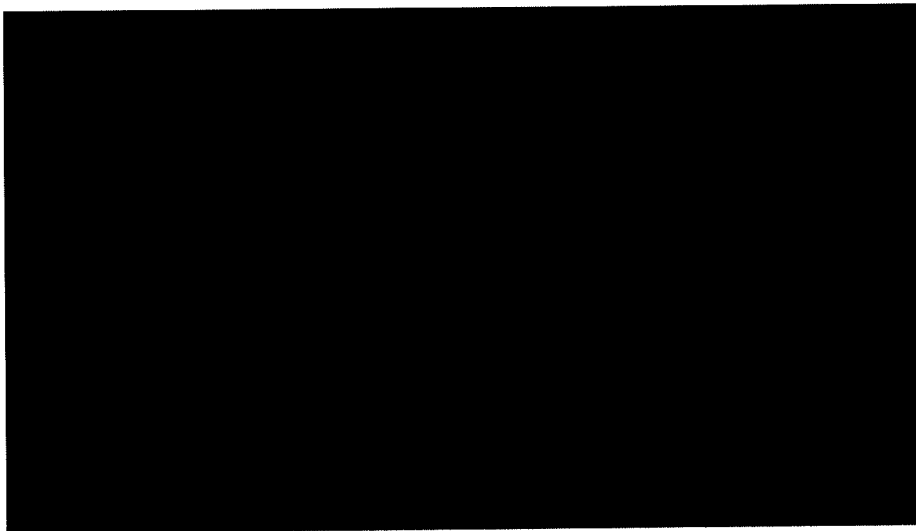
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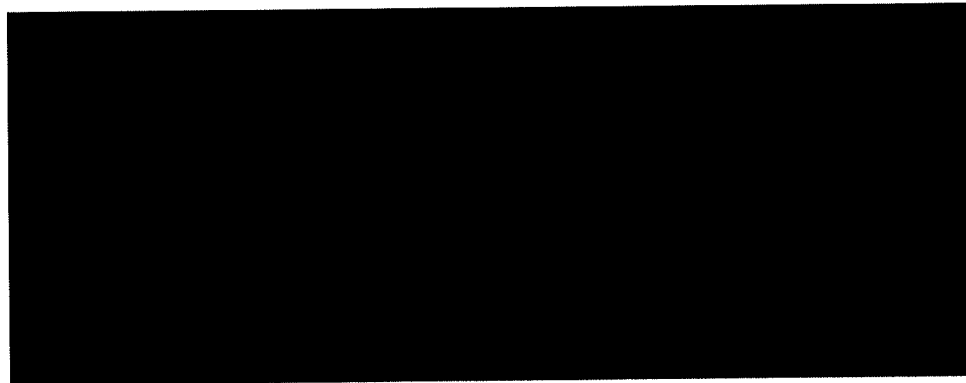
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March 27, 1992

Dear Ed,

I met with Jim Murphy at St Catherine Laboure yesterday and we came to an agreement that he would like me to come there to serve as associate pastor. That is my wish as well.

Hope to be in contact with you soon to finalize and formalize this mutual commitment for ministry.

Wally to Rock

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MICHIGAN RESIDENCE





ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: PERSONNEL BOARD

FROM: FR. PAT O'MALLEY

*Jon*

RE: WALTER DE ROECK

DATE: MARCH 28, 1992

I spoke to Jim Murphy, the pastor of St. Catherine Laboure Parish on Saturday. He had interviewed Wally DeRoeck and seemed quite content to have him come there. Wally explained his difficulties to Jim. I filled in and helped him to get a fuller picture as I had told Wally I was going to do. Despite that Jim would like to have Wally there and feels he could be a support to him in a brotherly fashion if he sees any budding signs of change in him. Seems like it could be a good match if they decide to go through with it.

# St. Catherine Laboure Parish

3535 THORNWOOD AVE., GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS 60025 (708)-729-1414

April 1, 1992

Priest Personnel Board  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
25 West Chicago Ave - Suite 500  
Chicago, IL 60610

Dear Brothers in Christ,

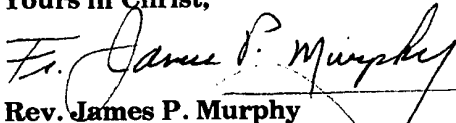
I was asked to send this letter to you in recommending to your consideration of assigning Father Wally DeRoeck to St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Glenview. I have interviewed 3 priests at length here at the parish and have contacted or been contacted by three others on the open listing list. I was formerly on the "B" list but in a subsequent conversation with Jerry Boland was moved to the "A" list in view of our 24 hour primary care of a hospital and two large nursing homes. I thank you for your kind consideration and revision.

Wally DeRoeck who is coming off a sabbatical has show great interest in coming to St. Catherines. We have had two long interviews here and a number of phone conversations. I am aware of certain matters that are linked to Wally's past and we have some good discussions pertaining to these issues. Fr. DeRoeck outlined for me his history and I was impressed by his sincerity and willingness in the future to deal responsibly with the matter. Sister Kathleen Heer, our school principal, also had a good interview with Fr. DeRoeck and agreed he would be very acceptable here. Fr. Pat O'Malley gave me a call last weekend in following up with an agreed program Wally and I had set for further discussion. I sincerely believe that St. Catherine would be a good environment for him and his considerable skills and dedication. I think we and the parish will both benefit from his presence here. He assured me that he would be comfortable with me and has sent a similar letter to the Personnel Board asking for assignment here.

I am also aware that Fr. Joe Altman, the present associate, who is up for a transfer in June might be leaving sooner than that if he is selected to be a pastor on the south side. This is yet to be resolved at the present moment, but accommodation can be made if Wally DeRoeck is assigned soon to St. Catherine.

I thank you for your prayerful and helpful ministry and will cooperate with you in any way I can.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. James P. Murphy

Pastor - St. Catherine Laboure

AOC 012484

7. Walter De Roeck '81: Wally has contacted Ed Fialkowski to say that he and James Murphy '65 [Pastor of St. Catherine Laboure/Glenview] have come to a verbal agreement. Ed asked Wally and Jim to write the Board requesting this assignment.

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6. Walter DeRoeck '71: Wally has reached an agreement with James Murphy '65 [Pastor of St. Catherine Laboure/Glenview] and they have sent in letters of agreement. Patrick O'Malley [Vicar for Priests] supports this assignment.  
MOTION: 7 - 0 That Walter De Roeck be assigned to St. Catherine Laboure/Glenview as an Associate Pastor.

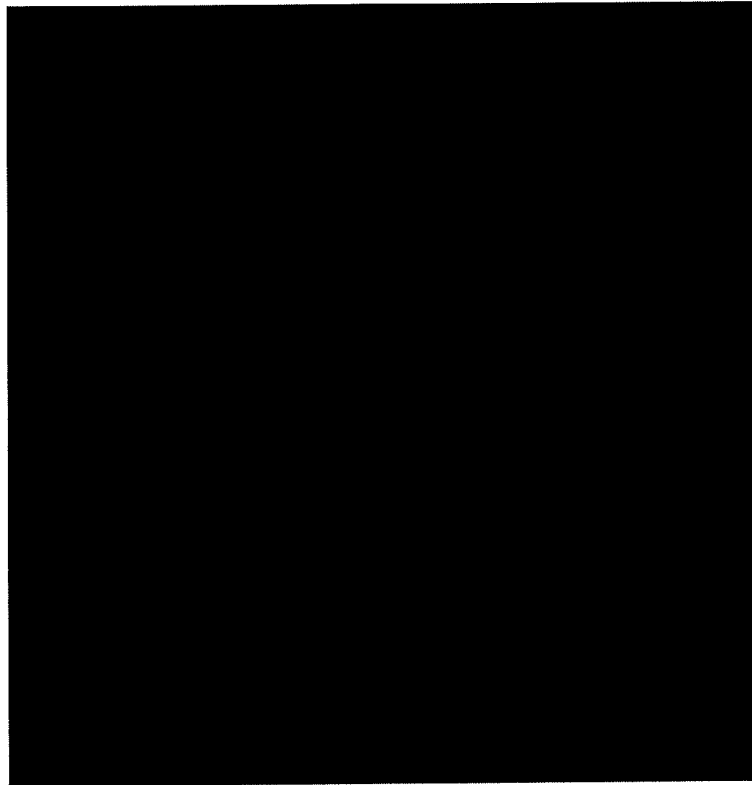
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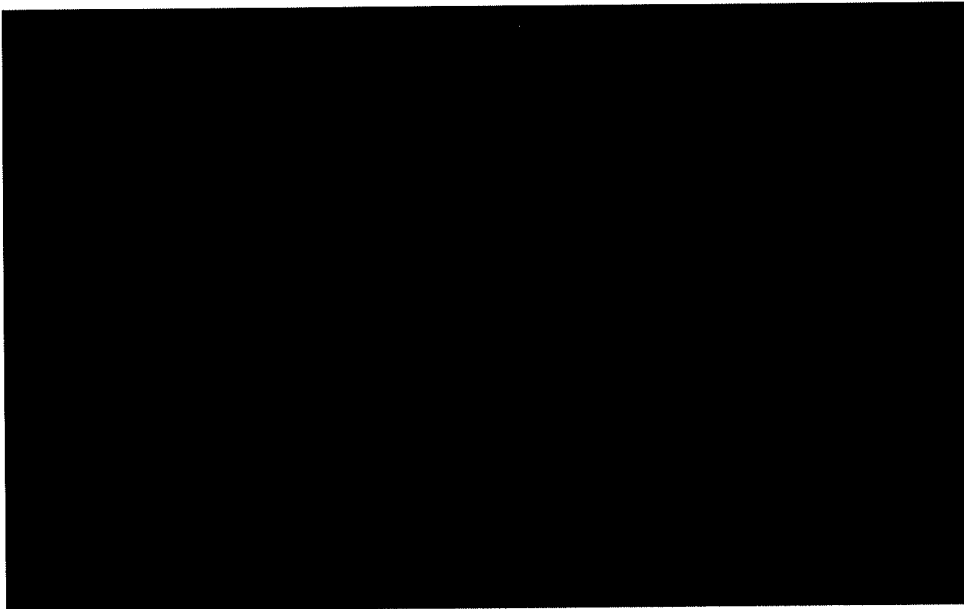


7. Walter De Roeck '81: Wally has contacted Ed Fialkowski to say that he and James Murphy '65 [Pastor of St. Catherine Laboure/Glenview] have come to a verbal agreement. Ed asked Wally and Jim to write the Board requesting this assignment.

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F. Associate Change Process: The following preliminary recommendations were made:

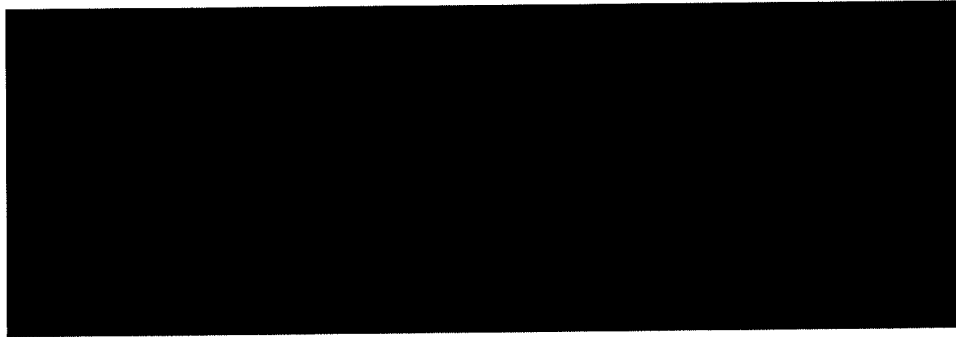


St. Catherine Laboure/Glvw    Walter DeRoeck '71    appointed



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C. Associate Change Process:

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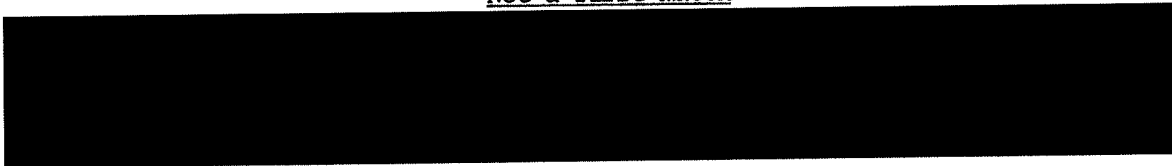
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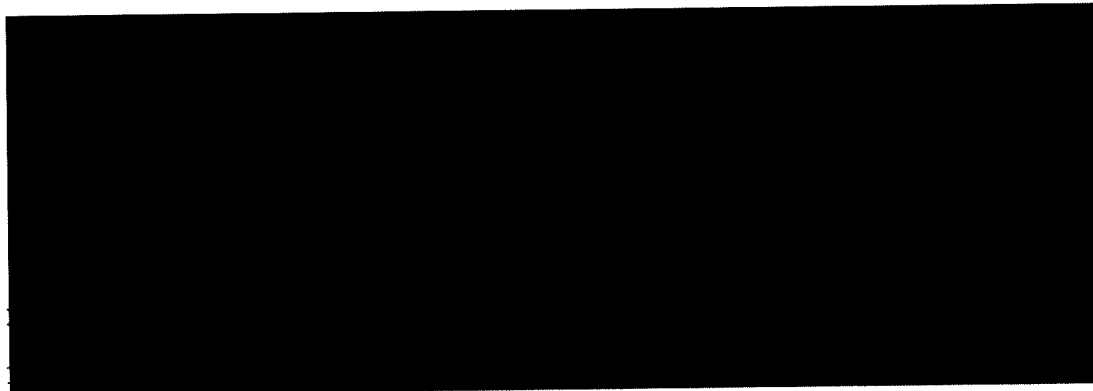


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"PRELIMINARY" SUGGESTED LIST AS OF 04/24/92

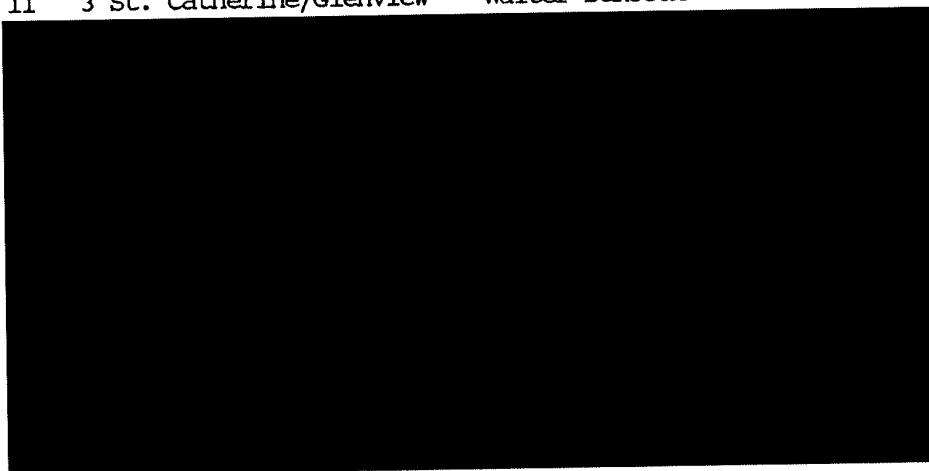
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II 3 St. Catherine/Glenview Walter DeRoeck





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12. [REDACTED] '82: [REDACTED] [Associate at Our Lady of the Wayside/Arlington Hts.] expressed some of his concerns about Walter De Roeck '71 and his need for supervision at St. Catherine Laboure/Glenview.

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C. Agenda / Vicar for Priests: [Patrick O'Malley '57]

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8. Walter De Roeck '71: Pat is confident that St. Catherine Laboure/Glenview can meet the supervision needs as outlined. James Murphy '65 [Pastor] is very open and willing to take on this responsibility.

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[REDACTED]  
St. Catherine/Glnvw Walter De Roeck '71 appointed (WSR)

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VI. Old Business:

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VII. New Business: None discussed.

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VIII. Adjournment: 3:15 P.M.

MOTION: 9 - 0

Calendar:

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PRELIMINARY LIST AS OF 04/10/92

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II 3 St. Catherine Laboure/Glvw Walter DeRoeck '71 appointed

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**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611**

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Memo to File (POM)  
Re: Walter DeRoeck  
5/2/92

At the Personnel Board meeting on May 1, we discussed Wally's case. Some members seemed to be reflecting the opinion that Jim Murphy would not be a good enough supervisor for him. This information may be coming from [REDACTED], a former associate at St. Catherine Laboure who perhaps is representing the thinking of Jim Kastigar. Jim is the one who had the experience with Wally at St. John Berchmans and still harbors a great deal of anger about that experience.

I told the Board that I had talked to Jim Murphy very clearly as had Wally DeRoeck and Jim understands what the problem is. Jim also says that he would treat him as a brother who might be having difficulties with something like alcohol. He will not hesitate to call him on any strange behavior. I could not get a stronger affirmation from anyone than that. We will have to see what happens in the future and I will keep in close contact with Wally and with Jim.

I also will contact [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] the seminarian involved in that relationship. I will see how he is working out at this time.

I spoke to Scott on 5/5/92 and he assured me that he has been in touch with [REDACTED] who is still quite angry about the whole situation.



THE DIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
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WEEKLY STATUS REPORTS

Week of May 17, 1992

Personal & Confidential

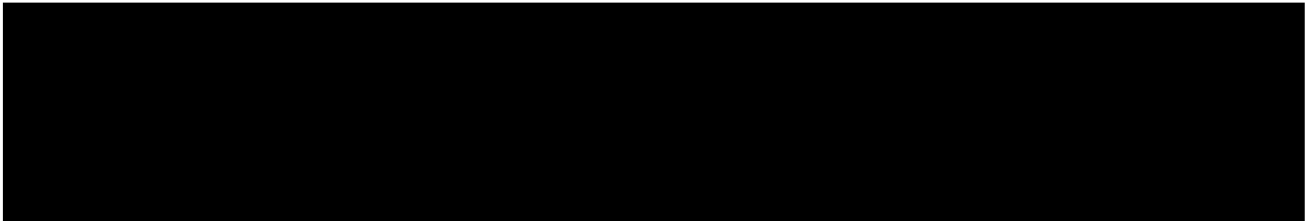
TO: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
FROM: Priests' Personnel Board  
RE: Recommendations  
DATE: May 21, 1992

*(Handwritten signature)*

Your Eminence,

At the May 1st meeting of the Priests' Personnel Board the following recommendations were made:

8 members present and voting



At the May 15th meeting of the Priests' Personnel Board the following recommendations were made:

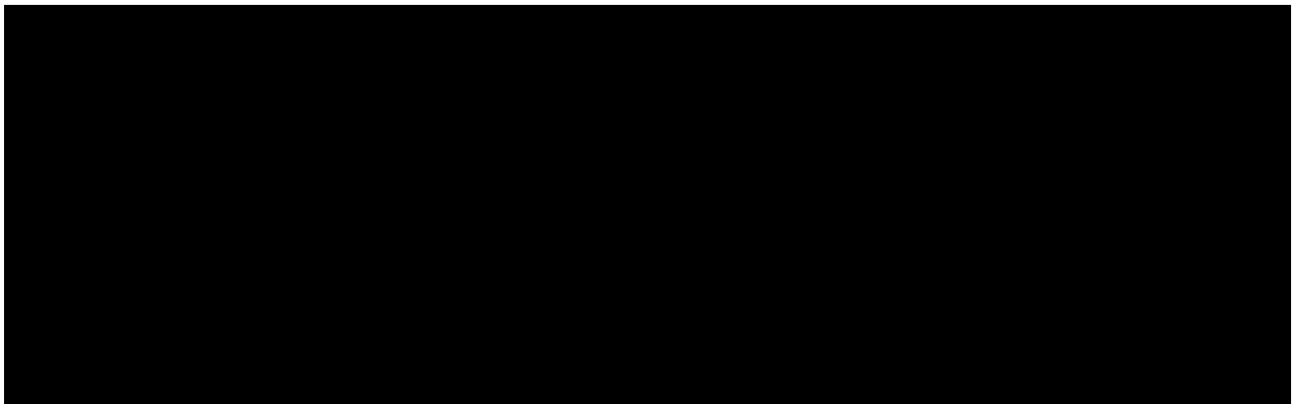
7 members present and voting

ASSOCIATE PASTOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Associate

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Parishes B list

Associate

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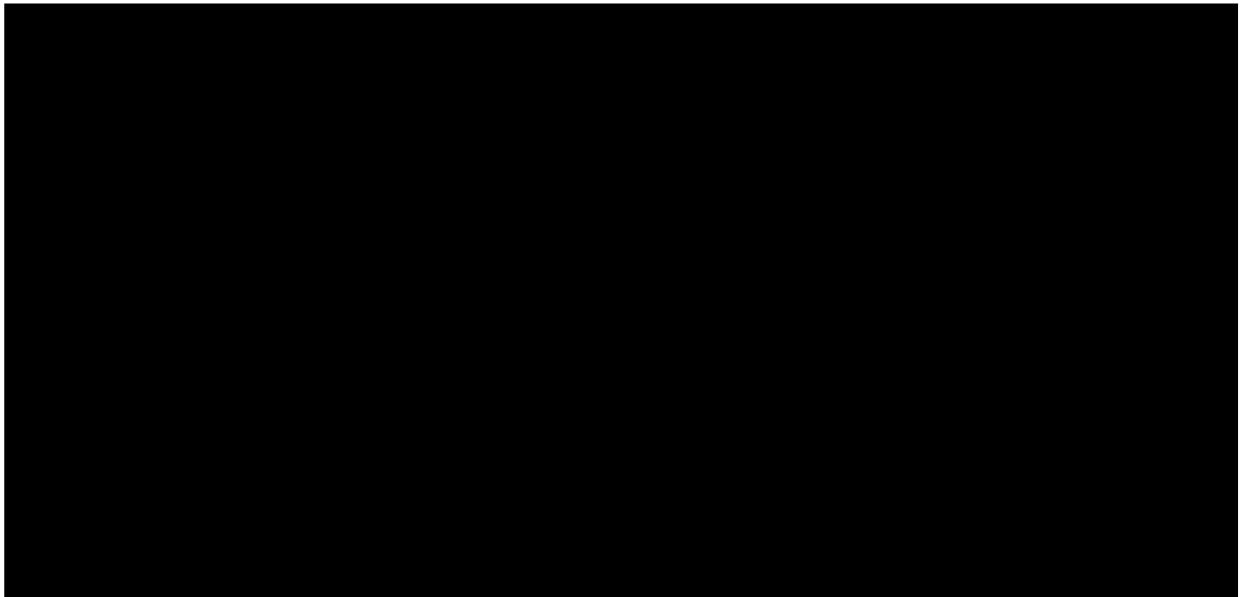
[REDACTED]  
St. Catharine Laboure/Glnvw Walter DeRoeck '71 *OK*  
[REDACTED]

ASSOCIATES NOT PLACED

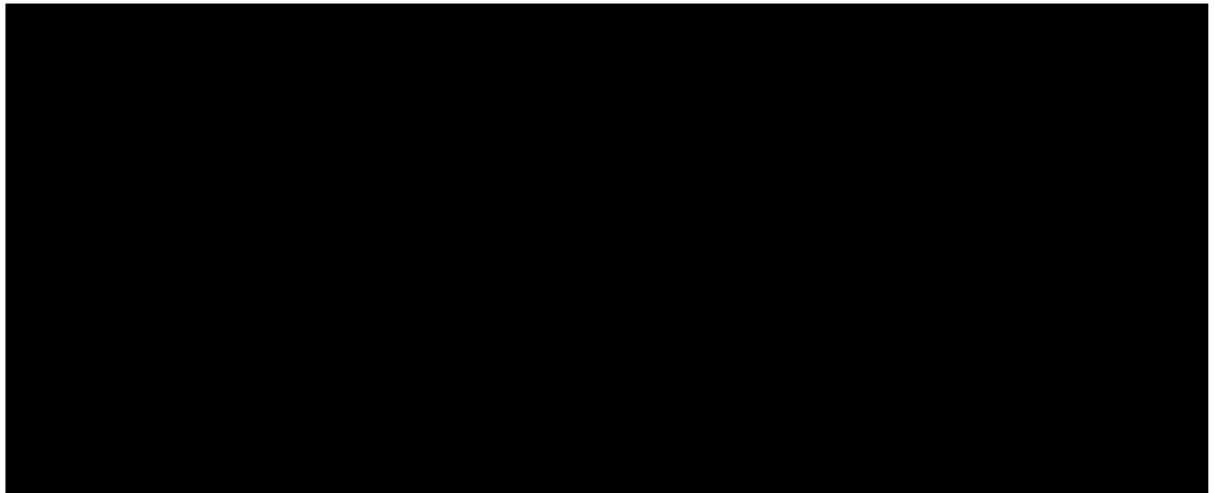
PARISHES NOT MATCHED

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Pastorates:





Memo from

Rev. Kenneth Velo

To: Father O'Malley Date: 5/20/92

Pat,

This appointment was approved by the Cardinal some time ago. Is there anything else that has to be done from your perspective with Jim Murphy? If so, please let me know.

*Ken.*



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

(312) 751-8230  
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May 20, 1992

Dear Father DeRoeck:

In light of the needs of the Archdiocese, I am pleased to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend James Murphy, Pastor of Saint Catherine Laboure Parish, Glenview. This appointment is effective immediately. I ask that you speak with Father Murphy regarding any necessary arrangements.

It is my hope that given the pastoral experiences you have had in the past and your desire to serve at Saint Catherine, this will be a very happy and beneficial assignment for you and the people of Saint Catherine.

Be assured, Wally, of my continued prayers, support and encouragement.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Kenneth Velo.*

Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Walter G. De Roeck  
Saint Catherine Laboure Parish  
3535 Thornwood  
Glenview, Illinois 60025

cc: Reverend James P. Murphy  
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board

bc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley

AOC 012499

**Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 05/29/1992**

REPORTS: (05/29/92)

1. Cardinal's Appointments:

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k) Walter De Roeck '71: The Cardinal has appointed Wally to be Associate Pastor at St. Catherine Laboure/Glenview effective immediately.

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July 13, 1992

Rev. Walter DeRoeck  
St. Catherine Laboure Parish  
3535 Thornwood  
Glenview, Illinois 60025

Dear Wally,

I caught your TV show, Sanctuary, this past Sunday. We were kidding Ed Conway about his participation. In general, I thought it was a pretty good show. I congratulate you on the way you handled it. Having been an interviewer on the old CTN/C scripture programs back in the mid-70s, I understand how difficult it is to conduct one of those interviews. You have to keep the talk going, keep everything interesting, and still listen to what people are saying to maintain the content. It looks easy from the outside though it is not. Yet you made it look easier.

I hope everything is going well with you at St. Catherine's. May you have a good summer -- at least what's left of it.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests



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December 9, 1992

Rev. Walter DeRoeck  
St. Catherine Laboure Parish  
3535 Thornwood  
Glenview, Illinois 60025

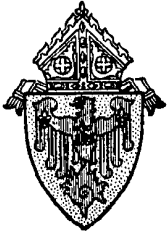
Dear Wally,

I have been unable to get in touch with you by phone though I have tried to do so on a couple of occasions. Would you please give me a call so that we could set up a meeting to review the situation up to the present time? I need to be in touch with you before the end of the year. I have no new items on the agenda, but as part of our previous agreement, we should be in contact. The best time to get hold of me is somewhere between 8:30 and 9:30 each morning. I'm almost always in the office early in the morning.

In the meantime, take care of yourself.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 12/16/92

Re: Rev. Walter DeRoeck

Fr. Wally De Roeck came in today for a visit with John Canary and me.

[REDACTED]

Wally indicated that he would like the Vicar's office to be active in his situation and to confront him since he has a tendency, in a busy parish, to let this matter slide.

Therefore, I shall call him after Jan. 15 to inquire about both of these issues. He should have them in place by that time.

At this time Wally seems to have a better understanding of what occurred with that previous relationship and he will continue to examine the reasons why that relationship developed in the manner in which it did. Our interview was a good one. ←

In the future, Wally can be reached at his private number, [REDACTED]. I can leave a message on his tape if I call that number.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 4/16/93

Re: Walter DeRoeck

Wally and I finally made contact after a number of fruitless calls. I have been trying to contact him to find out his progress in [REDACTED]

Wally says he is doing fine right now. He says there is some tension in his own family situation since his father is [REDACTED] and is in [REDACTED]

California. He has two sisters out there who are feeling pinched for time and are feeling pressure about giving time & attention to their parents. His brother lives here. His mother calls him frequently; he is trying to get her to plan for the possibility of placing his father in a nursing home if that becomes necessary.

Wally just returned from a trip to the Holy Land which he found very satisfactory. The work at the parish seems to be going well.

**St. Catherine Laboure Parish**

3535 THORNWOOD AVE., GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS 60025  
708-729-1414

July 24, 1993

Dear Pat,

As per your request, enclosed is the final bill for the balance of \$120.00. Please send it to the address at the top of the bill.

I will, at your suggestion, make a donation to PRMAA directly. Thanks. I'll give you a call so we can get together and catch up on how things are going.

God bless!

Wally Rock



**St. Catherine Laboure Parish**

3535 THORNWOOD AVE, GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS 60025

708-729-1414

Aug 17, 1993

Dear Pat,

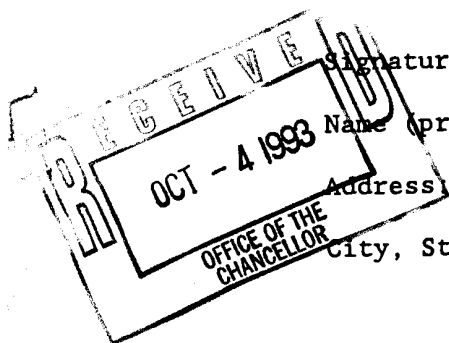
This enclosed is a second reminder re the bill I sent you last month as per your request. Thanks.

Wally

P.S. I did send a \$120 donation to PRMAA to cover this as you suggested.

X I acknowledge that I have read and am familiar with the Archdiocesan policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct with minors, adopted September 21, 1992.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me a copy of these policies and procedures.



Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. Walter G. De Roock

WALTER G. DE ROECK

3535 THORNWOOD

GLENVIEW, IL 60025



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 8/6/94

Re: Walter DeRoeck

I spoke to Fr. Jim Murphy, pastor of St. Catherine Laboure parish, on Tuesday, August 2. I was checking in with him in regard to Walter DeRoeck and how he is doing as associate pastor at St. Catherine's.

Murphy said there has been absolutely no indication that there is any problem with young people there. He says that there are some communication problems between DeRoeck and the staff and himself and those seem to get worked out bit by bit. I will now be in touch with Wally DeRoeck to follow up with him.

**MINUTES**

Meeting: #4 - Fifteenth Board

**Date:** September 15, 1995

**Place:** Priests' Placement Board/Pastoral Center

**Present:**

Reverends: Jeremiah M. Boland, Kevin J. Feeney, John M. Collins,  
Joseph J. Kinane, Robert E. McLaughlin,  
John S. Siemianowski, Kenneth J. Velo.

**Absent:** Rev. Steven W. Patte [On Sabbatical]

**I Opening Prayer:** Rev. John M. Collins 10:14 A.M.

**II Acceptance of Minutes:** Accepted 6 - 0 - 1

**III Reports:**

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3. **James Murphy '65:** Jim [Pastor of St. Catherine Laboure/Glenview] was pleased with the evaluation that was done regarding the conclusion of his first term as pastor of St. Catherine. He visited with Jerry Boland to discuss issues related to the evaluation. He is having difficulty with his Associate Pastor, Walter De Roeck '71. Jerry suggested that he contact the Vicar for Priests. After this conversation, Jim will feel more confident about formally applying for a second term.

**Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 09/22/1995**

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M. **Vicar for Priests' Agenda:**

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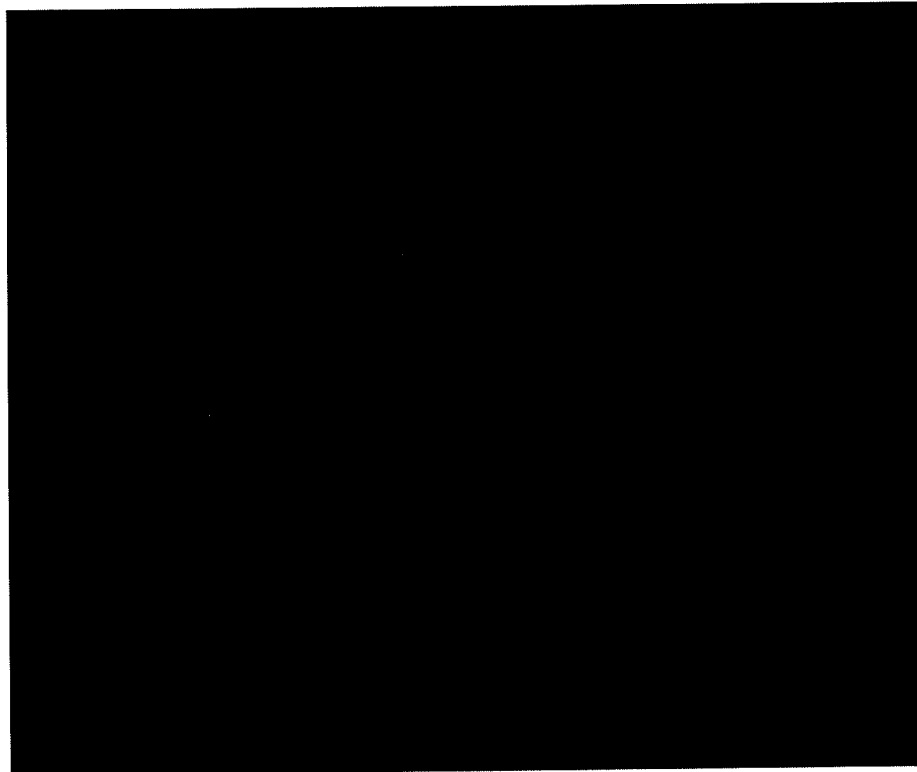
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VII **New Business:**

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Walter De Roeck '71



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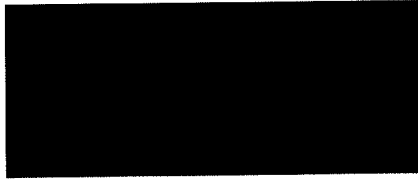


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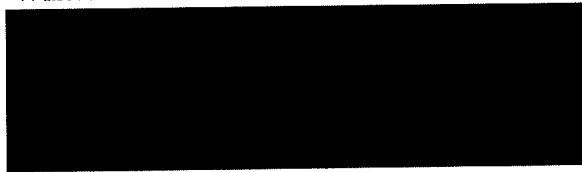


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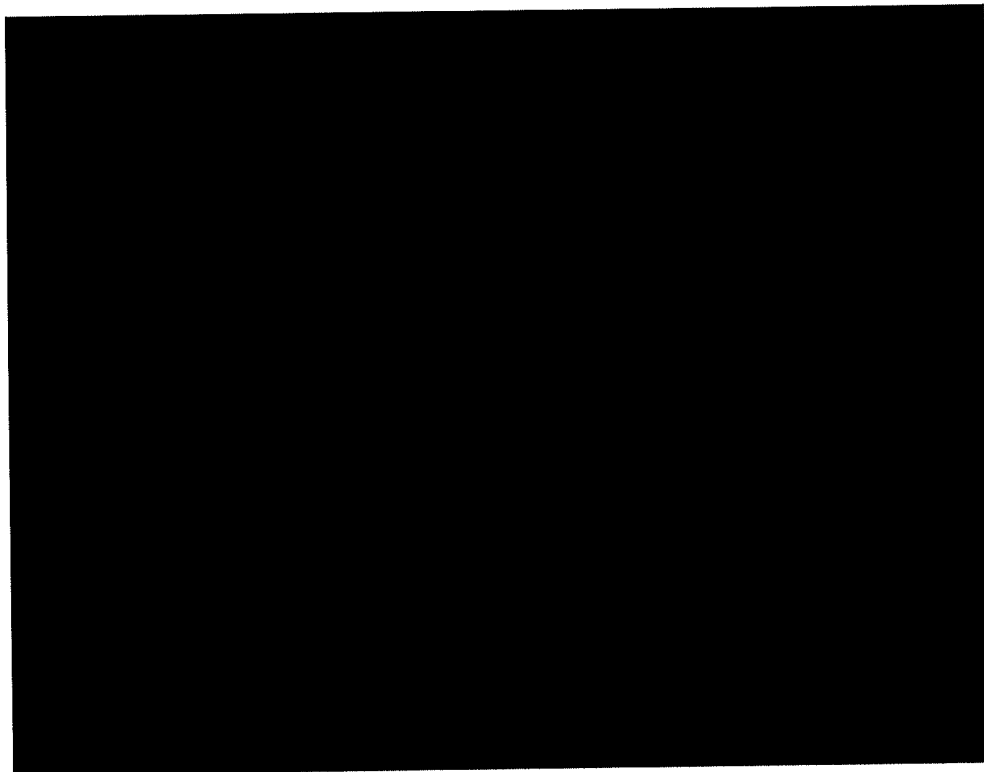
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Walter De Roeck '71



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**Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 10/06/1995**

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**A G E N D A**

Meeting: #7 Fifteenth Board  
Date: October 6, 1995  
Place: Priests' Placement Board

**Present:** Rev.: Jeremiah M. Boland, John M. Collins, Kevin J. Feeney,  
Joseph J. Kinane, Robert E. McLaughlin,  
John S. Siemianowski, Kenneth J. Velo.

**Absent:** Rev. Steven W. Patte (On Sabbatical)

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**I Opening Prayer:** Rev. Robert E. McLaughlin

**II Acceptance of Minutes:**

**III Reports: (See Attached Sheet)**

**IV Acceptance of Agenda:**

**V Business:**

**A. Vicar for Priests' Agenda: (11:30?)**

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Walter De Roeck '71

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**IV Acceptance of Agenda:** Accepted 6 - 0 - 0

**V Business:**

**A. Vicar for Priests' Agenda:**

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4. **Walter De Roeck '71:** Pat will be speaking with James Murphy '65 [Pastor of St. Edna's/Arlington Hts.] on Wednesday, Oct. 11th and will address concerns about Walt [his associate].

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**Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 05/03/1996**

REPORTS: (05/03/96)

1. St. Paul of the Cross/Park Ridge: At the parish consultation, the parishioners expressed their desire to see the following priests as their new pastor.

[REDACTED]

Walter De Roeck '71                      1 mention

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[REDACTED]

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MINUTES

Meeting: #30th - Fifteenth Board

**Date:** May 3, 1996

**Place:** Priests' Placement Board/Pastoral Center

**Present:**

Reverends: Jeremiah M. Boland, Kevin J. Feeney, John M. Collins,  
Joseph J. Kinane, Robert E. McLaughlin, Steven W. Patte  
John S. Siemianowski, Kenneth J. Velo.

**I Opening Prayer:** Rev. Kevin Feeney 9:58 A.M.

**II Acceptance of Minutes:** Accepted 7 - 0 - 0

**III Reports:**

1. St. Paul of the Cross/Park Ridge: At the parish consultation, the parishioners expressed their desire to see the following priests as their new pastor.

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Walter De Roeck '71 1 mention

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May 12, 1996

Archdiocese of Chicago  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Dear Members of the Placement Board,

Today marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, an appropriate day to communicate with you regarding my ministry to the people of the archdiocese, in light of the fact that for some time now a number of people from St. Paul of the Cross have asked me to consider applying for the pastorate of their parish, now that Fr. Joe Kinane is fast approaching retirement.

After prayerful reflection and considerable amount of conversation with family and friends, my spiritual director, and a close priest friend, I hereby make formal application for that position and responsibility. This is an appropriate time in my life to pursue this possibility. My experience in ministry has prepared me well for this specific parish.

My first assignment after ordination twenty-five years ago brought me to St. Paul of the Cross. I was one of two associates during my five years there. During part of that time, I was the deacon supervisor for Fr. Pat Brennan for his one-year internship at the parish. Together we did a number of creative things in preaching and in workshop efforts for people in liturgical ministry.

I was instrumental in founding the YOUNG AT HEARTS Senior Citizens' Club and re-vitalizing the women's organization; the ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY became the APOSTOLATE OF WOMEN, with a new focus on spiritual growth and outreach; a new energy attracted younger women and I'm happy to say it is as exciting and creatively alive today as ever.

During my time there I was Parish Cluster Secretary/Treasurer and chaired the Lenten Pulpit Exchange as well as the Adult Confirmation Program for the area. I was very involved also in ecumenical efforts in the Park Ridge area, especially in the planning and execution of various programs that comprised Christian Unity Week.

In the area of Liturgy I am happy to say that I got the Liturgy Committee off the ground, I also worked with both the Adult Choir and the Teen Guitar Group. I was in charge of training and scheduling altar servers as well. I also initiated what today is called the Holy Family Chapel, used extensively for a more family-oriented liturgy. I introduced Tenebrae to the parish and worked on Confirmation Prep programs for students and their parents. I celebrated Mass for the local SPRED program once a month, worked with the teens on retreats and social service events, taught religion weekly to the students of the Junior High, and visited the local nursing home once a week. I also directed ANNIE GET YOUR GUN for the Adult Choir and YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN for the teen fund-raiser. Of course, I took my turn with hospital visitation, baptisms, weddings and funerals, as well as the accompanying prep involved.

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Over the years I have kept in touch with the parish on a regular basis. There's always a special place in your heart for your first assignment. I am still invited back to do weddings, baptisms and funerals; Joe Kinane has been most gracious and helpful at those times. I still have dinner on a regular basis with some of the families I grew close to at that time. Groups have gathered together over the years to celebrate my birthday/anniversary. I have received the bulletin all these years, keeping me informed of the various goings-on.

Once I finished my term as Associate, I was asked to join the faculty at Quigley North where I wore many hats: Teacher of Religion, Teacher of Art, Tennis Coach, Ski Club Moderator, Director of Liturgy, Student Council Moderator, and for six of my eight years running the seminary recruitment program. This position put me in touch with many parishes and schools in both Cook and Lake County. I learned a great deal about the runnings of the diocese during my tenure at Quigley.

During that time I was also invited to get involved in media ministry, first at WGN-Radio where I did the commentary for Christmas Midnight Mass. Later I was asked to join the WLS-TV news team for the funeral of Cardinal Cody and the installation of Cardinal Bernardin. Shortly thereafter I was asked to be co-producer and host of OF CABBAGES & KINGS (now known as SANCTUARY). I've been at this now for almost fourteen years. That has also been a growing experience for me, putting me in touch with various aspects of life and ministerial effort in the Chicagoland area and beyond.

I've been a member of the Presbyteral Senate and an ACP Board member, both for a short but worthwhile time.

In 1985 the Personnel Board approached me about taking on the pastorate of St. John Berchmans, this in midstream. I started without an Associate in February of that year, with little Spanish skill and with continuing responsibilities at Quigley until the end of the academic year. It was a wearing and trying time.

I brought P.E.P. (Parish Evaluation Project) to the parish, revamped the collection procedure, increased the Sunday collection during my stay, and assured that the school depended on the parish for only 15% of its operating expenses. But 75% of my time seemed to be devoted to fund-raising concerns. I also expended a great deal of energy trying to accomodate the needs of a bilingual parish, a very frustrating work. Even though I'd gone away to study Spanish, I did not find it easy. It was draining; I also had a difficult time adjusting to the cultural needs of that very large segment of our parish. We worked on some creative liturgies, I spent a lot of time on area ecumenical efforts, and I was committed to weekly staff meetings, a challenge since the staff was composed of very talented folks with very strong personalities. Some of them were angry at the institutional church's authority, especially with regard to the role of women in leadership. The collaborative pastor role was a constant challenge. What a learning experience!!!!

I served as Pastor for one term and was renewed for a second term. I decided shortly into my second term that I would resign when I learned I would again be without an Associate. I informed Ken Velo at the time and the Cardinal was most gracious. I knew the bilingual issue was too much for me; not one of my gifts. I was scheduled to go on my sabbatical, so it was agreed that I would leave the parish at the start of the sabbatical (August of '91). I realized I'd been a part of a very difficult assignment; I made my share of mistakes, but I learned much about my strengths and weaknesses. Good!

Once I completed my much-needed sabbatical, I came to St. Catherine Laboure as Associate Pastor. I've been in that position for four years now. As the Associate I have been looking at the role of pastor with different insights, noticing much from the vantage point of the outside looking in. Again, I have learned much in the process. I am much more in touch with people issues as I've worked in the area of Liturgy and Adult Faith Enrichment. The Associate hears things that never reach the ears of the pastor. Though we have very few staff meetings here and staff morale is not as good as it might be, I've learned the value of working at this with a great deal of prayerful intensity. I've learned the importance of prayerful silence and the gift of retreat and solitude. I do much more spiritual reading than ever before. [REDACTED]

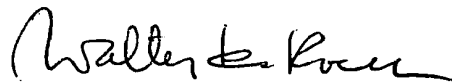
[REDACTED]. I have become a "Mertonian", relishing the wisdom of his writings.

Mine is a renewed energy, anxious to put my own "flavor" into the place which is St. Paul of the Cross. Yes, it is a different place from that which I left as a young Associate in the mid '70's. Joe Kinane is a hard act to follow; he is much loved by his people, and rightfully so! But I feel the wisdom of years and the multiplicity of experiences suits me well. I am confident that, given the opportunity, I will be able to build on what he has accomplished.

Since I believe in the value of TOMORROW'S PARISH, I would want to explore that possibility early on. That would be an excellent tool for anyone coming in as pastor, helping all to focus on the priorities that lie before us.

If you feel you'd like to discuss any of this with me in greater detail, please let me know (847)729-1414.

Respectfully,



Fr. Walter De Roeck

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**IV Acceptance of Agenda:** Accepted 6 - 0 - 0 with additions:

V/N #3 Walter De Roeck '71

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N. Appointments:

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2. **Walter DeRoeck '71:** Wally interviewed with the Board regarding the  
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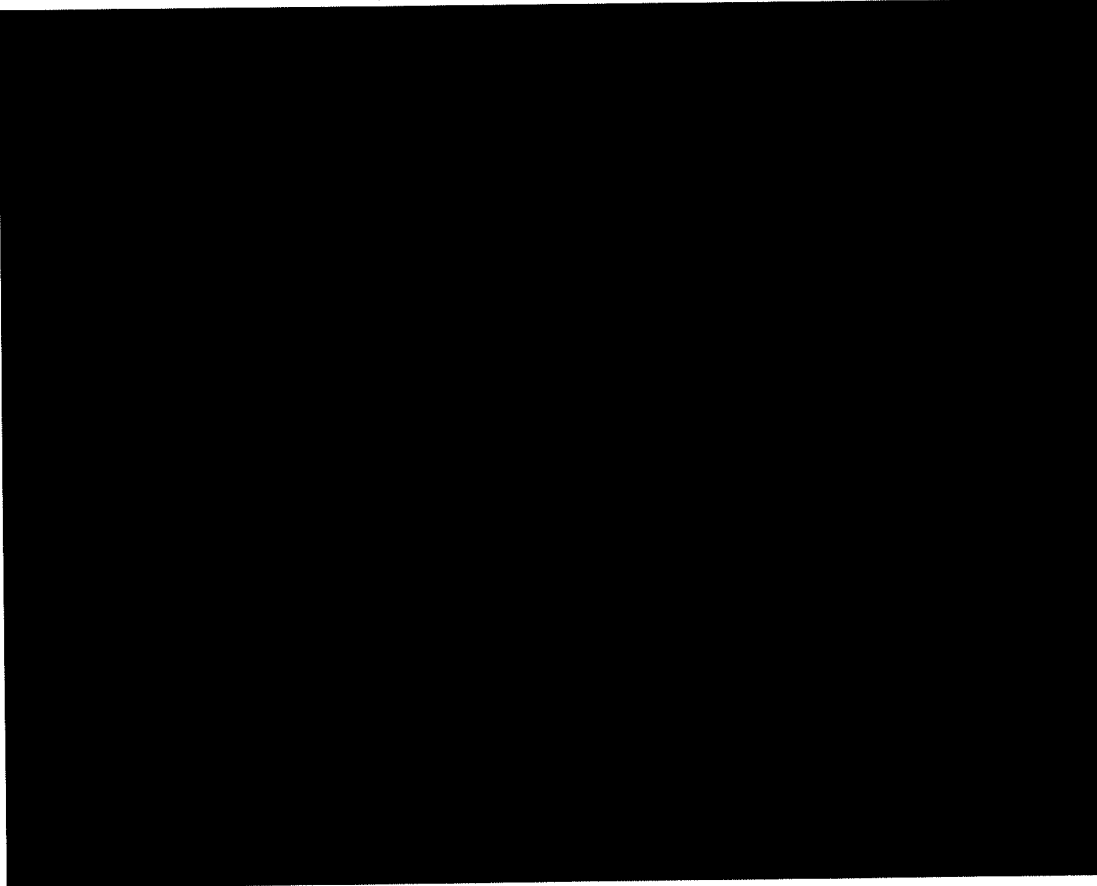
VI Old Business: None discussed.

VII New Business: Status of May 31st meeting

VIII Adjournment: TIME: 2:25 P.M.

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1996 Calendar of the 15TH BOARD:





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Memo to File

From: Rev. Lawrence McBrady

Date: 6/10/96

Re: Rev. Walter DeRoeck

1. I met with Wally at his parish on 6/16/96 to discuss his situation. The VP office had not approved him as a candidate for the pastorate. We reviewed his situation: [REDACTED]

He acknowledged seeing [REDACTED] about seven months ago and said that [REDACTED] would be attending Wally's 25th anniversary Mass on June 30. Wally acknowledges that he was too emotionally involved in [REDACTED] life but says that is now in the past and that both he and [REDACTED] have gone on with their lives. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Wally says that [REDACTED] keeps in touch by phone and that [REDACTED] considers Wally to be a mentor.

2. [REDACTED]

3. I called Wally and informed him that he was free to apply to the Placement Board. Wally was very pleased to receive this news.

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June 12, 1996

Archdiocese of Chicago  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board  
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Dear Members of the Placement Board,

A month ago, I made application for the pastorate of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Park Ridge. That continues to be my first choice of the many pastorates presently open. However, in the event I am not chosen for that position in Park Ridge, I would like to be considered for the pastorate of St. John of the Cross in Western Springs (Am I into the CROSS or what?).

Rather than repeat for you all my ministerial history/experience, may I refer you to my letter of application for St. Paul's, dated May 12, 1996.

In some ways St. John of the Cross and St. Paul of the Cross are very similar. (They and every other parish want God for a pastor). Both are very large operations -- a great number of parishioners and a good deal of sacramental work. Both seem to be dealing with the frustration of the school's inability to accomodate all the families who wish to have their children enrolled. Like St. Paul's, the question of expansion is an issue on the minds of a number of parish families.

Unlike St. Paul, St. John of the Cross already has a gym. Also, unlike St. Paul of the Cross, St. John has already participated in Tomorrow's Parish, a fact for which I am very grateful.

Though I am not as familiar with the people and place which is St. John's, I am not a total stranger to the parish. A former St. Paul of the Cross parishioner continues to be a good friend of mine. He and his family live in St. John of the Cross now; he is very actively involved there.

The parish profile speaks of St. John's as being "vibrant" - an appealing word in my dictionary of life. It has a variety and large number of active and very active ministries, including the relatively new Elizabeth Ministry. That is exciting. CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) is also a big part of their work. I am quite familiar with that process since it has been going strong at St. Catherine Laboure, my present assignment, for many many years. In fact, ours here was among the first in the archdiocese to do CRHP.

Since I am a strong believer in more effort at adult formation, I am happy to see that SJC expending so much energy in that direction. I also appreciate their desire for a pastor who is ecumenically sensitive; that has been a personal focus of mine for some time now.

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They are looking for a "young priest with experience." A fifty-one year old priest with twenty-five years experience has more than a few good energy years left for the task at hand. The profile tells us that the community is becoming younger. That speaks of energetic new blood on the horizon. That is a treasure to be embraced.

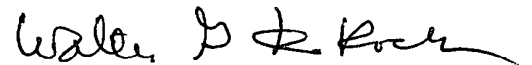
They are looking for a "good administrator who loves liturgy." My own personal background speaks to that. The profile speaks of the desire to hire a business manager. Amen to that, so that I can truly pastor the people of parish and put my energies where they belong.

They seek someone "approachable" with a "can do" attitude, willing to delegate and empower people. They also make it clear they want a pastor who is "able to relate to a wide range of ages." That is a reasonable request of the one who is called to "gather the assembly." One of my pastors many many years ago looked at various new challenges with a problematic eye. At the time I encouraged him to look at the "new stuff" not as a problems, but as full of possibility. I still believe that. Joyful hope is my personal motto.

I am told that St. John of the Cross is renowned for its architecture. Though I've never been inside the facility, I've driven past it a number of times on my way to visiting my friends there in the parish. It is impressive. Having studied and taught art, the place is visually appealing, especially as it affects the liturgical space, another key interest of mine.

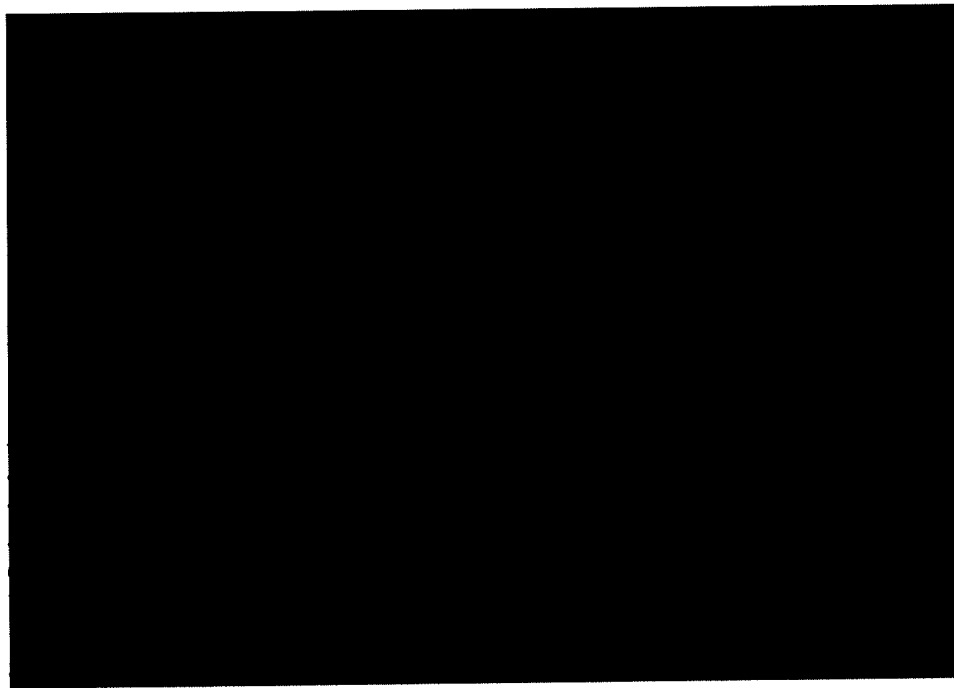
With all this in mind, I conclude, comfortable in the knowledge that I could do well as pastor of the "vibrant" Western Springs parish. Thanks for your caring consideration. Maybe you see this as "the perfect match."

Respectfully,

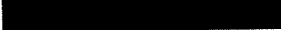

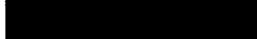
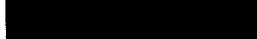
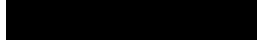

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Fr. Walter G. De Roeck

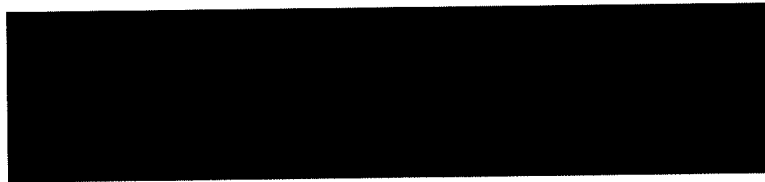
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Walter De Roeck '71

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June 20, 1996

Archdiocese of Chicago  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board  
P.O. Box 1979  
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Dear Members of the Placement Board,

Realizing that there are a number of pastorates open at this time and appreciating the fact that a number of them seem attractive appropriate possibilities, I make application for the position of pastor of Saint Celestine's Parish in Elmwood Park.

As of this writing, I am awaiting word on the same position at St. John of the Cross in Western Springs. In the event I am not offered that pastorate, St. Celestine's seems an excellent alternative.

I am well aware of the parish, since my classmate since second grade, Larry McBrady, has been at the parish for a good number of years. One of the people who has worked with me at WLS-TV is a parishioner there as well.

I am impressed with the profile provided, especially Larry's words. He speaks of a people accustomed to consultation prior to decision making and a well-functioning Pastoral Council and other groups who have played a key role in parish leadership. I also appreciated hearing that the staff was collegial and worked at consensus decision making.

Larry describes St. Celestine's as a post-Vatican II parish. Amen to that. I've

experienced a small but vocally strong contingent here at St. Catherine's who want to take us back to pre-Vatican II spirituality. I'm ill-at-ease with their theology and their vision of church/parish. I long to be in an atmosphere that honors and celebrates Vatican II and energetically works to continue implementation of conciliar decrees.

The church building has been around as long as I've been ordained. it is a good worship space. My liturgical background appreciates that. People at the parish feel liturgy is important, as do I. They seek a good homilist (people here tell me I am, on a consistent basis, a great homilist -- though none of my fans wrote in to the NEW WORLD). I am happy to see that the people of the parish rate their Sunday Liturgy so high -- a good sign for me. Happy to hear that liturgical music is done well there.

The parish is looking for a seasoned pastor who would stick around for a while and offer some stability. They seek a forward thinking, energetic and sensitive

person able to relate to a wide range of people. I presume they mean various age groups and theologies. History shows that I'm experienced enough and young enough to fit the bill. Most who've come to know me say I am a middle-of-the-road kind of priest with progressive leanings. I can see that about me.

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People at St. Celestine's are understandably "concerned that the new pastor not change what is already in place and good." A Staff member comment speaks of this: "Parishioners have a tendency to not let go of the past and can be reluctant to change." Another word, "territorial" struck me. But creativity is encouraged, flexibility and dialogue are respected. Amen to that.

The issue of the "territorial" aspect of parish life and the concern about change is real everywhere, as are varied theologies and visions of parish. The Scriptures and the thrust of Vatican II are my guideposts on the journey. Talk about the need to keep on praying!!!!

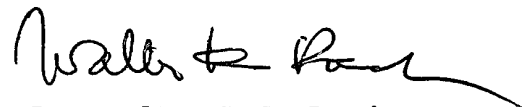
They talk about the need of a good administrator; I note that the parish already has a business manager. That's at least half the battle. They speak of wanting someone with an ecumenical outreach; I have been doing that for a good many years now in my various assignments.

I am a strong proponent of Catholic Education and more expenditure of time and energy for religious education/formation not only for children (whether in parochial or public school), but more importantly for the adults of the parish.

I notice that St. Celestine's has not participated in TOMORROW'S PARISH. I would like to present that to the Staff and Pastoral Council for consideration early on, should I be appointed pastor.

Previous letters to the Board have addressed my own skills and experience in greater detail. Please refer to them as needed. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as pastor again, hoping that my gifts can enhance the ministry to God's people in that service/leadership position.

Respectfully,

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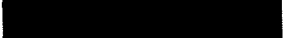
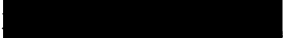
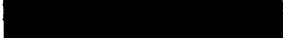
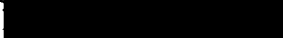
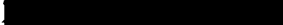

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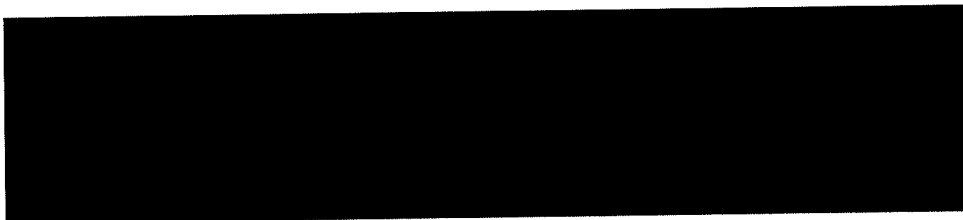
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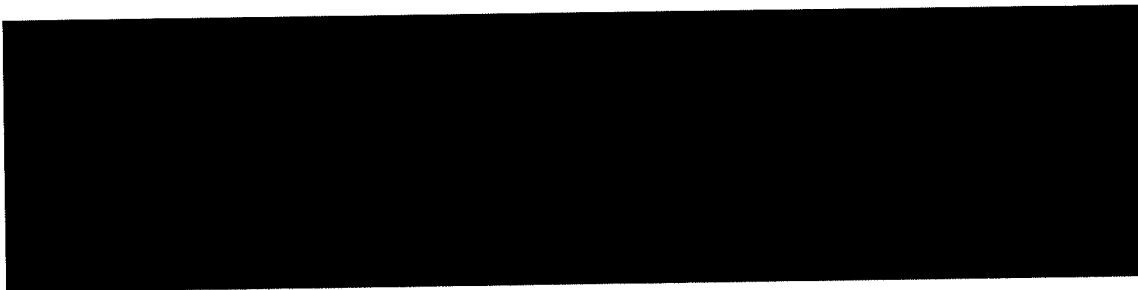


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VI Old Business: [REDACTED]

VII New Business: None discussed

VIII Adjournment: TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
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G. **Preliminary Considerations:**

1. **St. Celestine/Elmwood Park:** The Board reviewed the parish and discussed the possibility of Walter De Roeck '71 serving as pastor.

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6. **Walter De Roeck '71:** The Vicars for Priests have removed the hold on Walter's [Associate Pastor of St. Catherine Laboure/Glenview] application for the pastorate of St. Celestine.

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Walter De Roeck '71

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## A G E N D A

Meeting: Vicar For Priests Agenda  
Date: June 28, 1996  
Place: Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

Present: Rev.: Jeremiah M. Boland, John M. Collins, Kevin J. Feeney,  
Joseph J. Kinane, Robert E. McLaughlin,  
Steven W. Patte, John S. Siemianowski.

Absent: Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo

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D. Second Readings:

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That the Board recommend [REDACTED] for the pastorate of St. John of the Cross/Western Springs.

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7-17-96

July 15, 1996  
Acknwd. 7-17-96 CS

Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Dear Members of the Board,

I am very conscious of the fact that this year in a very brief period of time I have sent you more letters than in all the twenty-five years of my priesthood combined. The number of pastorates that have opened up in recent months is certainly a factor. And the fact that I am anxious to take on pastoring again is real at this juncture in my life. A good many of the openings have been and continue to be appealing.

Thus, in the event that in your eyes my previous applications for other parishes were not of "the perfect match" variety, I hereby submit yet another -- this for the pastorate at St. Raymond de Penafort Parish in Mount Prospect.

I have some personal knowledge of the parish already, having been there for some sacramental experiences. Some former parishioners of mine live in that parish and have urged me to apply. Fr. Steve Dombrowski, the Associate there, is a former student of mine from Quigley days. Sister Elaine Campbell, the school principal, used to have that position at St. Catherine Laboure, my present assignment. Tom and Rita Lambert of the parish staff are two people I have worked with on mental health education issues a few years ago.

I will not make note of my skills and experience (I went into all that in great detail in my letter of application for St. Paul of the Cross Parish some few months ago; I trust that is in my file).

I was happy to see the strength of the many parish organizations listed, and especially happy to note the existence of a SPRED program and PADS -- two programs dear to my heart. Because of my own Liturgy and Art background, I am also happy to note the existence of a strong Art & Environment Committee.

I am happy that some Long Range Plan work has already been done there, but I would want to pursue Tomorrow's Parish there as well, should I be given the opportunity to serve as pastor in that setting.

I notice that Liturgical Ministry and Adult Faith Formation is of great value to the people of St. Raymond's. My vision of parish certainly sees those two elements as of utmost importance. Not to diminish the need to reach out to young people (a need expressed in practically every parish), but adults formed in faith values can have a most powerful impact on the youth of any locale. If adults enthusiastic about their faith are not on the scene, much of our youth effort will be in vain. Lay ministry begins first with those of committed adult faith. Then exciting parish activities and organizations will touch people at the very depths of their being.

I am a Vatican II priest who believes in "shared leadership that is dialogical and collegial" (words taken from the parish profile) Adult formation is one of my priorities, as it is for the people of St. Raymond's. They are looking for someone who believes in good Liturgy and is a good homilist. The feedback I get from the people in the pews speaks to that in my life. I am committed to exceptionally good liturgy and faith-filled down-to-earth homilies that are well prepared and touch people where they're at. Based upon feedback received, I feel I achieve in this area.

AOC 012538



Any parish has its myriad of groups, some more progressive in philosophy, some more traditional. I know I need to be sensitive to both, although my own stance is more on the progressive side. I am excited by the prospect of many younger families moving in. New blood is always enriching!

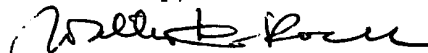
The staff seeks someone open to good communication. I appreciate and honor that as a value in my own life and ministry. I want not only regular staff meetings, but regular one-on-one meetings with staff members (open to weekly or monthly or something in between). I am also anxious that clear concrete expectations are spelled out in writing so as to avoid misunderstandings and the frustrations that accompany that. They ask for a "minister to ministers." Amen to that. I am known as an energetic and good listener by the laity with whom I work on various committees. I strive to enable and empower in a collaborative way; delegation is crucial in our time of priest shortages.

I have read through the parish's Long Range Plan dated May 2, 1996. A lot of good reflection and work have already gone into it. I am happy to see they want to make the church more handicapped-accessible. I am happy to see their wanting to expand a sense of belonging. And, in line with the need for clearer expectations, the desire to establish and revise job descriptions of all parish staff members. I'm glad as well that they are developing a plan to deal with the future reduction in priest personnel. That might be a real concern for the new pastor sooner than he'd like. I am happy at the progress already achieved in the area of youth ministry, but I also agree that a full-time person in that position is a goal to be pursued.

Geographically and demographically, I could feel right at home at St. Ray's because in many ways it is so similar to St. Catherine Laboure where I've been ministering for almost five years.

My thanks for your consideration of my application for this pastorate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Walter De Roeck', written in a cursive style.

Fr. Walter De Roeck

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IV Acceptance of Agenda: Accepted 6 - 0 - 0

V Business:

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C. First Readings:

1. St. Celestine/Elmwood Park:

MOTION: 6-0-0 That nominations be closed for the purpose of a First Reading.

Walter DeRoeck '71      2 2 3 3 3 - 13 (3)



The Board recommends Walter DeRoeck for the pastorate. Despite Bishop Jakubowski's endorsement of , the Board still has reservations. Ken Velo will follow up.

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C. **Second Readings:**

1. **St. Celestine/Elmwood Park:** Bishop Thad Jakubowski [Vicar] accepts the Boards' recommendation.

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The Board recommends Walter De Roeck for the pastorate of St. Celestine's.

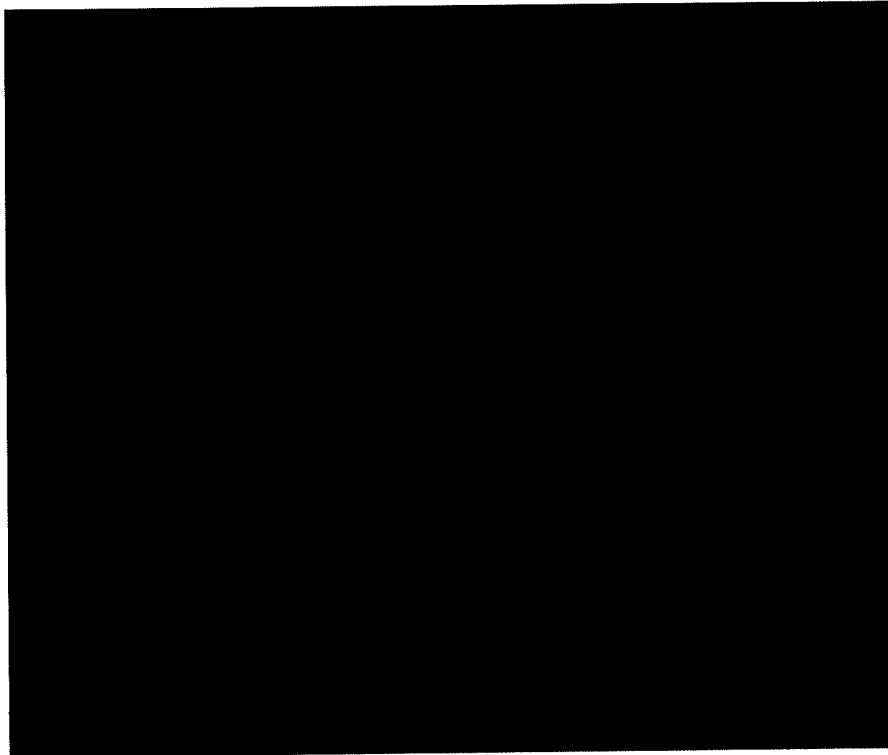
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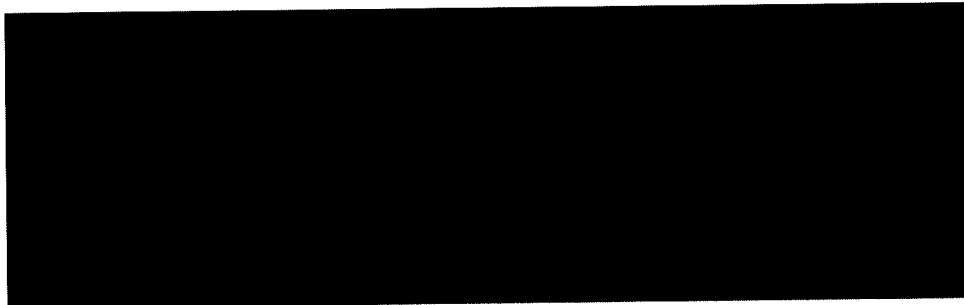
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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

August 21, 1996

Dear Father DeRoeck:

It is my pleasure to appoint you as Pastor of St. Celestine Parish, Elmwood Park. This appointment is made in consultation with the Diocesan Priests' Placement Board as well as the Vicar and Dean. This appointment is effective September 1, 1996. Your term of office will be for six years but will officially remain in effect until you are reappointed or transferred or your successor is named.

Bishop Jakubowski will act as my delegate in receiving your Profession of Faith. I ask that you contact him regarding your formal installation.

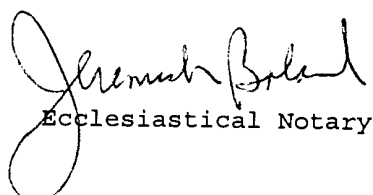
Wally, I take this occasion to thank you for your service at St. Catherine Laboure these past years. I know that your ministry there has touched the lives of the people of God. No doubt, your presence will be missed there as you leave for your new assignment.

I am confident that the parish community at St. Celestine's will receive you and respond wholeheartedly to your pastoral leadership. The experience you have had in the past will be most helpful as you take up this new responsibility. Know that as you begin this pastoral charge you have my encouragement and prayerful support.

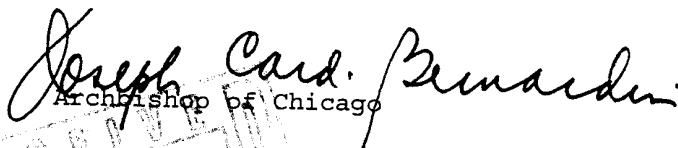
In keeping with the recommendation of the Presbyteral Council, I ask that you participate in the Pastor in the 90's Program II offered by the Center for Development in Ministry. Please call the Center to register for this program, which is held in the Spring and Autumn of each year. The fee will be paid by the Pastoral Center as a sign of our support for you in your ministry.

With gratitude for your cooperation and with cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Walter G. De Roeck  
St. Catherine Laboure  
3535 Thornwood  
Glenview, Illinois 60025

  
Archbishop of Chicago

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Reverend Walter G. De Roeck  
August 21, 1996 - Page Two

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Vicar for Administration  
✓ Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Most Reverend Thad Jakubowski, Vicar  
Reverend Daniel G. Mayall, Dean  
Reverend William J. Stenzel  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation  
Office of Research and Planning  
Center for Development in Ministry

Dear Bishop Goedert  
& Father Coughlin,

We have reason to believe that a certain priest, Rev. Walter De Roeck, is not capable of assuming the duties of pastor of a parish.

There are many rumors about this priest's unstable sexual identity and rumors in and of themselves are not of much value.

Recently Father De Roeck went into a sleazy tatoo parlor in Berwyn. He let it be known that he was Father Wally. He asked that his mail organ be pierced. Now why would he want that?

If you have any questions about this unhappy information, just ask an empolyee out there by the name of [REDACTED].


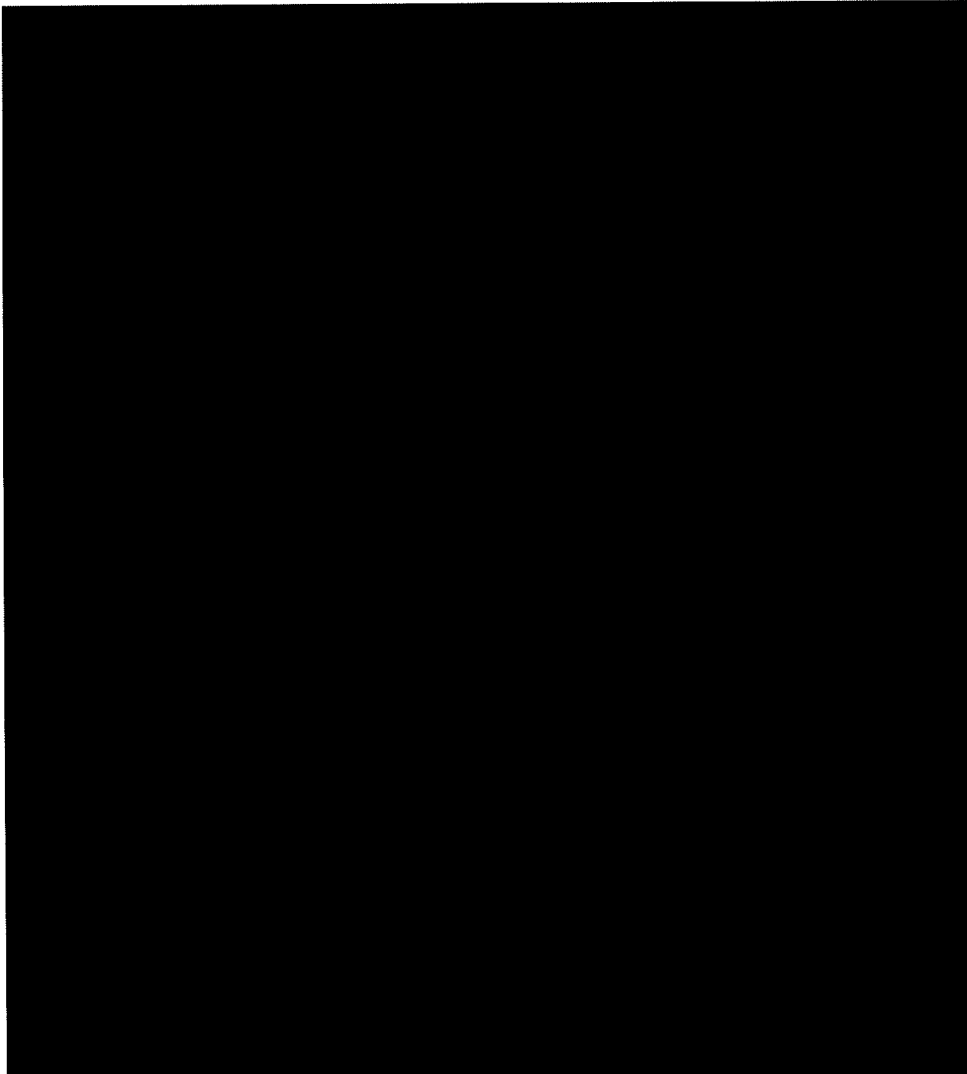
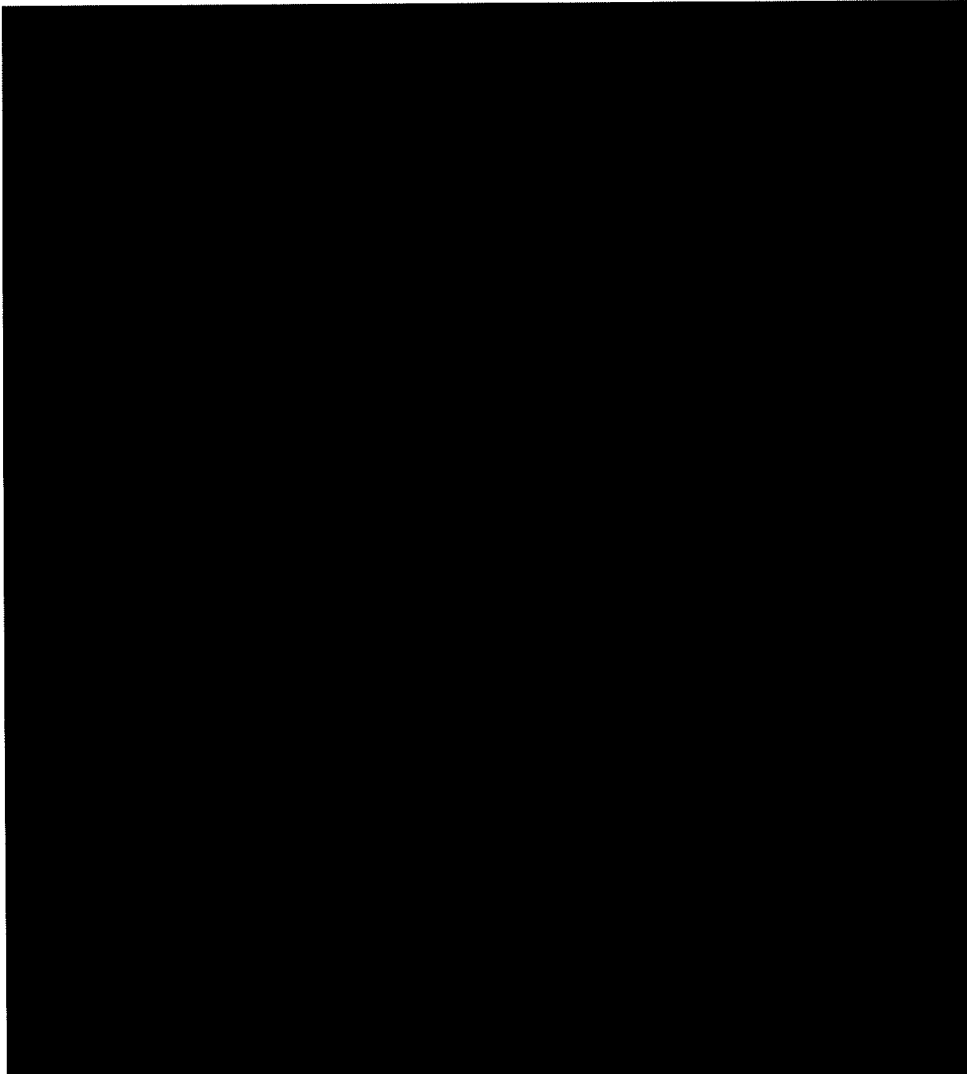
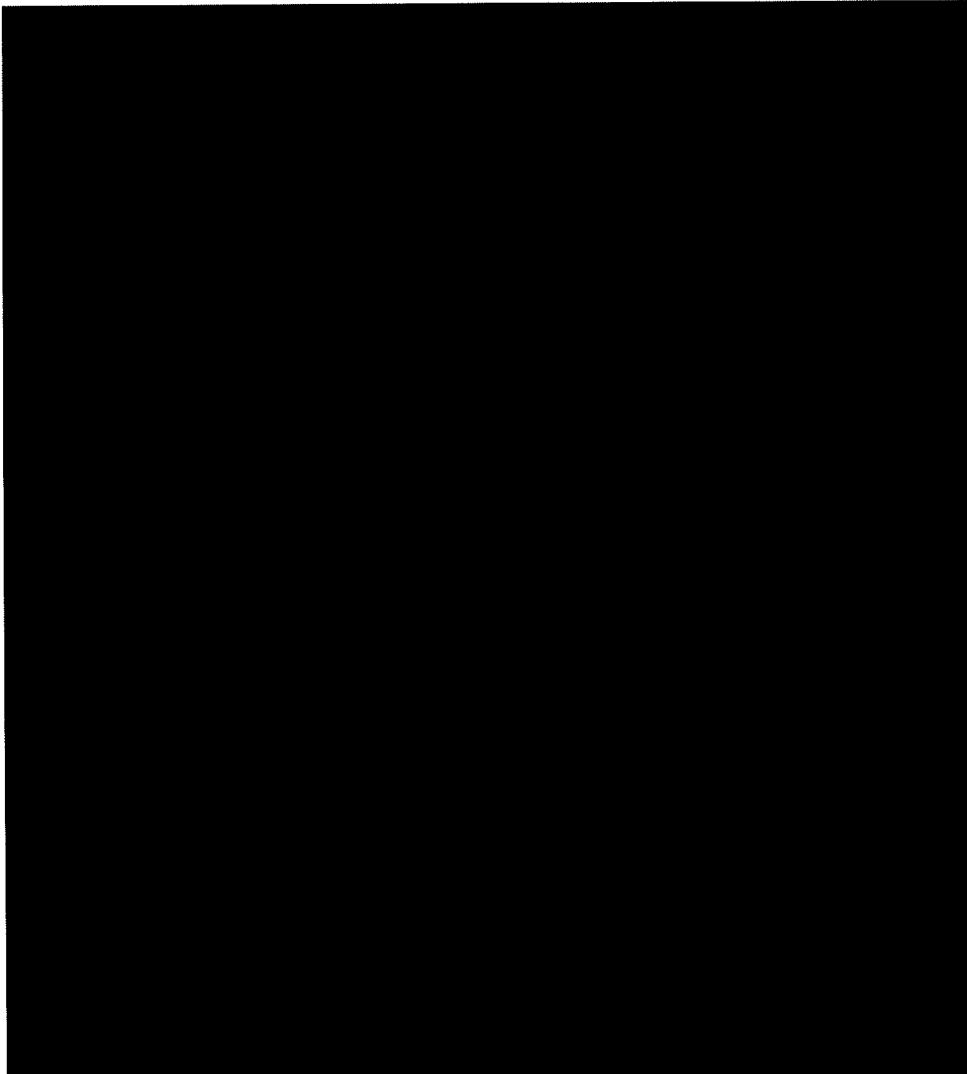
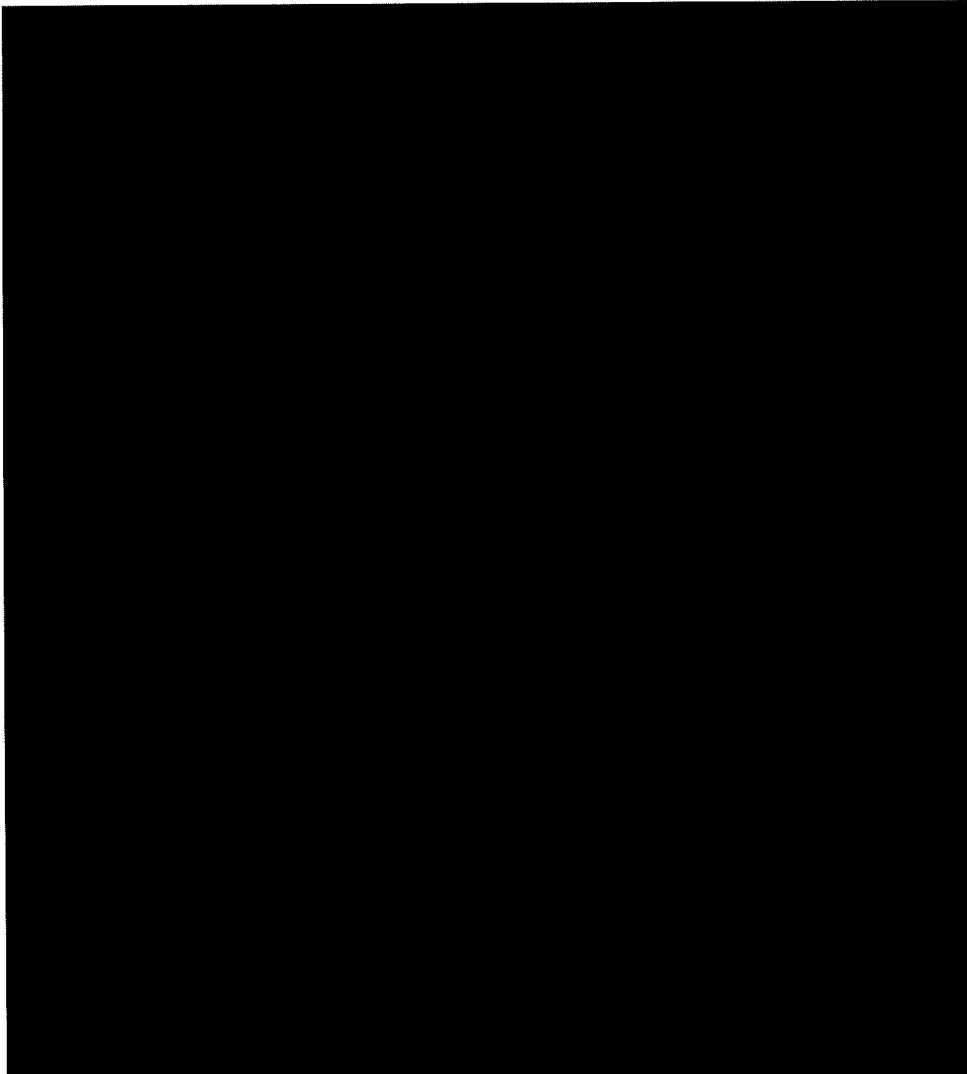
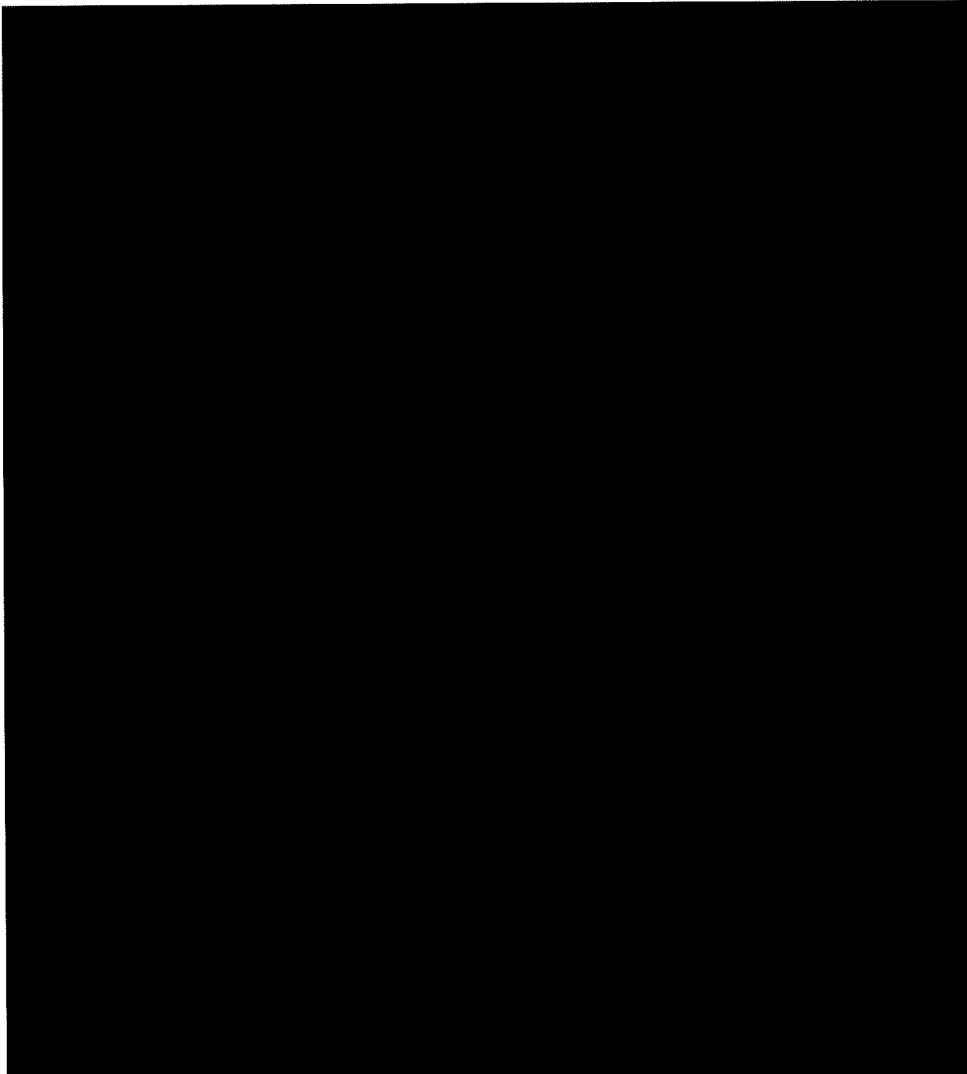
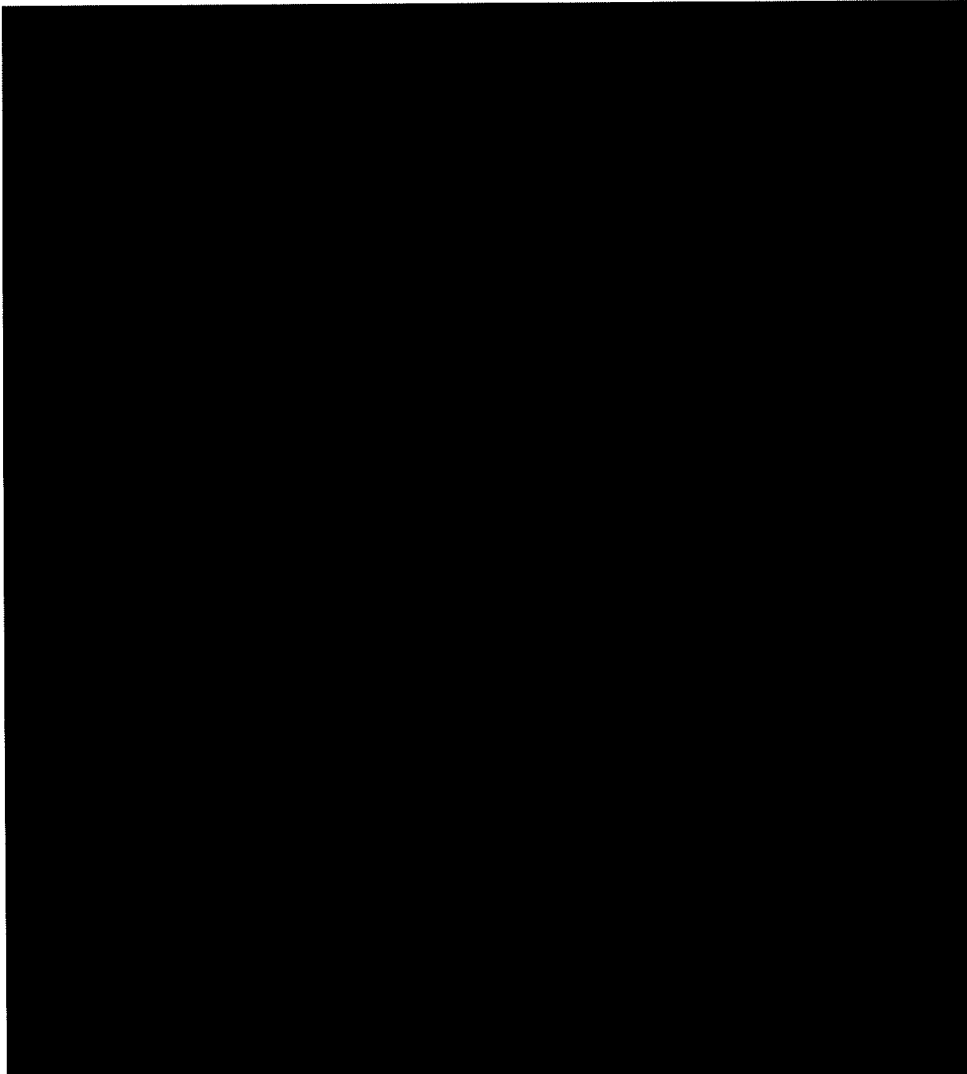
We think that you should look into this.

Sincere regards,

Two Concerned Catholics

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 09/06/1996

REPORTS: (09/06/96)

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2. **Walter DeRoeck '71:** The Cardinal has appointed Wally as Pastor of St. Celestine's/Elmwood Park effective September 1, 1996 for a term of six years but will officially remain in effect until Juan is reappointed or transferred or a successor is named.
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**MINUTES**

Meeting: #45th - Fifteenth Board

**Date:** September 6, 1996

**Place:** Priests' Placement Board/Pastoral Center

**Present:**

Reverends: Jeremiah M. Boland, Kevin J. Feeney, John M. Collins,  
Robert E. McLaughlin, Steven W. Patte  
John S. Siemianowski, Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo (left 1:15).

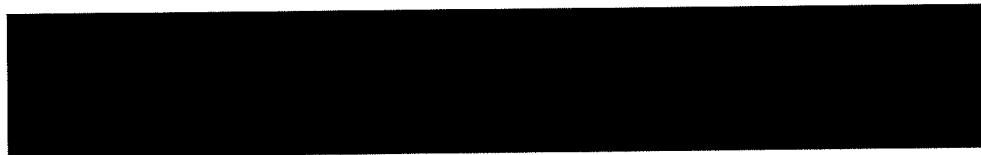
**Absent:** Rev. Joseph J. Kinane

**I Opening Prayer:** Rev. Kevin J. Feeney 10:05 A.M.

**II Acceptance of Minutes:** Accepted 7 - 0 - 0

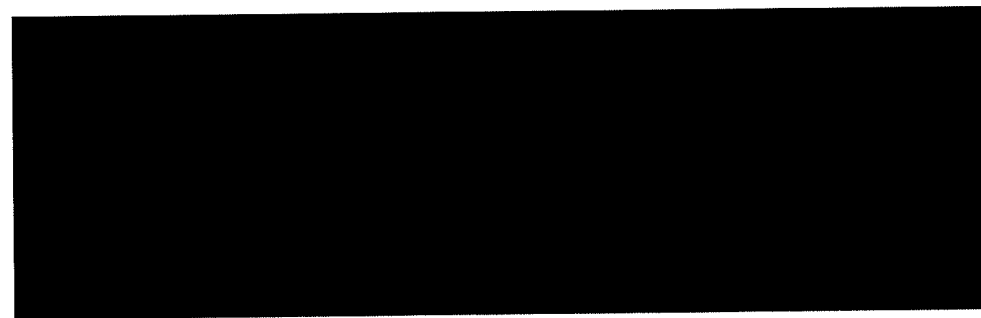
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Memo to File

From: Rev. Lawrence McBrady

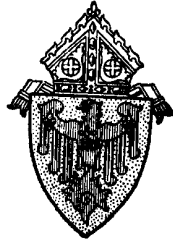
Date: 9/20/96

Re: Rev. Walter DeRoeck

Dan Coughlin and I met with Wally at St. Celestine's on 9/11/96. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the contents of an anonymous letter pertaining to Wally which arrived at our office on the previous Friday. (letter attached)

Wally acknowledged knowing [REDACTED] as well as knowing the owner (who was recently killed in an accident). He denied it was "sleazy" but admitted it was probably not the type of place a priest should be frequenting. Wally stated that he did have his right shoulder tatoood but denied any other tatoos or piercings.

Dan reminded Wally that priests are public figures who must consider the appropriateness of their actions. I told Wally that the proximity of the tatoo parlor to St. Celestine's made his going there quite risky -- even if nothing inappropriate was going on. Wally agreed and said he would not go to the parlor again. We told him that, at this point, having discussed the letter in some detail, we considered this matter closed.



# Certificate of Installation of the Pastor Archdiocese of Chicago

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, presented the Reverend  
Walter De Roeck

to the members of the parish community of  
St. Celestine

assembled in church.

In their presence, I have installed him as their pastor with the prescribed ceremonies, in accord with canon 527, §2, and have entrusted him with the leadership and pastoral care of this parish community with all the rights and responsibilities described in the general law of the Church, especially canon 519, as well as the particular statutes of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and his letter of appointment.

Given at Elmwood Park, Illinois, on the twenty-second day  
of the month of September, in the Year of Our Lord  
Nineteen Hundred Ninety Six

*"It is He who gave apostles, prophets,  
evangelists, pastors and teachers in  
roles of service for the faithful to build  
up the body of Christ, till we become  
one in faith and in the knowledge of  
God's Son, and form that perfect man  
who is Christ come to full stature."*

*Ephesians 4:13*

*Thad J. Jakubowski*

NAME Most Rev. Thad J. Jakubowski, D.D.

Episcopal Vicar  
TITLE

## OATH OF FIDELITY ON ASSUMING AN OFFICE TO BE EXERCISED IN THE NAME OF THE CHURCH

(In the Archdiocese of Chicago this form applies to those assuming the office mentioned in the canon 833, nn. 5-6, i.e. vicars general, episcopal vicars, judicial vicars, pastors, seminary rectors, professors of theology and philosophy in seminaries, and those to be ordained deacons.)

I, Walter De Roeck, in assuming the office of Pastor,  
promise that both in my words and in my conduct I shall always preserve  
communion with the Catholic Church.

I shall carry out with the greatest care and fidelity the duties incumbent on me  
toward both the universal Church and the particular Church in which, according to  
the provisions of the law, I have been called to exercise my service.

In fulfilling the charge entrusted to me in the name of the Church, I shall hold  
fast to the deposit of faith in its entirety, I shall faithfully hand it on and explain it,  
and I shall avoid any teachings opposed to that faith.

I shall follow and foster the common discipline of the whole Church and I shall  
observe all ecclesiastical laws, especially those which are contained in the Code of  
Canon Law.

In Christian obedience I shall unite myself with what is declared by the bishops  
as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith or established by them as those  
responsible for the governance of the Church; I shall also faithfully assist the  
diocesan bishops, in order that the apostolic activity exercised in the name and by  
mandate of the Church may be carried out in the communion of the same Church.

So help me God, and God's holy Gospels, on which I place my hand.

Witnessed by:

+ Thad Jakubowski

Name Most Rev. Thad J. Jakubowski, D.D.

Episcopal Vicar

Title

Rev. Walter D. De Roeck  
Signature

Dated at Elmwood Park, Illinois

On the twenty-second Day of the Month of September

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred Ninety Six

# FAX

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To: *CARDINAL FRANCIS GEORGE*

From: *FATHER DAN COUGHLIN*

Fax Number: *337-6379*

Number of pages including cover sheet: *4*

### MESSAGE:

☐ URGENT ☒ FOR YOUR REVIEW ☐ REPLY ASAP ☐ COMMENT

*FATHER WALTER DE ROECK'S private line is:*

[REDACTED]

*also:*

[REDACTED]

*de*

W DeRosa

~~Post Meeting~~  
RB Mother  
→ FRAI - alert

RB victim + FRAI - took allegation  
inform TP & VP

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

informed another pending allegation  
2nd came to RB → me  
... meeting of FRAI - 1st stage since 3/20

[REDACTED]

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1st Panel meeting 29

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reasonable cause of child at risk  
what did he do - "abuse" ?  
- what did he admit ?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

at 1st meeting

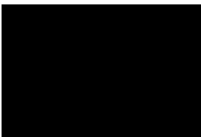
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### St. Celestine Meeting

Father Larry Sullivan	-	Associate Pastor
Jeanne Schulte	-	Pastoral Associate
Melody Devine	-	DRE
Jim Devine	-	Deacon
Mike Delarco	-	Deacon
Dorothy Mozuch	-	Business Mgr.
Barbara Mares	-	Dir. Of Ministers of Care
Kim McMillan	-	Youth Minister
Jeanine Rocchi	-	Principal

*i.e. all Staff except Music Minister Chris*

Maureen Detty	-	Vice Principal - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher
Mary Zyk	-	Secretary in School
	-	member of Pastoral Council
	-	Finance Council
	-	President of School Board
	-	Cantor - former Parish Council
	-	Human Concerns Committee



## **COORDINATION OF PARISH INTERVENTION-OUTREACH**

Depending on the nature and circumstances of an allegation, Victim Assistance Ministry will assist in coordinating parish outreach efforts with the Vicar General and others, as appropriate.

- ☐ Schedule meeting of appropriate Pastoral Center Personnel – e.g., Office of Communications, Office for Catholic Education, etc.
- ☐ Contact and inform local pastor, dean(s), vicar and other local leaders – e.g., principal, D.R.E., etc.
- ☐ When appropriate, coordinate an intervention plan with other parishes where priest was assigned.
- ☐ Contact/alert Crisis Team membership, including psychologists.
- ☐ Coordinate, with the Vicar General, parish leadership meeting(s).
- ☐ Confer with Legal Services.
- ☐ Assure regular updating of Pastoral Center personnel.
- ☐ Keep appropriate internal leadership and appropriate local leadership informed on the progress of the outreach-intervention.
- ☐ Maintain pastoral follow-up contact with parish leadership.

## STC Announcements

This week there will be nights ~~of~~  
set aside for an important meeting.  
On Monday and Wednesday evening  
at 7:00 pm in the ~~the building~~  
we are calling for a full  
parish meeting to discuss leadership in  
our parish and the future of St.  
Catherine parish. All <sup>adult</sup> parishioners are  
urged to attend.

~~Draft~~ Letter from Cardinal Francis George to St. Celestine Parish

Dear parishioners of St. Celestine:

~~As the people of God who celebrate your identity in Jesus Christ at the altar of St. Celestine I wish you grace and peace.~~

This past week I received a letter from Father Walter De Roeck in which he ~~offered his resignation of the pastorate at St. Celestine. Obviously he has deep affection for you and this was not easy for him. But I am assured that this has been a deliberate and prayerful decision on his part.~~

~~Respecting Father De Roeck and his request, I have accepted his resignation. Hopefully, as he moves on in his own healing process, you as strong and committed Catholics will also begin to create a new future.~~

*I hope that each of you + your family will also move together into the New Millennium.*

~~I wish to take this occasion to commend Father Lawrence Sullivan and the other members of your very competent and committed parish staff for their ~~pastoral~~ and ~~pastoral~~ guidance during this past few months. I thank you parishioners of St. Celestine for your faithfulness to live sacramental lives and participation in the vigorous parish life of St. Celestine during this time. I know God will bless you, your families and your generosity in the days ahead.~~

*Bless them and all of you.*

Please continue to pray for Father Walter De Roeck and for all priests. ~~Join with one another in faith, reconciliation and unity of Spirit as we approach the new millennium.~~

*You are always in my prayers.*

*Sincerely yours ~ RLT*

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## Memorandum

**To:** Ms. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

**Date:** March 12, 1999

**Re:** Reverend Walter G. De Roeck

In response to your inquiry, I checked the file of Reverend Walter G. De Roeck. The file indicates that several staff members at St. John Berchmans Parish in 1989 approached then-Father Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests, with their concern that Father De Roeck, the Pastor, was involved in an emotionally-dependent relationship with a nineteen year old college seminarian. The staff was concerned that it was becoming a source of scandal that the young man was staying overnight in Father De Roeck's quarters, where he would sleep on the couch. There was no allegation of sexual misconduct (Father De Roeck said he slept in his own bed), but the staff complained that Father De Roeck was spending an inordinate amount of time with the young man and would then tell others that he was unavailable for parish responsibilities.

Father De Roeck [REDACTED] was told that the young man needed to leave the parish rectory. According to Bishop Goedert, Father De Roeck was fully cooperative. When his term as Pastor of St. John Berchmans expired in 1991, he did not seek renewal. He took a sabbatical, after which he was appointed Associate Pastor of St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Glenview in May 1992. In September 1996 he was appointed Pastor of St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park to succeed Father Lawrence McBrady, who was appointed Vicar for Priests. Father De Roeck still serves currently as Pastor of St. Celestine Parish.

Since this matter did not involve an allegation of sexual misconduct nor was the young man a minor, I believe this summary from the file is the pertinent information to provide at this time. When I am informed of the name of the young man who contacted Ralph Bonaccorsi, and if he turns out to be the same person as the young man mentioned previously in the file, we should discuss with the Vicars for Priests what information from the files would be appropriate to share with the Review Board.

AOC 012558

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, summarizing Victim IT's statement, given to Ms. Leggdas and Ralph Bonaccorsi of the Office of Assistance Ministry on March 16, 1999, formalizing Victim IT's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Walter DeRoeck. According to Victim IT, the abuse occurred in 1986 when Victim IT was 13-14 years old. The abuse consisted of two instances of Fr. DeRoeck masturbating in front of Victim IT and Victim IS while on out-of-state trips.

MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: File – PRF-62

FROM: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

DATE: March 16, 1999

RE: MEETING WITH REV. WALTER DE ROECK REGARDING ALLEGATION OF  
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH A MINOR AS GIVEN BY [REDACTED]

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Rev. Walter De Roeck [WDR]  
Rev. Lawrence P. McBrady [LM], Vicar for Priest  
Ms. Kathleen Leggdas [KL], Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PRFA]

INFORMATION ON ALLEGED PERPETRATOR:

Rev. Walter De Roeck, born [REDACTED] and ordained May 12, 1971, has been pastor of St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park since September of 1996. Previously, Fr. De Roeck was an Associate Pastor at St. Catherine Laboure in Glenview. From February 1995 to May 1991 he was pastor of St. John Berchman. Fr. De Roeck taught at Archbishop Quigley High School Seminary from 1976 to 1985.

MEETING SUMMARY: *3/17*

LM began by advising Fr. De Roeck of his right to have an attorney present. LM then began to explain the nature of the matter at hand, etc.

I then proceeded to describe my role in relationship to the Review Board, the Board composition, as well as the overall steps taken when my office receives such an allegation.

Fr. De Roeck waived the right to legal counsel and requested that I present the allegation. As detailed in the previous memo, I reviewed each of the two incidents to him.

Fr. De Roeck's initial response was shock, and he was visibly shaken. After a few minutes, we continued. Fr. De Roeck did recall the [REDACTED] trip as did he recall the time in Michigan City.

Fr. De Roeck provided me with the name of the Quigley student [REDACTED] and the name of [REDACTED]. Fr. De Roeck said he consciously befriended [REDACTED]. He stated that the Michigan City trips took place only 2 or 3 times.

In response to the specifics of the allegation, Fr. De Roeck said that he has, in fact, provided alcohol (beer) to students who were under age. With reference to marijuana, he said he has used it recreationally but does not recall sharing it with the boys, but that he might have smoked it on the [REDACTED] trips.

Fr. De Roeck said there was an unwritten rule for the trips – that the boys were free to speak their minds on any topic. Conversations, therefore, covered sexuality, masturbation, etc. When asked if Fr. De Roeck discussed his personal life related to these issues or self-disclosed personal information to the boys, he could not recall.

Fr. De Roeck denied the allegation of masturbating in front of the boys, as well as the allegation of showing and discussing genital piercing.

There were two distinct times in the conversation that LM and I both believed Fr. De Roeck was about to disclose further information, but he did not, in fact, do so.

Following this, we delineated the specific monitoring restrictions to be in effect immediately:

1. That Fr. De Roeck would not go to his Michigan City house over the weekend, as is his custom, until further notice.
2. That Fr. De Roeck not be alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
3. That Fr. De Roeck agrees to stay at his parish home or go to <sup>Koenig</sup> Gana Call in Mundelein. Fr. De Roeck opted to stay in Elmwood Park.
4. That Rev. Lawrence Sullivan [LS], Associate Pastor at St. Celestine, be informed of the allegation and serve as an on-site monitor for the Professional Fitness Review Board.
5. That LS be required to fill out monitor reports and submit them to the Professional Fitness Review Administrator until the investigation is complete.
6. That Fr. De Roeck call and inform LS each time he leaves the rectory with his destination and estimated time of return to the rectory.

7. That Fr. De Roeck fill out a daily log and mail it weekly to the Professional Fitness Review Administrator until further determinations can be made by the Review Board.

Rev. Sullivan was so advised, and both he and Fr. De Roeck agreed to the above terms.

Note: The following day [March 17, 1999] Fr. De Roeck contacted an attorney and made an appointment with [REDACTED]

Cc: Professional Fitness Review Board Members  
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Rev. Daniel Coughlin, Vicar for Priests



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MEMORANDUM

TO: File – PRF-62

FROM: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

DATE: March 17, 1999

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PRESENT AT MEETING:

Rev. Walter De Roeck [WDR]  
Rev. Daniel Coughlin [DC], Vicar for Priest  
Ms. Kathleen Leggdas [KL], Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PRFA]

MEETING SUMMARY:

Rev. Daniel Coughlin is the Vicar responsible for this case. He was out of town for the first allegation. Fr. De Roeck was aware of this.

Since the previous allegation was presented the preceding Friday, there was no need to go through preliminary information regarding the policies/procedures. I [KL] did obtain a written consent from Fr. De Roeck to share [REDACTED] with the Professional Fitness Review Board. I also gave him the monitor forms, a copy of policies/procedures, and the Daily Log Form from my office. He agreed to complete them as requested.

I then proceeded to present the allegation as stated by [REDACTED] (see previous memo for details).

In response to the specifics of the allegation, Fr. De Roeck recalled that [REDACTED] did visit his home with [REDACTED] (who Fr. De Roeck said was like a cousin to [REDACTED]).

[REDACTED]

Fr. De Roeck, again, stated that he did provide alcohol for underage students – only beer, [REDACTED]

Fr. De Roeck said he used marijuana and he was unsure if he smoked in front of the boys. He was also unable to remember if he or [REDACTED] supplied the marijuana.

[REDACTED]

Fr. De Roeck more clearly recalled the extended trip to Michigan City and [REDACTED]. He did not recall masturbating in front of the boys or their walking in on him. Fr. De Roeck adamantly denies every touching [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I asked Fr. De Roeck directly if he does, in fact, have body piercing. He said "not now, but I did then." Fr. De Roeck then said that his nipples were pierced and he had rings in them. He also said he had genital piercing underneath his testicles.

Fr. De Roeck stated clearly that he is not now engaged in any relationship with underage students. He said that he has had no underage boys or girls to Michigan City since 1990 when the question of his relationship with a 19-year-old seminarian was questioned.

Fr. De Roeck continues to avoid direct contact with minors in the school or parish activities as a precaution and personal decision to not be in any situation in which anything could be misconstrued.

DC asked that Fr. De Roeck not say any public masses, and continue with previous restrictions per the first meeting.

Cc: Professional Fitness Review Board Members  
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Rev. Daniel Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

De Roock

Joe Laughlin - <sup>3rd</sup> Catty  
Met at KTC on Wed

Scene 9:

15 yrs.

- describe - current year

- sand [redacted]

- checked & part

[redacted]

~~final~~

Describe finds of jewelry

- did not provide part

- cannot remember exactly

- been not checked (C. mine's necklace)

(not sure [redacted] or fully provided - all searched)

[redacted]

- [redacted] interviewed - looked Can't remember

Described touching

- laughing - genital piercing

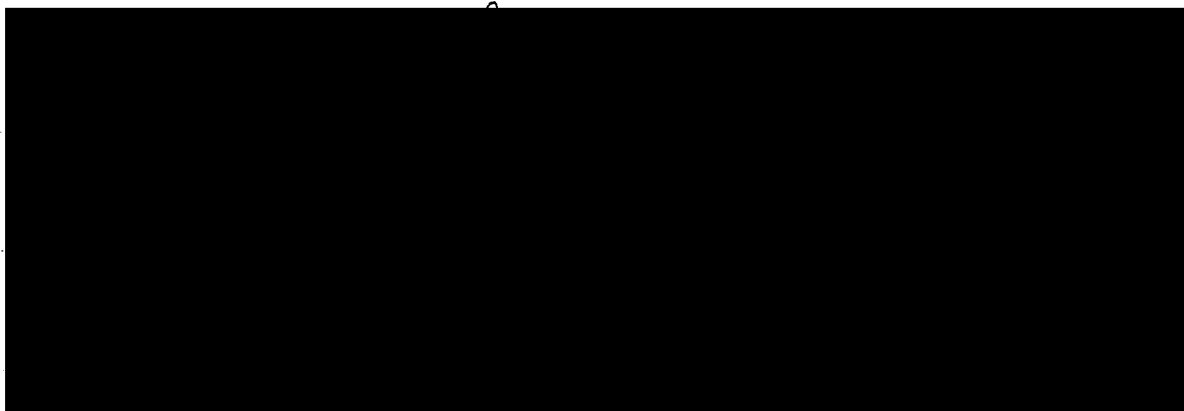
Any under 18 - Only students during 1974-85  
not sure 1990 - since [redacted]

Call from T. Paprocki + Kathleen

W. De Roek

- T. R. Bd unanimous  
- reasonable cause

- should be withdrawn

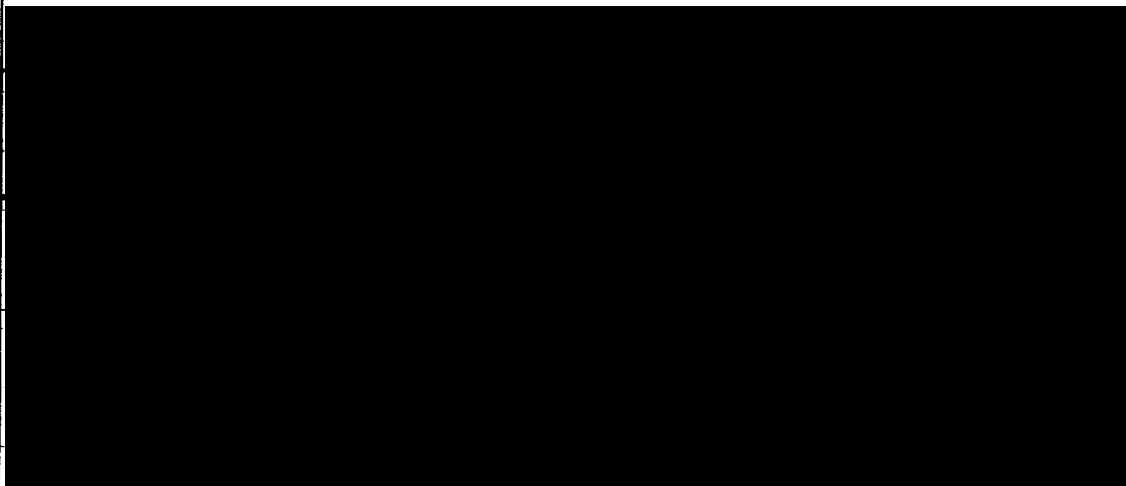


- interview? a week - staying with

3:30 - I don't remember



trying to be ~~serious~~ hopeful  
gave private no.



**stress** (stres), *n.* A condition. When a person's mind overcomes the body's desire to choke the living daylights out of someone who desperately deserves it.

Yesterday unnoticed

- next 2 weekends  
will be problem

- never once interrupted

- talk about ~~but not~~ <sup>with</sup> teens

A lot of absence

(talked long term)



all  
TV PM

Brown Kathleen → Wally ( [redacted] )

- Pat he
- Joslyn + Spilane in house -
- MCB + Joe Moore - Foley
- + Ray Dwyer → De Beak
- Cronin - B. White

Preita  
Name

- now a candidate in Mich City

Name [redacted] - GPS  
7 [redacted]

[redacted]

? Dental piercing

[redacted]

TV show Joe Longhi

Rome [redacted]

FAX [redacted]

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a file memo dated March 18, 1999 from Ralph Bonaccorsi, of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, summarizing Mr. Bonaccorsi's March 12, 1999 meeting with the mother of Victim IT. The victim's mother expressed to Mr. Bonaccorsi her feelings regarding the abusive relationship between Victim IT and Fr. Walter DeRoeck and her gratitude for the support that she and Victim IT have received from the Archdiocese.



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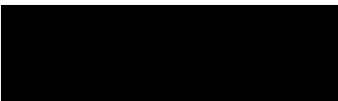


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## PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Walter G. De Rocck



Dear Father De Rocck:

Enclosed is a revised letter dated March 20, 1999 to you from Cardinal George. It replaces the one that Father Dan Coughlin and I hand-delivered to you personally at St. Celestine Rectory on March 20, 1999 following the Review Board's meeting that day.

In that original letter, Cardinal George had added a hand-written notation that the allegations against you regarded alleged sexual misconduct and inappropriate behavior with minors "fourteen years ago." In fact they stem from thirteen years ago. Also, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The revised letter corrects those two items. The enclosed letter also adds the stipulation that you are not authorized during your period of administrative leave to act as an agent or representative of the Archdiocese of Chicago; it also adds the precept that you are not to be alone with any minor without the presence of another responsible adult.

Since this letter entirely replaces the one previously given to you, the former version should be destroyed.

Please note also that the Professional Fitness Review Board is scheduled to conduct its Second Stage Review of your case on Saturday, July 17, 1999. At the Second Stage Review the Board shall determine whether prior determinations as to your ministry should be altered and what further action, if any, should be taken with respect to the allegations. Since Cardinal George will be on vacation until the end of July, it may not be until the beginning of August that he would decide on any recommendations to him from the Review Board. You will be informed as soon as possible after the Cardinal has had an opportunity to review and decide on the Board's recommendations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen Leggdas, Father Dan Coughlin or me. I will keep you in my prayers during this time.

Faternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend Lawrence J. Sullivan, Administrator, St. Celestine Parish  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** File

**FROM:** Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TJP*

**DATE:** March 20, 1999

**RE:** Review Board Meeting/First Stage Review/Rev. Walter DeRoeck

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review following allegations against Rev. Walter DeRoeck. In light of the information presented, including the two allegations and Fr. DeRoeck's response, the board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Fr. DeRoeck engaged in sexual misconduct with minors and voted unanimously to recommend that Fr. DeRoeck should be withdrawn from ministry at this time. The Board also recommended that he [REDACTED] at the earliest opportunity.

[REDACTED]

If there is an interim period before Fr. DeRoeck is able to [REDACTED], the Board recommended that he stay with a "friendly priest," e.g. Fr. Andrew McDonagh.

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Corrections to the Minutes  
of March 20, 1999

## Archdiocese of Chicago Professional Fitness Review Board

Meeting, Saturday, March 20, 1999  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### Members Present:



#### Other's Present:

Rev. T. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Kathleen Leggdas, PFRA

#### I. Approval of Minutes:

February 20, 1999 Minutes approved with one correction in  
spelling for [REDACTED]

#### II. Review Board Matters:

##### A. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review following allegations made against Rev. Walter De Roeck. The Board reviewed an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor and an allegation of other inappropriate behavior with a second minor. In addition to these allegations, there was a previous (1989) allegation of inappropriate behavior with another person.

In light of this information, Father De Roeck's response, and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to recommend that Father De Roeck be withdrawn from ministry. The Review Board was unanimous in making this recommendation.

The Board also recommended that he [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at the earliest opportunity.

If there is an interim period before Fr. De Roeck is able to [REDACTED], the Board recommended that he stay with a “Friendly priest”, e.g. Fr. Andrew McDonagh.

At present, plans are in place for Fr. De Roeck to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Fr. Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests and PFRA will fly to [REDACTED] on Thursday, April 1st [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Additional discussion focused on differentiating between sexual misconduct and inappropriate or boundary violations with minors.

Related concerns were noted in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

**III. Other Matters:**

A.

B.

C.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is on Saturday, April 17, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

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March 20, 1999

Reverend Walter G. De Roeck  
Pastor, St. Celestine Parish  
3020 N. 76<sup>th</sup> Ct.  
Elmwood Park, IL 60607-1103

Dear Father De Roeck:

As you know, the Archdiocese's Professional Fitness Review Board has received allegations that you have engaged in sexual misconduct and inappropriate behavior with minors thirteen years ago. In light of the information received in their inquiry into these allegations, which included the opportunity for you to provide your response, the Review Board conducted a First Stage Review and has recommended to me that you be withdrawn from your ministerial assignment at this time. The Board has further recommended that you [REDACTED] at the earliest opportunity.

I have asked the Chancellor, Father Thomas Paprocki, who acts as my Delegate to the Review Board, and Father Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests, to meet with you personally to deliver this letter informing you that I have accepted the Review Board's recommendations. As a result, you are hereby officially placed on administrative leave of absence from ministry. During this period of leave you are not to engage in any ministry as a priest except to celebrate Mass privately. You may, of course, celebrate Mass with the other priests [REDACTED] you are to leave St. Celestine Parish and stay at a location as directed by the Vicar for Priests. You are not authorized to act as an agent or representative of the Archdiocese of Chicago. You are not to be alone with any minor without the presence of another responsible adult. Determination about your future status will be made following the outcome of the Review Board's Second Stage Review, [REDACTED]

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Father De Roeck, as we discussed in our telephone conversation, I know that this matter is very distressful for you as well as for the others involved. I pray that you will not give up hope but will trust in God's grace to bring a beneficial outcome to all concerned. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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

Given at the Chancery

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Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

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Reverend Walter G. De Rocck  
March 20, 1999  
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cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend Lawrence J. Sullivan, Associate Pastor, St. Celestine Parish  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Archbishop of Chicago

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Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

\* fourteen years ago.

AOC 012578



Reverend Walter G. De Roeck  
March 20, 1999  
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cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
~~Most Reverend Thad J. Jakubowski, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate IV~~  
~~Reverend Daniel G. Mayall, Dean, Deanery IV A~~  
Reverend Lawrence J. Sullivan, Associate Pastor, St. Celestine Parish  
~~Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Moderator of the Curia~~  
~~Reverend Jeremiah Boland, Director, Priests' Placement Board~~  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
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Chancellor

\*fourteen years ago.

AOC 012580

Reverend Walter G. De Roeck  
March 20, 1999  
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Reverend Lawrence J. Sullivan, Associate Pastor, St. Celestine Parish  
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Ms. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Revised

Ralph B 3/22/99

Who? Staff - no - incl principal

Head of significant group

Trusted leader

9-12

Goal?

(5) - obtain wisdom - how to manage this in this crisis

II (6) III plan - that is not set @ developing - step by step  
- that will work

(4) - covenant - staff / Arch → good lt

(3) - develop a language to explain & find common understanding

(2) - help staff to deal with this info

(1) info ~~have~~ allegations came forward  
- not from these friends  
- approximately 10 yrs. ago  
- what has happened to Wally  
- supported?

(7) - any rumors - feedback - coordinated by Larry S

(8) - timetable - if we can hold on ~~to internal~~

⑨ meeting preparation at St. C  
at other places

⑩ Continued evaluation

⑪ Strengthen pastoral follow-up with parents, teachers  
& parish

# Emergency Plan

- media statement

- Q & A

- people in place - face to face resource team

  - Chaplain

  - School Office

  - including parishioners

  - Spokesperson for Arch
  - Spokesperson for parish

- Vicar & Dean

- prepared to ~~run~~ emergency meeting with SC  
" " " other parish

- communication to Vicar & Dean team, PC

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## Memorandum

To: File PFR-62  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, PFRA *KP*  
Re: Walter De Roeck  
Date: March 23, 1999

Summary of discussion from PFRB, March 20, 1999.

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If there is an interim period before Fr. De Roeck is able to [REDACTED], the Board recommended that he stay with a "friendly priest", e.g. Fr. Andrew McDonagh.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

cc: Professional Fitness Review Board  
Rev. Tom Paprocki, Archbishop's delegate to the Board  
Rev. Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Jim Serritella - Burke, Warren, McKay & Serritella

Parish Meeting at St Celestine

Thurs 3/25

Question on plan A - plan B

Knew he was sick?

Not visible after Mass ~~ST~~

Scheduled - Tenebrae, HT GF  
This Sat rehearsal

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Rehearsal

Rel Ed lost one this Sat.

Last day of school HT

Were the police notified? Not DCFB - Deal with Deed PA

Purpose - help priest -

Outline the stages of process

Draft - Parish Meeting?

~~before~~ - Informed at Mass & available after Masses  
(Share info saved with all)



Questioned about St. John Beckman

Denver

School - a couple days in Holy Week  
- School Office select teachers  
- experienced teachers

Penance Service

~~Announcements before Holy~~

Can make it thru Sunday Comm to Triduum

Triduum could be powerful

Announce on Sunday at 4 Masses

Meeting on Monday & Wednesday  
as part of a healing process

After Triduum & Teachers - coffee

## Process for Thru Meeting at H.C.

- 1) Prayer - L S
- 2) Introduction DC - self introduction
- 3) Share important + highly sensitive information
- 4) Develop a communication plan
- 5) A <sup>B White - Parish Secretary</sup> ~~leading~~ proposed timeline
- 6) Plan B - be in front - Bride Spokesperson <sub>LS</sub>  
- Archdeacon Spokesperson <sub>RG+TP</sub>

## WORKSHEET

RE: Parish Meeting at St. Celestine

### A. Who?

- Resource team from Archdiocese
- Parish staff, including principal of school
- Heads of significant parish groups
- A group of trusted leaders, totaling 9-12 people

### B. Goals

#### I.

1. To share important information
2. To help staff deal with sensitive material
3. To develop a language of explanation and form a common understanding

#### II.

1. To develop a communications plan and strategize its implementation
2. To obtain the wisdom of the parish community and how to manage this situation in the parish.
3. To develop a covenant relationship with parishioners, staff and Archdiocese for the good of St. Celestine.

#### III.

1. To prepare for a meeting at St. Celestine (and other parishes)
2. To shape tentative timetable that will be adjusted as necessary.
3. To have checkpoints for continued evaluation and feedback
4. To strategize continued pastoral follow-up with parish leadership and parish.

14-00000

# Memorandum

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To: Tom Paprocki

From: Dan Coughlin *DC*

Date: March 26, 1999

Re: DeRoeck Letter

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On Saturday, March 20, 1999, as we went to St. Celestine to see Father Walter DeRoeck and Father Lawrence Sullivan, we stopped by the Cardinal's residence to have him sign a letter that you would later present to the two priests. Before the Cardinal signed the letter he made a correction by way of an addition. At that time, I suggested that when you both return from Rome another letter be recasted to replace the one of March 20<sup>th</sup>.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bishop Goddert returned his copy to me and said he did not want it in his file.

As a matter of course a separate letter to Kathleen Leggdas, the Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator, needs to be written [REDACTED]

But [REDACTED] a new formal letter from the Cardinal to Walter De Roeck placing him an administrative leave needs to be crafted. This should follow the pattern you have used in the past. Copies should be sent only to the usual parties who received these in the past. In the new letter sent to Fathers De Roeck and Sullivan a covering note should be attached. This should inform them that this letter replaces the one presented to them on March 20, 1999. All Copies of the first letter should be destroyed and will not be retained in any Chancery file.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

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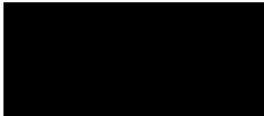
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March 26, 1999



Dear [REDACTED],

Enclosed is the copy you requested. This is from the original, written at the time you presented your allegation.

This is a confidential document and only you have the right to share this with [REDACTED]. Our office cannot release any information without your written consent. At your discretion, share this with her as she requested.

I hope you are experiencing some relief after sharing this difficult information with Ralph Bonaccorsi and myself.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas,  
Professional Fitness Review Admn.

KL/lmp

Enclosure:

AOC 012591

# Notification Plan A

- to be reviewed each day until ordered meeting

- ✓ Dan Mayall - Wed. 3/24
- ✓ Jim Henneghan - Thurs. 3/25 ① open ② confidentiality ③
- ✓ Bill Gubbins - Fri. AM 3/26
- ✓ Mike Foley - Fri. AM 3/26
- ✓ Greg Sankowicz - Sun PM. 3/28 ① confidentiality - Leo ② call Joe ③ drag all
- ✓ Bishop Lake - Sun/Mon. 3/28 or 29 by RG  
call Joe Loughtin - Mon 3/29
- Jerry Boland - Wed 3/31 @ mtg BL

Channel 7 - after Easter 4/5

Plan B

? help → RB  
copies of bulletins

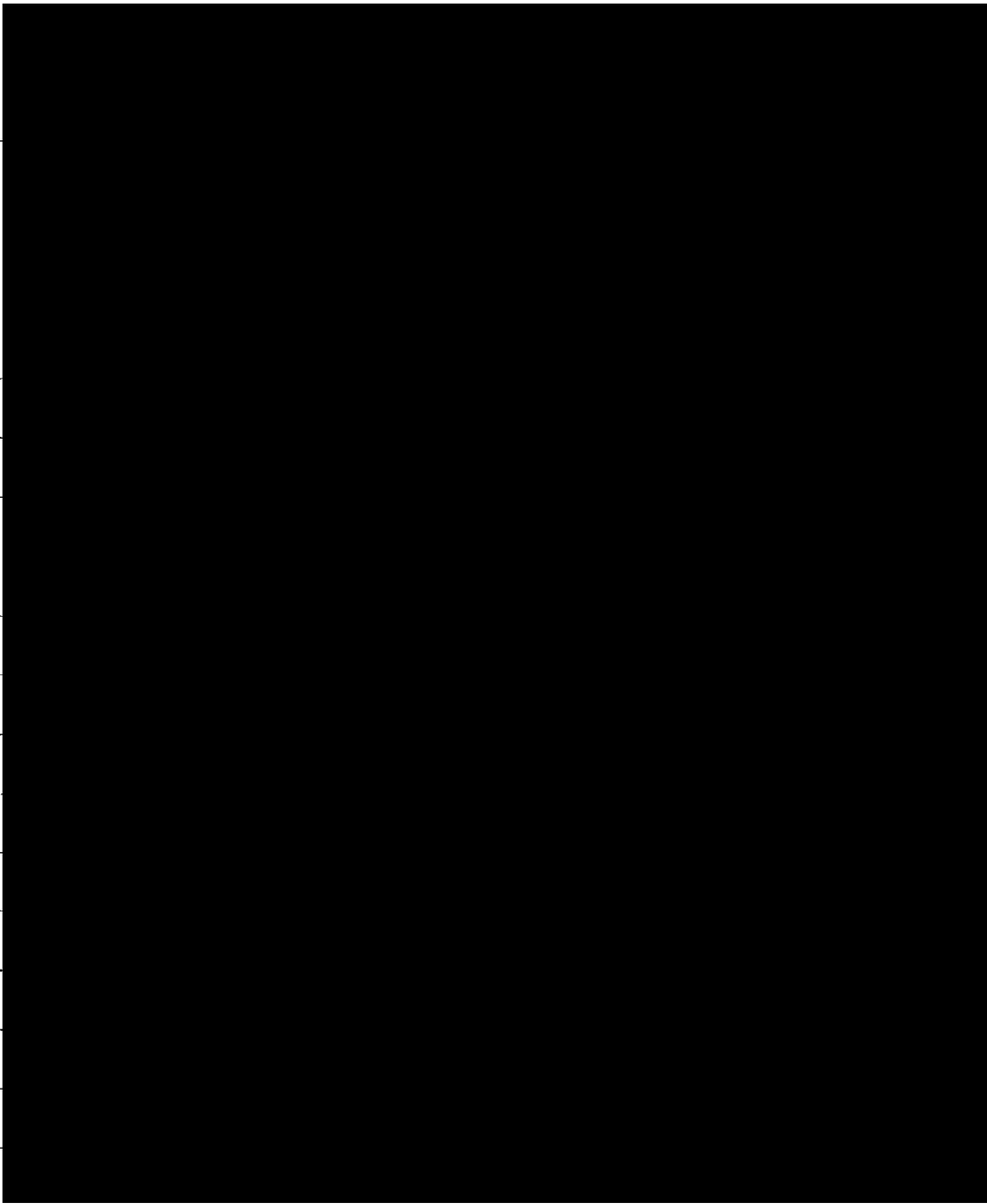
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Donald Walsh <sup>grace member</sup>

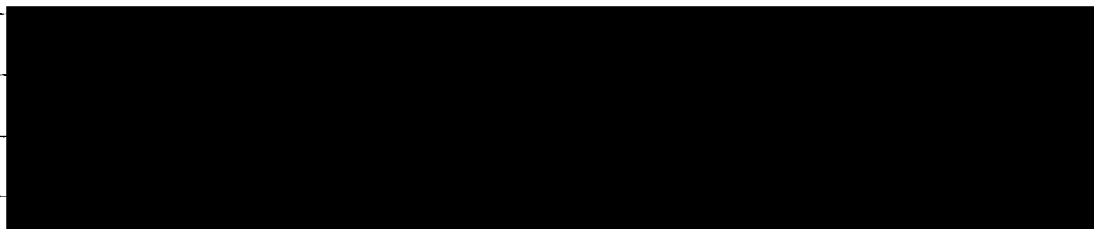
info relations. John Beckenage.

Henneghan  
Mc Loughlin

Jim Huel  
Dan Whitely  
Jerry Jacob



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# Cardinal Meeting

Do Roach

Sun 3/28 at 3:00 pm

- ① Mary Train - info - issues communicated - unfolding  
Sat 20 - Bd - Letter signed - TP & DC to St C & LS  
- Wally left and went to A McD  
on Wed 3/24

①

RG & Card phone - St C parish meeting there  
- Communications statement to be read A St C - B  
- Don Mayall formerly

- ② RB St C. Meeting - + Andy McD -  
Plan A - approved

③

Notification

VAM 1) sister

2) Wally

3) Alderman Mel

- Presently - St C 3 people -  
- John Buchanan - 40% diff

Source - content change substance - not Arch

what response to parish meeting?

other parties?



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## STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

RE: Allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior by Fr. Walter DeRoeck  
March 30, 1999

Fr. Walter DeRoeck, pastor of St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park, has been placed on administrative leave by the Archdiocese of Chicago following allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior with minors 13 years ago when he was pastor of St. John Berchmans in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago.

According to archdiocesan policies and procedures, the Archdiocese placed Fr. DeRoeck on administrative leave following receipt of the allegations, an initial inquiry by the Archdiocese's Professional Fitness Review Administrator, and the recommendation of the Review Board to withdraw him from his ministerial assignment pending further inquiry.

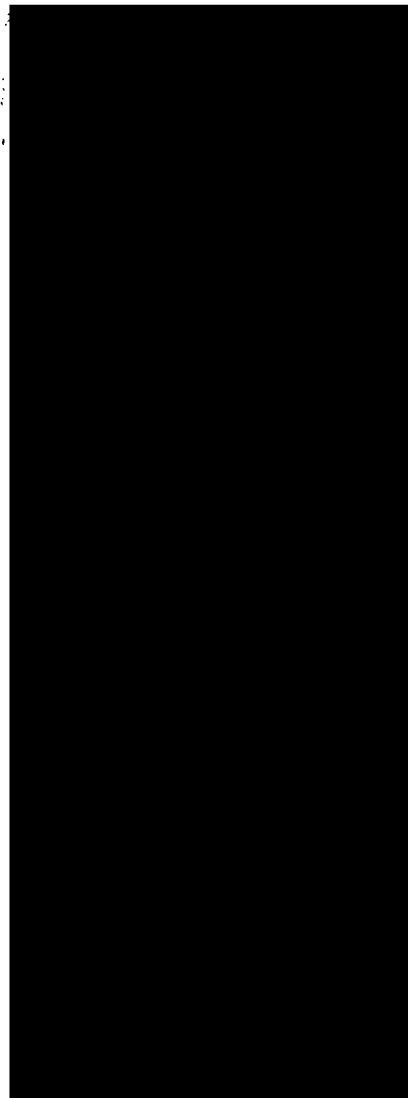
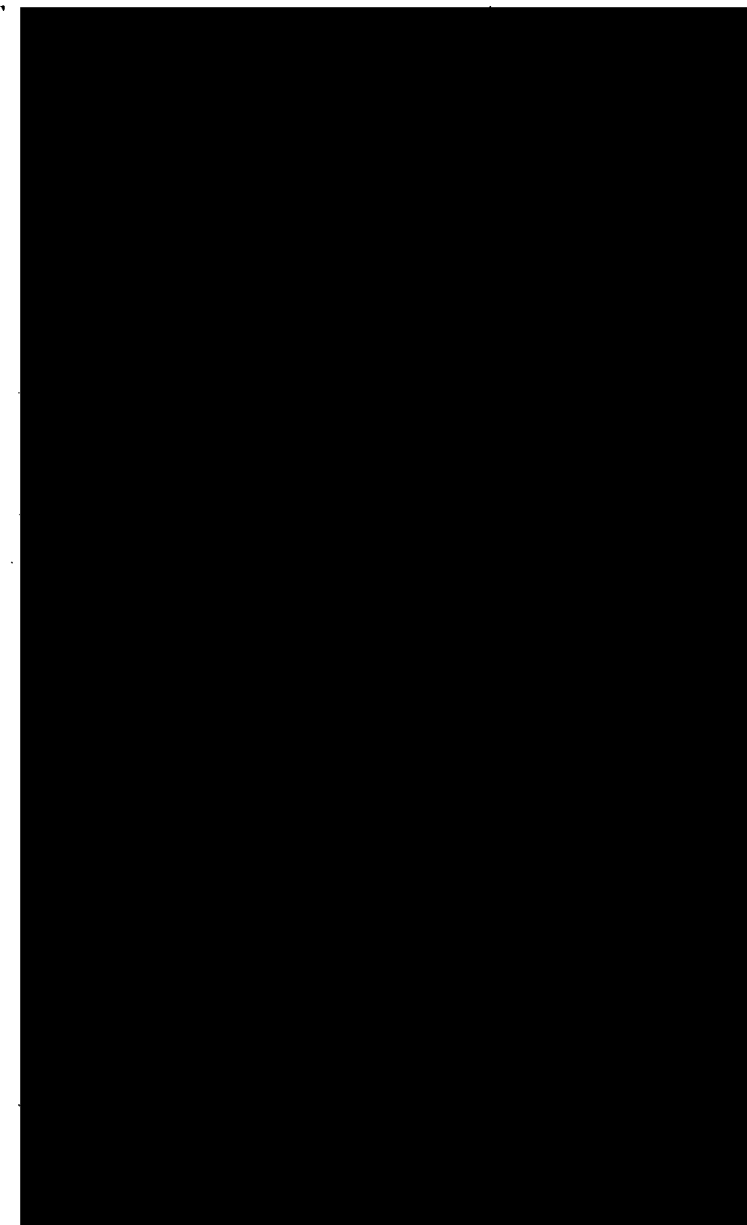
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, accepted the recommendation of the Review Board to withdraw the priest from his ministerial assignment.

Fr. DeRoeck will remain on administrative leave in a monitored setting pending further review of his case according to archdiocesan policies and procedures.

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<http://www.archdiocese-chgo.org>

AOC 012595



## Archdiocese probing sex charges against priest

By Steve Kloeck  
TRIBUNE RELIGION WRITER 3-31

An Elmwood Park priest who also served as host of a television program was suspended from his duties Tuesday after two men came forward with allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior 13 years ago in Chicago, according to the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago.

Rev. Walter DeRoeck, pastor of St. Celestine Catholic Church in Elmwood Park, was pastor of St. John Berchmans Church in the Logan Square neighborhood in 1986 when the alleged incidents occurred, said archdiocese spokeswoman Mary McDonough. The two men were minors at the time.

DeRoeck, 54—known to many as

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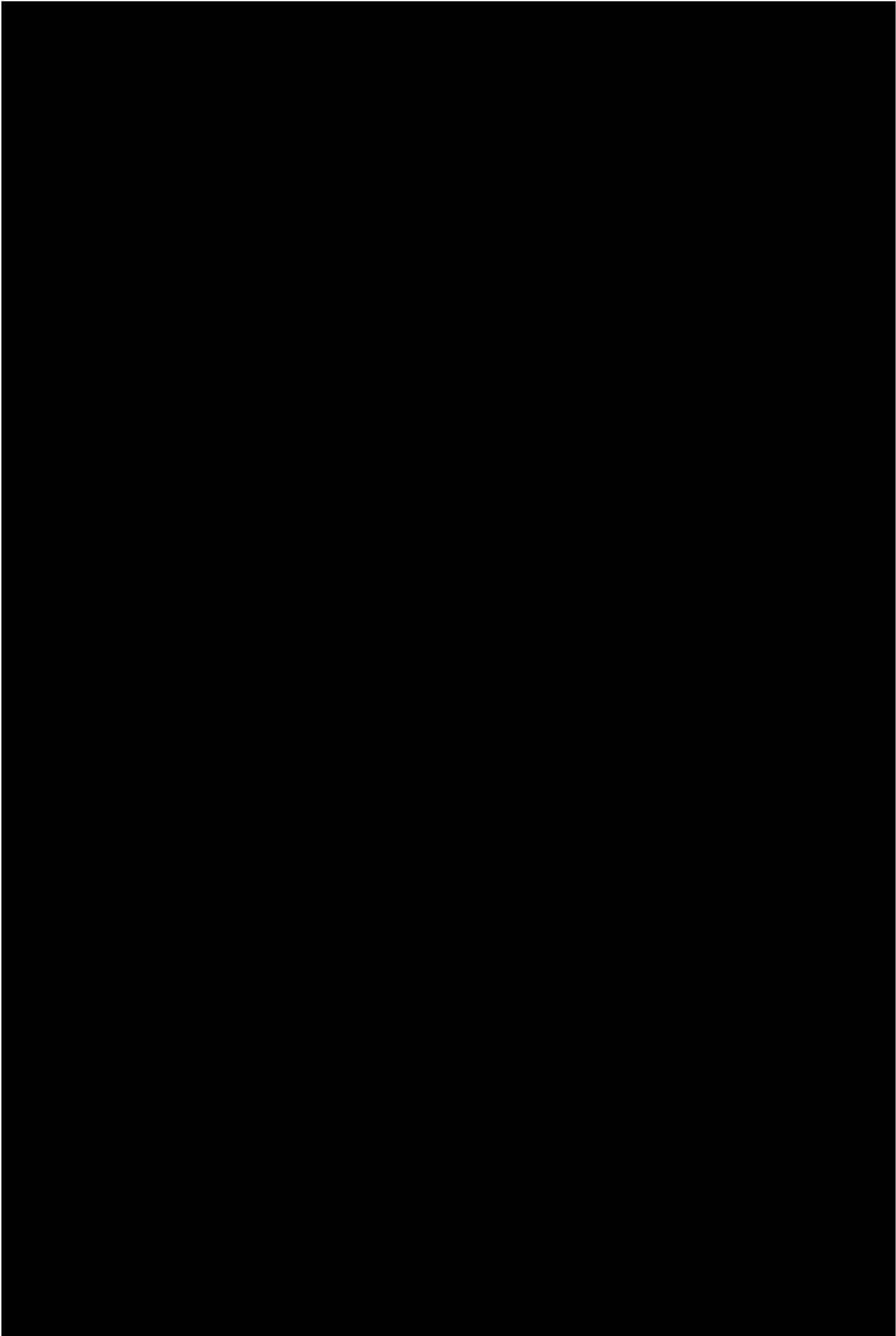
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CHgo. TRIBUNE 3-31-99 PFR-62

## Archdiocese probing sex charges against priest

By Steve Kloeck  
TRIBUNE RELIGION WRITER

An Elmwood Park priest who also served as host of a television program was suspended from his duties Tuesday after two men came forward with allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior 13 years ago in Chicago, according to the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago.

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April 1, 1999

Fr. Dan Cogan  
Vicar of Priests  
645 N. Michigan Ave - Suite 543  
Chicago, IL, 60611

Dear Fr. Cogan,

I am writing to express my shock at the allegations of sexual misconduct made against Fr. Walter DeRoeck. I was a student at Quigley North from 1984 until my graduation in 1988. During that time and for the past eleven years, Fr. DeRoeck has always been a close friend and mentor. Fr. DeRoeck was one of the most well respected teachers at Quigley North.

Fr. DeRoeck has always been a positive influence not only in my life but in the lives of many of my friends and classmates. His honesty, integrity and sincerity are unmatched. I have spent several hours in Fr. DeRoeck's company as a young man and there was never even an inclining of inappropriate behavior or activity.

I am more than willing to testify as to Fr. DeRoeck's character and I will fully support any action necessary to prove his innocence.

I hope the Archdiocese will work diligently to clear Fr. DeRoeck's good name and expediently bring this matter to an end.

Sincerely,



cc: St. Celestine  
3020 N. 76th Ct.  
Elmwood Park, IL

# The Update

## Priest removed after allegations

Father Walter DeRoeck, pastor of St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park, has been placed on administrative leave following allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior with minors 13 years ago when he was pastor of St. John Berchmans in the Logan Square neighborhood.

The recommendation for administrative leave came from the archdiocese's Professional Fitness Review Board and was accepted by Cardinal George.

DeRoeck also has been suspended from his duties as a host of the "Sanctuary" television program.

STATEMENT READ BY REV. WILLIAM GIBBONS AT EASTER MASSES AT ST. JOHN BERCHMAN  
WEEKEND OF APRIL 3 & 4, 1999

Most of you are familiar with the allegations on the news involving the former pastor of St. John Berchman. Fr. Foley and I were deeply saddened and concerned when we heard about this. Our thoughts and our prayers go out to Father and to anyone who has been hurt or is hurting. Please know that if anyone has questions or for any reason wishes to speak to us he or she can simply call the rectory and we will be happy to talk with you.

Dictated 04/08/99 - via phone

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**April 12, 1999**

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

**Your Eminence,**

**You are already aware that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on Saturday, March 20, 1999 to review a recent allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor and other inappropriate behavior against Rev. Walter De Roeck, pastor at St. Celestine's in Elmwood Park, IL.**

**Based on the nature of the allegation, [REDACTED], and Father De Roeck's response, it was recommended that he be withdrawn from the parish pending [REDACTED]. After [REDACTED], the Review Board will make further recommendations relative to return to ministry and/or specific protocols, which could be incorporated into his follow-up plan.**

**If you have any questions, please let me know.**

**Sincerely,**

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

**Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator**

**KL/lmp**

**Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Review Board Members  
Rev. Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests**



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Office of the Archbishop



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Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

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April 13, 1999

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

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing in response to your letter of April 12, 1999 regarding the matter of Father Walter De Roeck, following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on March 20, 1999.

In light of the facts and circumstances as presented to me, I have accepted the Board's recommendation that Father De Roeck be immediately withdrawn from his ministerial assignment at St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park, Illinois, pending [REDACTED]

Father Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests, and Father Thomas Paprocki, Chancellor and my Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board, met with Father De Roeck at St. Celestine Parish on March 20, 1999 following the Review Board's meeting. Prior to their visit with Father De Roeck, I gave them a letter to give to Father De Roeck placing him on administrative leave and instructing him to [REDACTED]. Father De Roeck is cooperating fully.

After [REDACTED] additional information is obtained, I will await further recommendations from the Review Board relative to return to ministry and/or specific protocols which could be incorporated into his follow-up plan.

I am grateful to the members of the Review Board and yourself for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Chancellor

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

AOC 012603

Memo From .  
KATHLEEN LEGGDAS  
PFR Administrator

To: Fr. Rapinski Date: 4-14-89

Message:

This came in the mail  
today - I think they did  
a good job of responding.

I will distribute this  
at Rev. Bd. Meeting on  
Saturday

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# **PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday, April 17, 1999  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

## **AGENDA**

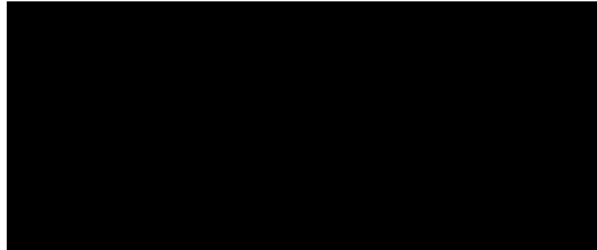
**I. Approval of Minutes: March 20, 1999  
(Enclosure 1)**

**II. Review Board Matters**

**PFR-62, Walter De Roeck  
(Enclosures 2 and 3 plus copy of Tribune Article)**

**III. Other Matters**

**A.**



**Next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, May 15, 1999.**



**Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, April 17, 1999**

**MINUTES**

**I. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 1999 given with the following corrections:**

- Paragraphs 1 and 2 on page 1, the matter of PFR-62 should read:

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review following allegations made against Rev. Walter De Roeck. The Board reviewed an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor and an allegation of other inappropriate behavior with another person.

In light of this information, Father De Roeck's response and [REDACTED] the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to recommend that Father De Roeck be withdrawn from ministry. The Review Board was unanimous in making this recommendation.

- Paragraph 1 on page 2 in the matter of PFR-43 should be corrected by deleting the words "could and" from the second to last sentence.

**II. Review Board Matters.**

**A. In the matter of PFR-62, Rev. Walter De Roeck.**

- Recommendation was made to amend the Professional Fitness Review Administrator's letter to Cardinal George and use the wording as written in correction of minutes.
- PFR Administrator received an anonymous allegation after TV coverage. Woman called regarding her brother-in-law and disclosed a similar scenario as in the one of inappropriate behavior with a minor at St. Paul of the Cross. Her brother-in-law is out of the country. She will encourage him to call after he returns to the city.

- Review Board members were given copies of [REDACTED] to review, write questions/comments and return to Professional Fitness Review Administrator, so clarification can be obtained when she attends [REDACTED]
- Further discussion focused on scheduling of Second Stage Review. It was decided to do so only after clarification and further information is received from [REDACTED]
- Recommendation: Professional Fitness Review Administrator will meet with Father Dan Coughlin to discuss [REDACTED]
- Recommendation: In light of this most recent case, [REDACTED] drafted a letter to Cardinal George to discuss her thoughts about Father Walter De Roeck as well as a general concept of “return to ministry.”
- [REDACTED]

B.

[REDACTED]

C.

**D.**

**E.**

**F.**

**III. Other Matters.**

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**C. Projects in Progress:**

- 1. Files updated, cover sheet revised.**
- 2. Documents from So. Vianney House organized for incorporation into files 1992 – Present.**

3. **“Master Book of Forms” are being compiled by Professional Fitness Review Administrator.** [REDACTED]

**Masters will be given to Board or sub-committee to review and comment, as well as to attorney.**

4. **Protocols are being reviewed and will be presented to Board for review before they are re-signed by clients.**
5. **Staffing schedule of clients, therapists, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, and Vicars for priests reviewed. Staffings will be scheduled to update wherever necessary.**
6. **Professional Fitness Review Administrator reported briefly on involvement with Lay Advisory Group (LAG):**
- **Three cases handled:  
Deacon/adult woman;  
Parish secretary/child;  
Parish employee/school employee.**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is on May 15, 1999, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Memo From  
KATHLEEN LEGGDAS  
PFR Administrator

To: Don Date: 4-20-99

Message:

The review Bd asked  
that I revise the letter  
to Cardinal George -

Please destroy previous  
copy & replace with  
this.

Thank,

Kathleen



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April 20, 1999

Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator  
Office of Professional Fitness Review  
676 N. St. Claire, Suite 1910  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Kathleen,

I received your memo regarding your office handling my salary and my first check being mailed to me on May 1, 1999. I am writing to you, therefore, with two requests.

First, could you please arrange for direct deposit of my check into my checking account at Pinnacle Bank ([REDACTED]). I have enclosed one of my deposit slips. I hope that is sufficient.

Secondly, I want to take advantage of the Defined Contribution Pension Plan, as recommended by PRMAA. In case you have any questions about this, Dan Coughlin will be able to address them.

In the letter from PRMAA dated March 5, 1999 the procedure for enrollment was outlined. I refer to it because it indicates that "the parish will receive a salary reduction agreement signed by the priest authorizing a payment deduction" and that "this deduction should be withheld from the priest's pay prior to taxes being calculated."

Since, for the moment, your office is my parish, I bring it to your attention. If you have such a form, please send it to me. I would like to proceed as follows. For five months I would like to have \$200 deducted from my salary, 50% of which is to be placed in a Growth Fund (Fidelity VIP II Contrafund Portfolio) and 50% put in a Growth & Income (Stocks & Bonds) Fund (Aetna Balanced VP, Inc).

That will come to a total of \$1000 (\$500 in each fund).

Thanks for your attention to this matter. I hope all is clear. If not, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Gratefully,



Fr. Walter De Roeck

AOC 012611

To File: PFR-62  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator  
Re: Walter De Roeck  
Date: April 21, 1999

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**Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting, March 20, 1999:**

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review following allegations made against Father Walter De Roeck. The Board reviewed an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor and an allegation of other inappropriate behavior with a second minor. In addition to these allegations, there was a previous (1989) allegation of inappropriate behavior with another person.

In light of this information, Father De Roeck's response, [REDACTED] the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to recommend that Father De Roeck be withdrawn from ministry. The Review Board was unanimous in making this recommendation.

The Board also recommended that [REDACTED]

If there is an interim period before [REDACTED], the Board recommended that he stay with a "Friendly priest", e.g. Fr. Andrew McDonagh.

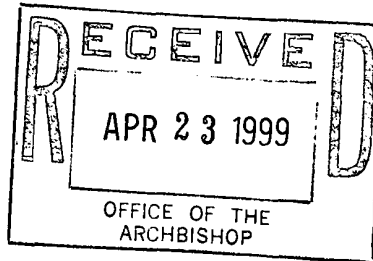
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

April 22, 1999

His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal George  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 East Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611



Dear Cardinal George:

I write to you in behalf of Reverend Walter De Roeck, whom I have known for the past seven years. I was stunned to hear of the allegations that have been brought against him.

Father De Roeck served as an Associate Pastor of St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Glenview, where my parents lived for many years. He was extremely good to my parents during their final illnesses: he visited them frequently during their final days; he even held a ritual giving my comatose father permission to die. He also presided at their Wake services.

After my parents' deaths, I lived in their home for almost a year, while I was trying to sell it. During that time Father De Roeck and I became friends.

I know him to be a good and holy priest. He is also an extremely caring and conscientious priest. When he was appointed pastor of St. Celestine Parish, he asked the parishioners of St. Catherine Laboure to "pray that I be the kind of pastor I want to be, attentive to all those whom I am called to serve and attentive in prayer to the God who does the calling."

He is, moreover, an incredibly gifted priest: both in word and in liturgy. If he were to leave the Archdiocese, the entire Archdiocese would be poorer; if he were to leave the priesthood, the whole Church would be poorer.

Prayerfully,

[REDACTED]

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

April 23, 1999

Dear Father Sullivan,

Due to the absence of Reverend Walter DeRoeck, pastor of St. Celestine's, the parish is in need of an administrator. I am pleased to appoint you as parochial administrator. This appointment is effective immediately, and will remain in effect until other arrangements are made. Attached are our Archdiocesan guidelines for administrators of parishes.

Larry, thank you very much for your generosity and cooperation in accepting this responsibility. I am confident you will fulfill this office with competence and compassion and that the staff and parishioners will support you in your responsibility.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Jeremiah Boland".  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Lawrence J. Sullivan  
St. Celestine Parish  
3020 N 76<sup>th</sup> Court  
Elmwood Park, IL 60707-1103

cc: Most Reverend Raymond Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Moderator of the Curia  
Reverend Thomas Paprocki, Chancellor  
✓ Reverend Daniel Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Most Reverend Thad Jakubowski, Vicar  
Reverend Daniel Mayall, Dean  
Reverend Walter DeRoeck, Pastor  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board

Enclosure

AOC 012614

### GUIDELINES FOR PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATORS

The general law of the Church imposes the same obligations and grants the same rights as a Pastor to the Administrator, unless restricted by the Diocesan Bishop. These guidelines are to be considered such qualifications.

- 1) The parish should be run in accord with the established pattern, whenever possible, and in consultation with the parish council.
- 2) There should be no major changes or innovations.
- 3) Non-budgeted or non-contracted expenditures over \$2,500 should be made only in consultation with the Vicar or Dean.
- 4) Major decisions (such as hiring or firing employees, finalizing budgets, setting tuition rates, etc.) should be postponed if at all possible. If they cannot, they should be handled through the normal shared decision-making process of the parish and keeping with the general philosophy of the parish. It may be well to consult with the Vicar or Dean about these matters as they develop.
- 5) As the end of the period of administration draws near, the administrator should prepare a summary report of decisions, activities, expenditures, etc. for the newly appointed pastor.
- 6) An administrator is paid the salary of a pastor. Currently that is \$100.00 per month more than an associate pastor.
- 7) If a retired priest is appointed administrator of a parish, his pension benefits remain unchanged and, in addition, he is entitled to receive from the parish a full pastor's compensation, with the appropriate seniority increment corresponding to the number of years of priestly service since ordination; however, the seniority increment shall not accrue beyond the age of seventy.

Your willingness to accept this office is deeply appreciated. These guidelines are not meant to be an added burden of your generosity, but to assist you during this interim and to be of help to the returning pastor.

**MEMO TO FILE:** PFR-62  
**FROM:** Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator  
**RE:** Rev. Walter De Roeck  
**DATE:** April 26, 1999

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**Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, April 17, 1999:**

Recommendation was made to amend the Professional Fitness Review Administrator's letter to Cardinal George and use the wording as written in correction of minutes.

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[REDACTED]



Memo From  
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki

To: Kathleen Leggins Date: 4/28/99

For: \_\_\_\_\_ Information  
\_\_\_\_\_ Comment  
\_\_\_\_\_ Approval  
\_\_\_\_\_ Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please draft a reply for Cardinal's signature  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please draft a reply for my signature  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please reply in your own name  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please return  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please handle  
☒ Per conversation

*Received  
4-29-99*

Remarks: Please note that Fr. DeRueck  
has been withdrawn from St. Celestine  
Parish pending further review.  
He has not at this time been  
canonically removed as pastor.  
TJP

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MEMO TO FILE: PFR-62

FROM: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*

RE: Rev. Walter De Roeck

Date: April 12, 1993 / *Revised April 29, 1999.  
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*Make changes &  
to memo  
refile*

Effective April 1, 1999, the salary for Rev. Walter De Roeck will be paid by the Office of Professional Fitness Review. As a result of the Review Board's recommendation he was ~~removed~~ *withdrawn* from his pastorate at St. Celestine's in Elmwood Park at the end of March 1999, *pending further review.*

Using the Archdiocesan scale for priests and given the fact that Father De Roeck was ordained in 1971, he is entitled to an annual salary of \$18,685, that is, \$1,557.00 monthly. This figure includes seniority and transportation.

Excluded from the \$18,685 are expenses for dental insurance, social security payments, annuity funds, and Ministerial Expense Account. Both health and automobile insurance remain in place through the Archdiocesan system.

Checks are to be mailed by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator the first of each month for the previous month. That means a check for April, 1999 will be mailed to Father De Roeck at [REDACTED] on May 1, 1999 for an April salary.

Questions, comments or concerns can be addressed to our office.

Cc: Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Dan Coughlin Vicar for Priests  
Sr. Mary Ann Zrust, Vicar for Priests

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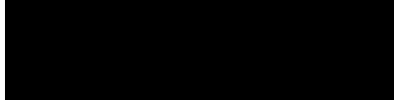
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April 30, 1999

Reverend Walter De Roeck



Dear Father De Roeck,

I received your correspondence regarding direct deposit of your checks. Since we write our own checks from this office, we are unable to arrange this within the existing system.

We can, however, use mail deposit since we have your account number. Father Larry McBrady [REDACTED] will be asking you for additional deposit slips.

The other questions regarding pension and investments should be directed to Mr. Alex Becker at PRMAA. He can be reached at 708-449-8026 or inquiries sent to him at his office: 7142 N. Osceola, Chicago, IL 60631.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

*P.S. Hope all is going well with you!*

AOC 012619

MAY 3,1999

FR. DANIEL COUGHLIN  
CO-VICAR FOR PRIESTS  
645 N. MICHIGAN #543

DEAR FATHER COUGHLIN,

I AM WRITING NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF BUT FOR MANY CONCERNED PARISHIONERS  
HERE AT ST. CELESTINE'S CHURCH.

IN VIEW OF THE STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT MADE TO US ON MARCH 24TH, WE WOULD  
LIKE TO HEAR THE RESULTS OF A MONTH LONG PROBE INTO THE SO CALLED CHARGES  
MADE BY TWO YOUNG MEN AGAINST FATHER WALTER DE ROECK.

BE

WE BELIEVE THEY MUST/FALSELY MADE AS FROM EVERY ASPECT OF OUR PARISH FAM-  
ILY THERE IS CERTAINLY NO REASON TO BELIEVE OR EVEN A VAGUE POSSIBILITY THAT  
ANY SUCH HAPPENING COULD OCCUR. FURTHERMORE ANY OTHER PARISH AT WHICH FATHER  
HAS SERVED WILL VERIFY HIS HOLY AND UPLIFTING PRESENCE.

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT YOU CAN ALLOW THESE MEN TO COME FORWARD AFTER  
13 YEARS OF SILENCE TO RUIN THIS GOOD MAN'S LIFE AND REPUTATION. HOW AT THIS  
LATE DATE CAN HE POSSIBLY DEFEND HIMSELF WHEN TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE LEFT  
LITTLE OR NO EVIDENCE AND ONLY THE WORDS OF THESE TWO BOYS TO RUIN THE REPUTA-  
TION OF A DEDICATED AND HOLY MAN: ALL HIS YEARS OF GOD'S WORK BE WIPED AWAY!

WE WOULD WISH YOU TO CONSIDER THE SOURCE. AFTER HAVING SPOKEN TO ONE OF  
FATHER DE ROECK'S COLLEAGUES WHO WAS ALSO STATIONED AT ST. JOHN BIRCHMAN  
PARISH AT THE TIME OF THESE ALLEGATIONS, I WAS TOLD HE KNEW THE BOYS. HIS QUOTE  
WAS "THESE BOYS WERE "OFF THE WALL".

WE WONDER IF THIS IS POSSIBLY A PUT UP JOB TO GAIN NOT ONLY NOTORIETY BUT  
MAYBE MONETARY COMPENSATION SINCE THE CHURCH IS WILLING TO "PAY OFF" SOME OF  
THESE PEOPLE JUST TO KEEP THINGS QUIET. PERHAPS THEY SAW FATHER ON TV AND  
THOUGHT THEY COULD MAKE A "KILLING".

WE WANT FATHER DE ROECK BACK AT ST.CELESTINE'S SINCE HE WAS A FINE INFLU-  
ENCE ON US ALL. HE IS PRAYERFUL, DEVOUT AND A CARING PASTOR, ALWAYS CONCERNED  
FOR HIS FLOCK. IN THE TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS HE HAS SPENT WITH US, OUR PARISH  
HAS FLOURISHED IN GRACE AND CHARITY.

IN THE NAME OF CARDINAL BERNARDINE, WHO ALSO PASSED THROUGH THIS PURGATORY  
ON EARTH, PLEASE DISPELL THE CLOUDS FROM OVER OUR HEADS AND LET FATHER REJOIN US.

BY THE GRACE OF CHRIST AND HIS BLESSED MOTHER, MAY HE BE CLEARED OF ALL  
SUSPICION.

SINCERELY, A CARING PARISHONER,



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May 8, 1999

Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi  
676 N. St. Clair  
Suite #1910  
Chicago, IL 60611

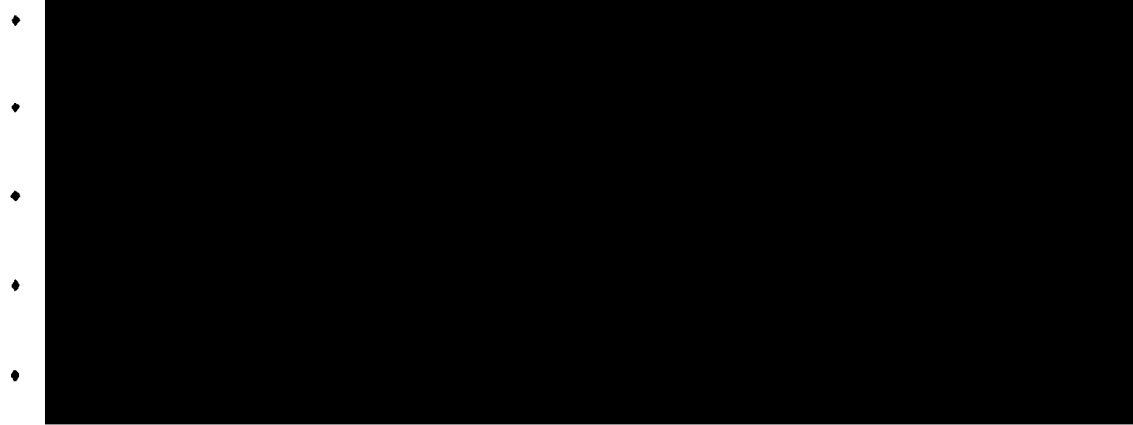
Dear Mr. Bonaccorsi:

I'd like to thank you for the time you spent talking with me last Wednesday afternoon. It was much appreciated. Per our conversation, I have provided a list of questions. I understand that they cannot all be answered. There are matters of legal and privacy issues. I can't say that I want answers to all of them. These are just some of the things that have entered my mind over these last weeks.

Sincerely,

- What is the definition of inappropriate sexual behavior? What is the definition of sexual abuse? State examples. Are they the same?
- What was the outcome of the meeting at St. John Berchmans?
- Have other individuals come forward after the newspaper and television reports?
- Has Fr. De Roeck admitted to the two cases that we know about? Has he admitted to any more?
- What was the time period of these two cases? One month? Six months? One year? More than that?
- What was the alleged behavior of Fr. De Roeck? Masturbation? Fondling? Pornography? Full physical encounter?
- How aggressive was this behavior? Did he inflict pain intentionally? Did he threatened these boys?

- Will this enter the criminal process? What is the statute of limitations for these cases? Does it work by age of the victim? For example, if the boys were 15, is the statute 10 years following their turning 18 years old?



- [REDACTED] would he be allowed to return to St. Celestine? Under what conditions?

- When the Archdiocese came to speak with our parish, information was provided for parents on how to handle the situation with their children. No other material or resource lists were provided. Adults were pretty much left on their own with all of this. A list of understandable books or articles would be helpful.
- A contact list of diocesan-level liaisons would also be helpful. Right now, if someone has questions, the parish staff must be approached. What if you aren't comfortable approaching them or don't want them to know that you want to contact someone?
- I am an involved member of the parish. I am encountering divided loyalties with some of the staff and parishioners I work with. I certainly don't approve of what Fr. De Roeck has been accused of but I am supportive of him in very positive ways. How does a parishioner handle this?
- Leadership must be careful with what they say and do. Have they been given any instructions on what informational boundaries they should abide by? For example, Fr. De Roeck is still the pastor here. Do not use terms such as, "When a new pastor is assigned."
- It's easy to want power when the current boss is away. I'd say that there has been a bit of "politicking" and "jockeying for position" going on. This can't be stopped but it is not healthy for the parish. The main focus should be on Fr. De Roeck's state and keeping the parish functioning. Is this pointed out strongly to the parish staff?
- If Fr. De Roeck is not allowed to return to St. Celestine, will the parish be allowed input as to the type of pastor we want? Or will Fr. Sullivan automatically be given the parish?

\* Is Fr. De Roeck's Family Being Looked After? Who Do They Look To For Support And Assistance? I Hope They Aren't Going Through This Alone.

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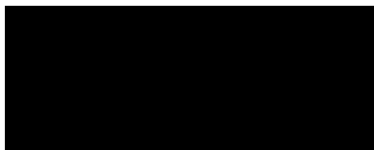
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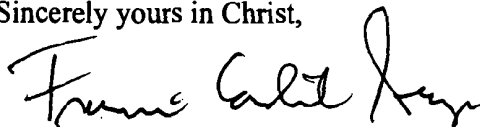
Dear [REDACTED],

I'm very grateful for your letter of April 22, 1999, and I'm even more grateful for your support for Father Walter De Roeck.

Father De Roeck has been a man who has placed his great gifts at the service of God's people, and we all have reason to be grateful to him. The current situation is a great tragedy, since the allegations come from years back. Father Walter is [REDACTED] and, I know, would be very appreciative of your prayers. As things develop, perhaps you could be in touch with him.

Again, I'm grateful for your concern for a very good priest. Please keep me and the Archdiocese in your prayers; you and those you love are in mine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,




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

FATHER THOMAS J. PAPROCKI

To: MC  
FILE

Fr. Walter De Roeck

AOC 012623



May 11, 1999

His Eminence  
Cardinal Francis Eugene George, O.M.I.  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690



*Fr. De Soughlin*

Your Eminence:

I am writing to express my dismay and disbelief over information recently received from my family concerning Father Walter DeRoeck.

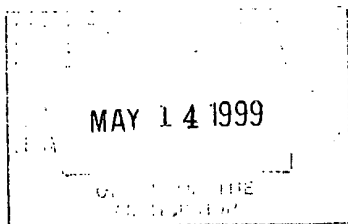
As I understand, allegations of sexual misconduct have been leveled against Father DeRoeck stemming from a situation which may have occurred some 13 years ago.

Fr. DeRoeck is an exceptional man and devout priest. He is a person with impeccable character; a passionate man who has modeled his life after Jesus Christ, the Gospel and teachings of our Lord. I have never met another person who exemplifies the words Friend, Father, and Teacher better than Fr. Walter DeRoeck.

I have known Father Walter DeRoeck since 1978 when I was a seminary student at Quigley Preparatory Seminary North. Fr. DeRoeck has been many things to me and my fellow classmates, a professor, a mentor, counselor, confidante, a spiritual leader, and friend.

As a young man, I did not have a male role model in my life. My parents were divorced when I was five years old. Without a positive male influence in my young life, I was quickly getting into trouble. Father DeRoeck saw something good inside me that made him reach out and guide me. He believed in me when I didn't even believe in myself. Moreover, he gave me the attention only a caring person could give. He listened to my questions about life and always gave me an answer from his heart. He questioned my beliefs and taught me how to be more like Christ.

Many have been the times that He and I went away for the weekend, either on retreat to his home in Michigan City, Indiana, or on vacation with classmates canoeing through Minnesota into Canada. Fr. DeRoeck was a big brother to me when I needed a big brother, a role model, and a real life example of a good Christian person. There was never any question in my mind or the mind of my mother whether Fr. DeRoeck was trustworthy. I trusted him with my life and still do.



May 11, 1999

I hope you can understand how maligned these accusations against such an upstanding person are. The mere accusation of any alleged misconduct has already pulled this man's sterling reputation into question. In addition, as I am sure you are aware, once the news media has finished reporting the so-called facts the destruction of Father's reputation will be complete. In an instant all the hard work to build a stellar career, all the relationships built with countless families and friends will be called into question and analyzed for any inkling of misconduct. Already I have heard speculation that even when Father DeRoeck's name has been cleared and the accusations have been disproved, it would be unlikely he would be selected as Pastor of a Parish due to a perception of uneasiness amongst parishioners. So, in the end the maliciousness of his accusers might triumph and the just man punished indirectly. Revolting isn't it?

Today I live with my wife and two children in [REDACTED]. It was Father DeRoeck who counseled us prior to pre-Cana and attended our wedding providing his support and blessing twelve years ago. It is now time for me to lend my support and blessings by providing you, Your Eminence, with my solemn testimonial to Father Walter DeRoeck's character.

I pray that Father DeRoeck's accusers will come forth and recant their stories, tell the truth and let the truth exonerate all. I pray that when Father DeRoeck has been cleared of any misconduct he will be appointed Pastor with the unconditional backing of the Church. Lastly, I pray that Fr. DeRoeck will continue to fight this indignation with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the love and blessing of my family and all those who hold him dear in their hearts.

Sincerely in Christ,  
[REDACTED]

Cc: Rev. Walter DeRoeck

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**PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday, May 15, 1999  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**I. Approval of Minutes: April 17, 1999**

**Corrected Minutes of March 20, 1999 (enclosed).**

**Corrected Letter to Cardinal George April 12, 1999 (enclosed).**

**II. Review Board Matters**

**Father Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests will attend this Board meeting to discuss the following:**

**A.**

**B.**

**C. Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62**

**- Current status, [REDACTED].**

**D.**

**E.**

**F.**

**G.**

**III. Other Business**

**A.**

**B.**

**NOTE:**

**If you have not returned your comments for [REDACTED] on W. De Roeck, please bring them with you to this meeting.**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 19, 1999.**



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**Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, May 15, 1999**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**



**Others Present:**

**Rev. Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Kathleen Leggdas, PFR Administrator**

**Absent:**

**Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Representative to the Review Board**

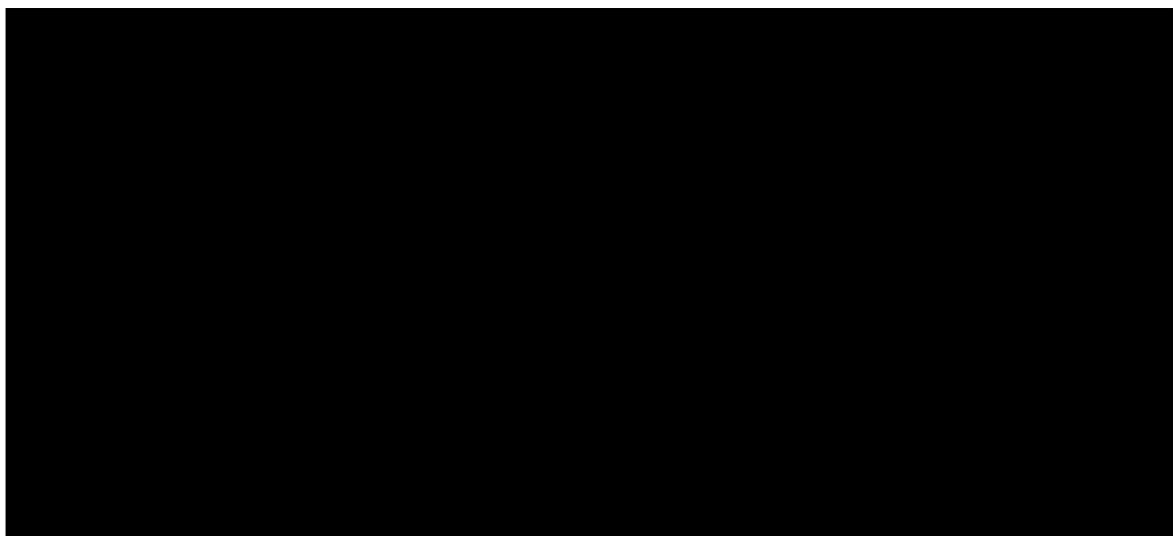


**Approval of Minutes**

**April 12, 1999**

**A. Amend page 2 to read, "Some of the members of the Review Board questioned the length of time recommended for [REDACTED]".**

**B.**



C.

D.

E. PFR-62 Rev. Walter G. De Roeck

Questions to be sent to [REDACTED] Cover letter from Chairman of Review Board. Cover letter from PFR Administrator. Written response to questions requested from [REDACTED]

New allegation to be presented to Rev. De Roeck. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

F.

**G.**

**H.**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting Saturday, June 19, 1999.**

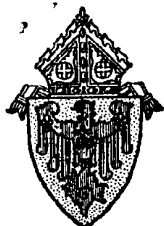
**MEMO TO FILE: PFR-62**  
**FROM: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator**  
**RE: Walter G. De Roeck**  
**DATE: May 18, 1999**

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**Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board meeting on May 15, 1999:**

[REDACTED]

**New allegation to be presented to Rev. De Roeck.** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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May 24, 1999



Dear [REDACTED]:

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At present I can tell you that Father De Roeck is doing well [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I have visited him and I try to keep in telephone contact with him.

There is not much more that I, or anyone else, can comment on at the present time. We are following our usual Archdiocesan policies and procedures. I hope that you continue to keep Father De Roeck in your prayers and use this occasion to pray for all priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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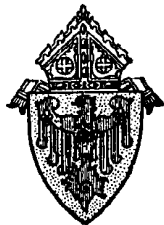
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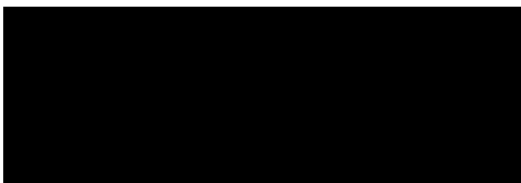
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May 25, 1999



Dear [REDACTED]:

Noting your pain and disbelief over the present situation of Father Walter De Roeck, Cardinal Francis George has forwarded your letter to me to respond. Personally, I have known Father De Roeck for a number of years and hold him in great esteem. Now in my position as Vicar for Priests I hope to help him through this difficult time. You as well as others have expressed well your personal concerns about Father De Roeck and his future. They are a great sign of support and encouragement.

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Vicar for Priests



1 June 1999

Dear parishioners,

I have wanted very much to be in touch with you since my departure in the days before Holy Week. I miss you a great deal. In the two and a half years that I have been with you I have come to love and cherish you. You are very dear to my heart. First, a word of thanks to Fr. Sullivan and the entire staff. They have been so caring and supportive of you and of me during this time of crisis in our lives.

I also want to thank you for your words of kindness, compassion and forgiveness. I am blessed with the gift of caring parishioners and wonderful friends. I have also been blessed with a family whose unconditional love has inspired me and made me stronger. In all of this I have come in touch with the goodness of God who continues to walk with all who are in need of healing.

I had hoped to respond to all cards and letters received. I now know that that is unrealistic. That is why I write you today. Please know that your words have moved me tremendously. They have brought me to tears – and they are tears of immense joy and gratitude. God's love is shown through you. God's care and compassion are communicated through you.

I have done some things in the past that I am not proud of and I'm sorry I have hurt some people. I ask your forgiveness for betraying your trust. I don't know what the future holds for me, as I write, but know that I love you.. As I ask your prayers for my healing. I pray for your healing as well.

This has been a time for First Communions, Confirmations, and graduations. Know that I have been with you in spirit and that I have been praying for you. These moments in parish life have highlighted the pain of separation for me.

Finally, and very importantly, please pray for my sister, [REDACTED] As you know by now, she has [REDACTED]. As we wait, I encourage more and more of you to become organ donors, so others might live.

Again, my thanks and love to you all.

Gratefully,

Fr. Walter G. De Roeck

Memo From  
KATHLEEN LEGGDAS  
PFR Administrator

To: Fr. Caughlin Date: 6-17-99

Message:

*This is response to  
Board's additional question.  
thought you would be  
interested.*

*Kathleen*

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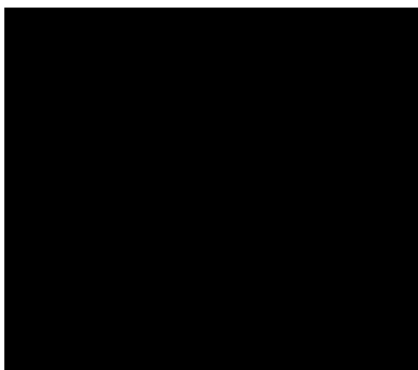
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**PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday, June 19, 1999  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- I. Approval of Minutes: May 15, 1999**
- II. Review Board Matters**
  - A. Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62**
  - B.**
  - C.**
  - D.**
  - E.**
  - F.**
  - G.**



- III. Other business.**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, July 17, 1999.**

Meeting 4/23

Memo from:

Rev. Daniel P. Coughlin

To:

Al Celestine

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Source Brief - 2) second meeting  
"abuse" of

b) time for airing

c) when resignation comes more  
sadness

More Contact - 2) post complaint  
b) LG feels very supportive

A) All contact - behind the scene

B) Another meeting with parish  
- ? a letter

C) Any response to letter

D) In prayer

E) ? Timetable

Memorandum from:

Rev. Daniel P. Coughlin

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- F) A distant pastor
- more railroaded
  - some are causal
  - [REDACTED] + Melody for forward
- G) How's Wally doing?
- H) Stuff more jelled?
- E) Share ideas, insight or advice for us

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July 3, 1999

Kathleen Leggdas  
Office of Professional Review  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
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Dear Kathleen,

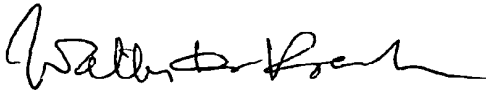
As a result of a recent conversation with Fr. Dan Coughlin in his role as Vicar for Priests, I am writing to you to communicate my position in regards to the recent request by the Fitness Review Board for some clarification of issues.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Since Fr. Coughlin brought this to my attention, please address this further with him if you have any questions.

Sincerely and gratefully,



Fr. Walter G. De Roeck

AOC 012640

# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 1/26/01 Time: AM  
- At Retreat House

Date: 1/27/01 Time: 9:11 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Dinner with some friends to celebrate birthday

Date: 1/28/01 Time: 8:27 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Going to friend [REDACTED]'s home to celebrate birthday  
- 56 years old

Date: 1/30/01 Time: AM  
- Health club and [REDACTED]

Date: 1/31/01 Time: 9:20 a.m.  
- Calling in

Date: 2/1/01 Time: AM  
- Called  
- In Michigan City today

Date: 2/2/01 Time: 9:21 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- [REDACTED]  
- 1099 tax sheet

Date: 2/3/01 Time: 9:57 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Lunch with friends who are going to visit  
- A movie later

Date: 2/4/01 Time: 10:10 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Will clean up mess in office today

Date: 2/5/01 Time: 9:12 a.m.  
- [REDACTED]

Date: 2/6/01 Time: 9:08 a.m.  
[REDACTED]

Date: 2/7/01 Time: 9:20 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Lunch with friends from Naperville

Date: 2/8/01 Time: 9:30 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Walk today  
- Do some work

Date: 2/9/01 Time: 10:07 a.m.  
- Sent car in for repairs yesterday  
- At Retreat House

Date: 2/10/01 Time: 8:08 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Lunch with friends  
- [REDACTED]

Date: 2/11/01 Time: 9:14 a.m.  
- Brother's house for niece's birthday party  
- May go to health club

Date: 2/12/01 Time: 9:01 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Afternoon meeting

Date: 2/13/01 Time: 9:25 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 2/14/01 Time: 9:26 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Dinner with friends  
- Going to see the play "Producers" tonight

Date: 2/15/01 Time: 9:04 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 2/16/01 Time: 9:31 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Will probably see a movie tonight "Castaway"

Date: 2/17/01 Time: 7:12 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Lunch with friends and talk over news with them  
- Movie

Date: 2/18/01 Time: 8:12 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Museum of Science & Industry and/or  
- Garfield Conservatory

Date: 2/19/01 Time: 7:49 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Breakfast with friend, [REDACTED] who lives in Palatine  
- Back to Retreat House to do some work

# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 2/20/01 Time: 9:04 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/21/01 Time: 9:31 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Dental Appointment

Date: 2/22/01 Time: AM

- Called in

Date: 2/23/01 Time: 9:22 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Some exercise later
- Dinner & movie with friends

Date: 2/24/01 Time: 10:20 a.m.

- At Retreat House

- [REDACTED]

Date: 2/25/01 Time: 8:56 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Party at ACP for Fr. Siedlecki

Date: 2/26/01 Time: AM

- Meet wit [REDACTED] financial manager

Date: 2/27/01 Time: 7:57 a.m.

- Heading downtown for a job exploration

Date: 2/28/01 Time: AM

- Had job interview with placement agency

Date: 3/1/01 Time: 9:09 a.m.

- Retreat House
- Will take care of some paper work

Date: 3/2/01 Time: AM

- At Retreat House

Date: 3/3/01 Time: 9:17 a.m.

- At Retreat House for most of day
- Lunch with some friends
- Dinner out

Date: 3/5/01 Time: 9:35 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 3/6/01 Time: 10:00 a.m.

- Went to Health Club yesterday
- Retreat House

Date: 3/7/01 Time: AM

- Called in
- Out to breakfast and then to computer class

Date: 3/8/01 Time: 9:39 a.m.

- Retreat House

Date: 3/9/01 Time: 10:08 a.m.

- Retreat House
- Health Club
- [REDACTED]
- Dinner

Date: 3/10/01 Time: 8:28 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Movie/dinner with friends

Date: 3/11/01 Time: 12:10 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Doing a lot of work

Date: 3/12/01 Time: 9:18 a.m.

- At Retreat House

- [REDACTED]

Date: 3/13/01 Time: AM

- At Retreat House
- Meet with friend at 1:00 p.m.

- [REDACTED]

Date: 3/14/01 Time: 9:37 a.m.

- Retreat House
- Vehicle emission test
- Computer class from 1-3:00 p.m. today

Date: 3/15/01 Time: AM

- Called in
- Working at home today
- Symphony tonight

Date: 3/16/01 Time: 9:42 a.m.

- Went to Orchestra Hall yesterday for Symphony
- Lunch with friends today

Date: 3/17/01 Time: 8:32 a.m.

- Retreat House
- Dinner and movie with friends

Date: 3/18/01 Time: 4:32 p.m.

- At Retreat House
- Dinner with friends



# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 3/19/01 Time: 9:11 a.m.  
 - Retreat House  
 - Lunch with friend  
 - [REDACTED]  
 - PM [REDACTED]

Date: 3/20/01 Time: 10:13 a.m.  
 - Drive to Downtown  
 - 3:00 appointment  
 - Good news about civil suit – will be handled out of court.

Date: 3/21/01 Time: 9:07 a.m.  
 - Retreat House

Date: 3/22/01 Time: 11:03 a.m.  
 - Retreat House

Date: 3/23/01 Time: 10:11 a.m.  
 - Called in

Date: 3/24/01 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 3/25/01 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 3/26/01 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 3/27/01 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 3/28/01 Time: 9:21 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 3/29/01 Time: 9:23 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 3/30/01 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Meeting downtown this morning

Date: 3/31/01 Time: 7:38 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Movie  
 - Exercise

Date: 4/1/01 Time: 8:41 a.m.  
 - Do some work  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 4/2/01 Time: 8:59 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Exercise  
 - PM meeting

Date: 4/3/01 Time: 9:16 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - [REDACTED]  
 - Dinner with cousins in Evanston

Date: 4/4/01 Time: 9:26 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Walk this morning  
 - Computer class from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Date: 4/5/01 Time: 9:34 a.m.  
 - Retreat House  
 - Breakfast with Father Jerry Walsh  
 - Dinner with Fr. Smilanic & Fr. Johlin

Date: 4/6/01 Time: 8:19 a.m.  
 - Doctor's appointment  
 - Traffic Court  
 - [REDACTED]

Date: 4/7/01 Time: 9:14 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Working - a lot of catching up to do

Date: 4/8/01 Time: 9:54 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Dinner with brother later this afternoon

Date: 4/9/01 Time: 10:01 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 4/10/01 Time: 9:34 a.m.  
 - Permission to go on Monday after Easter to Michigan City for day with [REDACTED]  
 - [REDACTED] PM

Date: 4/11/01 Time: 9:04 a.m.  
 - Breakfast with [REDACTED] of Palatine  
 - Computer class  
 - Permission requested, is it OK?

Date: 4/12/01 Time: 9:33 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Per PFRA, gave OK for WDR to go to Michigan City for the day

# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 4/13/01 Time: 8:11 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Mass at 3:00 p.m.

Date: 4/14/01 Time: 6:39 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Errands to do

- [REDACTED]

Date: 4/15/01 Time: 11:14 a.m.

- Easter Dinner with friends, [REDACTED]
- Brother out of town in Florida
- Easter Mass

Date: 4/16/01 Time: 6:34 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Michigan City for the day

Date: 4/17/01 Time: 9:15 a.m.

- Most of the day at Retreat House
- [REDACTED] in afternoon

Date: 4/18/01 Time: 9:13 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Computer class from 1–3:00 p.m.

Date: 4/19/01 Time: 9:55 a.m.

- Retreat House
- Lunch with Fr. Gerald Walsh
- Play tonight to see “Swing” at Oriental Theatre

Date: 4/20/01 Time: 7:06 a.m.

- 9:00 a.m. doctor’s appointment today Downtown
- Leave Sunday for [REDACTED] and returning Friday

Date: 4/21/01 Time: 7:07 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Leaving for [REDACTED] around 7:15 a.m.

Date: 4/22/01 Time: 6:12 a.m.

- Leaving in a little while for [REDACTED]

Date: 4/28/01 Time: 3:49 p.m.

- At Retreat House
- Got back yesterday evening
- Breakfast with some friends
- Worthwhile at [REDACTED]

Date: 4/29/01 Time: 9:38 a.m.

- Sunday brunch with friend [REDACTED] – her 76<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Going to mall to run some errands
- Catch up with bills, etc.

Date: 4/30/01 Time: 7:45 a.m.

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

Date: 5/1/01 Time: 9:12 a.m.

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Date: 5/2/01 Time: 9:42 a.m.

- Doing better than yesterday

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Date: 5/3/01 Time: AM

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/4/01 Time: 9:16 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/5/01 Time: AM

- Called in

Date: 5/6/01 Time: AM

- Called in

Date: 5/7/01 Time: AM

- Called in

Date: 5/8/01 Time: 9:06 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- [REDACTED] downtown today
- Plus a few other errands

Date: 5/9/01 Time: 9:23 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/10/01 Time: 9:21 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/11/01 Time: 9:23 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Report from doctor
- Good results

# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 5/12/01 Time: 9:17 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Out to dinner with friends late PM

Date: 5/13/01 Time: 10:38 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Supper with friends

Date: 5/14/01 Time: 8:29 a.m.  
 - Calling early because picking up priest friend from airport – taking him to residence and lunch  
 - [REDACTED]

Date: 5/15/01 Time: AM  
 - Called in  
 - Going to [REDACTED] & then [REDACTED]

Date: 5/16/01 Time: 9:37 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 5/17/01 Time: 9:20 a.m.  
 - Came back from car dealership  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 5/18/01 Time: 8:16 a.m.  
 - Picking up friends at Union Station and hanging out with them  
 - [REDACTED]

Date: 5/19/01 Time: 9:42 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Wedding Reception – Forest Preserve Shelter – informal

Date: 5/20/01 Time: 6:28 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Wedding for Jewish friend

Date: 5/21/01 Time: 7:49 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Lunch with friends  
 - [REDACTED]

Date: 5/22/01 Time: 9:11 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - [REDACTED]  
 - Sound of Music musical tonight

Date: 5/23/01 Time: 9:15 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Lunch with brother  
 - The sing a long musical “Sound of Music” was fabulous last night

Date: 5/24/01 Time: 8:20 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Workshop for 50 + this morning for those looking for a career change.

Date: 5/25/01 Time: 9:07 a.m.  
 - On way to [REDACTED]  
 - Calling from car phone

Date: 5/26/01 Time: AM  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Going to a movie

Date: 5/27/01 Time: AM  
 - Memorial Day in Crystal Lake

Date: 5/30/01 Time: 8:44 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 5/31/01 Time: 9:39 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Job fair PM  
 - Dinner with friends

Date: 6/1/01 Time: 11:12 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Lunch with Ralph Strand

Date: 6/2/01 Time: 8:28 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Possible job opportunity  
 - [REDACTED]

Date: 6/3/01 Time: 7:34 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - 57th Art Fair  
 - Printer’s Row Book Fair

Date: 6/4/01 Time: 9:10 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Lunch with friend  
 - Job possibility  
 - [REDACTED]

# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 6/5/01  
Time: AM  
- [REDACTED] today  
- [REDACTED]  
- [REDACTED]

Date: 6/6/01  
Time: 11:27 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Lunch with friend  
- Working on resume

Date: 6/7/01  
Time: AM  
- Called in  
- Beginning to pack his things  
- Will initially live at Michigan condo

Date: 6/8/01  
Time: AM  
- Called in  
- Take a walk  
- Talarico

Date: 6/9/01  
Time: AM  
- Called in  
- Saturday – Old Town art fair  
- Sunday at Retreat House all day

Date: 6/11/01  
Time: 9:24 a.m.  
- At Retreat House most of day  
- [REDACTED] PM

Date: 6/12/01  
Time: 10:47 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/13/01  
Time: 9:06 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/14/01  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/15/01  
Time: 10:20 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Having trouble with car

Date: 6/16/01  
Time: 7:01 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Running errands and dinner with friends later in day

Date: 6/17/01  
Time: 9:44 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Visit friends in Naperville for Father's day

Date: 6/18/01  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/19/01  
Time: 9:55 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/20/01  
Time: 9:36 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Still packing

Date: 6/21/01  
Time: 9:10 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/22/01  
Time: 9:46 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/23/01  
Time: 7:32 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday party for a priest friend

Date: 6/24/01  
Time: 11:43 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Did not receive salary check

Date: 6/24/01  
Time: 9:15 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Dinner PM

Date: 6/25/01  
Time: 6:59 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Taking car in for 3,000 mile check  
- Haircut  
- [REDACTED] PM

Date: 6/26/01  
Time: 5:51 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Will be at Rosemont Horizon at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
- There is a Summit 2001 – Motivational Day  
- Also, did not receive his salary check yet

Date: 6/27/01  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Received check yesterday  
- Staying in today to do some work

Date: 6/28/01  
Time: 9:19 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/29/01  
Time: 9:21 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

## **Phone Conversation – PFR-62**

Date: 7/31/01                      Time: 6:56 a.m.  
- Should be in most of the day  
- Might go to Grant Park this evening for film festival

Date: 8/1/01                      Time: 7:31 a.m.  
- A lot going on with his sister  
- Sorry calling so late

Date: 8/2/01                      Time: 7:24 a.m.  
- Will be with sister most of the day  
- [REDACTED]

Date: 8/3/01                      Time: AM  
- Calling in  
- Sister in town

Date: 8/4/01                      Time: 6:53 a.m.  
- Continuing with paperwork

Date: 8/5/01                      Time: 8:36 a.m.  
- Going to theater with friends  
Date: 8/6/01                      Time: 7:02 a.m.  
- With sister and brother-in-law

Date: 8/7/01                      Time: 6:31 a.m.  
- Going out for dinner with sister

Date: 8/8/01                      Time: 7:54 p.m.  
- Forgot to call in earlier

Date: 8/9/01                      Time: 8:31 a.m.  
- Retreat House  
- When sister leaves town will go back to normal schedule

Date: 8/10/01                      Time: 10:11 a.m.  
- On way to Markham to meet with attorney regarding Archdiocesan paper work  
- Hopes to finish up today

Date: 8/11/01                      Time: 6:59 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Last day of touring with sister  
- She will be leaving

Date: 8/12/01                      Time: 7:06 a.m.  
- At Retrat House  
- Discano's warehouse sale  
- Gold Coast Art Fair

Date: 8/13/01                      Time: 7:00 a.m.  
- Piano movers taking piano to brother's house

# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 6/30/01 Time: AM  
- At Retreat House for day

Date: 7/1/01 Time: 8:13 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Dinner at 4:00 p.m.

Date: 7/2/01 Time: 9:06 a.m.  
At Retreat House

Date: 7/4/01 Time: PM  
- Going to 4<sup>th</sup> of July party  
- Forgot if he called

Date: 7/5/01 Time: 12:14 a.m.  
- Went touring with Fr. [REDACTED] from California  
and Bro. [REDACTED] from Cleveland

Date: 7/6/01 Time: 11:21 a.m.  
- In Wilmette sightseeing with friends

Date: 7/7/01 Time: 10:53 a.m.  
- Continuing as tour guide for friends from out of town

Date: 7/8/01 Time: 3:03 p.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 7/9/01 Time: 10:23 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Mom coming in tonight

Date: 7/10/01 Time: 9:23 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 7/11/01 Time: 9:05 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 7/12/01 Time: 9:26 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Going out with mother who is visiting

Date: 7/13/01 Time: 11:14 a.m.  
- Having a good time visiting with Mom in town  
- Busy sightseeing

Date: 7/14/01 Time: 10:56 a.m.  
- Lot of touring and visiting with Mom today

Date: 7/15/01 Time: 10:08 a.m.  
- Family barbecue  
- Visiting a friend who had a heart attack  
- Neighborhood festival

Date: 7/16/01 Time: 9:51 a.m.  
- Moving things  
- Taking Mom to visit people  
- Meanwhile at Retreat House

Date: 7/17/01 Time: 9:54 a.m.  
- Still packing  
- Donating books to Retreat Center

Date: 7/18/01 Time: 8:32 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Will be doing errands with mother today

Date: 7/19/01 Time: AM  
- Taking his mother to airport; expressing

Date: 7/20/01 Time: 10:52 a.m.  
- Drop off things off place to place  
- Giving some items to friends

Date: 7/21/01 Time: 11:25 a.m.  
- Running around today

Date: 7/22/01 Time: 1:15 p.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Sister visiting from [REDACTED]  
- [REDACTED]

Date: 7/24/01 Time: 10:12 a.m.  
- Phoned

Date: 7/25/01 Time: 6:02 a.m.  
- With his sister whose visiting from California

Date: 7/28/01 Time: 9:17 a.m.  
- With family then meeting tonight

Date: 7/29/01 Time: 9:24 a.m.  
- Out with family

Date: 7/30/01 Time: 7:48 a.m.  
- At meeting tonight  
- Continuing with paperwork for diocese  
- Packing

## Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 8/13/01

Time: 7:00 a.m.

- Piano movers taking piano to brother's house
- At Retreat House for now

Date: 8/14/01

Time: 6:54 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Continuing to pack and sort
- Doctor's appointments this afternoon

Date: 8/15/01

Time: AM

- Calling in

Date: 8/16/01

Time: PM

- Calling in

Date: 8/19/01

Time: AM

- Called in

Date: 8/20/01

Time: AM

- At Retreat House

Date: 8/21/01

Time: AM

- Breakfast with a friend
- [REDACTED] movie with a friend

Date: 8/22/01

Time: AM

- At Retreat House for the day

Date: 8/23/01

Time: 7:45 p.m.

- Picked up glasses at Lenscrafters
- Forgot to call in earlier

Date: 8/24/01

Time: 7:00 a.m.

- Moving some things out
- Donating furnishings, etc.
- Final move sometime next week

Date: 8/25/01

Time: 8:54 a.m.

From: Rev. Larry McBrady/Vicar for Priests

- Cardinal gave permission for WDR to leave the Retreat House on Sunday
- Will be calling on Monday for last time
- Will no longer be a priest

Time: 9:45 a.m.

- Moving on Monday morning
- Will leave Retreat House after breakfast

Date: 8/26/01

Time: 9:30 a.m.

- Will be at Fr. Steve Patte's installation at St. Ita's (as Pastor)

Date: 8/27/01

Time: 7:06 a.m.

- Last call
- Leaving Retreat House
- From own perspective – Adios, Thank God and Allelluya!

## Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 1/1/01 Time: 9:21 a.m.

- At Retreat House until 1:00
- Dinner and movie with friends

Date: 1/2/01 Time: 9:05 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Wanted to ask permission to have dinner with old parishioners of his
- LNP asked him to call Father McBrady

Date: 1/2/01 Time: 9:22 a.m.

- From: Father Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priest
- Spoke with WDR regarding permission to have dinner with old friends (parishioners of his)
  - He gave his OK

Date: 1/3/01 Time: 9:11 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Haircut

Date: 1/4/01 Time: 9:09 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- [REDACTED]
- Dinner with friends

Date: 1/5/01 Time: 9:18 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 1/6/01 Time: 9:10 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Possibly a movie later

Date: 1/7/01 Time: 10:05 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 1/8/01 Time: 9:35 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- [REDACTED]
- Request to have dinner with Dan Smilanic and [REDACTED] of St. Paul of the Cross.

Date: 1/12/01 Time: 9:55 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Lunch
- Meeting in afternoon

Date: 1/13/01 Time: 9:21 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- May go to a movie

Date: 1/14/01 Time: 9:38 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- A lot of work to do

Date: 1/15/01 Time: 9:00 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- [REDACTED] in pm.

Date: 1/16/01 Time: 9:34 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- [REDACTED] in p.m.

Date: 1/18/01 Time: 9:35 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Will visit Fr. Siedlecki in PM

Date: 1/19/01 Time: 9:10 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- [REDACTED]

Date: 1/20/01 Time: AM

- Called in from Retreat House

Date: 1/21/01 Time: 9:17 a.m.

- Retreat House
- Lunch
- Permission to go to Michigan City
- Will speak to PFRA tomorrow

Date: 1/22/01 Time: 9:09 a.m.

- Permission to go to Michigan City on Thursday, February 1, 2001
- PFRA said OK

Date: 1/23/01 Time: 6:15 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- 10:00 a.m. meeting with Communications office at 676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910

Date: 1/24/01 Time: 9:05 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 1/25/01 Time: 9:24 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Working on Pope's history for Communications office



# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 12/6/00 Time: 9:19 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 12/7/00 Time: AM  
 - Has bad cold  
 - Will be at Retreat House today

Date: 12/8/00 Time: 7:49 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 12/9/00 Time: 8:47 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House in AM  
 - [REDACTED] PM

Date: 12/10/00 Time: 8:12 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House until 3:00  
 - Mid-afternoon supper with friends, then a movie.

Date: 12/11/00 Time: 9:30 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 12/12/00 Time: 9:21 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - [REDACTED]

Date: 12/13/00 Time: 9:19 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Post Office  
 - Dinner possibly with friends

Date: 12/14/00 Time: 9:16 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 12/15/00 Time: 9:40 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Going out with friends to see Christmas Carol this evening.

Date: 12/16/00 Time: 9:03 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 12/17/00 Time: 10:00 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House for most of day  
 - Possibly a movie  
 - Requesting permission to go to funeral for friend – Can he use his Roman collar?  
 - Will talk with PFRA tomorrow regarding this

Date: 12/18/00 Time: 9:13 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Not going to funeral because of possibility of snow

Date: 12/20/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in from Retreat House  
 - Lunch with friends

Date: 12/21/00 Time: 9:21 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 12/22/00 Time: 8:32 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Lunch with friends  
 - [REDACTED]

Date: 12/23/00 Time: 9:49 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - A movie later in late afternoon  
 - Dinner with friends in Barrington if roads are cleared.

Date: 12/24/00 Time: 9:34 a.m.  
 - Christmas eve party at 5:00 p.m. with friends,  
 [REDACTED]

Date: 12/25/00 Time: 9:47 a.m.  
 - Retreat House  
 - Mass later this morning  
 - [REDACTED]'s house  
 - Brother's house

Date: 12/26/00 Time: 9:36 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House for most of day  
 - A movie later

Date: 12/27/00 Time: 9:04 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - [REDACTED] in afternoon

Date: 12/28/00 Time: 9:19 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Will do some errands today

Date: 12/29/00 Time: 9:50 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 12/30/00 Time: 9:40 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Out for dinner  
 - No cook available

Date: 12/31/00 Time: 9:27 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House until 3:30  
 - Dinner with friends

**Phone Conversation – PFR-62**

Date: 1/9/01 Time: AM

- OK dinner with friends

Date: 1/10/01 Time: AM

- At Retreat House AM
- Dinner with Father Ken Fisher & opera this evening

Date: 1/11/01 Time: AM

- At Retreat House most of day
- Going to the mall this afternoon

Date: 1/17/01 Time: AM

- Job going OK
- Not much feedback given
- Volume of work is adequate

Date: 1/20/01 Time: AM

- Called in
- Meeting with [REDACTED] today

## Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 10/20/00 Time: AM  
- At Retreat House  
- Meeting with Fr. Larry McBrady this afternoon.

Date: 10/21/00 Time: 7:54 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Pick up friend [REDACTED] and then visit Fr. Norb Hess  
- Later a movie, maybe.

Date: 10/22/00 Time: 8:10 a.m.  
- At Retreat House until 2:00 p.m.  
- To movies with Fr. Patte

Date: 10/23/00 Time: AM  
- Called  
- Computer class  
- Back to Koenig Hall then [REDACTED]

Date: 10/24/00 Time: 9:16 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Flu shot

Date: 10/25/00 Time: 9:29 a.m.  
- At Retreat House for most of day  
- Dr's appointment at 1:30 p.m. then back at Retreat House

Date: 10/26/00 Time: 9:33 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Will be doing some computer work today

Date: 10/27/00 Time: 9:25 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Mid-afternoon meeting around 3:00 p.m.

Date: 10/28/00 Time: 9:09 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Movie and supper in afternoon

Date: 10/29/00 Time: 9:11 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Walk or mall later

Date: 10/30/00 Time: AM  
- Called in  
- Went to Computer class  
- [REDACTED] this PM

Date: 10/31/00 Time: 9:30 a.m.  
- [REDACTED] in afternoon  
- Halloween party with some friends later

Date: 11/1/00 Time: 9:32 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Will pick up aunt to take to O'Hare for trip back to Belgium

Date: 11/2/00 Time: 8:50 a.m.  
- Have session of spiritual direction this morning with Father John Michet

Date: 11/3/00 Time: 9:35 a.m.  
- At Retreat House for most of day  
- Around 2-2:30 Dinner with friends  
- Next week Thursday, November 9th would like permission to go to Michigan City  
- Father Michael Herman from St. Sylvester will accompany him

Date: 11/4/00 Time: 8:13 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Breakfast in a few minutes  
- Mid-afternoon meeting  
- Dinner with some program people and possibly a movie

Date: 11/5/00 Time: 8:16 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Breakfast  
- Meet with program people  
- Oriental institute with them and Dinner  
- Then back to Retreat House

Date: 11/6/00 Time: 8:55 a.m.  
- On way to computer class

Date: 11/7/00 Time: 9:25 a.m.  
- Went to vote early  
- At Retreat House  
- [REDACTED] at 3:30 p.m.

Date: 11/8/00 Time: 9:02 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Time: AM  
- Brother will pick him up at O'Hare upon return from California

# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 11/9/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in  
 - Going to Michigan house with a companion for the day

Date: 11/10/00 Time: 8:54 a.m.  
 - [REDACTED] this morning

Date: 11/11/00 Time: 9:29 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Movie at 4:00  
 - Dinner with a friend

Date: 11/12/00 Time: 9:03 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Errand at Mall

Date: 11/13/00 Time: 8:47 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Computer class this morning  
 - [REDACTED] later in the day

Date: 11/14/00 Time: 9:20 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - [REDACTED] in PM

Date: 11/15/00 Time: 9:05 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Lunch with Father Mike  
 - [REDACTED] in PM

Date: 11/16/00 Time: 9:09 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Taking a friend to eye doctor

Date: 11/17/00 Time: 5:24 a.m.  
 - Heading out the door  
 - On way to California

Date: 11/20/00 Time: 10:00 a.m.  
 To: WDR  
 - In California

Time: 1:46 a.m.  
 - Calling from California  
 - Party for Mom yesterday – went great  
 - Will call in couple days

Date: 11/22/00 Time: 11:16 a.m.  
 - Calling in from California

Date: 11/24/00 Time: 1:04 p.m.  
 - After thanksgiving  
 - Home late Monday night

Date: 11/27/00 Time: PM  
 - 6:45 p.m. picked up Wally at O'Hare

Date: 11/28/00 Time: AM  
 - Wally called in  
 - Home from California  
 - Flew alone from California  
 - [REDACTED]

Time: PM  
 From: Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
 - American Airlines confirmed that Wally De Roeck traveled alone from California on 11/27/00.

Date: 11/29/00 Time: AM  
 - Calling in from Retreat House

Date: 11/30/00 Time: 9:40 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 12/1/00 Time: AM  
 - At Retreat House until PM  
 - [REDACTED]

Date: 12/2/00 Time: 9:20 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - 2:30 p.m. meeting in the city  
 - Possibly a movie after that

Date: 12/3/00 Time: 9:31 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Play with friends [REDACTED]  
 - Dinner afterwards

Date: 12/4/00 Time: 9:28 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Head cold

Date: 12/5/00 Time: 9:30 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - [REDACTED] in PM

## Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 9/15/00 Time: AM  
To: Fr. Tom Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board  
- Regarding Wally's meeting with Cardinal

Date: 9/15/00 Time: AM  
To: [REDACTED] – WDR's sister – [REDACTED]  
From: PFRA  
- 10 minutes is in a [REDACTED]  
- Spend a lot of time with Wally  
- See daily basis  
- One of the sisters would take him to the airport/family at [REDACTED]  
- [REDACTED]'s home address: [REDACTED] CA [REDACTED]  
- Gave her my # in the event of question

Date: 9/16/00 Time: 9:58 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 9/17/00 Time: 8:57 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Time: 7:38 p.m.  
- Sister [REDACTED] did not hear from PFRA  
- Possibly gave wrong number  
- # is [REDACTED]  
- Wants to go to Michigan City on Thursday  
- Father Shanahan from Maternity BVM will accompany  
- Will talk to PFRA later on this.

Date: 9/18/00 Time: AM  
To: [REDACTED] – PFR Board Member  
- No to Wally De Roeck extended trip to California

Date: 9/18/00 Time: AM  
To: [REDACTED] – PFR Board Member  
- Yes to Wally's extended trip to California

Time: AM  
To: [REDACTED] – PFR Board Member  
- OK to Wally's trip to California

Time: AM  
To: [REDACTED] – PFR Board Member  
- Regarding Wally's extended stay - OK

Date: 9/18/00 Time: AM  
To: [REDACTED] – PFR Board Member  
- Regarding Wally extended stay  
- No answer – out of town

Time: AM  
To: [REDACTED] – WDR's sister  
- Address: [REDACTED] CA  
- Will serve as monitor for extended trip to California

Date: 9/19/00 Time: 12:32 p.m.  
- Received call from Cardinal to meet with him  
- Not sure if its regarding his request or some other issue  
- Thought PFRA should know

Time: 7:58 p.m.  
- Did not realize that there was a message from PFR office for him  
- Did not meet with Cardinal  
- Cardinal did not want to meet regarding appeal, just to touch basis with him  
- [REDACTED] called – will call him  
- Thank PFRA for help with Board's reversed decision, talking with sisters, etc.  
- Tomorrow will be taping in Northbrook  
- Will call office after that at Retreat House

Date: 9/20/00 Time: 11:38 a.m.  
- Taping for Communication Office this morning went well  
- Moving things back to room  
- Michigan City AM tomorrow Thursday  
- Will call office around 11:00

Date: 9/21/00 Time: AM  
- At Michigan home  
- Grateful for Board change of recommendation for November travel

Date: 9/22/00 Time: AM  
- Called - [REDACTED] at St. Cajitan  
- Not on film of Communications only present while filming.

Date: 9/23/00 Time: 8:09 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

## Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 9/24/00 Time: 8:34 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 9/25/00 Time: 9:42 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 9/26/00 Time: 8:45 a.m.  
 -Called in  
 -Going to computer class

Date: 9/27/00 Time: 9:06 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Time: AM

To: [REDACTED] – PFR Board member  
 - Gave information on extension of WDR's trip to California

Date: 9/28/00 Time: 9:19 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Back at Koenig Hall  
 - Unpacking to do

Date: 9/29/00 Time: 9:35 a.m.  
 -At Retreat House  
 -More unpacking to do  
 -Plus work for Communication's office

Date: 9/30/00 Time: 8:17 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 10/1/00 Time: 9:48 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Time: 6:51 p.m.

- Did call in this morning  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 10/2/00 Time: 9:17 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 10/3/00 Time: 8:22 a.m.  
 - Computer class at College of Lake County

Date: 10/4/00 Time: 9:19 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Reviewing some videos from Communication's Office

Date: 10/5/00 Time: 9:13 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Going to Hawthorne Mall with PFR-41 for a phone.

Date: 10/6/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in from Retreat House

Date: 10/7/00 Time: 9:07 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 10/8/00 Time: 7:44 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - On way to [REDACTED]  
 - Will be at [REDACTED] until Friday the 13th  
 - Will call on Saturday the 14th

Date: 10/10/00 Time: AM  
 [REDACTED]

Date: 10/14/00 Time: 9:24 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 10/15/00 Time: 9:21 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 10/16/00 8:53 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Computer class

Time: AM

To: WDR  
 From: PFRA  
 - Meeting at Mundelein on 10/17/00 at 11:30  
 - Followed by lunch

Date: 10/17/00 Time: 9:27 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 -PFRA is to visit with him at Mundelein today

Date: 10/18/00 Time: 9:02 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 10/19/00 Time: 9:06 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Took a 3 mile walk yesterday

## Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 8/28/00 Time: 9:14 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Went with friend to Long Grove Sunday for Brunch  
 - Some computer work today

Date: 8/29/00 Time: 9:08 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 8/30/00 Time: 9:12 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 8/31/00 Time: 9:20 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 9/1/00 Time: 9:35 a.m.  
 - Met with PFRA and Fr. McBrady at PFR Office at 11:00 a.m.

Date: 9/2/00 Time: 9:22 a.m.  
 - A lot of moving and labeling this weekend before renovation on Tuesday.

Date: 9/3/00 Time: 9:35 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 9/4/00 Time: 8:18 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Going to brother's home for Labor Day!

Date: 9/5/00 Time: 9:08 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - In the midst of moving

Date: 9/6/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in from Retreat House  
 - Informed him that 9/16 Board meeting may be cancelled  
 - He is writing letter to board to appeal Thanksgiving trip decision

Date: 9/7/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in  
 - Informed him of Cardinal's decision regarding trip: return with brother or accompanied by someone else.

Date: 9/8/00 Time: 9:31 a.m.  
 - Having lunch with a 90 year-old friend today

Date: 9/9/00 Time: 8:17 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 9/10/00 Time: 9:50 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 9/11/00 Time: 9:09 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 9/12/00 Time: 9:19 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 9/13/00 Time: 9:41 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Will take a walk today

Time: PM

To: [REDACTED] PFR Board Member  
 - "No" for Wally to extend trip to California

Time: PM

To: [REDACTED] PFR Board Member  
 - "No" to Wally's extended visit to California

Time: PM

To: [REDACTED] PFR Board Member  
 - Regarding Wally's extended visit to California

Date: 9/14/00 Time: 9:25 a.m.  
 - Calling from Retreat House  
 - Returning PFRA's call  
 - Will call tomorrow at this time

Time: 11:40 a.m.

From: [REDACTED] PFR Board Member  
 - Wants to talk to PFRA regarding WDR

Date: 9/15/00 Time: AM  
 From: WDR  
 - Phone #'s for sisters

[REDACTED]  
 - Has an appointment with Cardinal

Time: AM

To: [REDACTED] PFR Board Member  
 - If talk with sisters and monitor agreement made OK for trip  
 - If not – "No"

# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 7/28/00 Time: AM  
 - Going to dinner with Glenview parishioner on 7/29/00  
 - PFRA OK'd

Date: 8/1/00 Time: 6:11 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Early morning meeting downtown

Date: 8/2/00 Time: 6:59 a.m.  
 - Appointment with Dermatologist downtown this morning

Date: 8/3/00 Time: 9:23 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 8/4/00 Time: 9:04 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Will go out for walk

Date: 8/5/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/6/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/7/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/8/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/9/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/10/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/11/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/12/00 Time: AM  
 - Went to Michigan yesterday  
 - Called in with dates to meet with Fr. McBrady  
 - Other date: August 30 1:00 p.m., September 1st 11:00 a.m. and September 5th 10:00/11:00 a.m.  
 - September 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Date: 8/13/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/14/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/15/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/16/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in

Date: 8/17/00 Time: AM  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Confirmed meeting for September 1st

Date: 8/18/00 Time: AM  
 - Checking in

Date: 8/19/00 Time: 7:51 a.m.  
 - Calling in a little earlier than usual  
 - Taking a friend to breakfast before taking to airport

Date: 8/20/00 Time: 8:32 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 8/21/00 Time: 9:27 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Will be contacting for more computer classes

Date: 8/22/00 Time: 9:38 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 8/23/00 Time: PM  
 - Called in  
 - Informed Board decision regarding November trip to California  
 - Should return when brother returns

Date: 8/24/00 Time: 11:38 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 8/25/00 Time: 8:50 a.m.  
 - [REDACTED] today!

Date: 8/26/00 Time: 8:23 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 8/27/00 Time: 7:52 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House



# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 6/18/00 Time: 8:59 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 6/19/00 Time: 6:50 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Funeral in Rockford most of day

Date: 6/20/00 Time: 7:31 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 6/21/00 Time: 9:13 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 6/22/00 Time: 9:11 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- [REDACTED] today

Date: 6/23/00 Time: 9:25 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 6/24/00 Time: 9:45 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 6/25/00 Time: 9:22 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 6/26/00 Time: 9:07 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 6/27/00 Time: 8:08 a.m.

- Computer class today

Date: 6/27/00 Time: 9:25 a.m.

From: Carol Madill per Fr. McBrady/VP

- Fr. McBrady asked that PFRA bring a copy of protocol for WDR

Date: 6/28/00 Time: AM

- [REDACTED]
- Friday Ken Fisher using cottage
- Wally will go up with keys, etc.

Date: 6/29/00 Time: 9:40 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- 3:00 p.m. appointment with doctor
- Tomorrow calling in early
- Will pick up Fr. Fisher and going to Michigan City

Date: 6/30/00 Time: 7:59 a.m.

- Calling in a little earlier
- Picking up Fr. Fisher and going to Michigan City

Date: 7/1/00 Time: 9:38 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Meeting in afternoon

Date: 7/2/00 Time: 9:14 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/3/00 Time: 8:32 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- [REDACTED] in PM
- Grant Park in evening

Date: 7/4/00 Time: 8:25 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Cousin's Bar-B-Q in Aurora early afternoon

Date: 7/5/00 Time: AM

To: Kathy Samp/Koenig Hall

- Wally very demanding

Time: 9:19 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Time: AM

To: PFRA

- [REDACTED] has cancer
- [REDACTED] will go along
- Will stay for overnight or one day if OK in St. Louis
- VP supports 1) reliable person going along 2) [REDACTED] were at WDR's 25th

Time: AM

To: [REDACTED]/PFR Chairperson

- Re: WDR's request to go to St. Louis
- Not inclined to say yes

Time: 11:50 a.m.

To: WDR

- [REDACTED] and PFRA did not approve trip to St. Louis.
- At Retreat House

# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 7/6/00 Time: 9:05 a.m.

Date: 7/7/00 Time: 9:05 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Meetings all day

Date: 7/8/00 Time: 8:51 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/9/00 Time: 8:10 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/10/00 Time: 8:39 a.m.

From: Fr. McBrady/VP

- For today's [REDACTED] agenda is WDR all you have?

Time: 9:08 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/11/00 Time: 9:05 a.m.

- [REDACTED] but otherwise OK

Date: 7/12/00 Time 6:51 a.m.

- Downtown meeting with Vicar for Priests this morning

Time: AM

- Job possibilities re: Walter De Roeck with Office of Communications

Date: 7/13/00 Time: 9:16 a.m.

- Going to Health club for workout

Date: 7/14/00 Time: 9:19 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/15/00 Time: 8:20 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/16/00 Time: 8:07 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/17/00 Time: 9:16 a.m.

- Taking some friends on a tour of the city
- One friend is in from Belgium

Date: 7/18/00 Time: 9:20 a.m.

- Relaxing day
- Will do some reading

Date: 7/19/00 Time: AM

- 7/20/ Fr. Boldonair to Michigan City trip OK 6/5, 6/28, 7/19
- Sat. dinner w/Catherine Laboure parishioner OK

Date: 7/20/00 Time: 8:07 a.m.

- Calling in early because will be on way to Michigan City Back around 6:00 p.m

Date: 7/21/00 Time: 9:18 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/22/00 Time: 8:56 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/23/00 Time: 9:33 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/24/00 Time: 9:10 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/25/00 Time: 9:24 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Out for walk today

Date: 7/26/00 Time: 8:54 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/27/00 Time: 9:27 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Taking a walk today

Date: 7/29/00 Time: 8:25 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/30/00 Time: 9:03 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 7/31/00 Time: 9:14 a.m.

- At Retreat House

### Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 6/1/00 Time: 9:29 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/2/00 Time: 9:01 a.m.  
- Has a friend in town and will serve as a guide  
- Possible visit to museums

Date: 6/3/00 Time: 7:18 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/4/00 Time: 6:32 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/5/00 Time: 9:17 a.m.  
- Went to Printer's Row this weekend to buy books

Date: 6/5/00 Time: AM  
- Call from Cindy Giachetti, attorney  
- Thursday, June 8th, with Gerald Walsh to Michigan City

Date: 6/6/00 Time: 7:24 a.m.  
- Leave around 8:30 a.m. for computer class in Lake County

Date: 6/6/00 Time AM  
To: Cindy Giachetti/Attorney for WDR  
- Left message

Date: 6/7/00 Time: 9:07 a.m.  
- Computer class yesterday went well  
- 4 sessions instead of 8 which is good

Date: 6/8/00 Time: 6:22 a.m.  
- Meeting with Fr. Walsh for trip to Michigan City this morning.

Date: 6/9/00 Time: 9:25 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/10/00 Time: 9:16 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/11/00 Time: 9:23 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/12/00 Time: 9:23 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Will stay in today because of rain

Date: 6/13/00 Time: 8:45 a.m.  
- Computer class this morning

Time: PM  
To: Fr. Larry McBrady/Vicar for Priests  
- No to request from Walter De Roeck to say wedding mass in September

Date: 6/14/00 Time: 8:44 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Going downtown this morning to meet with attorney.

Date: 6/15/00 Time: 9:15 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 6/16/00 Time: 9:18 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Asked to speak to PFRA

Time: AM  
From: WDR  
- Informed that he may not officiate at Wedding or funeral as requested.

Time: AM  
To: Andy McDonagh/VP Office  
- Regarding Walter DeRoeck working on release of information  
- Legal advise

Time: AM  
To: Cindy Giachetti/Attorney for WDR 994-2121  
- Regarding Lawsuit prohibition

# Phone Conversation -- PFR-62

Date: 4/23/00 Time: 9:59 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Going to brother's house for dinner

Date: 4/24/00 Time: 9:29 a.m.

- Please call him at Retreat House
- Needs to talk to PFRA

Time: 12:00 p.m.

- At Brother's house for Easter
- Michigan City with John Barkemeyer -- pastor of St. Cajetan
- OK to wear collar at Wake/Funeral per PFRA.

Date: 4/25/00 Time: 7:03 p.m.

- At Retreat House
- Forgot to call in yesterday
- Was at Fr. Ed Siedlecki's brother's funeral

Date: 4/26/00 Time: 9:17 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Will take a walk today -- nice day!

Date: 4/27/00 Time: 9:32 a.m.

- Calling in from Retreat House

Date: 4/29/00 Time: 9:15 a.m.

- Calling in from the Retreat House

Date: 4/30/00 Time: 9:10 a.m.

- Calling in from Retreat House

Date: 5/1/00 Time: 9:03 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/2/00 Time: 9:24 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Please call him -- would like to speak to PFRA

Time: 9:35 a.m.

To: WDR

- Monthly computer report 3 weeks worth
- Joe Walsh to accompany to Michigan City on Thursday, May 4th - 50th Wedding Anniversary party
- Computer person from seminary

Date: 5/3/00 Time: 9:12 a.m.

- Will be taking a walk today -- beautiful day!
- At Retreat House

Date: 5/4/00 Time: 7:22 a.m.

- Spending the day in Michigan city
- Picking up Fr. Walsh at 8:45 a.m.

Time: 9:10 a.m.

From: Andy McDonagh/VP office

- What comments were made by the Review Board concerning Walter De Roeck's [REDACTED]
- LNP asked that he speak to Fr. Paprocki if he needed the information immediately
- If not, message would be given to PFRA upon her return from vacation on Monday, May 8th or her call in to office

Date: 5/5/00 Time: 9:12 a.m.

- Mundelein Retreat House
- Will be taking a walk this morning

Date: 5/6/00 Time: 9:07 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/7/00 Time: 8:52 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/8/00 Time: 9:19 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Park Ridge Couple (old parishioners of WDR) asked if would have dinner with them Wednesday evening, is it OK?

Time: 9:40 a.m.

From: Andy McDonagh/VP office

- Would like to speak with PFRA concerning WDR [REDACTED]

Date: 5/9/00 Time: 9:10 a.m.

To: Fr. Andy McDonagh/[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] -- Fax # [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

- Reports received by Review Board/[REDACTED]
- Accomplishment
- Additional questionnaire
- [REDACTED] to talk to Andy McDonagh

Time: 9:32 a.m.

- At Retreat House

# Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 5/10/00 Time: 9:23 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Time: 11:59 a.m.

- A couple from the days of bible study at St. Catherine Laboure asked him out to lunch Thursday, is it OK? Yes per PFRA

Date: 5/11/00 Time: 9:23 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Will be registering for computer class at a Lake County college for commencement on June 5th.

Date: 5/12/00 Time: 9:17 a.m.

- Please call him
- Has a couple of questions he would like to ask

Time: 9:30 a.m.

From: WDR

- 1) Jim Ray's 25th ordination – collar OK
- 2) Friend to lunch in Wheeling 5/13/00

Date: 5/13/00 Time: 10:29 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/14/00 Time: 9:28 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/15/00 Time: 9:15 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/16/00 Time: 9:07 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Will be going to Health club today

Date: 5/17/00 Time: 9:30 a.m.

- Went to Jim Ray's celebration (29th)
- Air conditioners installed, thanks!

Date: 5/18/00 Time: 9:57 a.m.

- Late calling
- Was speaking with sister in California by way of Internet

Date: 5/19/00 Time: 9:35 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/19/00 Time: 2:00 p.m.

From: John Michet/Mundelein Seminary

- Two masses with 50 Deacon couples
- NOT OK for Wally De Roeck to say mass per PFRA

Date: 5/20/00 Time: 8:28 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/21/00 Time: 10:55 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/22/00 Time: 9:36 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/23/00 Time: 9:34 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/24/00 Time: 10:08 a.m.

- Had to take car in for repairs
- Waiting for a call from mechanics on when car is ready

Date: 5/24/00 Time: 10:10 a.m.

- Lunch with Parishioners on 5/25/00

- [REDACTED]

- His attorney Cindy Giachetti will be calling me

Date: 5/25/00 Time: 9:19 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/26/00 Time: 9:33 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/27/00 Time: 9:20 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/28/00 Time: 6:43 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/29/00 Time: 6:48 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/30/00 Time: 9:21 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 5/31/00 Time: 9:10 a.m.

- At Retreat House

## Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 4/2/00 Time: 8:58 a.m.

- Former parishioner had an anierizm and wanted to know if he could go and see him in Darien sometime this week.
- Will talk to PFRA on Monday.

Date: 4/3/00 Time: 9:48 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Good time at Retreat
- PFRA will speak to him regarding 2 requests

Time: AM

- OK'd Monday lunch and trip to Darien

Date: 4/4/00 Time: 9:10 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 4/5/00 Time: 9:12 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 4/6/00 Time: 9:19 a.m.

- Computer repairman expected at 11:00 a.m.
- Will be at Retreat House

Date: 4/7/00 Time: 8:39 a.m.

- At Retreat House until 9:00 a.m., then
- At St. Cajetan for a support meeting
- Also, a couple, former parishioners of St. Catherine Laboure invited him to dinner tomorrow night, is it OK? (Yes)
- Next week he'll be at [REDACTED], does he need to call in every day? (No)

Date: 4/8/00 Time: 9:32 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 4/9/00 Time: 7:43 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- On way to airport on way to [REDACTED] until Friday.
- Will call on Saturday, March 15th.

Date: 4/11/00 Time: PM

To: Fr. James P. McIlhone/St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary/[REDACTED]

- Regarding computer chip to block X-rated access to Internet for PFR-62 and others.

Date: 4/15/00 Time: AM

- Back from [REDACTED]
- At Retreat House
- Great Week!

Date: 4/16/00 Time: 9:29 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 4/17/00 Time: 9:01 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- PM [REDACTED]

Date: 4/18/00 Time: 9:30 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Will take a walk if day warms up
- Will most likely work on computer today

Time: 11:13 a.m.

From: Kathy Samp/Cardinal Stritch R.H. 847-566-6060

- She bought 3 air conditioners
- Would we like to purchase the 2 small ones for Wally's room or for Cana Call?

Date: 4/19/00 Time: AM

To: Kathy Samp/Cardinal Stritch R.H. 847-566-6060

- Returned call.
- Will purchase 2 air conditioners WDR's rooms

Time: 9:05 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Will go out later to get a haircut, then a walk

Date: 4/20/00 Time: 9:26 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Wet and gloomy day

Date: 4/21/00 Time: 8:15 a.m.

- Calling in from Retreat House

Date: 4/22/00 Time: 9:12 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Fr. Ed Siedlecki's brother passed away
- Wake is Monday – So. Archer
- Funeral Tuesday
- Would like permission to wear Roman collar to funeral?
- Will call on Monday.

### Phone Conversation – PFR-62

Date: 2/24/00 Time: AM  
To: WDR  
- [REDACTED]  
- [REDACTED] Internal precaution to be taken.  
Date: 2/25/00 Time: 9:27 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
Date: 2/26/00 Time: 9:23 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
Date: 2/27/00 Time: 9:36 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
Date: 3/2/00 Time: AM  
- Called in from California  
- Mom is doing great.  
- Returns on the 9th  
Date: 3/11/00 Time: 9:12 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Has asked Fr. Steve Patte of St. Mary of Vernon to go with him on his monthly visit to Michigan City for the day on Thursday, March 16th.  
- Will talk to PFRA on Monday.  
Date: 3/12/00 Time: 11:04 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
Date: 3/13/00 Time: 9:25 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Wants to talk to PFRA  
Time: AM  
To: WDR  
- Computer chip to block chat rooms  
- 2 rooms, not 3 at Koenig Hall  
- Use basement storage  
- OK Michigan trip 3/16/00  
Date: 3/14/00 Time: 9:42 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
Date: 3/15/00 Time: 9:33 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 3/16/00 Time: 7:53 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Will be going to Michigan City today with Fr. Steve Patte  
Date: 3/17/00 Time: 9:28 p.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Waiting for computer repairman  
Date: 3/18/00 Time: 7:08 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
Date: 3/19/00 Time: 9:17 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
Date: 3/20/00 Time: AM  
- At Retreat House  
Date: 3/21/00 Time: 9:04 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
Date: 3/22/00 Time: AM  
- Friend – heart attack – OK to visit  
- Meeting a friend for lunch Thursday, OK  
- OK Gethsemane Retreat per Board  
Time: AM  
- Retreat plans finalized  
- No calls needed during retreat per PFRA  
Date: 3/23/00 Time: 9:15 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Took a walk this morning  
Date: 3/24/00 Time: 9:01 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
Date: 3/25/00 Time: 8:55 a.m.  
- Calling in  
Date: 3/26/00 Time: 3:14 p.m.  
- In downtown area to pick up [REDACTED] to bring him to Retreat House  
- Leaving early Monday for Kentucky  
Date: 4/1/00 Time: 1:16 p.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Came back from Retreat yesterday evening  
- 85-year-old woman from her assignment asked to have lunch with her on Monday, is it OK?

# Phone conversation – PFR-62

Date: 1/20/00 Time: 7:20 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Will be going to pick up Fr. Walsh and heading out to Michigan City

Date: 1/20/00 Time: AM  
 To: WDR – [REDACTED]  
 - Returned call.

Date: 1/21/00 Time: AM  
 - Returned PFRA's call  
 - [REDACTED]  
 - No per KL  
 - January 18 received a call at 7:50 a.m. anonymous call ([REDACTED] answering machine)  
 - [REDACTED]  
 - Called #  
 - Mother in California 2 mos. Ago.  
 - Mrs. DeRoeck/mother of Wally said positive things.  
 - Did not identify only as seminarian.  
 - Bayside Wisconsin/dinner on 2/12/00

Date: 1/22/00 Time: 8:51 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/23/00 Time: 9:31 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/24/00 Time: 9:07 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/25/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in  
 - PFRA informed him of [REDACTED]'s phone # not matching [REDACTED]'s.

Date: 1/25/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in  
 - Talked to lawyer yesterday  
 - Still working on affidavit

Date: 1/26/00 Time: AM  
 - Called  
 - Tomorrow [REDACTED]  
 - [REDACTED] 6 people Dan Coughlin and 5 others  
 - Will meet with [REDACTED]

Date: 1/27/00 Time: 9:06 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/28/00 Time: 9:16 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/29/00 Time: 9:05 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/30/00 Time: 9:11 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/31/00 Time: 9:30 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 2/1/00 Time: 8:58 a.m.  
 - Calling in.

Time: AM  
 - OK for Mass on April 15, 2000  
 - Chapel of Church  
 - Advised to do home mass not chapel or church  
 - Consult with Dan Coughlin/VP

Time: AM  
 From: Fr. Dan Coughlin  
 - Regarding home mass

Date: 2/2/00 Time: 9:10 a.m.  
 - Calling in from Retreat House – please call him.  
 - Will be there until noon.

Time: 10:12 a.m.  
 From: Fr. Dan Coughlin/Vicar for Priests  
 - Left message  
 - Asked if Wally called this morning?  
 - Did PFRA talk to him?  
 - He will be out on the road, will try back later  
 - Wants to talk regarding WDR's call  
 - He has a strategy for it.

Time: 1:30 p.m.  
 To: Fr. Dan Coughlin  
 - Returned call  
 - Re: WDR problem



### Phone conversation – PFR-62

Date: 2/3/00 Time: 9:16 a.m.

- Calling in
- Wants to speak with PFRA
- Saw [REDACTED]

Date: 2/4/00 Time: 9:28 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/5/00 Time: AM

- Wally called in

Date: 2/6/00 Time: AM

- Calling in

Date: 2/7/00 Time: AM

- Called in
- Going to meet with [REDACTED] today re:  
[REDACTED]

Date: 2/8/00 Time: AM

- PFRA returned call
- Wally talked to [REDACTED]
- Different expectations.
- Saturday - Wed. 16th M. Salazzo will accompany Wally to Michigan cabin for the day.

Time: 9:44 a.m.

- Left message for PFRA
- Please call back – nothing urgent

Date: 2/9/00 Time: 9:18 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/10/00 Time: 9:24 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/11/00 Time: 9:07 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/12/00 Time: 9:16 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/13/00 Time: 9:24 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/14/00 Time: 9:22 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/15/00 Time: 9:04 a.m.

- Taking a tour of Mercantile Exchange with a friend
- Afternoon [REDACTED]
- 10:309 [REDACTED] at Misericordia.

Date: 2/16/00 Time: 8:45 a.m.

To: Matt Kaminski/Insurance Dept. x8295

- Returning call re: Auto insurance for WDR.
- Call after 11:00 am.

Time: AM

From: WDR

- M. Solazzo & WDR to Michigan City
- Lunch at Hackney's tomorrow

Date: 2/17/00 Time: 9:22 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/18/00 Time: 9:23 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/19/00 Time: AM

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/20/00 Time: 9:28 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/21/00 Time: 9:40 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/22/00 Time: 9:03 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 2/23/00 Time: 9:17 a.m.

- Tax finance meeting this morning
- Will try to call back PM to speak with PFRA briefly about something that happened yesterday.

Time: PM

To: WDR

- Returned call

Date: 2/24/00 Time: 9:30 a.m.

- At Retreat House

**Phone conversation – PFR-62**

Date: 12/2/99 Time: 9:15 a.m.

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Calling in.

Date: 12/3/99 Time: 9:00 a.m.

- At Retreat House for the day. Going out for supper.

Date: 12/4/99 Time: 7:43 a.m.

- Will do rest of packing at St. Celestine – then back home.

Date: 12/5/99 Time: 9:25 a.m.

- At Retreat House until 12:30 then off to see a play at Drury Lane.

Date: 12/6/99 Time: 9:07 a.m.

- At Mundelein 9:00 – 12:00
- [REDACTED] 1:00 – 2:00

Date: 12/7/99 Time: 7:06 p.m.

- Forgot to call in the morning.
- Went to St. Celestine to finish the last of the packing.
- Will be going to [REDACTED]

Date: 12/8/99 Time: 9:33 a.m.

- At Retreat House then to mall.
- Luncheon at 12:00 at Retreat House for staff.

Date: 12/9/99 Time: 9:40 a.m.

- At Retreat House for most of day – will be there for most of day unpacking.

Date: 12/10/99 Time: 8:59 a.m.

- At Retreat House – later going out for dinner.

Date: 12/11/99 Time: 9:19 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 12/12/99 Time: 10:31 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 12/13/99 Time: 9:46 a.m.

- Sending in monthly logs with Ralph Strand.

Date: 12/14/99 Time: 9:35 a.m.

- Would like permission to drive up to Michigan City on Friday to drop off and leave some things for a couple of hours. Will be driving up with Fr. John Barkmeir (cousin).
- PFRA gave permission – but not overnight.

Date: 12/15/99 Time: 9:14 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Will be going out for lunch later.

Date: 12/16/99 Time: 9:48 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Private line is being installed today.

Date: 12/17/99 Time: 9:19 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- Mid-day will go to Michigan City.

Date: 12/18/99 Time: 10:33 a.m.

- At Retreat House then a movie later in the day.

Date: 12/19/99 Time: 10:43 a.m.

- At Retreat House until 1 or 2:00 p.m.
- Mall for Christmas shopping
- Dinner with Fr. Ken Fischer
- A meeting

Date: 12/20/99 Time: 9:17 a.m.

- At Retreat House

Date: 12/21/99 Time: 10:00 a.m.

- At Retreat House
- PM [REDACTED]

Date: 12/22/99 Time: 9:35 a.m.

- Tuesday [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- At brother's for Christmas Eve and Day
- Job efforts after 1st of year.

Date: 12/23/99 Time: 10:31 a.m.

- At Retreat House then to a movie later.

Date: 12/24/99 Time: 9:37 a.m.

- At Retreat House then to brother's house later.

# Phone conversation – PFR-62

Date: 12/25/99 Time: 7:58 a.m.  
 - Christmas day – on way to family's home for the day.

Date: 12/26/99 Time: 9:51 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House until dinner time then a meeting in evening.

Date: 12/27/99 Time: 9:23 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 12/28/99 Time: AM  
 - Called in - has a cold.  
 - Going to [REDACTED] then home for the day.

Date: 12/29/99 Time: 9:11 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 12/30/99 Time: AM  
 - Called in.

From: [REDACTED] Time: AM  
 - [REDACTED]

Date: 1/1/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in from Retreat House

Date: 1/2/00 Time: AM  
 - Calling in from Retreat House.

Date: 1/3/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in.

From: Ed Siedlicki Time: AM  
 - Leaving on vacation until 1/13/00  
 - Wally on the Internet  
 - New Year's OK  
 - Religious Education Director St. Celestine's on Saturday.  
 - Call Laboure

Date: 1/4/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in.

Date: 1/5/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in.

Date: 1/6/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in.

Date: 1/7/00 Time: AM  
 - Called in.  
 - 1/13/00 Fr. G. Walsh to Michigan House  
 - Vacation to California with Fr. Larry McBrady  
 - Couple wants 50th Wedding Anniversary with [REDACTED]

Date: 1/8/00 Time: 9:18 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/9/00 Time: 9:04 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/10/00 Time: 9:02 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House.

Date: 1/12/00 Time: 9:15 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - At [REDACTED] in the afternoon.

Date: 1/13/00 Time: 9:38 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/14/00 Time: 9:28 a.m.  
 - At Seminary

Date: 1/15/00 Time: 8:02 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - Lunch with brother  
 - Dinner with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

Date: 1/16/00 Time: 10:04 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/17/00 Time: 9:09 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/18/00 Time: AM  
 - At Retreat House

Date: 1/19/00 Time: 10:03 a.m.  
 - At Retreat House  
 - [REDACTED] in afternoon

Phone conversation – PFR-62

Date: 7/12/99 Time: 9:30 a.m.  
From: [REDACTED]/Chairperson PFR Bd.  
- Monitor meeting 7/14/99. She will attend.  
- [REDACTED]  
- Statistical report to be prepared for Cardinal.

Date: 7/15/99 Time: 9:30 a.m.  
From: Dan Coughlin/VP  
- Re: PFR-62 willing to attend Board Meeting.

Date: 8/5/99 Time: 11:00 a.m.  
From: Dan Coughlin/VP  
- Re: Second Stage Review for PFR-62.

Date: 9/9/99 Time: 10:42 a.m.  
From: Luanne/Vicar for Priests office  
- Spoke to [REDACTED]

Date: 9/10/99 Time: A.M.  
To: Luanne  
- Re: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] No further action  
needed at this time.

Date: 10/20/99 Time: A.M.  
To: Fr. Dan Coughlin/VP  
- 1:00 and 2:00 call protocol for W. De Roeck.

Date: 11/1/99 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
From: Walter D.R. [REDACTED]  
- November 9, 1999 overnight in Glenview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] – overnight UA 6:30  
- Private home [REDACTED] Glenview November  
13th.

Date: 11/2/99 Time: 11:20 a.m.  
From: Dan Coughlin  
- Protocol to WDR/House of Michigan. Leaving 9th  
from [REDACTED]  
- OK for WDR to stay at brother's 1st night.

Date: 11/4/99 Time: 2:10 p.m.  
From: Fr. Dan Coughlin  
- Did you hear about [REDACTED] seeking legal  
action?  
- Not to tell Wally until you meet with him next  
Friday.

Date: 11/11/99 Time: 10:10 a.m.  
To: Fr. John Canary/Mundelein Seminary  
- Re: [REDACTED]

Date: 11/13/99 Time: 9:10 a.m.  
From: WDR  
- Leaving in 10 min – going to Bally's Health club  
- Will do some errands today – will walk at Lake,  
etc.

Date: 11/14/99 Time: 10:00 a.m.  
- At Retreat House until 1:00 then to brother's  
house – then a meeting at 6:00 p.m. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Date: 11/15/99 Time: 9:10 a.m.  
- At Retreat House for most of the day.

Date: 11/16/99 Time: 9:15 a.m.  
From: WDR/private line 12/199 [REDACTED]  
- Painful discussion with brother – not invited to  
sister-in-law's for Thanksgiving.  
- [REDACTED]  
- Thanksgiving at McBrady's.  
- [REDACTED]  
- [REDACTED]  
- L. Sullivan and he will move things out of  
Celestine 11/22/99  
- Thursday 18th ride to Michigan City with G.  
Wash to get house ready for winter.

Date: 11/17/99 Time: 9:20 a.m.  
From: WDR  
- Better day. Had a good talk with his mom.  
- Ordered computer  
- Dinner tonight with pastor of Vernon Hills.

Date: 11/18/99 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
From: WDR  
- Had a good talk with his brother.  
- Going to Michigan City get house ready for  
winter. G. Walsh to accompany.  
- Then lunch and a movie.

## Phone conversation – PFR-62

Date: 11/19/99 Time: AM  
From WDR  
- informed that we would not pay for Health Club membership  
- December 5th/tickets to see Millennium on Erie/St. Celestine's – OK

Date: 11/21/99 Time: 1:45 p.m.  
- Going to City  
- Dinner with Ken Fischer at 4:00 Cy's Crabhouse.

Date: 11/22/99 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
- Called in.  
- Good conversation with brother.  
- Went to SA meeting  
- Going to St. Celestine's to pack things.

To: [REDACTED] Time: 11:00 a.m.  
- [REDACTED]  
- WDR # [REDACTED]

To: Fr. Paprocki/Chancellor Time: 1:00 p.m.  
- Conversation re: PFR-62

Date: 11/23/99 Time: 9:13 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Lunch with Fr. Andy McDonough  
- Then Health Club.

From: [REDACTED] Time: 1:03 p.m.  
- [REDACTED]  
- [REDACTED]  
- WDR # hasn't been hooked up - needs another # to get in touch with him.  
- gave her another # for WDR # [REDACTED]

Date: 11/24/99 Time: AM  
- [REDACTED]  
Time: 9:19 a.m.  
- At Retreat House

Date: 11/25/99 Time: 8:27 a.m.  
- Will be at brother's house for a while then at Fr. McBrady's for Thanksgiving dinner.

Date: 11/26/99 Time: 9:03 a.m.  
- At residence at St. Celestine's for most of day 10:00 a.m.

Date: 11/27/99 Time: 8:32 a.m.  
- Leaving for St. Celestine's to pick up belongings for most of day then back to Retreat House.

Date: 11/28/99 Time: 9:01 a.m.  
- At Retreat House – then a movie later on, then back to R.H.

Date: 11/29/99 Time: 10:04 a.m.  
- At Retreat House  
- Lunch with Fr. McBrady  
- Meet with [REDACTED]

To: Fr. Larry McBrady/Vicar for Priests Time: 2:00 p.m.  
- Condition of Koenig Hall  
- Cleanliness to be discussed by Dan Coughlin and Ed Siedlecki.

Date: 11/30/99 Time: 10:20 a.m.  
- Called in.

From: Kathy/Cardinal Stritch Retreat House/847-566-6060 Time: 2:58 p.m.  
- Re: Wally DR's stay at Retreat House  
- Should she bill like other clients (YES)  
- Laura N. called her back

Date: 12/1/99 Time: 9:30 a.m.  
- Moving furniture from St. Celestine's on the 9th.  
- [REDACTED]  
- [REDACTED]  
- 50th Wedding Anniversary – [REDACTED] – dinner at friends.  
- Informed of not paying for companions

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** File

**FROM:** Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TJP*

**DATE:** July 17, 1999

**RE:** Rev. Walter DeRoeck/Review Board Second Stage Review

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The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review in the matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck. [REDACTED]

The Board determined that it is not reasonable for Fr. DeRoeck to return to ministry. The Board recommended that the restriction should continue not to be alone with minors without another responsible adult present; he should continue [REDACTED]; and that he should abide by an individual protocol that would include appropriate monitoring and provide for protecting minors from risk.

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**AMENDED**

**PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday, July 17, 1999  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**I. Case Reviews**

1. Approval of May 15, 1999 Minutes
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. Matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck – PFR-62, Second Stage Review.

**II. Other business**

1. Update on items from June 19, 1999 agenda.
2. Other.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, August 21, 1999.**

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**Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, July 17, 1999**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**



**Others Present:**

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

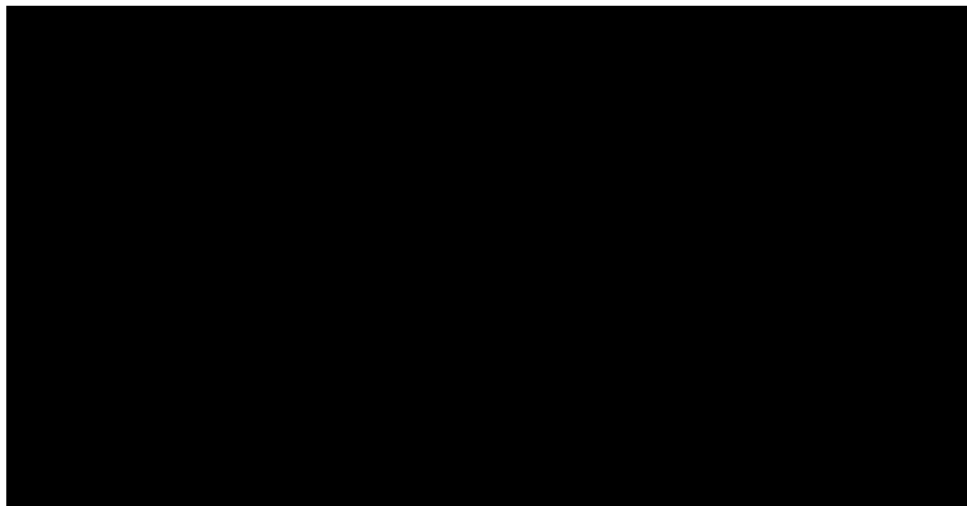
**Absent:**



**I. Case Reviews:**

A. Approval of May 15, 1999 minutes deferred.

B.





C.

D.

E. Matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck.

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review in the matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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F. [REDACTED]

II. Other Business:

Update on items from June 19, 1999 meeting which was cancelled.

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

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, August 21, 1999.

Memo to File: PFR-62

From: Kathleen Leggdas, PFRA

Re: Rev. Walter De Roeck

Date: July 19, 1999

Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting July 17, 1999.

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July 19, 1999

His Eminence Francis Cardinal George  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
155 East Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60690

Your Eminence,

I am writing this letter today to urge you to return Father Walter DeRoeck to active parish ministry. I have worked with Father DeRoeck for the past six years both at St. Catherine Laboure Parish and at St. Celestine Parish. I along with many other parishioners have found him to be a very loving and caring priest.

I have work along side Father DeRoeck on Liturgy Teams as well as Art and Environment Committees. He has brought much joy and creativity to parish liturgies. He has made the celebration of liturgy a prayerful experience.

I have also experienced first hand the compassion he has shown the elderly and sick. He has brought much comfort and peace to many people in pain.

I thoroughly understand that Father DeRoeck like all of us has made mistakes in the past. But our loving God has certainly forgiven. I beg you to do the same. Father DeRoeck has suffered much pain and humiliation during these past months. He is well aware of his human weaknesses. I ask you once again to permit him to return to active parish ministry.

Sincerely,



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July 20, 1999

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on July 17, 1999. The Board fully considered all the available information in the matter of Reverend Walter De Roeck. The Board conducted a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process.

The Board determined that it is not reasonable for Father De Roeck to return to ministry.

The Board recommends that the restriction should remain in place that Father De Roeck not be alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult. Additionally, the recommendation is for him to continue [REDACTED] and that he should abide by the individual specific protocol developed by the Board in cooperation with the Vicars for Priests.

These recommendations would insure appropriate monitoring and provide for protection of minors from risk.

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

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Members of the Review Board  
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Vicars for Priests

AOC 012679

Barbara Mares  
[REDACTED]

July 20, 1999

Dear Cardinal George,

Each day as I come into to work, I have this feeling that comes over me saying the I should write you this letter. So here I am. I work as the Director of the Ministry of Care here at Saint Celestine Parish. I am very grateful to the opportunity that has been given to me by Fr. Larry McBrady to be in this position. I love this ministry and the people with all my heart.

I am writing because I feel the need to express my feelings about Fr. Wally De Roeck. In the time that he was here at Saint Celestine as the pastor, I got to know a man with great care and compassion for the people. He ministered to the people from his heart.

Besides the great liturgies he brought to our parish, he is a man who could touch those in need. The sick, the homebound, those in the nursing homes, and those grieving the death of a loved one.

Once a month I would go with him to Elmwood Nursing Home where he would say Mass for the patients. Together we would sing, do the readings, and distribute communion to those in attendance. You could feel the joy in the room that these people received from our presence. When the Mass was completed, Fr. Wally was never in a hurry to run out. He would always sit at this old dilapidated organ they had in the room and he would have a sing-along for the people. They absolutely loved this. When it was time for us to return to the parish, the people would keep asking when we would have Mass again. They really looked forward to his coming.

On the first Friday of each month I would set up communion calls for the priest to visit the homebound. I can't begin to tell you the number of notes and phone calls that I would receive at the Ministry of Care office complementing Fr. Wally for how kind and caring he was on his visit to them. He was excellent at coming back and communicating any problems or other issues he noticed at the people's homes, so that I could follow up with those who were in need.

another part of ministry where I have experienced Fr. Wally's compassion for the people was at wakes and funeral masses. Often I would go with him to a wake and together we would do the wake service. He was very tender and understanding to the pain that these families were feeling. He always seemed to know just the right words to say. Again, this is a time when many of the families would write thank you notes to the Ministry of Care and express their thanks and always put in a kind word of thanks for Fr. Wally.

As you can see, I am very grateful for the time that Fr. Wally was here at Saint Celestine and how he ministered to the people of our parish. I can only hope and pray that the review board and you can see what a good priest Fr. Wally really is. I pray that he will be given the opportunity to return to a parish where his care and compassion for the people can continue to be felt. It would be a shame if a man with so many talents and the enthusiasm he has for the people would be wasted.

Cardinal George, thank you so much for taking the time to read this. I will continue to pray for Fr. Wally, you, and all those involved in deciding what his future will hold. I pray that he can accept the Serenity prayer and that God will continue to watch over him.

Peace,



Barbara Mares

Wally PaRock

Phone 7/22/99

- talked out 2nd Stage Review
- probably not returning to St C or personal vicinity
- waiting for K's letter to be received by Carl & response from Carl
- \* - will ask JB if he should take name off matters CDr & Condo in Ind
- \* - will begin to see if possibilities in Communications Office



Memo from:

Rev. Daniel P. Coughlin

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**FOR PRIESTS**

**IGAN AVENUE, SUITE 543**

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611**

July 22, 1999

To: Sister Anita Date: 7/22/99

*This memo and letter were received today. A response to [REDACTED] is attached. Original was mailed today.*

*DC*

the present situation of Father Walter De Roeck, and his ministry, Cardinal Francis George has forwarded your letter. I have known Father De Roeck for a number of years and in my position as Vicar for Priests I hope to help him

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attention. Our intention is to handle everything in a truly pastoral manner.

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[REDACTED] I have visited him and I try to keep in telephone contact with him.

There is not much more that I, or anyone else, can comment on at the present time. We are following our usual Archdiocesan policies and procedures. I hope that you continue to keep Father De Roeck in your prayers and use this occasion to pray for all priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Father D. Coughlin*

Rev. Daniel Coughlin  
Vicar for Priests

AOC 012683



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July 22, 1999

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

Pauline Cordell  
619 Revere Rd.  
Glenview, IL 60025

Dear Ms. Cordell:

Noting your personal concern over the present situation of Father Walter De Roeck, and your esteem for him and his ministry, Cardinal Francis George has forwarded your letter to me to respond. Personally, I have known Father De Roeck for a number of years and hold him in great esteem. Now in my position as Vicar for Priests I hope to help him through this difficult time.

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At present I can tell you that Father De Roeck is doing well and personally benefiting from the program he is in. I have visited him and I try to keep in telephone contact with him.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Daniel Coughlin  
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July 22, 1999



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~~July 27, 1999~~

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Dear [REDACTED]

Cardinal George received your letter sent to him July 20, 1999. He has asked me to reply. The Cardinal is presently on vacation.

[REDACTED] I know of your deep affection and personal concern for Father Wally De Roeck. When Ralph Bonaccorsi and I met with the parish staff I noted your deep concern, although you are not a complainer or one who easily verbalizes your concerns. I respect this.

I think it was very good of you and timely of you to write to the Cardinal expressing your hopes that Father De Roeck would be returning to parochial ministry. As a good friend and a pastoral collaborator with him, I know how much this mean to you.

In the near future the Cardinal will face this decision. At present no determination has been made.

The best thing for any of us who are close to Wally or care about him is to pray. We need to pray that Wally is continually blessed with faith and strength. Of course, the Cardinal and all others advising the Cardinal also need your prayers. Only by the grace of Jesus Christ will real wisdom and right judgment be found and lived.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dan Coughlin  
Vicar for Priests

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August 2, 1999

Ms. Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
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Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing in response to your letter of July 20, 1999 regarding the matter of Father Walter De Rocck, following the Second Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on July 17, 1999.

In light of the facts and circumstances as presented to me, I have accepted the Board's recommendation that it is not reasonable for Father De Rocck to return to ministry.

I further accept the Board's recommendations that the restriction should remain in place that Father De Rocck not be alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult. Additionally, I concur that he continue [REDACTED] and that he should abide by the individual specific protocol developed by the Board in cooperation with the Vicars for Priests.

After you have communicated these decisions to Father De Rocck, I ask that Father Dan Coughlin meet with him to discuss the pastorate at St. Celestine Parish and his future plans.

I am grateful to the members of the Review Board and yourself 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

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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MEMO from the office of:

CARDINAL GEORGE

To: Vicar for Priest Date: 8/10

For: ☐ Information

☐ Comment by MEMO

☐ Approval

☐ Signature

☐ Draft reply for my signature (return original  
correspondence and this form)

☒ Reply in your own name (return copy of  
response with this form)

☐ Per conversation

☐ Circulate

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 East Superior Street,  
Chicago, IL 60611

Your Eminence:

I am a parishioner at St. Celestine parish in Elmwood Park. I am writing to you regarding Rev. Walter De Roeck, and any upcoming decisions you might be making about his future.

Let me begin by declaring my bias toward Father De Roeck. [REDACTED] As such, we have both had close contact with Wally, and have come to regard him as a personal friend.

The purpose of this letter is to present to you my feelings in the matter, and provide you with an example of the impact that Wally has had on my life in the parish. I believe I understand the many facets that must be considered when deciding on the next appropriate decisions that are to be made; and I think that understanding the feelings of the parishioners is a one of those facets.

Prior to Wally arriving at St. Celestine, my lifelong status as a catholic was best described as a Sunday worshiper. Although I have always felt strong in my faith, I hadn't felt much of a need to explore other facets of parish life. In my past, at other parishes, I had gotten involved in a group or two, but they felt almost disconnected from the parish at large.

With Wally's arrival, I began to feel an excitement about my faith that had been dormant before. I also felt a challenge to use that excitement, and to become more active in various ways in the parish. In joining the liturgy committee, I began to feel the excitement that the celebration of the mass can truly be. It all inspired me to become more active, and more in touch with my faith.

Wally has personally filled my life with more spiritual meaning and lead me closer to our Lord. He has invited me to become more active in the parish, challenged me in the understanding of my faith, and demonstrated a kindness and understanding in accepting others and looking at them as members of the same family.

In my immediate family, we had recently faced a crisis with our son which made us doubt our trust in him. We found ourselves wondering how we could ever be a real family again. Yet, we did not turn our back on him, and through working with each other in sometimes painful discussions, we all again grew together – closer than we had ever been before. I learned that I truly could forgive and forget, and move forward in a new understanding toward a brighter future.

Wally, too, is a member of my family – my parish family. And as family, my reaction to hearing of his problems is to extend a hand of support, not to turn my back on him. I have missed him over these past few months – missed the chance to walk the path with him and help him to reach the other side. I personally would welcome Wally's return to our parish, and his again taking up his duties as our pastor. Although I do not purport to speak for the parish at large, I know that I am not alone in this position.

Know that I will support and respect any decision you reach, and understand that it is made for the good of our archdiocese as well as for Fr. De Roeck and St. Celestine parish.

Sincerely,

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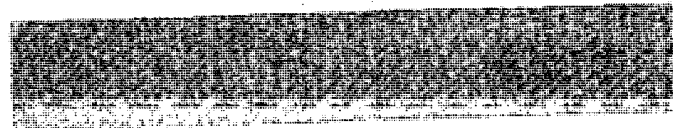
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To: Fr. Dan Coughlin Fax: 642-4933

From: Kathleen Leggda Date: 8-10-99

Re: Walley Pages: 1

Please review, if ok just let Laura  
know. Fax back any recommendations.  
Thank.



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# DRAFT

August 10, 1999

Rev. Walter De Roeck  
[REDACTED]

Dear Father De Roeck,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on July 17, 1999 and conducted a Second Stage Review, pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Board's recommendations that you not return to ministry and that an Individual Specific Protocol ~~will~~ be developed by the Board [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This Protocol will include the restriction that you not be alone with minors without another responsible adult present and that you continue [REDACTED]. A provision for monitoring will also be included.

Since your withdrawal from ministry, your salary has been paid by the Office of Professional Fitness Review. The amount is based on an Associate Pastor's salary, taking into account year of ordination. Base salary, ~~not including transportation~~, is paid provided the following conditions are met:

1. Protocol followed.
2. [REDACTED]
3. When appropriate, contributed to, works for, or accepts an assignment from the Archdiocese.

Ten percent is to be withheld from salary to acknowledge an effort to reimburse the Archdiocese for expenses for [REDACTED] and legal fees. Effective August 1, 1999 your current salary of \$1,557.00 will be reduced by 10%, resulting in a monthly salary of \$1,401.30. We will continue to mail checks directly to Pinnacle Bank until you return to Chicago.

I know this has been a difficult time for you. I hope that the Board and I may continue to be of on-going support to you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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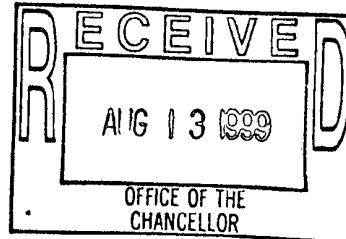
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August 11, 1999



Dear [Redacted],

Please be advised that the Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for the Continuation of Ministry for Reverend Walter De Roeck. Archbishop George has accepted the Board's recommendation that Father De Roeck not return to ministry.

Additionally, Father will continue to be restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult. He will continue to follow the Individual Specific Protocol developed by the Review Board and the Vicar for Priests for supervision and restrictions.

Please remember that our Assistance Ministry (312/751-8267) remains available to you. If you have any other questions at this point, please feel free to call me at 312/751-5206.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lnp

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim's Assistance Minister

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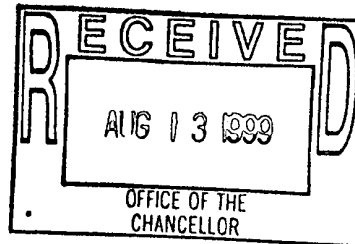
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Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim's Assistance Minister

AOC 012693

FAX (312) 642-4933

MEMO

To: Fr. Dan Coughlin  
From: Fr. Wally De Roeck  
Re: Proposed letter to the Cardinal  
Date: August 11, 1999

Dan,

Please let me know you have received this fax (301)422-5577 and give me whatever feedback you feel is helpful before I send the official letter to the Cardinal.

Thanks and God bless.

Dan,

Please comment on paragraph four (4) which contains the clause "I also pray for those I have victimized." I'm asking for your guidance about the wording.

Wally

Dear Cardinal George,

On August 7<sup>th</sup> of this year I celebrated the third anniversary of my appointment to the pastorate of St. Celestine Parish. I'll never forget the joy in my heart when I got the news. My classmate, Larry McBrady, had resigned the pastorate to take on his new work as Vicar for Priests. I knew how hard it was for him to say farewell to a people he loved dearly; I knew, as well, how happy I was to be going to a parish that had been such a blessing in his life. It sounded like a wonderful opportunity to work with a great staff and caring, creative people who took stewardship seriously. And I was not disappointed.

The time I spent as pastor of St. Celestine has been the happiest and most rewarding of my priesthood. I looked forward to each day because the people gathering for Mass came to celebrate as family. We laughed and cried as one. We prayed for and with one another. There was support, encouragement and challenge there. God was at work and we knew it. ~~The folks~~ were at work, too, as they stepped forward to do what needed doing. ~~And it was done with dedication and love.~~

*2 highly motivated* *All* *Many members of the community*  
The self-starting pastoral staff were wonderful to work with. I count them now among my friends. The Gospel really came alive in the parishioners' hearts because of their creative commitment. I was blessed with the treasure of their collaborative efforts. The future was full of challenge, ~~but there was joyful hope for tomorrow because a great many good things were in the works.~~ I was looking forward to playing a part in that future.

Then came the sad news that pulled me away from the people I had come to cherish. I miss them very much and they remain dear to my heart. I continue to be blessed by their prayers and supportive words that speak of kindness, compassionate forgiveness and unconditional love. Our good God is at work ~~through them.~~ I pray now not only for my own healing, but for theirs as well. I am sure some feel hurt and betrayed because of my past behavior. I also pray for those I have victimized; I have damaged their lives to a depth I am only recently beginning to comprehend. I only wish I could undo what was done so many years ago.

*in this Church of Christ!*  
~~That is why~~ I have come to a painfully difficult decision in my ministerial life. Effective immediately, I am resigning the pastorate of St. Celestine Parish. Perhaps this will be disappointing to many in the parish, but I ~~feel I must~~ do this because I ~~love them.~~ I must be about the business of recovery, while they deserve a full-time pastor. I pray to God for many graces in the lives of these people whom I care about. They will be in my prayers always, as will those who are gifted with the opportunity to pastor to them in future days.

*PERSONAL*  
Cardinal George, I thank you for your support *AND ENCOURAGEMENT* on ~~my own~~ *THE* journey of healing.

*have their best interests at heart.*  
Sincerely and gratefully yours,

Fr. Walter G. De Roeck

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August 11, 1999

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AOC 012696

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**Professional Fitness Review Board**  
**August 21, 1999**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes May 15, 1999 (enclosed) and July 17, 1999 (enclosed).**

**I. Case Reviews:**

**A.**

**B.**

**C.**

**D.**

**E.**

**F. Matter of PFR-62, Rev. Walter De Roeck**  
**- Update/letter to Cardinal enclosed.**

**G.**

**II. Other Matters:**

**A. Discussion of final Recommendation of Ad Hoc Monitoring**  
**Committee (enclosed).**

**B. Discussion of Individual Specific Protocols in light of**  
**recommendation (PFRA report enclosed).**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, September 18, 1999.**



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Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, August 21, 1999

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Others Present:

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

Absent:

[REDACTED]

I. Approval of May 15, 1999 minutes.

Approval of July 17, 1999 minutes with clarification

[REDACTED]

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No further information on [REDACTED] planning available

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Decisions of Monitoring Committee and of Individual Protocols deferred to September 18, 1999 meeting.

## **Memorandum**

**Memo to File:** PFR-62

**From:** Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator  
**Re:** Rev. Walter De Roeck  
**Date:** August 26, 1999

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A discussion summary from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on August 21, 1999.

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No further information on discharge planning available.



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August 27, 1999



Dear [REDACTED]

Cardinal George received your letter on August 10, 1999. He has asked me to respond due to his pressing duties.

I am sure the Cardinal has noted your deep personal concern for Father Wally De Roeck and his future. Both you and Christine as well as many others at St. Celestine already miss him. Your letter manifests your esteem and affection.

It is good to note that you will stick by Wally through all of this. As you state it, there is more than forgiveness here. Your willingness to have him back at St. Celestine's is laudable. As the Vicar for Priests I wish more people in these and in other circumstances could be as forgiving, compassionate and close to their priests as you seem.

Thank you for writing to the Cardinal and it is noteworthy for you to "support and respect any decision" that he must make regarding the good of the Archdiocese as well as St. Celestine parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Father Dan Coughlin".

Rev. Daniel Coughlin  
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# Memorandum

*Vicar for Priests*

To: Cardinal Francis George  
From: Father Dan Coughlin *DC*  
Date: 08/27/99  
Re: Resignation of Father Walter De Rocck

If you have not received Wally De Rocck's letter in which he resigns the pastorate of St. Celestine's a draft copy of his letter is enclosed. When Larry Mc Brady and I met with you on August 5<sup>th</sup> I mentioned Wally was working on a letter to you; but it would be a style so it could also appear in St. Celestine's parish bulletin. It was hoped that this would have the advantage of a pastoral style while containing the essential canonical language in it. You thought this a good idea.

At that time you said you wished the same parish bulletin would contain a letter from you. That seemed like a wonderful idea.

[REDACTED] Tom Paprocki as Chancellor, will draft a more formal letter of acceptance of Wally's resignation as pastor. A second letter from you to the parishioners of St. Celestine would be personal from you and more pastoral in style. It is this second letter that would appear in the Celestine's bulletin.

The acting Administrator, Father Larry Sullivan, has told me it would be ideal if they could have a copy of Wally's letter and yours by Tuesday, August 31, 1999. The only reason this would be ideal is because then it could still get in the bulletin of Sept. 4 and 5. The following week's bulletin Sept. 11 and 12 is already designated as a great vision piece for their future planning in the parish.

In summary:

- 1) You should have received Wally's letter already (a copy is enclosed)
- 2) Tom Paprocki will draft your formal response to Wally regarding his resignation
- 3) Your letter to the parish of St. Celestine would be appreciated by August 31, 1999 (Tuesday) *The beginnings of a draft is enclosed, if this helps you.*

*8/27/99*  
*DC*

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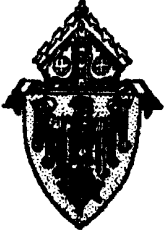
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TO: Cardinal Francis George

FROM: Father Dan Coughlin *DC*

RE: Letters for St. Celestine Bulletin

DATE: August 30, 1999

On Saturday, Your Eminence said that you had received Father Walter DeRocck's resignation as pastor of St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park. You wanted to put a letter in the parish bulletin acknowledging your acceptance of his resignation and a word of encouragement to the parishioners during this time of transition..

I am hoping you would forward both Wally's letter and your own to the parishioners of St. Celestine for inclusion in next weekend's bulletin on September 4&5. The parish needs them this Tuesday for inclusion for new weekend. The St. Celestine Fax number is: 708 453 2555.

708-452-0560



# FAX

**VICAR FOR PRIESTS OFFICE****645 N. Michigan, Suite 543****Chicago, Illinois 60611****(312) 642-1837****Fax: (312) 642-4933****To:** *CARDINAL FRANCIS GEORGE***From:** *FATHER DAN COUGHLIN***Fax Number:** *255-1019***Number of pages including cover sheet:** *2***MESSAGE:**☒ **URGENT** ☐ **FOR YOUR REVIEW** ☐ **REPLY ASAP** ☐ **COMMENT**

**Draft Letter from Cardinal Francis George to St. Celestine Parish**

**Dear parishioners of St. Celestine:**

**As the people of God who celebrate your identity in Jesus Christ at the altar of St. Celestine I wish you grace and peace.**

**This past week I received a letter from Father Walter De Roeck in which he offered his resignation of the pastorate at St. Celestine. Obviously he has deep affection for you and this was not easy for him. But I am assured that this has been a deliberate and prayerful decision on his part.**

**Respecting Father De Roeck and his request, I have accepted his resignation. Hopefully, as he moves on in his own healing process you as strong and committed Catholics will also begin to create a new future.**

**I wish to take this occasion to commend Father Lawrence Sullivan and the other members of your very competent and committed parish staff for their presence and guidance during this past few months. I thank you parishioners of St. Celestine for your faithfulness to live sacramental lives and participation in the vigorous parish life of St. Celestine during this time. I know God will bless you, your families and your generosity in the days ahead.**

**Please continue to pray for Father Walter De Roeck and for all priests. Join with one another in faith, reconciliation and unity of Spirit as we approach the new millennium. Also please pray for me.**

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Human Resources

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*September 1, 1999*

*Pastors/Pastoral Coordinators:*

*The following job opportunities are currently open at the Pastoral Center. If you know of anyone who is interested, please have them contact Human Resources at 312/751-8369 or fax their resume to 312/751-5345. Thank you for your time.*

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Please do not give this letter to anyone to answer. I don't want another form letter from someone like the response I got on my last letter to you. I just wanted you to read it and consider thoughtfully and prayerfully its contents.

Sincerely

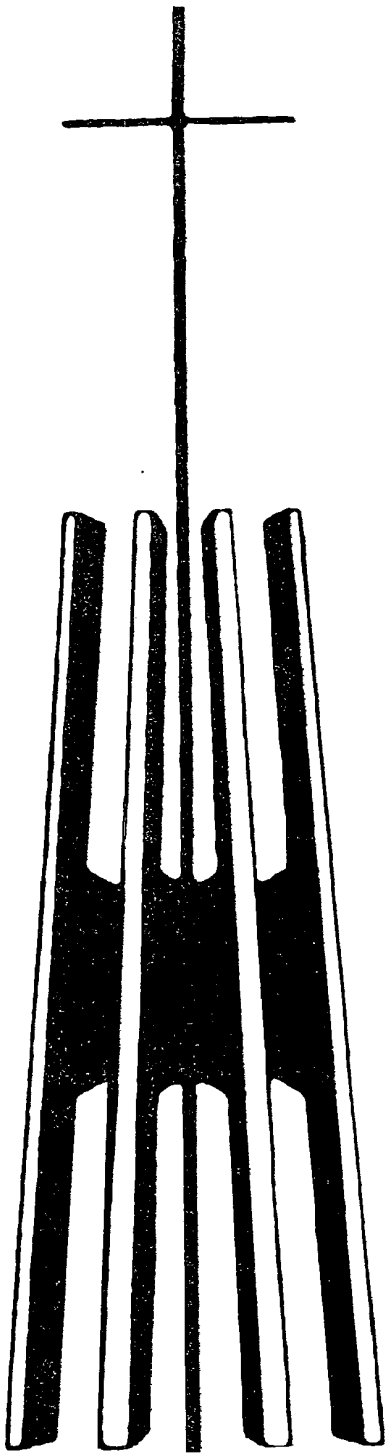
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Sept 5, 1999 ①

Dear Cardinal George,

While you didn't listen to appeals to return Fr. DeRoek to St. Celestine I feel rather hopeless in making this new appeal.

Please do not appoint Fr. Larry Sullivan pastor of St. Celestine. He lacks the experience of dealing with a variety of people. He has never been at any other parish.



**Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



**WHERE TWO OR THREE  
ARE GATHERED IN MY  
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## YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

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Your financial support will help the people in Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

*Fr. Larry*



### Misericordia's 1999 Family Festival

Sunday, September 12 from 11am-6pm  
6300 North Ridge Ave. in Chicago

Food & Drinks  
Children's Games  
Entertainment  
Live Auction  
Raffles  
Shopping  
Flea Market  
Free Parking



Discounted pre-sale tickets are available. Call (773) 973-6300 x2278 for more information



All proceeds will support Misericordia's children and adults with mental and physical disabilities.



## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

10:15 - Athletic Com. Mtg.....LMR  
1:00 - Sports.....GYM

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

LABOR DAY

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1:30 - Young at Heart.....GYM  
4:45 - Sports.....GYM  
7:00 - Liturgy Mtg.....SR  
7:00 - Parents Club Brd Mtg.....LMR  
7:00 - Men's Prayer Group.....CREED  
7:30 - Knights of Columbus Mtg.....LR

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 - Renew Group.....SR  
2:30 - Brownies.....CREED  
3:30 - Sports.....GYM  
6:30 - Pastoral Council.....SR  
6:30 - Cub Scout Mtg.....AN  
6:30 - RCIA Mtg.....FR

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

MARKET DAY

7:30 - Sports.....GYM  
7:30 - Baptismal Prep Class.....FR

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:00 - Cub Packnight.....LR

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:00 - Share the Vision Mass & BBQ.....

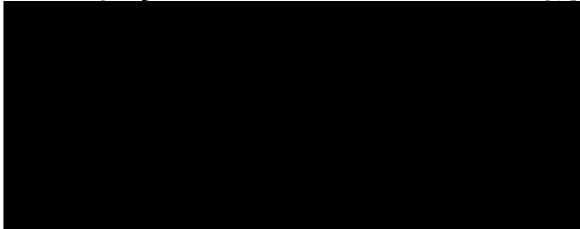
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AN-Annex MUS-Music Room CHU-Church  
LR-Lunch Room FR-Fireside Room  
SR-Staff Room LMR-Lower Meeting Room



Please pray for our sick sisters and brothers:



Please pray for our deceased sisters and brothers:



## A GREAT BIG THANKS!

I would like to take this opportunity to say "THANKS" to both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for the great job they did organizing this year's Blood Drive. With their personal touches of fresh flowers, homemade goodies, and wonderful music, it was a most welcoming experience. I would also like to thank all the other ladies who volunteered their time to this event.

This year we had 50 people show to give blood and out of the 50, 45 were able to donate. I thank all of you for giving "the gift of life" to others. We are talking about doing this again in the spring, so watch the bulletin for further details.

Gratefully,  
[REDACTED]

## St. Joseph The Worker

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## KC TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

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## Ministry of Care

Our Ministers of Care are available to visit and bring Eucharist to sick or homebound parishioners. If you know of someone who would like a visit please call Barbara Mares at the Ministry of Care office at (708) 452-0150

## Scalabrini Day Picnic at Italian Cultural Center, September 26

On Sunday, Sept. 26, the Scalabrini Fathers of the Chicago area are sponsoring the 1st Scalabrini Day Picnic on the grounds of the Italian Cultural Center at 1621 N. 39th Ave., Stone Park, IL. There are 18 acres of greenery. Parking and admission are free. Everyone is welcome.

The festivities begin with an outdoor Mass in English, Italian and Spanish at 12:00 noon with songs in various languages. In the afternoon, musical and folkloric entertainment will be provided for the adults. There will also be games for the children ages 3-12, as well as bocce games for the adults.



**Science**

*or*

**Magic ?**

To find out the answer,  
join Cub Scout Pack 690  
on **Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**!

Our first pack night will welcome our returning scouts  
and bring on board all new scouts!!

For new recruits, please come to the **Annex**  
either **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m.

or on **Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m.


before pack night.

All returning scouts may report to pack night  
at **7:00 p.m.** for our **first**, exciting meeting!!


**We look forward to seeing all of you.**

Any questions? Call





## The Working WORD



### **Matt. 18:15-20**

#### **Call to reconciliation. . .**

Suppose you had a co-worker who had a personal hygiene problem, how would you ask them to solve it?

Or how would you express your anger to someone who had offended you or harmed you by indiscreet remarks?

These are just a few of the human dilemmas that a messenger service based in cyberspace is willing to help you resolve. Each message that a recipient gets begins: *Someone who cares about you wants you to know. . .* and then continues with a statement about the problem that needs to be resolved. Sometimes gifts of soap, toothpaste, a book of etiquette or a balloon are attached.

*Many find it just too difficult to confront those who annoy them or with whom they have a conflict, the founder of the cyberspace service told an ABC-TV interviewer as she described the impetus for starting her e-business. I am providing an important service that helps to get messages to those who need to hear them while protecting those who want to send them. (Sorry I can't tell you how to reach her. I was so amazed by the segment that I did not jot down the woman's name or web address.)*

However, the story itself stuck with me and came to mind again as I pondered Jesus' admonition to us in today's Gospel to adopt a lifestyle of conflict resolution and loving correction by approaching our brothers and sisters gently, charitably and with a serious desire to grow as persons who

recognize that sin is at the heart of all broken relationships.

In fact, Jesus outlines a three step process of reconciliation. First we are to address the sin or hurt one-on-one at a very personal level. If that doesn't work, then we are to take a witness. If the issue is still unresolved and it is seriously sinful, then we are to bring the matter to those in the community who can assist with its resolution. At every step, the two parties most directly involved in the conflict are to be part of the process. At no point, is either party given the freedom to walk away or to give the task over to a third party to deliver an anonymous message.

Adopting such a lifestyle will be challenging because the e-business foundress is absolutely right in her assertion that it is very difficult for one human being to confront another especially when changes in behavior are needed. It becomes a less daunting task, however, if we approach the process with a humble awareness that each of us has faults and failings. Adopting this stance enables us to say with authenticity: *As someone who cares about our relationship, I think we need to talk.*

Jesus affirms in the Gospel that we have power to free each other from sin's grip and to heal our relationships when he says: *Whatever you bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.* Each day offers us opportunities to grow in the process of reconciliation. May we be open to the graces offered to us.

*fracture 9-5-99*

The Cenacle Retreat House & Spirituality Center Presents:

# David Haas In Concert



Sunday, September 26, 1999 3:00 p.m.

**Location: St. Irene's Catholic Church in Warrenville,  
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Refreshments will be served at the Cenacle following the concert.

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Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.  
Catholic Charities SW Sub. Office  
10661 S. Roberts Road  
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Monday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m.  
Catholic Charities  
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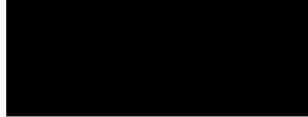
Thursday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Jude the Apostle Church  
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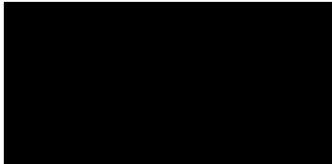


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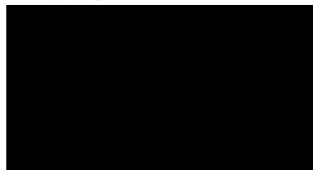
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 LECTORS:  
 E.M.s:

**SUNDAY, September 12, 1999**

7:30am PRESIDER: Fr. White  
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9:00am PRESIDER: Fr. White  
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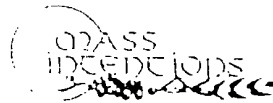
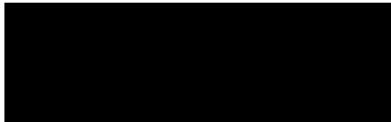
10:30am PRESIDER: Fr. Pranaipis  
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12:00pm PRESIDER: Fr. Sullivan  
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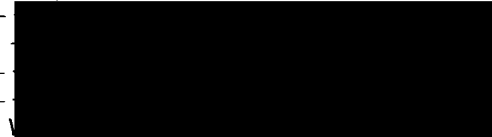
**Today, September 5, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

7:30 - People of the Parish

9:00 -

10:30 -

12:00 -

**Monday, September 6, Labor Day**

9:00 - No Intentions

**Tuesday, September 7, 1999**

6:30 -

8:00 -

**Wednesday, September 8, Birth of the Virgin Mary**

6:30 -

8:00 -

**Thursday, September 9, 1999**

6:30 -

8:00 -

**Friday, September 10, 1999**

6:30 -

8:00 -

**Saturday, September 11, 1999**

8:00 -

4:00 -

**Sunday, September 12, 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

7:30 - People of the Parish

9:00 -

10:30 -

12:00 -

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:33—28:9; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



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5:00 PM (Saturday), 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, (Sunday).

**Summer Mass Schedule (June-August):**

5:00 PM (Saturday), 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, (Sunday).

**Holy Days:**

6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:30 PM.

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, Saturday 8:00 AM.

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**Baptisms:**

Most Sundays at 1:00 PM (12:00 PM during the summer). Participation in Baptismal class is essential. Please call the Pastoral Center (708-453-2555) to register to attend the Baptismal class.

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday after the 8:00 AM Mass and at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

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September 7, 1999

Dear Father De Roeck:

In response to your recent letter, and in accord with canons 189 and 538, §1, I accept your resignation as Pastor of St. Celestine Parish, Elmwood Park, effective immediately, for the reasons presented in your letter.

I am grateful for your service as Pastor of St. Celestine Parish. As you continue with your healing process and as we continue to discuss your future, I will keep you and the people of St. Celestine Parish in my prayers.

Faternally yours in Christ,

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

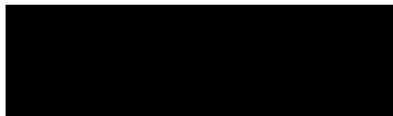
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

Reverend Walter G. De Roeck



cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
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MEMO from the office of:

CARDINAL GEORGE

To: FR. COUGHLIN Date: 9-10-99

For: ☒ Information

☐ Comment by MEMO

☐ Approval

☐ Signature

☐ Draft reply for my signature (return original  
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October 7, 1999

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To Whomever it May Concern:

The Vicar for Priests, Fr. Dan Coughlin, recently informed me that there was a Radio-TV Production position available in the Communications Office. I understand you are open to the possibility of a priest taking that post. That is why I am writing you at this time.

I have had fifteen-plus years of experience in TV production for the archdiocese at the ABC affiliate, working on eighteen half-hour programs annually. The shows, "Of Cabbages and Kings" and "Sanctuary" aired on all the Sundays of January, April, July and October. The focus for the most part was on pastoral efforts in the archdiocese and the different ministries available and various local issues challenging the Church of Chicago. Each program ended with a scriptural connection.

As a priest of the archdiocese, I've had a good pulse on current concerns as well as trends worth exploring for the future. The production effort required a good amount of reading and research, which I relished. The goal was to spread the "Good News", making it real for the world of today and clear for the viewers of our locality.

Aside from my efforts on those two program, I also worked with the WLS-TV news department, doing color commentary for the installations of Cardinals Bernardin and George, as well as the funerals of Cardinals Cody and Bernardin. I worked closely with the anchors of WLS/ABC on those historic occasions.

A number of years ago I also worked on WGN-TV's "Mass for Shut-ins" doing live on camera commentary during the John Banahan years; I also did WGN-Radio's live commentary for the Christmas Midnight Mass from Holy Name Cathedral for some years during the latter half of the 1970's and early 1980's.

I did some work with the late Fr. Francis Filas, S.J. for a CBS/WBBM special on the Shroud of Turin. In more recent years I worked on an ecumenical special for ABC: "Religion at the Movies" featuring Roger Ebert.

Though this is not a formal resume, I did want to give you a little sense of my experience in the electronic media in the Chicago archdiocese over the years.

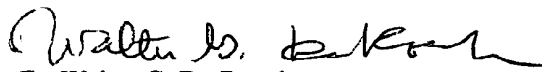
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I will gladly provide more background, but I do not have access to my personal records at the moment. I will be away from the archdiocese until mid-November, at which time I will be able to complete a more thorough and precise resume.

I would appreciate hearing something more about what the position would entail. If you have a formal job description, some sense of what the work would involve, what the responsibilities and focus of the position would be, I'd appreciate receiving that information. It will give me a better sense of whether or not I'm the person you're looking for.

For the moment I can be reached c/o Vicar for Priests Office, 645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 543, Chicago IL 60611.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter G. De Roeck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Fr. Walter G. De Roeck

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facsimile transmittal

To: Fr. McBrady

Fax: 312/842-4833

From: Jim Dwyer

Date: October 8, 1999

Re: standby statement on Fr. DeRoeck

Pages: 2

☐ Urgent

☐ For Review

☐ Please Comment

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Note: Attached is a draft of a new standby statement on Fr. DeRoeck for your review and approval. Both Jim Vadak and I will be out of the office next week, and if someone from the media decides to call about Fr. DeRoeck's status (and I really doubt that anyone will, but it's still a possibility), Mary McDonough will be prepared in our absence.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Diocesan Priests' Personnel  
Rev. Jeremiah M. Boland/Executive Sec.  
312-751-5270



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October 15, 1999

Parishioners of St. Celestine  
3020 N 76<sup>th</sup> Court  
Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, Cardinal George accepted the resignation of Father Walter DeRoeck as your pastor. He asked the Priests' Placement Board to review the situation and determine as to how best we should proceed.

This past Wednesday, I met with the parish staff in the afternoon. They shared with me their perspectives on how the parish is doing and their wisdom as to how we should proceed. Later that evening, Father Martin O'Donovan, Chairman of the Placement Board and Bishop Thad Jakubowski, joined me. We met with several parishioners in leadership positions. They also shared their perspective and wisdom.

There was strong consensus that we go forward with moving towards making a recommendation for the pastorate. Much of the information that we generally obtain for a parish consultation was gathered a couple of years ago. The sense of parish leadership was that the Placement Board should proceed with our usual process of reviewing candidates, consult with Bishop Jakubowski and make a final recommendation to Cardinal George, as is our process. The Placement Board, within the next few weeks, will review our list of candidates and submit to Cardinal George the person we feel most confident to serve as your next pastor.

On behalf of the Placement Board, I wish to express our gratitude for all those who have met with us recently. Please know of our prayerful concern for you. We know the past several months have been difficult. In spite of this, the spirit and vitality of St. Celestine's is a blessing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremiah Boland".

Reverend Jeremiah M. Boland  
Executive Secretary  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board

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4. St. Celestine: Jerry and Marty O'Donovan conducted the meeting at St. Celestine's on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The following letter was sent to the parishioners:

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H.

I.

J.

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L.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** File

**FROM:** Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor

**DATE:** October 16, 1999

**RE:** Review Board Meeting – Rev. Walter DeRoeck

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In light of the fact that Father DeRoeck will be [REDACTED] on October 20, 1999, the Review Board directed the PFRA to draw up a strict protocol for Fr. DeRoeck. Among other things, the protocol should include restrictions on being alone with a minor without another responsible adult present, not travelling or staying overnight alone without permission from the PFRA, residence at Koenig Hall, [REDACTED] no public ministry or identification as a priest, keeping a log, etc. The Board also expressed its concern that any work assigned to Fr. DeRoeck by the Archdiocese not be in a high-profile position.

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Professional Fitness Review Board  
October 16, 1999

AGENDA

I. Approval of September 18, 1999 Minutes

II. Case Reviews

A.



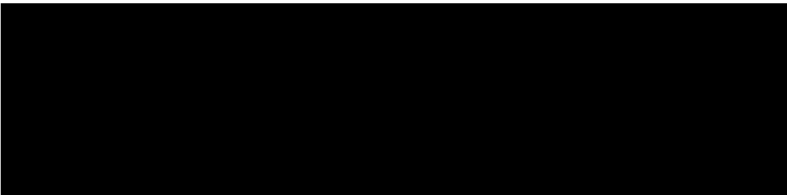
B. Matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62



planning/development of Individual Protocol.

III. Other Matters

A.



B.

C.

10/18/99 4PM

Dan,

Wally De Roeck called and asked for your travel plans on Friday. He said for you to call with arrival/departure information and they will arrange for transportation. Call him [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] (he didn't have his number).

Carol



*Just File*

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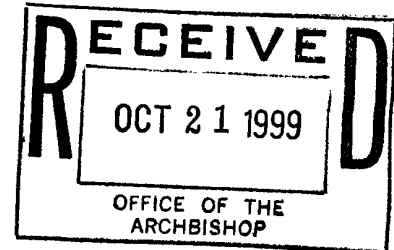
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October 20, 1999

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



Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on October 16, 1999. The Board fully considered all oral and written information currently accessible in the matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

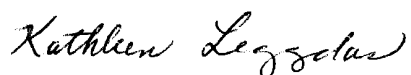
With Board input and in consultation with Father Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests, the following Individual Specific Protocol is recommended to be implemented upon Father De Roeck's return to Chicago:

1. Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. Prior approval required from Review Administrator (PFRA) for vacations and nights spent away from residence.
3. Call in to PFRA each evening before 10:00 p.m.
4. Prohibited from wearing Roman collar.
5. Prior approval required from PFRA and Vicar for Priests (VP) for public celebration of Mass and other religious services: weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.
6. On-site monitor, Ed Siedlecki, to be informed of overnights away from Koenig Hall.
7. Another responsible adult known to PFRA to accompany Fr. De Roeck on all overnights.
8. Complete Client Daily Log. Receipts, ticket stubs, etc. should accompany log and be submitted weekly to PFRA.
9. [REDACTED]
10. Prohibited from use of Michigan House pending review of [REDACTED]
11. All contact with individuals from former parishes/ministerial assignments must be pre-approved by PFRA and VP Office, including participation in parish activities (weddings, social events, etc.).

As additional information is received, the Board will review this protocol on an on-going basis.

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

Sincerely,



Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lnp

Cc: Members of the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

## Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator  
Re: Walter De Roeck  
Date: October 21, 1999

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Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on October 16, 1999:

Discussion of Protocol [REDACTED]. Initial protocol to include the following elements.

- Completion of Daily Log, submitted to PFRA monthly.
- Call in to PFRA every evening.
- [REDACTED]
- Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
- On-site monitor at Koenig Hall, Fr. Ed Siedlecki.
- Prohibited from wearing Roman collar.
- Prohibited from public celebration of Mass and other Sacraments.
- All overnight stays or out of town trips to be pre-approved by PFRA.
- Another responsible adult must accompany WDR on all overnight stays. PFRA must be informed of identity and relationship of companion.
- Prohibited from use of Michigan condo pending [REDACTED]
- All contact with individuals from former parish/ministerial assignments must be pre-approve by PFRA, including participation in parish activities (weddings, social events, etc.).
- The Board also expressed its concern that any work assigned to Fr. De Roeck by the Archdiocese not be in a high profile position.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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November 3, 1999

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

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing in response to your letter of October 20, 1999 regarding the matter of Father Walter De Roeck, following the Review Board's meeting of October 16, 1999.

In light of the all oral and written information currently available, I have accepted the Board's recommended Individual and Specific Protocol, which was developed for Father De Roeck with Board input and in consultation with Father Dan Coughlin. This Protocol is to be implemented upon Father De Roeck's [REDACTED] return to Chicago.

I am grateful to the members of the Review Board and yourself 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

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

AOC 012742

To TOP  
Date 11/3 Time 10:17 ☒ AM  
☐ PM

## WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M [REDACTED]  
of \_\_\_\_\_

### Phone Numbers

Office [REDACTED] ☒ Telephoned  
Area Code Number Ext. ☒ Please call  
Voicemail \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Returned your call  
FAX \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Called to see you  
Pager \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Wants to see you  
Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Will call again  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ URGENT

### Message

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11/3/95 - left. info for John O'malley;  
~~Left message for [REDACTED]~~  
TC w/ Jim Semitella: [REDACTED] *SC*



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November 10, 1999

Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Father De Roeck,

On October 16, 1999, the Review Board met to develop an Individual Specific Protocol to be implemented upon your return to Chicago [REDACTED]

The Board recommended the attached protocol to Cardinal George and he asked me to inform you that he has accepted the Board's recommendations.

As both Father Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests, and I consulted on the final form of the Protocol, we will meet with you in Mundelein on Friday, November 12, 1999. At that time, each item will be discussed and you will be asked to sign that you are willing to abide by these restrictions.

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

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Cc: Members of the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL  
For  
Father Walter De Roeck

The Individual Specific Protocol (ISP) reflects the primary goal of protecting minors and the integrity of the Church. Additionally, the ISP serves as a safeguard for the individual priest/deacon with regard to the possibility of subsequent allegations.

Professional Fitness Review clients will be subject to appropriate restrictions and monitoring by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator throughout the life of the individual as a priest/deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The ISP for **Fr. Walter De Roeck** includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. Prior approval required from Review Administrator (PFRA) for vacations and nights spent away from residence.
3. Call into PFRA each day.
4. Prohibited from wearing Roman collar.
5. Prior approval required from PFRA and Vicar for Priests (VP) for public celebration of Mass and other religious services: weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.
6. On-site monitor, Ed Siedlecki, to be informed of overnights away from Koenig Hall.
7. Another responsible adult known to PFRA to accompany Fr. De Roeck on all overnights.
8. Complete Client Daily Log. Receipts, ticket stubs, etc. should accompany log and be submitted monthly to PFRA.
9. [REDACTED]
10. Prohibited from use of Michigan House pending review of [REDACTED]
11. All contact with individuals from former parishes/ministerial assignments must be pre-approved by PFRA and VP Office, including participation in parish activities (weddings, social events, etc.).
12. This is a working document which can be changed, altered or superceded when there is an indicated need to do so.



13. In order to change this protocol, prior approval must be obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Board.
14. A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in Professional Fitness Review and Vicar for Priests Offices.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed: Walter G. De Roock

Date: 11/12/97

Printed Name: WALTER G. DE ROECK

Signature of PFRA: Kathleen M. Leppard

Date: 11-12-99

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### Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*  
Re: Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Date: November 17, 1999

Friday, November 12, 1999, Rev. Dan Coughlin [DC] and PFRA met with Rev. Wally De Roeck [WDR] to review Individual Specific Protocol developed by the Review Board.

Discussion focused on the following topics for clarification:

- Vacation/overnight request form/cc to Fr. Ed Siedlecki, Monitor. Completed far enough in advance for PFRA to approve companion as well.

Clarification needed on travel companion to California, who pays for ticket?

- Amend #3 to read "Call PFRA daily."
- Amend #8 to read "submitted monthly to PFRA."
- Use of Michigan house discussed. PFRA clarified that WDR may go with a companion to ready house for winter. May not spend the night.

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Dan Coughlin

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW**  
**CLIENT INFORMATION SHEET**

(Revised 11/22/99)  
Client Info/LNP

**FILE #:** PFR-62

**REVIEW STATUS: (DATE)**

**Opened Date:** April, 1999

**1st Stage:** 3-20-99

**Closed Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Stage:** 10-18-99

**Supplementary:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Name:** Walter G. De Roeck

**Date Ordained:** May 12, 1971

**Birth Date:**                     

**Current S/S #:**                     

2. **Current Residence:** Cardinal Stritch R.H.

**Address:** P.O. Box 455 **Date:** 11-10-99  
Mundelein, IL 60060

**Telephone: Home:** 847-566-6605

**Office:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pager:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Ministry:** Ordained Priest

**Status (Check one)** **Date:** 3/99

**Active:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deceased:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Resigned:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Withdrawn:** ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:** Sick leave

4. **Allegation(s):**

**Date:** 3-16-99 **Date of the Offense(s):** 1986

**Sex/Age**

**Credibility:**

**Yes** **No**

M/13-14

☒

3-17-99

1986

M/15

☒

5. **General Nature of Allegation(s):**

                     inappropriate touching, masturbating in front of boys; touching genitals of one of the boys.

6. **Protocol:** On file

**Original Date:** 11-12-99

**Review Dates:**

**Review Dates:**



**Education:**

BA in Philosophy, M. DIV from Mundelein Seminary, BFNA from Loyola University.

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**Ministerial Assignments:**

St. Nicholas, Evanston

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St. John Berchmans

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St. Paul of the Cross, Park Ridge

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St. Catherine Laboure, Glenview

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Quigley Seminary

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St. Celestine, Elmwood Park

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Residence at Mary Queen of Heaven, Cicero

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Producer/Host on WLS-TV

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St.

**Family Composition: ( D ) - Deceased**

**Parents:** Deceased father, Widowed mother

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**Siblings:**

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**Monitors:**

Fr. Ed Siedlecki

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**Address:**

Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

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**Phone:**

847-566-6060

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Rt. 176, P.O. Box 455

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Mundelein, IL 60060

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**Emergency Contacts:**

**1st**

**Relationship:**

**Home #:**

**Work #:**

Brother

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**2nd**

**Relationship:**

**Home #:**

**Work #:**

Sister

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**Other Concerns:**

Genital piercing and tattoos.

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Memo to the File

From: Dan Coughlin

Re: Wally DeRoeck

Date: December 1, 1999

I spoke to Wally yesterday from my car phone. He sounded better. He said he was bust enough getting settled, moving his things, [REDACTED]

I told him [REDACTED] to always talk to me before releasing anything to the PFRBd.

I brought up the fact that both vacation or vicinage his mother and the idea of work at the Communications Office should not be brought up to the Board until after the first of the year. He understood, but was concerned about the cost of airline tickets, if not done soon. We talked about Larry and Wally flying to San Francisco (later I thought of Oakland together).

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December 7, 1999

Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father De Roeck,

While recently reviewing salaries for Professional Fitness Review Clients, it was noted that the Archdiocese is currently paying you a Pastor's monthly salary, plus increment, - 10% to defray [REDACTED] expenses incurred. This results in a monthly check of \$1,557.00 monthly or \$18,684 annually.

Principles for determining client salary include the following:

- All PFR clients are to be paid an Associate Pastor's salary factoring in year of ordination.
- This base salary will be paid to the client monthly (1st of each month) provided the following conditions are met:
  1. Individual Protocol is followed.
  2. [REDACTED]
  3. When appropriate, the client contributes to, works for, or accepts an assignment from the Archdiocese.
- Ten percent (10%) is to be withheld from the monthly salary to acknowledge an effort to reimburse the Archdiocese for expenses for [REDACTED] legal fees, etc.

In light of your formal resignation as pastor of St. Celestine, and in keeping with these principles, effective January 1, 2000, you will be paid 90% of the Associate Pastor's base salary plus increment. Monthly checks will be in the amount of \$1,401.37 for a total of \$16,819.50 annually.

If you have questions regarding these changes, please contact me at 312-751-5206.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Rev. Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

AOC 012752

PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW  
MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT

Monitor.Frm

Thank you again for agreeing to assist in monitoring the priest in your parish, work or residential setting (whose situation we've already discussed). The Archdiocese of Chicago greatly appreciates your generous sacrifice of time and input into this difficult situation. On a monthly basis, we are requesting that you take a few minutes to complete the enclosed Report and mail it to the attention of:

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

If I have not heard from you for several weeks, I will contact you by phone to check on the priest's overall compliance with the monitoring expectations.

As stated in the Monitoring Guidelines which you have received, please contact me immediately by phone if the priest clearly violates the Monitoring Guidelines or minimizes an inappropriate situation, particularly if the violation involves anyone under eighteen (18) years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. My office telephone number is 1-312/751-5205 or 1-800/994-6200. If either my Administrative Assistant or I are unavailable, please feel free to leave a message on the security code-protected voice mail with your verbal report on the past month's monitoring. (Also, my office Fax number is 1-312/751-5279).

1. In the past month, have you seen or heard of any situations in which the priest you are monitoring was in the presence of any child under age eighteen (18) without the presence of another responsible adult?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "Yes", please explain briefly if the priest immediately removed himself from the situation or not upon being confronted, or if he minimized the situation in your opinion in any way:

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Fr. Walter De Roock

Name of Priest being Monitored

November, 1999

Month/Year

2. Did the priest allow you access to his log book of whereabouts, if requested?

Please Circle One: ☒ (Yes) ☐ (No)

If "No", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave with you or with one of the other monitors a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip, including a phone number and site at which he could be reached, and the name of the adult who would be accompanying him during such a departure?

Please Circle One: ☒ (Yes) ☐ (No)

If "No" on any of the above points, please elaborate: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

3(a) If, to your knowledge, the priest did not leave on any such trips in the past month, please mark an "X" in this line: only to the suburbs

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

Please Circle One: ☒ (Yes) ☐ (No)

If "No", please explain any problems or concerns with the priest which you have at this time regarding his monitoring compliance: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. General Comments you would like to communicate: \_\_\_\_\_

Wally has given me notice of where he is going  
verbally or left a note for me about his  
whereabouts.



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*Rev. Edmund Siedlechi*

Name/Signature of Monitor

*Dec 8, 1999*

Date

Thank you again for your kind assistance!

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

Archdiocese of Chicago

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and phone  
Movers Ill. C.C.  
License Number.

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Actual Pickup Date  
Agreed Delivery Date

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Chargeable Hours	Number of Men	Number of Trucks	Hourly Rate (Men + Trucks)	Total Hours	Amount Due
Straight time	3	1	\$106.00	3 1/2	\$370.00
Overtime					\$
Travel Time (if applicable)		1 1/2 Hours	\$106.00 per Hour		\$159.00
Mileage Charge (if applicable)		Miles	\$ per Mile		\$
Additional Labor		Hours	\$ per Hour		\$
Total Packing Charges (includes packing addendum if appropriate)					\$
Other Charges SPINET PAINO CHARGE					\$45.00
Valuation Charge \$					per \$
Insurance Charge \$					per \$
Prepayment Received					\$
Total Charges Due					\$1840
payment by cash, cashier's check, or money order					

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- Minimum to be paid at delivery is written estimate + 10%; balance (if any) must be paid within 30 days.
- For liability and valuation purposes, household goods shall be deemed to weigh seven pounds per cubic foot.
- This contract (including terms printed on the back or included in mover's tariff) constitutes the complete agreement between shipper and mover. This contract may not be orally amended. Any changes must be in writing.

## Mover's Liability

Before the move begins, the shipper signing this contract must insert in the space below, in (his/her) own handwriting, either declaration of the actual value of the shipment or the words "30 cents per pound per article." Otherwise, the shipment will be deemed released to a maximum value equal to \$2.00 times the weight of the shipment in pounds. Additional tariff charges may apply for value over 30 cents per pound per article. Declaring a released value for goods is not the same as purchasing a policy of insurance. Separate insurance may be purchased at an additional charge.

Shipper hereby releases the entire shipment to value not exceeding

\$ Plans 30 LB per item

By: Darrell Mozick Date: 12/9/99

**Delivery Acknowledgement:** Shipment was received in apparent good condition except as noted, and services ordered were performed.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 12/10/99  
by Shipper

Driver's Signature

Date

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December 21, 1999

Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Wally,

A number of reimbursement/payment requests were sent to my office per Vicar for Priests and have been disposed of as follows:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
  - Check made payable to you is enclosed.
3. Reimbursement request for moving expenses from Elmwood Park to Mundelein for \$681.00.
  - Returned to you, after consulting with Fr. Paprocki. Moving expenses are payable by the individual and are not reimbursable by Professional Fitness Review Office.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen Leggdas*

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Rev. Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

AOC 012757

**PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW  
MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT**

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Thank you again for agreeing to assist in monitoring the priest in your parish, work or residential setting (whose situation we've already discussed). The Archdiocese of Chicago greatly appreciates your generous sacrifice of time and input into this difficult situation. On a monthly basis, we are requesting that you take a few minutes to complete the enclosed Report and mail it to the attention of:

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
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If I have not heard from you for several weeks, I will contact you by phone to check on the priest's overall compliance with the monitoring expectations.

As stated in the Monitoring Guidelines which you have received, please contact me immediately by phone if the priest clearly violates the Monitoring Guidelines or minimizes an inappropriate situation, particularly if the violation involves anyone under eighteen (18) years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. My office telephone number is 1-312/751-5205 or 1-800/994-6200. If either my Administrative Assistant or I are unavailable, please feel free to leave a message on the security code-protected voice mail with your verbal report on the past month's monitoring. (Also, my office Fax number is 1-312/751-5279).

1. In the past month, have you seen or heard of any situations in which the priest you are monitoring was in the presence of any child under age eighteen (18) without the presence of another responsible adult?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

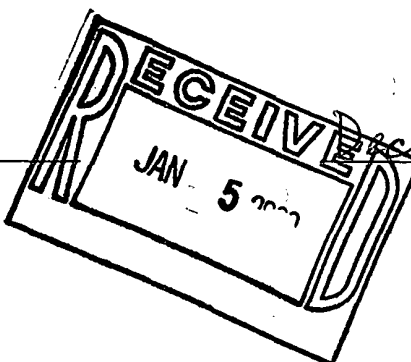
If "Yes", please explain briefly if the priest immediately removed himself from the situation or not upon being confronted, or if he minimized the situation in your opinion in any way:

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Fr. Walter De Roach  
Name of Priest being Monitored



1999  
Month/Year

2. Did the priest allow you access to his log book of whereabouts, if requested?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave with you or with one of the other monitors a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip, including a phone number and site at which he could be reached, and the name of the adult who would be accompanying him during such a departure?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No" on any of the above points, please elaborate: \_\_\_\_\_

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3(a) If, to your knowledge, the priest did not leave on any such trips in the past month, please mark an "X" in this line: \_\_\_\_\_

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No", please explain any problems or concerns with the priest which you have at this time regarding his monitoring compliance: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. General Comments you would like to communicate: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rev. Edmund Siedlachi  
Name/Signature of Monitor

Jan 3, 2000  
Date

Thank you again for your kind assistance!

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

Archdiocese of Chicago

January 7, 2000

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

Dear Kathleen,

After our phone conversation this morning about my going to visit my mom and the rest of the family in [REDACTED] California, I realized that the typical form was not providing the answers you and/or the Board would want. That is why I am providing the following data:

I would be leaving Chicago on Monday, February 28 and returning on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Larry McBrady will accompany me on the flight to California and Fr. John Baldwin, Chicago priest and friend of Fr. Dan Coughlin, would be accompanying me on the return flight.

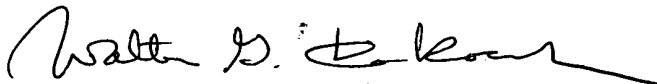
While I am in California, I will be staying with my mother, [REDACTED].

With this information on hand, please let me know how the Travel/Vacation Agreement form should be filled out. As to statement #3 on the form, I did not know how to fill that in because I was not aware if routine for calling in is different when on vacation. Please advise on this as well.

Finally, what signatures are required: McBrady's, Baldwin's, my mother's? Again, please advise.

Thanks for your assistance in all this.

Sincerely,



Walter G. De Roeck

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January 11, 2000

Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Wally,

Enclosed is the completed Vacation Form. Please have Fr. Larry McBrady and Fr. John Baldwin sign and return to me.

I filled in #3, indicating that you should call once during the week you are gone, if possible, during Chicago business hours.

Thank you for sending the information. Hope you have a great trip.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Encl.

Cc: Fr. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

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## TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT

Permission to go on vacation to California from/to February 28 - March 9, 2000  
(Destination) (Dates)  
this year has been granted to Walter De Roeck provided the following conditions  
(Client name)  
will be met by him and Fr. Larry McBrady, Fr. John Baldwin and [REDACTED]  
(Companion/s)

*(See attached correspondence)*

1. The designated companion agrees to accompany the client at all his activities. Client is not allowed to be by himself.
2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
3. Client is required to call in once during Chicago business hours, to keep a daily log: proofs/  
(Frequency)  
tickets, receipts, etc., regarding resident's activities are to be submitted to PFR Administrator for verification.
4. If any of the above conditions are violated both the client and the travel companion(s) will be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
5. The date of return to the residence has been set for March 9, 2000, however due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date can be changed. Approval from the PFR Administrator must be granted for any changes in this statement.

Signature(s): Fr. L. P. McBrady  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: January 11, 2000

A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Revised 11/9/99

AOC 012763

January 21, 2000

Kathleen Leggdas  
PFR  
676 N. St. Claire, Suite 1910  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Kathleen,

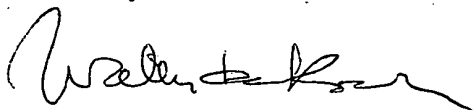
As per your request in our telephone conversation earlier today, and having shared that same information with the Vicar for Priests, Fr. Dan Coughlin, on January 19, 2000, I am hereby documenting the events of January 18, 2000.

At 7:51 AM my private line rang and I picked it up with a simple "Hello." The male voice at the other end said "Father De Roeck?" I replied simply: "Yes", at which point the person hung up. I contacted the phone company immediately and learned that calling \*69 could give me information about the last incoming phone call. I did as instructed and learned that the number of the individual calling was ( ) .

I knew there was a reverse directory and tried contacting my brother, , for that number. I got his voice mail, so I contacted the local Library in . Their reference department gave me the phone number of the reverse directory, which I then called, only to learn that the phone number I requested, i.e. ( ) was not listed. Then I called the number myself (don't recall exactly what time that morning, but before 11 AM) and got an answering machine/voicemail: "This is , I'm not in right now...etc." I did not leave a message, nor did I pursue it further, since the voice did not sound familiar. I then decided to tell the Vicar at the earliest opportunity, which I did the next day as referred to above.

Thanks for your helpfulness in this matter.

Sincerely,



Fr. Walter De Roeck

**PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW  
MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT**

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Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
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1. In the past month, have you seen or heard of any situations in which the priest you are monitoring was in the presence of any child under age eighteen (18) without the presence of another responsible adult?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "Yes", please explain briefly if the priest immediately removed himself from the situation or not upon being confronted, or if he minimized the situation in your opinion in any way:

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Rev. Walter De Roeck

Name of Priest being Monitored

**received**

2-2-00

Jan. 2000

Month/Year

2. Did the priest allow you access to his log book of whereabouts, if requested?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave with you or with one of the other monitors a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip, including a phone number and site at which he could be reached, and the name of the adult who would be accompanying him during such a departure?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No" on any of the above points, please elaborate: \_\_\_\_\_

3(a) If, to your knowledge, the priest did not leave on any such trips in the past month, please mark an "X" in this line: \_\_\_\_\_ X

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No", please explain any problems or concerns with the priest which you have at this time regarding his monitoring compliance: \_\_\_\_\_

5. General Comments you would like to communicate: \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. Edmund Siedlecki  
Name/Signature of Monitor

Feb. 17, 2000  
Date

Thank you again for your kind assistance!

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

Archdiocese of Chicago

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** File

**FROM:** Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TOP*

**DATE:** February 19, 2000

**RE:** Rev. Walter DeRoeck – Review Board Meeting

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The Review Board approved Fr. DeRoeck's request to travel to California in March to visit his mother. He will fly out with Fr. McBrady but will fly back alone. Fr. McBrady will arrange for the airline to verify that Fr. DeRoeck was on the flight alone.

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**Professional Fitness Review Board  
February 19, 2000**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Absent:**

[REDACTED]

**Others Present:**

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

Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

I. Approval of Minutes from December meeting with the addition of notes regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

II. Case Reviews

A.

[REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62

The Review Board approved Fr. De Roeck's request to travel to California to visit his mother in March. He will fly out with Fr. McBrady but will fly back alone. Fr. McBrady will arrange for the airline to verify that Fr. De Roeck was on the flight alone.

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III. Other Business

Monitoring of Internet Access for PFR clients

In light of Fr. Siedlecki's inquiry about Fr. De Roeck's request for Internet access on computer, the Review Board recommended that all protocols with priests who use the Internet be amended to add a provision requiring them to provide the PFR Administrator with a printout of the history of Internet sites visited. This comes out of a concern to take precautions against inappropriate sites being visited by priests under protocol.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 18, 2000.**



Rev. Dan Coughlin  
Vicar For Priests  
645 N. Michigan Avenue #543  
Chicago IL 60611

20 February, 2000

Dear Dan,

Since I wasn't sure when you'd return from your Florida trip, thought I'd drop you this line now, since I'll be gone from 28 February through 9 March.

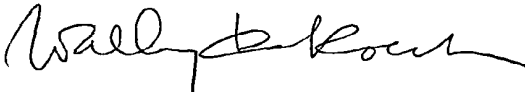
As you know, I've expressed interest in going back to Gethsemani for retreat. It is one of my favorite places for that type of experience. One of my good friends, [REDACTED], a Marianist, Brother [REDACTED], presently stationed in Cleveland, asked if I would be willing to go down to Gethsemani with him the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>. We would also be able to connect with our mutual friend, [REDACTED], the monk down there whom you also know. I contacted [REDACTED] who was delighted at the prospect of our coming there; space was available for that week, so I made a tentative reservation, pending OK from our respective "powers that be". Brother [REDACTED] has gotten the approval from the Marianists.

Can he and/or [REDACTED] serve as my approved companions for this retreat week?

The timing is right for me; my last retreat was Winter of '99. Since I don't yet have a ministry position, it would be good to take advantage of this "free time" to go on retreat now.

Thought I'd check this out with you first before contacting Kathleen Leggdas about this possibility. Hope to hear from you soon upon my return.

Thanks for your help. God bless.



Fr. Walter De Roeck

## **Memorandum**

Memo to File: PFR-62  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator  
Re: Walter De Roeck  
Date: February 23, 2000

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Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on February 19, 2000:

The Review Board approved Fr. De Roeck's request to travel to California to visit his mother in March. He will fly out with Fr. McBrady but will fly back alone. Fr. McBrady will arrange for the airline to verify that Fr. De Roeck was on the flight alone.

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March 2, 2000

Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Father DeRoeck,

The Review Board was recently asked to consider the need/efficacy of monitoring Internet access for Professional Fitness Review clients. Out of concern to take precautions against inappropriate sites being visited by priests under protocol, the Review Board made the following recommendations:

**That all protocols with priests who use the Internet be amended to add a provision requiring them to provide the Administrator with a monthly printout of Internet sites visited.**

Effective March 1, 2000 please be advised that you are required to send this printout to my attention by the fifth (5th) of the following month, April 5th being the first due date.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have questions regarding this change in Protocol, call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Vicar for Priests Office

AOC 012773

## Professional Fitness Review

### Monthly Monitoring Report

Client Name: Rev. Walter De Roach Monitor: Rev. Edmund Fiedler

Month/Year of Report: February, 2000

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a monitor in your parish, work or residential setting. The Archdiocese of Chicago greatly appreciates your generous offer of time and your willingness to assume this responsibility.

Please complete this form monthly and mail or fax to the attention of Kathleen Leggdas by the 10th of each month.

Professional Fitness Review  
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During the course of the month, you may contact the PFRA by telephone should any situation arise regarding status of client in monitor program at 312-751-5205 or the toll-free number 1-800-994-6200. Messages are received 24-hours a day and are confidential.

1. In the past month, were you aware of any situations in which the priest you are monitoring was in the presence of a minor or minors without another responsible adult present? YES ☒ NO ☐

If yes, describe the situation and priest's action(s):

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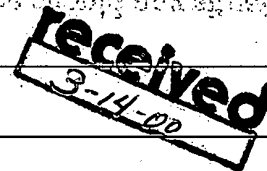
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2. Did you have access or were you informed of the priest's schedule? YES ☒ NO ☐

If no, explain

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3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave you a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip and a copy of the Vacation Form?

YES

NO

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

YES

NO

If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Priest: Walter J. K. Rose Date: 3-11-00

Signature of Monitor: Rev. Edmund S. Siedler Date: 3-11-00

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March 13, 2000

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

Dear Kathleen,

I am asking permission to go on retreat to the Abbey of Gethsemani, located in Trappist, Kentucky from March 27 until March 31. I have checked and they have space for me. Since it has been over a year since my annual retreat and since I am not yet involved in any kind of diocesan work, the timing is right.

A friend of mine, Brother [REDACTED], a Marianist stationed in Cleveland, has agreed to accompany me there and back. His community has already approved his going. He would arrange to take the train to Chicago, after which we would drive down together (about a seven hour trip from downtown Chicago). The timing works out well for [REDACTED]'s calendar.


[REDACTED], a Trappist monk stationed at Gethsemani, is a mutual friend of Fr. Dan Coughlin, Brother [REDACTED] and myself. He could certainly also serve as a contact to confirm my stay there for those five days.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if this is acceptable so I can contact the Abbey regarding the reservation.

As Dan Coughlin knows, I have been to Gethsemani for retreat a number of times and have expressed to him my hope to return there for my retreat this year.

Thanks for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Fr. Walter De Roeck

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**Professional Fitness Review Board  
March 18, 2000**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**



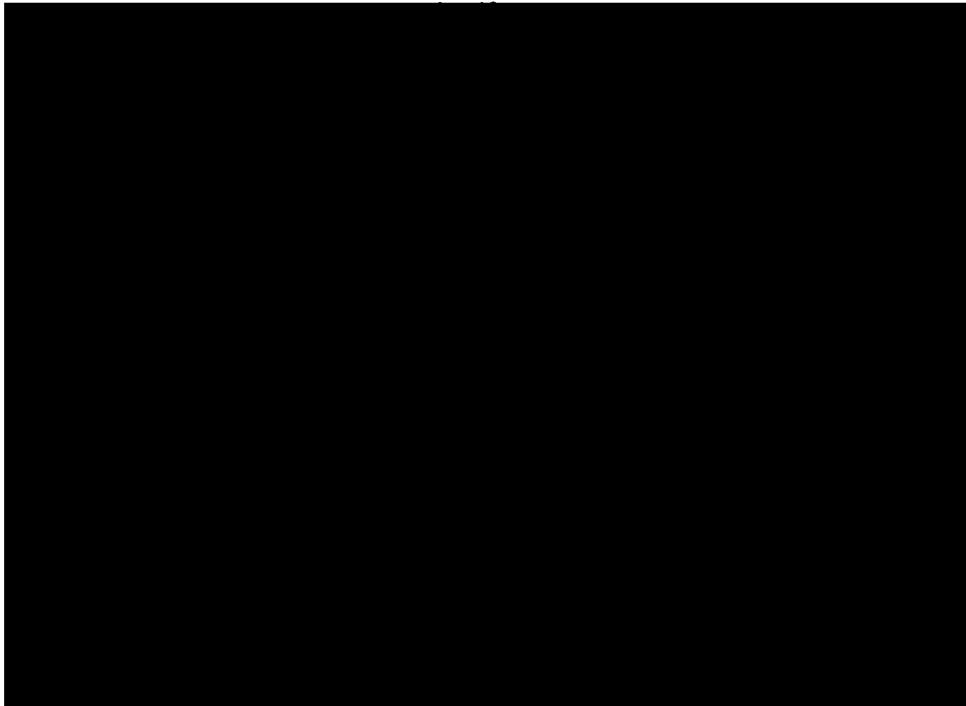
**Others Present:**

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

I. Approval of Minutes for February 19, 2000 with Addendum

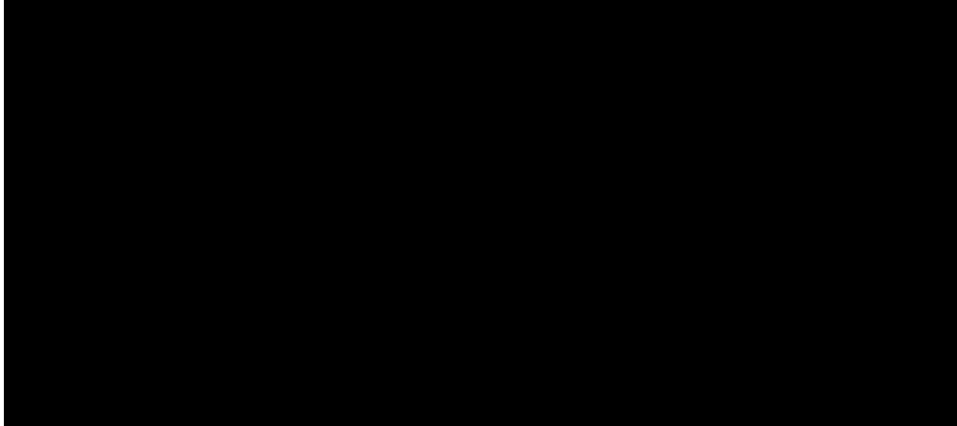
II. Case Reviews

A.



B.

C.



D. In the matter of Father Walter De Roeck, PFR-62

Based on information on Fr. De Roeck, Board members saw no reason why he could not go to Gethsemane Retreat in March. More notice would have been appreciated. Concerns were registered regarding employment or lack of employment since November 6, 1999 [REDACTED].

Recommendation that [REDACTED]

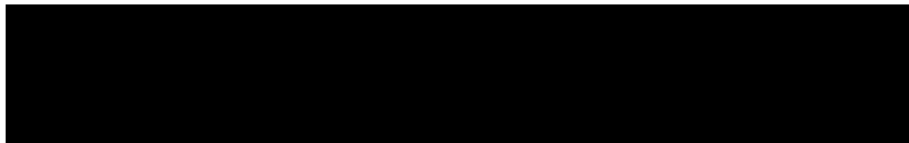
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III. Other Business

A.

B.

C.



**Next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 15, 2000**



## Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator  
Re: Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Date: March 21, 2000

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### **Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting March 18, 2000:**

Based on information on Fr. De Roeck, Board members saw no reason why he could not go to Gethsemane Retreat in March. More notice would have been appreciated. Concerns were registered regarding employment or lack of employment since November 6, 1999 [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

**TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT**

Permission to go on <sup>RETREAT</sup> vacation to GETTHEMANI ABBEY from/to 3/27 - 3/31  
(Destination) (Dates)  
this year has been granted to FR. WALTER DE BOECK provided the following conditions  
(Client name)  
will be met by him and BROTHER [REDACTED] :  
(Companion)

1. The designated companion agrees to accompany the client at all his activities. Client is not allowed to be by himself.
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3. Client is required to call in \_\_\_\_\_, to keep a daily log: proofs/tickets, receipts, etc., regarding resident's activities are to be submitted to PFR Administrator for verification.  
(Frequency)
4. If any of the above conditions are violated both the client and the travel companion(s) will be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
5. The date of return to the residence has been set for MARCH 31, 2000, however due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date can be changed. Approval from the PFR Administrator must be granted for any changes in this statement.

Signature(s): ✓ Brother [REDACTED] S.M.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.**

## TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT

Permission to go on <sup>RETREAT</sup> vacation to GETHSEMANI from/to 3/27 - 3/31  
(Destination) (Dates)  
this year has been granted to FR. WALTER DE ROECK provided the following conditions  
(Client name)  
will be met by him and FR. [REDACTED] :  
(Companion)

1. The designated companion agrees to accompany the client at all his activities. Client is not allowed to be by himself.
2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
3. Client is required to call in N/A, to keep a daily log: proofs/tickets, receipts, etc., regarding resident's activities are to be submitted to PFR Administrator for verification.  
(Frequency)
4. If any of the above conditions are violated both the client and the travel companion(s) will be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
5. The date of return to the residence has been set for 3/31/2000, however due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date can be changed. Approval from the PFR Administrator must be granted for any changes in this statement.

Signature(s): X Fr. [REDACTED] O.C.S.O. Abbot of Gethsemani  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: March 29, 2000

A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.

## Professional Fitness Review

### Monthly Monitoring Report

Client Name: Rev. Walter De Roach Monitor: Rev E. Subletti

Month/Year of Report: March 2000

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Archdiocese of Chicago  
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Fax: 312-751-5279

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1. In the past month, were you aware of any situations in which the priest you are monitoring was in the presence of a minor or minors without another responsible adult present? YES ☒ NO

If yes, describe the situation and priest's action(s):

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2. Did you have access or were you informed of the priest's schedule? YES ☒ NO

If no, explain

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received  
4-11-00

3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave you a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip and a copy of the Vacation Form?

YES

NO

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

YES

NO

If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Priest: Rev Walter J. Leach Date: 4/8/2000

Signature of Monitor: Rev Edmund Felleke Date: 4-8-2000

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**Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting  
April 15, 2000**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Absent:**

[REDACTED]

**Others Present:**

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Kathleen Leggdas, PFR Administrator  
Rev. Lawrence McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

- I. Approval of minutes from March 18, 2000 meeting given with one correction:

[REDACTED]

- II. Client Issues

A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B.

[REDACTED]

III. Other Business

A. Updates

[REDACTED]

- Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62.

Summary of

[REDACTED]

B.

[REDACTED]

NOTE: The Review Board Meeting for May 20, 2000 has been cancelled.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Saturday, June 17, 2000.**

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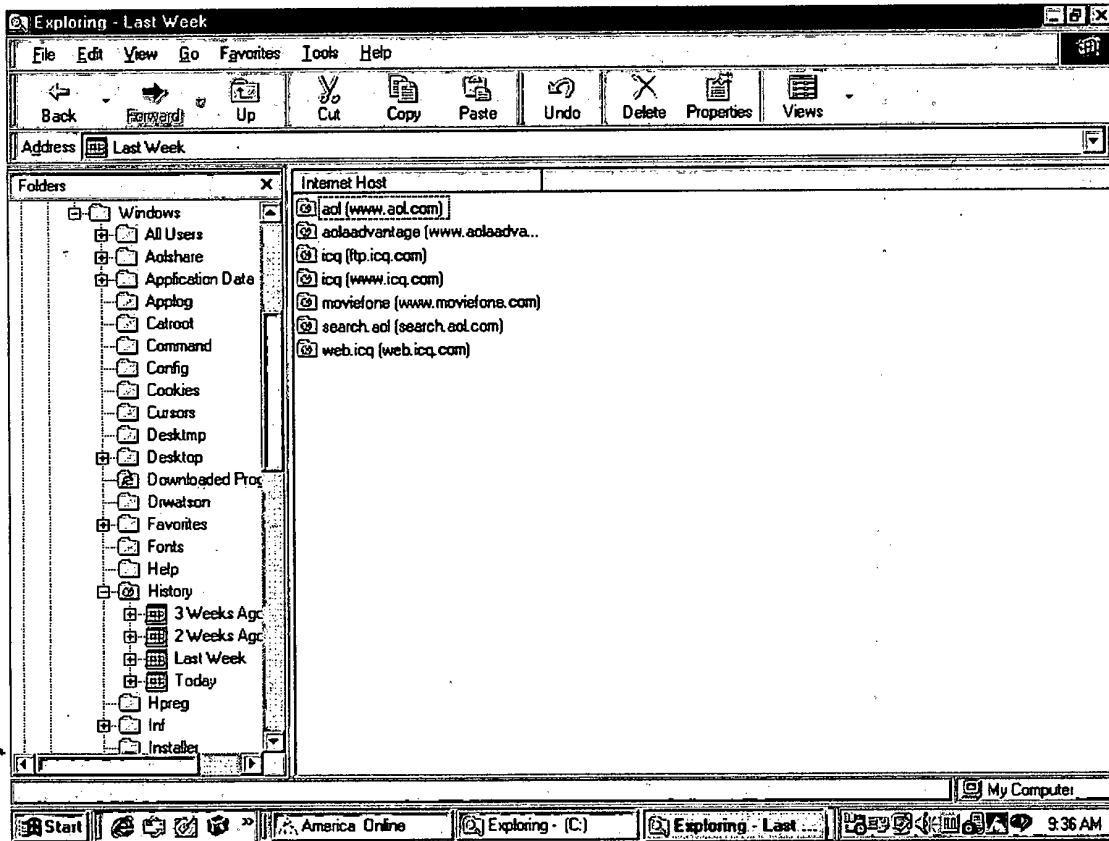
**Professional Fitness Review Board**  
**April 15, 2000**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- I. Approval of March 18, 2000 Minutes
- II. A. Vicar for Priests, Rev. Dan Coughlin and Rev. Larry McBrady will be present to  
[REDACTED]
- B. [REDACTED]
- III. Other Business
- A. Update on the following:
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
  - Fr. Wally De Roeck
- B. [REDACTED]

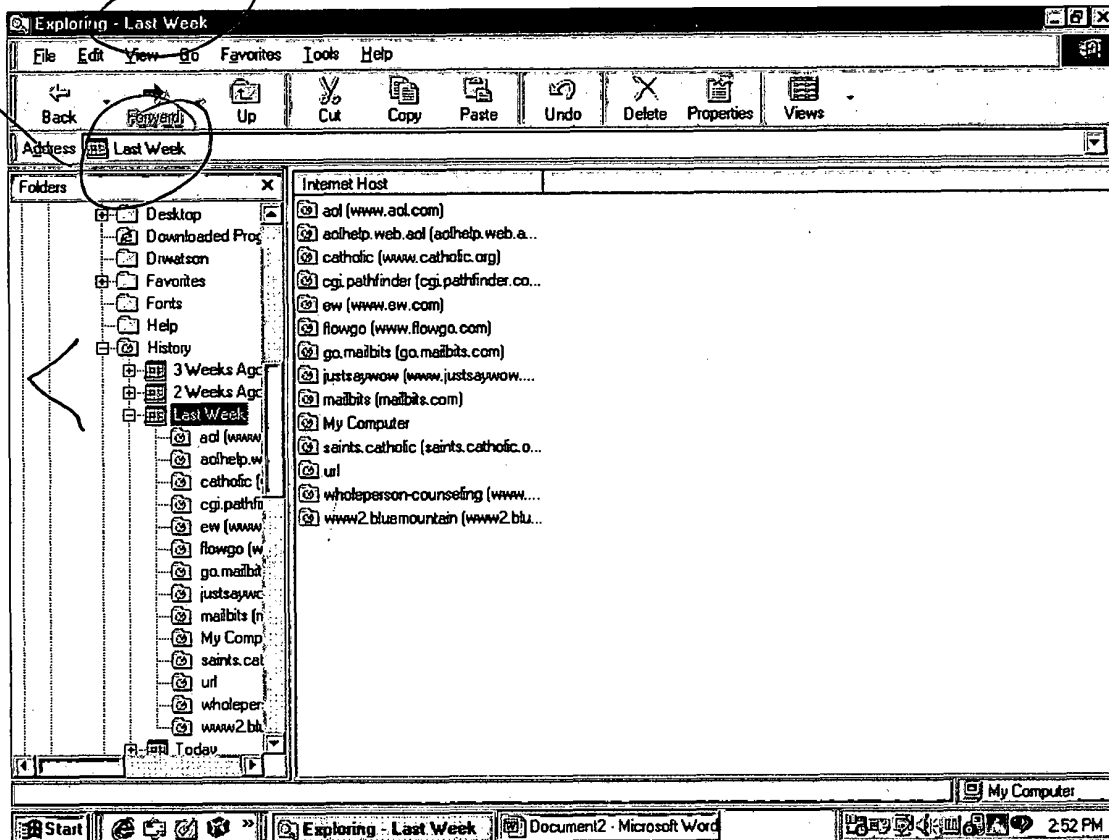


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Week of May 1-7, 2000

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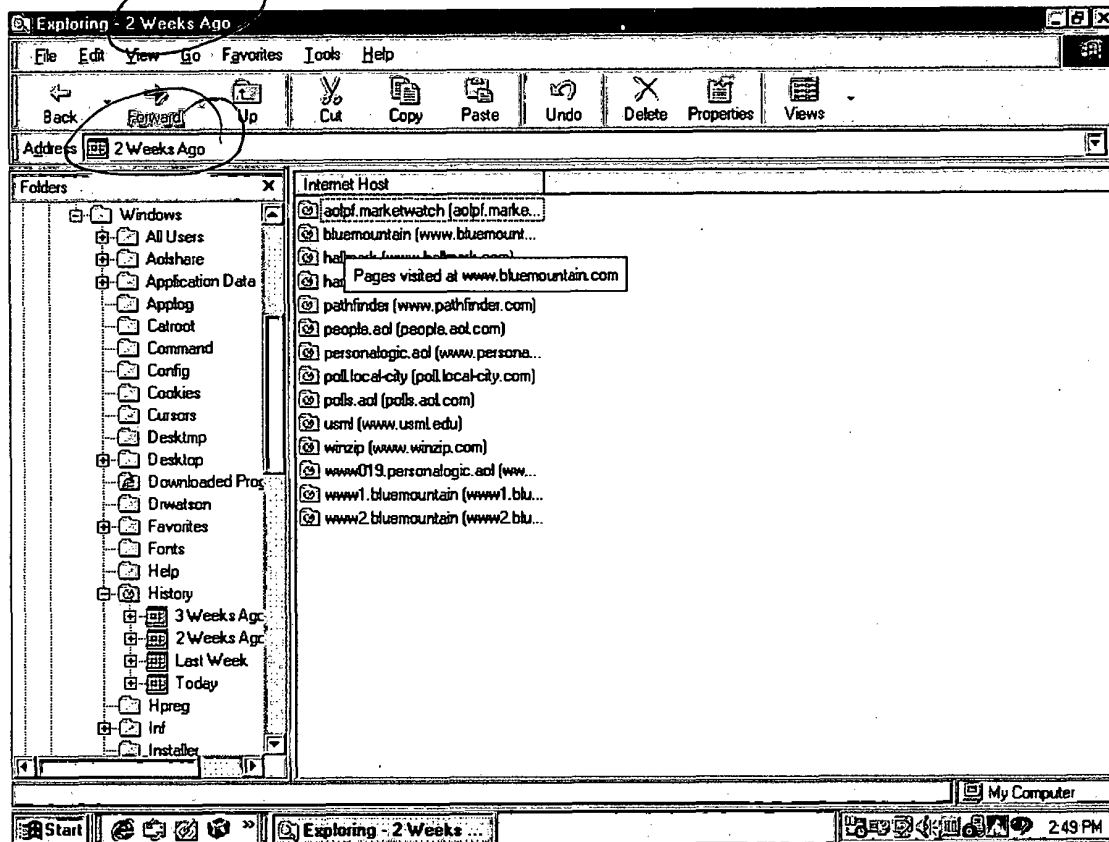
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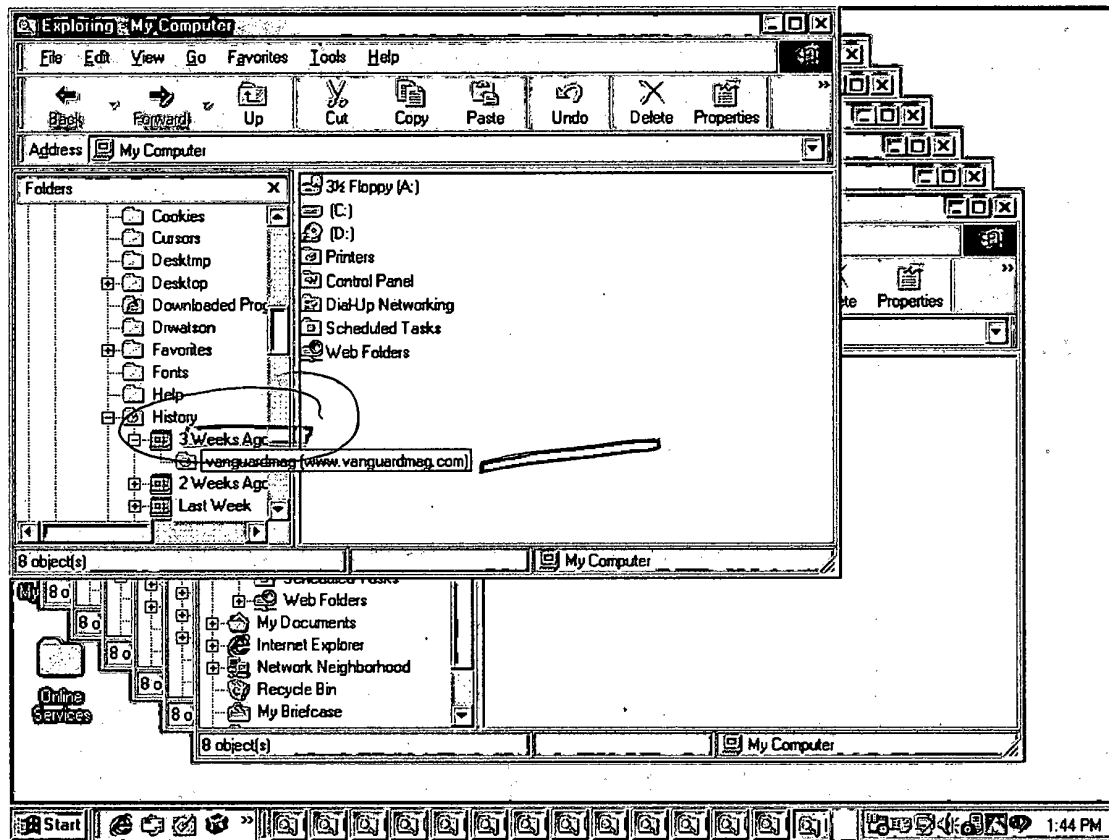
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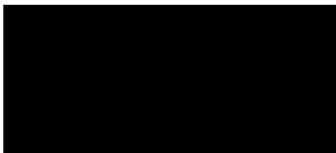
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May 2, 2000

VIA FACSIMILE & REGULAR MAIL



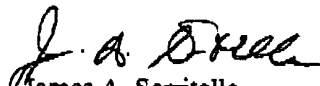
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Thank you for your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

  
James A. Serritella

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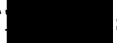
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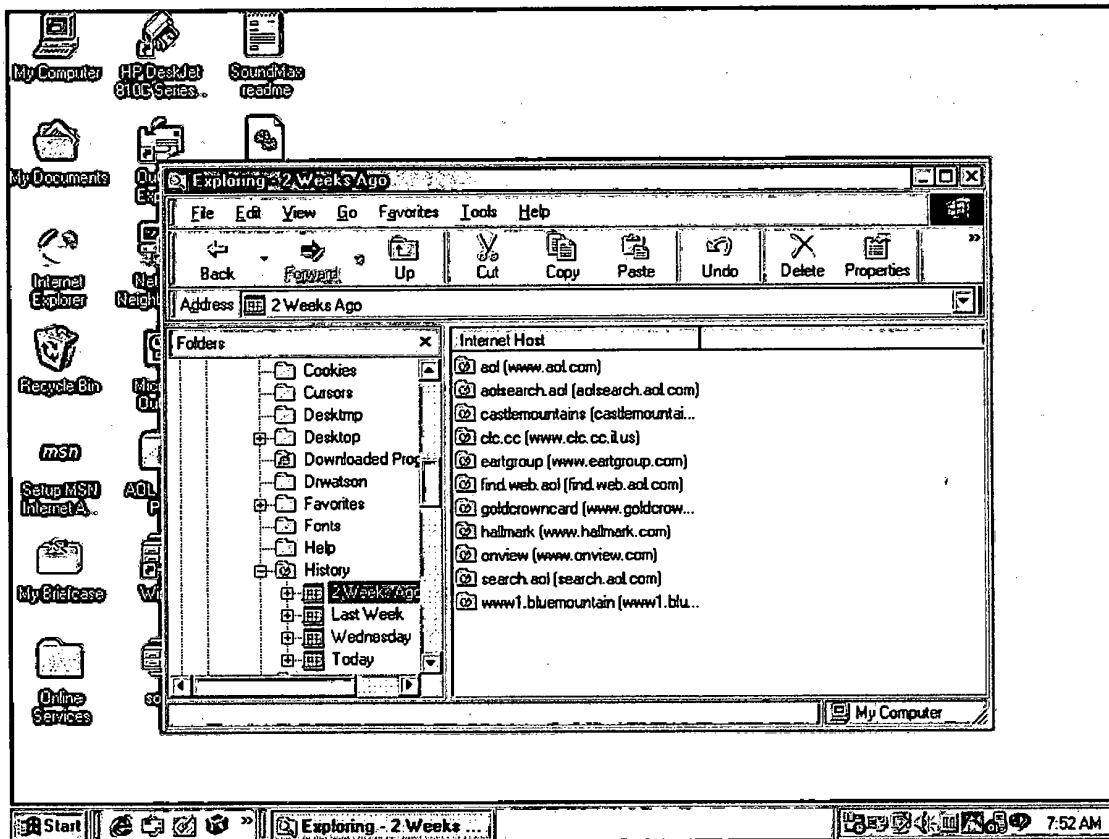
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Weeks of May 8-14

## Professional Fitness Review

### Monthly Monitoring Report

Client Name

Rev. Walter De Roach

Monitor

Rev. Edmund Fedele

Month/Year of Report:

April, 2000

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If yes, describe the situation and priest's action(s):

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2. Did you have access or were you informed of the priest's schedule? YES ☒ NO

If no, explain

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3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave you a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip and a copy of the Vacation Form?

YES

NO

NA

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

YES

NO

If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

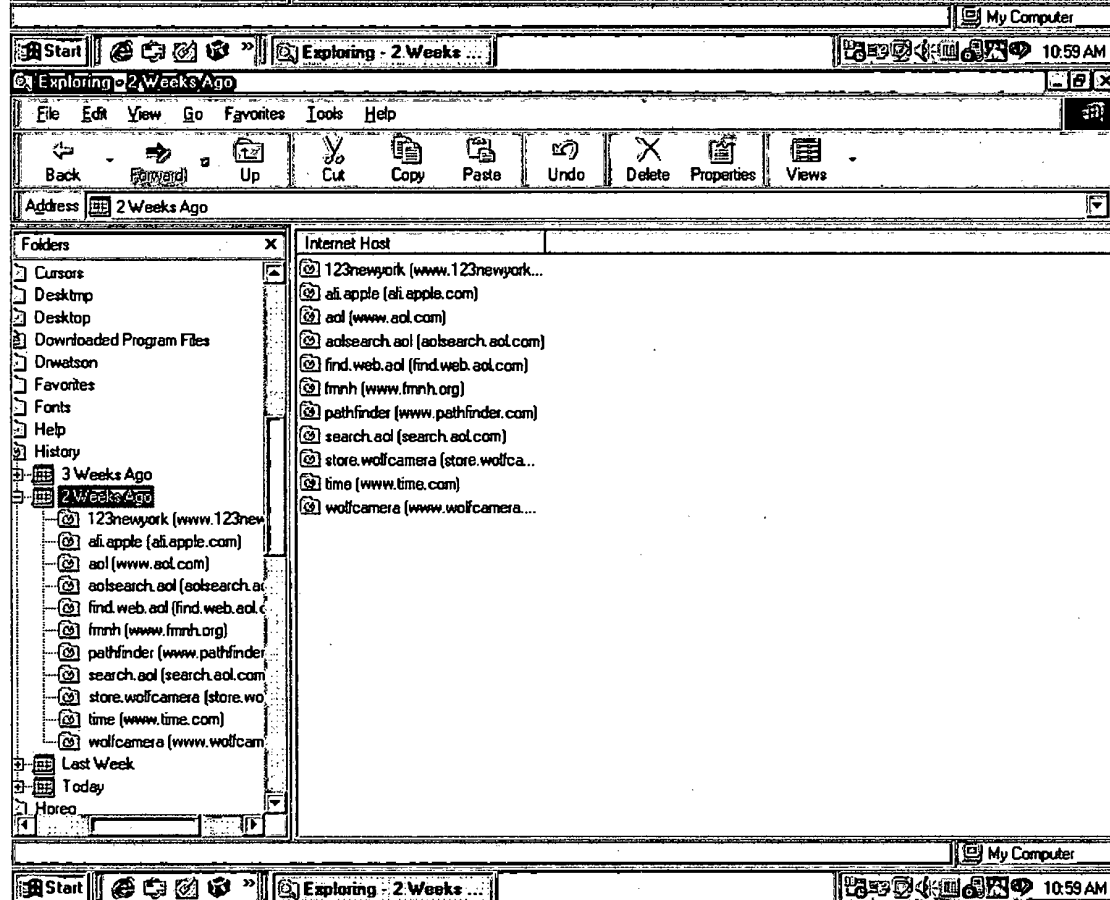
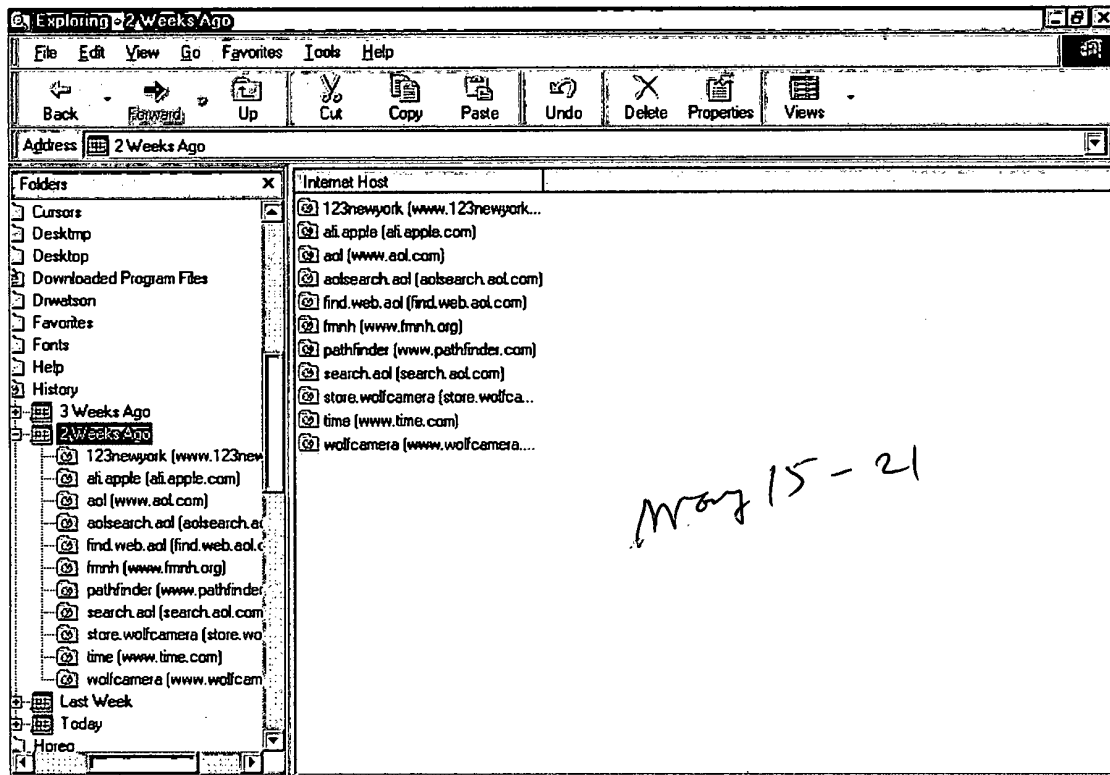
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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Priest: Walter B. O'Rourke Date: 5/8/2000

Signature of Monitor: Rev Edmund Fiedler Date: 5-8-2000




To: File  
Re: Walter De Roeck  
From: A.J.McDonagh  
Date: May 20, 2000

1) On 5/20/00 I consulted with Fr. Pat O'Malley for ½ hour about Fr. Walter De Roecks case. P.O'M. reminded me to make sure W.DeRoeck had an attorney. He also advised me not to send any documents to the Fitness Review Board unless W.DeRoeck's attorney agrees. It is not a matter of concealing any material from the FRB. They are quite capable of understanding it but because there is another discipline involved.

2)



3) I met with W.DeR. at Villa for about 1 ½ to 2 hours May 20, 2000 - discussed the attorney issue. He told me he had talked to attorney before  but decided against it. He now agrees to meet with Cynthia Giachetti on Tuesday at 12:30 (5/23/00). Wally and I each now have a set of documents.

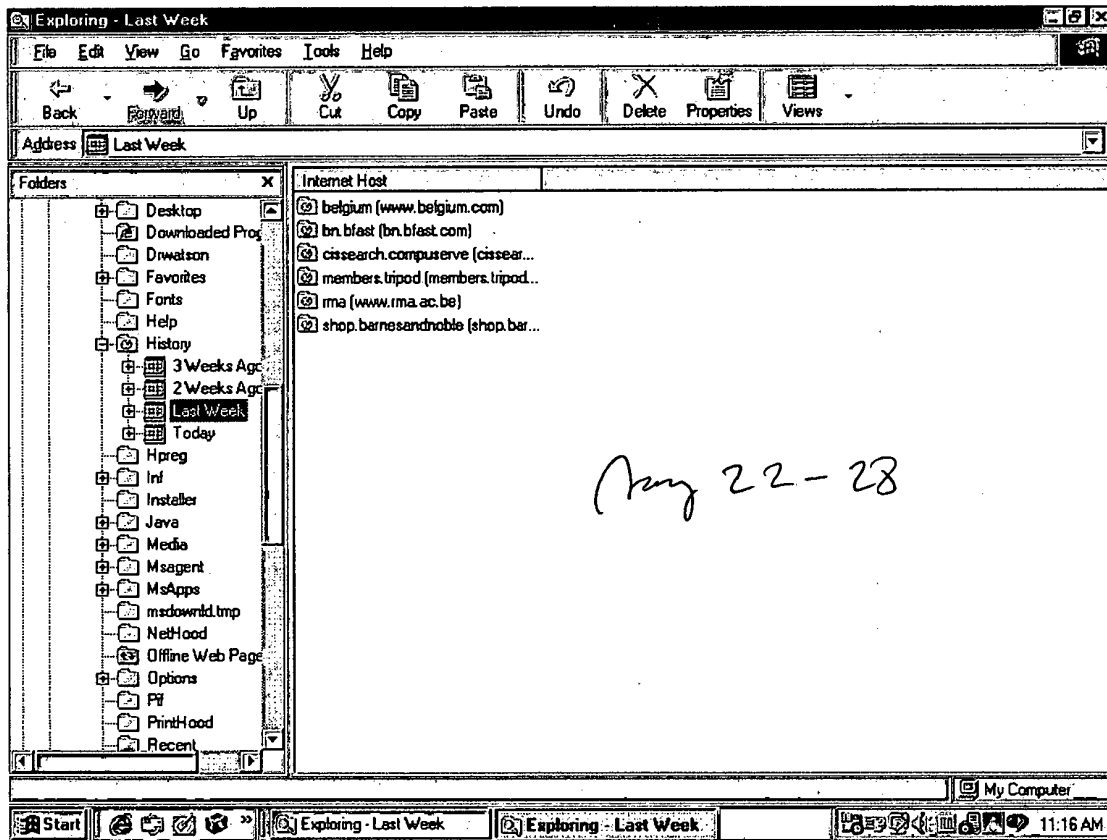
Wally is aware that he most likely will not be able to continue to function in priestly ministry. He is hoping to participate in communication ministry. He has written to Archdiocesan head of ministry but has not heard from him. I advised Wally that I would explain to Kathleen Leggdes and the Fitness Review Board that the delay was occasioned by the Vicar of Priests Office and myself.

4)



On 5/25/00 Ms. Giachetti called to let me know that her meeting with WDR was satisfactory. She is hoping to have a response for the GRB before 6/19/00.

On 5/25/00 I also talked to WDR who was happy with Cindy. He also talked to K.Leggdes and said there a big improvement in relationship.



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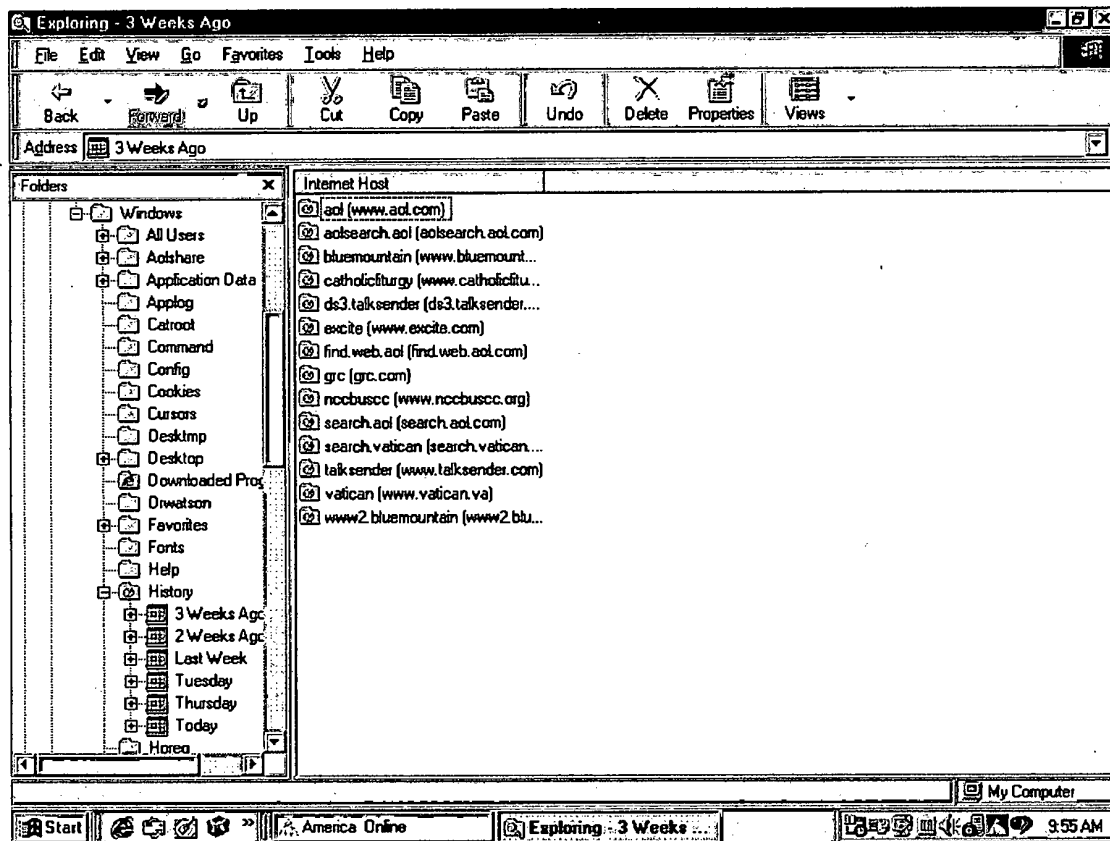
FR: Dan Coughlin

DT: 5/28/00

RE: Walter De Roeck

Talked to Wally 5/26 and explained I was unable to attend afternoon session at CSRH.

Andy McD is in frequent contact and guiding him thru work with PFR Bd. Any contact with Vodak or looking for some kind of ministry is on hold now while he works on other matter with the Bd. and lawyers (Cindy Giancetti).



Week 1 June 5/2000

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Month/Year of Report: May, 2000

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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Priest: Walter D. DeRosa Date: 6/5/2000

Signature of Monitor: Rev Edmund Fiedler Date: 6-5-2000



June 11, 2000

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing to you in connection with my Individual Specific Protocol point #5 which reads: "Prior approval required from PFRA and Vicar for Priests (VP) for public celebration of Mass and other religious services: weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc."

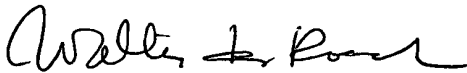
As you can see from the enclosed letter, [REDACTED] has approached me about the possibility of presiding at her wedding. She and her fiancé, [REDACTED], had come to me on March 4, 1999 to begin the process of preparation for marriage. At that time they had not yet set the date, but were anxious about doing the FOCCUS inventory prior to partaking in a formal Pre-Cana program.

Upon my return to the Chicago area in November 1999, she wrote me a note about her still wanting me to preside at their wedding. At that time I explained that some restrictions had been placed upon my ministry and that approval would need to be obtained before that could happen. Since it was relatively early in the process, I asked her to get back to me about all this in June. Thus, the enclosed letter, which I send on to you because it captures well the extent to which I have been a part of [REDACTED]'s life, as well as that of her family. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] does not mention in her recent letter the specifics of the wedding day. The location is St. Paul of the Cross Church (Park Ridge), where I first met the family 29 years ago. The date of the wedding is [REDACTED].

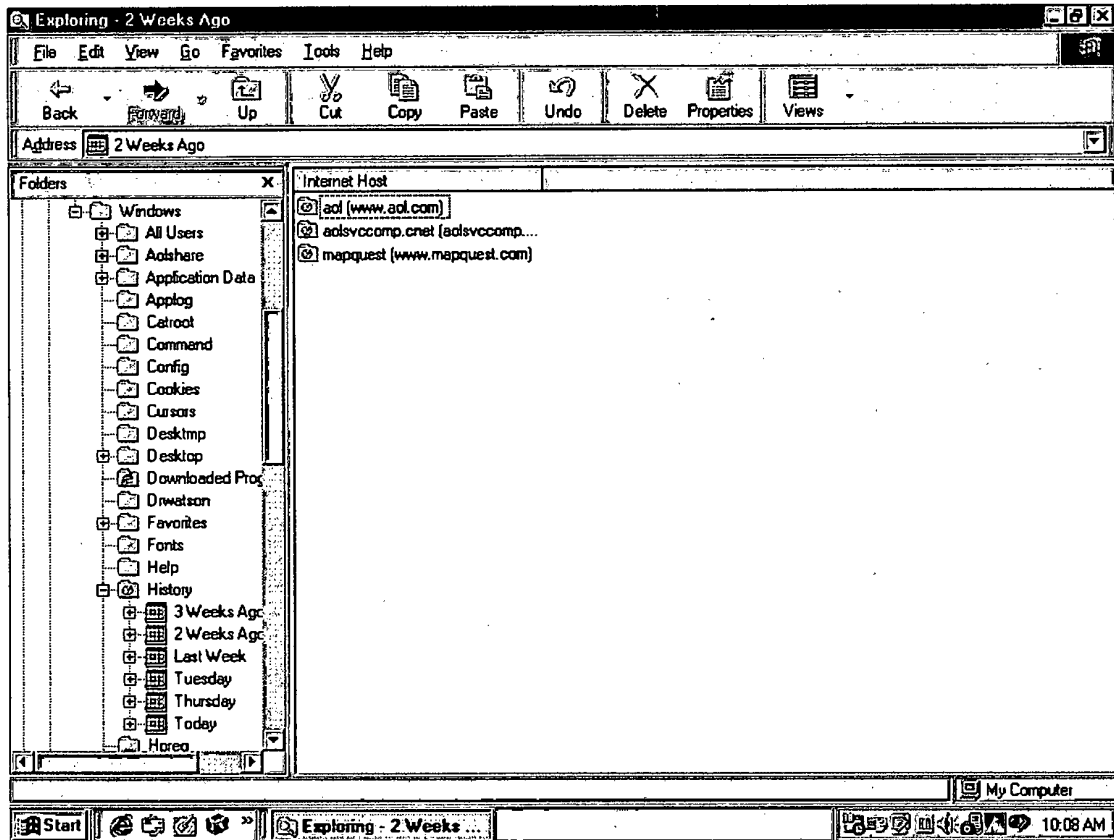
Needless to say, I am hoping and praying for a favorable response to the request. This family and I have been very close for a long time.

Sincerely,



Fr. Walter De Roeck

*Request denied  
6-13-00  
per. Rev. Larry [unclear] Vicar  
for Priests and Kathleen Leggolas. PFRA.*



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Weeks of June 12, 2000

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Professional Fitness Review Board  
June 17, 2000

MINUTES

Board Members Present



Absent



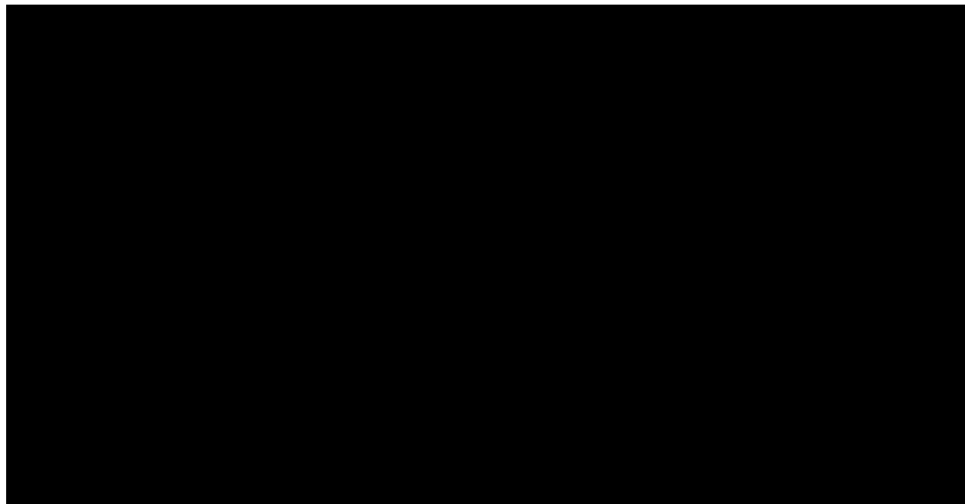
Other's Present

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Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

- I. Approval of April 15, 2000 Minutes
- II. Case Reviews

A.

B.



C.

D.

E.

F. In the Matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62

[REDACTED] withheld on the advice of  
Fr. De Roeck's attorney.

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III. Other Business

**\*\*July Review Board Meeting Cancelled**

Next regularly scheduled Review Board Meeting will be August 19, 2000.

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scheduled for  
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**Professional Fitness Review  
June 17, 2000**

**AGENDA**

I. Approval of Minutes, April 15, 2000

II. Case Reviews

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III. Other Business

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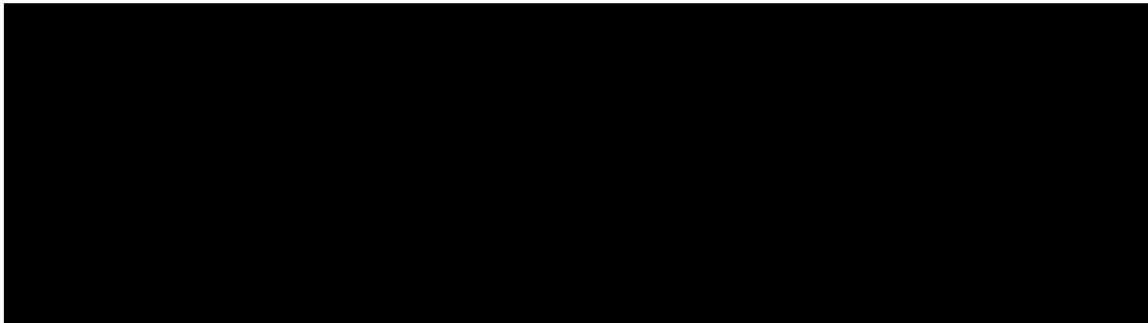
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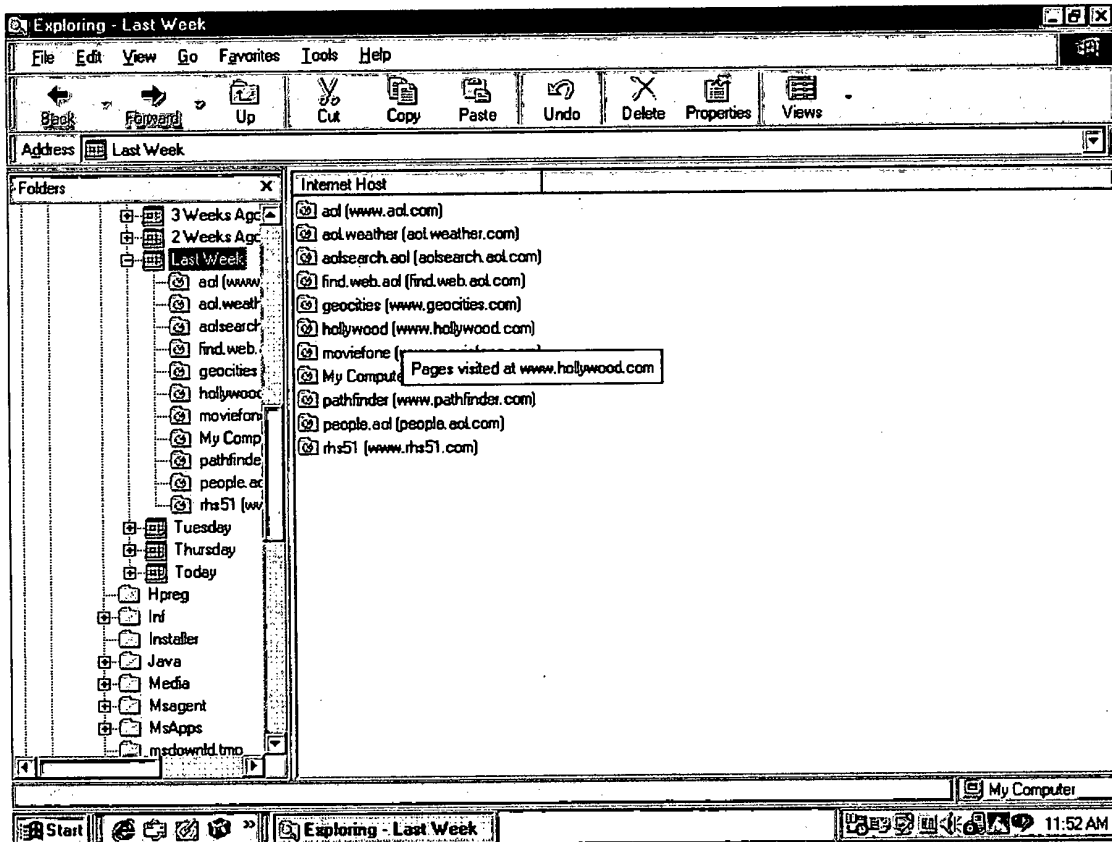


Others:

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Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator



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



Week of Jan 19, 2000

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June 5, 2000

Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P. O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Wally:

I am enclosing a protocol that comes from our Legal Department. It pertains to the use of a lawyer by an individual priest. Please note that the highlighted section pertains to you. Because of the extensive costs being incurred by the Archdiocese for your [REDACTED] it is customary to place some limits on the use of the lawyers funded by the Archdiocese. I hope you can understand the need for this and, if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

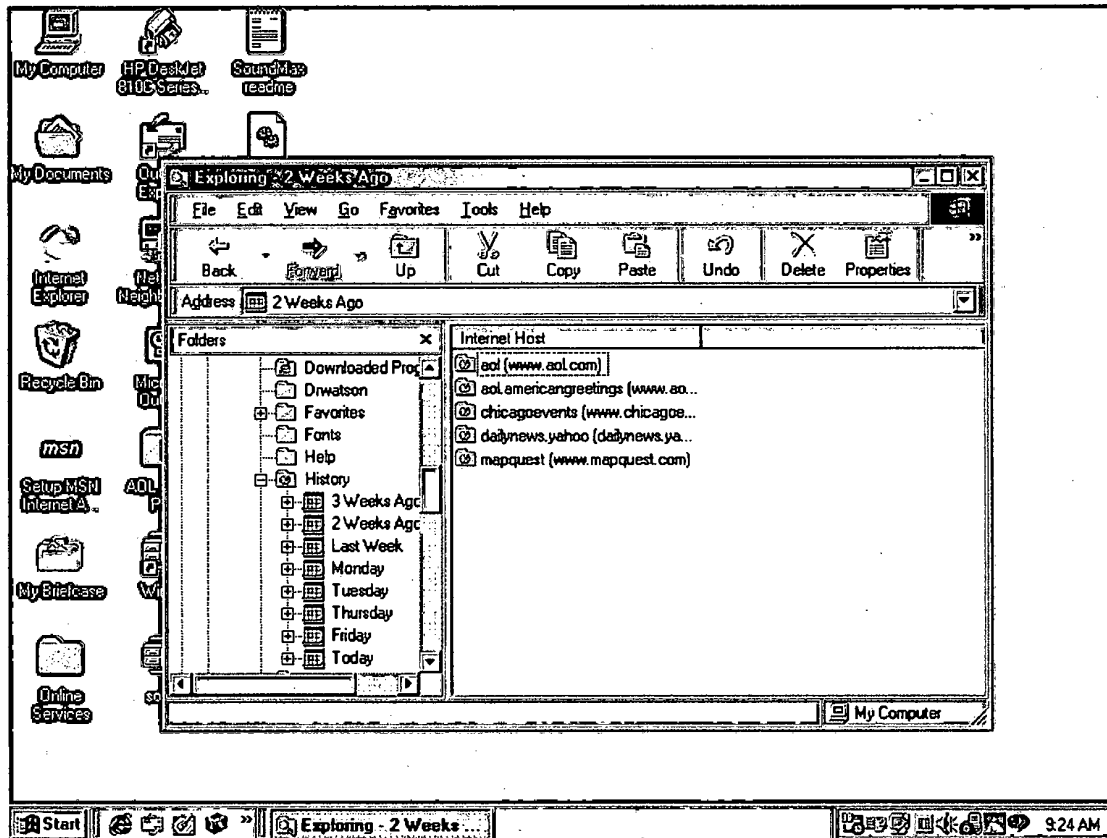
I am sorry that you and I have not gotten together. The problems with my back continue to limit my ability to get around. Thank you for the videos. I appreciated being able to see those two in particular.

Fraternally,

Rev. Lawrence P. McBrady  
Vicar for Priests

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PFR-62



Weeks of June 26 - July 2, 2000

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# Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62

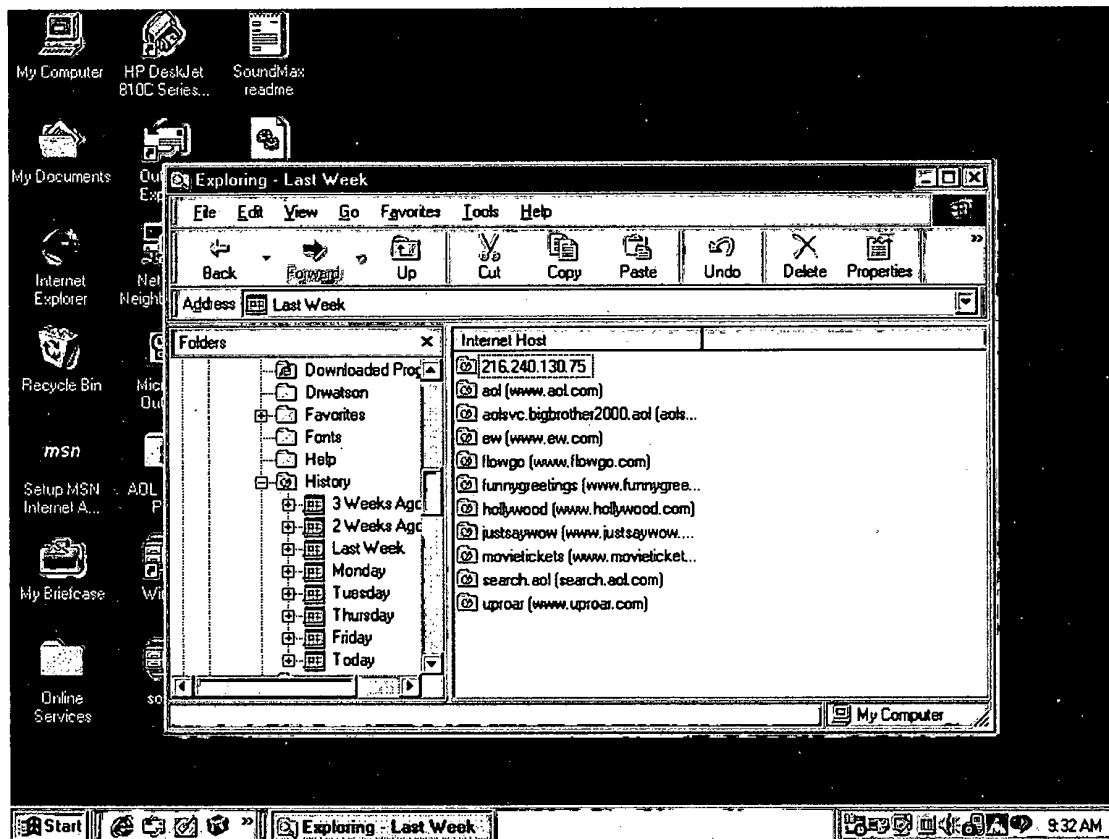
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

Re: Rev. Walter G. De Roeck

Date: June 30, 2000

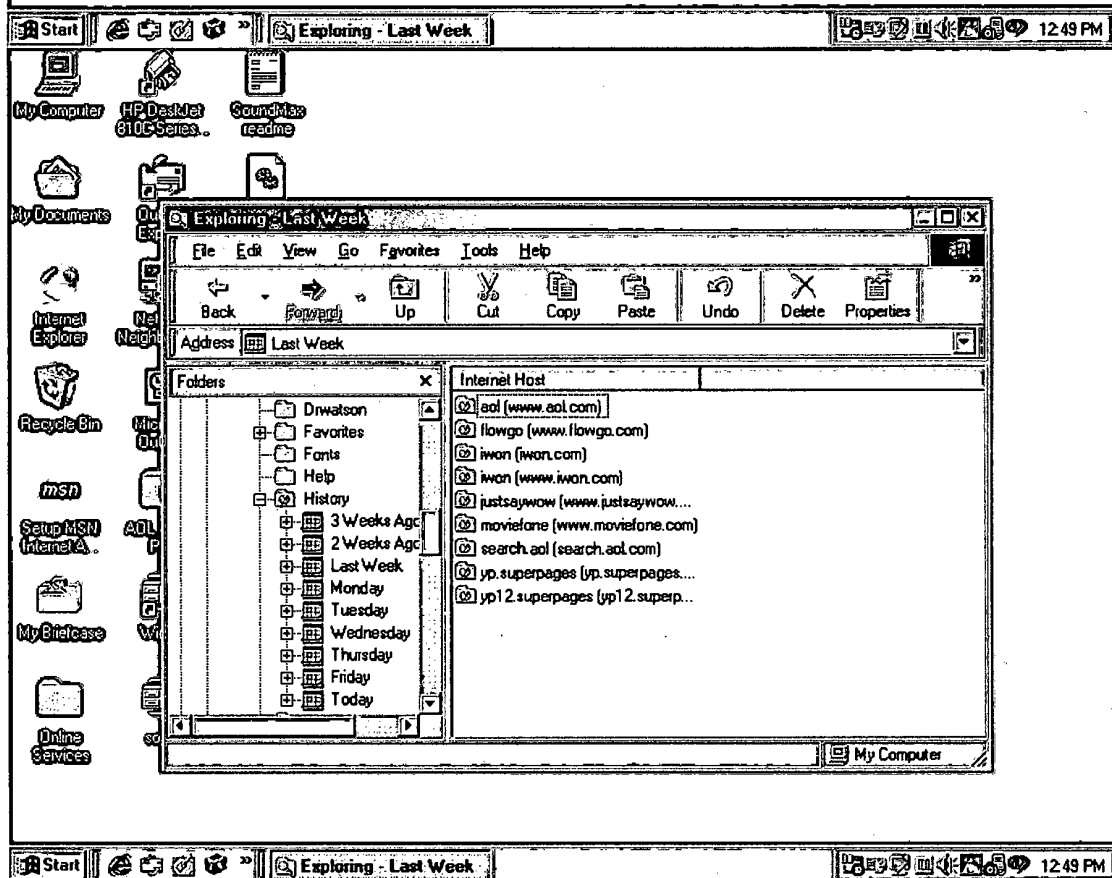
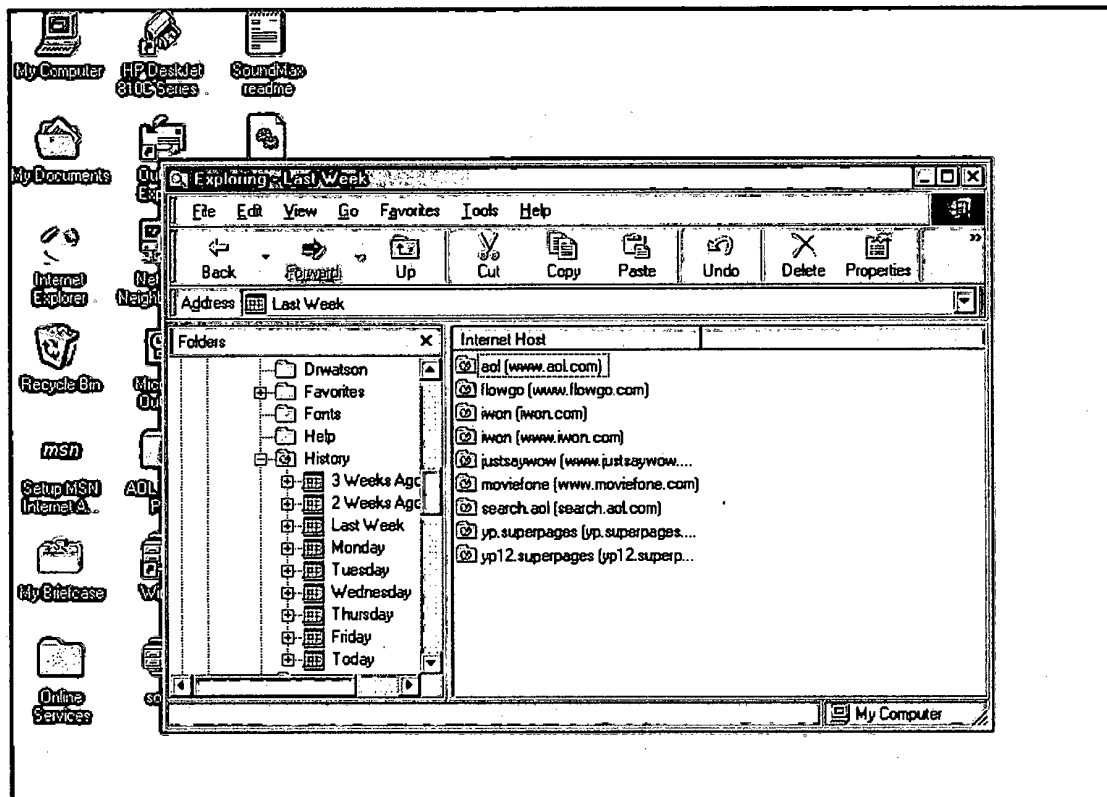
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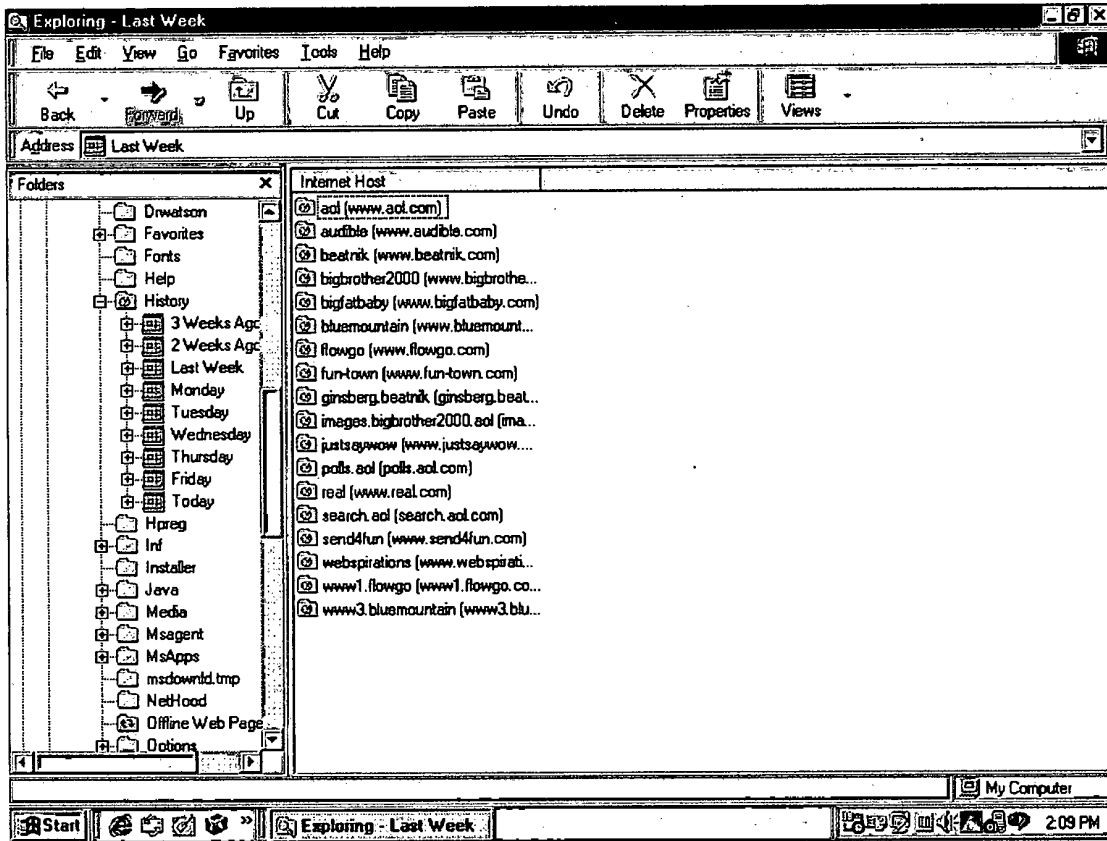
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Week of July 17 - 23

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July 19, 2000

Rev. Walter G. De Roeck  
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Dear Father De Roeck,

It hardly seems possible that it has been more than six months since we last met. As you may recall, the protocol requires that we meet a minimum of twice annually. This gives us an opportunity to discuss your protocol restrictions in light of your current status and enables me to more clearly relate your progress, needs and concerns to the members of the Review Board.

With the arrival of Father James Kaczorowski, some of you have been assigned a new Vicar. For your information, your current Vicar is now **Father Larry McBrady**. He and I would like to meet with you at my office before September 15, 2000. This will allow for summer vacations not yet taken and enable us to find a time that is mutually agreeable to each of us.

Please call me with a couple of dates at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter. If there are other ways our office can be of assistance to you, I would be happy to hear from you at this time as well.

Sincerely,

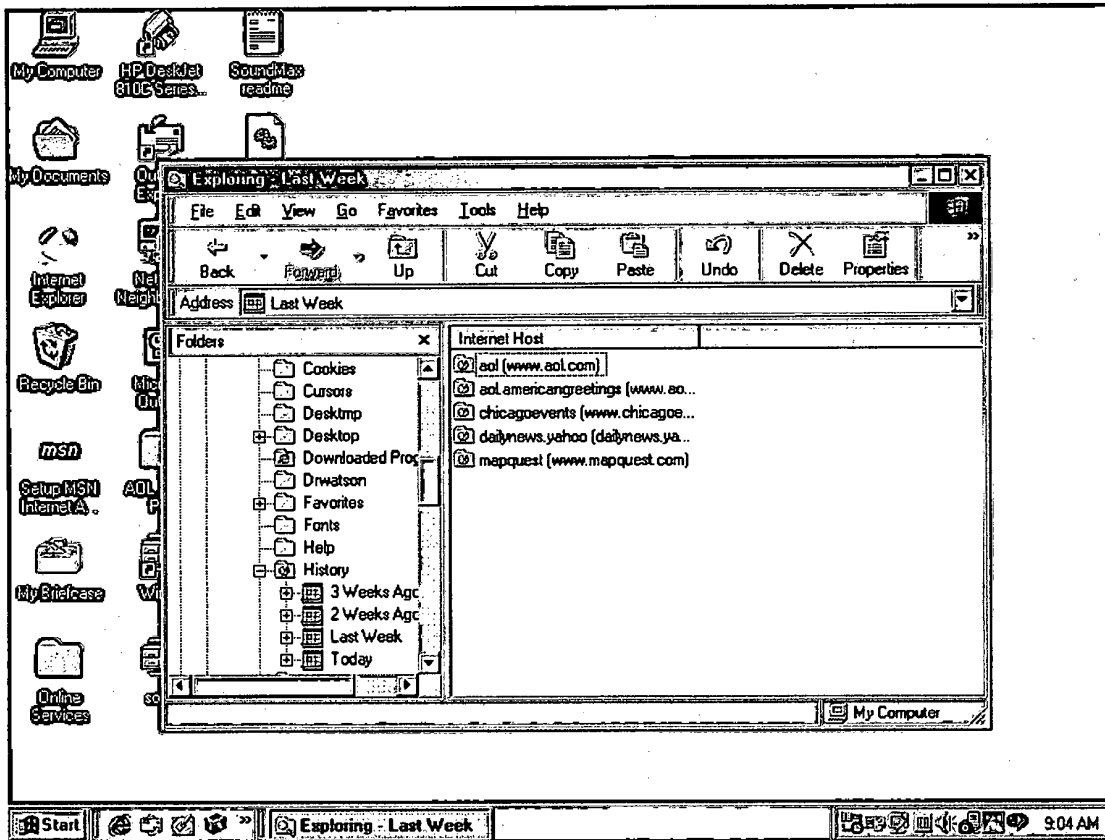
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Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lnp

Cc: Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

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Week 7 July 26, 2000

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July 30, 2000

Kathleen Leggdas  
Office of Professional Fitness Review  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
676 North St. Clair, Suite 1910  
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Dear Kathleen,

I am writing this letter to you at this time as a follow up on a conversation we had recently and by way of clarification for the Board when they meet in August. This is in regard to my request to go to California in November to be with my family for the big celebration of our mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup> of that month. I would like to stay through the Thanksgiving holidays, returning on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. It's an expensive proposition to fly out to California, so the extra days would really make it worthwhile.

Because of the holiday and weekends involved I would only miss five (5) days of work. And because I don't have parish responsibilities on Thanksgiving Day, it would be the first time ever that I'd be able to celebrate that special family holiday with my mother and my sisters and their families there in [REDACTED]. As you know, one of my sisters out there is [REDACTED], so the significance of my being with them is all the more important to me. My brother who is the only member of my immediate family here in the Chicago area usually spends Thanksgiving with the family of his wife, my sister-in-law. Last November, as you might recall, I spent Thanksgiving dinner with Fr. Larry McBrady and his mother. I would have liked to have been in California for Mom's turkey.

Unlike other brother priests in the area living with restrictions, I am unable to see my mother on a regular basis because of geography. I am jealous of Ralph, for example, who not only sees his mother weekly, but he is able to stay overnight at her home. I last saw my mother in early March of this year; prior to that I had last seen her in February 1999.

As to the specifics of the proposed trip, here are the details:

My brother and my niece would be flying out there with me. Because of school for her, he plans to return to Chicago on Monday, November 20. This would allow him to be home with his wife and little son and his in-laws for their traditional Thanksgiving celebration.

Fr. Steve Patte had originally indicated that he would go on retreat to California and could arrange to return with me on Monday, November 27. As you know, it is less complicated and not as expensive to return on the Monday, rather than the Sunday after the Thanksgiving holiday.

But, because of the family nature of Thanksgiving, Fr. Steve Patte changed his mind. He wanted to be with his family here in Chicago on that day. That is understandable.

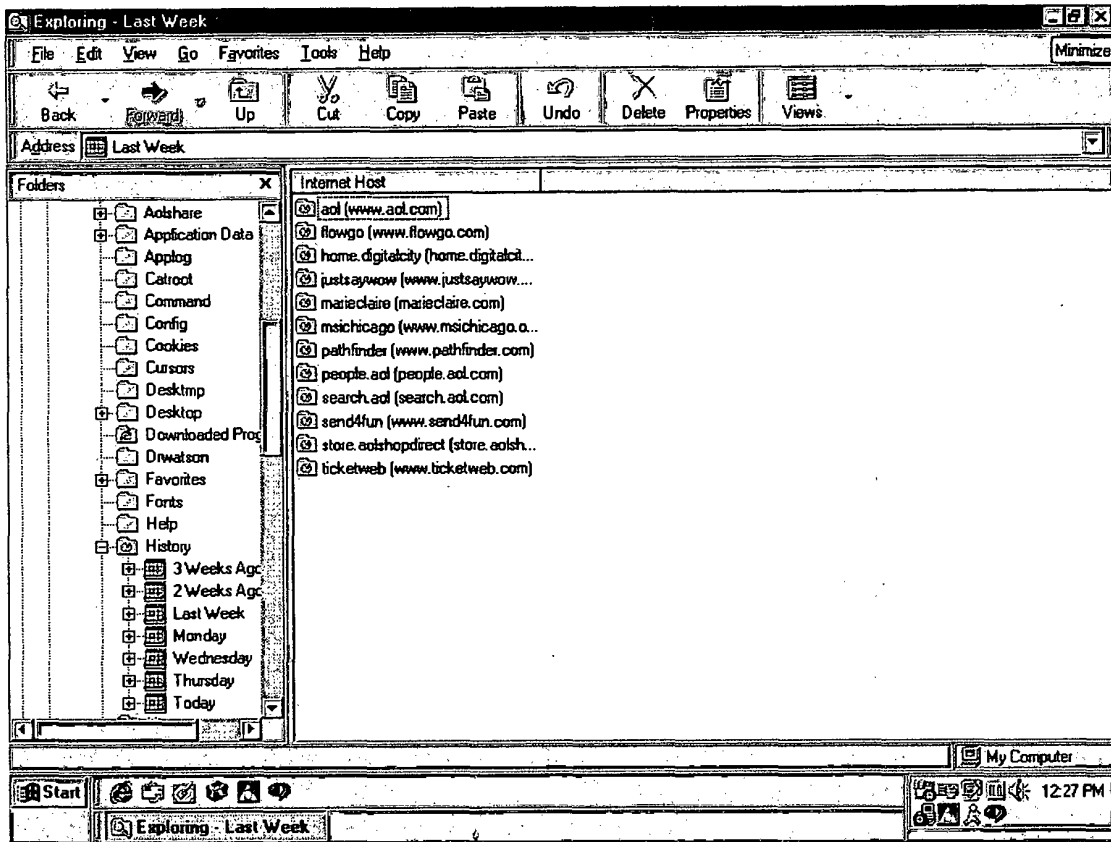
With this in mind, I contacted the Vicar for Priests, Fr. Larry McBrady, to see if we could work out an arrangement similar to the one that had worked out so successfully last March, when another priest backed out and arrangements were made to have American Airlines personnel confirm my being on the return flight and the person picking me up at O'Hare calling in to the Vicar's office to confirm my having arrived back in Chicago.

Fr. Larry McBrady indicated that he would be willing to arrange for that again.

My family support system is very important to me, as you know. Unfortunately distance and finances allow me to see them all too rarely. I hope that the Board will make it possible for me to spend Thanksgiving with my mother, sisters and their families. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Fr. Walter G. De Roeck



Week of July 31, 2000

## Professional Fitness Review

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During the course of the month, you may contact the PFRA by telephone should any situation arise regarding status of client in monitor program at 312-751-5205 or the toll-free number 1-800-994-6200. Messages are received 24-hours a day and are confidential.

1. In the past month, were you aware of any situations in which the priest you are monitoring was in the presence of a minor or minors without another responsible adult present? YES NO

If yes, describe the situation and priest's action(s):

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2. Did you have access or were you informed of the priest's schedule? YES NO

If no, explain

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*Re*

3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave you a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip and a copy of the Vacation Form?

YES

NO

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

YES

NO

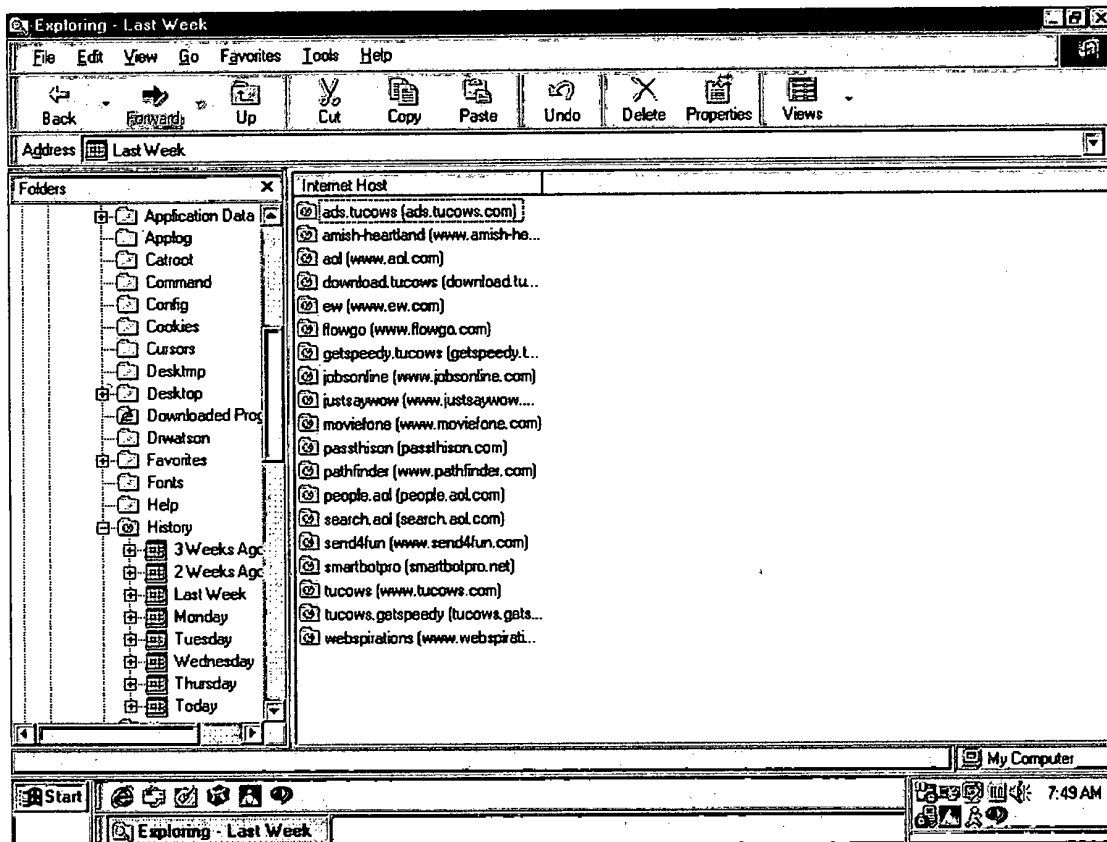
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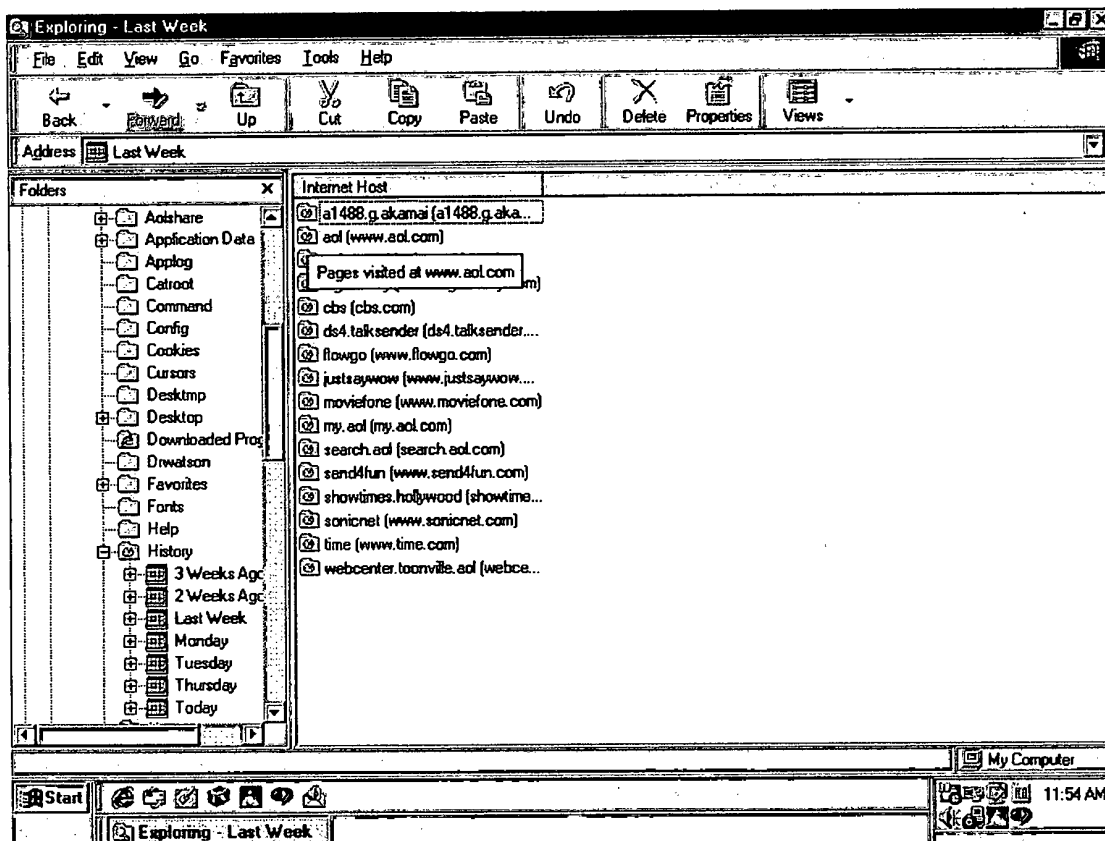
Signature of Priest: Rev. Walter D. K. Rouch Date: 8-6-2000

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Week of Aug 8, 2000



Week of Aug 14, 2000

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**Memorandum**

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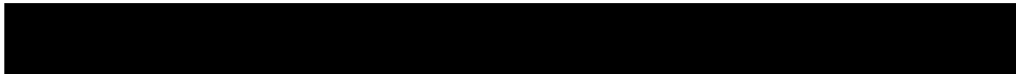
From: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate  
to the Professional Fitness Review Board

Re: **Review Board Meeting – Rev. Walter G. De Roeck**

Date: August 19, 2000

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*5/5/2000 - FEG accepted above recommendations,  
but indicated that Fr. De Roeck could stay if he  
finds another responsible adult to travel with him.  
FEG agrees that Fr. De Roeck should not travel alone,  
but it is not the Review Board's task to find him  
a traveling companion.*

*TJP*



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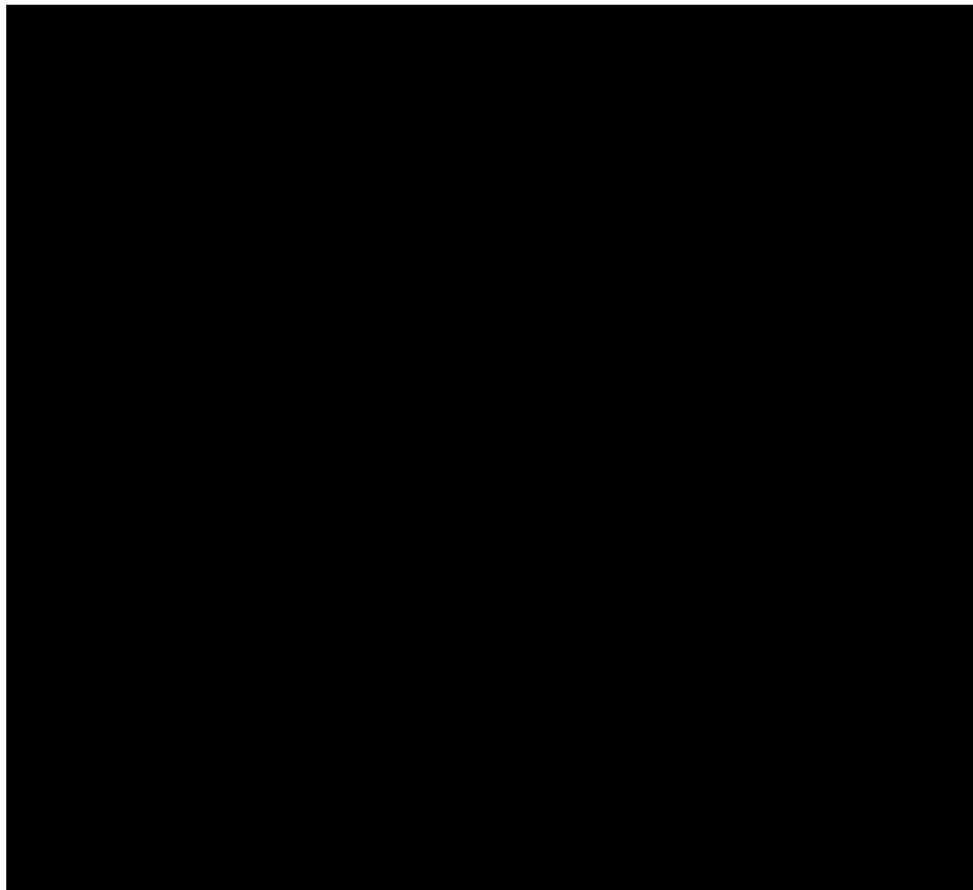
**MINUTES**

**August 19, 2000**

I. Approval of June 17, 2000 Minutes

II. Case reviews

A.



B.

C. In the matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62

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D.

[REDACTED]

E.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is September 16, 2000**

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**Professional Fitness Review  
August 19, 2000**

**AGENDA**

**I. Approval of Minutes, June 17, 2000**

**Correction:**



**II. Case Reviews**

**A.**



**B.**

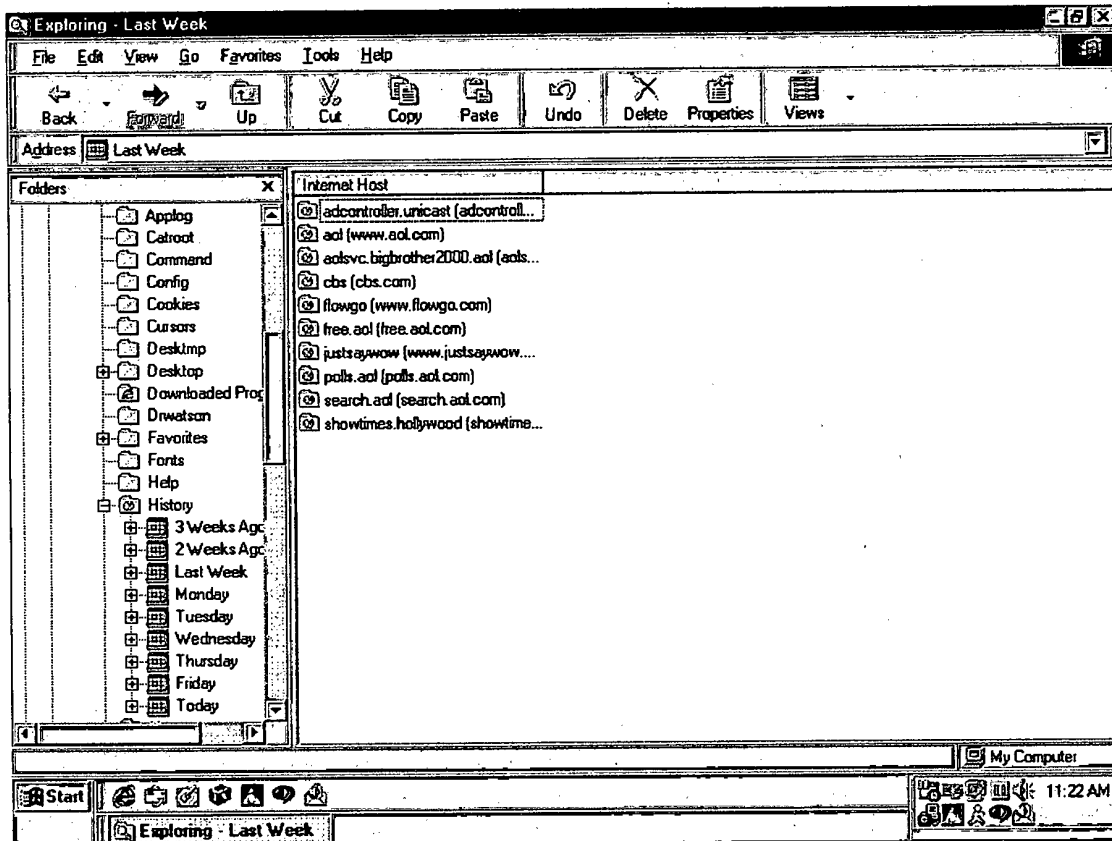
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**D.**



**III. Other Business**





Week of Aug 21, 2000

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**Memorandum**

Memo to File: PFR-62  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator  
Re: Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Date: August 24, 2000

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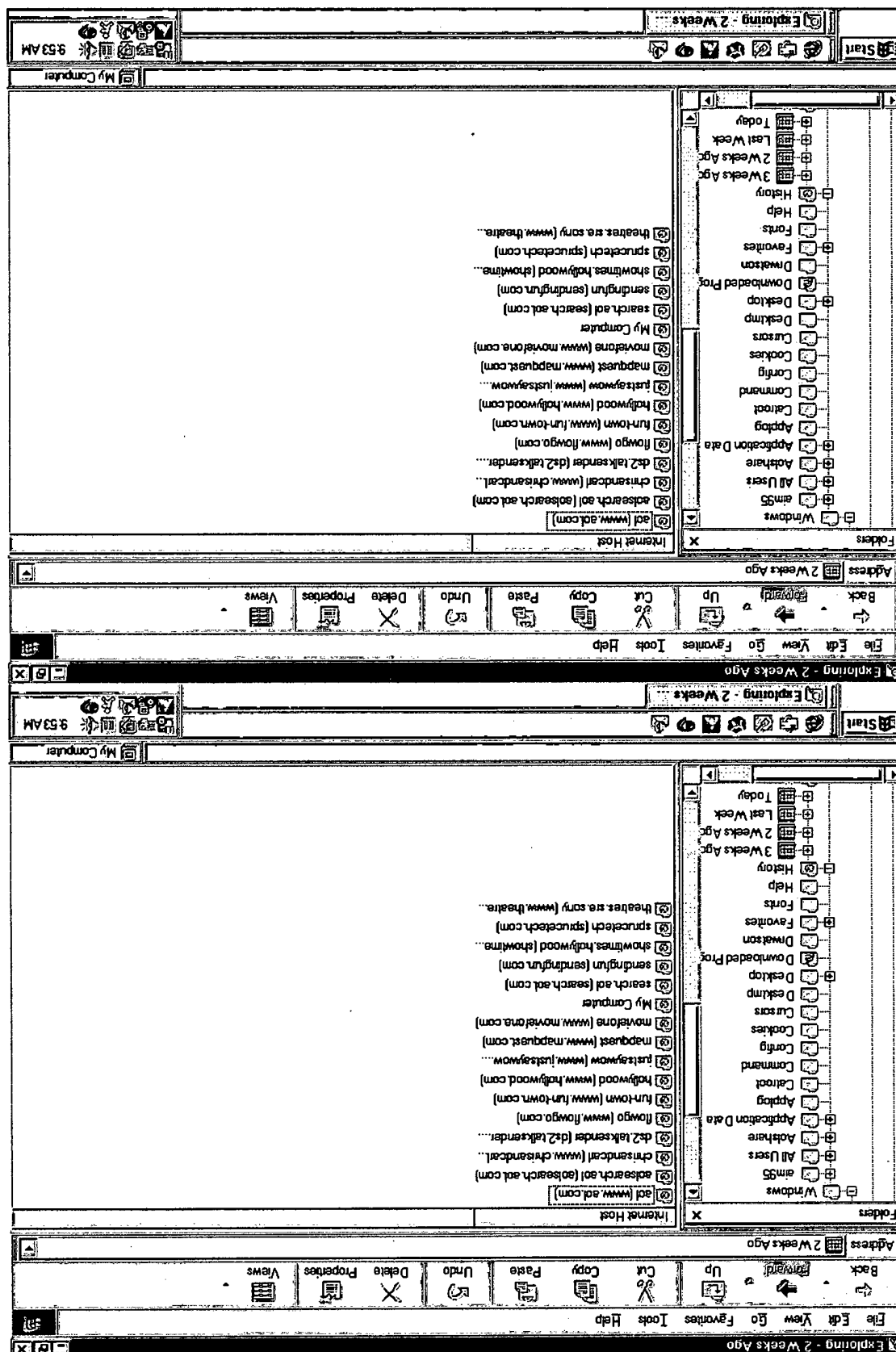
Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting August 19, 2000:

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Week 7 Nov 4, 2000

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**Memorandum**

Memo to File: PFR-62  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*  
Re: Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Date: September 5, 2000

Present at Meeting:

Rev. Walter De Roeck  
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, PFRA

Discussion focused on current protocol and fact that no changes will be made at this time. Review Board Members require further [REDACTED] information, which Father De Roeck is unable to disclose per attorney's advice.

Further discussion focused on the recent Board decision that Father De Roeck not extend his November visit to California beyond the time his brother will be there.

Rather than meet with Board members in person, he will prepare a written appeal to be presented by PFRA at the September 16, 2000 meeting.

Father De Roeck will be working 30 hours a week for the Office of Communications. Board will review in 3 months.

Cc: Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

September 6, 2000

Professional Fitness Review Board  
676 North St. Claire, Suite 1910  
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Membership of the Board,

In light of the concerns you expressed at your August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting about my extending my visit to my mother through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, may I share some information that addresses those concerns.

The proposed plans are similar to those of my previous trip to see mom and my sisters and their families. That was from February 28 to March 9, 2000 – a ten day stay. My visits in the past have focused on familial connection; that is every bit the case this time as well.

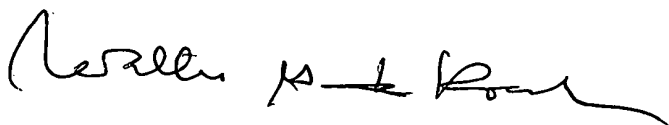
In a recent conversation with Kathleen Leggdas and Fr. Larry McBrady, the issue of appropriate monitoring came up as a key factor in your discussions. While my brother would be traveling with me, he would indeed wish to return to Chicago on Monday, November 20. He understands that he will be asked to sign the form committing to monitoring my whereabouts and activity while in California. However, I did not communicate clearly that my two sisters would also be willing to act as monitors for the days after my brother's return. Fr. Larry McBrady, who has known our family since our growing up years and has continued to stay in touch with us all, can vouch for their veracity and their taking the monitoring seriously. At the recent meeting he volunteered that he would be available to the Board to speak to that. Kathleen Leggdas asked whether I would be opposed to her speaking to my two sisters. I have no objections to that since they are aware of the situation and of the restrictions to which I am bound.

I also indicated a willingness to be monitored by [REDACTED] diocesan officials while out there. If it is deemed appropriate, I am willing to call in more frequently as well.

As indicated in my letter to Kathleen Leggdas dated July 20, 2000, the contents of which I understand she shared with you in August, family is very important to me. I also know full well that my mother's 80<sup>th</sup> is a clear reminder to me that life is short. Our time with her is brief. I don't know how many more opportunities I will have to see her and spend some quality moments with her before she is called to her eternal reward. Being so far away geographically during this past difficult year and a half has been hard on her.

I respectfully request that, in light of this additional data, you might consider reviewing my request to be with my family through the Thanksgiving days. My thanks.

Sincerely,





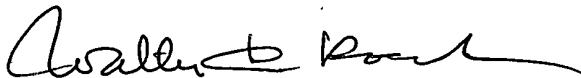
September 8, 2000

Dear Kathleen,

Attached please find the letter I had composed as a follow-up to our recent conversation. Granted our conversation yesterday re Cardinal's comments, I would still like the Board to have a copy of my appeal and response to their concerns, for the record.

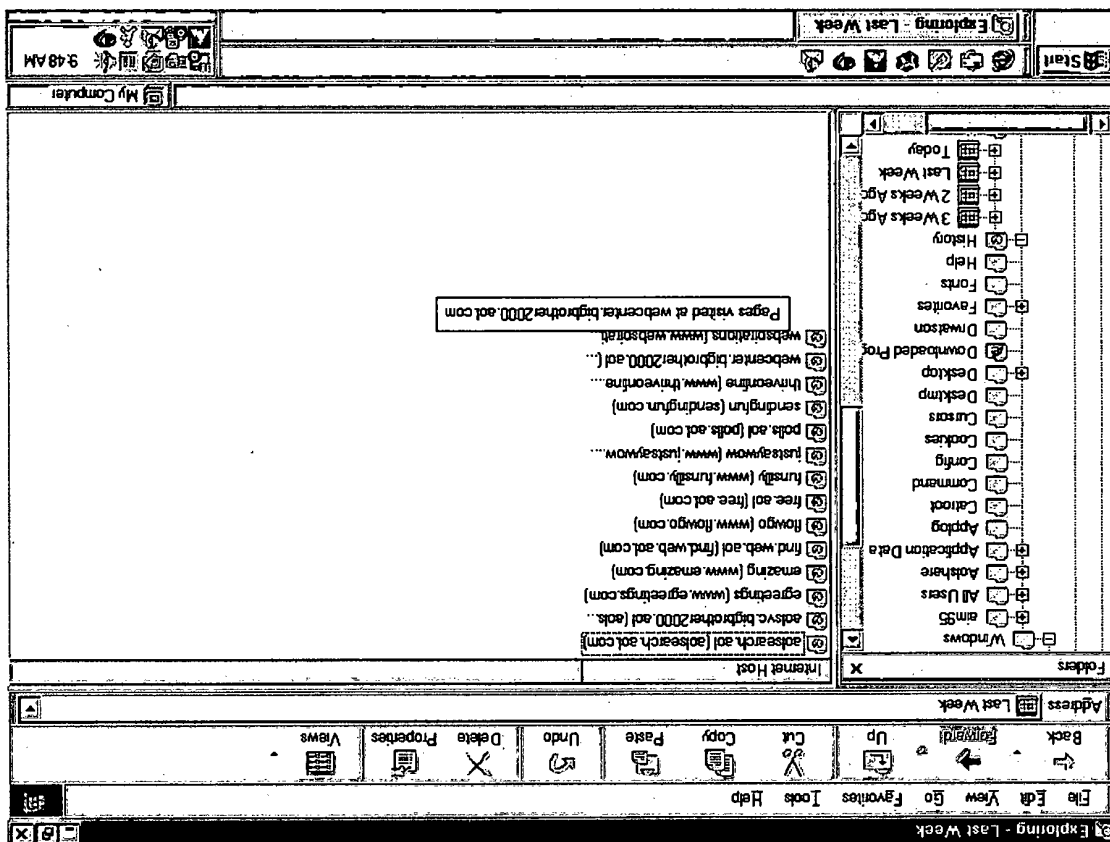
I would also appreciate if you gave them a copy of the letter I addressed to you, the contents of which you shared with them at your August meeting.

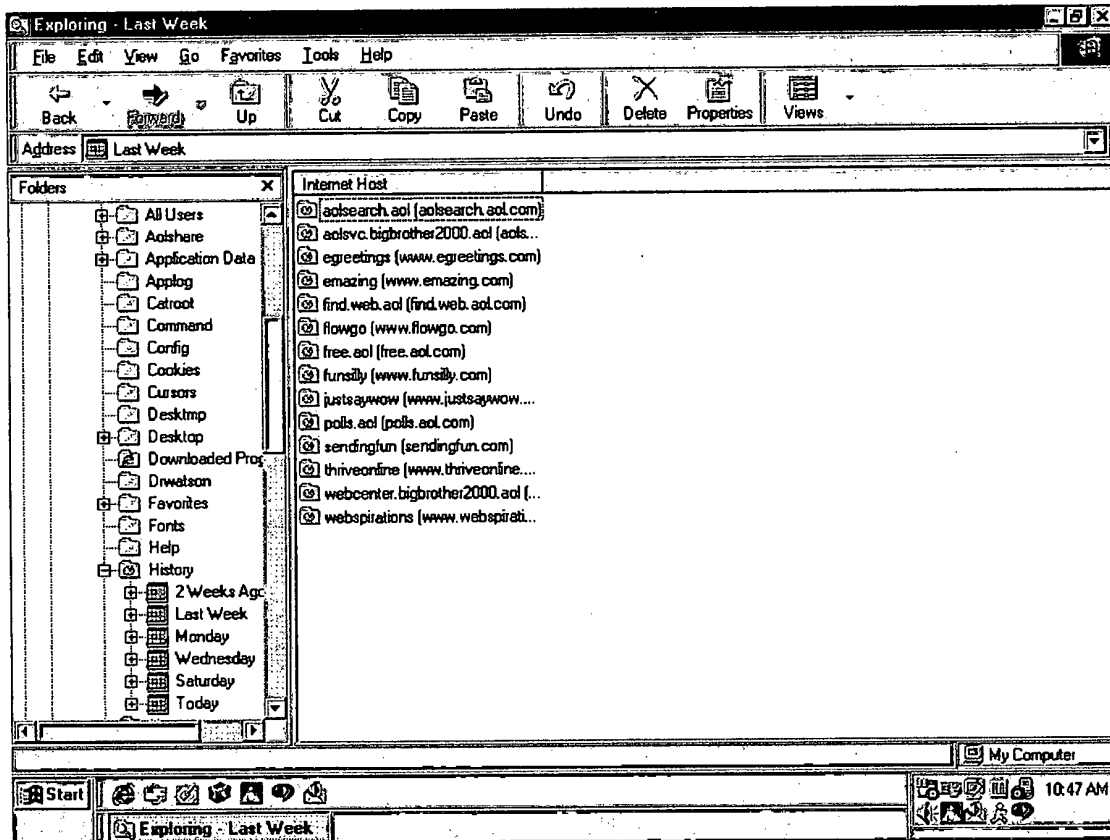
Thanks, as always, for your help and guidance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter De Roeck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Walter De Roeck

Week 7 Sept 11, 2000





Week of Sept 18, 2000

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September 19, 2000

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board fully considered Father Walter De Roeck's appeal of their recommendation that he not return to Chicago alone from his trip to California in November of this year.

Given the fact that Father De Roeck will travel to California with his brother and that both of his sisters have agreed to serve as monitor during the extended stay, the Review Board is recommending to you that he be allowed to stay the additional days through the Thanksgiving Holiday and return to Chicago on Monday, November 27, 2000.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

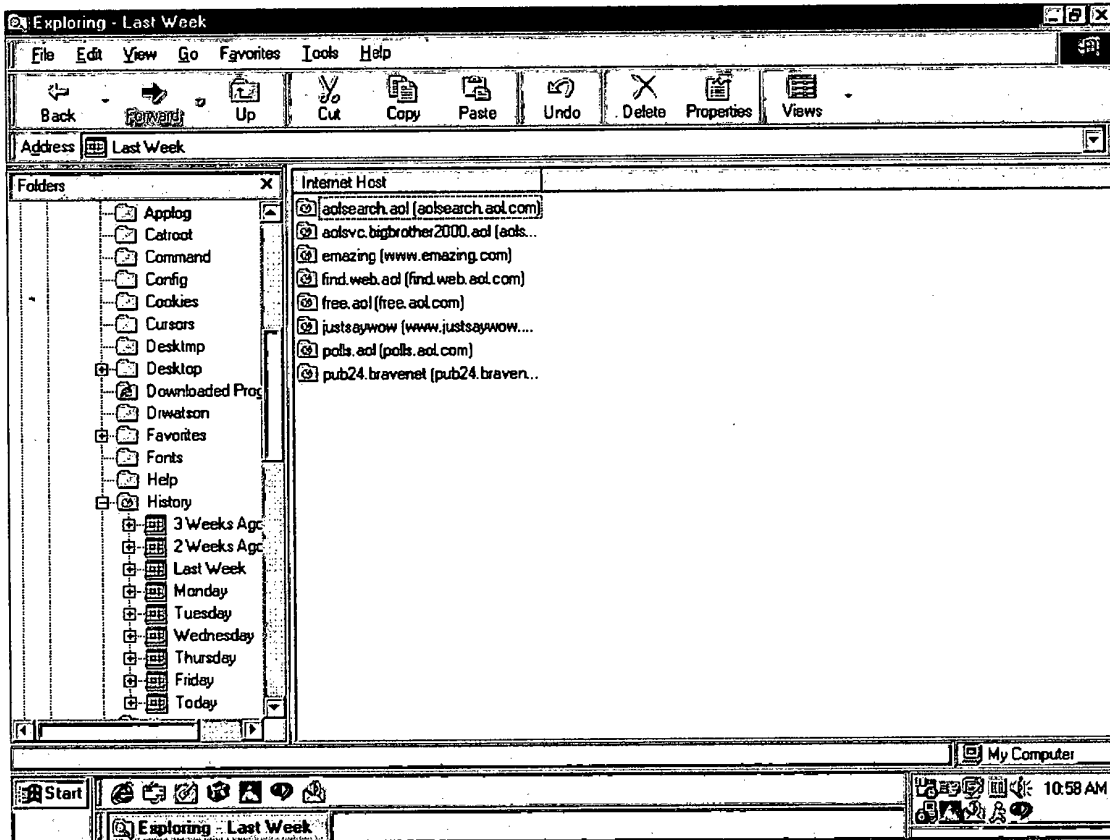
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Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

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

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Week of Sept 25, 2000

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September 26, 2000

Rev. Walter G. De Roeck  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father De Roeck,

I received your letter dated September 6, 2000. The Review Board is not meeting in September. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 21, 2000. This would, I suspect, be too late to wait to review your appeal. Consequently, I have not sent copies of your letters to the Board Members.

In order to save time, I called Board Members to see if I could get a quorum vote (5 of the 9 members) to approve your proposal.

Since I spoke with each of your sisters and they agreed to sign the Archdiocesan Monitor Agreement, the Review Board Members have reconsidered their recommendation to Cardinal George.

The recommendation is to extend your trip through the Thanksgiving Holiday with a return of Monday, November 27, 2000.

One of your sisters will be responsible for taking you to the airport for a non-stop flight to Chicago O'Hare. Please let me know who will be picking you up at O'Hare upon your return.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Enclosure

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

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September 26, 2000



Dear [REDACTED],

Since I last spoke with you, the Review Board has reconsidered Wally's request to extend his November vacation through November 27th. This is in large part due to your willingness to serve as Monitor for the Archdiocese while Wally is away.

As we discussed, I have enclosed a Travel/Vacation Agreement for you to read, sign and return to me prior to the trip. These requirements serve to protect Wally from further damaging allegations and demonstrate that the Archdiocese is practicing due diligence with regard to the priest.

If you have questions concerning the document, or questions during the travel time, please do not hesitate to call me at 312-751-5205.

Thank you again on behalf of the Archdiocese and the Review Board for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Enclosure

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

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Enclosure

Cc: Members of the Review Board  
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Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

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September 27, 2000

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

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing for the record in response to your letter of September 19, 2000 regarding the request of **Reverend Walter De Roeck** to travel to California this November.

I accept the Board's recommendation that Father De Roeck be allowed to travel with his brother to California and stay through the Thanksgiving holiday in light of the fact that both of his sisters have agreed to serve as his monitor during the extended stay and see him to the airport for his return to Chicago on Monday, November 27, 2000.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

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

Given at the Chancery

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

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend Lawrence P. McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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## TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT

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(Client name)  
will be met by him and                      and                      :  
(Companion/s)

*(See attached correspondence)*

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2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
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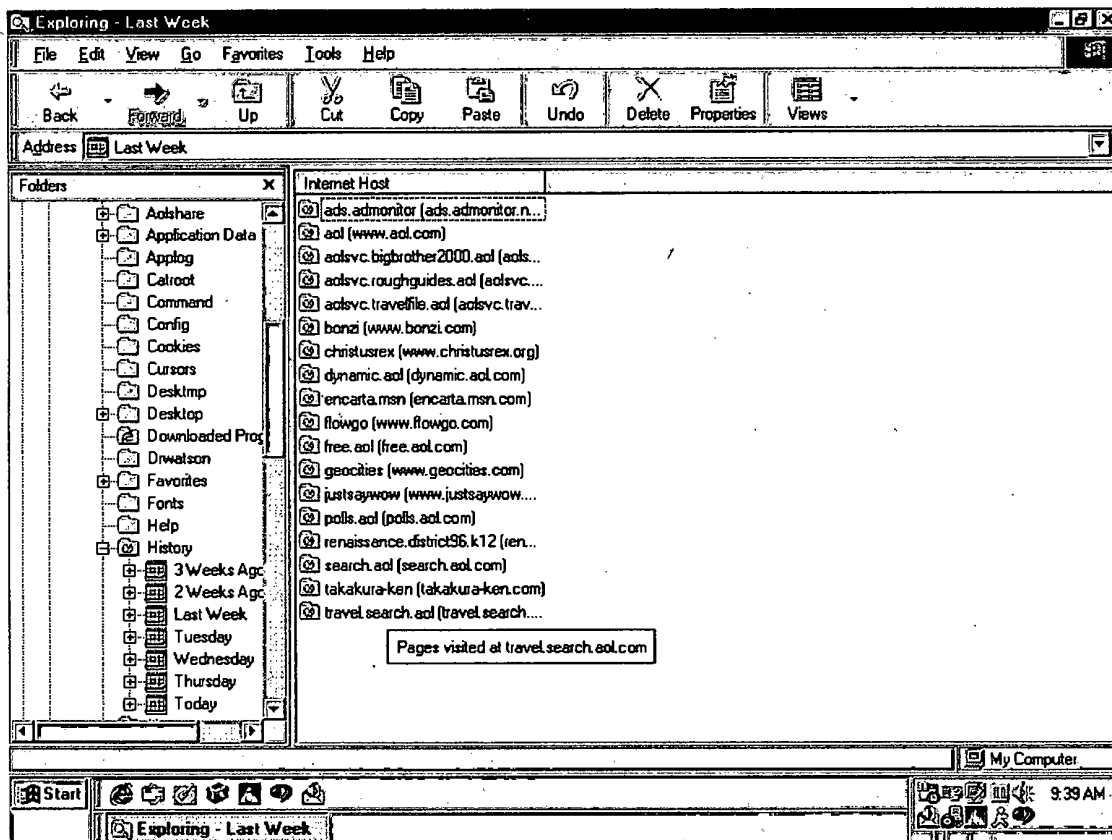


Kathleen Legges PFRA

Date:

A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Revised 11/9/99



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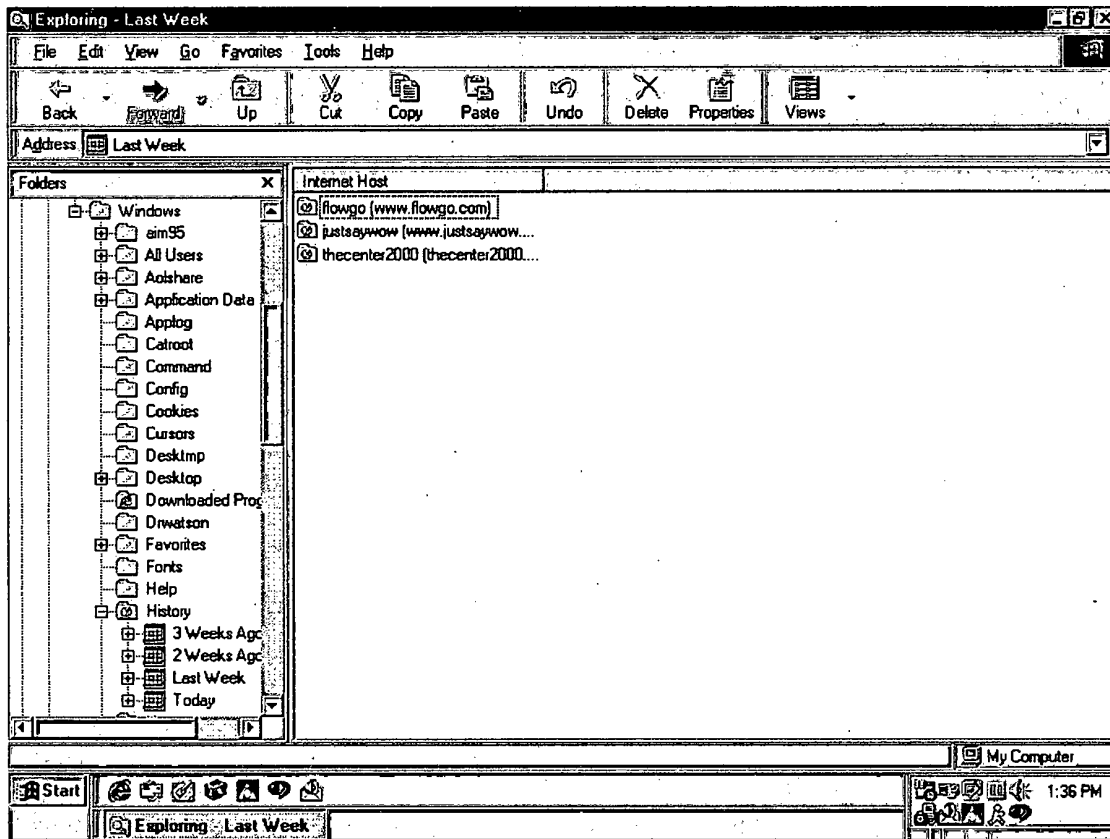
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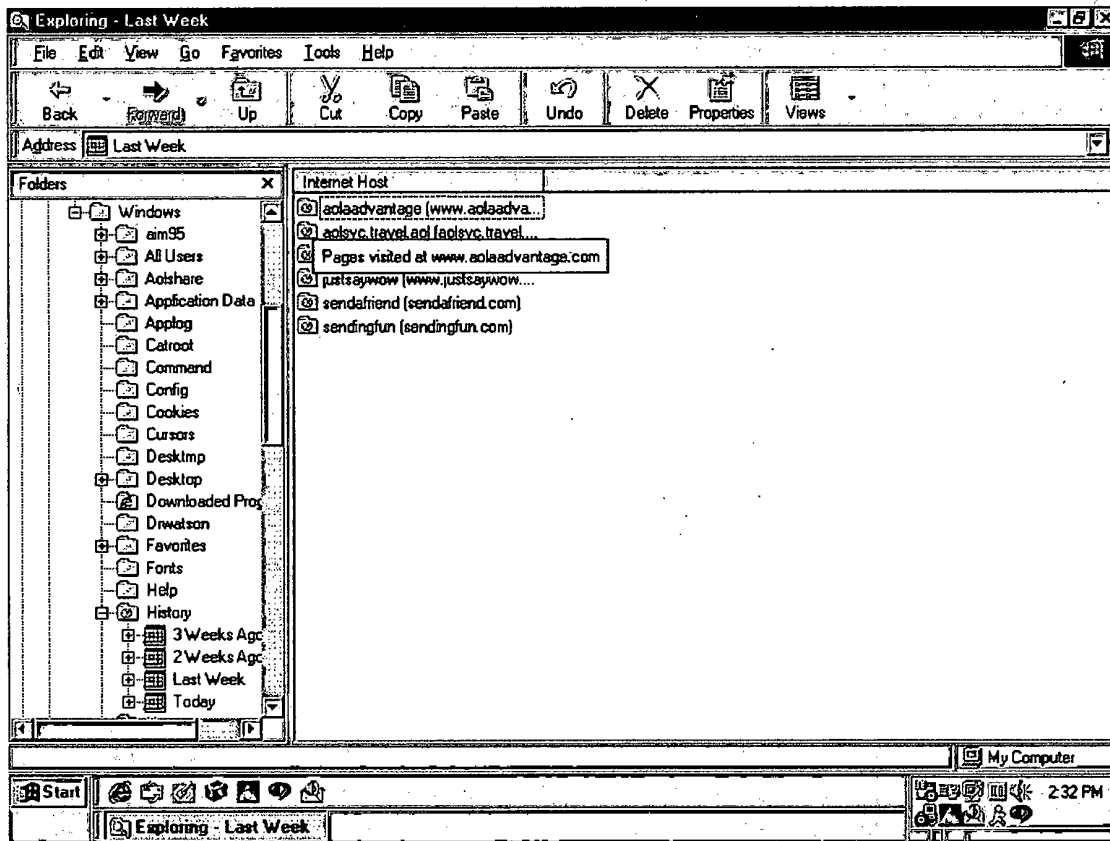
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### Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*  
Re: Meeting with Father De Roeck  
Date: October 17, 2000

Wally and I met to review his list of maintenance and repair requests made to Father John Michet. PFRA felt list was unrealistic in light of the fact that the Review Board has just invested \$16,000 into paint and renovations. Detailed list did not allow for restoration of areas to their original state or for the fact that Retreat House Staff have other responsibilities or that some of this should be completed by the residents themselves.

It was agreed upon that the men living in Koenig Hall will be responsible for their own set of rooms – vacuuming, dusting, emptying waste baskets, etc. Housekeeping will take care of all common areas. If the kitchen is used, the person who uses it will be responsible for cleaning up and maintaining the area.

Wally agreed to clean out the linen cabinet since he is the only one currently using the supplies. He will set up and maintain a system. The other resident has his personal linens and does not use this supply.

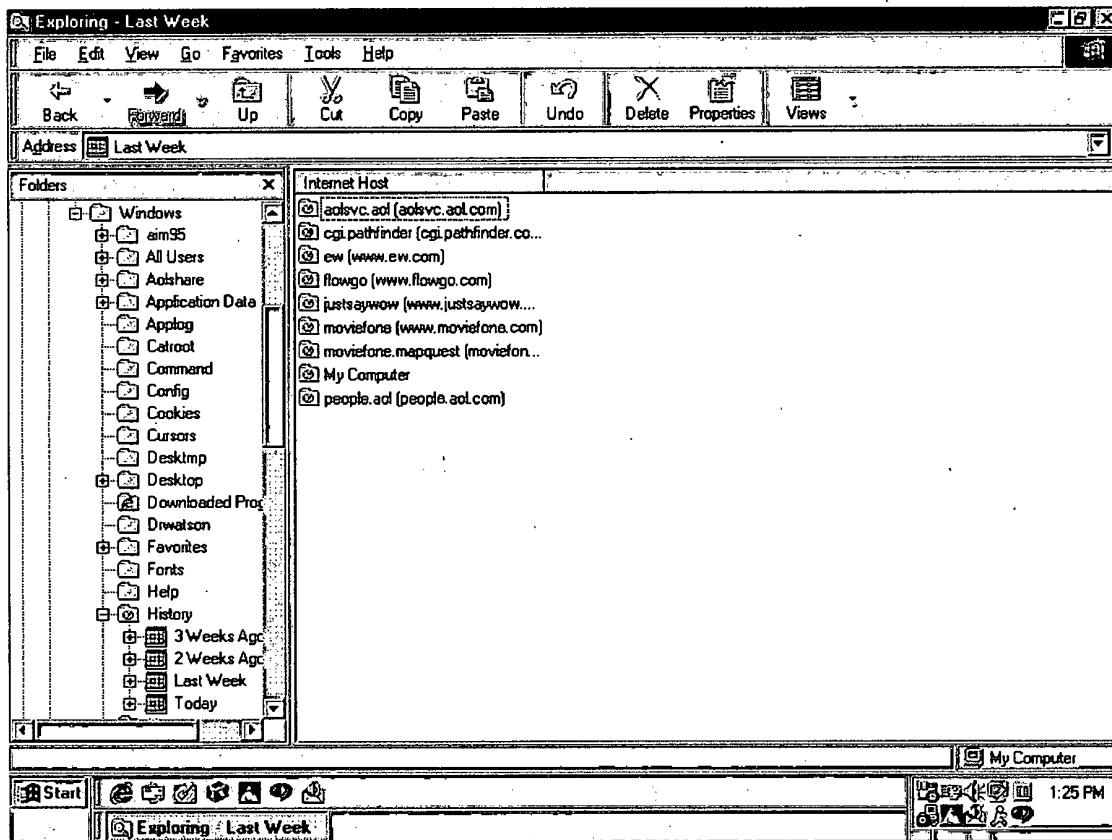
Wally and I also talked about the fact that his requests appear to be demands and that he gives me, Kathy and Father Michet the sense that he is entitled to “better service.” I tried to clarify the fact that this is not a hotel and that the men who live in this area are ultimately responsible for the condition of the area.

I did not authorize repair of the scratches on his piano. They are minimal and would be costly to complete if a wood finisher were brought in. I did agree to talk to Father Michet about the condition of the stairwells and the sacristy.

- [REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED]

I reminded him that he is NOT to travel alone and that he IS to complete the Vacation Form provided by our office for his use. He indicated that he thought he could travel to [REDACTED] without a companion. I clarified that the destination was not the issue – the protocol restricts him from traveling alone – anywhere.

AOC 012849



Oct 22 - 28, 2000





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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Kathleen Leggdas

FR: Larry McBrady *LMCB*

DT: October 23, 2000

RE: Walter De Roeck

Wally came to see me this past Friday and requested permission to celebrate a private Mass with three participants at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on November 12. The purpose of this liturgy is to offer a Mass for the deceased mother of one of the participants. Wally was at [REDACTED] at the time of the death and missed both the wake and the funeral.

I feel this is a legitimate request and feel we should give our permission. What do you think?

*OK*  
*RL*  
*10-25-00*

MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Larry McBrady

RE: **Walter De Roeck**

DATE: October 25, 2000

On Friday, October 20, 2000, I met with Wally at the Vicars' office. The purpose of this meeting was to give Wally an opportunity to respond to a letter dated 09/13/00 from the [REDACTED] pertaining to [REDACTED]. The responses contained in this memo refer to the material on pages 2, 3 and 4 of the September 13<sup>th</sup> letter. Wally acknowledged the accuracy of (A) and (B). He pointed out the error in (C) in that the house was not owned by the Archdiocese, but privately owned. (D) [REDACTED]

(E) [REDACTED]

(F) [REDACTED]

He also acknowledged providing [REDACTED] with beer.

(G) Wally acknowledged [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Wally denied ever touching either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

(H) Wally acknowledged that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], while at Michigan City, also accompanied Wally to [REDACTED]

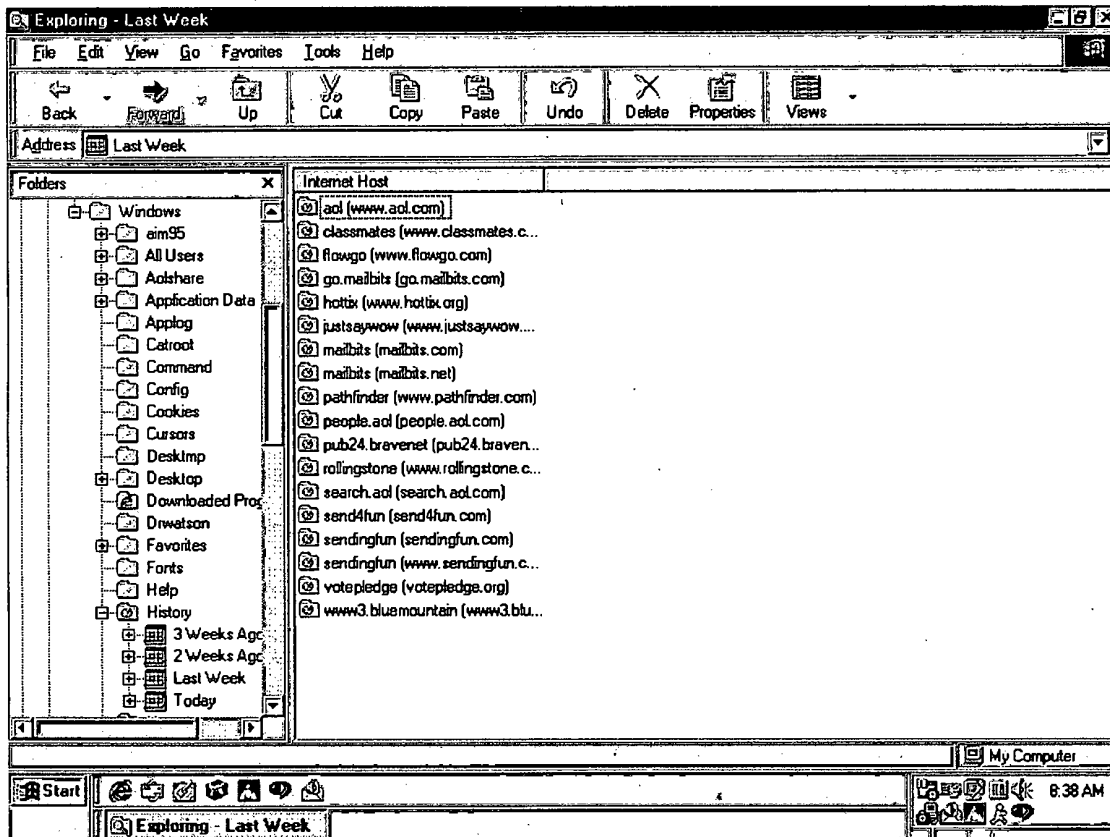
(I) Wally denied ever providing marijuana but he did acknowledge smoking marijuana with the two young men. He believes [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] brought the marijuana. [REDACTED]

(J) Wally acknowledged he may have [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also. Again, he denied ever touching either young man. (K) He acknowledged that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] probably did see the jewelry that he wore. (L) He acknowledged that [REDACTED]

(M) He also acknowledged that the young men did see him masturbate himself although he never touched them. (N) He did acknowledge [REDACTED]

(O) Again, he acknowledged masturbating in their presence.



Week of ~~Apr~~ Oct 30, 2000

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Signature(s):

Walter G. De Roeck  
Kathleen Leggion  
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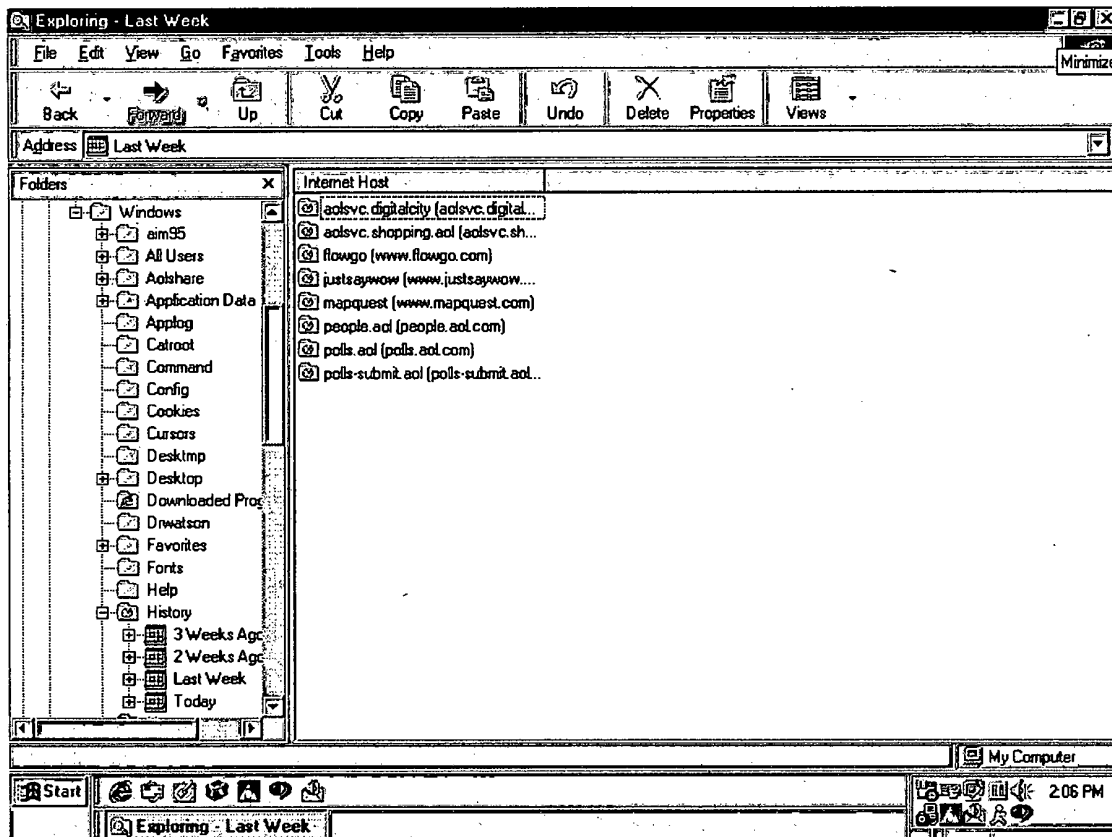
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November 9, 2000

Rev. Walter G. De Roeck  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father De Roeck,

It has been a year since we last reviewed your Individual Specific Protocol for the Professional Fitness Review Board. Since this needs to be updated annually, I have enclosed the most recent for your signature.

One addition has been made to the standard requirements: "Submit a list of all sites visited on the Internet to the PFRA monthly." Needless to say, this is meant only for those of you who "surf the net."

Any changes made as a result of a Supplementary Review by the Board have been incorporated into your protocol. If you have any questions about content or interpretation, please call to clarify before you sign.

Return the signed Protocol to me by December 1, 2000. Retain a copy for your file.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Enclosure

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Vicar for Priests Office

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**INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL**  
**For**  
**Father Walter De Roeck**

The Individual Specific Protocol (ISP) reflects the primary goal of protecting minors and the integrity of the Church. Additionally, the ISP serves as a safeguard for the individual priest/deacon with regard to the possibility of subsequent allegations.

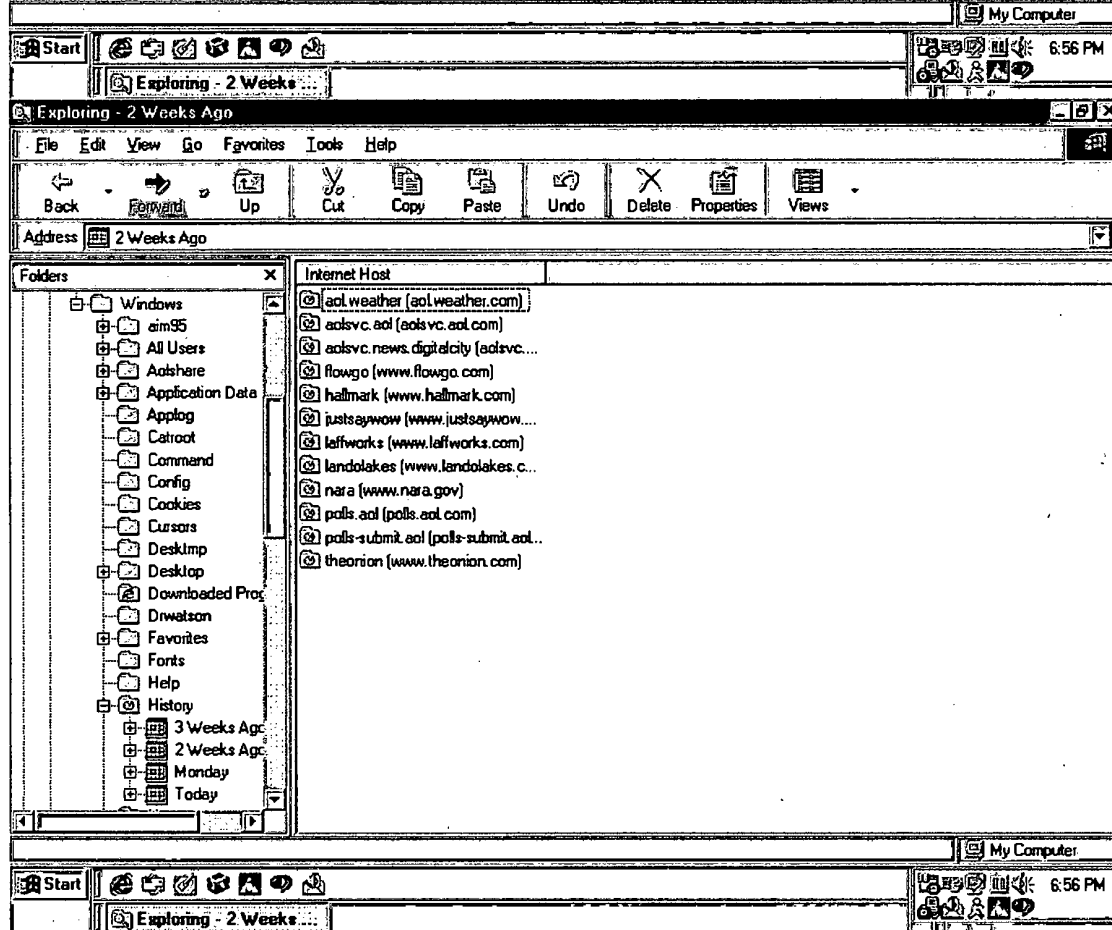
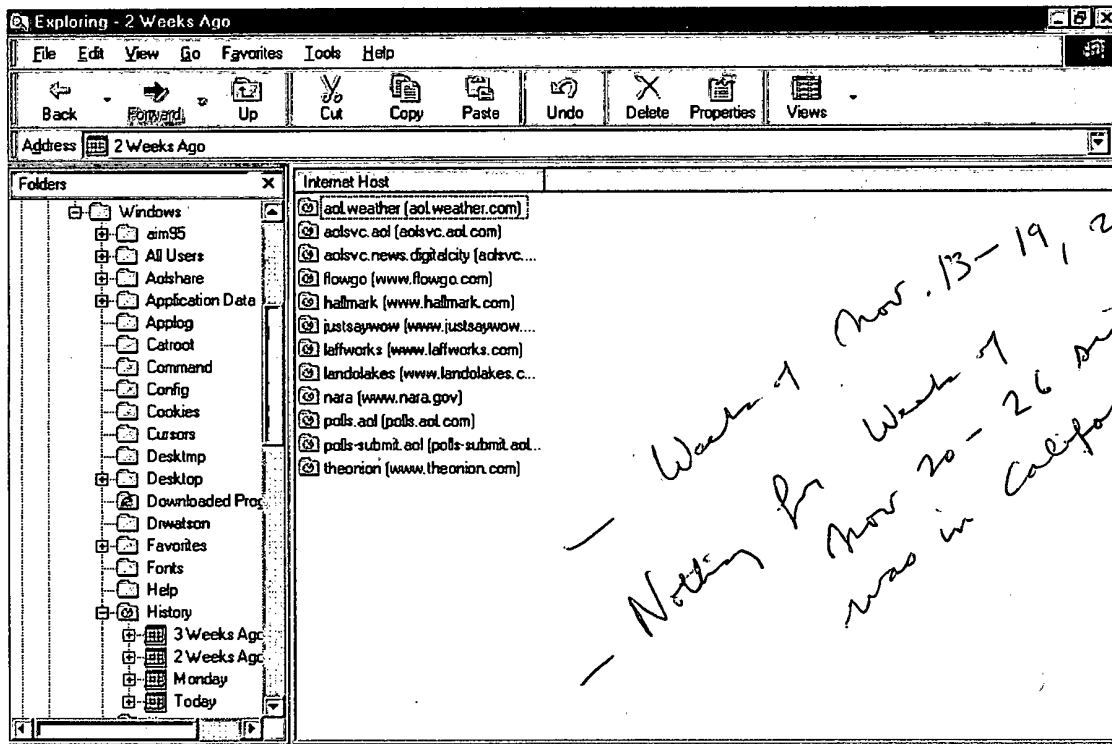
Professional Fitness Review clients will be subject to appropriate restrictions and monitoring by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator throughout the life of the individual as a priest/deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The ISP for **Fr. Walter De Roeck** includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. Prior approval required from Review Administrator (PFRA) for vacations and nights spent away from residence.
3. Call into PFRA each day.
4. Prohibited from wearing Roman collar.
5. Prior approval required from PFRA and Vicar for Priests (VP) for public celebration of Mass and other religious services: weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.
6. On-site monitor to be informed of overnights away from Koenig Hall.
7. Another responsible adult known to PFRA to accompany Fr. De Roeck on all overnights.
8. Complete Client Daily Log. Receipts, ticket stubs, etc. should accompany log and be submitted monthly to PFRA.
9. [REDACTED]
10. Prohibited from use of Michigan House pending review of [REDACTED]
11. All contact with individuals from former parishes/ministerial assignments must be pre-approved by PFRA and VP Office, including participation in parish activities (weddings, social events, etc.).
12. Submit report all sites visited on the Internet to PFRA monthly.
13. This is a working document which can be changed, altered or superseded when there is an indicated need to do so.
14. In order to change this protocol, prior approval must be obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Board.
15. A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in Professional Fitness Review and Vicar for Priests Offices.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed: Walter De Roeck Date: 11/12/00  
Printed Name: WALTER DE ROECK  
Signature of PFRA: Kathleen Legg Date: 11-9-00





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## TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT

Permission to go on vacation to California from/to November 17 – November 27, 2000  
(Destination) (Dates)

this year has been granted to Rev. Walter G. De Roeck provided the following conditions  
(Client name)  
will be met by him and [REDACTED]  
(Companion/s)

*(See attached correspondence)*

1. The designated companions agree to accompany the client at all his activities. Client is not allowed to be by himself.
2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
3. Client is required to call in November 20, 22, 24th during Chicago office hours, to keep a daily log:  
(frequency)  
proofs/tickets, receipts, etc., regarding resident's activities are to be submitted to PFR Administrator for verification.
4. If any of the above conditions are violated both the client and the travel companion(s) will be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
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Signature(s):

[REDACTED]

*Kathleen Leggett PFLA*

Date:

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A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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Signature(s):

[REDACTED]

Date:

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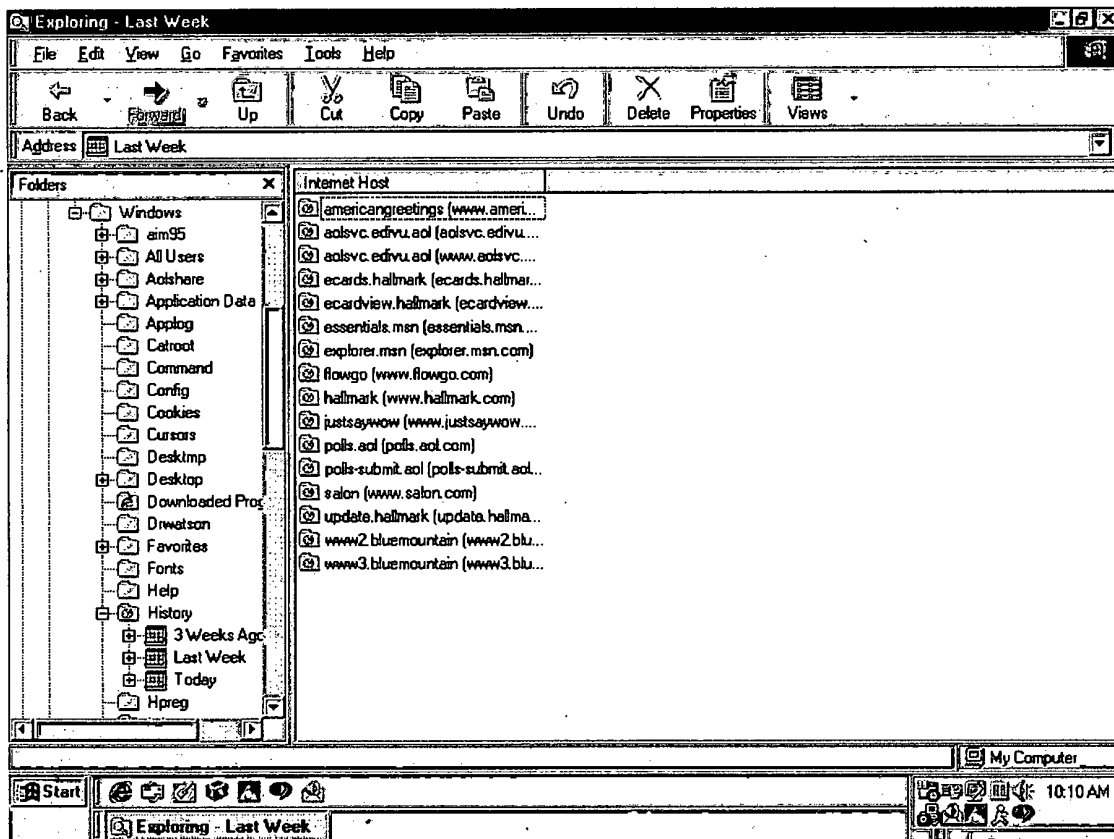
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Week of Nov 27 - Dec 3, 2000

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January 29, 2001

Rev. Anthony Talarico  
Koenig Hall Retreat Center  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father Talarico,

I have been informed that you are now the Administrator of the Retreat House. As you may know, both Rev. [REDACTED] and Rev. Walter De Roeck are clients of the Professional Fitness Review Board. As such, they are required to have an on-site monitor assigned.

In the past, Father Ed. Siedlecki served as that monitor. He completed the Monthly Monitor Reports on each man and submitted them to me, the Administrator.

Please review the enclosed forms at your convenience and call me at 312-751-5205 to set up a brief meeting regarding the protocol for these men as well as monitoring responsibilities of the Administrator of the Retreat House.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Enclosures

Cc: Vicar for Priests

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12 February 2001

Kathleen Leggdas  
Office of Professional Fitness Review  
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Dear Kathleen,

I understand that the Vicar for Priests, Fr. Larry McBrady, has spoken to you about my wish to leave the active ministry. I understand as well that both you and he support my going to [REDACTED]

With that in mind, I have made arrangements for [REDACTED] and have purchased the airfare for the trip. I have enclosed a copy of the bill for the flight for reimbursement purposes.

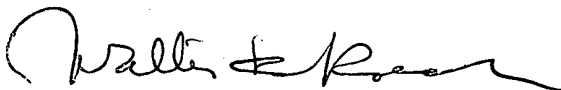
I will depart from Chicago's O'Hare Airport aboard American Airlines Flight 572 on April 22 at 9:55 AM. The non-stop flight will arrive at Baltimore/Washington International Airport at 12:46 PM. [REDACTED] is making arrangements to have a shuttle bus take me directly from the airport to [REDACTED].

The flight arrangements call for my returning aboard American Airlines on Friday, April 27 at 1:12 PM. Non-stop Flight 893 will be departing out of BWI, arriving at O'Hare at 2:20 PM. Again, [REDACTED] is arranging for a shuttle to take me directly to the airport.

Thanks for your support for this [REDACTED].

If you have any questions, let me know. God bless.

Sincerely,



Walter G. De Roeck

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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-62

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

Re: Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck

Date: March 17, 2001

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### Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on March 17, 2001:

We reviewed the letter from Father De Roeck which informed us of his plans to resign from the active ministry. Although when a man leaves the priesthood he is “off our screen” there are still some legal cases pending against him. W.D. plans to attend a workshop at [REDACTED]. We spoke a bit more about the archdiocese’s relationship with W.D. and the possibility of other possible allegations. It was noted that when he leaves the priesthood W.D. is on his own (although the archdiocese gives him some sort of package), but the Church could be held liable for what happened while he was still in the ministry. This letter from W.D. was considered “F.Y.I.” and we have no problem with this trip.

## Minutes of the Professional Fitness Review Board

Members present: [REDACTED]

Others present: Rev. James Kaczorowski – Vicar for Priests

Members absent: [REDACTED]

Others absent: Ms. Kathleen Leggdas and Rev. Thomas Paprocki.

1. [REDACTED] began the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes were reviewed
3. [REDACTED]

4. The Matter of Father Wally DeRoeck: We reviewed the letter from W.D. which informed us of his plans to resign from the active ministry. Although when a man leaves the priesthood he is “off our screen” there are still some legal cases pending against him. W.D. plans to attend a workshop at [REDACTED]. We spoke a bit more about the archdiocese’s relationship with W.D. and the possibility of other possible allegations. It was noted that when he leaves the priesthood W.D. is on his own [REDACTED], but the Church could be held liable for what happened while he was still in the ministry. This letter from W.D. was considered “F.Y.I.” and we have no problem with this trip.

5. [REDACTED]

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-- submitted by



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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, March 17, 2001 10:00 a.m.

### AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2001
- II. Case Reviews
  - A. [REDACTED]
  - B. In the matter of Rev. Walter G. De Roeck, PFR-62
    - Will resign from priesthood as soon as legal suit is settled
  - C. [REDACTED]
- III. Other Business

Lunch will not be served at this meeting.

## Professional Fitness Review

### Monthly Monitoring Report

Client Name: Fr. Walter DeRoach Monitor: Rev. G. M. Tolaino  
Month/Year of Report: March 2001

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If yes, describe the situation and priest's action(s):

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2. Did you have access or were you informed of the priest's schedule?

YES NO

If no, explain

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3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave you a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip and a copy of the Vacation Form?

YES

NO

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

YES

NO

If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

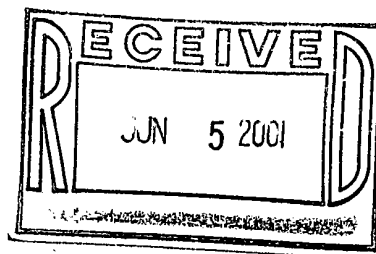
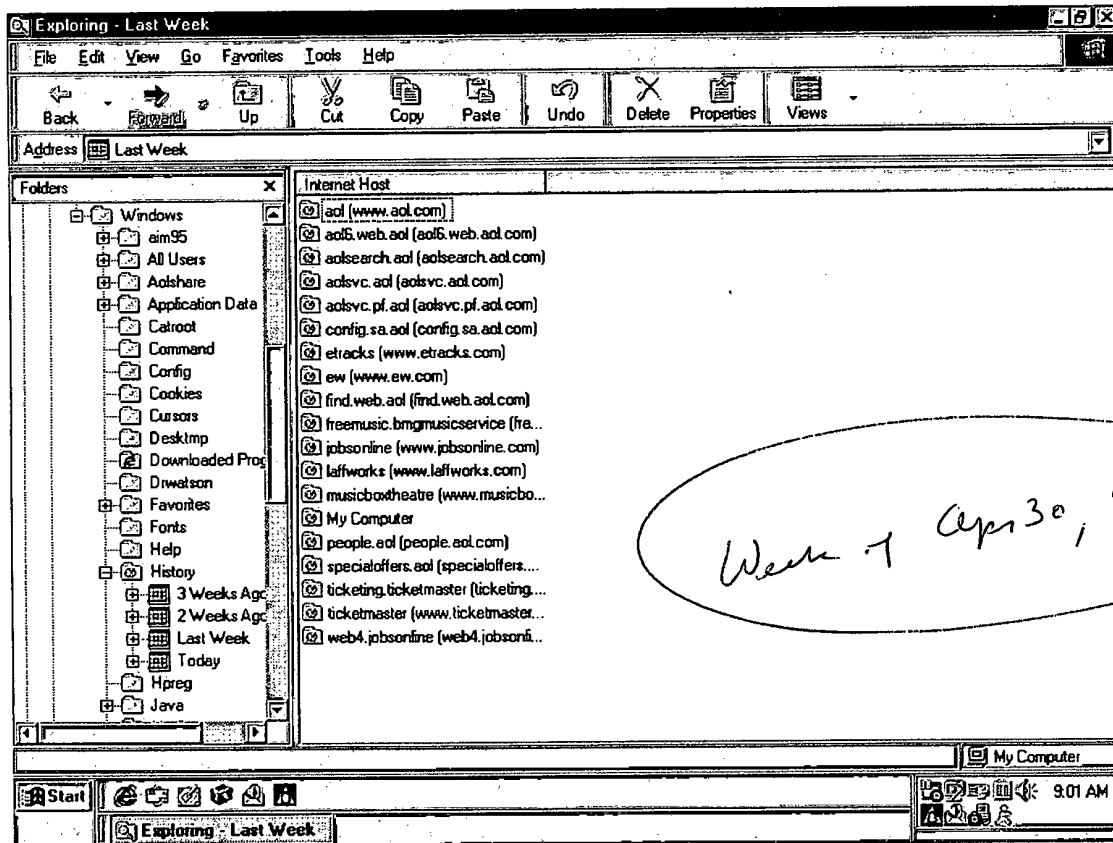
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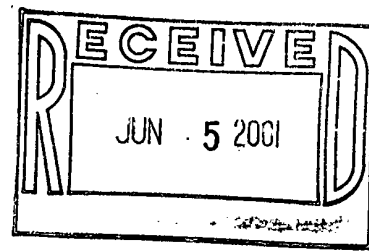
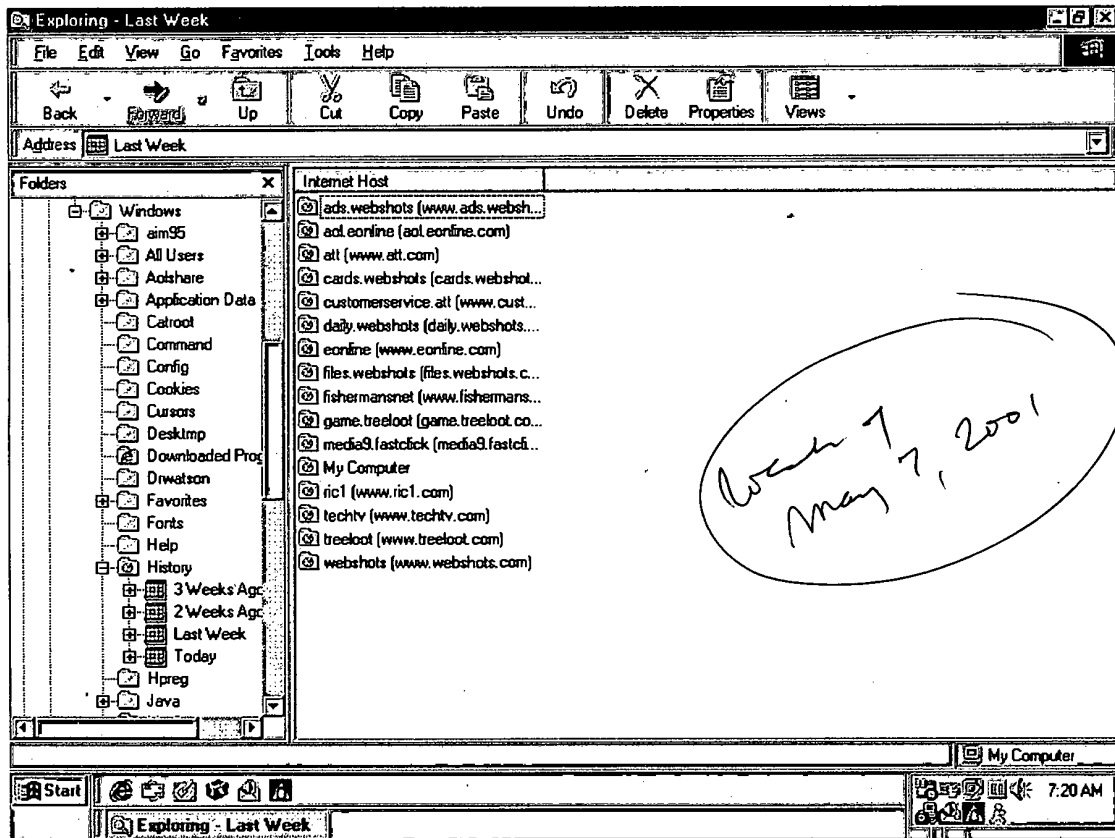
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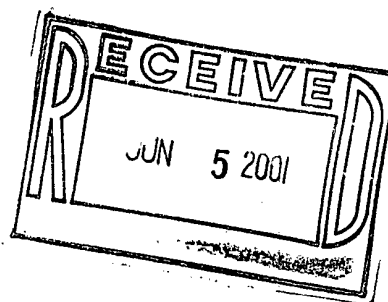
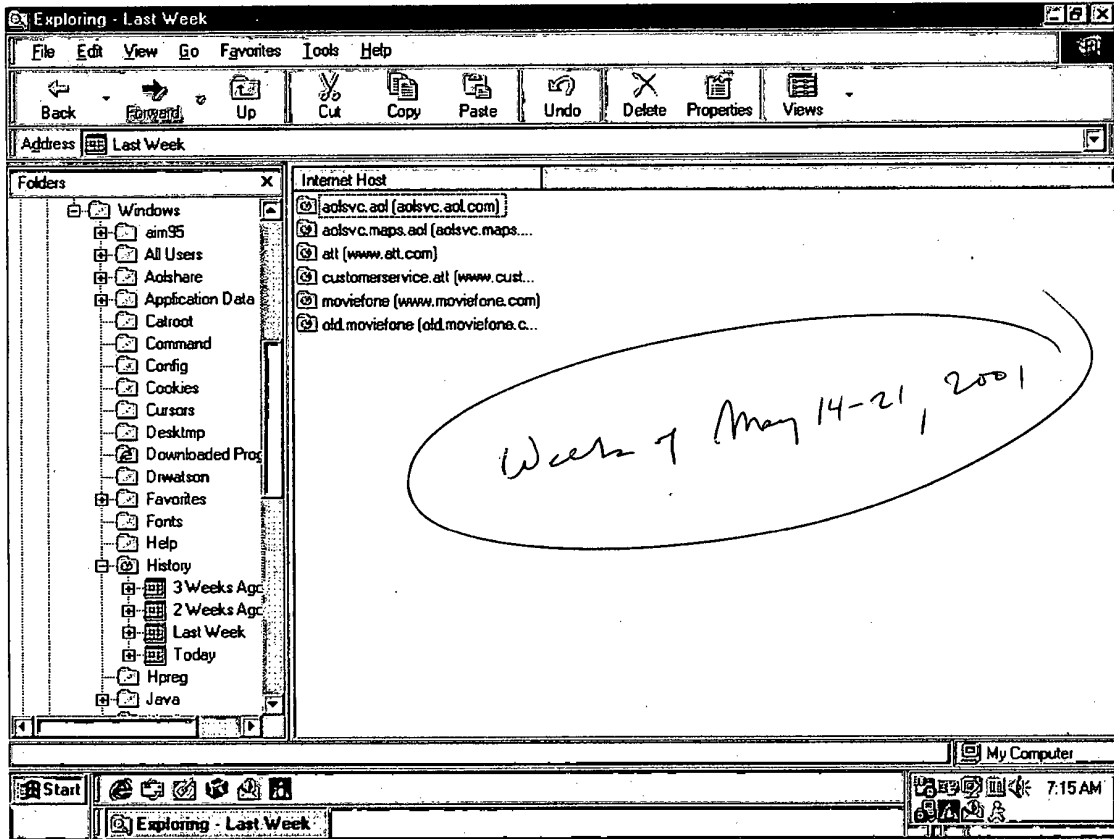
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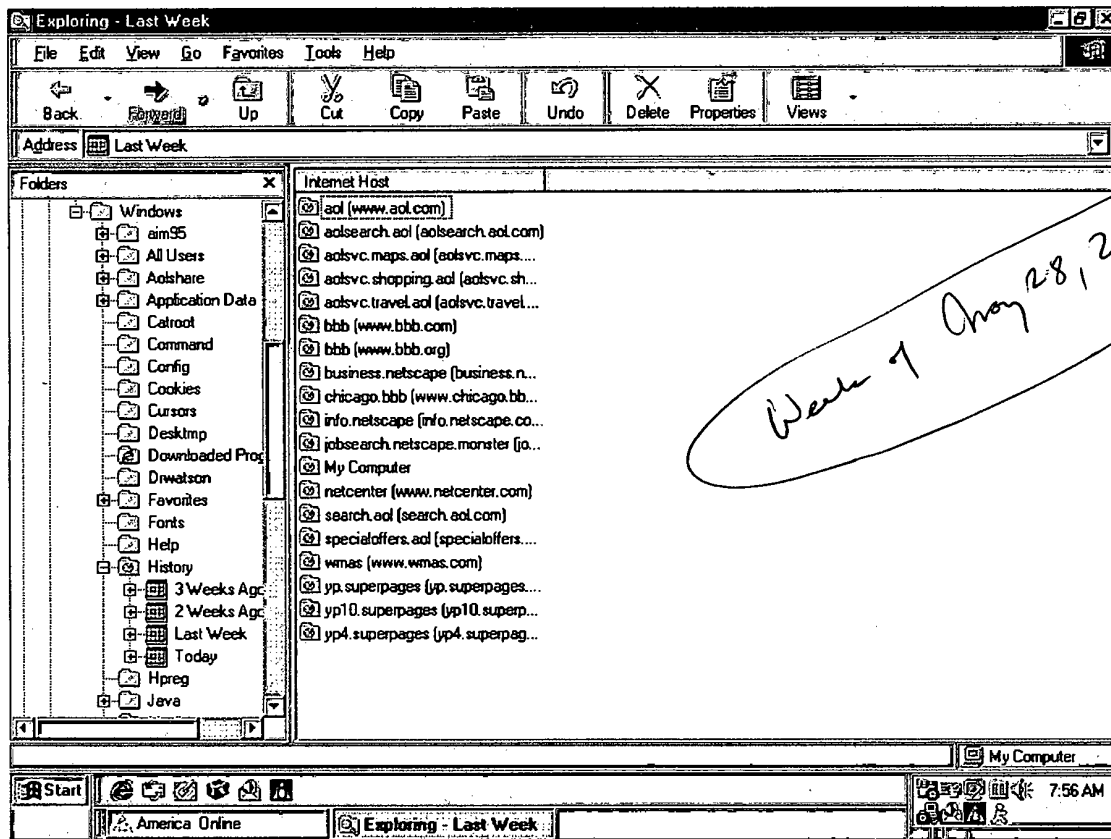
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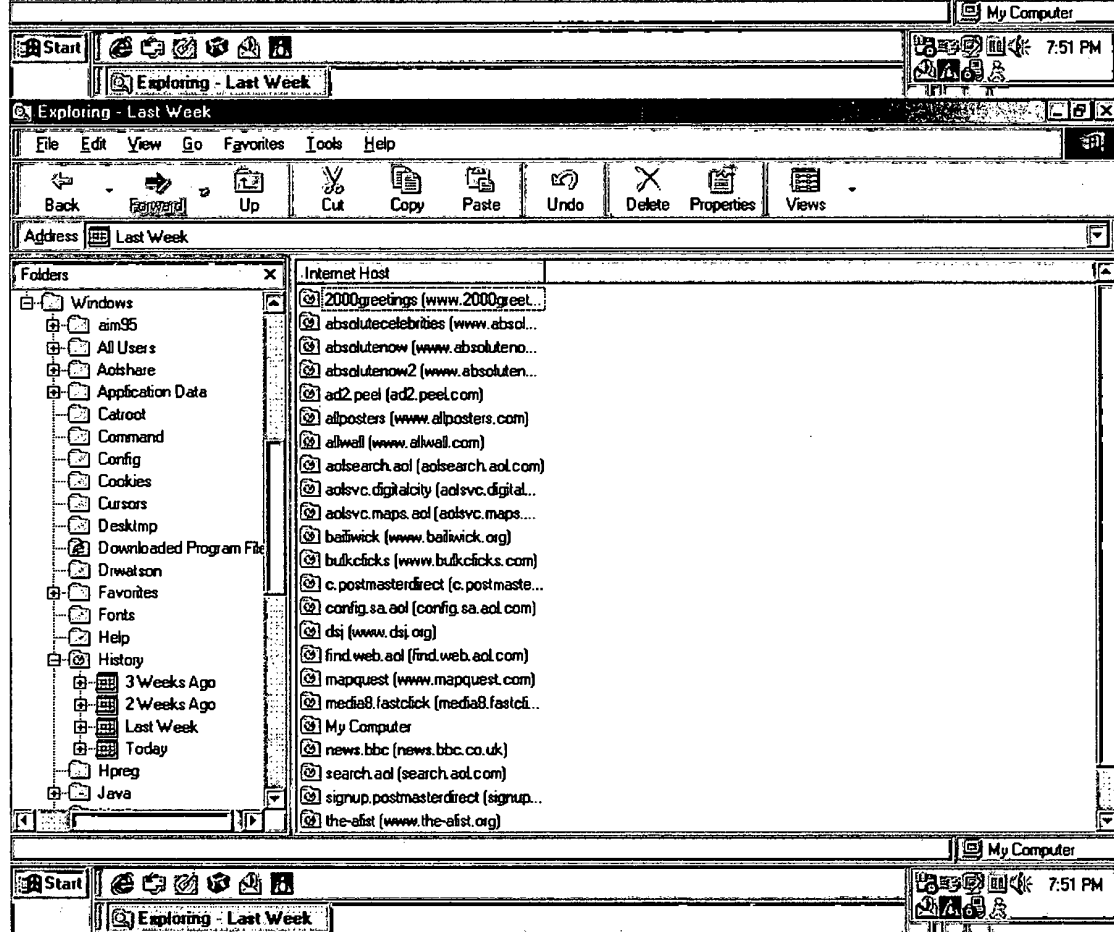
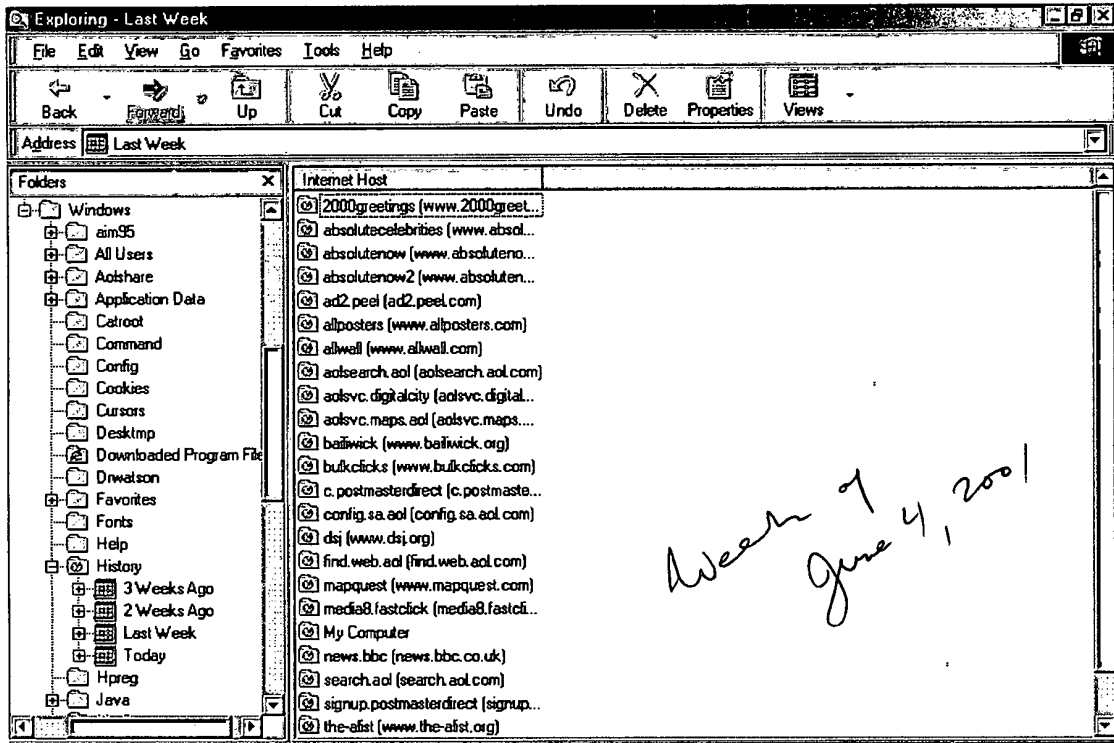
Signature of Monitor: RWG-M. Talano Date: 13 April 2001



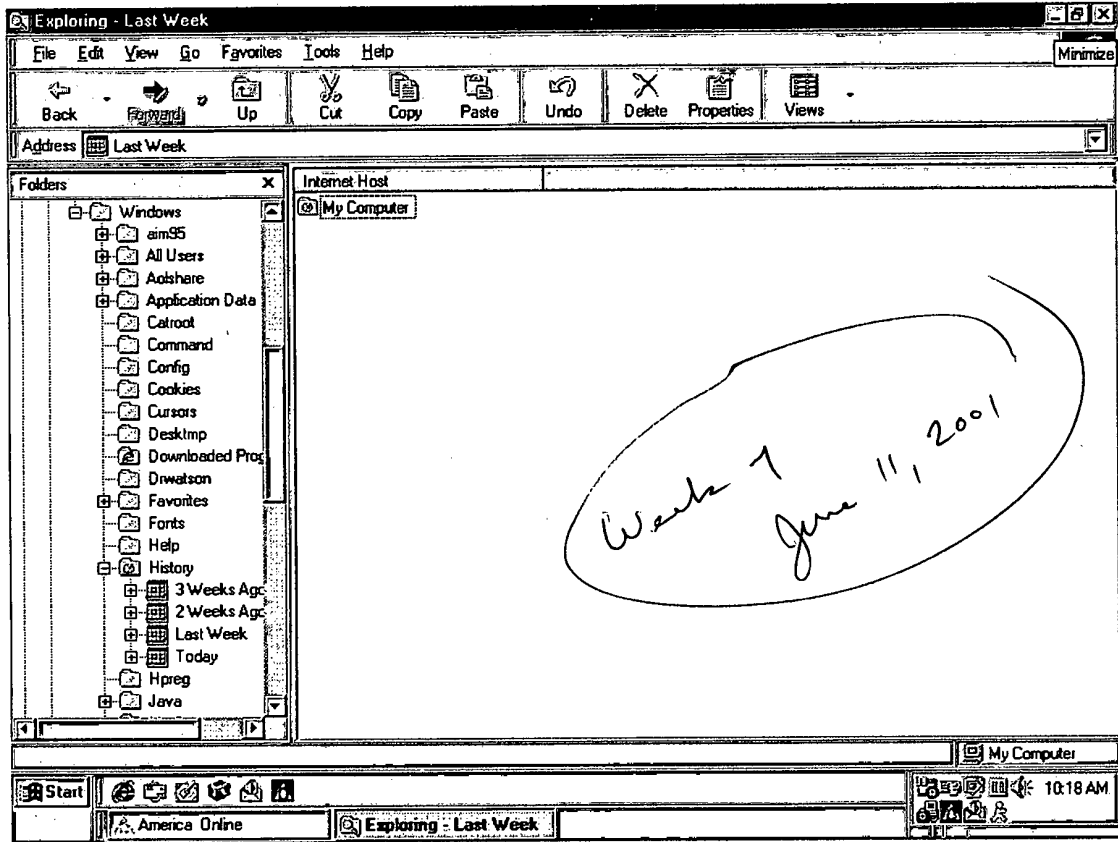












# Professional Fitness Review

## Monthly Monitoring Report

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6-18-01

Client Name: REV. WALTER D. ROECK Monitor: REV. A.M. TALARICO  
Month/Year of Report: APRIL 2001

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- YES ☒ NO

If yes, describe the situation and priest's action(s):

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2. Did you have access or were you informed of the priest's schedule?

YES ☒ NO

If no, explain

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3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave you a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip and a copy of the Vacation Form?

YES

☒ NO

N/A

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

☒ YES

NO

If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Priest: Wally G. Koen Date: June 14, 2001

Signature of Monitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Professional Fitness Review

## Monthly Monitoring Report

received

6-18-01

Client Name: Rev. Walter DePoe Monitor: Rev. A.M. Talarico

Month/Year of Report: May 2001

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YES ☒

NO ☐

If no, explain

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YES

☒ NO N/A

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☒ YES

☐ NO

If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

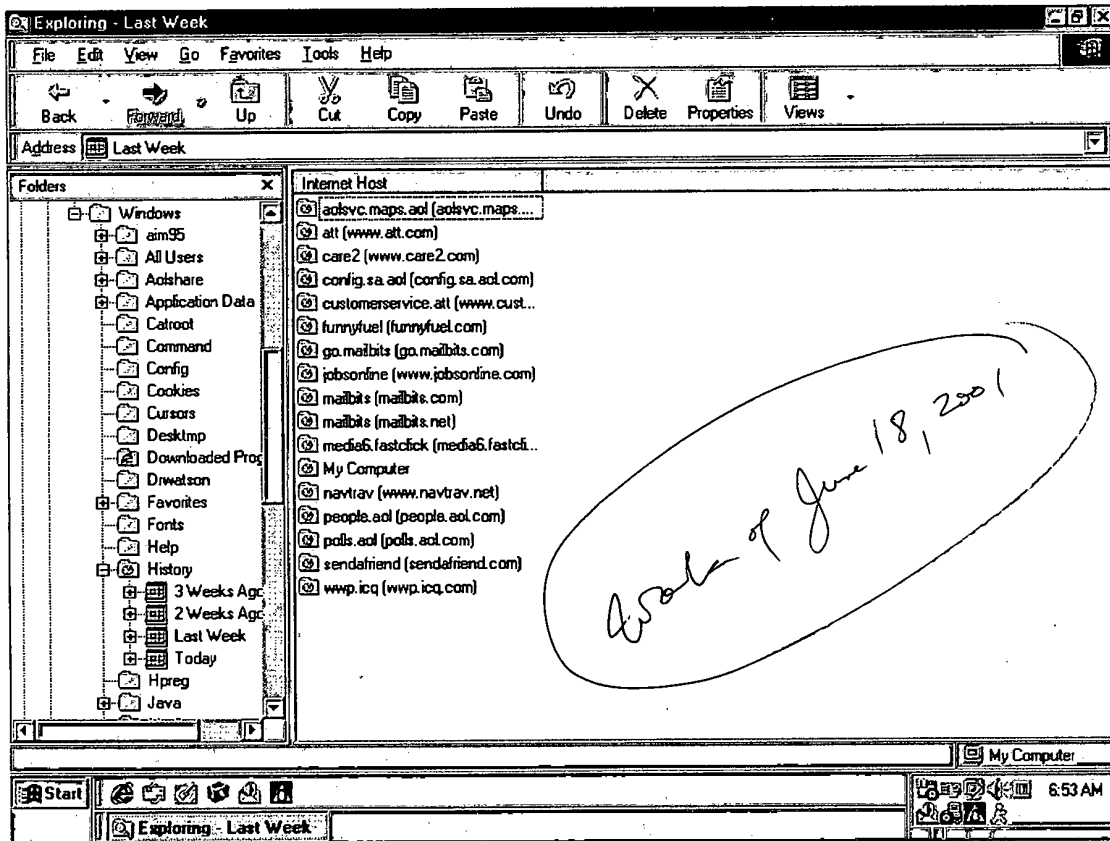
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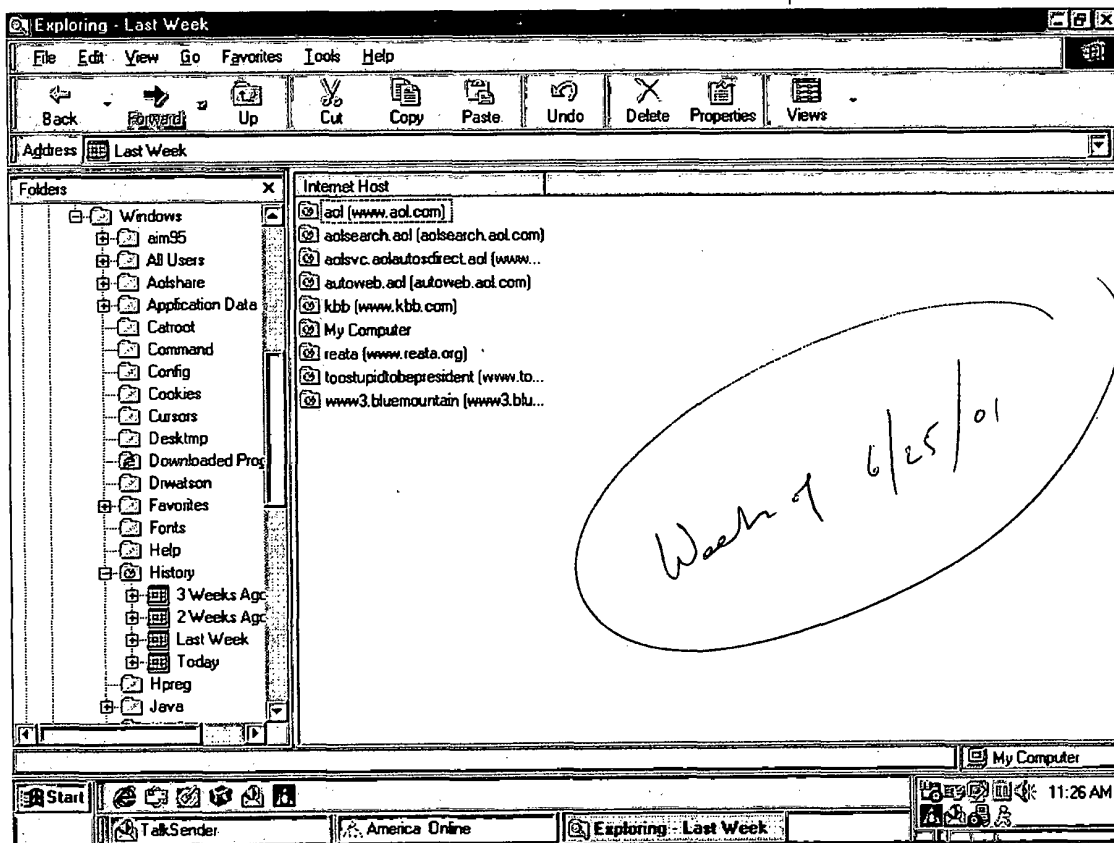
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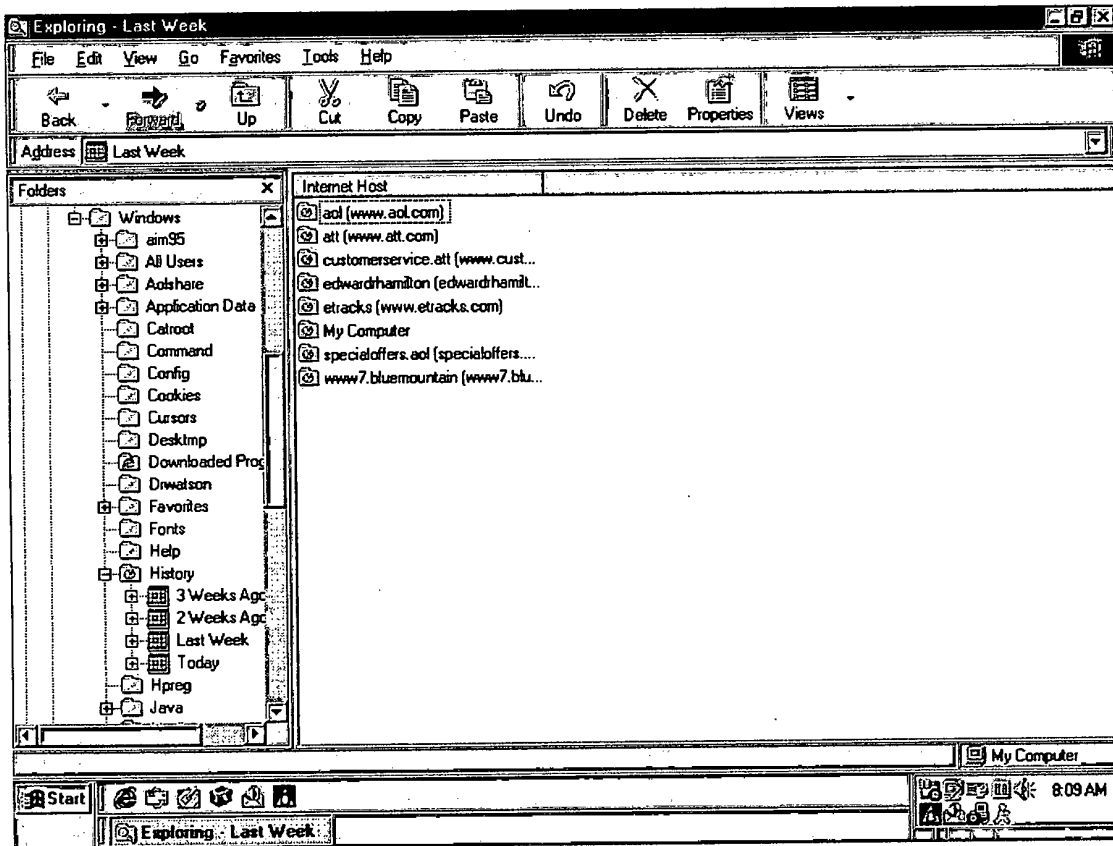
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Signature of Priest: Walter D. Kouch Date: June 14, 2001

Signature of Monitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_







Week of July 2, 2001

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## Professional Fitness Review

### Monthly Monitoring Report

Client Name:

Rev Walter J. Porek

Monitor:

Rev. A.M. Talarico

Month/Year of Report:

JUNE 2001

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☒ YES

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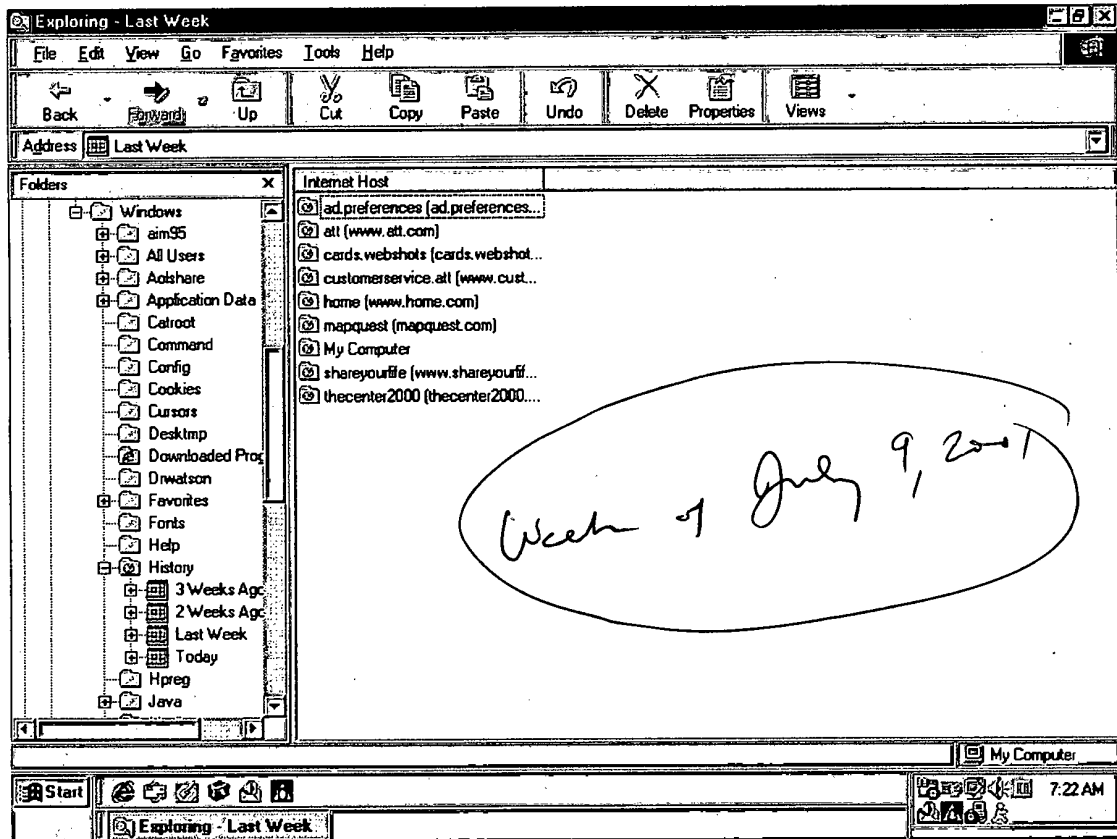
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Signature of Priest: Michael D. Kaban Date: July 4, 2001

Signature of Monitor: Rev. A. M. Talarico Date: 4 July 2001



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H. Vicar for Priests Agenda: (7/27 – 11:00)

I. Priests:

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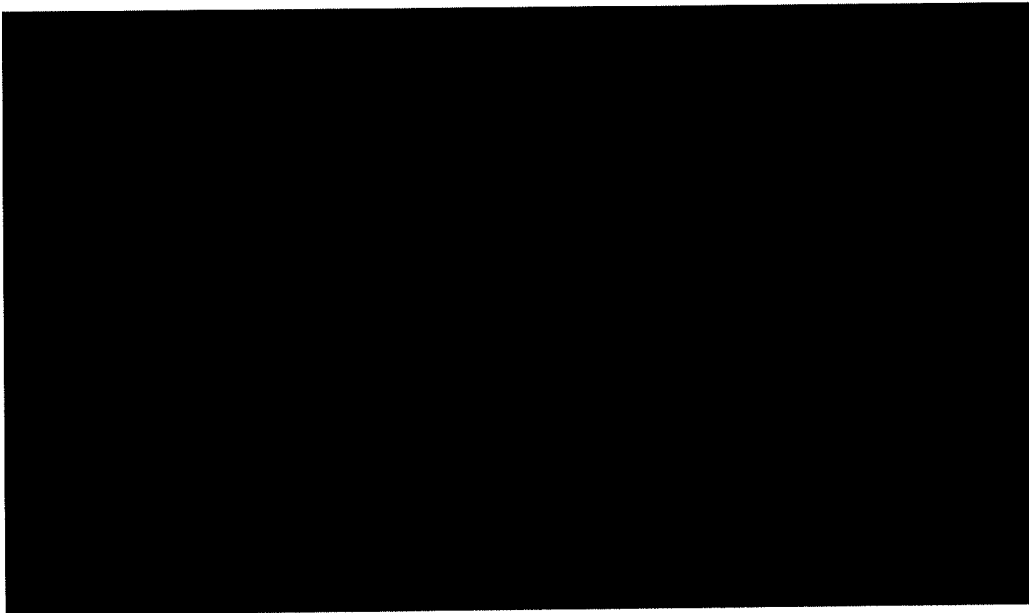
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H. Vicar for Priests Agenda: (7/27 – 11:00)

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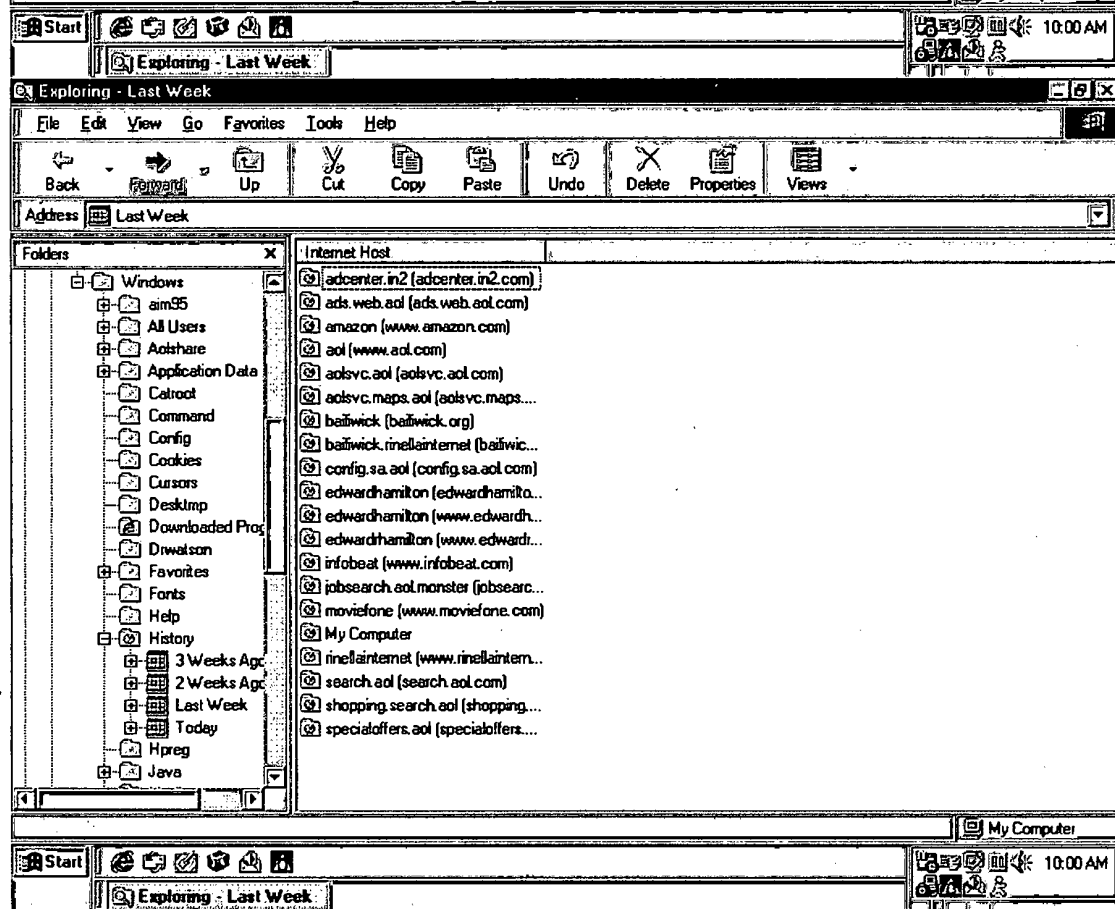
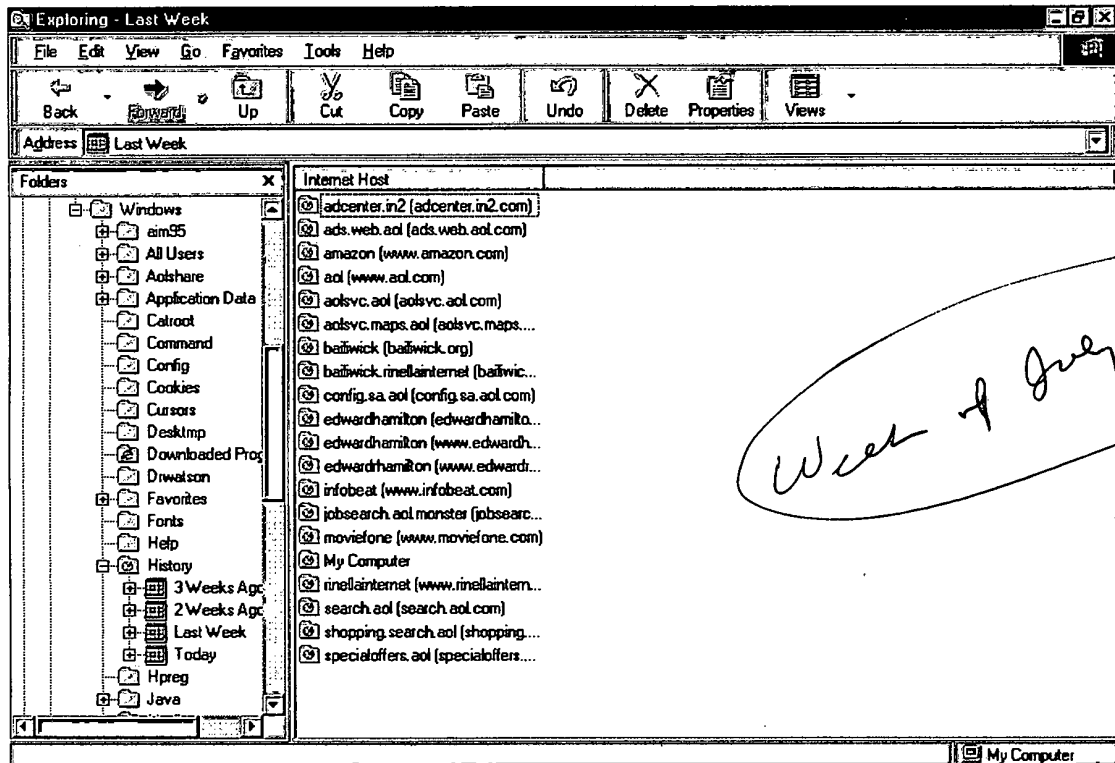
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July 16, 2001

Rev. Walter G. De Roeck  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father De Roeck,

Your check for July reflects an increase in salary based on the Salary Scale for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Professional Fitness Review salaries are calculated by using an Associate Pastor base salary and adding the years since ordination. Ten percent is deducted for expenses you incur as a PFR client. That total is then divided by 12 to produce the monthly wage figure.

If you have questions regarding the amount, please call me at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Enclosure:

Cc: Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

**AOC 012889**

July 18, 2001

Dear Larry,

First of all, I'm sorry we were not able to connect before you left on vacation. I was playing tour guide to two people who'd been at [redacted] when I was there - one, a Jesuit from Berkeley and the other a Marxist brother who'd accompanied me to Gettysburg last year for retreat.

I want to say by way of preface (I said it to you in person, but I want to reiterate it in writing) that I will always be grateful for what you've been able to do for me under difficult circumstances, and with the constraints placed upon you.

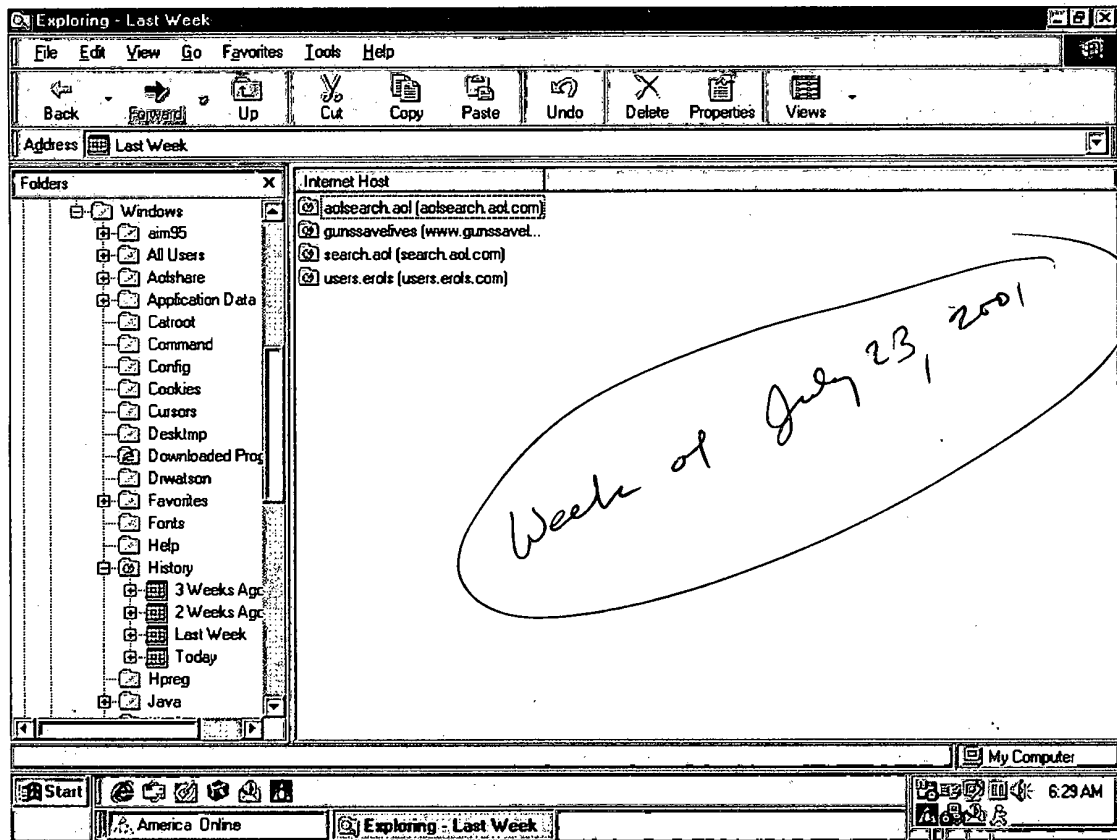
I do, however, want to say that the weeks prior to your leaving on vacation were not easy. [redacted]



Yes, I appreciate the fact that I have a roof over my head in Washington City. I also acknowledge the value of not having to participate in the Court settlement, but the excessive mileage (gas + wear-and-tear on my 130,000 miles on the vehicle has taken its toll. I finally had to "put it to sleep" and purchase another car. Yet another expense that might have been delayed had I not been confined by the Board to living at Strick enough already — I needed to vent and also share my feelings with you. I hope we can do so in person in the not too distant future.

My mother was grateful for your recent phone call, as was I. [redacted] comes to visit from July 21 - Aug 4. Perhaps the three of us can get together somewhere along the way.

Again, say, thanks for your efforts on my behalf. You deserve lots of God's good blessings. Truly



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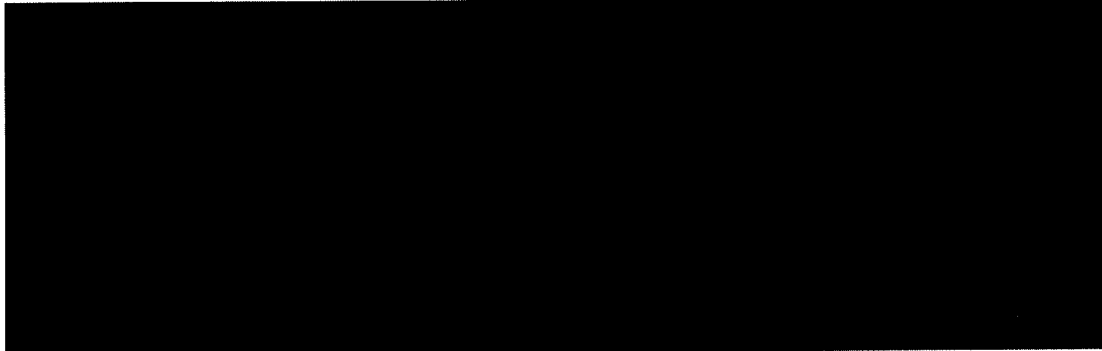
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Walter DeRoeck '71

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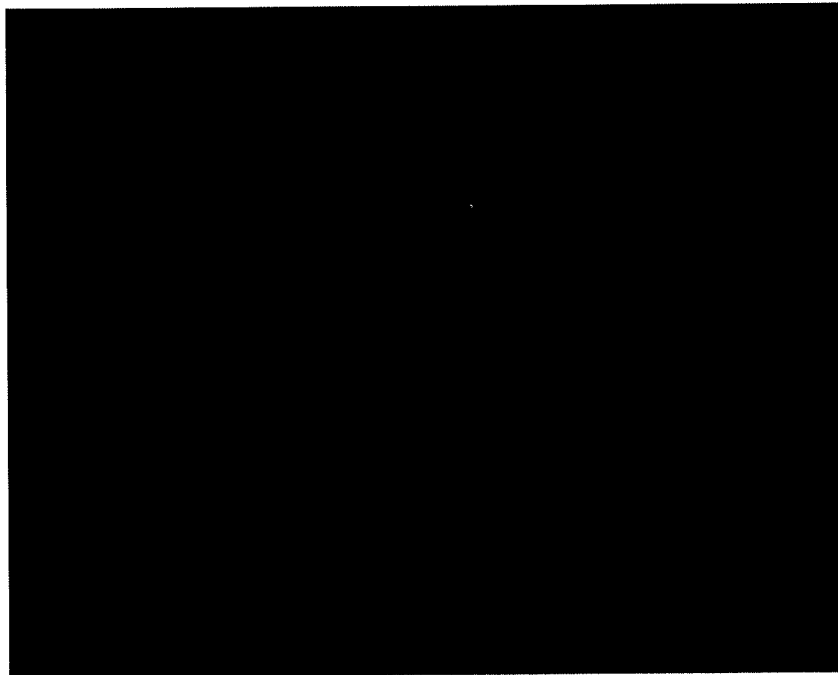
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c. Walter DeRoeck '71: Wally will definitely be leaving the priesthood. His decision is expected in early August.

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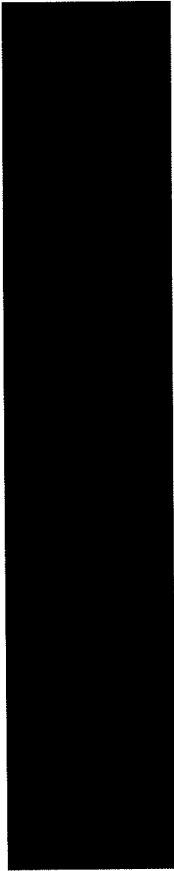
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FROM : St. Christina Church



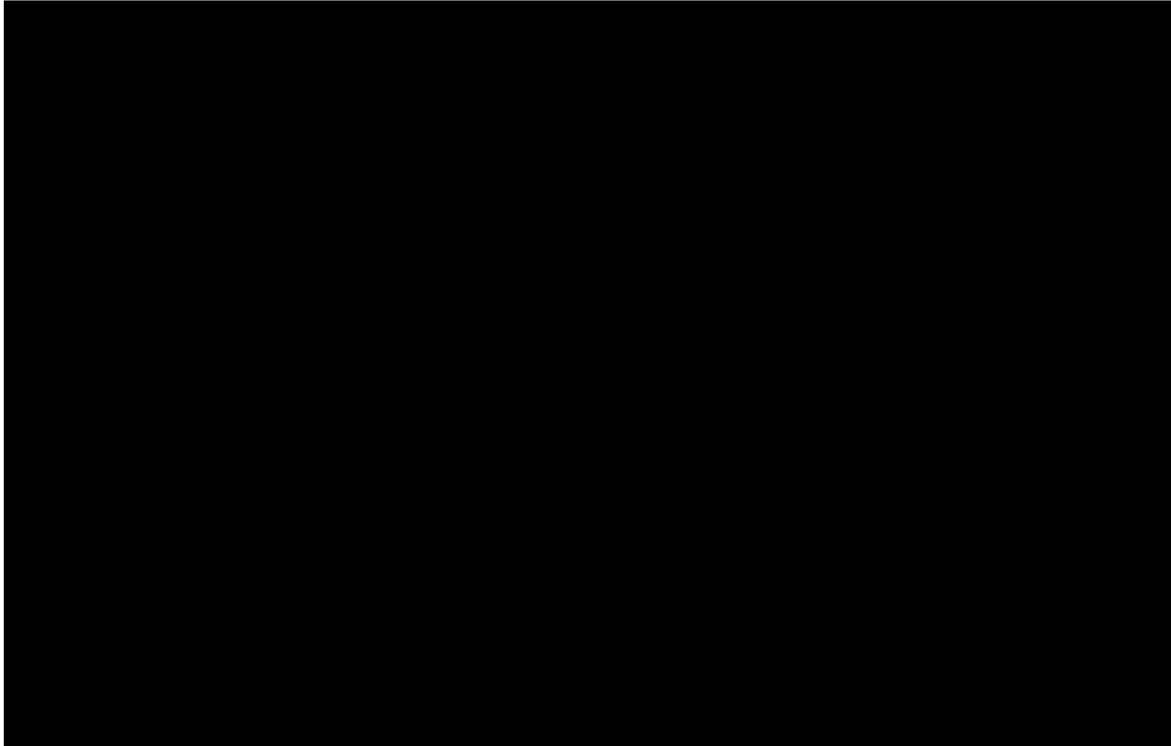
Wally DeRoeck



August 19, 2001

Rev. Lawrence McBrady  
Vicar for Priests Office  
645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 543  
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Larry,



Thanks again, Larry, for all you've put into this transition process and all the care you have shown these last couple of years. It has been difficult for you because of the levels of relationship we've had over the years. I am well aware of the stress it has brought into your life and I'm deeply sorry about that.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future .

  
Walter De Roeck

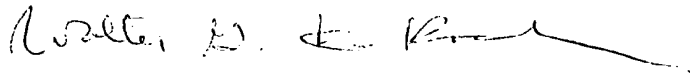
August 21, 2001

Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
155 East Superior  
Chicago Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Having completed the laicization process as per your urgings and having written Pope John Paul II as per your request, I hereby formally express my desire to resign from active ministry as a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter G. De Roeck", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Walter G. De Roeck

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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-62

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*

Re: **Rev. Walter De Roeck**

Date: August 27, 2001

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On August 25, 2001, Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests, notified PFRA that Cardinal George has given Rev. Walter De Roeck permission to move out of the Retreat House in Mundelein where he has resided for the past two years under monitored residential status.

Father De Roeck has resigned from the priesthood and will leave the Retreat House on Sunday, August 26, 2001. His last official call to PFR office will be August 27, 2001. Effective that day he will no longer be bound by monitoring restrictions of his Individual Specific Protocol.

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

AOC 012898





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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Rev. Patrick Lagges**

**FR: Rev. Lawrence P. McBrady**

**DT: August 27, 2001**

**RE: Walter De Roeck**

Enclosed is Wally's letter to the Cardinal seeking permission to resign from the priesthood. The Cardinal has reviewed this letter. In accordance with our policy, I ask that you draft the appropriate letter for the Cardinal's signature.

Pat, I realize you are very busy. Since this is a sensitive issue, it would be helpful for the Cardinal to send his response as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.

Wally's new address:





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August 28, 2001

Walter De Roeck



Dear Wally:

I hope your first few days in your new home are going well and that you are able to feel a sense of peace concerning your decision. Following up on our recent conversation at Mundelein, I wish to remind you that you will be covered on our car insurance through February 28, 2002. Also, you will be covered on our health insurance through August 31, 2003. Hopefully this will relieve some financial pressure and simplify your time of transition.

You will be receiving a letter from the Cardinal shortly. This letter will be the official acceptance of your resignation from the priesthood.

Please remember that you can call me to discuss any concerns you may have relative to issues pertaining to your separation.

You are in my prayers during these days and I look forward to seeing you on September 14, if not sooner.

Faternally,

Rev. Lawrence P. McBrady  
Vicar for Priests



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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Alex Becker

FR: Father Larry McBrady

DT: August 28, 2001

RE: Walter De Roeck

On Monday, August 27, the Cardinal gave Wally permission to officially resign from the priesthood. He is no longer a functioning priest. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I ask that you keep a record of this and call me if you need any clarification.

Please note: Wally is not eligible to receive the gift pension when he reaches age 70.

cc: Sr. Mary Ann Zrust, SLW



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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Matthew Kaminski  
FR: Father Larry McBrady  
DT: August 28, 2001  
RE: Walter De Roeck

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I ask that you keep a record of this and feel free to call me if you have any questions.

cc: Sr. Mary Ann Zrust, SLW



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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Rev. John Clemens, Priests' Placement Board ✓

FR: Rev. Larry McBrady *LMB*

DT: August 28, 2001

RE: Walter De Roeck

On Monday, August 27, the Cardinal gave Wally permission to resign from the priesthood. He is no longer an active priest. His name should be removed from the directory and all mailing lists.

If either of you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to call me.

cc: Sr. Mary Ann Zrust, SLW

*PAT LAGGES IS PREPARING THE CARDINAL'S LETTER.  
YOU WILL BE COPIED ON IT.*

**Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 08/31/2001**

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10. Walter De Roeck '71: Wally has officially left the active priesthood effective 08/27/01.

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Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

September 4, 2001

Walter G. DeRoek  
[REDACTED]

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear Wally:

I received your letter of August 21 in which you indicated your decision to resign from the active ministry. I appreciate the struggles that you have gone through over the past few years in coming to this decision. You have been in my prayers during this difficult time in your life. I hope that you have come to some sense of peace about the reasons why you could not minister publicly as a priest.

Although I accept your letter of resignation, I also want to express my gratitude to you for your service to the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago. You brought the sacramental presence of Christ to the faithful, helping them to celebrate the mystery of God among us. For that, I am deeply grateful.

Since the only true way of leaving the ordained priesthood is through the process of laicization, I was encouraged that you have also completed the process that leads to a dispensation from the obligations of the clerical state. I hope this allows you to come to some sense of closure about your priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I also realize you may also have questions about what you may or may not do as a priest who has resigned from active ministry. For that reason, I have asked Father Pat Lagges to write to you about this matter.

Again, I am grateful for all your ministry to the Archdiocese of Chicago in the past. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

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

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Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, J.C.D., Vicar  
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e-mail: [plaggess@archdiocese-chgo.org](mailto:plaggess@archdiocese-chgo.org)



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12 September, 2001

Walter DeRoeck



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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Dear Wally:

Cardinal George has asked me to write to you about the practical implications of your decision to resign from the active ministry. I know from talking with you in the laicization process that this has been a difficult decision for you. I hope that this decision has brought you to a sense of peace, and that the Lord's own peace, which always goes beyond our understanding, will fill your life in the years to come.

With regard to what it means in practical terms to resign from active ministry, it means that you are no longer authorized to exercise public ministry in the name of the Church, or to present yourself as a priest or a representative of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I know that you have been very faithful to these restrictions which were placed on your ministry in the past. So in practical terms, this doesn't mean anything more than what you already agreed to. It also means that you are no longer authorized by the State of Illinois to witness marriages. However, you may still administer the sacrament of Penance to someone who is in danger of death.

Although your ministry as a priest is restricted, you can most certainly participate in the life of the Church in the same way that any baptized person can. It is probably even more important in this time that you feel a strong sense of God's presence in your life, and feel the support of God's people.

If there's any way that I can be of help to you, Wally, please feel free to call me. I will keep you informed about the progress of your laicization case in Rome and will notify you as soon as I hear anything.

Faternally,

(Rev.) Patrick R. Lagges  
Vicar for Canonical Services



November 9, 2001

Dear Larry,

Some odds and ends I hope you can clarify for me and clean up unfinished business.

[REDACTED]

Secondly, I am in possession of documents re death benefits, the first (effective October 1, 1975) said my beneficiary would receive \$2000; In July 1993 I received a letter from PRMAA indicating that that figure had risen to \$5000. Will that still be in effect when the day of my death occurs? I am trying to put much paperwork in order for my brother, so it would be helpful to know if this is part of the equation. Here's hoping it is!

BLL  
ALEX

[REDACTED]

So far, the job hunt has not been very successful; I guess I did not pick the best time to exit, the economic situation being as precarious as it is. Prayer and encouraging words and leads are all welcome at this point; bills need paying and insurance needs to be procured when diocesan coverage comes to an end. Keep in touch.

Thanks for all your help thusfar.

Wally



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December 17, 2001

Walter De Roeck



Dear Wally:

Hope your employment situation has worked out. I also hope you and [REDACTED] and the family will have a good Christmas.



Hope this will be a good Christmas for you. I look forward to our next meeting [REDACTED] in March.

Faternally,



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February 4, 2002

Walter DeRoeck



Dear Walter,

This letter is to inform you that the auto insurance coverage provided for you by the archdiocese will expire as of February 28, 2002. Hopefully, this notice will provide sufficient time for you to make arrangements for other coverage.

God's blessing be with you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Zrust, SLW  
Administrative Assistant

**Burns, Linda**

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**From:** Clemens, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2002 11:15 AM  
**To:** Burns, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Recent Laicizations

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

**From:** Lagges, Patrick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2002 2:55 PM  
**To:** Clemens, John; Goedert, Raymond; Kaczorowski, James; Lago, Jimmy; McBrady, Lawrence  
**Subject:** Recent Laicizations

We received three decrees of laicization recently for the following priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago:

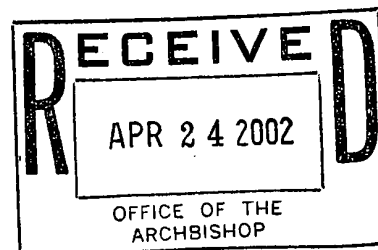
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✓Walter DeRoeck  
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I am writing to inform you that they have accepted these decrees and the churches of baptism have been notified. Please make a note of this in your files. The original copies have been filed in the priest's personnel files on the 4th floor.

Thank you.  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges  
Vicar for Canonical Services

[REDACTED]

April 19, 2002



Francis Cardinal George  
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Chicago  
155 East Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Dear Cardinal George:

Our office represents [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Illinois and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Illinois. Between 1982 and 1985, when [REDACTED] were between 14 and 17 years of age, each was sexually molested by Father Walter DeRoeck of the Catholic Diocese of Chicago. The abuse took place at various places including in the rectory of St. John Birchman's Parish in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago, in a vacation home partially owned by Father DeRoeck in Michigan City, Indiana, and on trips Father DeRoeck took with these individuals to both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would like to meet with you and your counsel personally so that they can provide you with the details of the abuse. I would suggest that our meeting take place in our offices in Chicago.

Our firm has been involved in clerical abuse cases across the country for more than 10 years. We have met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and their story of abuse is a shocking one, even in the context of other matters our firm has handled. Moreover, it is the concern of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that there may be other victims of Father DeRoeck who are in need of treatment and assistance. These gentlemen are equally concerned that Father DeRoeck may still have access to children.

[REDACTED]

Francis Cardinal George

April 19, 2002

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We hope that this matter is addressed by the Diocese with the urgency it requires. I look forward to hearing from your counsel at his or her earliest convenience. My office number is [REDACTED]. My cell phone number is [REDACTED].

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

cc:

[REDACTED]

*Called 5-15-02 will confirm appt.*

*Called 5-22-02 left message*

*Called 5-28-02 Will participate in Rev. Rorum*

*Called 6-14-02 Will set appt.*

[REDACTED]

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May 14, 2002

Chancellor Jimmy Lago  
Chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Chicago  
155 East Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Dear Chancellor Lago:

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of April 19, 2002 directed to Cardinal George. The letter concerns our representation of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both of whom were sexually molested by Father Walter DeRoeck of the Catholic Diocese of Chicago. We have received no response to my letter of April 19, a fact which concerns us for several reasons. We will look forward to your prompt response.

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]

Enclosure  
[REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]

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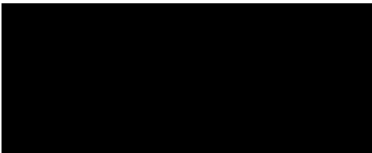
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May 22, 2002

## VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL



Re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] /Father Walter DeRoeck

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am acknowledging your letter of April 19, 2002 to Francis Cardinal George and your letter of May 14, 2002 to Jimmy Lago. I am passing these letters on to Ms. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she has spoken to you about this matter. I also want to make sure that you are aware of the Archdiocese's Office of Assistance Ministry, which provides assistance at the Archdiocese's expense for people who have been injured as a result of sexual misconduct by a priest. Please feel free to contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8293), who is in charge of that office, to arrange such assistance. Your letters to Cardinal George and Jimmy Lago have been referred to me because I represent the Archdiocese in situations where someone is pursuing a claim regarding sexual misconduct with a minor by a priest. Please direct any correspondence regarding such a claim to me.

If you have any questions about any of this, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

James A. Serritella

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cc: Kathleen Leggdas  
Ralph Bonaccorsi

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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum and an attached Statement of Allegation, prepared by Ralph Bonaccorsi, of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, summarizing Victim IU's statement, given to Mr. Bonaccorsi and Mrs. Mayra Flores on August 2, 2002, formalizing Victim IU's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Walter DeRoeck. According to Victim IU, the abuse occurred between 1984 and 1986 when Victim IU was 16-18 years old. The abuse consisted of mutual masturbation and oral sex accompanying drugs and alcohol and occurred more than twenty times at St. John Berchman parish and on out-of-state trips with Fr. DeRoeck.

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Ralph Bonaccorsi, of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, summarizing Victim IV's statement, given to Mr. Bonaccorsi and Mrs. Mayra Flores on August 12, 2002, formalizing Victim IV's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Walter DeRoeck. According to Victim IV, the abuse occurred between 1984 and 1986 when Victim IV was in high school. The abuse consisted of sexual conversations and Fr. DeRoeck having Victim IV and others shave and urinate on him (Fr. DeRoeck). These events were accompanied by drugs and alcohol and occurred more than twenty times at St. John Berchman parish and on out-of-state trips with Fr. DeRoeck.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-62

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator (W)

Re: Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigend) Response to Allegations made by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Date: September 13, 2002

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Date of Interview: September 9, 2002

Time: 1:00pm

### Present at Interview (via phone)

Walter DeRoek, [WDR]

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]

Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests [VP]

### Phone Interview

VP and PFRA contacted WDR via phone at the scheduled time in order to present allegations of sexual misconduct that were made by two separate alleged victims, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. PFRA described the responsibilities of the Office of Professional Fitness Review as well as those of PFRA to WDR.

In regards to specific allegations made by [REDACTED] WDR stated that [REDACTED] did call him "Wally." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WDR stated that [REDACTED] did use drugs and alcohol with other minors in his [WDR's] presence, however WDR denies providing the mentioned substances to the youth. As per WDR, he did not [REDACTED]

WDR confirmed that he brought [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] with him. [REDACTED]

WDR also confirmed that he went on a [REDACTED] trip with [REDACTED], but that the only members of the party were WDR, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] [an individual whom WDR identified as "one of the young men who came forward three years ago"]. [REDACTED]

PFRA asked WDR if there were drugs and alcohol used on the mentioned trip. WDR stated that he remembers "beers" but that no drugs were used.

PFRA then asked WDR specific questions regarding both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s allegations of sexual misconduct. WDR denied that he showed any minors his nipple and/or penis piercings or tattoos. WDR confirmed that he did go to [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] [on two separate occasions] and with [REDACTED] [on one occasion he joined [REDACTED] and WDR]. WDR does not recall if [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were minors at the time. While in [REDACTED], WDR denied [REDACTED] as alleged by [REDACTED]. WDR estimated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were invited to his [WDR's] home in Michigan City, Indiana approximately 10-15 times. During these visits, WDR confirmed that the minors used alcohol and drugs, but that he did not supply nor use the drugs with them. WDR then stated that he might have had one beer with the minors, but "nothing heavy."

WDR does not recall masturbating with any minors. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WDR confirmed that he did share sexual fantasies with the minors, but could not recall what specifically was shared. [REDACTED]

PFRA asked WDR if any incidents of misconduct occurred at St. John Berchman's. WDR recalls minors using drugs and alcohol in the rectory approximately five times, but that he did not provide nor use the drugs with them. WDR confirmed that he and [REDACTED] engaged in oral sex, but that there was no masturbation. [REDACTED]

WDR asked what was the purpose of the presentation of the allegations. VP explained the Review Board process to WDR. VP also informed WDR that the State's Attorney's office had been notified of the allegations, as is true of every allegation that is presented to the Archdiocese.

Throughout the entire interview, WDR was extremely open and candid with his responses. WDR was cooperative and straightforward when responding to the allegations and questions posed by both PFRA and VP.

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

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## Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, October 5, 2002

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]

#### I. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2002

#### II. Case Reviews

##### First Stage Reviews

A.

[REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned) – PFR-62

- The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: [REDACTED] alleges supply of drugs – alcohol, masturbation, [REDACTED] mutual oral sex.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 unanimous; Review Board wants to ensure that proper authorities have been notified; Review Board strongly recommends that [REDACTED]

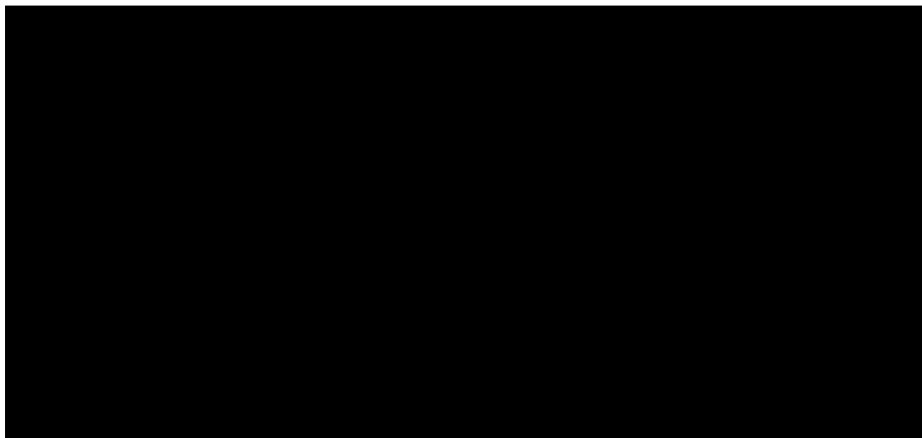
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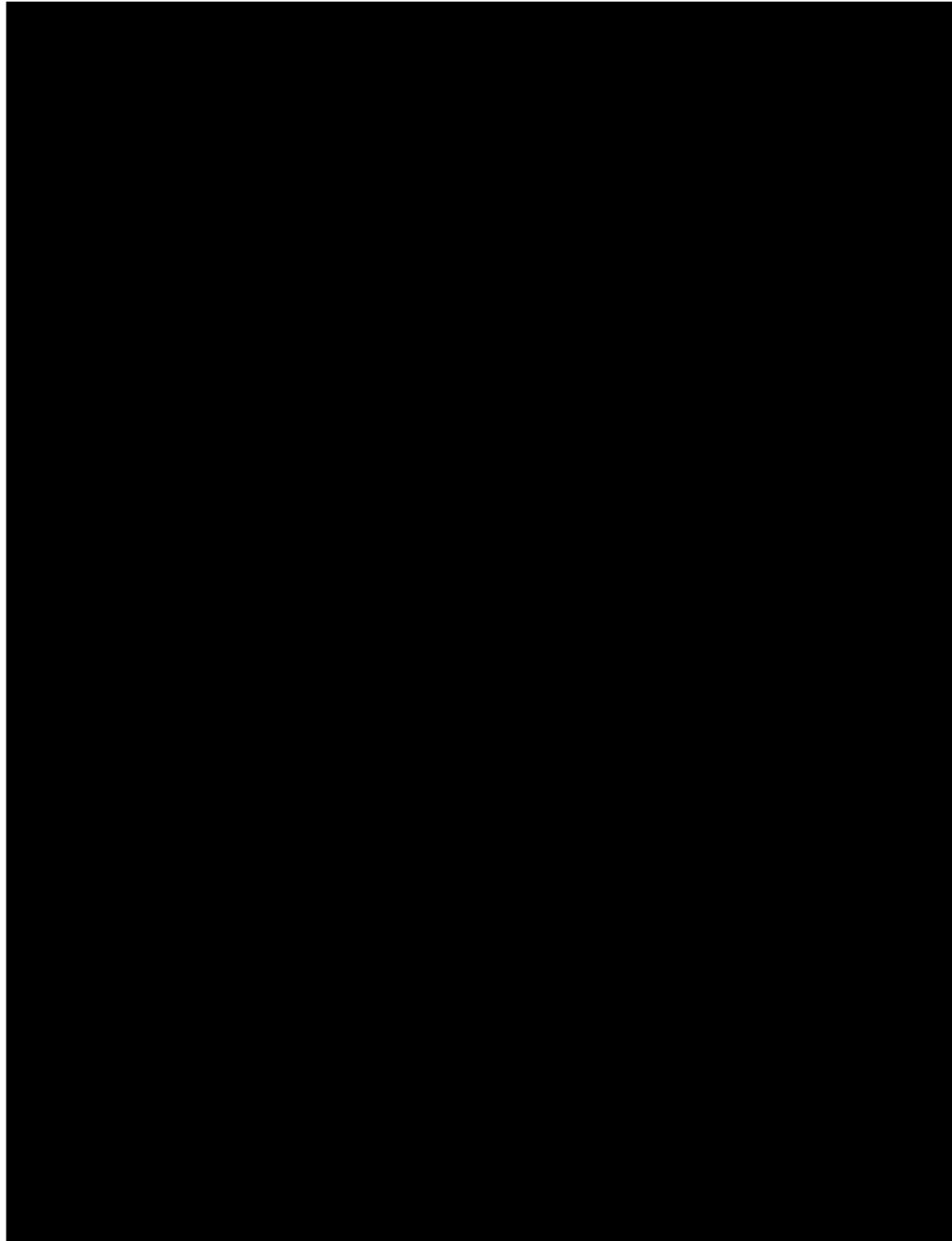
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Second Stage Reviews

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

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



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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, October 5, 2002  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2002

II. Case Reviews  
First Stage Reviews

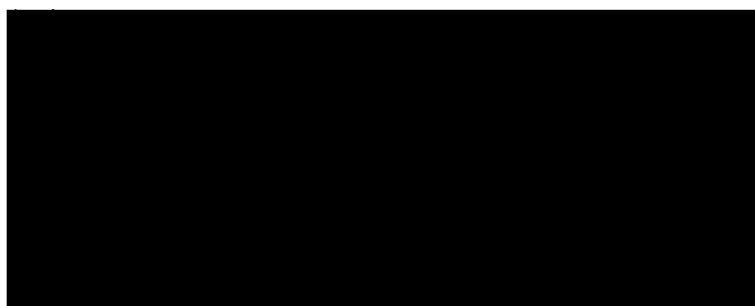
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B. In the Matter of Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned) – PFR-62

- Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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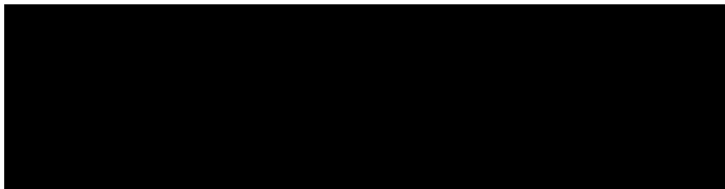


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Second Stage Reviews

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Saturday, October 19, 2002

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 10-5-02 to conduct a  
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) ☒ First Stage Review ☐ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report

regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Rev. Walter G. DeRoock (resigned)  
(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 AOC  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

☐ a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: alleges supply of drugs - alcohol,  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)  
masturbation, [redacted] mutual oral sex

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: 6-0 unanimous; RB wants to  
ensure that proper authorities have been  
notified; <sup>RB</sup> strongly recommends that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

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(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) ☒ First Stage Review ☐ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report

regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Rev. Walter G. DeRoek (resigned)  
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which claims as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

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

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☒ 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: 6-0 unanimous; RB wants to

ensure that proper authorities have been  
notified; RB strongly recommends that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Memorandum

To: File -PFR-62

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, <sup>WP</sup>Administrative Assistant

Re: **Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned)**

Date: October 17, 2002

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on October 5, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]  
The claim is as follows: [REDACTED] alleges supply of drugs – alcohol, masturbation, [REDACTED]  
mutual oral sex.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 unanimous; Review Board wants to ensure that proper authorities have been notified; Review Board strongly recommends that [REDACTED]

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## Memorandum

To: File -PFR-62

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant <sup>WR</sup>

Re: **Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned)**

Date: October 17, 2002

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on October 5, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 unanimous; Review Board wants to ensure that proper authorities have been notified; Review Board strongly recommends that [REDACTED].

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October 18, 2002

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on October 5, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned) in the allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. A First Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor(s).

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board unanimously (6-0) recommends the following: to ensure that the proper authorities have been notified; [REDACTED]

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Pat Lagges, Judicial Vicar  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
John O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

A:/George Notification Letter

*I accept this finding*  
*Friday*  
*Oct. 23, 2002*

AOC 012928

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Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

November 7, 2002

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

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of October 18, 2002, regarding the matter of **Walter DeRoeck**, who is no longer a cleric, and the allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on October 5, 2002.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter DeRoeck engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor while he was a priest of the Archdiocese. Since Mr. DeRoeck is no longer a cleric and does not reside in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have no further jurisdiction over him.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
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Ms. Laura Neri, Office of Professional Fitness Review

AOC 012929

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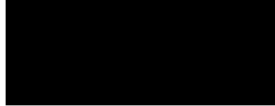
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November 12, 2002



Dear [REDACTED],

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a First Stage Review on October 5, 2002 pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, Cardinal George accepts the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter DeRoeck engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor while he was a priest of the Archdiocese. Since Mr. DeRoeck is no longer a cleric and does not reside in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have no further jurisdiction over him.

If at any time you would like to submit additional information regarding this matter to this office, please contact me. Also, please know that our Assistance Ministry Office continues to be available to you. You can reach them at (312) 751-8267 or by e-mail at [assistmin@archdiocese-chgo.org](mailto:assistmin@archdiocese-chgo.org)

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister

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November 12, 2002

Walter G. DeRoeck  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. DeRoeck,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a First Stage Review on October 5, 2002 pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, Cardinal George accepts the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, [REDACTED], while you were a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

If at any time you would like to submit additional information regarding this matter to this office, please contact me. Also, please know Rev. Thomas Tivy continues to be available to you. You can reach him at (312) 642-1837.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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A:/Accused Notification Letter

AOC 012931

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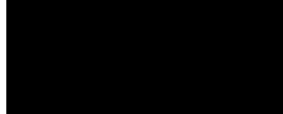
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November 12, 2002



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Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister

AOC 012932

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November 12, 2002

Walter G. DeRoeck  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. DeRoeck,

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Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests  
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A:/Accused Notification Letter

AOC 012933

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## Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, December 21, 2002

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Michael C. Just, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

#### **I. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2002**

#### **II. Case Reviews**

A.

B.

[REDACTED]

C.



D. In the Matter of Walter G. DeRoeck [WD] (Resigned) – PFR-62

- The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: WD provided minor [REDACTED] with alcohol and drugs; WD showed minor [REDACTED] his nipple and penis piercings; WD engaged in [REDACTED] sexual conversation with minor [REDACTED].

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that [REDACTED] (Resigned) engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends in a unanimous 6-0 decision to reaffirm First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect.

- The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: WD provided minor [REDACTED] with alcohol, drugs; WD masturbated in front of minor, [REDACTED] and engaged in mutual oral sex with minor [REDACTED]. In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends in a unanimous 6-0 decision to reaffirm First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect.

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**Next scheduled meeting is January 11, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, December 21, 2002 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

## REVISION

### I. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2002

### II. Case Reviews

#### Second Stage Reviews

A. [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned) – PFR-62

- Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Saturday, January 11, 2003**

***PLEASE NOTE: There is a possibility of two Board Meetings in February.***



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## MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-62

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned)**

Date: December 21, 2002

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on December 21, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: WD provided minor [REDACTED] with alcohol, drugs; WD masturbated in front of minor, [REDACTED] and engaged in mutual oral sex with minor [REDACTED]. In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends in a unanimous 6-0 decision to reaffirm First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect.

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

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(enter date: month/day/year)  
(check one:) ☐ First Stage Review ☒ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report  
regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Walter DeRoock  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

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(enter name of [Arch]diocese)  
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(enter name of religious community)  
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(enter name of diocese or religious community)  
☐ a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: WD provided minor with alcohol, drugs;  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

WD masturbated in front of minor.

\_\_\_\_\_ & engaged in mutual oral sex w/ minor

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: reaffirm reasonable cause to  
suspect, unanimous 6-0.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-62  
From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant *LNP*  
Re: **Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned)**  
Date: December 21, 2002

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on December 21, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a Second State Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: WD provided minor [REDACTED] with alcohol and drugs; WD showed minor [REDACTED] his nipple and penis piercings; WD engaged in [REDACTED] sexual conversation with minor [REDACTED].

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned) engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends in a unanimous 6-0 decision to reaffirm First Stage Review Recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect.

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(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: WD provided minors with alcohol + drugs;  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

WD showed minors his nipple + penis piercings;

WD engaged in \_\_\_\_\_ sexual conversation  
w/minor

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

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~~error~~ The Board further recommends: in a unanimous 6-0 decision  
that to reaffirm reasonable cause to suspect.

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January 6, 2003

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on December 21, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Walter DeRoeck [Resigned] in the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A Second Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board recommends that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter DeRoeck [Resigned] engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

In the Second Stage Review the Board reaffirms by a unanimous 6-0 vote to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation, and has recommended that Walter DeRoeck's withdrawal from ministry continue.

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

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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January 6, 2003

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


Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on December 21, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Walter DeRoeck [Resigned] in the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A Second Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board recommends that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter DeRoeck [Resigned] engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

In the Second Stage Review the Board reaffirms by a unanimous 6-0 vote to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation, and has recommended that Walter DeRoeck's withdrawal from ministry continue.

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

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
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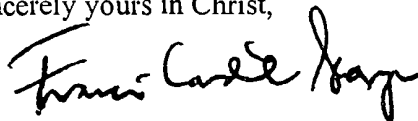
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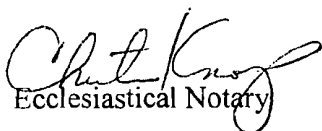
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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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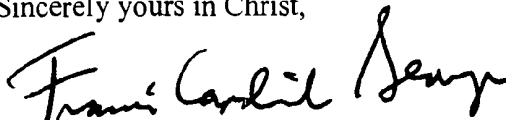
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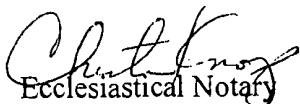
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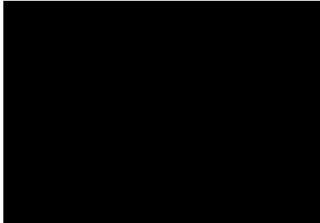
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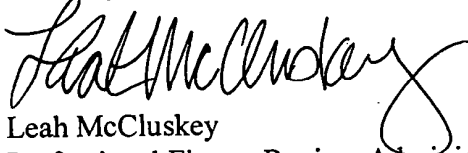
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5206.

Sincerely,

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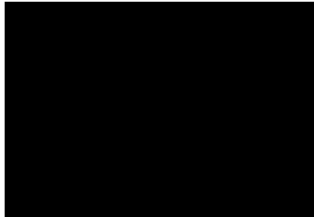
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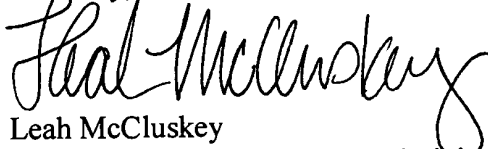
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FR: Jim Kaczorowski

DT: April 7, 2003

RE: Walter De Roeck

In a memo dated August 28, 2001 reference is made to the fact that Walter De Roeck is not eligible to receive a gift pension upon retiring at the age of 70. This fact is under review by a committee that is examining the situations of priests who have been accused.

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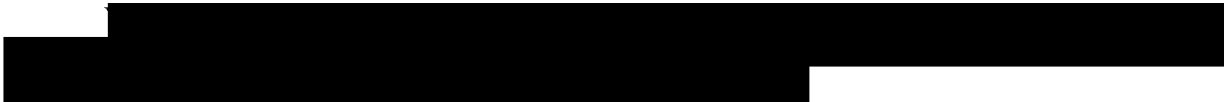
**VIA MESSENGER**



Re: [REDACTED] Walter DeRoeck

Dear [REDACTED]:

Enclosed for you and your client are two fully executed original Settlement Agreements in the above matter. Also enclosed is the settlement check for [REDACTED] made payable to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as attorneys for [REDACTED].




Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

*Patricia B. Carlson*

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August 29, 2003

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bcc: Rev. James Kaczorowski (w/encl)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT- CHANCERY DIVISION

Mother Doe 100, individually and as  
representative of the minor John Doe 100,  
on behalf of themselves and all others  
similarly situated.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Plaintiffs,

vs.

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The Archdiocese of Chicago d/b/a The Catholic  
Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole,

Defendant.

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES the Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through their attorneys, JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES and KERNS, PITROF, FROST & PEARLMAN, to obtain declaratory and injunctive relief against Defendant, states as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This Complaint seeks declaratory judgment and injunctive relief against the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Archdiocese of Chicago has established a policy of harboring and protecting suspected child molesting agents, thereby endangering numerous children in Illinois. The Archdiocese has information about a number of suspected child molesting agents that it has never disclosed to law enforcement or the public at large, thereby causing children such as John Doe 100 to be harmed. Further, on information and belief, the Archdiocese has a policy and



practice of document destruction. This declaratory relief and injunction action seeks to have the Archdiocese produce all documents regarding the molestation of children by its agents for court supervision, to release the names of all agents accused of molesting children to the court and to the public, and to enjoin the Archdiocese from destroying any documents regarding suspected childhood sexual abuse by its agents.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action because it seeks to redress violations of the plaintiffs' rights and to protect children in Illinois that are in imminent danger. Venue is proper because the Archdiocese resides in Cook County and the majority of the allegations herein involve occurrences in Cook County.

### **PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff John Doe 100 is a minor. Mother Doe 100 is John Doe 100's mother and legal guardian. At all times material, Plaintiff John Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois. At all times material, Mother Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois.

4. The identities of all Doe Plaintiffs are made known to Defendants through separate cover letter.

5. Plaintiff [REDACTED] is a thirty five year old Chicago resident. [REDACTED] was sexually molested as a child by [REDACTED] a religious order priest who was serving at a parish within the Archdiocese at the time of the abuse.

6. At all times material, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole (hereinafter "Archdiocese of Chicago") was and is an Illinois corporation. Defendant has approximately eight hundred fifty four Diocesan priests serving in two counties in the State of

Illinois. At all times material to the complaint, Defendant Archdiocese was conducting business in the State of Illinois.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

7. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-801, as the representatives of the class of persons who have been molested as children by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago and on behalf of those children who have not yet been abused, but who are in imminent danger of abuse because the Archdiocese has not released the names and files of agents that have been accused of molesting children or accused of inappropriate sexual behavior with children to either the public or to the court.

8. The Plaintiff class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. In its own self report, the Archdiocese asserted that there were 142 cases where they had reason to suspect that an agent had sexually molested a child. These numbers only include information that was reported to the Archdiocese. The underlying data for the results was not disclosed to the public.

9. There are questions of fact or law common to the class, which predominate over questions affecting only individual members. The common questions of law or fact include, but are not limited to: whether the Archdiocese of Chicago has failed to protect children by not releasing the names of its agents who have been accused of molesting children to the public and law enforcement and whether the Archdiocese has or is destructing documents in order to cover up or conceal crimes against children by clergy serving in and/or employed by the Archdiocese.

10. The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. The interests of the plaintiffs are the same as those of all class members because they have all been

sexually abused by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago or are in danger of being molested by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago because the Archdiocese's information is not public. All have an interest in preventing the sexual abuse of any further children by agents of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

11. A class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy alleged in this complaint. The expense and burden of individual litigation would make it difficult or impossible for individual members of the class to redress the wrongs done to them. The cost to the court system of adjudication of such individualized litigation would be substantial. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and would magnify the delay and expense to all parties and the court system. By contrast, the conduct of this action as a class action presents far fewer management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and court system, and protects the rights of each class member. In addition, the prosecution of separate actions by the individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual class members which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the defendant.

#### ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

12. [REDACTED] (hereinafter "[REDACTED]") was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in approximately 1994.

13. At all times material, [REDACTED] was employed by the Archdiocese.

[REDACTED] was an ordained Roman Catholic Priest educated, trained and ordained by, and under the direct supervision, employ, agency and control of the Archdiocese. Among [REDACTED] duties in his employment was to provide pastoral care and counseling for

members of his denomination.

14. In approximately the winter of 2000, a nun at Holy Family Church in Chicago reported to the Archdiocese of Chicago that [REDACTED] asked a fourth-grade boy to pull down his pants in the sacristy at Holy Family.

15. The nun reported this numerous times to the Archdiocese.

16. On information and belief, on one occasion when the nun reported it to the Archdiocese, an official told her that "if the parents aren't pushing it, let it go."

17. After these reports, the nun made a final report to the Archdiocese, this one a written report of [REDACTED] behavior.

18. On information and belief, in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report [REDACTED] to law enforcement, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes [REDACTED] worked at in the past about the report, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes where [REDACTED] worked after these reports, and did not tell any other children or parents about the report.

19. On information and belief, after the nun reported the abuse to the Archdiocese, the Archdiocese transferred [REDACTED] to another parish, St. Agatha's in Chicago.

20. On information and belief, despite the report, the Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to teach at an Archdiocesan school and coach a boys basketball team.

21. In response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops passed the Dallas Charter.

22. On information and belief the Bishops passed the Dallas Charter in 2002. The Charter was only enforced, if at all, from within. There was no meaningful external non church

oversight over its enforcement.

23. Cardinal Francis George represented to the public that the Charter was a "zero tolerance" policy that committed them to removal of priests in childhood sexual abuse cases. He also represented to the public that a priest with even one act of sexual misconduct with a child should not be allowed in public ministry in order to protect children.

24. In January of 2003, the Archdiocese released a "Ten Year Report" that purported to give information about the Archdiocese's efforts to stop childhood sexual abuse by clerics in the previous ten years.

25. On information and belief, the Ten Year Report purports to give the current status of priests that were accused of molesting a child anytime from 1993 to 2003. The report indicates that no priest accused of abuse during that time period is in any form of ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

26. The Ten Year Report also states that officials of the Archdiocese have reported all allegations, including those not deemed credible, to the appropriate public authorities.

27. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the Ten Year Report.

28. Also in response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops agreed to participate in a self report survey conducted by the John Jay College.

29. As part of the John Jay survey, each Diocese submitted the number of priests that had allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor within the particular Diocese.

30. On information and belief there was no oversight over the information that was

given to the John Jay College. It was completely up to the particular Diocese to respond honestly.

31. The John Jay College defined "allegation," as all recorded notifications of clerical sexual misconduct with minors, whether or not they resulted in any investigation or whether there was reasonable cause to suspect abuse had occurred.

32. In 2004, the Archdiocese reported that it had reason to believe that 55 priests had sexual misconduct with a minor.

33. In 2004, Cardinal George and the Archdiocese represented to the public that there were no priests that were accused of childhood sexual abuse that were in public ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

34. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the 2004 John Jay numbers.

35. On information and belief in August of 2005, the Archdiocese learned that law enforcement was investigating [REDACTED] for childhood sexual abuse.

36. On information and belief, in August of 2005, the Archdiocese did not inform the law enforcement that a nun had reported that [REDACTED] had acted in a sexually inappropriate manner with a child in 2000.

37. On information and belief, just as it did in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report or warn any of the parishioners, the public, or the parents at St. Agatha parish that law enforcement was investigating [REDACTED] for childhood sexual abuse.

38. On information and belief, the Archdiocese elevated [REDACTED] to a position of authority in the Archdiocese on September 1, 2005. It appointed him as Dean of a Deanery of

the Archdiocese. This is an honored, respected, and supervisory position within the Archdiocese. This meant that [REDACTED] was still at St. Agathas, but also had some supervisory authority over roughly 20 parishes in the Archdiocese.

39. The Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to remain at St. Agathas and in the position of Dean until at least January of 2006, more four months after the Archdiocese received at least its second report of sexual misconduct against a minor by [REDACTED]

40. In January of 2006, Chicago law enforcement arrested [REDACTED] and charged him with sexually molesting two boys on multiple occasions.

41. On information and belief, the nun who reported the abuse to the Archdiocese in 2000 was contacted by the Archdiocese the day before [REDACTED] was arrested. The Archdiocese indicated to the nun that it did not have the nun's letter.

42. On information and belief, the Archdiocese also stated publicly that it has no written record of the nun's reports or the actual letter.

43. On information and belief, the Archdioceses and Dioceses across the United States, including the Archdiocese of Chicago, have been instructed to destroy documentation of sexual misconduct by priests and/or to send any of this material to the Holy See in order to claim it is immune from public discovery or disclosure.

44. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has not released the names of the 55 priests that it deemed as having reason to suspect committed sexual misconduct with children.

45. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has also not released the names of any of the other clerics, like [REDACTED] who were accused of sexual misconduct and are still in parishes, but not included in the Ten Year Report or the John Jay Survey.

46. Although the Archdiocese had not released the names of offenders, some names of Archdiocesan clerics accused of sexual misconduct have been released during the course of litigation. These names were released in 2005:

- 1) Richard "Doc" Bartz
- 2) Robert Becker
- 3) R. Peter Bowman
- 4) Daniel Buck
- 5) Eugene Burns
- 6) John Callicott
- 7) William Cloutier
- 8) Robert D. Craig
- 9) John Curran
- 10) Walter DeRoeck
- 11) Jeremiah Duggan
- 12) Richard Fassbinder
- 13) Joseph Fitzharris
- 14) Robert Frieze
- 15) James Hagan
- 16) Daniel Mark Holihan
- 17) Walter Huppenbauer
- 18) Thomas Job
- 19) Robert Kealy



- 20) John Keehan
- 21) Thomas Kelly
- 22) John "Jack" Keough
- 23) Joseph Kissane
- 24) Leonard Kmak
- 25) William Lupo
- 26) Norbert Maday
- 27) Robert Mayer
- 28) Vincent McCaffrey
- 29) Donald Mulsoff
- 30) Thomas O'Gorman
- 31) James Ray
- 32) John Robinson
- 33) Kenneth Ruge
- 34) Raymond Skriba
- 35) Marion Snieg
- 36) Victor Stewart
- 37) Ralph Strand
- 38) Thomas Swade
- 39) Anthony Vader

47. Names that have not previously been released but who, on information and belief, have been accused of sexual misconduct with a minor:

1) James Flosi

48. There are also a number of religious order priests who worked in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese had control and/or supervision over these clerics while they were working in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese knows about these clerics' misconduct. On information and belief, those religious order clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct are:

- 1) Robert Berlet (Christian Brothers)
- 2) Robert Brouillette (Christian Brothers)
- 3) Vincent Bryce (Dominicans)
- 4) George Dyer (Dominicans)
- 5) Terrence Fitzmaurice (Benedictines)
- 6) John Huels (Servite)
- 7) Augustine Jones (Benedictines)
- 8) Donald McGuire (Jesuits)
- 9) John Murphy (Augustinians)
- 10) Robert Murphy (Camelites)
- 11) Michael O'Connor (Augustinians)
- 12) Jean Baptiste (J.B.) Ormechea (Passionists)
- 13) Eusebio Pantoja (Claretians)
- 14) Thomas Paramo (Claretians)
- 15) Carlos Peralta (Salesians)
- 16) John Powell (Jesuits)

17) Andrew Ronan (Servites)

18) Wilton Skiffington (Jesuits)

19) Patrick Strong (Augustinians)

49. [REDACTED] sexually molested John Doe 100 at some point between approximately 2000 and 2005, when John Doe 100 was a minor child.

50. Neither John Doe 100 nor Mother Doe 100 knew that the Archdiocese had received reports about [REDACTED] sexual abuse of children.

**COUNT I**  
**(Injunction - Release of Names)**

51. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count I.

52. Plaintiffs bring Count I on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

53. The practices of the Archdiocese of Chicago have endangered numerous children in the past and these practices will continue to put children at risk in the future.

54. Plaintiffs and the class have the right to not be sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

55. The Archdiocese owes a duty to warn all children and their parents that come into contact with its clerics of allegations of sexual misconduct by the clerics because these children and their parents hold clerics in an esteemed position, which gives clerics virtually unlimited access to children.

56. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics against whom the Archdiocese has deemed to have credible allegations of

sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

57. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

58. Unless injunctive relief is granted numerous children in Illinois are at risk of being sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese.

59. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

- a) Release the names of all 55 of the priests that it reported to the John Jay Survey to the court and to the public.
- b) Release the names of all other clerics, like [REDACTED], that were not included in the John Jay Survey, but against whom the Archdiocese has received allegations of sexual misconduct by the cleric with children to the court and to the public.

**COUNT II**  
**(Injunction - Documents)**

60. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count II.

61. Plaintiffs bring Count II on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

62. On information and belief, the Archdiocese still has documents that are evidence of crimes committed by clerics against children.

63. The Archdiocese has a duty to the public at large and to law enforcement to not

destroy any documents that evidence a crime.

64. The Archdiocese has a duty to children that were abused by clerics to not destroy any documents relating to the sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct of any cleric at anytime in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

65. On information and belief the Archdiocese has destroyed documents and/or concealed documents and/or failed to give documents to law enforcement relating to sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct by clerics of the Archdiocese.

66. Unless injunctive relief is granted, children will be at imminent risk of being molested by clerics of the Archdiocese, law enforcement will be prevented from doing its job, and those children that have already been molested by clerics will have their rights negatively affected.

67. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

- a) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to the Illinois Courts for supervision of these documents.
- b) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to law enforcement.
- c) Cease in the destruction or spoliation of any documents with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.
- d) Cease to conceal or misplace any documents with any connection to any

allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.

**COUNT III**  
**(Declaratory Judgment)**

68. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count III.

69. Plaintiffs bring Count III on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

70. There is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of not releasing the names of those clerics that have been accused of molesting children.

71. There is also an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practice of not removing a cleric that is accused of molesting a child from any position where the cleric has any contact with children.

72. Finally, there is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of destroying and/or concealing documents evidencing allegations of sexual misconduct by clerics.

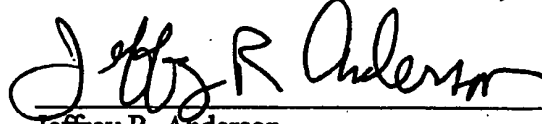
73. The plaintiffs and members of the plaintiff class are entitled to a declaration that the Archdiocesan practices of not releasing the names of clerics accused of sexual misconduct with minors, not removing clerics that are accused of sexual misconduct with children from positions where they have access to children, and by destroying and/or concealing documents, is

not adequate to protect children.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant the relief requested within this complaint or any other relief the Court deems just in order to protect children.

Dated: January 31, 2006

JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES, P.A.



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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-62

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized]

Date: November 29, 2006

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PRA received a phone message on November 28, 2006 from Brigitte Broadway, caseworker with the Department and Children and Family Services [DCFS]. Ms. Broadway requested a return phone call at [312] 492-3770.

PRA attempted to reach Ms. Broadway via phone on November 28<sup>th</sup> and left her a voice mail message, asking for a return call.

PRA reached Ms. Broadway via phone today in response to her November 28<sup>th</sup> message. Ms. Broadway informed PRA that she had questions to ask about a number of DCFS investigations that involved clerics of the Archdiocese of Chicago, including the matter concerning the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

Ms. Broadway asked what Fr. DeRoeck's undergraduate degree was and if we [the Archdiocese of Chicago] "...had any other concerns." When PRA asked for clarification to Ms. Broadway's questions, she indicated that she was reading from a note left to her by her supervisor asking for the additional information. PRA informed Ms. Broadway that Fr. DeRoeck had gone to the seminary for his schooling, but would inquire if there was any additional response to what his "undergraduate degree" was. As for other concerns, PRA informed Ms. Broadway that Fr. DeRoeck had admitted to some of the allegations of sexual abuse of minors made against him. When asked, PRA confirmed the last known address for Fr. DeRoeck, which Ms. Broadway already had.



Prior to ending the phone call, Ms. Broadway provided her fax number if [312] 733-7229. Ms. Broadway mentioned to PRA that she has been instructed to have this report concluded by the first of the year.

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

**From:** Miriam Patrick, Sr. Cummings  
**To:** Jeffries, Ambi  
**Subject:** Information

Ambi,

We have extensive files on Walter DeRoeck.

It does not seem as though we have any information on [REDACTED]

Sister Pat Cummings  
Associate Director  
Vicar for Priests

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July 16, 2007

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**


Archdiocese of Chicago  
155 East Superior  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: [REDACTED] V. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
Place of Incident: Quigley North and Mary Queen of Heaven  
Date of Incident: 1976

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent the above claimant in a claim against you for damages sustained as a result of your employee, Father Walter Deroche's professional negligence during the above year.

Enclosed is our Notice of Attorneys' Lien which you should mail with this letter to your insurance company for your own protection.

Very truly yours, 

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Enclosure

**NOTICE OF ATTORNEYS' LIEN**

Archdiocese of Chicago  
155 East Superior  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED**, that [REDACTED] has retained and employed us as his attorneys and has placed in our hands for suit or collection, a claim or cause of action against you for damages sustained in consequence of your professional negligence, during 1976, at or near Mary Queen of Heaven, Cicero, Illinois and/or Quigley North, Chicago, Illinois.

**AND**, he has agreed to pay us and we have agreed to accept, as our attorneys' fee for services rendered and to be rendered by us in this matter, a sum of money equal to 33 1/3 per cent of any money or other valuable thing which may be received or paid on account of said claim or cause of action in addition to reimbursement of all costs advanced.

**AND YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED**, that by means of the facts above -stated and of the statute applicable to such cases, we hereby claim a lien upon said claim or ~~cause~~ of action, and the proceeds and avails thereof, for the amount of said attorneys' fee, [REDACTED]

Mailed a copy of the foregoing notice by certified mail this day, July 16, 2007.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Mayra Flores, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Patricia Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

FROM: Carolyn Perz, Office for the Protection of Children and Youth *CP*

DATE: July 26, 2007

RE: PFR 62 DeRoeck, Rev. Walter (Laicized) / [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on July 25, 2007.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding DeRoeck, Rev. Walter (Laicized) and/or [REDACTED]

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

Thank you.

### Attachment

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

be: John O'Malley  
Jim Serritella

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July 26, 2007

VIA FACSIMILE [REDACTED] & U.S. MAIL

[REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED] /Rev. Walter DeRoecck

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on your letter of July 16, 2007 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McChuskey, 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

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

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July 26, 2007

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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 – PFR – 62

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

Re: DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized]/ [REDACTED]

Date: July 27, 2007

On July 25, 2007, I attempted to reach civil attorney [REDACTED] to discuss the matter of his client [REDACTED] and his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

I left a voice mail for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] his recent letter advising the Archdiocese of Chicago of [REDACTED]'s allegation against Fr. DeRoeck. I asked [REDACTED] for a return phone call at his convenience so that I could introduce myself and provide him information on the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review. To date, I have not received a return phone call from [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] may be reached at [REDACTED]

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Kathleen Leggdas, Office of Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

Bc John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services  
Jim Serritella, Attorney

AOC 012978



**From:** Miriam Patrick, Sr. Cummings  
**To:** Perz, Carolyn  
**Date:** 7/28/2007 12:07:19 PM  
**Subject:** DeRoeck/ [REDACTED] Allegation

We have 6 files on Walter DeRoeck with a number of allegations. We have nothing on [REDACTED]

Sister Pat

PFR 62

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August 2, 2007



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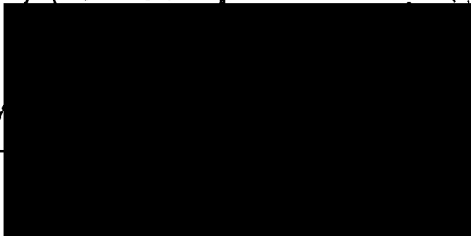
**RE:** [REDACTED] v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, et al.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED] in his claim against the ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO and WALTER DeROECK arising out of sexual childhood abuse committed by him when [REDACTED] was a minor.

Please be advised that I claim a lien for my services as attorney for the above-captioned individual, and I ask that someone contact me before August 27, 2007 to discuss a reasonable resolution to this claim.

Very truly yours,



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August 7, 2007

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Assistant State's Attorney  
State's Attorney of Cook County  
2650 South California, Room 11 D 10  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE: [REDACTED]  
Our File #07 SC 085  
Date of Birth of Alleged Victim: Unknown  
Date of Incident: 1976  
Location of Incident: Mary Queen of Heaven and  
Quigley North

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an Attorney's Lien from attorney [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED] claiming professional negligence of the Archdiocese in the supervision of Fr. Walter DeRoeck, an Archdiocesan priest. We understand this to arise from a claim that Fr. DeRoeck sexually abused a minor. The alleged incident took place at Mary Queen of Heaven and Quigley North in 1976. Fr. DeRoeck is resigned from ministry.

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. Leah McCluskey ✓  
Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms. Elizabeth Yore

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## MEMORANDUM


To: Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Matthew Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry

From: Ambi Jeffries, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Date: 08/23/07

Re: [PFR-62] DeRoeck, Rev. Walter/ 

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 08/21/07.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding DeRoeck, Rev. Walter and/or 

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

Thank you.

## Attachment

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

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August 23, 2007

**VIA FACSIMILE [REDACTED] & U.S. MAIL**



Re: [REDACTED]/Rev. Walter DeRoeck

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on your letter of August 2, 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 Mr. Matthew Hunnicutt (312-751-8267), Director of Victim Assistance Ministry for the Archdiocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.

Please direct your communications about this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


  
James A. Serritella

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cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)  
Matthew Hunnicutt (via facsimile)

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bcc: Reverend Edward Grace (via facsimile)  
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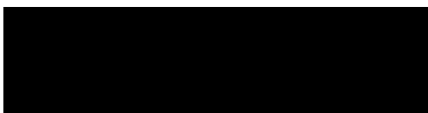
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August 29, 2007

VIA FACSIMILIE AND MAIL



Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing as a follow up to the August 23, 2007 message that I left for you regarding your client [REDACTED] and his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

I would like to speak with you as soon as you are able in regards to [REDACTED]'s interest in scheduling a meeting so that he may formalize his allegation against Fr. DeRoeck. Please call me at [312] 751-5205 so that we may discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services  
James Serritella, civil attorney

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FAX MEMORANDUM

TO: [REDACTED]  
FROM: Leah McCluskey  
RE: [REDACTED]  
DATE: August 29, 2007

Message: Dear [REDACTED],

The following letter is in regards to your client, [REDACTED]. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Thank you.

Leah

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Date and time of transmission: 5:53 PM 08/29/07

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Assistant State's Attorney  
State's Attorney of Cook County  
2650 South California, Room 11D10  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE:

[REDACTED]  
Our File #07 SC 096  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Date of Incident: Unknown  
Location of Incident: Unknown

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago has received notice from attorney [REDACTED] that he is representing [REDACTED] in a claim of sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Walter DeRoeck and the Archdiocese of Chicago. We have not been provided with any further information from [REDACTED]'s office with the details of the allegation. Fr. DeRoeck is resigned from ministry.

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.  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓  
Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms. Elizabeth Yore

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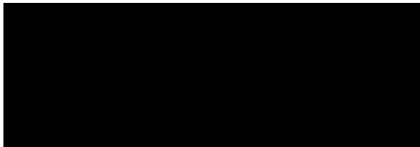
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October 31, 2007



Dear [REDACTED],

As a follow up to our phone conversation earlier today, I am sending you information on my office, the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, and a copy of archdiocesan policies, *§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*.

I look forward to hearing from you once you have had the opportunity to speak with your client, [REDACTED], so that we are able to schedule a time to meet and provide [REDACTED] the opportunity to formalize his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

AOC 012988

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Perz, Carolyn  
**Date:** 12/7/2007 11:15:12 AM  
**Subject:** Request for School Information

Hello Carolyn,

If I have not done so already, could you please make a contact to Mary Queen of Heaven to request the school records for [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED]? He attended the school from [REDACTED]-8th, graduating in 1978. Could you also ask if the school still has altar boy records from that time [approximately [REDACTED] through 1978]?

Thank you.

Leah

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**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

DATE: December 10, 2007

RE: [PFR-62] DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] / [REDACTED] [deceased]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 12/10/2007.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] and/or [REDACTED] [deceased].

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

Thank you.

**Attachment**

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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Bc: Jim Serrtella, Attorney  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 62

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

Re: DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized]/Arp, John [deceased]

Date: December 10, 2007

While formalizing his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was present during incidents of abuse by the cleric.

As per [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was a classmate of his and fellow altar boy at Mary Queen of Heaven during the 1970s. During my November 8, 2007 meeting with [REDACTED], he stated that [REDACTED] participated in group masturbation and was present when Fr. DeRoeck showed them sex toys.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is deceased.

I am opening a file in this office in response to the alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Fr. DeRoeck as reported by [REDACTED].

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Perz, Carolyn  
**Date:** 12/10/2007 11:31:55 AM  
**Subject:** Request for Information

Hi Carolyn,

When you have a chance, could you please contact Mary Queen of Heaven and see if they have records of a student named [REDACTED] who would have been in school there in the 1970s, possibly graduating in 1978?

This is in relation to [REDACTED]'s allegation.

Thank you.

Leah

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TO: Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry  
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Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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

DATE: December 10, 2007

RE: [PFR-62] DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] / 

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 12/10/2007.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] and/or .

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

Thank you.

### Attachment

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

Be: Sim Serritella, Attorney  
John O'Malley, Office for Legal Services

AOC 012993

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## MEMORANDUM




To: File – PFR - 62



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

Re: DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] 

Date: December 10, 2007

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As per  was a classmate of his and fellow altar boy at Mary Queen of Heaven during the 1970s. During my November 8, 2007 meeting with , he stated that  participated in group masturbation and was present when Fr. DeRoeck showed them sex toys.

I am opening a file in this office in response to the alleged sexual abuse of  by Fr. DeRoeck as reported by .



**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Perz, Carolyn  
**Date:** 12/10/2007 11:30:39 AM  
**Subject:** Request for Information

Hi Carolyn,

When you have a chance, could you please contact Mary Queen of Heaven and see if they have records of a student named [REDACTED] who would have been in school there in the 1970s, possibly graduating in 1978?

This is in relation to [REDACTED]'s allegation.

Thank you.

Leah

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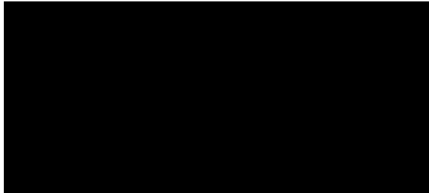
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**VIA FACSIMILIE AND MAIL**

December 10, 2007



Dear [REDACTED],

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on November 8, 2007. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Mr. Matt Hunnicutt 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 December 24, 2007. Please know that you may also respond by December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 January 14, 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,

*Lean McCluskey*  
Lean McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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### MEMORANDUM


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

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Re: DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] [REDACTED]

Date: December 10, 2007

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I am opening a file in this office in response to the alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Fr. DeRoeck as reported by [REDACTED].

AOC 012998

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Perz, Carolyn  
**Date:** 12/10/2007 11:31:29 AM  
**Subject:** Request for Information

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Thank you.

Leah



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From: Ambi Jeffries, Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Phone #: 312/ 751-5206

Fax #: 312/ 751- 5279

Please review the enclosed documentation regarding allegations made by [REDACTED]. Any questions can be directed to Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment(s)

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December 12, 2007

Protection of Children and Youth, Office for the  
737 N. Michigan Ave.  
Ste. 900  
Chicago, IL 60611

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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Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archives & Records Center

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To: Carolyn Perez  
From: Elena Moreno-Villagomez  
(312)-831-0711 x337

\_\_\_\_\_ For Approval/Signature

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Remarks: There was no listing  
of Altar Boys found

Thank you, Elm



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John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Jim Serritella, Burke, Warren, MacKay, & Serritella  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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

Re: [PFR-62] DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] [REDACTED]

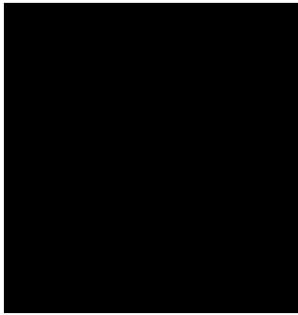
Date: December 17, 2007

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Please note that upon receiving [REDACTED]'s school records from the Archives and Records Center, it was learned that the correct spelling of his last name is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]'s last name was incorrectly spelled "[REDACTED]" in the December 12, 2007 memorandum circulated noting the receipt of the third party allegation that the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck sexually abused [REDACTED].

Please make the necessary changes in your files.



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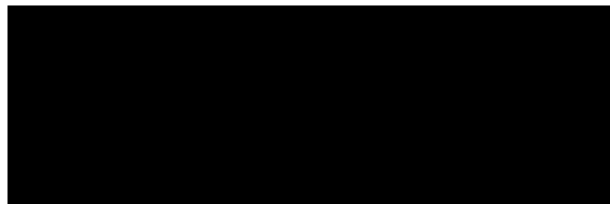
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse  
Investigations and Review  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Re: [REDACTED]  
Your File No. PFR-62

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Enclosed are corrections and additions to the draft report which I request be incorporated into the final report.

Very truly yours,



[REDACTED]  
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Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Assistant State's Attorney  
State's Attorney of Cook County  
2650 South California, Room 11D10  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

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RE: [REDACTED]


Our File #07 SC 147  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Date of Incident: in the 1970s  
Location of Incident: Mary Queen of Heaven

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 [REDACTED] who was a fellow classmate and altar boy, was sexually abused as a minor by Fr. Walter DeRoeck, who was an Archdiocesan priest in the 1970s. The alleged abuse occurred at Mary Queen of Heaven parish. The accused priest 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  
SCDir\07SC147\SA Notification Re [REDACTED]

AOC 013005

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**VIA FACIMILIE AND MAIL**

January 2, 2008



Dear [REDACTED],

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

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

[REDACTED] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by January 16, 2008. I will return a copy of the report to you through [REDACTED] once those parties listed on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by January 16<sup>th</sup>, I will use the enclosed report and continue to proceed forward with this matter.

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

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, summarizing Victim IX's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey and Matt Hunnicutt, of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, on January 2, 2008, formalizing Victim IX's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Walter DeRoeck. According to Victim IX, the abuse occurred between 1975 and 1977 when Victim IX was in 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades. The abuse consisted of sexual conversations and group masturbation among Fr. DeRoeck, Victim IX and several other boys, accompanied by drugs and alcohol and occurred numerous times at St. John Berchman parish, Quigley North High School Seminary and on out-of-state trips with Fr. DeRoeck.

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# Fax

# CONFIDENTIAL

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Ajeffries, Secretary, OPCY

C/o [REDACTED]

**Fax:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** January 3, 2008

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Pages:** 7 (including cover page)

**Re:** Allegations against Rev. Walter DeRoeck **CC:**

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**•Comments:**

Enclosed is a copy of the [REDACTED]'s final allegation report against Rev. Walter DeRoeck. Please direct any questions to Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you

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Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Assistant State's Attorney  
State's Attorney of Cook County  
2650 South California, Room 11D10  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE:

Our File #07 SC 150  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Date of Incident: in the 1970s  
Location of Incident: Mary Queen of Heaven

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 [REDACTED] who was a fellow classmate and altar boy, was sexually abused as a minor by Fr. Walter DeRoeck, who was an Archdiocesan priest in the 1970s. The alleged abuse occurred at Mary Queen of Heaven parish. The accused priest is laicized. [REDACTED] is now deceased.

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

JCOM:dd

cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓  
Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms. Dixie Peterson  
SCDir\07SC150\SA Notification Re [REDACTED]

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January 10, 2008

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigation  
and Review  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Re: [REDACTED] V. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
Court No.

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Enclosed is a copy of the final report which has been signed by [REDACTED].

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]  
Enclosure

cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED]  
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John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

JCOM:dd

cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓  
Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms. Dixie Peterson, DCFS Counsel  
SCDir\07SC151\SA Notification Re [REDACTED]

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## **MEMO:**

**To:** Matt Hunnicutt  
Rev. Edward Grace  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic

**From:** Santa Garcia *SG*

**Re:** Signed Allegation of against Rev. Walter DeRoeck/ [REDACTED]

**Date:** January 17, 2008

Attached please find a copy of the signed [REDACTED] Allegation against Rev. Walter DeRoeck. Call Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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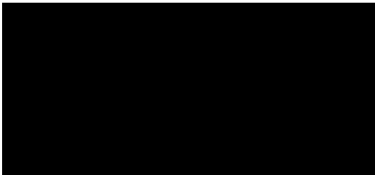
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January 17, 2008



Dear [REDACTED],

Enclosed is a signed copy of your Allegation against Rev. Walter De Roeck. Please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205 with any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia  
Secretary

Enclosures

c/c: [REDACTED], Attorney

AOC 013013

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Grace, Edward  
**Date:** 1/22/2008 2:40:23 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Search Results from USSearch.com

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Thank you Fr. Grace. I will wait to hear from you if you are able to reach DeRoeck or not.

Leah

>>> Edward Grace 1/22/2008 11:13 AM >>>

Leah,

Forwarded, I hope, is a search for a Walter deRoeck current address. For some reason my printer is not working, so I am forwarding this.

Ed

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Vicar for Priests



645 N. Michigan Ave.  
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Chicago, Illinois 60611

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

January 23, 2008

Walter DeRoeck



Dear Mr. DeRoeck,

*Mom's address  
please use new address  
CF front cover of folder*

I have recently come into possession of certain information that I would like to share with you. I would also like to give you an opportunity to respond to this information, if you so desire. In order to accomplish this I would like you to call my office to arrange a telephone conference including you, me and Ms Leah McCluskey who actually was presented with the information we wish to share with you. This preliminary call will also give me the opportunity to confirm that I have located the correct Walter DeRoeck.

I would be happy to reply to any questions you have. If I am not in my office when you call, please leave a number where you may be reached and I will be happy to return your call.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward D. Grace  
Vicar for Priests

312-642-1837

CC. Ms Leah McCluskey

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Grace, Edward  
**Date:** 1/23/2008 4:38 PM  
**Subject:** Re: DeRoeck Letter

Hi Fr. Grace,

I just tried to open your letter and did not get anything except for symbols. When you have a chance, could you please try to send it again--or just sending it interoffice is fine.

Thanks.

Leah

>>> Edward Grace 1/23/2008 4:31 PM >>>  
Leah,

Attached, I hope is the letter I am sending to Walter DeRoeck today.

Ed

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Grace, Edward  
**Date:** 1/24/2008 8:51 AM  
**Subject:** Re: DeRoeck 2

Fr. Grace,

Thanks--that worked.

Leah

>>> Edward Grace 1/23/2008 4:49 PM >>>  
Leah,

Lets try again.

Ed

**VICAR FOR PRIESTS OFFICE**

**MEMO**

To: File  
From: Ed Grace  
Re: [REDACTED] Allegation  
Date: Feb. 12, 2008



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Leah Mccluskey read this allegation to Mr. DeRoeck over the phone on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008 in my presence.

There were no comments from Mr. DeRoeck..

A written report of this will be placed in the DeRoeck file.



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February 13, 2008

Mr. Walter DeRoeck  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. DeRoeck,

Thank you again for agreeing to speak with Rev. Edward Grace and myself yesterday.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft report written based upon our phone conversation that took place on February 12, 2008 concerning [REDACTED]'s 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. DeRoeck, I ask that you return the report to me by February 27, 2008 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. As you can see, I have also enclosed with this letter a copy of *§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*.

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

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

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## OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

**REVIEW BOARD MEETING**  
**Saturday, February 16, 2008**

### AGENDA

- I. **Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2008**
- II. **Case Reviews**

#### Initial Review

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

- D. In the Matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck (Laicized 2002) PFR-62
- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED]

#### Review for Cause

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The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, *March 15, 2008*

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board

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

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Present Via Phone:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members Present:

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

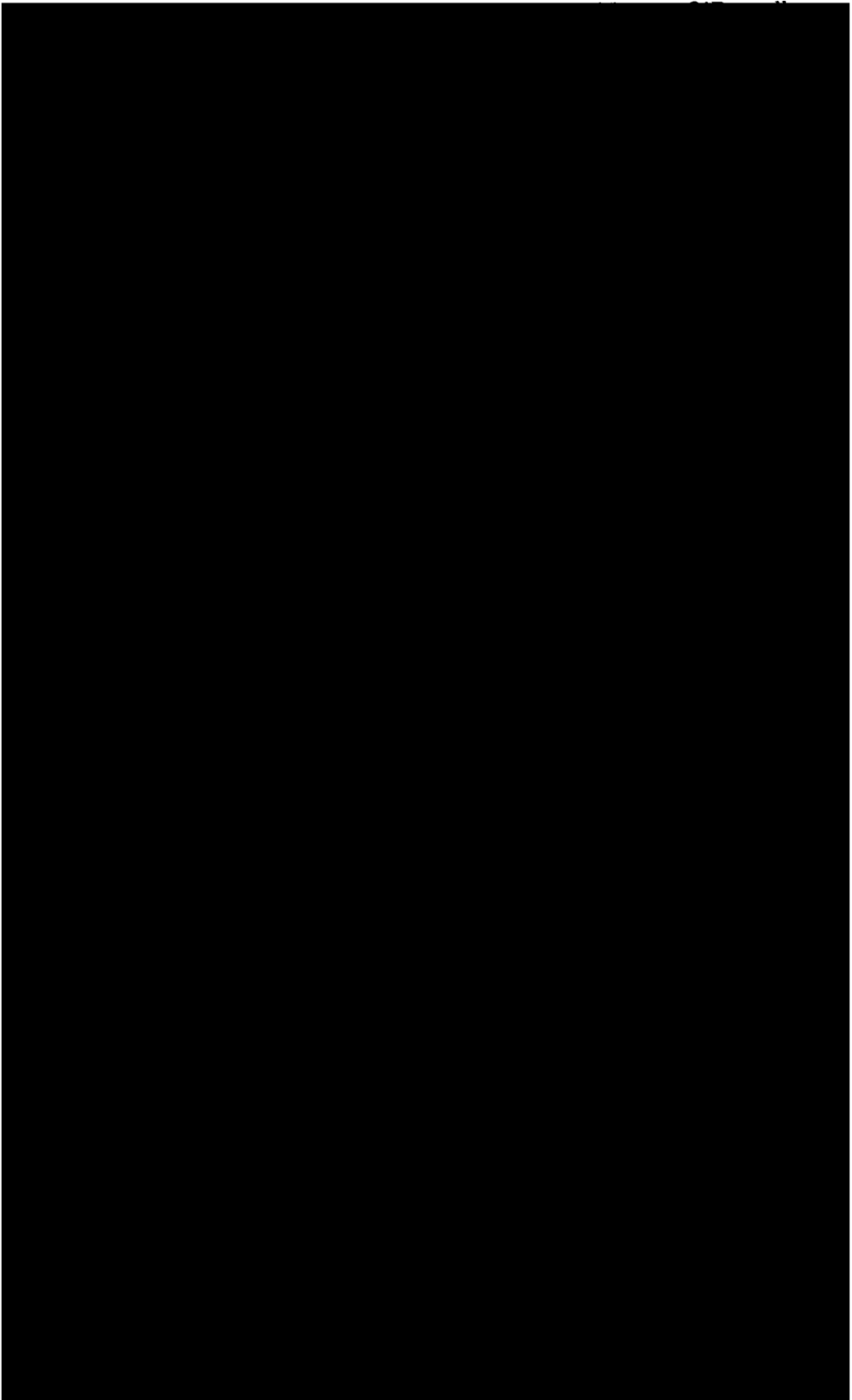
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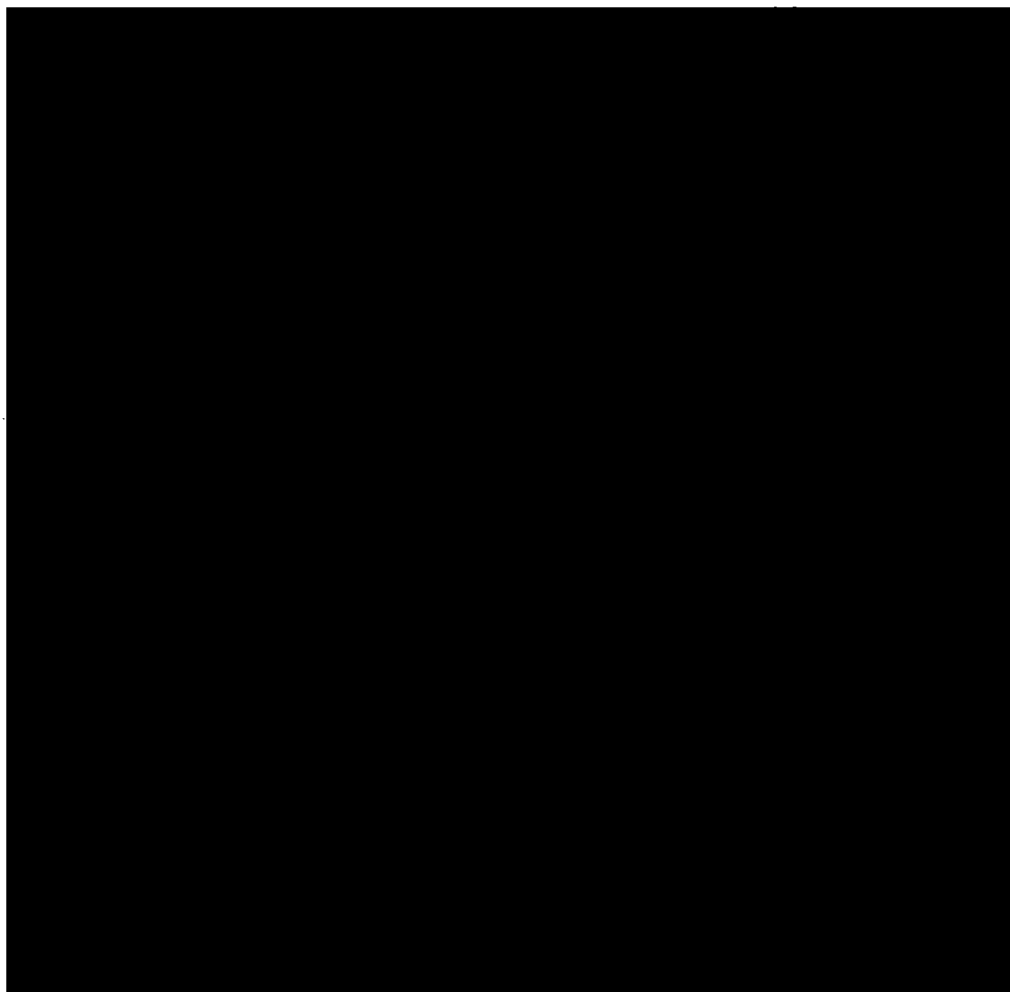
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**D. In the Matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck [Laicized 2002] – PFR - 62**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by Rev. Walter DeRoeck. A summary of the allegation is as follows: masturbation; [REDACTED] smoked marijuana; some consumption of alcohol [beer].



When asked, Ms. McCluskey stated that she had not yet reviewed Fr. DeRoeck's files [in the Chancellor and Vicar for Priests' Offices].

As the discussion continued, the clarification was provided that Fr. DeRoeck was never charged in a legal arena in regards to the allegations of the sexual abuse of minors made against him.

Fr. Smilanic verbally provided some background information on Fr. DeRoeck. [REDACTED] added that in his experience, he observed that Fr. DeRoeck always put his own needs and gratification first over others. He also stated that he observed Fr. DeRoeck to have an abusive kind of personality and that everything was about him [Fr. DeRoeck]. [REDACTED] stated that he was Fr. DeRoeck's "monitor" for a period of time. He shared one instance where Fr. DeRoeck told him something to the effect of, "I was so good to those kids [who accused him of sexual abuse]. How could they do this to me [report allegations against him]?"

As the discussion continued, [REDACTED] expressed his knowledge that while at St. John Berchman Fr. DeRoeck would have kids in his room with the door closed. [REDACTED] stated that this concern was brought to the attention of the Archdiocese of Chicago at the time. Also as the discussion of the matter continued, [REDACTED] was able to confirm that he had knowledge of Fr. DeRoeck taking kids [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

- Review Fr. DeRoeck's files in the Chancellor's and Vicar for Priests' Offices
- Attempt to speak with Rev. [REDACTED] in regards to his knowledge of Fr. DeRoeck's past behaviors with children; Fr. [REDACTED] is currently assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary

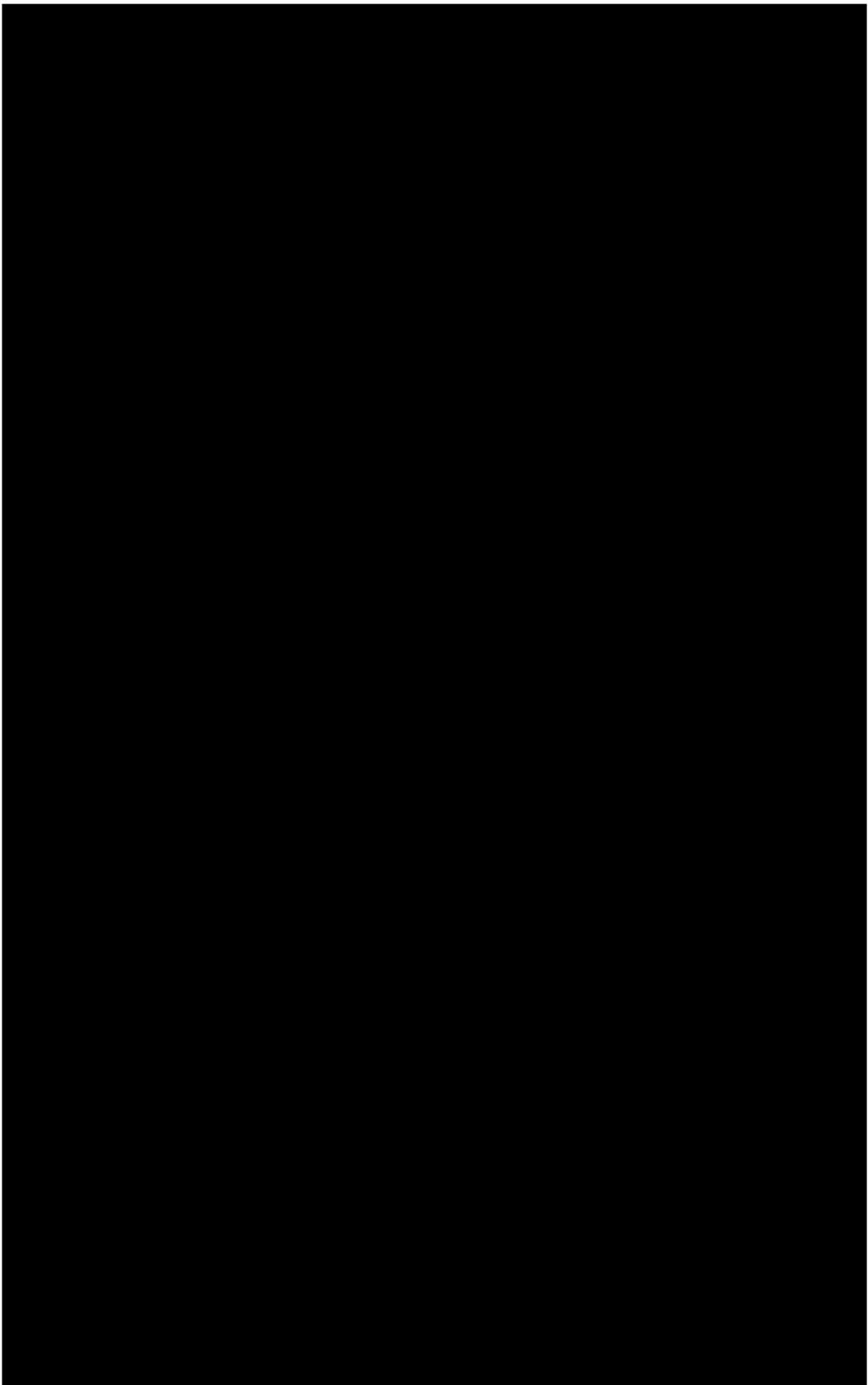
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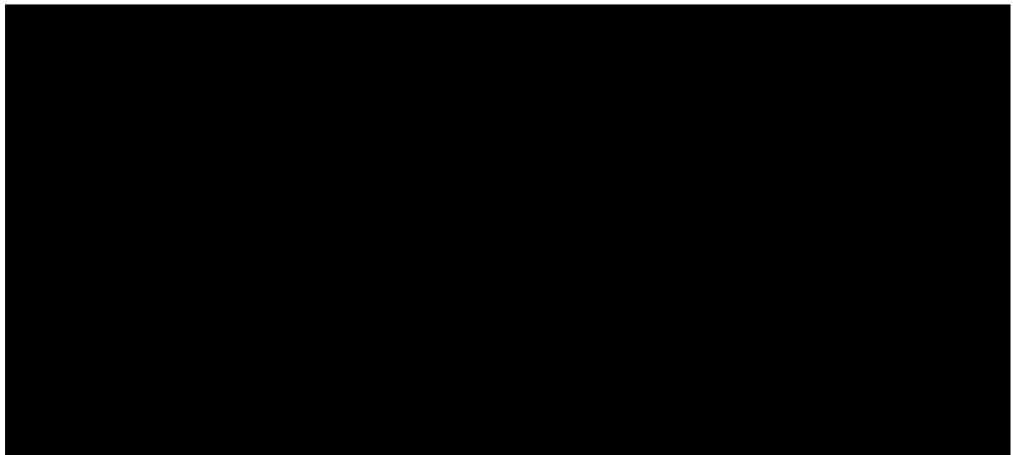
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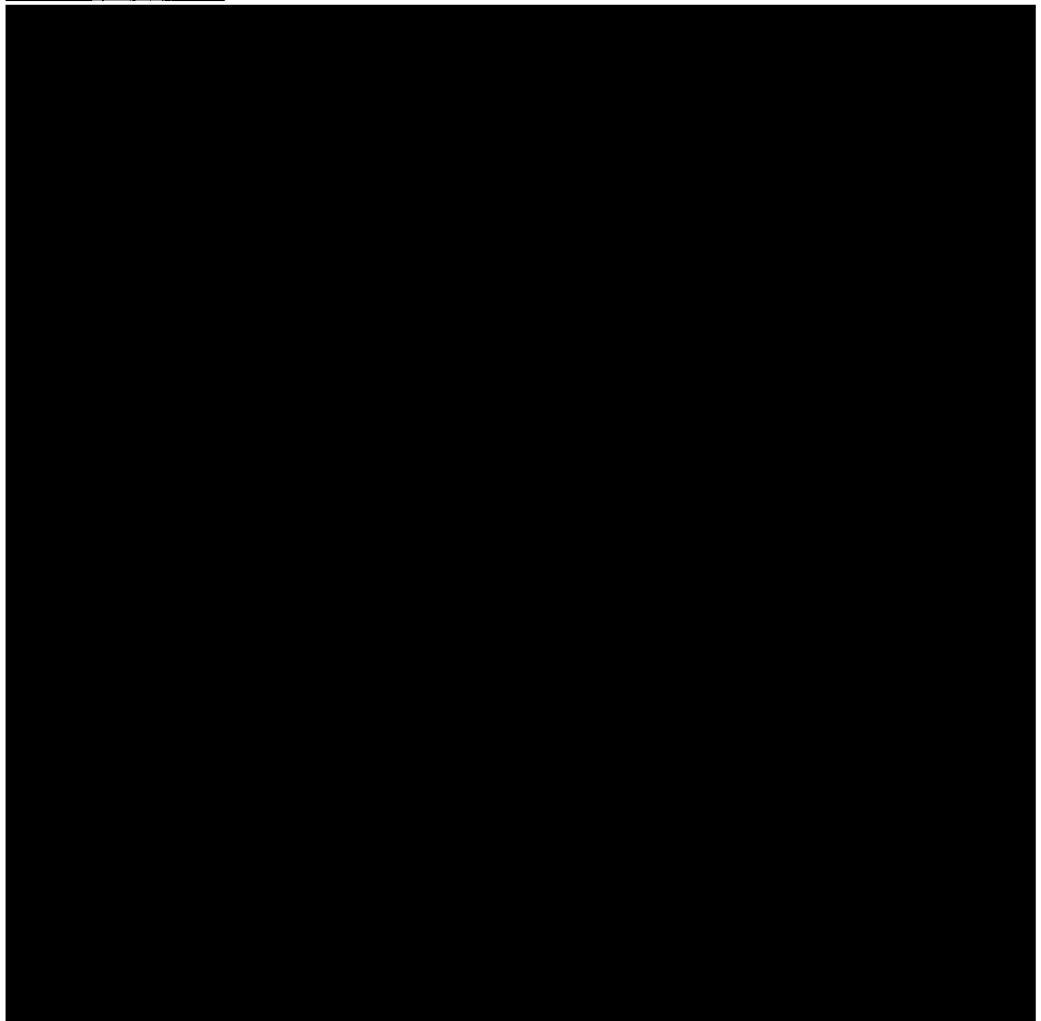


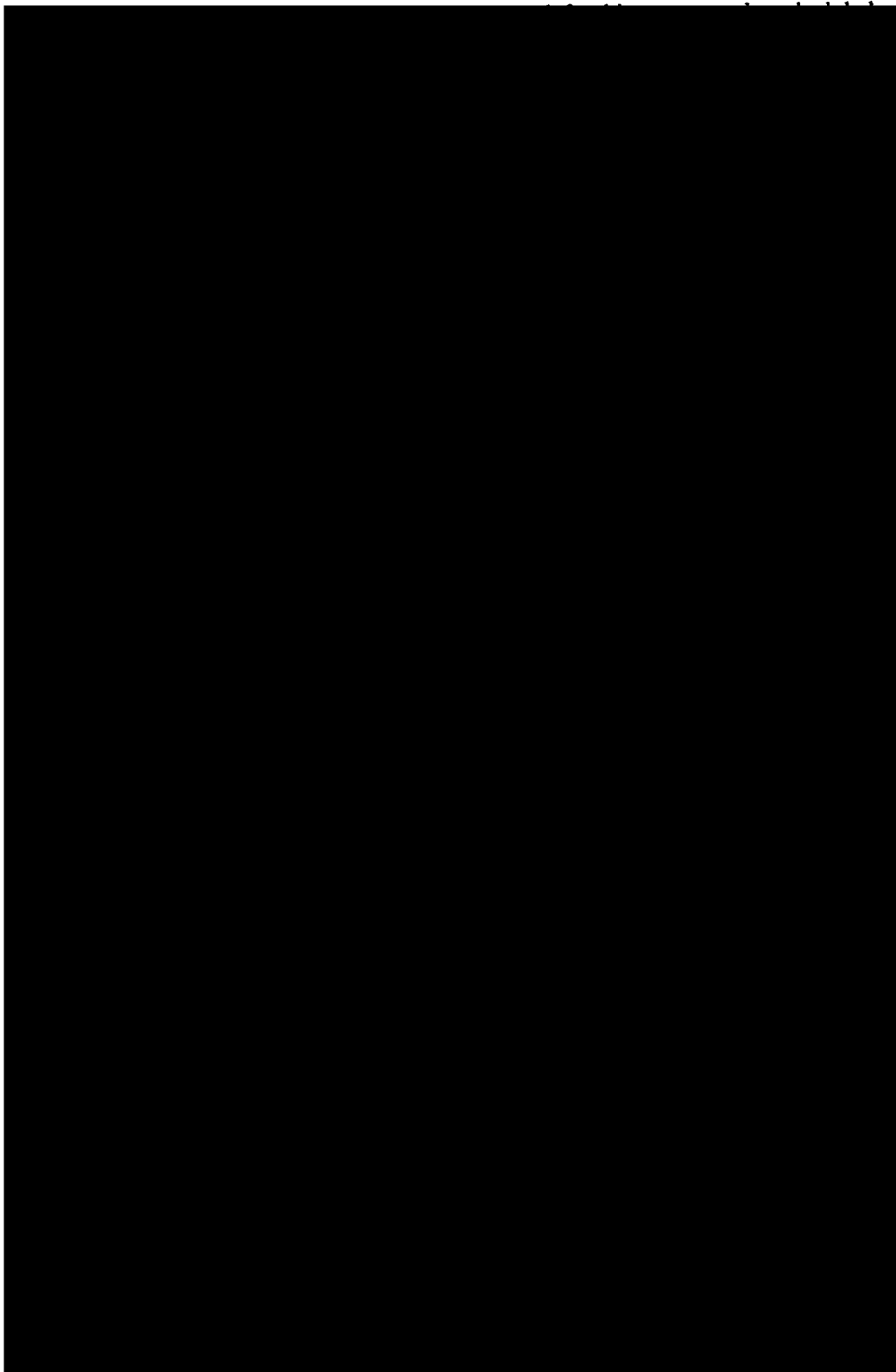




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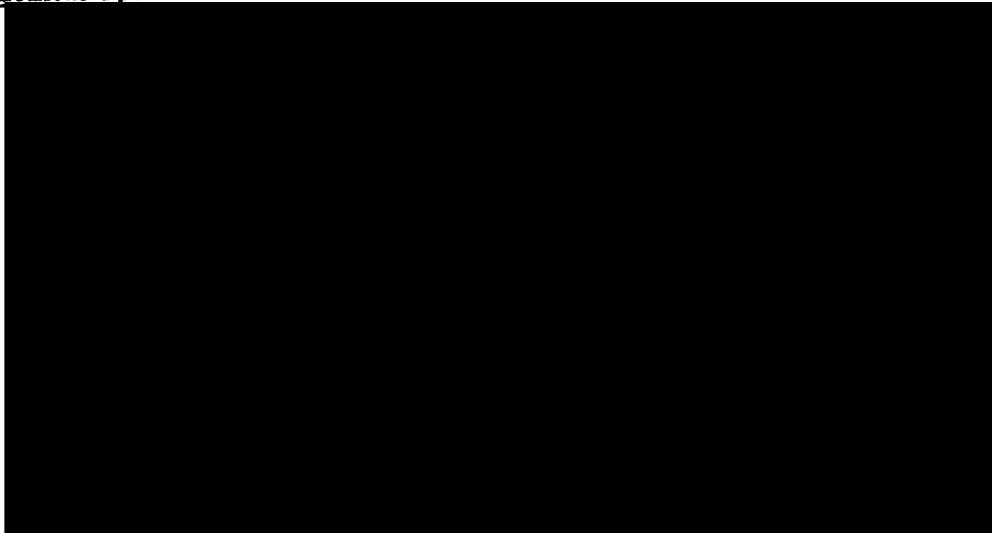
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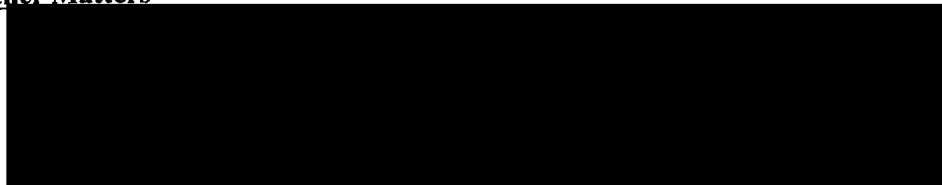
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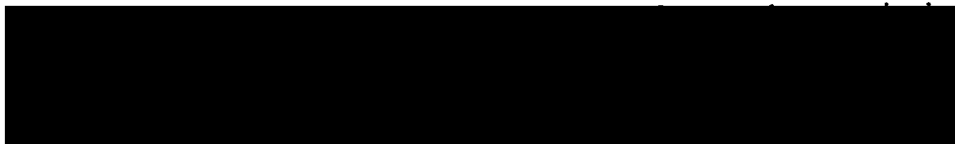
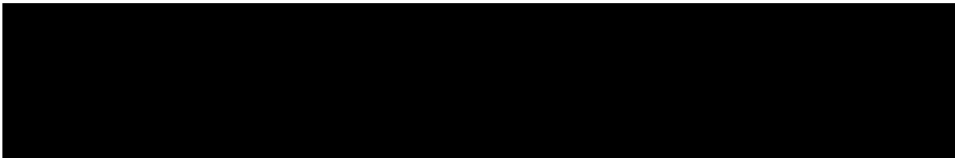
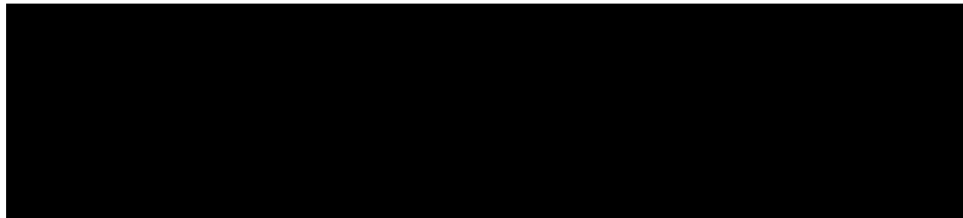


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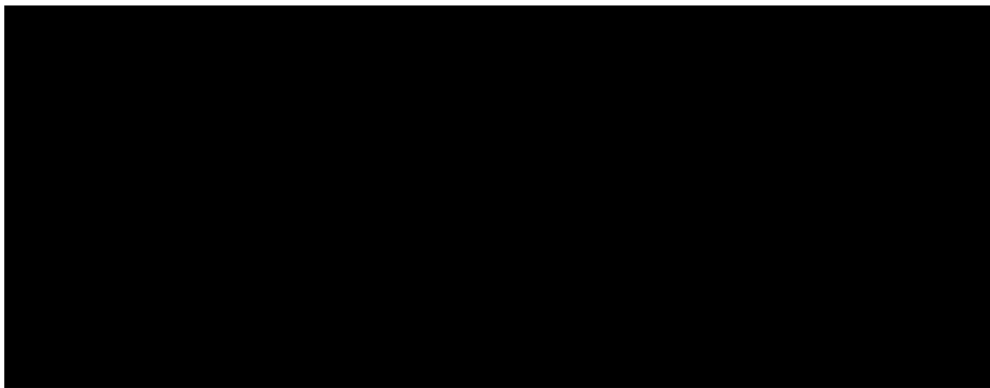
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- [REDACTED] and Fr. Smilanic then provided the Review Board with a verbal update of some of the changes made to the policies *§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* dated November 27, 2007



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- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will not be present at the scheduled March 15, 2008 Review Board meeting
- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would not be available for a Review Board meeting if it remains scheduled for April 19, 2008

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

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February 19, 2008

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 independent Review Board met on February 16, 2008 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the  
decision.  
F. J. J. J.  
Feb 20, 2008*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR- 62

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

Re: **RESPONSE TO [REDACTED]'S ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST REV. WALTER DEROECK [LAICIZED]**

Date: February 26, 2008

**Date of Conference Call:** February 12, 2008

**Time of Conference Call:** 11:00 am

### **Participants in Conference Call**

Walter DeRoeck  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### **Conference Call**

*Please note that all additions and changes that Walter DeRoeck made to the February 13, 2008 draft report are reflected italicized and bold print.*

The following was written in a note dated February 19, 2008 by Walter DeRoeck and attached to the February 13<sup>th</sup> draft report that he returned with his additions and changes:

*Dear Leah,*

*As you can see, I have done alight edit to your report by way of clarification.*

*I did not date the document pending the edit.*

*A last point, for the moment, please be sensitive to my loss of ministry. I really found pressure to seek laicization. I did it with a great deal of reluctance. It pains me to this day. To be addressed as MR. DeRoeck by church officials makes the pain all that much more severe. Gentle care for a hurting soul warrants (in my book) a more pastoral approach—just **WALTER DEROECK** is more palatable.*

*For legal documents is it necessary to have MR or MS or REV?*

*Walter DeRoeck*

Rev. Edward Grace made arrangements for the February 12<sup>th</sup> Conference Call to begin at 11:00 am. Upon my arrival to the Vicar for Priests' office, Fr. Grace placed the call to **Walter** DeRoeck's cell phone. When **Walter** DeRoeck did not answer, Fr. Grace left a voice mail and asked him to call the Vicar for Priests' office when he received the message. Fr. Grace added in his message to **Walter** DeRoeck that the call had been scheduled for 11:00 am and we were calling him at approximately 11:08 am.

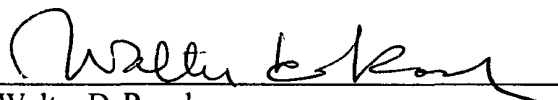
At 11:45 am, Fr. Grace and I still had not received a return phone call from **Walter** DeRoeck. Fr. Grace attempted to reach **Walter** DeRoeck on his cell phone again and was successful. **Walter mentioned that he was on another call when Fr. Grace had made his earlier attempt and did not know how to access call waiting on his cell phone.**

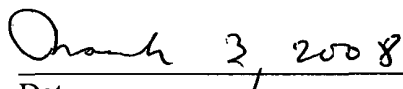
After introductions were made via phone, I asked **Walter** DeRoeck if he would like me to verbally provide him some information on the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and/or the Review Board. **Walter** DeRoeck responded that he was familiar with the Review Board and did not ask for any other information. I then informed **Walter** DeRoeck that he had the right to a copy of [REDACTED]'s allegation and that I would send him that as well as a copy of the Archdiocese of Chicago's updated policies [*§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*]. **Walter** DeRoeck expressed his understanding of what I had said, but did not specifically ask for a copy of either document. When asked, **Walter** DeRoeck agreed to have me proceed by reading [REDACTED]'s allegation.

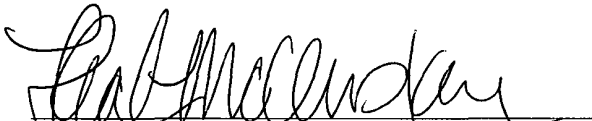
After reading the allegation in its entirety, **Walter** DeRoeck stated, "I really have no comment."

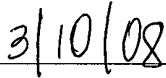
I asked **Walter** DeRoeck again if he would like a copy of [REDACTED]'s report and/or the aforementioned policies sent to him. **Walter** DeRoeck said that he did not want a copy of [REDACTED]'s report, but that he would like a copy of the policies.

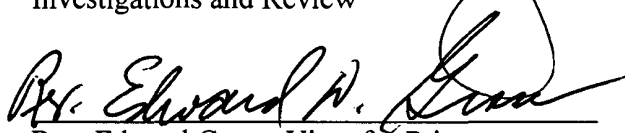
Fr. Grace and I again thanked **Walter** DeRoeck for his time. I suggested to **Walter** DeRoeck that if he had any questions or concerns to either call Fr. Grace or myself.

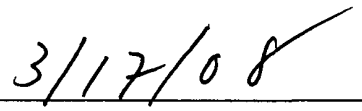
  
Walter DeRoeck

  
Date March 3, 2008

  
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse  
Investigations and Review

  
Date 3/10/08

  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

  
Date 3/17/08

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February 26, 2008

Walter DeRoeck  
[REDACTED]

Dear Walter DeRoeck,

Enclosed you will find a final report of your response to [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against you. Thank you for reviewing the draft report and for returning it to me with your additions and changes.

In the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by March 11, 2008. I will then return a copy of the report to you once those parties indicated on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by March 11<sup>th</sup>, I will use the enclosed report and continue to proceed forward with this matter.

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

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey

Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

AOC 013037

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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March 6, 2008

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review  
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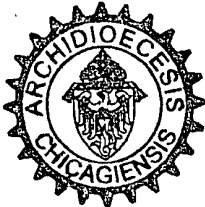
Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of February 19, 2008, regarding the matter of **Mr. Walter DeRoeck**, a former priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been laicized, and the allegation made by [REDACTED], following the Initial Review conducted by the Professional Responsibility Review Board on February 16, 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 **Walter DeRoeck** 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 **Walter DeRoeck**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

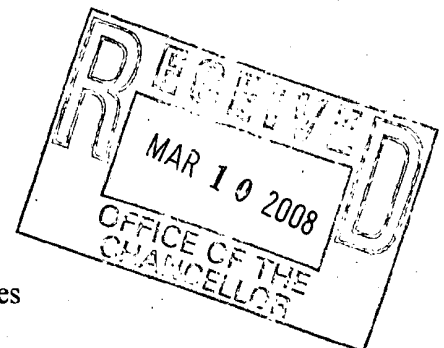


Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Rev. Richard Sauder*

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



AOC 013038

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## D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board that information at least seems to be true that **Walter DeRoeck** engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED], while Walter DeRoeck served as a priest of the Archdiocese and [REDACTED] was 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 **Walter DeRoeck**.

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.

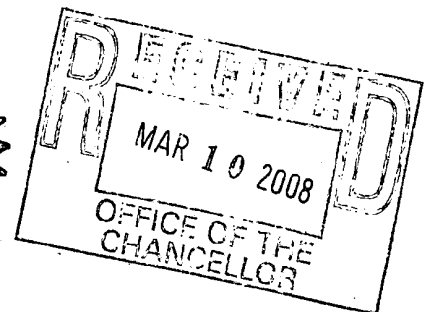
In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm Walter DeRoeck's name or to violate his right to protect his privacy.

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 March 6, 2008, at Chicago, Illinois.

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



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March 12, 2008

Walter DeRoeck  
[REDACTED]

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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.

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. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Bcc: John O'Malley  
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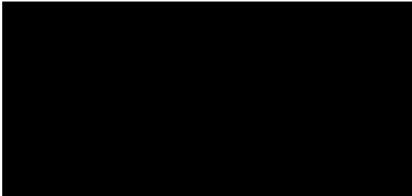
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Sincerely,

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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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March 19, 2008

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Office for the Protection of Children & Youth  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Re: [REDACTED] V. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
Court No.

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Thank you for your letter of March 12, 2008. I would appreciate your letting me know an estimate of the time for the additional investigation to be completed.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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### MEMO:

To: ✓ Rev. Edward Grace  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic

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

Re: **Signed Allegation [PFR-62] DeRoeck, Rev. Walter (Laicized)/**  
[REDACTED]

Date: March 26, 2008

Attached please find a copy of the signed Allegation of DeRoeck, Rev. Walter (Laicized)/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for your file. Call Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205 with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Enclosure

AOC 013043

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Molloy, Jim  
**Date:** 3/26/2008 2:22:36 PM  
**Subject:** Re:

Jim,

I will request a list of those assigned with DeRoeck during the time period you indicated and get that to you. As for Fr. [REDACTED], I believe the Board asked that he be talked to because he was a classmate of DeRoeck's.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Office: [312] 751-5205  
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lmcccluskey@archchicago.org

>>> Jim Molloy <[REDACTED]> 3/26/2008 12:26 PM >>>  
Leah,

I have kept the DeRoeck case, PFR 62, to investigate. Could you either direct me to the right party, or could you get me a listing of all priests assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for the time frame listed in the allegation, 1975 through 1978.

I read through the entire file and could not see any reference to Father [REDACTED] contained therein. The Review Board wants him interviewed, and I will be glad to do so. However, I don't like going in blind and some background info would help me frame my interview. Do you know how/why the Review Board came up with his name, or could ask them? It would be of great value.

Thank you,  
Jim

**CC:** Radney, Harvey

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March 27, 2008



Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing in response to your March 19, 2008 letter concerning the matter of your client [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

In regards to an estimate of time frame for the "additional investigation" to be completed, please refer to **§1104.10. Review for Cause** found in the copy of **§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry** that I gave to you. As the policy states, the Review for Cause is normally no later than 60 days after the Initial Review, during which time any additional information available would be gathered.

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Bcc: John O'Halley  
James Serritella

**From:** Julie Satzik  
**To:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 3/31/2008 10:44:19 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Information

Hi,

Sorry for the delay. The priests at Mary Queen of Heaven were:

1975  
Francis J. Spellman  
John Lauer  
Donald Mulsoff

1976  
Francis J. Spellman  
John Lauer  
Donald Mulsoff  
Michael P. Jacobsen

1977-1978  
Francis J. Spellman  
John Lauer  
Donald Mulsoff  
Walter DeRoeck

Julie

Julie A. Satzik  
Assistant Research Archivist  
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711 W. Monroe  
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>>> Leah McCluskey 3/26/2008 2:24 PM >>>  
Hello Julie,

I hope that you had a good Easter and were able to enjoy some time off!

When you have a chance, could you please send me the list of priests assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven in Cicero from 1975 through 1978?

Thank you.

Leah

**From:** Edward Grace  
**To:** Molloy, Jim  
**Date:** 4/2/2008 1:45:58 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Request for Information

Jim Molloy,

Fr. Francis Spellman died December 7, 2000.

Fr. John Lauer died in 1981 at the age of 78.

Michael P. Jacobsen left ministry in 1993 and died shortly thereafter. If you need a more exact date of death let me know.

Ed Grace

>>> Jim Molloy <[bigjimcpd@comcast.net](mailto:bigjimcpd@comcast.net)> 4/1/2008 11:15 AM >>>  
Father Grace,

Could you see if you have any information on the priests listed as having been at Mary, Queen of Heaven at the same time as Walter DeRoeck. They are Fathers Francis Spellman, John Lauer, and Michael P. Jacobsen. I looked for each of them in the directory and none were listed. Leah indicated that Donald Musdolf is dead. This is in relation to PFR 62. Thank you.

Jim Molloy

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

From: "Leah McCluskey" <[lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org)>  
To: "Jim Molloy" <[bigjimcpd@comcast.net](mailto:bigjimcpd@comcast.net)>, <[harvey@hillardheintze.com](mailto:harvey@hillardheintze.com)>  
Subject: Fwd: Re: Request for Information  
Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2008 15:57:12 +0000

Jim and Harvey,

I am forwarding the information that I received from Archives re: other clerics assigned with DeRoeck at Mary Queen of Heaven.

For your information, I do know that Donald Mulsoff is deceased.

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Molloy, Jim  
**Date:** 4/4/2008 11:15:16 AM  
**Subject:** Re: PFR 62

Jim,

Thank you for your e-mail. I would suggest typing your report with the information that you have gathered. If and when the Review Board asks to attempt to identify and speak with other priests assigned with DeRoeck at Mary Queen of Heaven, we could take that next step.

Leah

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>>> Jim Molloy <[REDACTED]> 4/3/2008 9:57 AM >>>  
Leah,

I was in contact with Fr Grace and learned that all the priests who were assigned to Mary, Queen of Heaven at the time of the alleged abuse are all deceased. DeRoeck was there until 1985 and I only asked for 1975 to 1978. If you think I should go further and attempt to locate those who were assigned from 1979 to 1985, please forward the names to me and I will attempt interviews with them.

There is no one working at the rectory now who was working there at the time of the alleged abuse.

Thank you,

Jim

**CC:** Radney, Harvey



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## **INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

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CASE # PFR-62

IN THE MATTER OF: WALTER DEROECK

Delivered on April 18, 2008 to:

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April 18, 2008

Ms. Leah R. McCluskey  
Director  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations & Review  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
737 North Michigan Avenue  
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Chicago, Illinois, 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Hillard Heintze has completed the investigative interview requested in the March 24, 2008 case referral in the matter of Walter DeRoeck. Attached you will find our investigative report which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago. With this transmittal, one (1) original hard bound copy and an electronic version are being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations & Review.

As requested, Hillard Heintze interviewed Fr. [REDACTED] in regards to his knowledge of former priest, Walter DeRoeck's past behavior with children. The case involves an allegation by [REDACTED] against former priest Walter DeRoeck. [REDACTED] alleges that DeRoeck abused him during the sixth and seventh grades (1976-1977) while [REDACTED] attended Mary Queen of Heaven School in Cicero, Illinois.

Hillard Heintze also tried to locate the other priests that were assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven from 1975 through 1978 – notably Fr. Francis Spellman, Fr. John Lauer, Michael P. Jacobsen and Donald Mulsoff – but learned that all of them have died.

It should be noted that nothing was uncovered during the course of this investigation to dispute the allegations made by [REDACTED]

Should you need any additional information on our investigation, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.869.8500.

Sincerely,

Arnette Heintze



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## Executive Summary

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On March 24, 2008, Hillard Heintze received a request from the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for investigative assistance in the matter of Walter DeRoeck, a former priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Specifically, we were requested to conduct an interview with Rev. [REDACTED] in regards to his knowledge of former priest, Walter DeRoeck's past behavior with children. The case involves an allegation by [REDACTED] against former priest Walter DeRoeck. [REDACTED] alleges that DeRoeck abused him during the sixth and seventh grades while [REDACTED] attended Mary, Queen of Heaven School in Cicero, Illinois.

The interview of Rev. [REDACTED] was conducted by Hillard Heintze Investigator James J. Molloy. Fr. [REDACTED] was interviewed in person at the Immaculate Heart of Mary rectory located at 3834 N. Spaulding, Chicago, IL on March 31, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

Hillard Heintze also looked for information on the other priests that were assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven from 1975 through 1978, the time of the alleged abuse – notably Fr. Francis Spellman, Fr. John Lauer, Michael P. Jacobsen and Donald Mulsoff – but learned that all of them have died.

In summary it should be noted that the Hillard Heintze case review did not uncover any findings to dispute the allegations made by [REDACTED] as noted in Case Review and the Key Findings.



## Archbishop of Chicago – Decree

On March 6, 2008, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., the Archbishop of Chicago issued the following Decree in the matter of Walter DeRoeck who was alleged to have engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED]:

- Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board, the Archbishop concluded that the “information at least seems to be true that Walter DeRoeck engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED], while Walter DeRoeck served as a priest of the Archdiocese and [REDACTED] was a minor at the time of the alleged incident.”
- The Archbishop “concluded that this constitutes information which ‘at least seems to be true’ (c.1717) and warrants further investigation.”
- The Archbishop decreed “that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to Walter DeRoeck.”
- The Archbishop directed the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review to act as the investigator in this matter; and to further enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary; and to further make a written and oral report to the Review Board no later than one hundred eighty days.

## Case Referral to Hillard Heintze

On March 24, 2008, Director Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, referred the Walter DeRoeck matter to Hillard Heintze for further investigation.

Specifically, Hillard Heintze was requested to:

- Review Walter DeRoeck’s files in the Chancellor’s and Vicar for Priests’ Offices
- Attempt to speak with Rev. [REDACTED] in regards to his knowledge of former priest, Walter DeRoeck’s past behavior with children; Fr. Heneghan is currently assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary

Hillard Heintze was requested to return the investigative findings by April 18, 2008.



On March 24, 2008, Harvey Radney, Hillard Heintze Senior Vice President for Investigative Services, initiated a comprehensive case review of the DeRoeck investigative file provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

On March 24, 2008, Radney assigned Investigator James J. Molloy the responsibility of conducting the requested interview.

## Details of Investigation

### Case Review

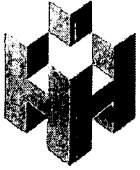
From March 24, 2008 to March 30, 2008, Arnette Heintze, Harvey Radney and Investigative Associate Jim Molloy initiated a comprehensive review of the investigative case and associated files in the matter of Walter DeRoeck, which were provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

### Allegations by [REDACTED] on November 8, 2007:

- DeRoeck provided [REDACTED] and his friends with [REDACTED] and had them masturbate along with DeRoeck.
- DeRoeck masturbated with [REDACTED] in front of his friends.
- DeRoeck provided marijuana and beer to [REDACTED] and his friends.
- [REDACTED]
- This occurred in DeRoeck's suite of rooms at the rectory of Mary Queen of Heaven, and DeRoeck would close the door to his rooms when [REDACTED] and his friends were in the room.
- Incidents also occurred at Quigley North High School when DeRoeck would take [REDACTED] and his friends there on overnight visits [REDACTED]

### DeRoeck's Response to Allegations on February 12, 2008:

- "I really have no comment."



## Interview

On March 31, 2008, Hillard Heintze Investigator Jim Molloy conducted the following interview. While the interview is summarized below, the complete memorandum of the interview is contained as an attachment to this file.

### March 31, 2008 – Interview of Fr. [REDACTED]

Fr. [REDACTED] was assigned to St. John Berchman from 1985 to 1990 while DeRoeck was the pastor. In a pre-assignment interview, DeRoeck asked [REDACTED] if he had a problem with boys visiting the rectory.

Fr. [REDACTED] stated that DeRoeck would have boys visit him in his room and would close the door while they were visiting. DeRoeck would also let boys use the room when he was not present. According to [REDACTED] the boys were 14 to 18 years of age and came from either a single parent family or one where there was a dysfunctional dynamic.

[REDACTED] came to learn that DeRoeck would provide beer to these boys, but never heard anything about marijuana. DeRoeck would take boys on day trips to other locations, and he would take boys to stay overnight at Quigley North. DeRoeck would take boys on overnight stays to a cottage DeRoeck owned in Michigan City, Indiana. DeRoeck developed a close relationship with one particular boy and would have him stay overnight in DeRoeck's room at the rectory.

[REDACTED] said the staff confronted DeRoeck and reported what they thought was improper behavior to the Archdiocese.

## Other Investigative Efforts

In an effort to discover any other person who might have knowledge of DeRoeck's behavior, the investigator contacted Leah McCluskey on March 26, 2008 to determine the names of other priests assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven during the time frame described by [REDACTED]. He received a reply on March 31, 2008 that listed Fathers Francis J. Spellman, John Lauer, Donald Mulsoff, and Michael P. Jacobsen as having been assigned to Mary, Queen of Heaven during the time frame in question, 1976-1980. Leah McCluskey also informed him that she knew Donald Mulsoff was deceased.



Investigator Molloy could not find any of the names listed in the Archdiocese directory, so he an sent email on April 1, 2008 to Father Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests asking him for assistance in locating any or all of the men. Investigator Molloy received a reply from Father Grace on April 2, 2008 in which it was reported that Father Spellman died in 2000; Father Lauer died in 1981; and Father Jacobsen left the ministry in 1993 and died shortly thereafter.

Investigator Molloy telephoned the rectory at Mary Queen of Heaven on April 1, 2008 and spoke to the secretary, [REDACTED]. Investigator Molloy identified himself and informed her of the reason for the call, without mentioning any names. [REDACTED] informed him that there were no persons currently employed at the rectory who had also been working there during the time frame 1976 through 1980.

#### Research

None conducted in this phase.

#### Surveillance

None conducted in this phase.

#### Research & Site Visits

None conducted in this phase.



## Background

None conducted in this phase.

Accused

Victim

Witness

Federal Civil and Criminal Court Records

State Civil and Criminal Court Records

County Civil and Criminal Court Records

National Sex Offender Public Registry

Uniform Commercial Code

Bankruptcies, Liens and Judgments

Business Affiliations

## Key Findings

In summary, there were no findings during this investigation to refute the allegations of [REDACTED]. Classmates identified by [REDACTED] during the interview process remain potential corroboration for these allegations.





## Attachment

Memorandum of Interview: Father [REDACTED] 03/31/08.

To: Case File PFR-62

From: Investigator James J. Molloy

Reference: Walter DeRoeck

The Archdiocesan Review Board requested that Father [REDACTED] be interviewed in regard to his knowledge of Walter DeRoeck's past behavior with children. Investigator Molloy called Father [REDACTED] at the Immaculate Heart of Mary rectory on March 27, 2008 and scheduled an interview with him on March 31, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

On March 31, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., Investigator Molloy interviewed Father [REDACTED] at the rectory located at 3834 N. Spaulding, Chicago, IL.

Father [REDACTED] stated that he had been assigned to St. John Berchman Parish from Easter Monday in 1985 until he was reassigned to St. Ita in 1990. He further stated that Walter DeRoeck was the pastor at St. John's during that assignment. He further said he had an interview with DeRoeck prior to the assignment and remembers it because during the interview he was asked by DeRoeck, "Do you mind boys in the rectory." [REDACTED] remarked that the question always struck him as being odd, until he discovered that boys were in the rectory visiting DeRoeck on a very regular basis. Father [REDACTED] said he felt DeRoeck was very secretive about what he did with the boys who visited him at the rectory. [REDACTED] stated that DeRoeck was always surrounded by boys, and that when they visited him in his room the door would be shut.

[REDACTED] further stated that DeRoeck had very little to do with the rest of the staff at St. John's, preferring to spend his time with young boys. [REDACTED] described the boys as being 14 to 18 years of age from single parent families or from families with dysfunctional fathers. [REDACTED] stated that DeRoeck often had groups of boys in his room at the same time, and that he often let boys use his room when DeRoeck was not there. [REDACTED] also said that young boys often slept in DeRoeck's bedroom, even though there were several unoccupied rooms in the rectory. [REDACTED] described the upper floor of the rectory by drawing a diagram that showed his room was across the hall and slightly behind DeRoeck's room.



Father Heneghan stated that DeRoeck owned a cottage in Michigan City, Indiana with other priests. [REDACTED] said DeRoeck often took a boy or boys to the cottage when he traveled there. [REDACTED] remembered one time that DeRoeck invited some staff members from St. John's to visit him at the cottage and made a statement to the effect that it felt strange to have them there as he felt it was his personal space. [REDACTED] said this surprised many of the staff, as they all knew he often took boys to the cottage. He also said he remembered DeRoeck taking boys on day trips to various other locations.

[REDACTED] also referred to a remark that was made to him by DeRoeck's sister [REDACTED] during one of the two visits he remembered her making to see her brother at the rectory. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that DeRoeck was mad at her for talking to [REDACTED]. Father [REDACTED] also recalled her saying that she was upset because it seemed her brother had no time for her but had a lot of time for his boys.

[REDACTED] stated that he knew DeRoeck provided beer to some boys and said he learned about it through a conversation with a young man who had in the past hung around with DeRoeck, but stopped doing so. He once asked [REDACTED] if he could have a beer and [REDACTED] said no due to his being underage. The young man then said that DeRoeck would give beer to his boys. [REDACTED] had no knowledge of any marijuana use on the part of DeRoeck.

Father [REDACTED] said he and other staff members became extremely concerned about what was going on in the rectory and decided to bring the condition to the attention of the Archdiocese. The event(s) that led to this decision was a relationship that DeRoeck developed with a particular young man. (According to Father [REDACTED] the young man's name was [REDACTED] and he was from [REDACTED] Illinois. The accuser in the case now under investigation named a friend of his, [REDACTED], as being one of DeRoeck's boys.) The relationship started when the young man was a junior or senior at Quigley North and continued on even after the young man enrolled at Niles. The young man was always seen at the rectory and would spend the night in DeRoeck's bedroom. Heneghan remembered being asked questions about this behavior by seminarians staying at the rectory. [REDACTED] also related that DeRoeck once took this young man to [REDACTED]



██████████ stated that he and the other staff members – ██████████  
██████████ – went to see Father William Stenzel in regard to the matter. They went to him because he was an addiction counselor and they felt DeRoeck's behavior was an addiction. According to ██████████ the staff was told they should get into support groups to ensure they didn't have issues that led them to act out against DeRoeck. They were also told to contact the Vicar for Priest, Raymond Goedert.

██████████ then described the process they undertook in this regard. He also said he contacted Monsignor Velo, but was told he would need proof to support his allegations. The rest of the staff wrote letters and ██████████ took the letters to a meeting at Goedert's office involving them and DeRoeck. ██████████ said that DeRoeck denied any impropriety ever occurring. The meeting also eventually included all the other staff members. ██████████  
██████████ said the decision also determined DeRoeck to have no contact with the young man.

██████████ further alleged that DeRoeck did not stay away from ██████████ and traveled to Washington D.C., ostensibly to visit family from Belgium. The trip occurred at the same time ██████████ was sent to visit Catholic University by Niles College officials. ██████████ indicated this took place in either 1989 or 1990.

Father ██████████ stated that he heard that DeRoeck would frequent "leather bars" in the Chicago area while they were assigned to St. John Berchman, but could not offer any further information.

Father ██████████ then told me the names of several men he knew who were consistent visitors to DeRoeck's room at St. John Berchman rectory and that he felt more than one of them had formally accused DeRoeck of wrongdoing. The names are: ██████████  
██████████ and ██████████. ██████████ was not sure if the spelling of each name was accurate.

The interview was then concluded.

Investigator James J. Molloy

**OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW**

**REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday, April 26, 2008**

**AGENDA**

**I. Approval of Minutes - March 15, 2008 and April 3, 2008**

**II. Case Reviews**

**Initial Review**

A.

B.

**Review for Cause**

C.

D. In the Matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck (Laicized 2001) PFR-62

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]
- Initial Review – 2/16/2008

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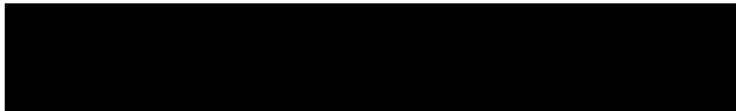
III. **Request for Supplementary Review**

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IV. **Other Matters**

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The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, *June 14, 2008*

**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

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- The meeting began with Fr. Smilanic providing the Review Board with a verbal update of his recent trip to Rome representing the Canon Law Society; Fr. Smilanic stated that while at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [CDF], the following two main points were made:
  - The importance of the work of Review Boards
  - The importance of determinations of Review Boards, such as decisions that are made [by the Cardinal] based upon the Board's Review for Cause determinations; once a decision on a matter is made, it enables the CDF to go forward [Fr. Smilanic provided the example of current petitions for laicizations before the CDF]

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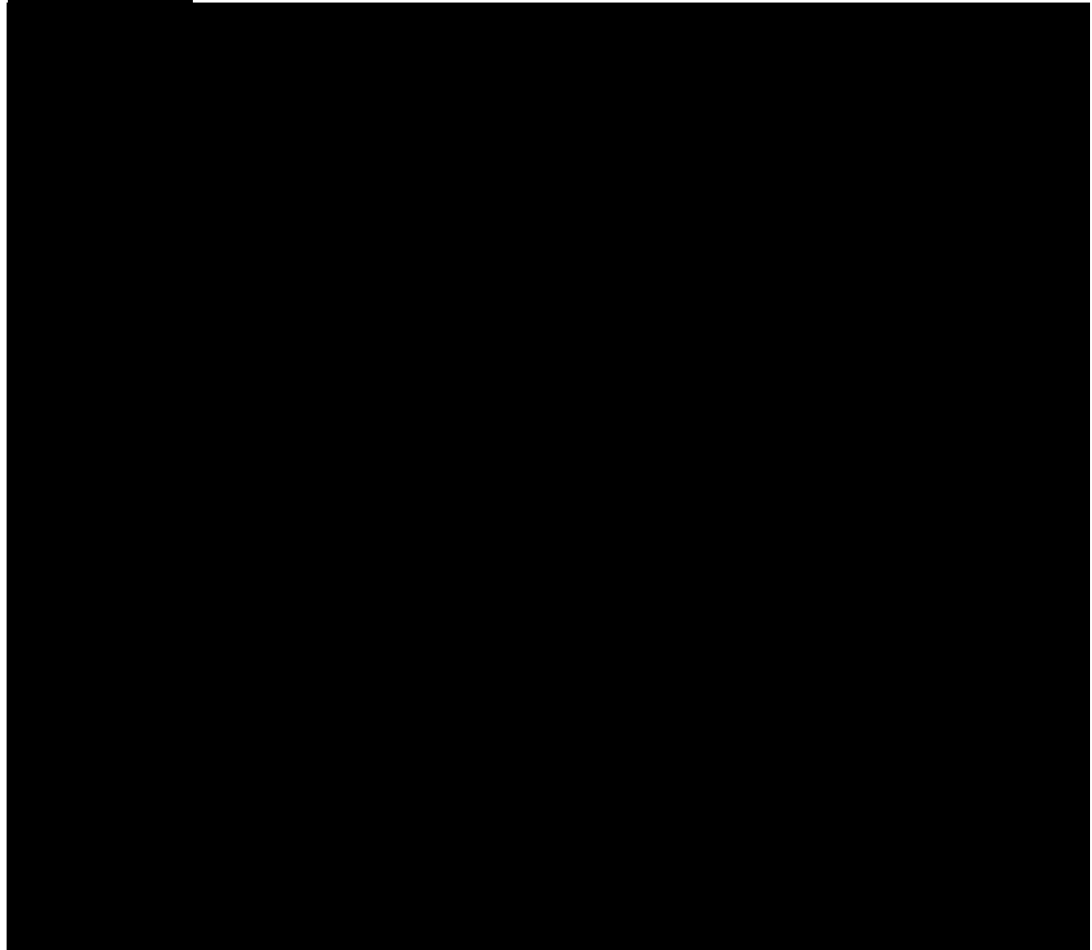
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- Minutes approved

**II. Case Reviews**

**Initial Review**

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**F. In the Matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck [Laicized 2002] – PFR - 62**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. A summary of the allegation is as follows: masturbation; [REDACTED] smoked marijuana; some consumption of alcohol [beer].

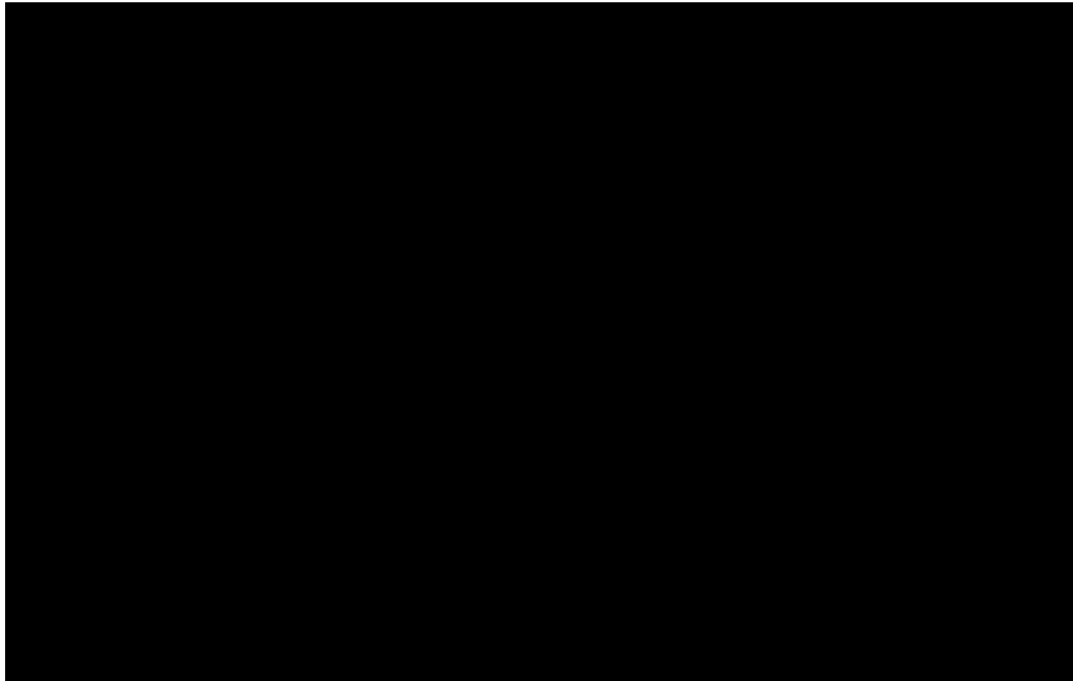
Ms. McCluskey explained the copies of the review of Mr. DeRoeck's files of which each of the Board member had received in their packets for the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.



Fr. Smilanic verbally informed the Board that in the past he, [Fr.] Jim Noone, [Fr.] Larry McBrady, and [Fr.] Jim Joslin owned a home in Michigan City. As per Fr. Smilanic, Fr. McBrady sold his portion of the home to Fr. DeRoeck. Fr. Smilanic said that he and the others never knew [of Fr. DeRoeck's alleged abuse of minors]. He added that Fr. DeRoeck always asked the other owners of the home when they were going to be there. Fr. Smilanic spoke of an instance when he went to the home without telling Fr. DeRoeck, and he [Fr. DeRoeck] was upset with him that he had gone there "unannounced."

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that the accused has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor.

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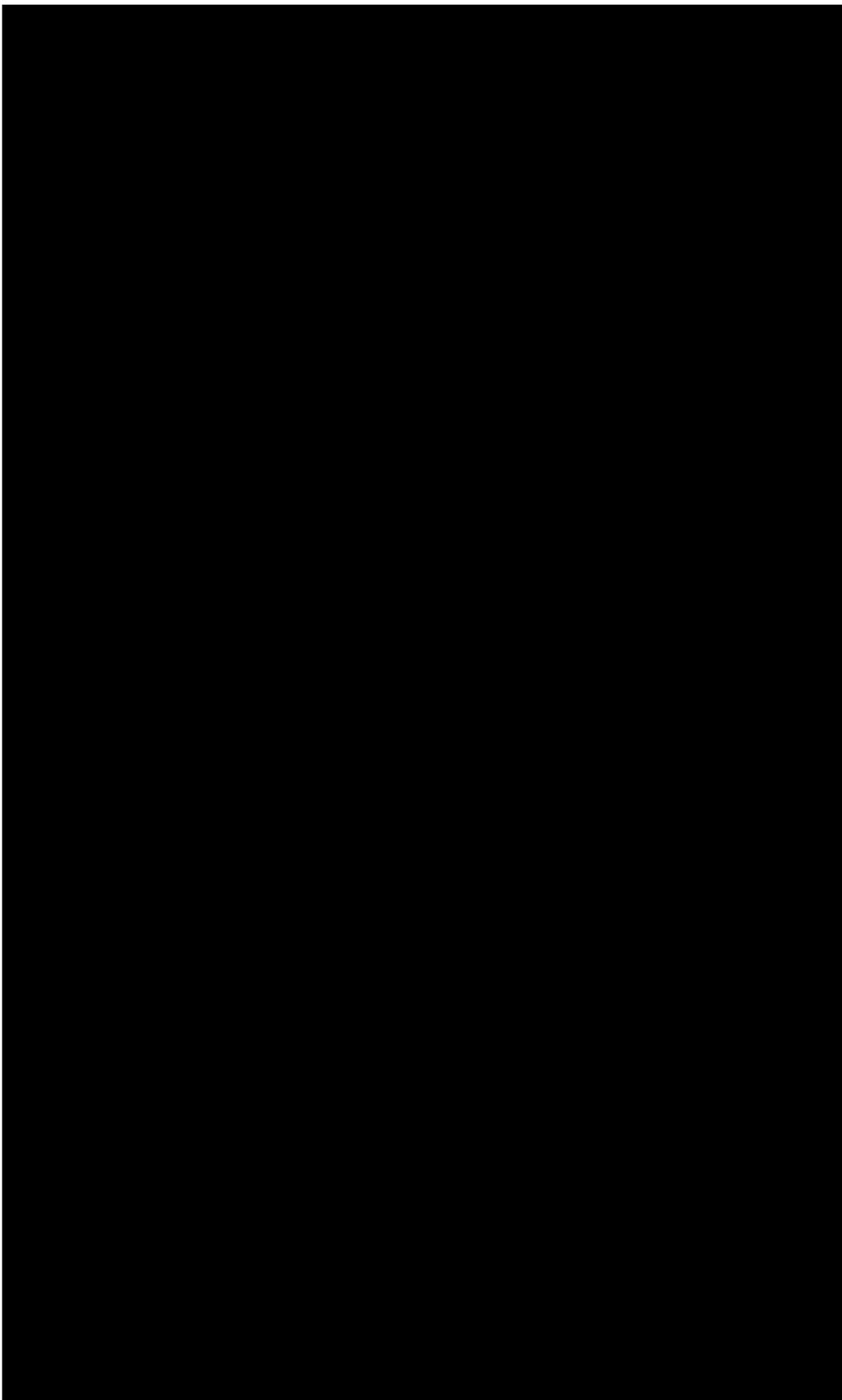
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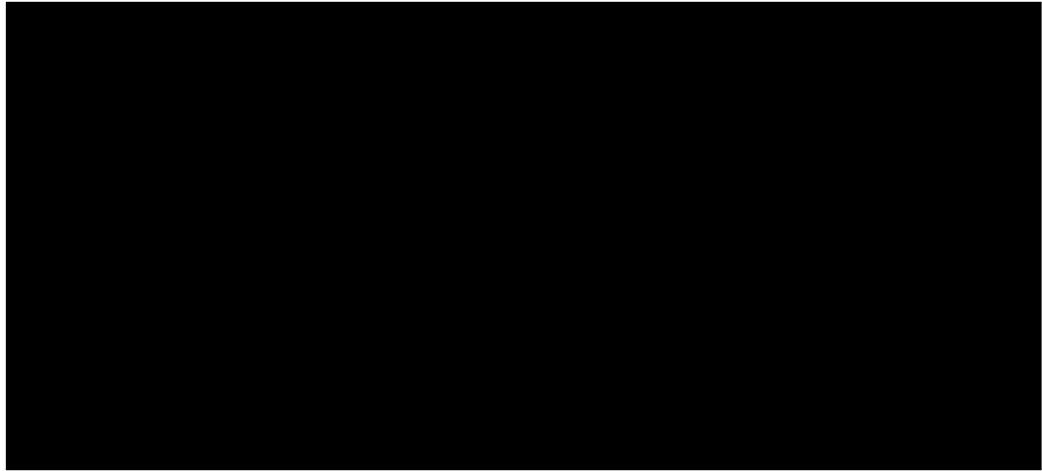


[REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

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

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

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on May 31, 2008 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck 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 has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor, or [REDACTED]

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

*I agree with  
determination.  
F. J. J. J.  
June 4, 2008*

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Chicago, Illinois 60611

June 24, 2008

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations 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 of June 4, 2008 in response to your letter of June 3, 2008, regarding the matter of **Walter DeRoeck**, who was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago, but who was subsequently dispensed from the obligations of the clerical state, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. This matter was discussed in a Review for Cause by the independent Review Board at their meeting of May 31, 2008.

I accept the Review Board's determination that there is reason to suspect the abuse of [REDACTED] took place. However, since Walter DeRoeck has been dispensed from the obligations of the clerical state, no further canonical action can be taken against him. I ask that the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth continue to provide pastoral assistance to [REDACTED] and his family.

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 Landis*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General  
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Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Minister  
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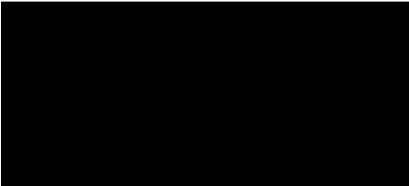
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June 26, 2008

**FILE COPY**



Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on May 31, 2008 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck 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 May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that you were sexually abused by the former Fr. DeRoeck. 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] 867-8793. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bcc: John O'Malley  
James Serritella

AOC 013078

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June 26, 2008

Walter DeRoeck



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Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

Bcc: John O'Malley  
James Serritella

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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

November 17, 2008

Archdiocese of Chicago  
Leah McCluskey  
P. O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

**RE: [REDACTED] v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, et al.**

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED] in his claim against the ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO and WALTER DeROECK arising out of sexual childhood abuse committed by him when [REDACTED] was a minor.

Please be advised that I claim a lien for my services as attorney for the above-captioned individual, and I ask that someone contact me before December 1, 2008 to discuss a reasonable resolution to this claim.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

AOC 013080

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Hunnicutt, Matthew  
**CC:** Flores, Mayra; Grace, Edward; Leonatti, Janet; O'Malley, John; Serri...  
**Date:** 11/18/2008 10:51 AM  
**Subject:** Re-activated case  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Matt,

I just received a call from [REDACTED] who has a client who is finally ready to meet with us. The AOC first received notification from [REDACTED] on 8/6/07 that his client [REDACTED] was sexually abused by the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. This matter was made inactive in May 2008 due to the fact that [REDACTED] had lost contact with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has recently contacted him again and wishes to meet with us. [REDACTED] lives in [REDACTED] and as per [REDACTED] we would have to travel there to meet with him. [REDACTED] suggested a tentative date of December 15th to go to [REDACTED]. I told [REDACTED] that I would check with you--and he would check with [REDACTED] and get back to me. Could you let me know if you or Kathleen would be free on 12/15 to [hopefully] fly in and out the same day for the interview?

Also, I did tell [REDACTED] that if [REDACTED] was interested in speaking with you regarding services prior to our meeting date, to please contact you. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has been hesitant talking to anyone, including his wife--whom he still has not told of the alleged abuse.

I have copied others on this e-mail as notification that I have made this matter active in RADAR and so they could make the adjustment to their files.

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Hunnicutt, Matthew  
**Date:** 12/5/2008 10:18 AM  
**Subject:** December 15th  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Dear [REDACTED],

I wanted to send you the information for the hotel where we have reserved a conference room [from 11am through 4pm] for us to meet with you and [REDACTED] on December 15th:



I asked the hotel that this meeting not be posted in the lobby. It is reserved under my name and/or the Archdiocese of Chicago, so if you happen to arrive before Matt and myself, please feel free to check with the front desk and go right to the conference room.

Please call with any questions.

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Santa Garcia  
**Date:** 1/11/2009 11:41 AM  
**Subject:** School Records Request

Hi Santa,

Could you please request the school records of [REDACTED] from Mary Queen of Heaven school? [REDACTED] attended the school from [REDACTED]-8th grade and graduated in 1982. His DOB is [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Edward Grace  
**To:** Costello, Vincent; McCluskey, Leah; Smilanic, Daniel  
**CC:** Lago, Jimmy  
**Date:** 1/12/2009 4:23 PM  
**Subject:** Re: WALTER DEROECK

Thanks, Dan.

Jimmy, would you send me a copy of the decree of laicization for my file?

Thanks,

Ed

>>> Daniel Smilanic 1/12/2009 4:15 PM >>>

FYI -

His decree of laicization is in the Chancellor's file.

Fr. Smilanic

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Garcia, Santa  
**Date:** 1/12/2009 11:37 AM  
**Subject:** Information Request  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Santa,

When you have a chance, could you please call the current pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven in Cicero and ask him who the appropriate person is to ask if there are altar boy lists/schedules from the years 1977 through 1982? And, if the lists exist, if we could have copies?

Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Satzik, Julie  
**Date:** 1/12/2009 11:34 AM  
**Subject:** Information Request  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Good Morning Julie--and Happy New Year,

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Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Julie Satzik  
**To:** Garcia, Santa  
**Date:** 1/14/2009 11:26 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: File request

Hi,

I checked our collections and found that we have not brought anything in from Mary, Queen of Heaven (Cicero). We usually do not receive anything from open parishes. If the parish does not still have the material, it probably no longer exists.

Julie

Julie A. Satzik  
Assistant Research Archivist  
Archdiocese of Chicago's  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archives and Records Center  
711 W. Monroe  
Chicago IL 60661

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>>> Santa Garcia 1/14/2009 11:02 AM >>>  
Dear Julie,

Can you tell me the status of my request to Jac?

Thank you,

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>>> Santa Garcia 1/13/2009 12:46 PM >>>  
Dear Jac,

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review is requesting the following record's that Rev. Esequiel Sanchez, Pastor - Mary, Queen of Heaven told me Archives and Records may have.

Requested record information needed is:

Alter Boy Lists  
and  
Alter Boy Schedules  
For the years 1977 through 1982

If these lists exist may we have copies? Thank you.

Please advise,

AOC 013087

**From:** Santa Garcia  
**To:** Satzik, Julie  
**Date:** 1/14/2009 11:30 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: File request

I spoke with Fr. Sanchez and he referred me to Archives and said his parish has **no school records** stored away and referred me to contact the AOC Archives and Records Dept.

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**AOC 013088**

**From:** Julie Satzik  
**To:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 1/15/2009 10:52 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Information Request

Hi,

Sorry for the delay. The priests at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, in Cicero, were:

1976

Francis J. Spellman - *deceased*  
John Lauer - *deceased*  
Michael F. Jacobsen - *deceased*  
Donald Mulsoff - *deceased*

1977-1980

Francis J. Spellman  
John Lauer  
Walter DeRoeck  
Donald Mulsoff

1981

Francis J. Spellman  
John Lauer  
Walter DeRoeck  
Robert A. Bacchi - *DOO '77, Broadview, IL*

1982-1984

Francis J. Spellman  
Walter DeRoeck  
Robert A. Bacchi

1985

John R. Price - *DOO '66, Chicago, IL*  
Francis J. Spellman  
Robert A. Bacchi

Hope this helps,

Julie

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Sacramental Records Ext. 722  
Archival Services Ext. 272  
Secretary Ext. 337  
Researchers Ext. 728

January 15, 2009

Protection of Children and Youth, Office for the  
737 N. Michigan Ave.  
Ste. 900  
Chicago, IL 60611

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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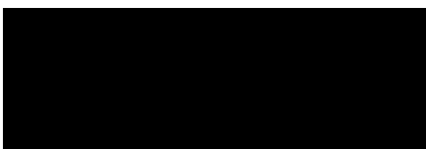
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**VIA FACSIMILIE AND MAIL**

January 22, 2009



Dear [REDACTED],

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. Walter DeRoeck. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on December 15, 2008. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Mr. Matt Hunnicutt 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 February 5, 2009. Please know that you may also respond by February 5<sup>th</sup> 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 February 19, 2009. I have noted this time frame in light of presenting this matter to the Review Board so that this matter may continue forward.

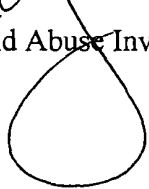
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Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure



**AOC 013091**

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FAX COVER SHEET

To: [REDACTED]  
Fax #: [REDACTED]  
From: Santa Garcia, Secretary  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Date: 1/23/2009

Dear [REDACTED]

Leah McCluskey asked me to fax you the attached paperwork. The original will be mailed to you today. Please call Leah at 312- 534-5205 with any questions you may have. Thank you.

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AOC 013092

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Vicar for Priests



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Leah McCluskey  
File  
From: Ed Grace  
Re: Walter DeRoeck  
Date: February 11, 2009

Today I went to Leah McCluskey's office for the reading of an allegation to Walter DeRoeck. The allegation, which was read to Mr. DeRoeck over the phone, had been made by [REDACTED]. When the reading of the allegation was completed, Mr. DeRoeck asked if he could speak with me privately. Ms McCluskey left her office and I continued the phone conversation with Mr. DeRoeck.

Mr. DeRoeck informed me that he wished to comment on two items contained in an allegation against him by [REDACTED]. The allegation of [REDACTED] had been read to Mr. DeRoeck February 12, 2008.

1. Concerning [REDACTED]: Mr. DeRoeck stated that the [REDACTED] family was not religious. He stated that [REDACTED] "never went to Mass before these things."
2. Concerning [REDACTED]: Mr. DeRoeck stated that this never occurred. He never [REDACTED]

I asked Mr. DeRoeck if I could share these statements with Ms. McCluskey and he replied: "certainly".

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Ed" followed by a stylized flourish.

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry

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

**Re:** [PFR - 62] DEROECK, REV. WALTER (LAICIZED)/  
[REDACTED]

**Date:** February 11, 2009

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Leah McCluskey asked me to mail to you the attached Allegation [PFR - 62]  
DEROECK, REV. WALTER (LAICIZED)/[REDACTED] for your file.

Please call Leah at 312/ 534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Attachmet

*Bcc: John O'Malley*

AOC 013094

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Satzik, Julie  
**Date:** 2/11/2009 3:09 PM  
**Subject:** Request for Quigley Files  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Julie,

I am hoping to obtain a copy of files for a former Quigley North student named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]'s DOB is [REDACTED] and attended Quigley from 1982 to approximately 1984.

I apologize if I am asking you for this in error and if so, could you please tell me to whom I should direct my request?

Thank you.

Leah

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February 12, 2009

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Walter DeRoeck



Dear Walter,

Thank you again for agreeing to speak with Rev. Edward Grace and myself yesterday.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft report written based upon our phone conversation that took place on February 11, 2009 concerning [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor 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.

Walter, I ask that you return the report to me by February 26, 2009 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. I have also enclosed information pertaining to §1104.4.6.2 Policy of the archdiocesan policies, *§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* as well as information concerning the professional investigation firm used by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please know that you may contact me at [312] 453-5205 with any questions or concerns. Also know that Fr. Grace, Vicar for Priests, continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-1837.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

AOC 013096

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## MEMORANDUM

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To: Leah McCluskey  
From: Ed Grace  
Re: Walter DeRoeck  
Date: February 13, 2009

Leah,

Enclosed is a memo of my conversation with Walter DeRoeck after you left your office.

If I don't speak with you, have a good weekend.

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

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February 13, 2009

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia  
Secretary

Attachment

AOC 013098



**Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review**

**Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 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, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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**I. Approval of Minutes**

- December 6, 2008 - Minutes approved pending correction to page two, bullet point number three
- December 19, 2008 – Minutes approved
- January 20, 2009 – Minutes approved

**II. Case Reviews**

**Initial Review**

**A. In the Matter of Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Laicized 2002) – PFR - 62**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. A summary of the allegation is as follows: incidents one and two – Fr. DeRoeck [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] put [REDACTED]'s penis in his mouth; incident three – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. DeRoeck had his hand in [REDACTED]'s rear end.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview of this matter, including that records had been received confirming that [REDACTED] was a student at Quigley during the time period he had identified.

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

- Request that Hillard Heintze conduct a background check on [REDACTED]

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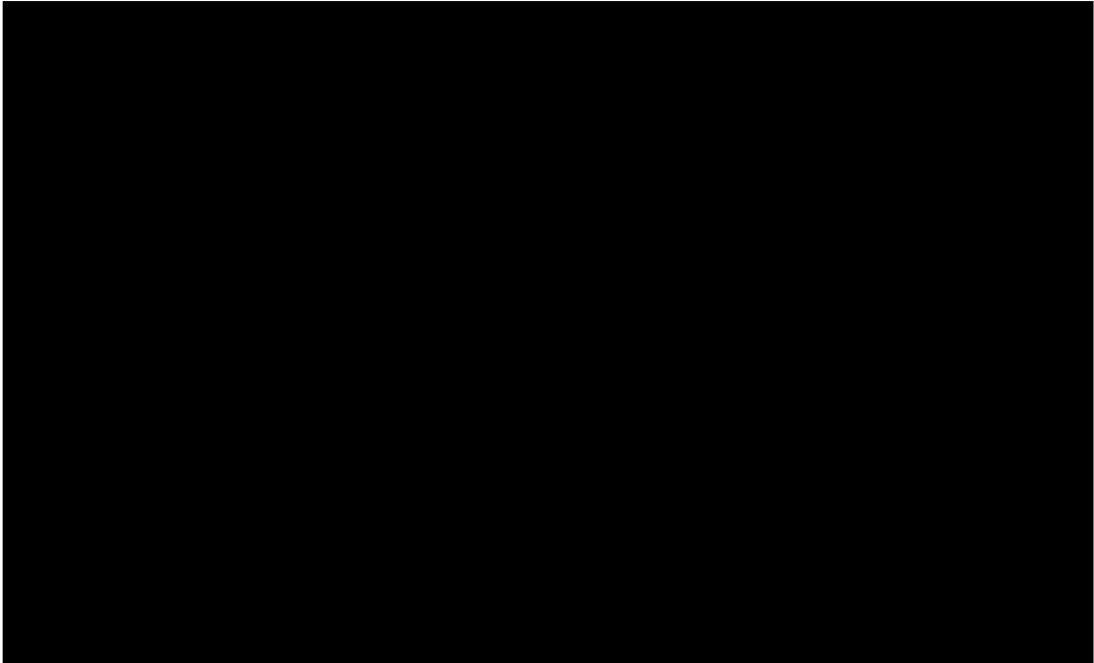
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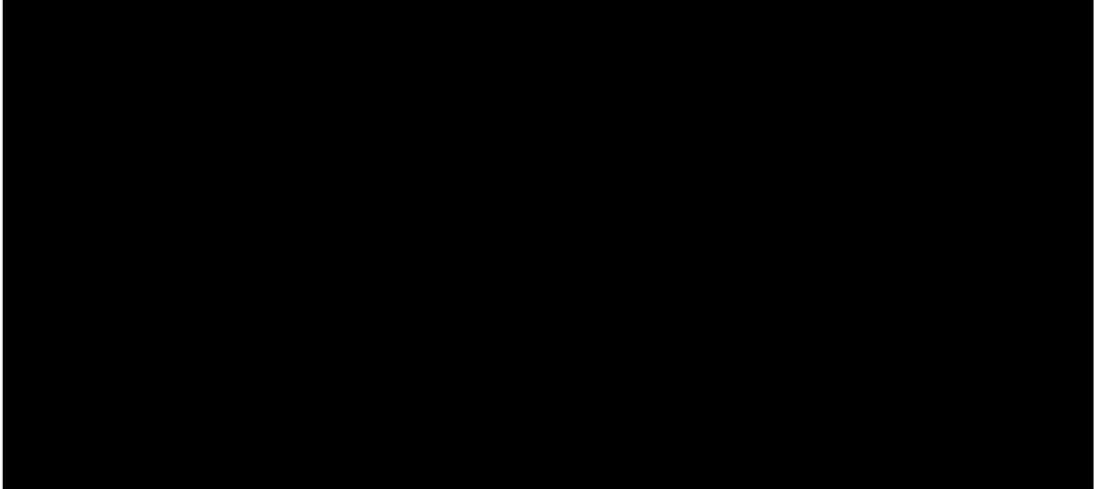
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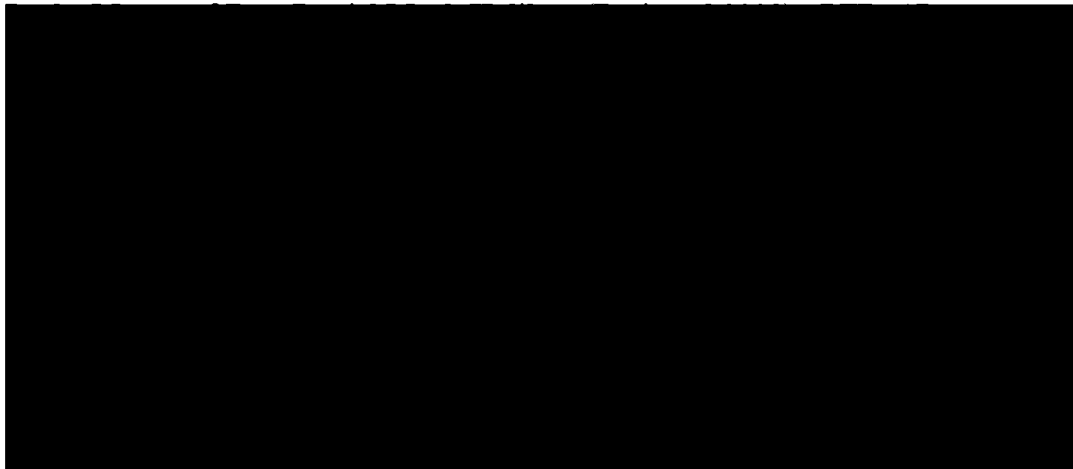


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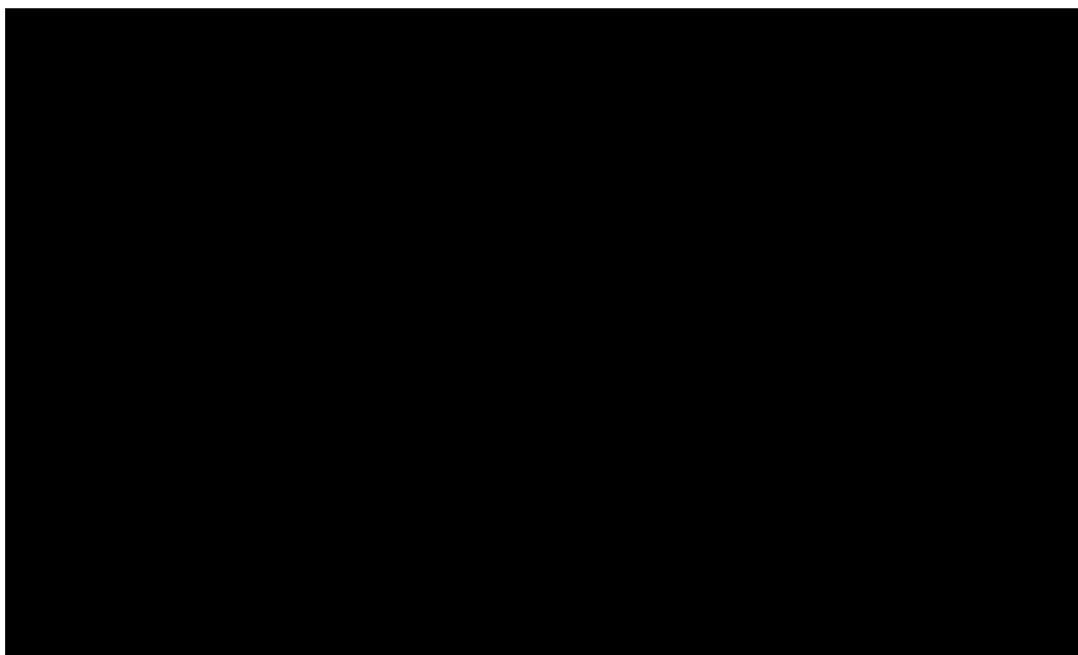


Review for Cause

I.



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Other Matters

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*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR- 62

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

Re: **RESPONSE OF REV. WALTER DEROECK [LAICIZED] TO THE  
ALLEGATION OF THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR MADE BY**  
[REDACTED]

Date: February 23, 2009

Date of Conference Call: February 11, 2009

Time of Conference Call: 11:30 am

### Participants in Conference Call

Walter DeRoeck  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Conference Call

*Please note that all corrections and additions that Walter DeRoeck made to the February 12, 2009 draft report is reflected in italicized and bold print.*

Rev. Edward Grace made arrangements for he and I to call Walter DeRoeck at 11:30 am on February 11, 2009. **Walter** DeRoeck was available when Fr. Grace and I called him.

Fr. Grace and I began by thanking **Walter** DeRoeck for his time and for agreeing to allow us to call him. When asked, **Walter** DeRoeck agreed that he preferred that I address him as "Walter." I informed Walter that I had an allegation made by [REDACTED] to present to him. When asked, Walter agreed that I could send him a copy of the report of [REDACTED]'s allegation. I then asked Walter if he had any questions prior to me continuing by reading the allegation against him. Walter said that he had no questions.

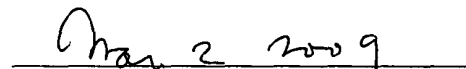
I proceeded by beginning to read the report of [REDACTED]'s allegations against the former Fr. DeRoeck. Walter only stopped me at one point to respond to a part of [REDACTED]'s allegation. [REDACTED]


When asked, Walter stated that Rev. Frank Spellman was pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven at the time. I continued by reading the remainder of the allegation in its entirety.

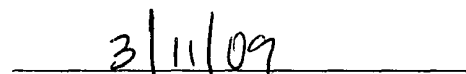
*A few moments after the allegation had been read to him*, Walter stated, "I don't really want to comment right now." Walter then said that he needed to process.

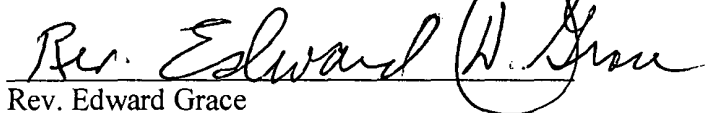
When asked, Walter stated that he would like for me to send him a draft report of our February 11<sup>th</sup> phone call for his review. Walter then asked if he could speak with Fr. Grace alone. I thanked Walter for his time and suggested that he contact Fr. Grace if he had any questions or concerns.

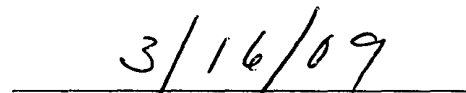
  
Walter DeRoeck

  
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Leah McCluskey

  
Date

  
Rev. Edward Grace

  
Date

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Walter DeRoeck  


Dear Walter DeRoeck,

Enclosed you will find a final report of your response to 's allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against you. Thank you for reviewing the draft report and for returning it to me with your additions and changes.

In the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by March 9, 2009. I will then return a copy of the report to you once those parties indicated on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by March 9<sup>th</sup>, I will use the enclosed report and continue to proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on February 21, 2009 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept this  
determination.  
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**LIMITED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SUMMARY**  
AS OF DATE: (FEBRUARY 25, 2009)

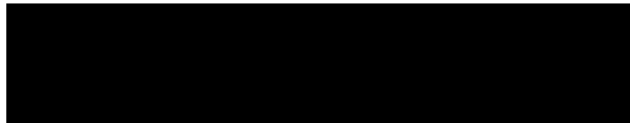
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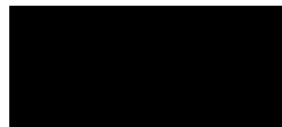
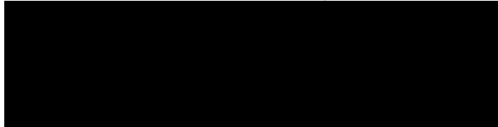
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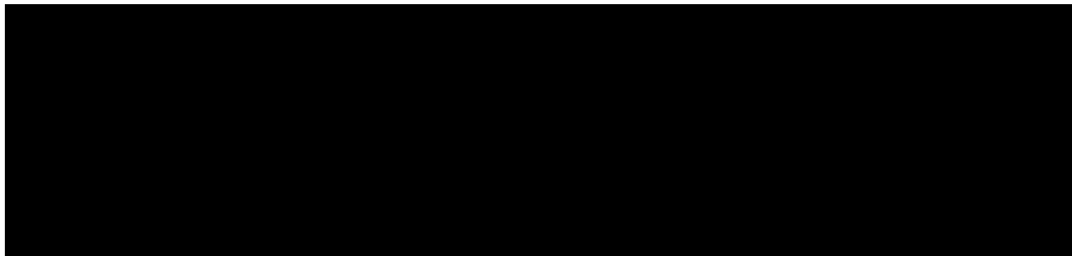


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**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Investigation found no criminal records associated with



**NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY**

A search of sex offender public registries indicates the subject is not registered as a national or state sex offender.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

No additional relevant information was found in association with



**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 2/25/2009 8:50 AM  
**Subject:** Background Check Request  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hello Harvey,

Could you please conduct a background check for me on [REDACTED]? Would it be possible to have this information by March 6, 2009?

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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March 2, 2009

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

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Hillard Heintze has completed the investigation requested for the February 25, 2009 case referral in the matter of [REDACTED]. Attached you will find our investigative report which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago, Professional Review Board. With this transmittal, one (1) original hardbound copy and one (1) electronic version are being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

During the course of this investigation, Hillard Heintze reviewed the documentation provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and conducted a limited background investigation of [REDACTED].

Utilizing proprietary databases, the background investigation conducted on [REDACTED] found [REDACTED]

Should you need any additional information on our investigation, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.869.8500.

Sincerely,  
**HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC**

Arnette F. Heintze

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**CC:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/3/2009 3:04 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED] Report  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hello Harvey,

Thank you very much for sending this version of a background check. As you can see, I copied our Review Board Chair, [REDACTED] on this e-mail so that he could read through it. [REDACTED], could you please respond with your feelings about the format of the attached report--in your opinion will this fit the needs of the Board?

Thank you both.

Leah

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <[harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com](mailto:harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com)> 3/2/2009 3:00 PM >>>  
Leah:

This is the condensed version format we thought might fulfill the needs of the Board. Take a look at the format and content and let me know if this meets your needs. Please feel free to offer any comments, suggestions or criticism that will make this more useful for you.

Thanks

Harvey

[REDACTED]

VIA: FACSIMILE/MAIL

March 6, 2009

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Archdiocese of Chicago  
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
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Chicago, IL 60690

RE: [REDACTED] v. DeROECK

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Attached please find the report for the above case along with [REDACTED]'s changes. Please make necessary changes and send back final report.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

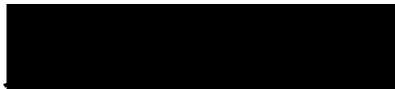
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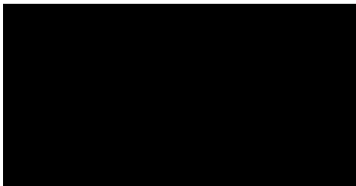
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Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on February 21, 2009 and conducted an Initial Review of your allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. As you may know, Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At the Initial Review, after considering all information received, the Review Board determines whether additional investigation is warranted and may recommend that interim action be taken pending the further development of the case.

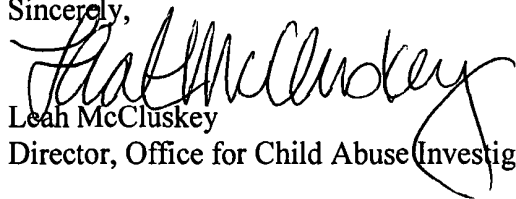
Based upon the information obtained concerning your allegation against Fr. DeRoeck, the Review Board determined that additional investigation is warranted. Cardinal George has accepted this determination. Due to the fact that Mr. DeRoeck is no longer a priest, there is no interim action that the Review Board is able to recommend.

If there is anything further that you wish to share concerning your allegation, please forward it to my attention so that it may be presented to the Review Board. I would also like to remind you of your right to appear before the Board. If you wish to do so, please contact me directly so that we may schedule a date and time for you come to a future Review Board meeting.

[REDACTED] if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that Matt Hunnicutt and Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry continue to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-8267, [mhunnicutt@archchicago.org](mailto:mhunnicutt@archchicago.org), or [mflores@archchicago.org](mailto:mflores@archchicago.org).



Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

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Walter DeRoeck



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Walter, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 534-5205 or [lmclluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmclluskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Edward Grace continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-1837 or [egrace@archchicago.org](mailto:egrace@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Bcc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

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VIA FACIMILIE AND MAIL

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Dear [REDACTED],

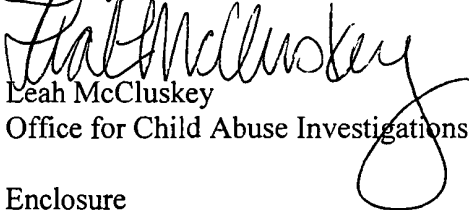
I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. Thank you so much for your corrections and additions.

[REDACTED], in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by March 25, 2009. I will return a copy of the report to you through [REDACTED] once those parties indicated on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by March 25<sup>th</sup>, I will present the enclosed document as the final report to the Review Board in order to continue to proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, summarizing Victim IW's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey and Matt Hunnicutt, of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, on March 11, 2009, formalizing Victim IW's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Walter DeRoeck. According to Victim IW, the abuse occurred between 1983 and 1985 when Victim IW was 15-17 years old. The abuse consisted of Fr. DeRoeck performing oral sex on Victim IW and digital anal penetration of Victim IW by Fr. DeRoeck. The abuse was accompanied by alcohol and occurred three times on out-of-state trips with Fr. DeRoeck.

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FAX COVER SHEET

TO: [REDACTED]

Fax #: [REDACTED]

FROM: Leah McCluskey

DATE: March 11, 2009

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

This is the report of [REDACTED]'s allegation against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck—with [REDACTED]'s changes and additions. The original document is in the mail. Please call me at 312 534-5205 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Leah

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 62

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

Re: DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized]/[REDACTED]

Date: March 12, 2009

A copy of [REDACTED]'s student records from Quigley Preparatory Seminary North was requested in relation to his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

Upon a review of [REDACTED]'s school files, it was confirmed that he was enrolled at Quigley [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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March 19, 2009

Walter DeRoeck  
[REDACTED]

Dear Walter DeRoeck,

Enclosed you will find a copy of your Response To Allegation Made By [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] dated February 23, 2009, with the final signatures, for your file.

Please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-534-5205 with any questions you have regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia  
Secretary

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## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Adjutant Judicial Vicar

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

**Re:** [PFR - 62] DEROECK, WALTER (LAICIZED)/  
[REDACTED]

**Date:** March 19, 2009

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Leah McCluskey asked me to mail you the attached [PFR - 62] DEROECK, WALTER (LAICIZED)/ [REDACTED] RESPONSE dated February 23, 2009 with signatures for your files.

Please call Leah at 312/ 534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Attachment

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April 3, 2009

**FILE COPY**

Walter DeRoeck  
[REDACTED]

Dear Walter DeRoeck,

Enclosed find a copy of the signed Allegations of Sexual Misconduct for your file. A copy has also been sent to your attorney, [REDACTED].

Please call Leah McCluskey a call at 312-534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia, Secretary

Cc: [REDACTED], Attorney

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## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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

**Re:** [PFR - 62] DEROECK, WALTER [LAICIZED]  
/ [REDACTED]

**Date:** April 3, 2009

Enclosed please find a copy of the signed Allegation of [PFR - 62] DEROECK, WALTER [LAICIZED] / [REDACTED] for your file.

Please call Leah McCluskey at 312-534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter. Thank you.

Attachment

*Bc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services*

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 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

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#### **I. Approval of Minutes**

- March 21, 2008 – Minutes approved

#### **II. Case Reviews** Initial Review

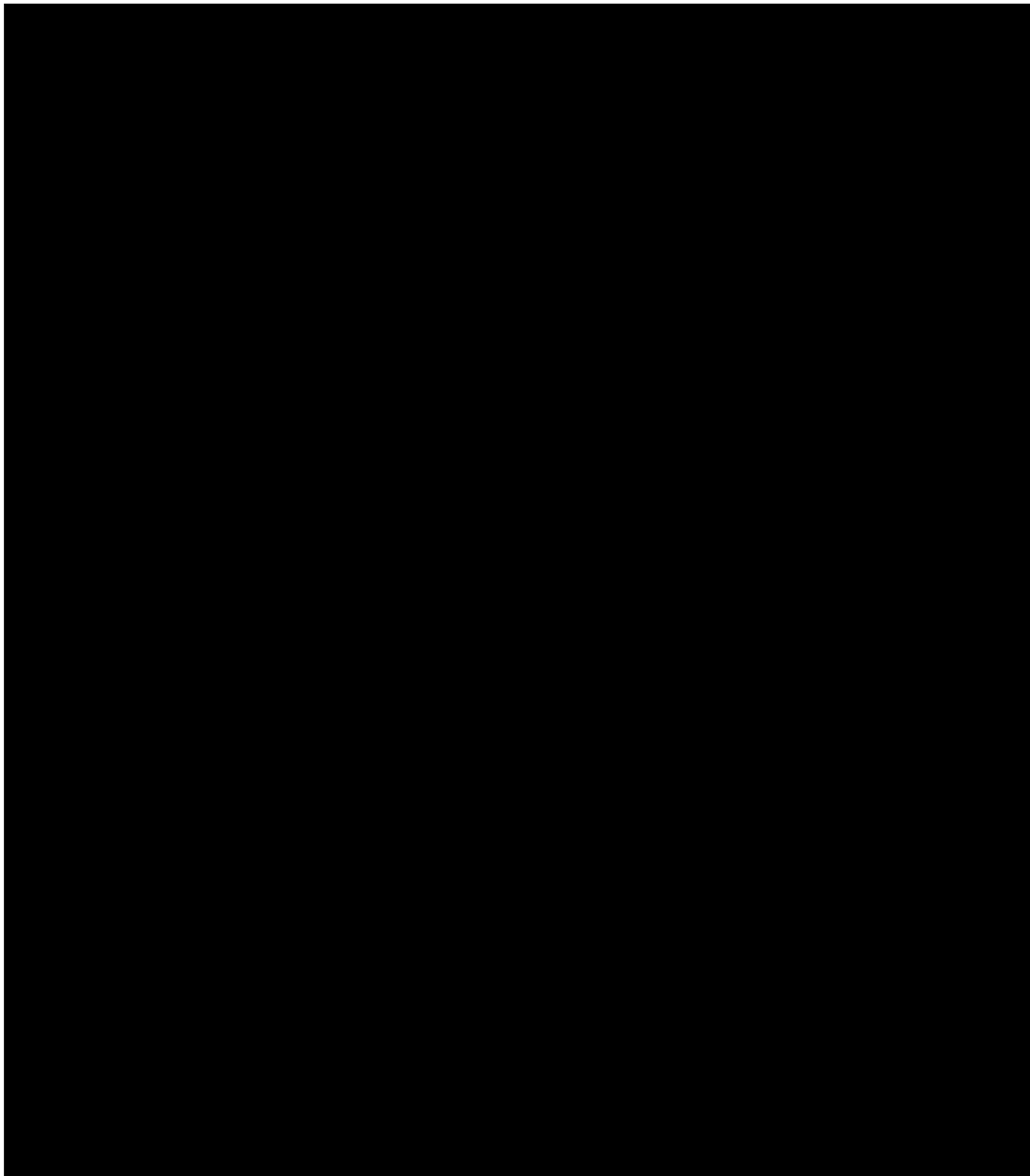
A. [REDACTED]

B.

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**Review for Cause**

**E. In the Matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck (Laicized 2002) - PFR- 62**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. A summary of the allegation is as follows: three main incidents: incidents one and two – Fr.

DeRoeck [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] put [REDACTED]'s penis  
in his mouth; incident three – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. DeRoeck had his hand in [REDACTED]'s rear end.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview of this matter.

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

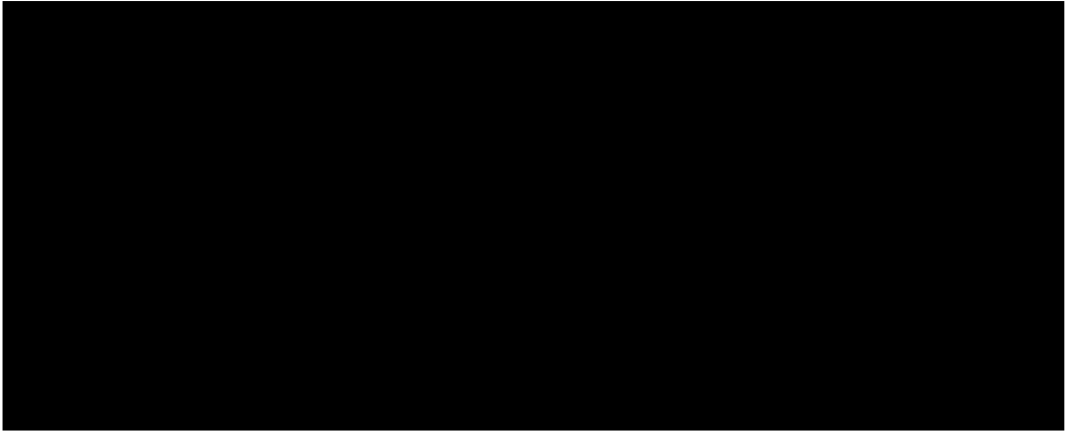
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**III. Other Matters**

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*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*



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April 20, 2009

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on April 18, 2009 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck 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] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the determination.  
Mr. DeRoeck shall be notified.  
F. J. Joyce  
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May 6, 2009

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Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on April 18, 2009 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. As you may know, Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At the Review for Cause, after considering all information presented to it, the Review Board determines whether there is reason to suspect that the accused cleric has engaged in the sexual abuse of a minor.

Based upon the information obtained concerning your allegation against Fr. DeRoeck, the Review Board determined that there is reason to suspect that Fr. DeRoeck did sexually abuse you when you were a minor. Cardinal George has accepted this determination. Due to the fact that Mr. DeRoeck is laicized and no longer a priest, there is no further action that the Review Board is able to take.

[REDACTED], if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that Matt Hunnicutt and Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry continue to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-8267, [mhunnicutt@archchicago.org](mailto:mhunnicutt@archchicago.org), or [mflores@archchicago.org](mailto:mflores@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

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May 6, 2009

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Walter DeRoeck  
[REDACTED]

Dear Walter,

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on April 28, 2009 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual abuse against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

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 April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that you did sexually abuse [REDACTED]. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination.

Walter, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Edward Grace continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-1837 or [egrace@archchicago.org](mailto:egrace@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Bc : John O' Malley, Office of Legal Services

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