

## Yunger, Mary

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**Subject:** Keehan, John (2nd-10/01/04) Review (Hold)  
**Start Date:** Sunday, April 14, 2002  
**Due Date:** Monday, March 31, 2003

**Status:** Deferred  
**Percent Complete:** 0%

**Total Work:** 0 hours  
**Actual Work:** 0 hours

**Owner:** Yunger, Mary

**Categories:** 10 year reviews 2004, Priest, Vicariate III

Fr. John Keehan (St. Ann, So. Leavitt)  
Target: 3/31/03 (**Bishop Letter**)

7/01 Administrative leave.  
4/22 Choice letter sent  
4/25 Intends to seek sabbatical and be reassigned after. Has not made a decision regarding these matters.

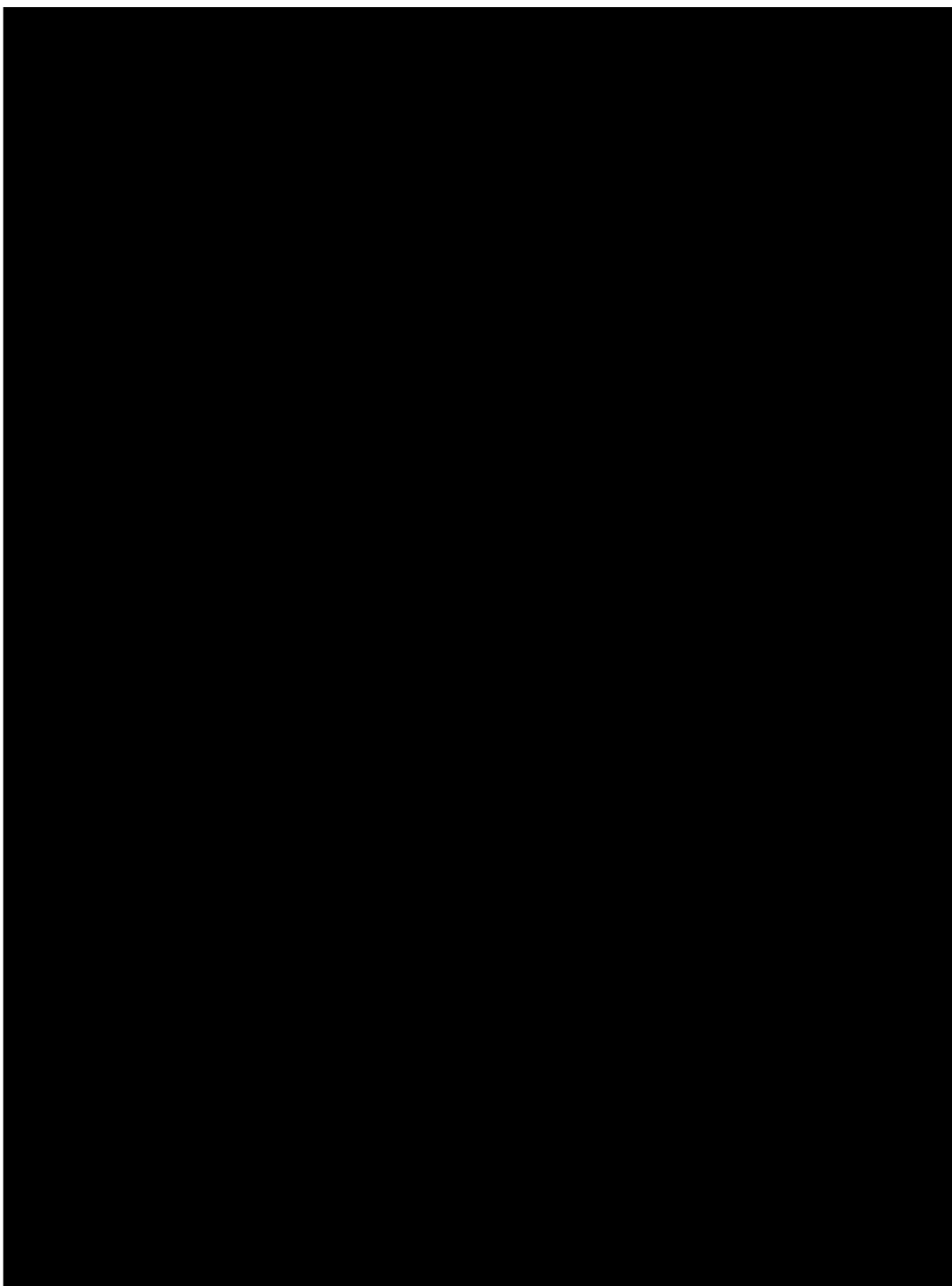
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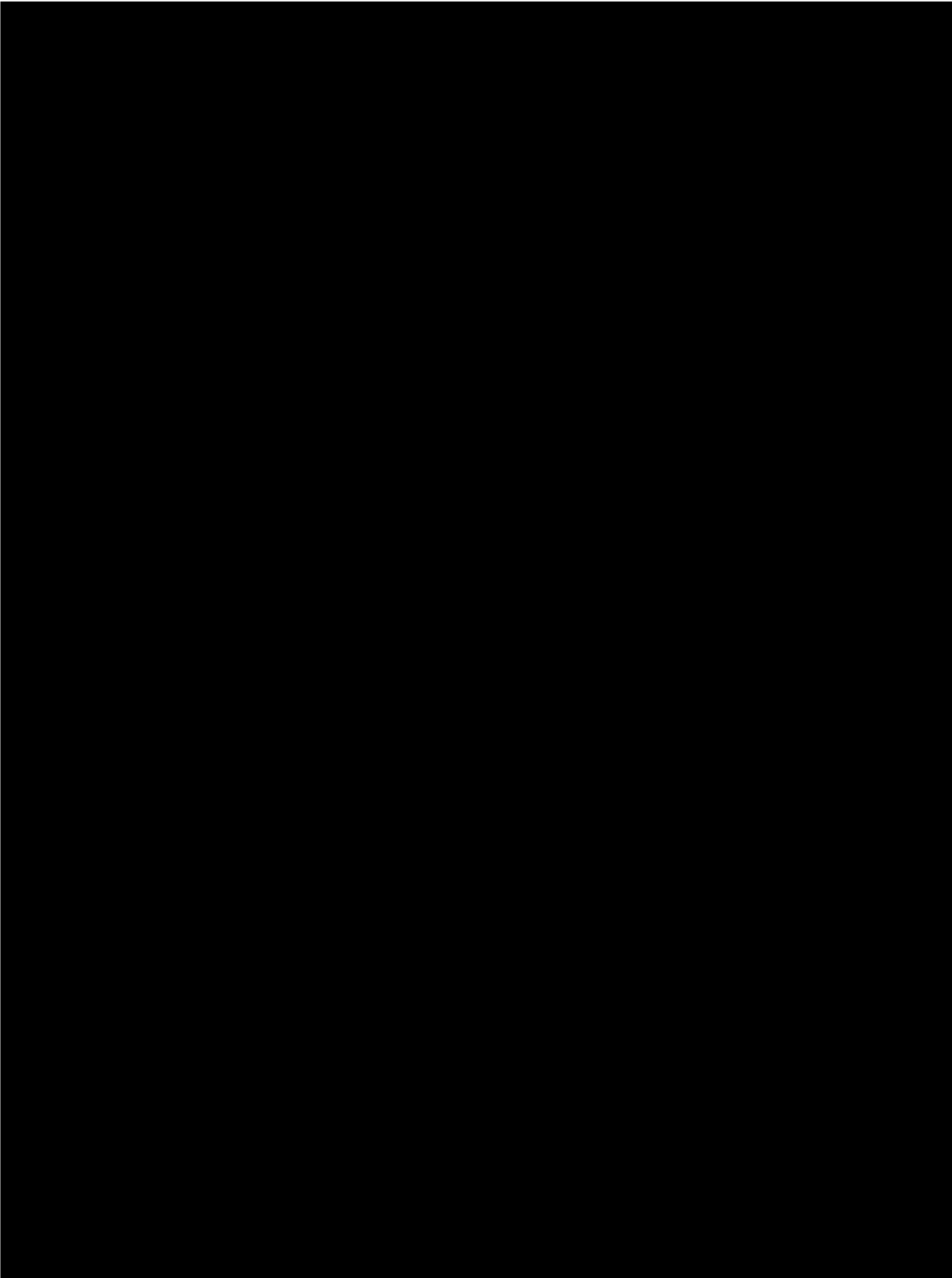
SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

The Board may recall that this matter was first presented to it by Rev. Pat O'Malley, the Vicar for Priests, on 2-27-93. The Board sought further information at that time, particularly access to any information regarding Rev. Keehan's [REDACTED] background. On 4-3-93, the Board concluded the First Stage Review. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





\*\*\* Now that reference to [REDACTED] have been refreshed in the Board's memory, I will proceed with other aspects of Rev. Keehan's current status. First, you may recall that Jack Keehan was first placed under monitoring at the beginning of November, 1992. His primary monitor was Rev. Tom Millea who moved into St. Ann's Parish as a full-time monitor of Jack Keehan. Also, Sr. Michael Marie Franzak, the school principal at St. Ann's, was also asked by Pat O'Malley to help out with monitoring.

The Board will recall that all of the [REDACTED] recommendations were accepted by the Board and Cardinal Bernardin following the First Stage Review in this matter. Also, Rev. Keehan

was told not to have any contact with [REDACTED]. As such, the monitoring restrictions continued to be imposed upon Jack Keehan - no unsupervised contact with minors without the presence of another responsible adult. Rev. Millea continued on as the main monitor until July, 1993 when he apparently had chosen to enter retirement. Pat O'Malley and I were able to obtain Rev. Chuck Balskas as the new full time, live-in priest monitor. Sr. Franzak continues in her monitoring role as well.

Rev. Millea submitted a letter on 6-28-93 in which he stated "there was never an occasion when there was anything untoward" in Jack Keehan's conduct since Rev. Millea has been his monitor. In my own interview of Tom Millea, he additionally noted that Jack Keehan had complied "very well with all the rules - all his contacts with kids have been observed and he has had no contact with school kids." Tom added that Jack Keehan has never been alone with those under 18 and that either himself or Sr. Franzak were usually around as the "responsible adults" if there were any children around. Jack has conducted no retreats or individual counseling with kids as directed [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]. Although Tom noted that from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday there were still part-time teenage girl secretaries in the rectory, he claimed that either himself or another adult were always around (such as the adult cook who leaves at 8:00 p.m.). In summary, Tom Millea stated that "the monitoring has worked for Jack personally."

Sr. Michael Marie Franzak seconds that previous statement. She, too, has not noticed any situations at all where Jack Keehan was alone in the presence of minors, especially around teenage girls without another adult being there. She also noted that recently herself and two other sisters with whom she resides nearby the parish are now in the process of working out with Chuck Balskas and Jack Keehan an arrangement whereby one of the nuns would be present in the rectory in evenings during situations when they know Chuck Balskus will not be around (in case teenagers or other minors were to be present or enter the rectory). Sister is also aware of Jack Keehan's log book/date book and said he has been keeping it diligently.

I also spoke recently with the new full-time monitor, Rev. Chuck Balskus, about the monitoring situation. Chuck, too, notes that all has gone well since he began his own monitoring tour at St. Ann's Rectory. He has noticed no situations at all where Jack Keehan is alone with minors. Also, he confirmed what Sr. Franzak said about the sisters who will begin shortly in the evenings as receptionists in the rectory rather than the teenage girls. Chuck has adjusted well so far in his new role and stated that Jack Keehan wants very much to be as cooperative as possible in this situation. "So far, so good."

As recommended by the Board, Jack Keehan has also [REDACTED] since April, 1993 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], on the other hand, expressed to me in May, 1993 that she was not pleased with the outcome of the First Stage Review. She has chosen not to pursue help through our Victim Assistance Ministry but is working with an attorney (I am not sure of the status of the case). [REDACTED] stated to me following the First Stage Review that she wanted three things: 1) for Jack Keehan not to be around children, 2) for him to be removed from his parish, and 3) for compensation for the emotional grief she has been through. She felt that the results reached by the Board were invalid. She further made reference to, as she has done previously with both Rev. Pat O'Malley and Sr. Brian Costello who were involved in the original investigation/inquiries, other priests at St. Basil's at the time who she believes can verify details of her allegation of sexual misconduct against Keehan when she was a minor. She has particularly related that she believes there was another associate pastor at St. Basil's who knew about the situation but she could not remember his name. Also, she has referred more than once to the pastor before Rev. Rosemeyer who she states [REDACTED] saw him fondling her at the time (she thought perhaps this person was Monsignor Marty Howard). Also, she stated in the past that an interim administrator at St. Basil in her recollection, after Monsignor Howard had left, told her not to come to the parish anymore and he was reporting her to the Chancery.

I have followed up on her suggestions as best as possible to date. First, Rev. Pat O'Malley had originally checked Rev. Keehan's file and discovered that no such report was ever made to the Chancery by any interim administrator at St. Basil's. Also, I have a list of the various priests who served at St. Basil Parish from 1967 to 1971 (when [REDACTED] would have turned 19). Regarding eight of these priests, I have discovered the following:

Monsignor Marty Howard, Pastor at St. Basil's from 1967 to 1973, is deceased; Fr. Irwin Angel, at St. Basil's from 1967 to 1972, is deceased; Fr. Poovathumkal, at St. Basil's in 1968 and 1969, is an extern priest no longer in this Archdiocese; Msgr. George Herdegan currently suffers from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; Rev. [REDACTED] at St. Basil's in 1967 and 1968, does not recall Rev. Keehan being involved in any way whatsoever sexually with any teenage girl (he is now in retirement in [REDACTED]); Rev. [REDACTED], also in retirement, served at Basil's in 1967 and 1968 - he, too, had no recollection at all about Jack Keehan being involved with a teenage girl from my conversation with him; only Rev. [REDACTED] who came to Basil's in June, 1971 (when [REDACTED] would have been 19 1/2) remembered [REDACTED] and that she did visit Jack Keehan at the rectory during his time period there, although he had absolutely no knowledge of Jack Keehan being involved sexually with her nor did Jack Keehan ever tell Fr. O'Connor about anything of that nature; Rev. Paul Rosemeyer is away on vacation and I hope to speak with him some time in the future. (He did not begin as pastor at Basil's until 1973, but [REDACTED] did mention him as someone to talk to).

I attempted to contact [REDACTED] earlier this week to update her on the status of this situation and to see if she had gained any further recollection as to the specific identity of any other priest at St. Basil's who she believes has specific information about her allegation - she responded through a call from her attorney who I informed about my follow-up to date.

Nevertheless, I continue to remain deeply concerned about this matter. It must be noted that an ongoing discrepancy remains between [REDACTED]'s contention that she was sexually abused and a victim of [REDACTED] Fr. Keehan as early as age fifteen in the rectory of St. Basil Parish as well as in other locations. Although I did not conduct the original inquiries into this case, both Rev. Pat O'Malley and Assistance Minister Ralph Bonaccorsi have stated that [REDACTED] appeared to be a very credible person. She continues to be dissatisfied with the status of Jack Keehan remaining in his parish.

On the other hand, Jack Keehan has adamantly denied any sexual involvement with [REDACTED] or any female under age 18. Herein lies the discrepancy and to date Rev. Keehan's version of events has basically prevailed. He remains cooperative and the monitoring and [REDACTED] have apparently gone well.

[REDACTED]

At the very least, the current strict restrictions in my view, must remain in place. [REDACTED] Moreover, if further corroborating information about [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct as a minor was to come forward and was credible, I would urge the Board to seriously consider the option of Rev. Keehan's withdrawal from St. Ann's Parish in the interest of the safety of children. I continue to have doubts



about Jack Keehan's explanation for the letter of 7-14-92 which he sent to [REDACTED] in response to her letter of 6-15 91. In [REDACTED]'s letter, she point blank states that she was a minor when Rev. Keehan began to fondle her [REDACTED]. In his response letter, he apologizes for "the damage" and "harm" he caused [REDACTED]. But Jack Keehan's explanation for the letter was that he was apologizing for having inferred to [REDACTED] that he might marry her and how it must have disturbed her that he eventually chose not to. Also, Jack Keehan contended to me that he does not acknowledge that he caused [REDACTED] damage, rather he only meant to acknowledge the damage [REDACTED] says she is suffering now.

In any event, in my view this matter remains very serious and the Board should continue to watch it closely for any further developments.

## CLERGY DAILY LOG

The Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, pursuant to Article §1104.4.3, is responsible to "monitor programs for treatment, rehabilitation or supervision of clerics..."

The Individual Specific Protocol for: \_\_\_\_\_

(Cleric Name)

requires that you keep a "log" of your daily activities. The "log" is completed daily and submitted to the Director at the end of each week for review. Include the place, the purpose of visit/trip/activity (i.e. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the telephone number if it is appropriate. Please remember that this tool is intended to provide an accurate record of the day rather than a detailed clock.

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Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On-Site Supervisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Revised 4/5/07

Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

**NOTE:** This form must be submitted to Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review three weeks prior to planned departure  
**In event of an emergency need, contact Director or Vicar for Priests to discuss travel**

\_\_\_\_\_ [name of traveling cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to \_\_\_\_\_ [destination address and contact phone number] from \_\_\_\_\_ [departure date] through \_\_\_\_\_ [return date]. The traveling cleric will be chaperoned by \_\_\_\_\_ [name of chaperone]. The Director may contact the chaperone at the following phone number \_\_\_\_\_ prior to departure \_\_\_\_\_. The identified chaperone has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of the traveling cleric during the aforementioned time frame, as well as assuring that the traveling cleric will be spending the identified overnights in the same residence as him/her.

1. Contacts with minors by the traveling cleric must be in the presence of the identified chaperone. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
2. The identified chaperone may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of traveling cleric over the aforementioned time period of travel.
3. As previously noted, the date of return to the traveling cleric's residence has been scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ [aforementioned return date]. However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact the Director at [312] 751-5205.

**Cleric Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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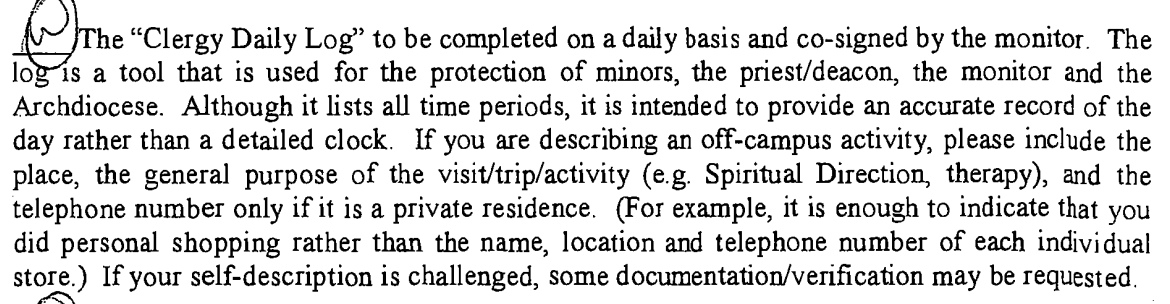
Office of Professional Responsibility  
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
Chicago, IL 60611  
(312) 751-5205

INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS  
For

Rev. John Keehan

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of protecting minors. Additionally, the ISP protects the integrity of the Church and serves as a safeguard for individual priest or deacon. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office of Professional Responsibility, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Professional Responsibility Administrator (PRA); please refer to protocol number 15. The agreement of a priest or deacon to abide by these protocols is not understood to prove the truth of any allegation and is not intended to be an admission of guilt for any delict or crime, whether in Canon Law, or State and Federal Law. This agreement represents the cooperation of the cleric with his bishop as he exercises his pastoral office (e.g., Canons 369 and 392).

This ISP for John Keehan is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1. ☒ Restricted from being alone with minors (anyone under the age of 18) without the presence of another responsible adult.
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4. ☒ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the priest/deacon, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it lists all time periods, it is intended to provide an accurate record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-campus activity, please include the place, the general purpose of the visit/trip/activity (e.g. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the telephone number only if it is a private residence. (For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping rather than the name, location and telephone number of each individual store.) If your self-description is challenged, some documentation/verification may be requested.
5. ☒ Abide by the assignment of residence to Cardinal Stritch  
Retreat House

6. ☒ No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* will apply.
7. ☒ Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement", and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure.
8. ☒ Attendance at a recommended support group \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of \_\_\_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
9. ☒ No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. ☒ Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. ☒ The right of defense must not involve the public life of the Church.
12. ☒ On-site visits by PRA annually to include meeting with PRA and the cleric.
13. ☒ On-site visits by Vicar for Priests (VP) annually to include a meeting with VP and the cleric.
14. ☒ This ISP is to be reviewed annually with PRA, VP, and the cleric.
15. Because the private celebration of the Eucharist is possible, during the course of each week one of the Masses celebrated is to be for the intention of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
16. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PRA, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, and at the discretion of any of the parties, his legal and/or canonical counsel may be involved.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of PRA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of VP: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Monitor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 7/15/03

Administrative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send copy to J. Kaahen -  
Track about possible help to Archbishop.

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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces an undated document, titled "John Keehan," which summarizes Victim JG's allegation of sexual abuse by Rev. John J. Keehan when Victim JG was a minor.

According to the summary, Victim JG was abused by Fr. Keehan beginning in 1967, when she was 15 years old, at St. Basil parish. The abuse consisted of fondling, sexual intercourse and one instance of rape while on an out-of-state trip with Fr. Keehan and others in 1970. Victim JG's relationship with Keehan lasted until she was 24 years old.



Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces an undated memorandum, prepared by Fr. John Keehan, describing his recollections of the events that occurred at St. Basil parish at the time of his relationship with Victim JG in a detailed timeline. The chronology includes the following information alleged by Fr. Keehan: Fr. Keehan met Victim JG, then 15 years old, within a month of arriving at St. Basil parish in 1967. In the summer of 1969, several adult parishioners and Victim JG visited Fr. Keehan at the Keehan family's lake cottage in Wisconsin. After the school year ended in 1970, Fr. Keehan told Victim JG that she was the kind of girl that he would marry if he ever left the priesthood. Victim JG initially rejects Fr. Keehan's verbal advance but soon after the two begin a relationship that breaks off and starts up again numerous times over a period of several years. The romantic relationship ends in 1974. Victim JG and Fr. Keehan are in sporadic contact until the mid-1980s, then Fr. Keehan hears nothing from Victim JG until her letter accusing him of seducing her when she was 14 years old.

# Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

**John James Keehan**

Born:



Ordained: 04/27/1967

Died:

Ethnicity:

No Image  
Attached

Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. John Berchmans Parish (Logan Blvd.)	Deacon	06/01/1966	08/01/1966
St. Basil Parish (Garfield Blvd.)	Assistant	06/01/1967	01/24/1973
St. Basil Parish (Garfield Blvd.)	Administrator	01/24/1973	06/07/1974
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (Hermitage Ave.)	Associate Pastor	06/07/1974	06/11/1979
St. Benedict Parish (Blue Island)	Associate Pastor	06/11/1979	06/09/1980
St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish (Kenmore Ave.)	Associate Pastor	06/09/1980	11/21/1983
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (Ashland Ave.)	Associate Pastor	11/21/1983	01/01/1985
Queen of Angels Parish (Western Ave.)	Associate Pastor	01/01/1985	06/11/1990
Holy Innocents Parish (Armour St.)	Associate Pastor	06/11/1990	07/15/1991
St. Ann Parish (Leavitt St.)	Associate Pastor	07/15/1991	10/01/1992
St. Ann Parish (Leavitt St.)	Pastor	10/01/1992	12/10/2004
	On Leave	12/10/2004	

**Extraordinary  
Appointments:**

Chaplain - Truman College 1981 - 1983;

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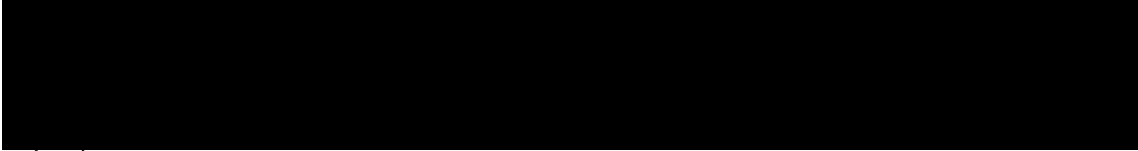
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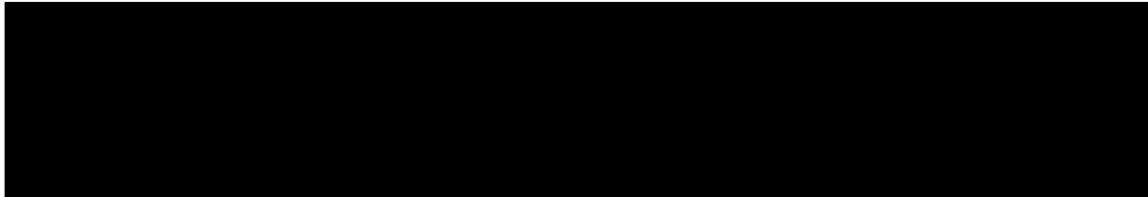
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PASTOR PLACEMENTS '93





# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

May 15, 1967

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Reverend John James Keehan  
1620 West North Shore Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60626

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Dear Father Keehan:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you temporarily as Assistant to the Reverend Edward J. Kelly, Administrator of St. Basil Church, 1850 W. Garfield, Chicago, Illinois 60609, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

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This appointment is effective June 20, 1967, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Administrator about the exact date when you will assume your new duties.

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Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in this pastoral assignment, I remain

By Order of the Most Reverend Archbishop

Sincerely yours in Christ,

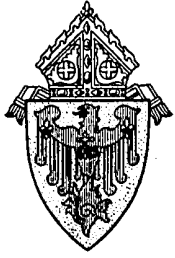
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Byrne  
Vicar General

Very Rev. Msgr. Clifford E. Bergin  
Vice Chancellor

cc: Reverend Edward J. Kelly

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

January 24, 1973

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Reverend John J. Keehan  
St. Basil parish  
1850 W. Garfield Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60609

Dear Father Keehan,

Due to the transfer of the Reverend Monsignor Martin M. Howard, Pastor of St. Basil parish, that parish has become vacant.

In accordance with Canons 472 and 473, we are pleased to appoint you Administrator or Vicar Econome of St. Basil parish, Chicago, Illinois. As Vicar Econome you will have all the obligations of the Pastoral office, particularly that of celebrating the Mass for the people (Canon 473. 1), just as if you were the pastor of that parish.

This appointment is effective immediately.

Wishing you every blessing in your new pastoral charge,  
we remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Msgr. John F. Koziol - Vicar Delegate, Region V  
Rev. Msgr. Martin M. Howard  
Rev. William J. Flaherty - Associate  
Rev. William T. O'Connor - Associate  
Priests' Personnel Board



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

June 7, 1974

C

✓ Reverend John J. Keehan  
St. Basil Rectory  
1850 W. Garfield  
Chicago, Illinois 60609

Dear Father Keehan:

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In accordance with Canon 476, and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, it gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the

Reverend Richard J. O'Donnell, Pastor  
Our Lady of Good Counsel (S. Hermitage)

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and to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

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

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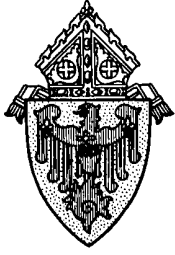
Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in this pastoral assignment, I am, dear Father Keehan,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Richard J. O'Donnell, Pastor, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish  
Rev. Paul F. Rosemeyer, Pastor, St. Basil Parish



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Vicar General

May 23, 1979

Reverend John J. Keehan  
Our Lady of Good Counsel Rectory  
3528 S. Hermitage  
Chicago, Illinois 60609

Dear Father Keehan:

In accordance with Canon 476, and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody, is pleased to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Edward P. Connors, Pastor, St. Benedict Parish, Blue Island, Illinois.

This appointment is effective June 11, 1979, 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 your new pastoral assignment, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Rosemeyer  
Vicar General and Chancellor

cc: Rev. Edward P. Connors, St. Benedict Parish, Blue Island -- Pastor.  
Rev. Richard J. O'Donnell, Pastor, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor

May 21, 1980

C

Reverend John J. Keehan  
St. Benedict Rectory  
2339 W. York Street  
Blue Island, Illinois 60406

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Dear Father Keehan:

In accordance with Canon 476, and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody, is pleased to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend E. Michael Rochford, Pastor, St. Thomas of Canterbury parish, Chicago.

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This appointment is effective June 9, 1980, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you will assume your new duties.

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Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in your new pastoral assignment, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend John R. Keating  
Chancellor

cc: Rev. E. Michael Rochford, Pastor, St. Thomas of Canterbury parish  
Rev. Edward P. Connors, Pastor, St. Benedict parish, Blue Island.





## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

November 21, 1983

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Dear Father Keehan:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Joseph E. Corrigan, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, 4640 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This appointment is made following the recommendation of the Clergy Personnel Board.

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

At this time I would like to thank you for the good work you have done at Saint Thomas of Canterbury parish. Your priestly ministry there has been productive of much good and also, I am sure, deeply appreciated by the people.

Know that as you begin your new assignment you have my support and prayers. I in turn ask for your prayers and support in the work that I am doing.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Praternally yours,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend John J. Keehan  
Saint Thomas of Canterbury Church  
4827 North Kenmore Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60640

cc: Reverend Joseph E. Corrigan  
Reverend E. Michael Rochford  
Clergy Personnel Board

Priest's File: KEEHAN, JOHN J.



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

November 21, 1983

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Dear Father Corrigan:

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have assigned the Reverend John J. Keehan as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes parish. This appointment was made in consultation with the Clergy Personnel Board.

I commend him to you and the good people of Our Lady of Lourdes parish. It is my hope and prayer that in working together the Gospel message will be preached through your example of priestly concern for one another.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Faternally yours,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Joseph E. Corrigan  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
4640 North Ashland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60640

cc: Reverend John J. Keehan  
Clergy Personnel Board

AOC 016502



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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August 20, 1985

Office of the Archbishop

Dear Father Keehan:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Philip J. Dressler, Pastor of Queen of Angels Parish, Chicago, Illinois. This appointment is made following the recommendation of the Clergy Personnel Board.

This appointment is effective September 1, 1985, but I would ask you to make arrangements with Father Dressler about the exact date you will assume your new duties.

At this time I would like to thank you for the work that you have done at Our Lady of Lourdes parish. Your priestly ministry there has been productive of much good and also, I am sure, deeply appreciated by the people.

John, know that as you begin your new assignment you have my support and prayers. I, in turn, ask for your prayers and support in the work that I am doing.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend John J. Keehan  
Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory  
4640 N. Ashland  
Chicago, Illinois 60640

cc: Reverend Philip J. Dressler  
Reverend Joseph E. Corrigan  
Clergy Personnel Board



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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*Office of the Archbishop*

June 1, 1990

Dear Father Keehan:

In light of the recommendation of the Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board, I hereby appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Richard Klajbor, Pastor of Holy Innocents Parish. This appointment is effective June 11, 1990.

Please speak with Father Klajbor regarding any necessary arrangements and also consult with him to formulate a letter of agreement and job description in accord with the Senate guidelines regarding personnel. A copy of this agreement and job description should be sent to the Priests' Personnel Board by July 1, 1990.

John, know that you have my prayers as you begin this next assignment. I am confident you will receive a warm welcome at your new parish as you invite the people to live the Gospel more fully and be brought closer to the Lord. Please accept my deep gratitude for the work that you have done at Queen of Angels Parish.

Be assured of my continued prayers, support and fraternal affection.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

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Ecclesiastical Notary

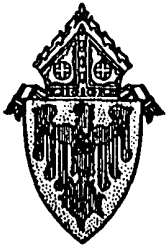
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Queen of Angels Parish  
2330 N. Sunnyside  
Chicago, Illinois 60625

cc: Reverend Richard J. Klajbor  
Reverend Philip J. Dressler  
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board

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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter dated June 15, 1991 written by Victim JG and addressed to [Fr.] Jack [Keehan]. In the letter, Victim JG accuses Fr. Keehan of abusing her when she was 14 years old. The abuse consisted of fondling and sexual intercourse, including one instance of rape while on a trip out-of-state.



**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

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*Office of the Archbishop*

July 8, 1991

Dear Father Keehan:

In light of the recommendation I have received from the Priests Personnel Board and following their consultation with Bishop Rodriguez and their discussion with you, I hereby appoint you as Administrator of Saint Ann's Parish, Chicago. This appointment is effective July 15 and will remain in effect for a period of one year.

Shortly before the year concludes, I ask that an assessment take place with Bishop Rodriguez and the dean of the area. They will then present to me their recommendations regarding future direction of this appointment.

Jack, thank you for all you have done in the assignments where you have served. You have ministered to many diverse groups and these experiences will be helpful as you take up this new pastoral charge.

You have my prayers, encouragement and fraternal affection.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Carl Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend John J. Keehan  
Holy Innocents Parish  
743 N. Armour St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60622

cc: Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez  
Priests Personnel Board

bc: Office of Research and Planning - FYI

My Dear Former Friend:

7-14-92

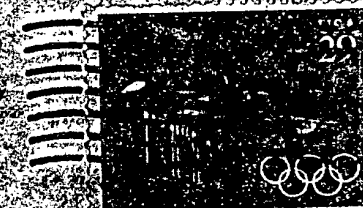
I once had a wonderful friend - a wonderful relationship with her. I destroyed that relationship and caused that friend terrible suffering. Since then I have met many people who suffered similar experiences and as each told me their story my own horror at what I had done to you grew.

I am so sorry for what I did. I know today the damage it does, how it destroys trust, attacks one's identity and often twists and turns one's life. It was inexcusable, and I have more to offer. Please believe me that I never intended nor realized the harm I was doing.

Thank you for your courage in writing and calling me. I will do whatever I can. I pray for you and me both that God heal each of us.

Jack

St. Ann Church  
1840 South Leavitt Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60608





A G E N D A

Meeting: #48 - Thirteenth Board  
Date: September 11, 1992  
Place: Priests' Personnel Board

- I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Michael T. Ivers
- II. Acceptance of Minutes:
- III. Reports: (See Attached Sheet)
- IV. Acceptance of Agenda:
- V. Business:

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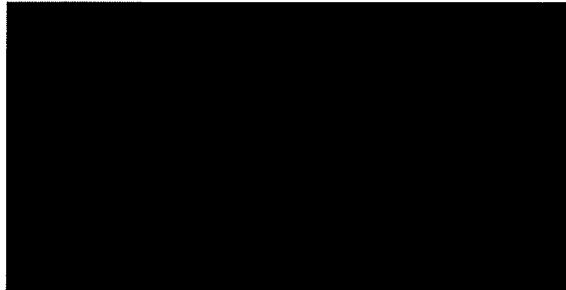


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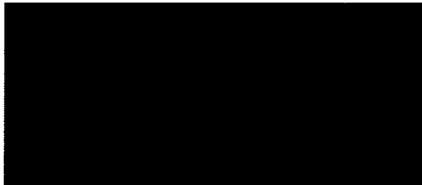
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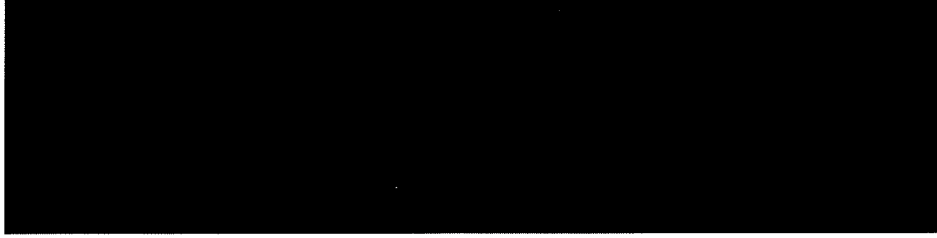
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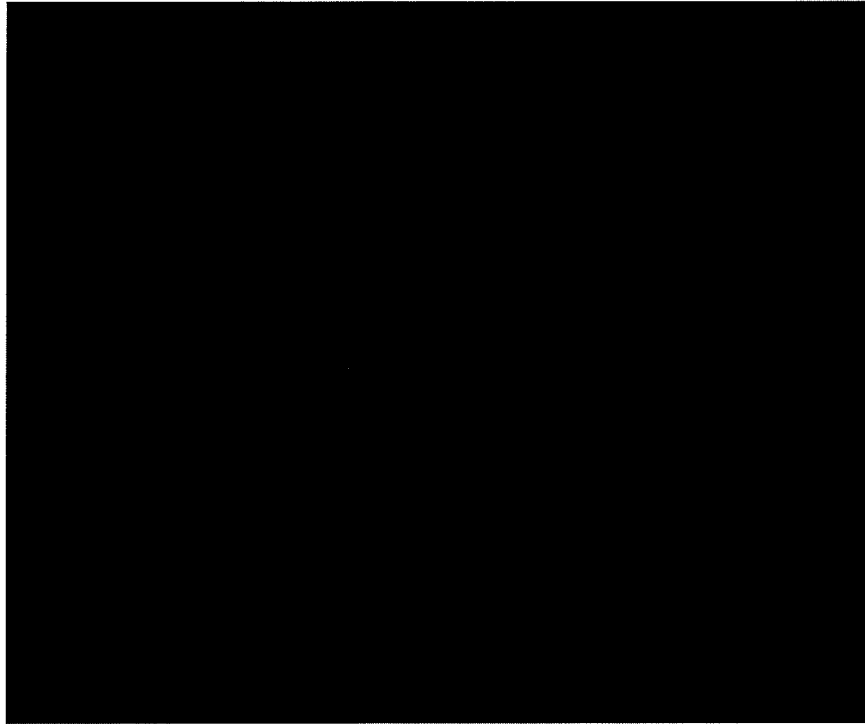


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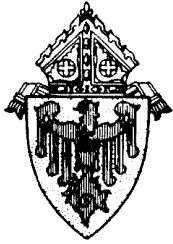
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MOTION: 7 - 0 That Jack Keehan be appointed pastor of St. Ann's/South Leavitt.

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OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

25 WEST CHICAGO AVENUE - SUITE 500  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

WEEKLY STATUS REPORTS

*Approved  
+ JLB  
Sept. 17, 1992*

Week of September 13, 1992

Personal & Confidential

TO: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
FROM: Priests' Personnel Board  
RE: Recommendations  
DATE: September 17, 1992

*(Handwritten signature/initials)*

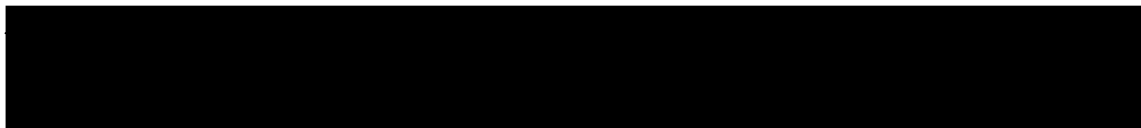
Your Eminence,

At the September 11th meeting of the Priests' Personnel Board the following recommendations were made:

7 members present and voting

Pastors:

7 votes That Reverend John Keehan '67 be appointed as Pastor of St. Ann/South Leavitt.



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

September 23, 1992

Dear Father Keehan:

It is my pleasure to appoint you to be Pastor of Saint Ann Parish (South Leavitt). This appointment is made in consultation with the Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board and is effective October 1, 1992. Your term of office will be for six years.

Bishop Placido Rodriguez 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. I would also ask that you contact Father Ken Velo regarding a time that would be mutually convenient for you and me to visit at the Pastoral Center once you are settled in the parish.

John, I take this occasion to thank you for the work you have done thus far as Administrator of Saint Ann. I know that your ministry there has touched the lives of the people of God as you have given of yourself in word and deed.

I am confident that the parish community at Saint Ann will welcome and respond wholeheartedly to your continued leadership as their pastor. Know that as you begin your pastoral charge you have my encouragement and prayerful support. Should you ever need me for anything, please do not hesitate to call me.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Kenneth Velo.*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

*Joseph Carl Bernardini*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend John J. Keehan  
Saint Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

cc: Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez, C.M.F., Episcopal Vicar  
Reverend Joseph Peplansky, C.M.F., Dean  
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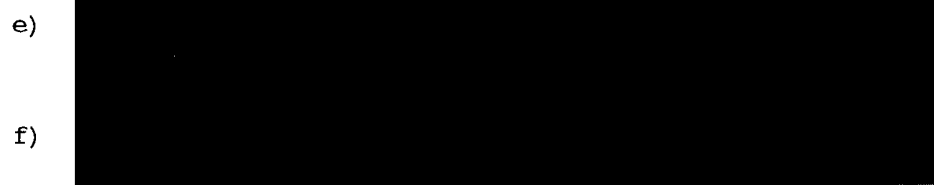
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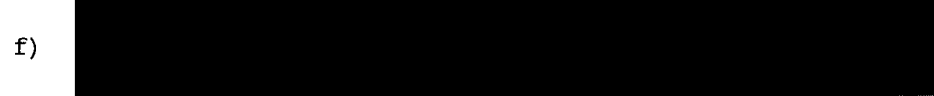
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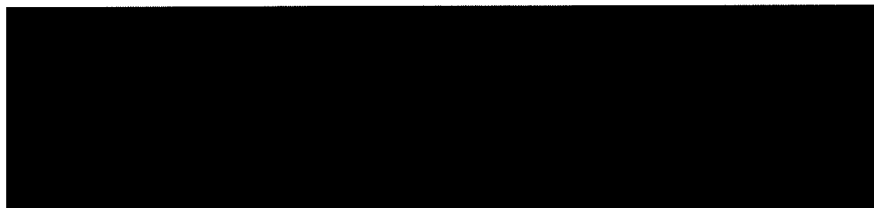


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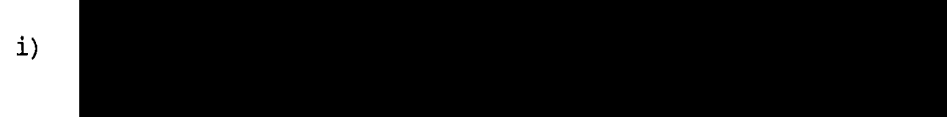


g) John Keehan '67: The Cardinal has appointed John Pastor of St. Ann/So. Leavitt effective 10/01/92 for a term of six years.

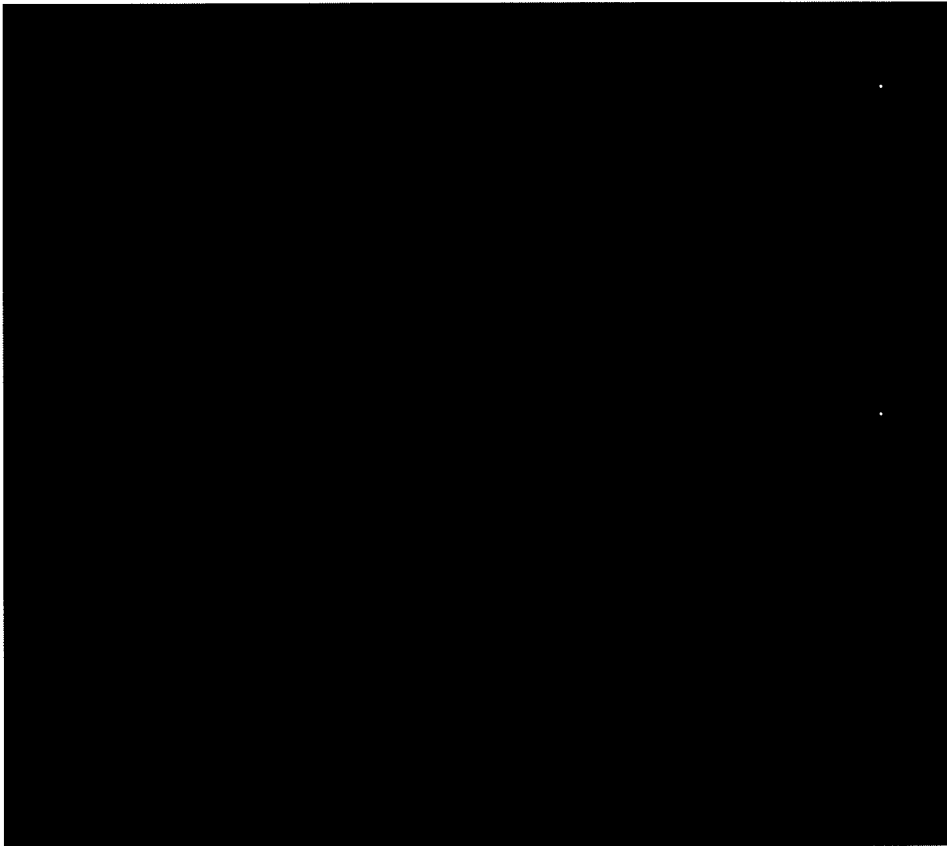
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

Off: (312) 642-1837

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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 10/17/92

Re: John Keehan

On Oct. 16, 1992, Sr. Mary Brian sent me a memo that she had prepared for file concerning [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had written to the Cardinal and the Cardinal set up an appointment for Sr. Brian Costello to meet with [REDACTED]. In the original letter that [REDACTED] wrote she indicated that she had been abused by a priest as a teenager.

Sr. Brian met with her on Oct. 14 [REDACTED]. I had received no copy of this letter and did not know of this meeting until Oct. 16. Through Ralph Bonaccorsi I contacted [REDACTED]. Ralph is seeing her on Monday, Oct. 19 and I will see her just before he meets with her at 8 A.M. in the morning. I will go over the report she gave Brian Costello and ask her some clarifying questions and then inform her of what our process is.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9:15 until 10:00 I met with Fr. John Keehan and his brother, [REDACTED], who is acting as his attorney. I read him the report that Sr. Brian had given me. His attorney agreed that he should not say anything at this time until we have the full report. After I meet with [REDACTED] on Monday, I shall prepare a written memorandum to our attorney, James Serritella. I will then share the appropriate information in that memorandum with Keehan and his lawyers. Keehan asked for the names of lawyers that he might consult and I gave him a short list. Keehan and his lawyer will then respond officially to the allegation.

I shall then have to schedule an Advisory Board meeting to deal with the facts in this situation. At that time a decision would have to be made about removal from ministry and from the parish. At this point, I have not judged children to be at risk. I informed Keehan that he is not to be in the presence of minors without another adult being present. Keehan himself, when he received this news, informed his principal, Sr. Michael Marie, and the associate who lives with him, Fr. Louis Zake '60. After Monday I shall call them and ask them to be the pro-tem monitors of the situation.



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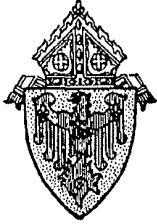
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I am proceeding at this pace because I myself have not interviewed the lady who brought forth the allegations nor have I seen the letter that she supposedly received from Fr. Keehan. I am convinced the present level of monitoring and supervision is more than sufficient until the full depth of the accusation is spelled out for Fr. Keehan and for his attorney. I outlined for Fr. Keehan the steps that might have to be taken.

After meeting with them I contacted our attorney, Mr. Serritella, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I also called Fr. McDonagh but was unable to contact him. It seems that I should start getting ready to have an Advisory Board meeting Tuesday afternoon if at all possible.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 10/21/92

Re: John Keehan

Andy McDonagh and I met with John Keehan and his brother, [REDACTED], who is also serving as his lawyer.

1. [REDACTED]

2. I had informed Bishop Rodriguez about the situation at St. Ann's as was my duty. He mentioned that there is an installation of Keehan as pastor coming up soon. I asked Jack Keehan to postpone that with Placido until such time as it is more appropriate, if indeed it will be so in the future.

3. We spoke of monitoring. Jack has already informed his principal and the resident. I told him that I had heard about it from a third party and that he should caution his people that this is a very confidential matter. We explained to him that at this time we would be sending in someone to live with him whose main obligation would be to monitor the situation. Jack had no objections to this. He will prepare a room for the new resident.

4. I went through the allegation as described to me this past Monday and indicated that the person making the allegation was physically fearful of being harrassed either by Jack or by somebody else known to him. Jack and his brother both agreed that this would be absolutely unheard of and they would never do this.

Jack would like to respond to the accusations that are made. His lawyer asked therefore that they be allowed a list of the accusations against him so they may respond to them. We





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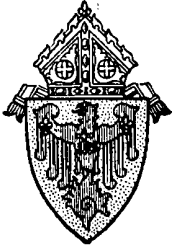
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agreed that this is part of the investigation. I told the Keehans that I will submit the paper and the letters to our legal attorney, namely, Carrie Huff. Keehan's lawyer is to contact her so that some confidentiality about the passing on of these notes might be maintained. Therefore it is an attorney to attorney process. [REDACTED] has contacted Pat Tuite for advice in this matter.

6. I told John that I would call Sr. Michael Marie Franczak, the principal at the school, and also Fr. Zake to confirm what they know about the situation. If Fr. Tom Millea is not open to going to St. Ann's, I have a list of others I might call. This list was suggested by Andy McDonagh. One, Paul Cull; two, Al Adamich; three, Ed Szlanga; four, Ed Jarzynski; and five, Stanley Gruchot. We could approach these men to see if any one of them would be willing to monitor this situation for a while.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 10/25/92  
Re: Rev. John Keehan

I spoke to John Keehan on Friday, 10/23/92, after speaking to Fr. Thomas Millea. Thomas Millea, class of 1957, came in to talk about [REDACTED] and the possibility of early retirement. At that time I asked whether he would be willing to go into St. Ann's on Leavitt Street with John Keehan on a temporary residential assignment to monitor that situation. I explained to him that I would talk to Keehan and that he could call Keehan on Saturday morning, Oct. 24. Tom is going away for a week and will not be back until November 2, at which time he and Keehan and I will sit down to talk about what this will mean in the practical order.

I spoke to Andy McDonagh and he and I need to get together to work out some kind of a contract. Tom would not be involved in the parochial work. That would continue to be Jack's. Tom's main role there would be to monitor the situation. He would receive his salary from us and room and board from them.



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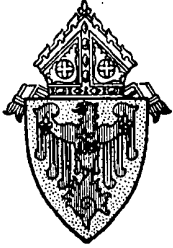
Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 11/2/92

Re: Rev. John Keehan

I spoke to Sr. Michael Marie Franczak, the principal of St. Ann's School on South Leavitt. Fr. Keehan had informed her of the allegations that came forward against him recently. I had called her to confirm the fact that she knew. I asked her to monitor the situation insofar as she can. She said she has seen nothing in Fr. Keehan's behavior that would indicate any risk to children at this time.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 11/3/92  
Re: Rev. John Keehan

I met with John Keehan and Thomas Millea at our office this morning to talk about the conditions of the monitoring. I worked out a scheme of monitoring beforehand which I will place in John Keehan's record and I will send a copy of that protocol to both John and to Tom. Tom will move in on November 4. I could not assure them of how long the situation would last. I did tell them that eventually the allegation, [REDACTED], and John's response will all go to the Review Board for their recommendation to the Cardinal.

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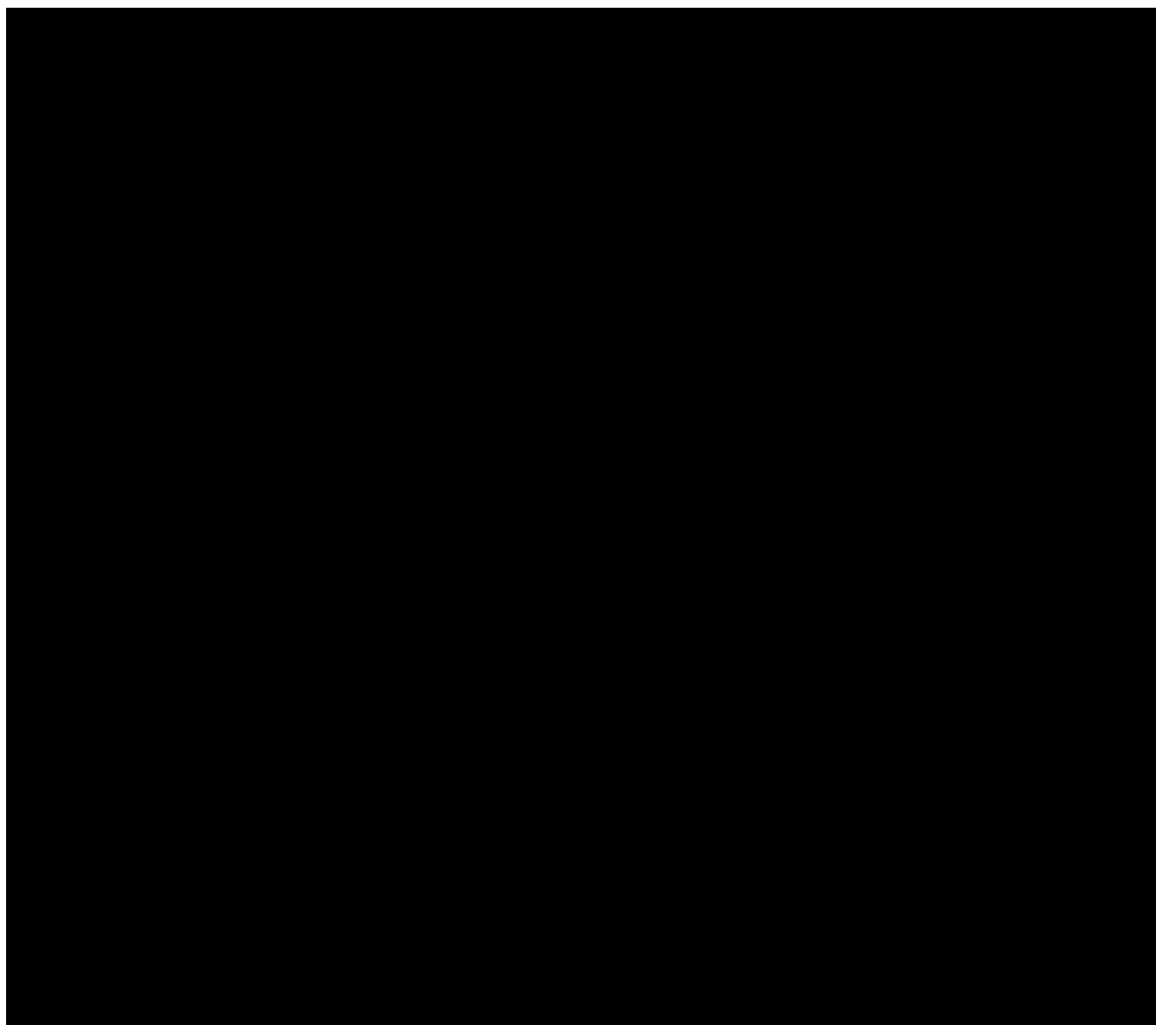
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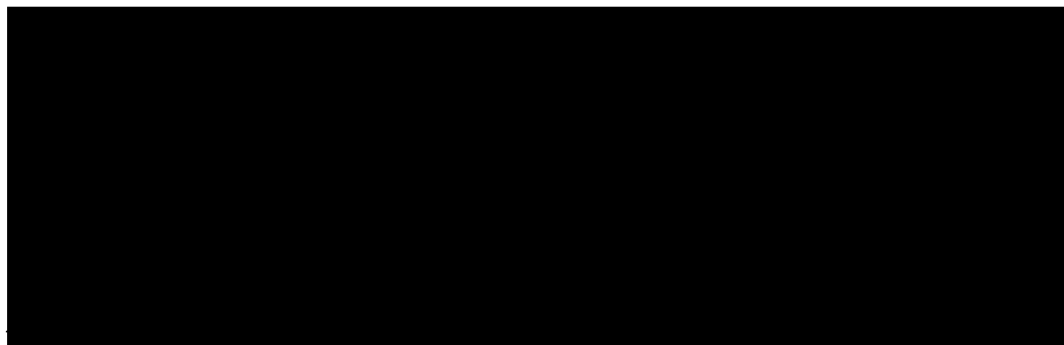
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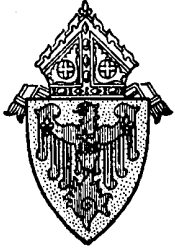
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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 12/9/92

Re: John Keehan, pastor of St. Ann's

John Canary and I were to meet on 12/8/92 with John Keehan and Fr. Thomas Millea of St. Ann's parish to talk over how things are going in the monitoring situation that we have put in place in the parish. We were supposed to go out to the parish but I messed up on that and instead we had to connect by telephone. Our next meeting will take place at the parish. Both Jack Keehan and Tom Millea said that it is working out quite well. Tom reports that there have been absolutely no incidents of being in the presence of minors without another adult being present insofar as he has been able to determine. The two men seem to get along without friction. Jack was appreciative of Tom's presence there and said he has been a help and a delightful presence.

Tom spoke about the delicate nature of the parish -- that is, its great efforts to survive and that it needs to be dealt with very sensitively. Tom went on at some length to talk about the parish and the good possibilities there.

Jack Keehan still has not been able to have his brother connect up with Carrie Huff to get the gist of the complaints that were made against Jack. I told him that Carrie has been very busy on some other matters such as the trial and the different subpoenas. As soon as this trial is over I will be in contact with her to ask her to pass on the necessary information to Jack's lawyer so that they may make their response. ( [REDACTED] )

I asked both men if they had any suggestions for this kind of procedure in the future, since this is the first time we are actually setting up a supervisory situation sending someone into a parish. Tom's suggestion is that the person going into the parish have some kind of fairly accurate cover story to be able to respond to people when they ask what his presence means there. The difficulty with such a cover story is that we do not want to get into an untruthful area. We need a simple, satisfactory explanation that will be true. I told Tom that we would keep that under advisement. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 18 at St. Ann's at 2:00 PM in the afternoon.

[REDACTED]  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Father O'Malley,

I am writing this letter to you in order that it might be passed on to the Board at the appropriate time.

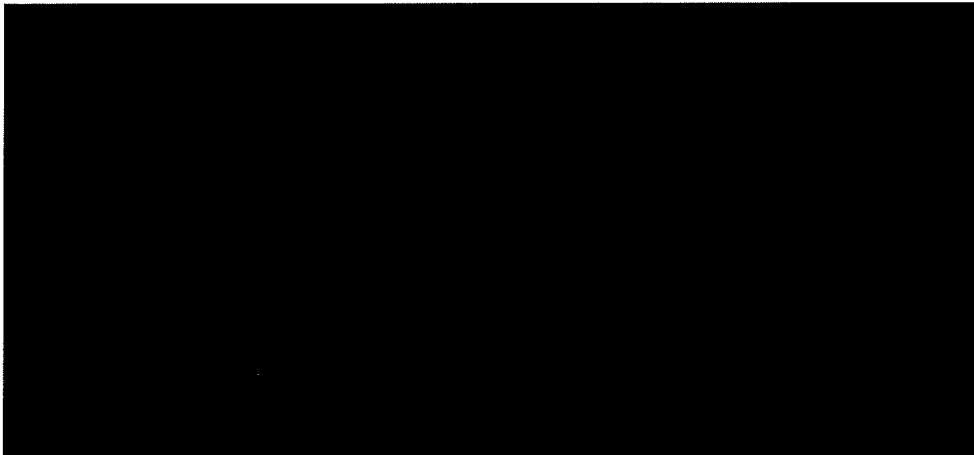
[REDACTED]

As Father Keehan's attorney I have advised him to withhold [REDACTED] at this time since the matters withheld contain no relevance to the allegations before this body, but a lifetime of recollections dealing with other matters. His frank, candid and extensive responses went far beyond the matters at issue.

Father Keehan categorically denies ever having sexual contact with any minor and is anxiously awaiting the opportunity to rebut each and every allegation.

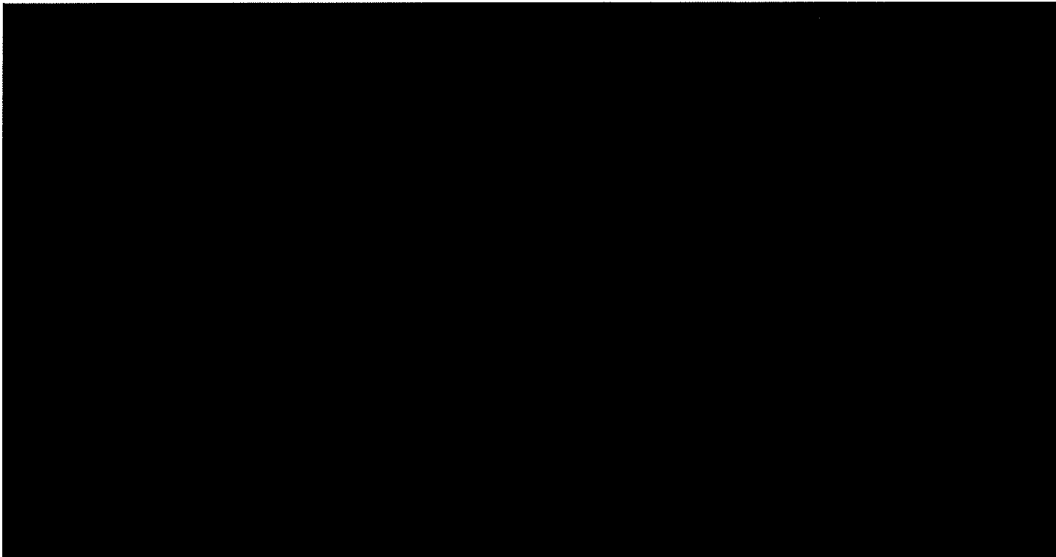
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[REDACTED]

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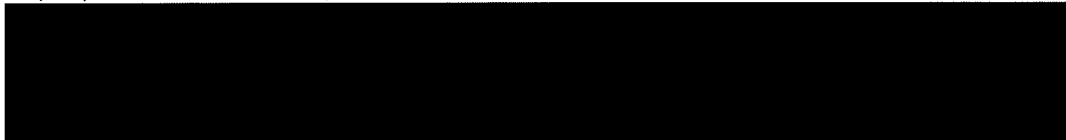


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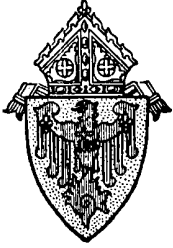
Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 1/19/93  
Re: John Keehan

On 1/18/93 I met with Fr. Thomas Millea and Fr. John Keehan at St. Ann's on 18th and Leavitt. We discussed the monitoring. Fr. Millea said that in his observation there has been nothing untoward. No rules that we set down have been broken. Keehan admitted that he has been at times even reluctant to go over to the school. The school principal knows the situation and is supportive of his efforts to stay away from any sort of compromising situation.

We also discussed the next steps. I explained to Jack that his situation will undoubtedly be turned over to the Fitness Review Administrator and the Review Board to decide the question of whether he should stay in parish ministry or have to leave. I could not give him any certain description of how that process would go. I told him that they would make their decision based on three factors. One was the allegation by the woman. The second was [REDACTED]. The third was both his past record and his own story in response to that allegation. Jack talked about coming down here and once again hearing in detail the accusation brought by [REDACTED]. I tried to encourage him to put down all the facts he remembers about that relationship so as to establish his story.

We did not set another meeting because I think this will be one of those where the Fitness Review Administrator will have to be part of the next meeting.



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Memo to POM

From: Sr. Mary Brian Costello  
Date: 1/25/93  
Re: Fr. Keehan

(This memo was originally sent to POM in October of 1992. In Jan. of 1993, POM had the memo put on the computer in the exact wording in which it was received. The original memo was marked up by POM and disposed of.)

In the first week of August, 1992, Cardinal Bernardin received the attached letter from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

The Cardinal responded on September 4 - copy attached.

[REDACTED] called me (Sr. Brian Costello) in late September, and we scheduled a meeting to take place on October 14 [REDACTED].

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October 14, 1992

We began our conversation by my noting that I was talking to her at Cardinal Bernardin's request hoping that she could speak first of all to a woman who would explain the process that will be initiated once she formalizes allegations against a priest for sexual misconduct with a minor. I made it clear that I did not have a specific role in the implementation of our policies, but that I was representing the Cardinal's concern that she have the opportunity to be heard.

[REDACTED] alleges that Father John J. Keehan sexually abused her [REDACTED]

Incidents began in 1967 when [REDACTED] was 15 years old; they continued until she was 24 when she terminated the "relationship." Incidents began at St. Basil Parish [REDACTED].



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Fondling and eventually intercourse took place [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] when the pastor died, the interim administrator sent for her and told her that she was not to come to the rectory or Church. Father Keehan remained at the parish -- on duty. She was told that her relationship was being reported to the Chancery and to Cardinal Cody. (There is no record in Priests' files here.)

[REDACTED] broke off the relationship; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I asked what the Church could do to assist her to achieve peace of heart and mind:

-- She believes Father Keehan should never be in a situation to enable him to abuse another minor/woman. She would expect him to be removed from ministry.

-- She asks that his files be reviewed. She would like to know if it was the truth that Cardinal Cody and Chancery had been notified (Nothing appears in Father Keehan's file here.)

-- She seeks "compensation" for 25 years of



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victimization.

I have notified Cardinal Bernardin of my conference.

I have met with Ralph Bonaccorsi to turn this matter over to him as Victim Assistance Minister.

I have tried to contact Father Patrick O'Malley to notify him of the formal allegation that has been made.

10/15/92

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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**TO:** Sr. Joyce Raden / Vicar for Priests Office

**FROM:** Linda J. Burns/Priests Personnel Board

**RECEIVING FAX NUMBER:** 642-4933

**INCLUDING COVER SHEET,  
NUMBER OF SHEETS:** 1

10/1/92		Pastor	St. Ann / So. <sup>LEAVITT</sup> Lansing
7/15/91	10/1/92	Administrator	"
6/11/90	7/15/91	Associate	Holy Innocents
9/1/85	6/11/90	Associate	Queen of Angels
11/1/83	9/1/85	Associate	Our Lady of Lourdes/Keeler
9/1/81	9/1/83	Campus Minister	Truman College
6/9/80	11/1/83	Associate	St. Thomas of Canterbury
6/11/79	6/9/80	Associate	St. Benedict/ <del>St. Francis</del> <sup>St. Francis</sup>
6/7/74	6/11/79	Associate	Our Lady of Good Counsel
3/23/73	6/7/74	Associate	St. Basil
1/24/73	3/23/73	Administrator	St. Basil
6/20/67	1/24/73	Associate	St. Basil
6/1/66	8/1/66	Deacon	St. John Berchmans

Work History of John J. Keehan AB, STL

**ANY PROBLEMS WITH TRANSMISSION, PLEASE CALL SENDING OFFICE.**



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Memo to File  
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 2/26/93  
Re: Rev. John Keehan

Rev. John Keehan  
Pastor, St. Ann's, 1840 S. Leavitt

Ordained at St. Mary of Lake Sem. 1967  
Age: 51 years

Our records contain no previous complaints of this nature.

### Chronology

- . August 1992, Cardinal receives letter from [REDACTED] with non-specific allegation about abuse by a priest.
- . Sept. 4, 1992 - Cardinal responds and invites follow-up.
- . In late September, [REDACTED] calls. Sr. Brian Costello scheduled meeting for 10/14 for interview.
- . 10/14 - Sr. Brian explains archdiocesan concerns for [REDACTED], offers help, interviews [REDACTED] face to face, gets story about Fr. Keehan. Relationship allegedly began in late 60's and ended in mid 70's; she is now about 43 yrs old.
  - . Sr. Brian notifies Cardinal and alerts Ralph Bonaccorsi.
  - . She tries to call Fr. O'Malley on Thursday 10/15, finally contacts him on 10/16.
- . 10/16 - POM checks records and finds no previous allegations against Keehan. POM notifies priest of allegations and schedules meeting for next day.
- . 10/17 - POM meets with Fr. Keehan and his lawyer, reads initial allegation. Lawyer suggests Keehan make no response at this time. POM puts Keehan under mandate about minors. The principal and associate at St. Ann's are informed by Keehan of the allegation. Keehan is informed of procedures regarding assessment etc. Judgment is made by Cardinal, and POM in consultation with appropriate others, that children are not now at risk. Withdrawal from ministry does not take place.
- . 10/19/92 - Ralph B. and POM meet with [REDACTED], inform her of



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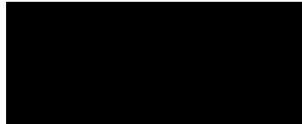
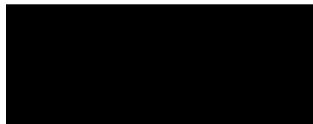
her rights to report, offer counselling help, get full story, describe our usual process to her. She is told we are not removing him at this time, but are placing a full time monitor into the situation at St. Ann. She accepts this as a reasonable temporary solution. Ralph stays in contact with he in ensuing months.

- . 10/21/92 - [REDACTED].
- . 10/23/92 - full time monitor is identified to begin on 11/3
- . 11/2/92 - POM talks to principal of St. Ann who says no such problem has existed there.
- . 11/5/92 - [REDACTED]
- . 11/6/92 - Monitor, Keehan, POM meet to discuss protocol. POM meets regularly with Keehan, monitor.
- . 1/27/93 - [REDACTED].
- . 2/19/93 - POM meets with Keehan and lawyer to discuss what is being turned over to the Review Board. [REDACTED]. Keehan informs POM that he is preparing a statement for the Review Board.
- . 2/26/93 - Redacted files are turned over to the Fitness Review Administrator.
- . 2/27/93 - Review Board meets.

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

Date: February 27, 1993

Board Members Present:




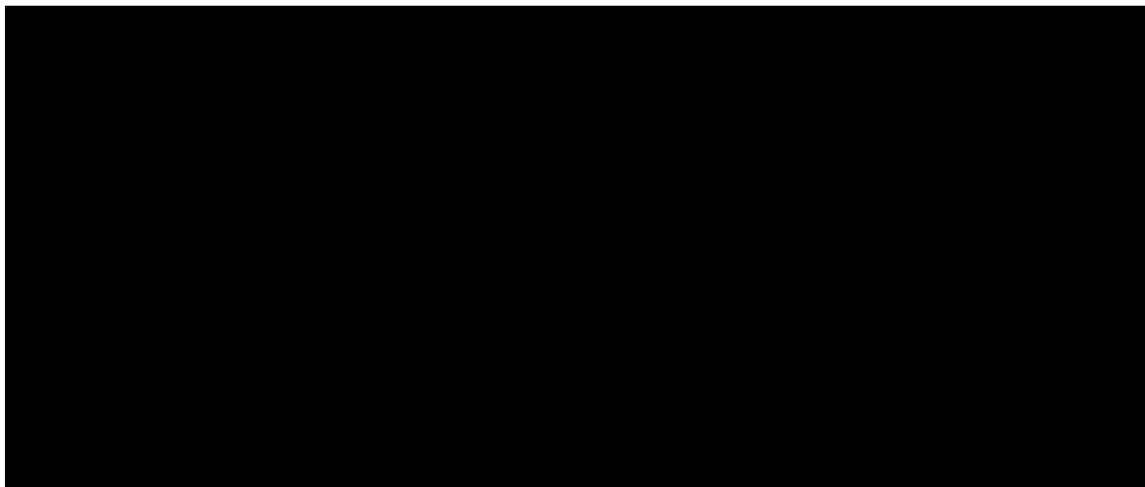
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Ralph Bonaccorsi  
Patrick O'Malley

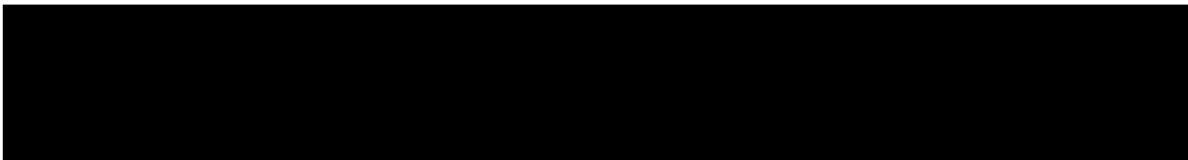
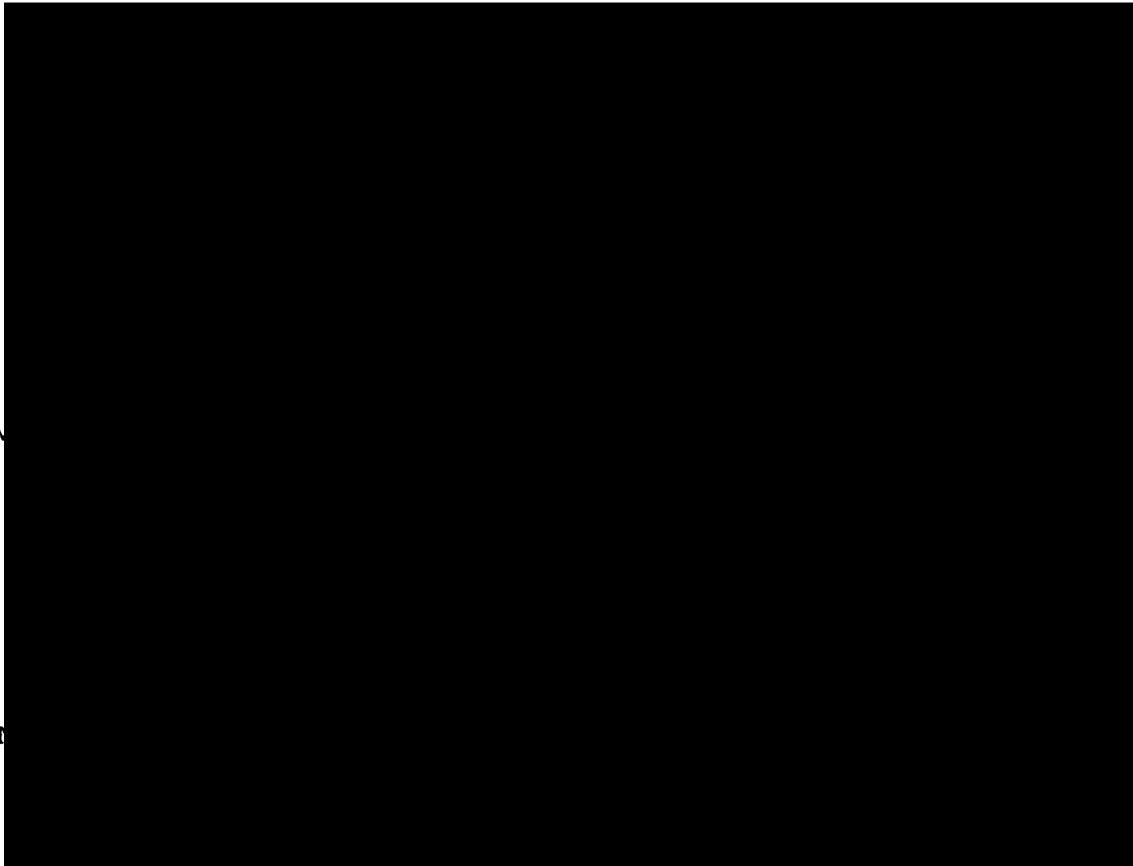
Thomas Paprocki  
Steve Sidlowski

Matter of PFR-20 (J.K.):

1. The Board is initiating a First Stage Review in the PFR-20 matter pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.
2. The Board directed the Administrator to conduct additional inquiry and to specifically request   
for April 3, 1993 meeting.
3. In the interim, the Board concurs that current restrictions and monitoring imposed upon J.K. remain in effect.







Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski  
Administrator



Minutes Unanimously  
Approved By  
Review Board

MEMO TO FILE: PFR-20  
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator  
RE: John J. Keehan  
Date: February 27, 1993

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Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board  
February 27, 1993.

Rev. Pat O'Malley, Vicar for Priests, presented all pertinent information regarding the matter of the Rev. John J. Keehan. The Review Board initiated a First Stage Review in the case but deferred from making any recommendations or determinations.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NOTES FROM 2-27-93 REVIEW BOARD MEETING: 2-27-93

- Perhaps issue to bring to Jim Seritella - Guidelines when is it okay to stay on the case.

- Board Members have varying degrees of friendship to these priests.

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CASE OF REV. JOHN KEEHAN:

- At one point, he told her he'd leave the priesthood and marry her.

- There was fondling on several occasions but the actual intercourse began when she was 15 and a Sophomore.

- She verified that [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- Pat and Ralph's "sense": [REDACTED] was a reasonable, credible witness.

- Fondling in the rectory - [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- No one else ever present.

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- Relationship went on until she was 24.

- [REDACTED]

- She thinks Pastor was also having an affair with a woman and was covering.

- [REDACTED]

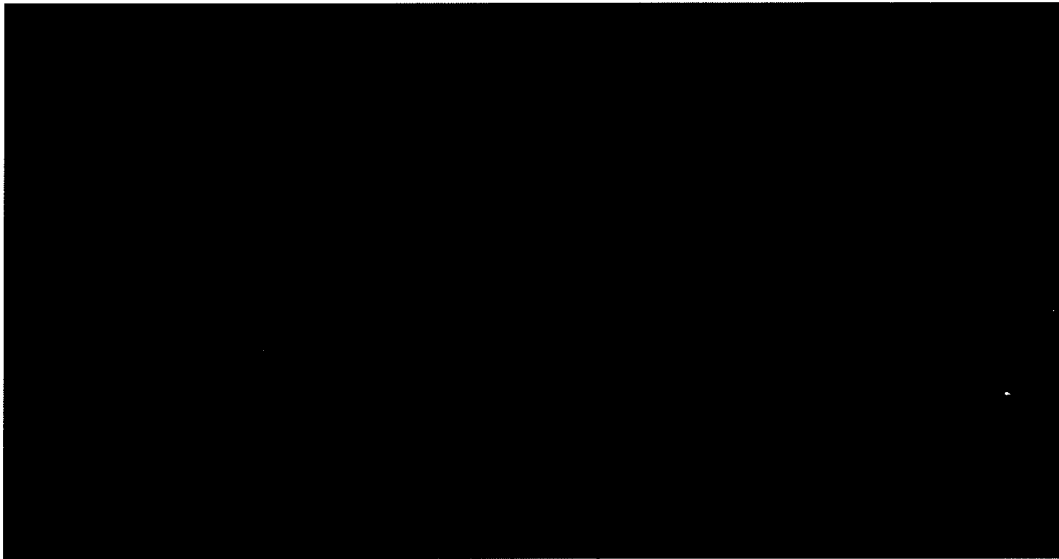
- She wrote him; he called back and said he'd write her a letter.

- She CALLED him. ([REDACTED])

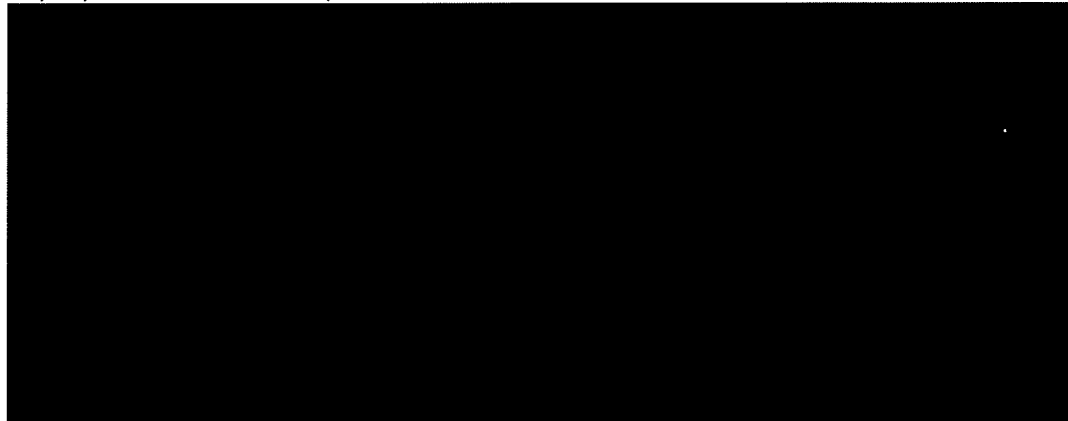
- He wrote her a letter - POM read.
- He has from get-go DENIED any relationship with her as a MINOR.
- [REDACTED] she does WANT compensation for her suffering of 25 years.
- During initial part of inquiry, she agreed that a parish monitor be put into his parish.
- 10-21-92: They asked him to [REDACTED]. He agreed.
- Fr. Tom Millea (POM's classmate) agreed to be Keehan's monitor. He's considered a "resident" in the parish.
- Prepare letter describing the Board's action and that we meet to interview him.
- "We have deferred a determination." We respect judgment been made; we need more information to see if we concur or disagree with the action already taken. If we do not receive further information from [REDACTED], the Board may have no recourse but to recommend to the Cardinal immediate withdrawal.
- Ralph needs to ask [REDACTED]: Did she confide what he did to anyone else?
- "I should officially confirm to [REDACTED] through a letter basically what I tell Keehan and I'll run it by Ralph first.
- I also send letter to Cardinal to express our sense of impotence without further information.

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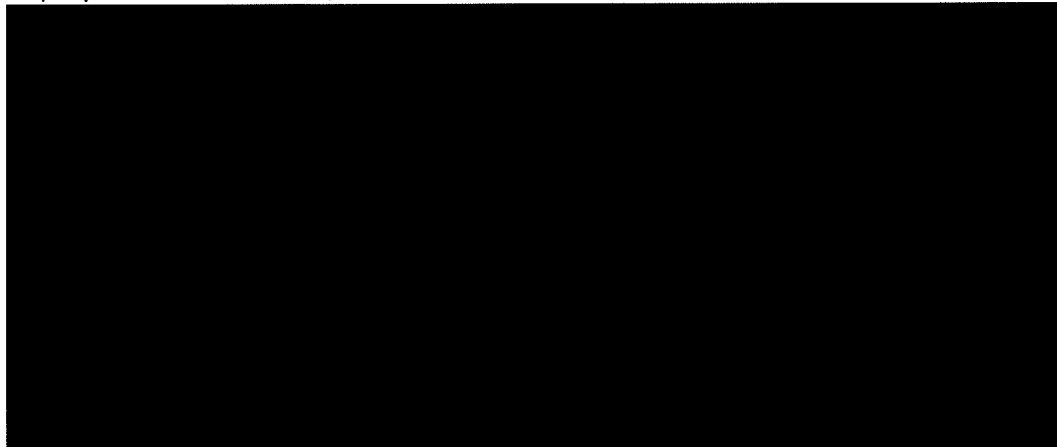
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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 3/8/93

Re: John Keehan

I spoke to Fr. Thomas Millea today, March 8, 1993, concerning the situation at St. Ann's. He told me that everything is under control and that there have been no problems with the monitoring with Jack Keehan. He says that Jack is anxious to hear from the Board but is observing all the protocol that we have set down for him.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review



(312) 751-5205

March 8, 1993

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Your Eminence,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on February 27, 1993. The Board accepted the documents authorized by Reverend John J. Keehan and considered the oral report of the Vicar for Priests. As a matter of transition, the Board assumed responsibility for the matter by initiating a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board has temporarily deferred from making formal determinations and recommendations to you pending further inquiry and action by myself and the Board. The Board has instructed me to communicate with Father Keehan regarding the additional inquiry and information to be developed.

The Board intends to make First Stage Review determinations and recommendations to you at the April 3, 1993 meeting and instructed me to communicate this intention to you.

Until the First Stage Review is complete, the Board concurs that the current restrictions and supervision by monitor imposed upon Father Keehan remain in effect.

The Board will report to you their determinations and recommendations upon completion of the First Stage Review.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional  
Fitness Review  
Administrator

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cc: Members of the Review Board

AOC 016540



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review



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March 8, 1993

Reverend John J. Keehan  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 South Leavitt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Dear Father Keehan:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on February 27, 1993. The Board accepted the documents you authorized and considered the oral report of the Vicar for Priests. As a matter of transition, the Board assumed responsibility for the matter by initiating a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board has temporarily deferred from making formal determinations and recommendations to Cardinal Bernardin pending further inquiry and action by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator and the Board. The Board has instructed me to contact you to discuss the information to be developed by the additional inquiry and their further consideration of the matter in the First Stage Review.

The Board intends to make First Stage Review determinations and recommendations to the Cardinal at the April 3, 1993 meeting and instructed me to communicate this intention to you.

Until the First Stage Review is complete, the Board concurs that the current restrictions and supervision by monitor imposed upon you remain in effect.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Steve Sidlowski  
Professional  
Fitness Review  
Administrator

SS

cc: Reverend Patrick O' Malley, Vicar for Priests,  
[REDACTED]

AOC 016541

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review



(312) 751-5205

March 8, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on February 27, 1993 and initiated a First Stage Review in the matter involving Reverend John J. Keehan.

The Board has temporarily deferred from making formal determinations and recommendations to Cardinal Bernardin pending further inquiry and action by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator and the Board.

The Board intends to make First Stage Review determinations and recommendations to the Cardinal at the April 3, 1993 meeting and instructed me to communicate this intention to you.

Until the First Stage Review is complete, the Board concurs that the current restrictions and supervision by monitor imposed upon Father Keehan remain in effect.

I've asked Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi to contact you about any questions you may have about the further review of the matter. You also are free to contact me about any questions as well, at (312) 751-5205.

Sincerely,

*Steve Sidlowski*

Mr. Steve Sidlowski  
Professional  
Fitness Review  
Administrator

SS

cc: Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi,  
Assistance Minister

AOC 016542

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WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL NUMBER

(312) 701-7037

March 10, 1993

By Messenger

[REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

Your letter of February 26, 1993 concerning [REDACTED] has been referred to me for response.

With respect to [REDACTED]'s request that restrictions be placed on Fr. Keehan's ministry, please assure [REDACTED] that he has been under restrictions and monitoring since October 17, 1992, the day after the Vicar for Priests' Office was notified of her allegations. We apologize if that fact was not clearly communicated to her.

The Archdiocese's Review Board first considered this situation on Saturday, February 26, 1993. At that time the Board concurred in the restrictions and monitoring already in place pending its further consideration of the matter, which is expected to take place within the next few weeks. The Review Board will be separately communicating its actions to [REDACTED] through Mr. Stephen Sidlowski, the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.

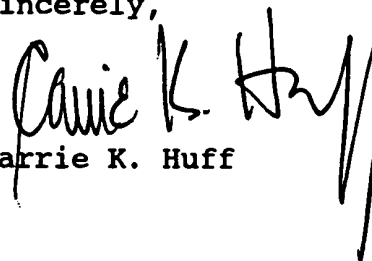
In the meantime, I would appreciate your providing us with additional information concerning [REDACTED]'s request that she be reimbursed for [REDACTED]. If she prefers,

MAYER, BROWN & PLATT

March 10, 1993  
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she may instead deal directly with Ralph Bonaccorsi, the Victim Assistance Minister, with whom she has already been in contact. His telephone number is 751-8293.

Sincerely,

  
Carrie K. Huff

CKH/de

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PHONE CALL TO REV. JOHN KEEHAN: 3-12-93

- "There doesn't seem to be a process in place."

- "Sure." - in response to to my question about if we should meet for him to perhaps answer some questions that the Board has.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Meeting fine with him.

- "I want to talk about this stuff and give lengthy responses." He asked me: "What information am I supposed to tell you or the Board? I maintain that this all was a LIE. They're all LIES."

- "I'd gotten the impression from Pat that we were giving everything to the Review Board needed."

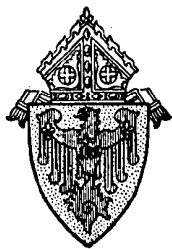
- "I really would like to tell my story." He doesn't feel he's had the opportunity.

[REDACTED]

- "To put it mildly, this is a very frightening thing to go through."

- "It sounds like you're okay, and I can talk to you."

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PHONE CALL FROM FR. KEEHAN of 3-13-93: He suggests meeting time-change to Tuesday 3-16-93 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Ann's rather than 3-15-93 in that he needs to contact Fr. Pat O'Malley [REDACTED] I called him back on 3-15-93 to confirm that the new interview time will be 3-16-93 at 2:00 p.m.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 3/15/93

Re: John Keehan

I received a call on Friday 3/13/93 from [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. She is a neighbor of St. Ann's parish and had some complaints about the way Fr. Keehan was dealing with her. There seems to be some accusations flying back and forth that members of her family have dope in the house or are problematic young men. She was quite upset. I told her that I would call the local Dean, who is Fr. Joseph Peplansky (847-7622) at St. Paul's parish. I spoke to Joe on Friday.

On Monday, March 15, [REDACTED] called and said she had not yet been contacted. I then called Peplansky and he said he did not have an opportunity over the weekend. He said he would be getting in touch with her and with Fr. Jack Keehan as soon as possible.

PHONE CALL FROM REV. JACK KEEHAN  
733-7486

3-29-93

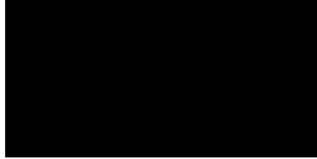
- I called him and left him a message at St. Ann's Parish at 3:20 p.m. He returned my call at 5:17 p.m.

- I called him again at 8:45 p.m. He'll call back to arrange meeting time here - hopefully for Wednesday 3-31-93 - with his attorney/brother [REDACTED]. He's apparently open to releasing [REDACTED] to Review Board. Also he'll bring numbers of adults' names he gave me at last meeting and Trip "Slides".

MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD  
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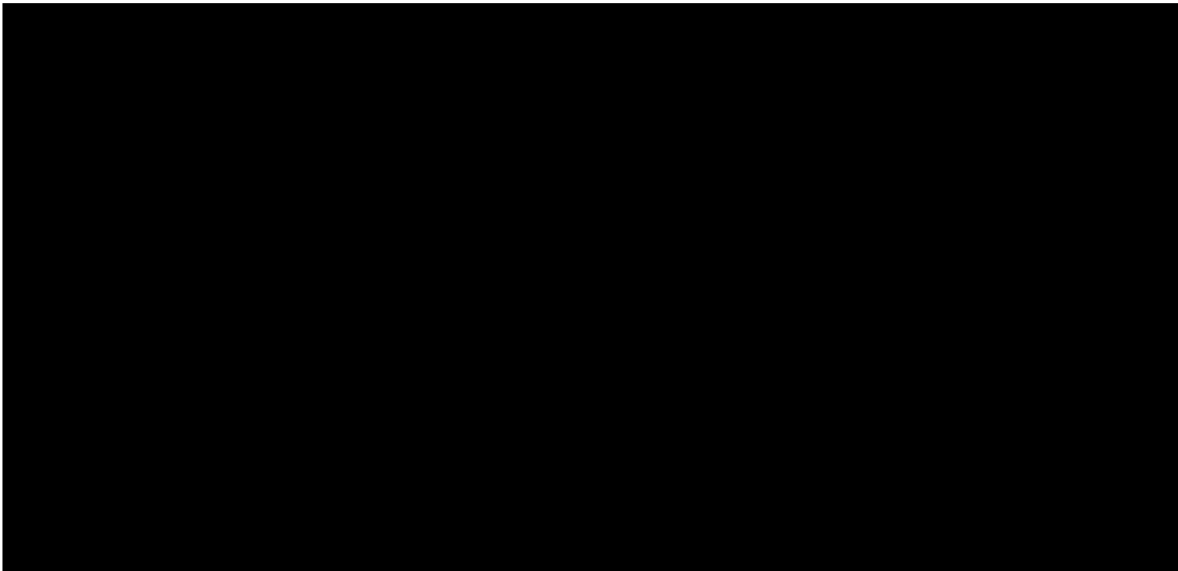
Date: April 3, 1993

Board Members Present:



Others Present:

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



Matter of PFR-20 (J.K.):

1. The Board completed a First Stage Review in the PFR-20 matter pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

2. Determination: There is reasonable cause to suspect that J.K. engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. Basis: J.K. acknowledged writing and sending [REDACTED] letter of 7-14-92 in which he



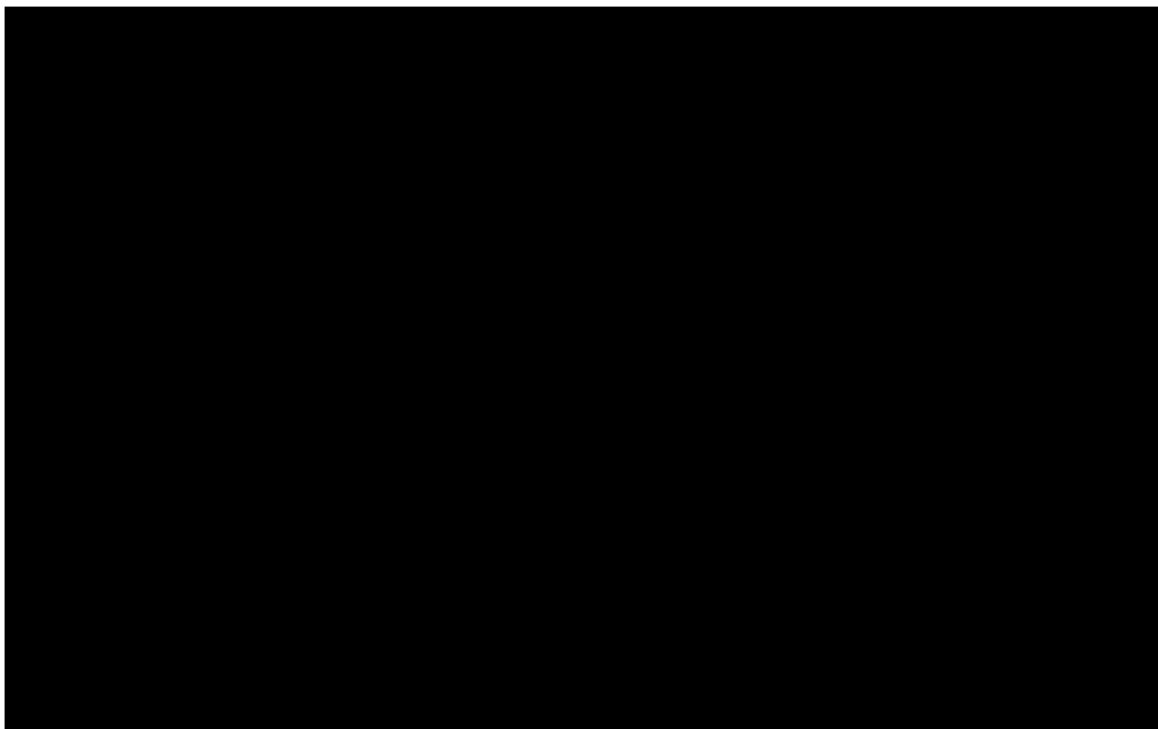
states sorrow for damage done to [REDACTED]; J.K. acknowledged he'd discussed possible marriage with [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] was past age 18;

[REDACTED] As such, minors may be at risk of sexual misconduct in unmonitored presence of J.K.

3. Recommendations to the Archbishop: J.K. should not be alone with minors without presence of another responsible adult;

[REDACTED]; J.K. should not be allowed to conduct individual counseling or retreats with adolescents until [REDACTED]; J.K. should have no contact with [REDACTED].

4. The Administrator informed the Board of two current monitors of J.K. which Board concluded are adequate. The Board directed Administrator to communicate to J.K. the further action to be taken regarding [REDACTED], etc., if Cardinal Bernardin accepts Board's recommendations.



Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski  
Administrator

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Minutes Unanimously  
Approved By  
Review Board

MEMO TO FILE: PFR-20  
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator  
RE: John Keehan  
DATE: April 3, 1993

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Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, April 3, 1993.

The Review Board completed a First Stage Review on the matter of the Rev. John Keehan. The Board had initiated the First Stage Review on Keehan on 2/27/93. The Board determined there was reasonable cause to suspect that Fr. Keehan had engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor [REDACTED]. Also, the Board recommended that Fr. Keehan should have no contact with [REDACTED].

Phone Call to Rev. Jack Keehan (PFR-20):

4-3-93

- I (S.S.) informed him of Review Board's 1st Stage Review determinations and recommendations. He intends to comply.

- [REDACTED]

- I told him I'll get back to him about [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

- Also, he'll talk to School Principal Sr. Michael and I said I'd call her around mid-week to confirm that she understands/agrees to what monitoring means.

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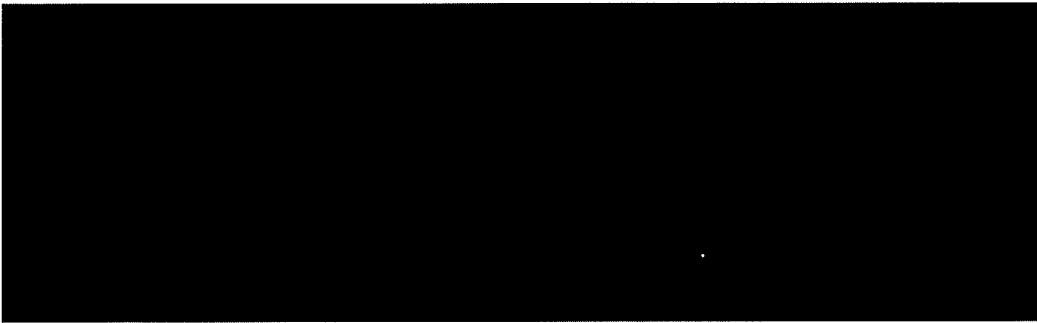


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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of Professional Fitness Review  
Steve Sidlowski, Administrator

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May 12, 1993

Rev. John J. Keehan  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt  
Chicago, Ill. 60608

Dear Fr. Keehan:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on April 3, 1993. In the meeting, the Board fully considered my oral report as well as the previous report of the Vicar for Priests given on February 27, 1993. The Board completed the First Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board made the following determinations:

- (1) Restrictions should continue to be imposed upon you; and
- (2) Further action is required.

As a result, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that you should not be alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. The Board further recommended that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] You also should not be allowed to conduct individual counseling or retreats with adolescents until [REDACTED]. Moreover, you should have no contact with [REDACTED].

The Board has instructed me to communicate their determinations and recommendations to you. I have already contacted you to discuss the further action to be taken and further review of the matter.

If you have any questions, however, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Steve Sidlowski*

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Rev. Pat O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
[REDACTED]

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May 12, 1993



Dear [REDACTED]:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on April 3, 1993, and completed a First Stage Review in the matter involving Rev. John J. Keehan.

The Board has recommended to the Archbishop that restrictions should continue to be imposed on Fr. Keehan and that he should not be allowed alone in the presence of persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. The Board also recommended that further action should be taken, as we have already discussed.

I've asked our Assistance Minister, Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, or another representative from our Assistance Ministry, to contact you about any questions you may have about the further review of the matter. You also are free to contact me about any further questions as well at (312) 751-5205 (06) or 1-800-994-6200.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister

AOC 016555

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum, prepared by Steve Sidlowski, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness and Review and dated May 12, 1993, summarizing a phone call with Victim JG. Mr. Sidlowski read Victim JG the Review Board's First Stage Review recommendations in connection with her allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. Keehan and spoke with Victim JG about priests who were at the parish at the time of her abuse who might be able to give credence to her allegation, including Msgr. Marty Howard whom Victim JG alleges walked in on Keehan fondling Victim JG. Victim JG believes that the Review Board's recommendations are in error and wants Fr. Keehan to be removed from the parish.



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May 12, 1993

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P. O. Box 1979  
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Your Eminence,

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and
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The Board has instructed me to communicate with Fr. Keehan regarding the further action to be taken. I anticipate that a Second Stage Review will be scheduled in due course.

The Board will report to you any further determinations and recommendations following the Second Stage Review.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

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Mr. John C. O'Malley  
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BILLING STATEMENT

Re: Father John J. Keehan, Saint Ann Parish

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS
10/16/92	telephone Fr. Jack	1
10/17/92	meeting Fr. Jack	1
10/17/92	meeting, Vicar's Office	3
10/17/92	meeting, [REDACTED]	4
10/19/92	telephone conference, Pat Tuite	.5
10/20/92	telephone Fr. Jack	.5
10/21/92	meeting, Vicar's office, Father O'Malley, Fr. McDonough, Fr. Jack	3
10/21/92	meeting at [REDACTED]	6
11/03/92	telephone in re [REDACTED]	1
11/04/92	meeting, St. Ann	

compiling evidence, review 4

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11/06/92	meeting, St Ann review file, assemble, compile	6
11/18/92	telephone, Fr. Jack, in re: [REDACTED]	1
11/19/92	meeting, in office, review	
	witness compilation	6
11/26/92	meeting, St. Ann, review, compile, assess	6
12/08/92	telephone, in re: [REDACTED]	1.5
12/09/92	telephone, in re: [REDACTED] in re: Fr. O'maley "prepare defense"	1.5
12/10/92	telephone conference, Carrie Haff, Meyer Brown Platt	1.5
12/10/92	meeting, [REDACTED] review statements, prepare evidence	8
12/11/92	meeting, St. Ann, review daily diary from 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970	8
12/13/92	meeting, St. Ann, review Fr. Jack's daily diary 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970	8
12/15/92	telephone Fr. Jack, in re: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	.5
01/18/93	meeting, Vicar's office, Fr. O'Malley cancelled	0.0
01/19/93	meeting, St. Ann, contact witness review file	4.5
01/25/93	meeting, [REDACTED] review [REDACTED]	3.5
01/27/93	meeting, District 2, Pat Tuite	1

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01/29/93	meeting, Vicar's Office, 645 N. Michigan, Suite 543 review [REDACTED] hand copy pertinent files	5
01/29/93	meeting, [REDACTED] review, evaluate	2
01/30/93	meeting, St. Ann, review allegations assess evidence, compare diary	6.5
02/04/93	meeting, Pat Tuite	.25
02/05/93	telephone, Fr. Jack	.75
02/06/93	meeting, Fr. Jack, [REDACTED]	3.5
02/12/93	telephone, Fr. Jack, review	.5
02/13/93	meeting, St. Anns, review, evaluate contact witnesses	6
02/18/93	telephone, Fr. Jack	.5
02/19/93	meeting, Vicar's Office, 645 N. Michigan in re: [REDACTED]	3
02/26/93	telephone, Fr. Jack	.25
02/27/93	meeting, St Ann, review, strategy, investigation, review photo albums	8.25
02/27/93	letter to Board	1
02/27/93	delivery of letter to Vicar	1
03/08/93	telephone, Fr. Jack, in re: letter from Steven Sidlowski, Administrator of Board. meeting, St Ann, review, assess, compile	8

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03/12/93	telephone, Fr. Jack, in re: administrator Steven Sidlowski, meeting Fr. Jack	6
03/14/93	meeting, St. Ann, review daily diary, photo albums,	8
03/15/93	meeting, St. Ann, review Daily diary, photo albums	8
03/16/93	meeting, St. Ann, Administrator Steven Sidlowski,	6.5
03/16/93	preparation for meeting	5.5
03/30/93	meeting, St. Ann, review, evaluate,	8
03/31/93	meeting, office of the administrator Steven Sidlowski, permission to review [REDACTED] in total and report to Board any and all pertinent information preliminary meeting with Fr. Jack	6

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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CONFIDENTIAL

Memo

To: Father O'Malley

From: Cardinal Bernardin *JB*

Re: Reverend John Keehan

Date: June 10, 1993

I am returning for your file the memo dated October 19, 1992 which you sent in preparation for my meeting with Jack Keehan. I am also sending you a copy of [REDACTED] given to me by Steve Sidlowski. I think it is better to keep these items in your file.

I had a good meeting with Jack but I decided not to bring up the question of repayment at this meeting. When we next speak with each other I will tell you why and how I think we should go about it.

Many thanks.

AOC 016562

Rev. Thomas V. Millea  
St. Ann Church  
1840 South Leavitt Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

6-28-93


Mr. Steven Sidlowski,  
Office for Fitness Review  
Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Steve,  
I have been happy to serve the Archdiocese these past months at St. Ann's parish. I believe the system I served under is a good plan to protect a person and his good name.

I did not really know Fr. John Keehan before I came to St. Ann's; we had met a few times at various meetings, we had both served at St. Thomas of Canterbury parish but at different times. I have appreciated this time at St. Ann's to get to know him and to become, I hope, a friend.

There was never an occasion when there was anything untoward in his conduct. On the contrary, in spite of all difficulties facing an inner-city pastor.. financial, a tri-lingual apostolate' the deterioration of old buildings, gangs rampant in the neighborhood, he has maintained an optimistic attitude and given encouragement to the parishioners and staff.

A personal note--



Rumors have a life of their own and at times can follow a person throughout their life; especially if they are concealed in anonymity they can hamper a person's life and work for a long time.

I hope the Archdiocese has found a means to resolve such difficulties. I certainly hope that Fr. John Keehan does not suffer long from the difficulties he faces. I hope the Archdiocese is now mature to be able to deal honestly and competently and restore the dignity and honor of a fine man and priest. I hope the Archdiocese has the courage to appoint him as pastor instead of just administrator at St. Anns... and soon at least for the 90th anniversary of the parish

Sincerely,

*Thomas Millea*

cc. Rev. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
P.S. I realised later that Fr. Keehan has been appointed pastor but not yet officially installed as such.

*St. Ann Church*  
*1840 South Leavitt Street*  
*Chicago, Illinois 60608*

June 30, 1993

Your Eminence:

Pursuant to our conversation of June 9, I would like to be sure that I touched on the following points:

1. How grateful I am for your time and concern. I have found it difficult to get a clear picture of my status and what exactly I should be doing. You were very reassuring.
2. I want to be sure that what I started our conversation with, did not get lost near the end. I have never had an improper relationship with anyone under 18. And if you want any clarifications or elaborations of that statement I would be happy to give them in detail.
3. I am very sorry for whatever anxiety and problems I caused the archdiocese, you or the other people involved. I apologize for those things that I actually did that have added to your problems.

sincerely,

  
John J. Keehan



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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Memo

To: Steve Sidlowski

From: Cardinal Bernardin *JB*

Re: Father John J. Keehan

Date: July 12, 1993

I met with Father John J. Keehan on June 9, 1993. It was a "pastoral" visit which was a follow-up to a brief encounter with him at a spring vicariate meeting. I had not met with him since the allegations were made.

July 9, I received the enclosed letter from Father Keehan. I thought I should share it with you.

cc: Father O'Malley

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Chancellor



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

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

Date: July 21, 1993

Re: Reverend John J. Keehan

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Steve,

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations of the Review Board concerning Reverend John J. Keehan as described in your letter to His Eminence dated May 12, 1993. Although I had conveyed the Cardinal's decision to you orally shortly after the Review Board completed its First Stage Review on April 3, 1993, I am providing this written memo for your records.

It is my understanding that appropriate steps have already been taken to implement the Review Board's recommendations.

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

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

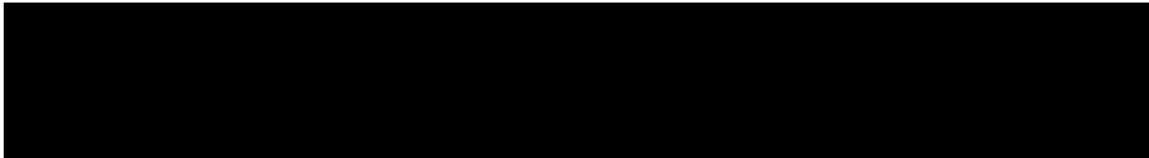
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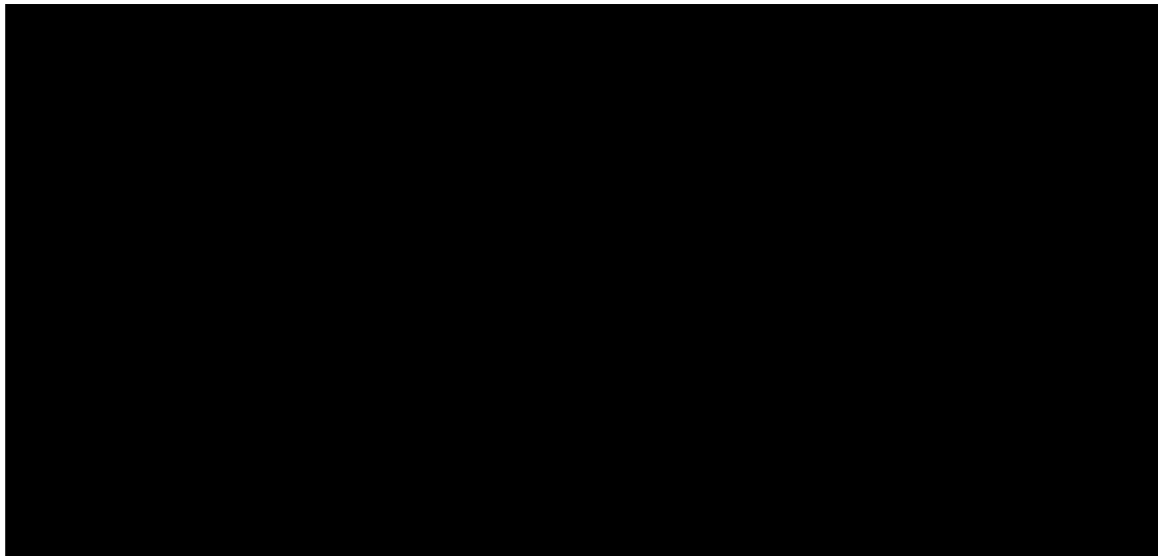
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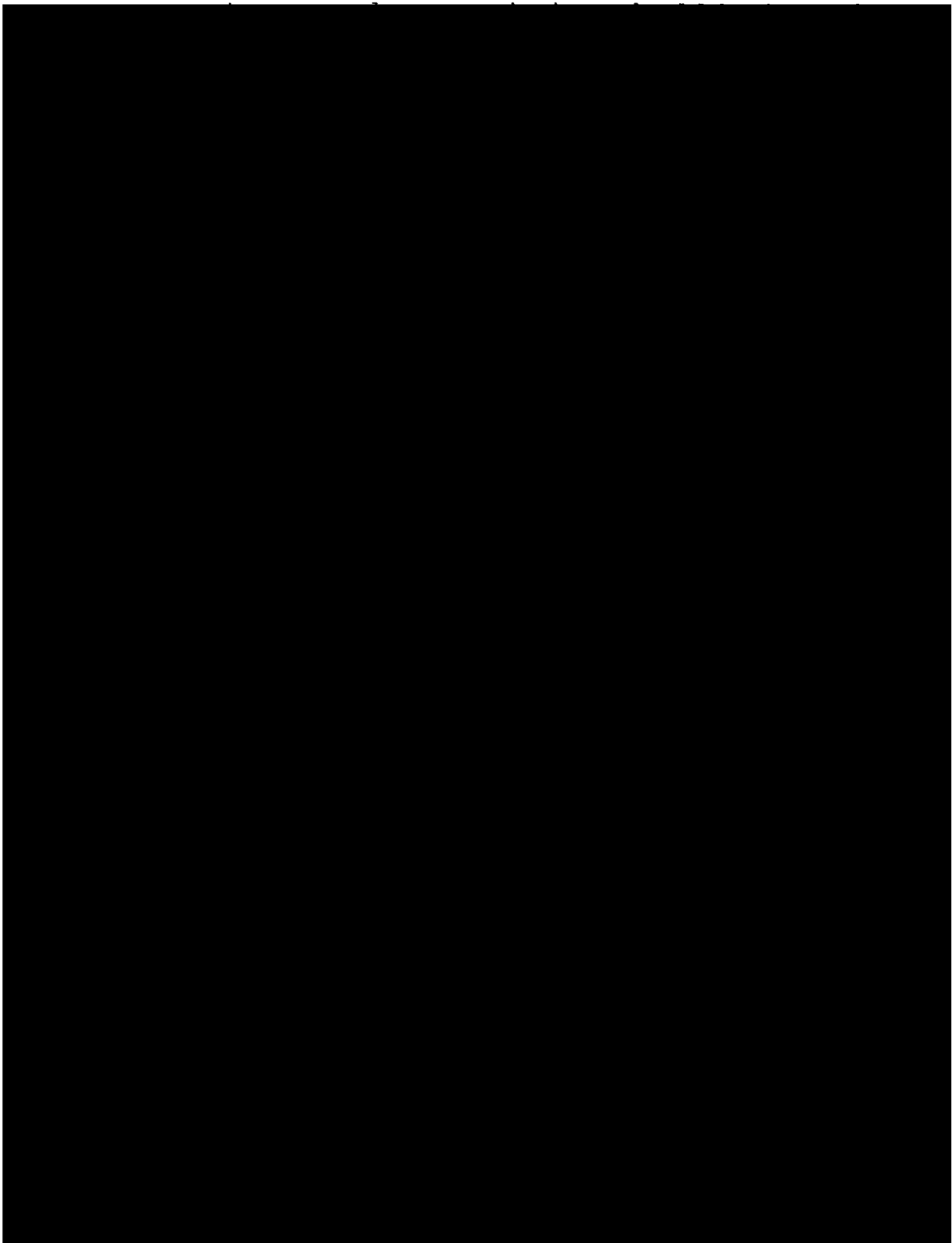
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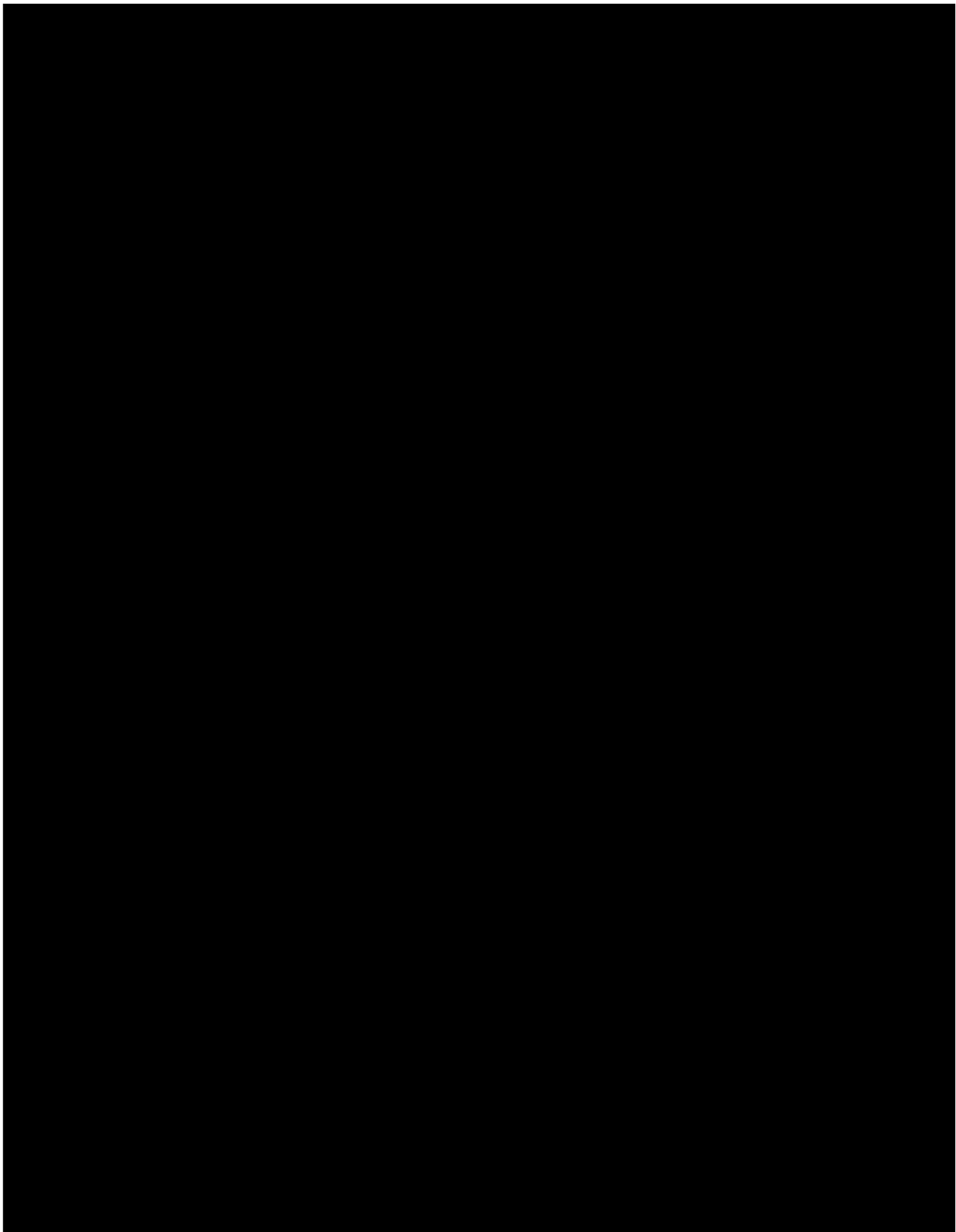


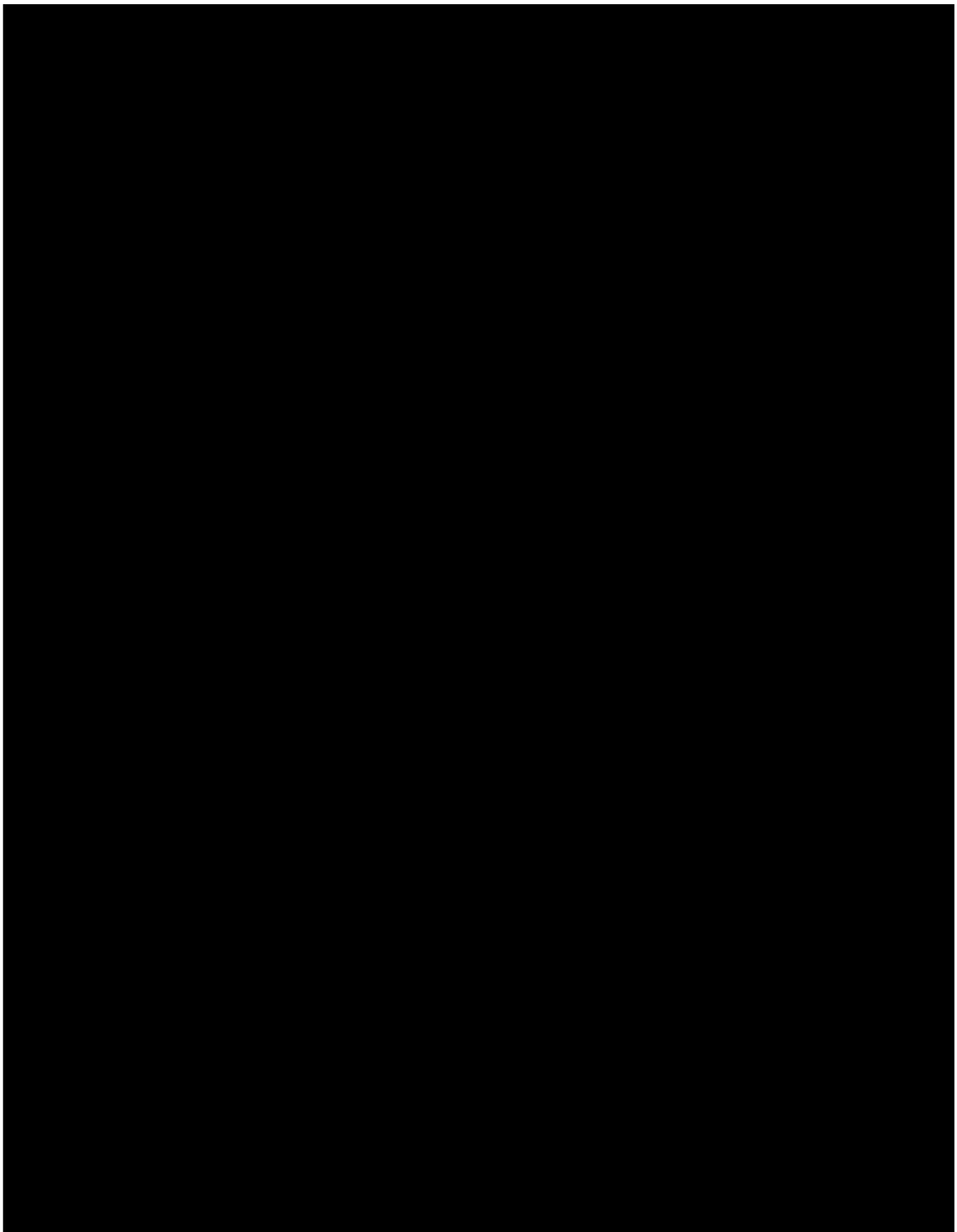
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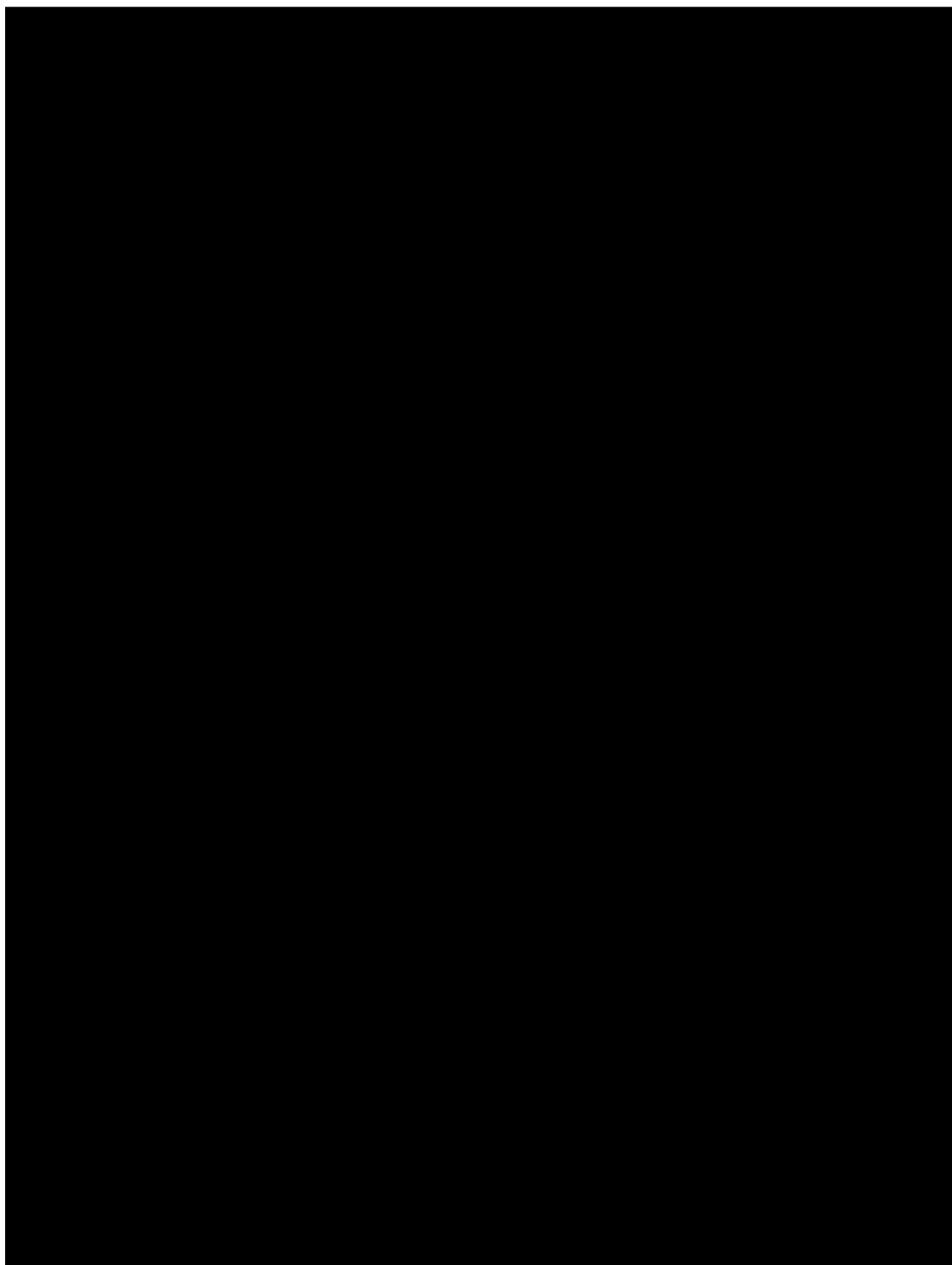
1. The Board officially continued and/or delayed scheduling of the Second Stage Review in this matter for a good reason (further inquiry/transition to new monitor to ensure compliance/in need of [REDACTED]).

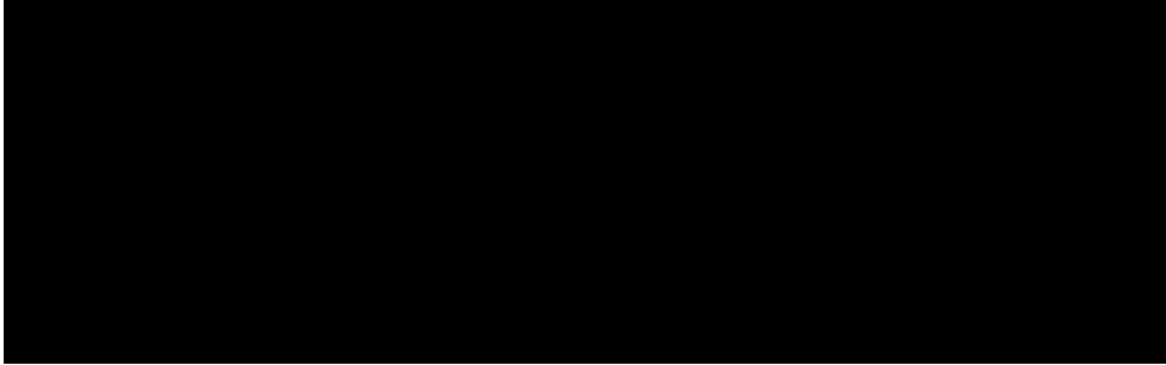












Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski  
Administrator

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Minutes Unanimously  
Approved By  
Review Board





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VICAR FOR PRIESTS

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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 7/28/93

Re: John Keehan

The Fitness Review Board reviewed Jack Keehan's situation on 7/24/93. They made no change in their suggestions and recommendations. Keehan is to continue [REDACTED] for one year. The monitoring will go on during that time.

MEMO

TO: File (PFR 20)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: August 18, 1993

In attempting to follow up on information that [REDACTED] provided either Pat O'Malley or myself since the inception of this matter, particularly regarding her reference to the pastor at St. Basil's Parish during most of the years Jack Keehan was there and what that person might know, what Fr. Paul Rosemeyer might know, what an Associate Pastor (whose identity [REDACTED] could not recall) also at the time at St. Basil's Parish before Fr. Rosemeyer came to the parish, might know, and what any interim Administrator after Monsignor Howard left St. Basil's Parish might also know, in reference to confirmation of some of the information [REDACTED] has alleged against Rev. Keehan.

In the file, Fr. O'Malley had prepared a list of all priests who served at St. Basil Parish from 1967 through 1972. I contacted the Archives of the Archdiocese today as well as Connie Bruno of the Chancellor's Office (who has access to many of the priests' records) and discovered various things. I also attempted to call some of the priests. The following is a summary of the status of gathering information related to the above to date.

First, the Archives confirmed that Monsignor Marty Howard is deceased (6-12-75 is the date of his death). He was pastor at St. Basil's from November, 1967 until January, 1973. In '73 he went to St. Juliana's to become pastor there.

Connie Bruno at the Chancellor's Office informed me that Fr. Paul Rosemeyer became pastor of St. Basil's Church in March of 1973. In records Pat O'Malley obtained from the Priests Personnel Board, the Administrator of St. Basil Parish from 1-73 to 3-73 was Rev. Jack Keehan himself. As such, it is unclear who [REDACTED] is referring to in terms of an interim Administrator right after Monsignor Howard had left who allegedly told her not to come around the parish anymore and was reporting her to the Archdiocesan Chancery (Pat O'Malley discovered in Rev. Keehan's priest file that no such report was apparently ever made).


Regarding the Associate Pastors at St. Basil Parish from 1967 to 1972, please note the following: 1) Rev. Ed Kelly (at St. Basil's in 1967 and 1968 while Jack Keehan was there) - I attempted to contact Rev. Kelly on 8-17 and 8-18-93 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Highland Park. I left messages for him two times. I hope he will call back. (See Addendum #2).

2) Rev. [REDACTED] (at St. Basil's in 1967 and 1968 while Jack Keehan was there) - I called Rev. [REDACTED] at his current residence at [REDACTED]. He was not there. I spoke with his brother [REDACTED]. He said that "Fr. [REDACTED] is out travelling - he'll be gone for [REDACTED]".

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a few weeks." Apparently he will be gone for five or six weeks more according to [REDACTED]. I left a message with Rev. [REDACTED] brother for Rev. [REDACTED] to call me when he gets a chance. I explained that I was that I was hoping to speak with Rev. [REDACTED] to ask him a few questions about a matter involving another priest from twenty five years back but that there was not at all any allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. [REDACTED]. His brother assured me he would pass along the message. (See Addendum)

3) Rev. [REDACTED] (at St. Basil's in 1969, 1970, 1971) - I called Monsignor [REDACTED] on 8-17-93 at his current residence at the Resurrection Nursing Pavilion in Park Ridge, Ill. The nurse I spoke to said that [REDACTED]



4) Rev. Irwin Angel (at St. Basil's from 1967 through 1972) - Nancy Sandelback at the Archives Center stated that Rev. Angel died on 8-20-73. She noted that he was an Assistant Pastor at St. Basil's from 6-65 to 6-72 (then he went to Incarnation Parish).

5) Rev. Joseph Poovathumkal (at St. Basil's in 1968 and 1969) - Nancy at the Archives Center stated that he was "in residence" which means he was an extern priest almost definitely. Connie Bruno had stated that she believed that he was an extern priest from India at the time. There is absolutely no reference to this priest in the current 1993 Archdiocesan Directory as an Archdiocesan nor as a religious community priest.

6) Rev. Paul Rosemeyer (pastor at St. Basil's from 3-73 to 1-81) - Please note that Fr. Rosemeyer became pastor at this parish when [REDACTED] had already turned 21 years of age; however, she apparently stated to Ralph Bonaccorsi some time earlier, as well as to me on 5-12-93, that Fr. Rosemeyer might know something more

about the situation between Jack Keehan and [REDACTED]. I attempted to phone him on 8-18-93 and was informed by his parish secretary that he will be out of town until the weekend.

I am hoping that Rev. Ed Kelly will call me back to see if he recalls any information about Rev. Keehan and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

I will attempt to phone [REDACTED] before the Second Stage Review

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I also intend to inform her on the status of the other priests in terms of an update and to let her know that the Review Board intends to proceed with a Second Stage Review in the Keehan on 8-21-93; however, if new, substantial information is revealed about the situation, a Supplementary Review can easily be initiated by either myself, the Review Board or the Cardinal, and I will inform her of that if one of the priests is to provide me with such significant information.

I will also attempt to contact Fr. Rosemeyer some time later upon his return to see if he knows anything more about this matter.

MEMO

TO: File (PFR 20)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: August 18, 1993

RE: Attempted Phone Call to [REDACTED]

I attempted to call [REDACTED] before the Second Stage Review to provide her with an update of Fr. Jack Keehan's situation as well as to notify her of my attempted follow-up in contacting various priests who might know something of this situation. Her phone recorder was on. I left a very brief message and told her I wanted to "fill her in" on some things and that she could call me back at any time.

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**ADDENDUM: Phone call from Rev. [REDACTED] 8-19-93**

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Fr. [REDACTED] spoke to his brother who informed him that I had called yesterday. He was not sure why I had called so I clarified immediately that there was no allegation of sexual misconduct being brought against him although I thoroughly explained by new role in the Archdiocese in these matters. I explained that as part of follow-up inquiry to a First Stage Review in Fr. Jack Keehan's situation, I was calling to see if he had any information or recollection about Jack Keehan engaging in sexual misconduct with a teen-age girl during his time at St. Basil Parish in 1967 and 1968 as an associate there. I explained the reason was that the person who came forward with an allegation against Jack Keehan said that she remembered an associate (whose name she could not recall) who she believed could verify some of her information about the allegation.

Fr. [REDACTED] said "I am certainly not aware of anything that was going on." He stated that he taught at Quigley South at the time and was a resident at St. Basil's primarily in the evenings. He did perform sacraments there but spent less time there than a typical associate due to his ministry at Quigley.

He said that "I can barely remember Jack Keehan," but in any event "No," Fr. Troy does not remember a [REDACTED] nor does he remember any teen-age girl spending alot of time with Jack Keehan at the time in the rectory. [REDACTED]

In summary, Fr. [REDACTED] stated "as far as I know he (Keehan) was an a-okay guy."

**ADDENDUM #2:**

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Fr. [REDACTED] called me back on 8-19-93. I explained to him the situation and wondered if he knew anything about [REDACTED]'s information about the allegation of sexual misconduct against Jack Keehan at that time at St. Basil's.

Fr. [REDACTED] explained that he came to St. Basil Parish in the summer of 1966. Monsignor Tom Meehan was pastor at that time. However, Meehan died in either August or September, 1966. Fr. [REDACTED] said that he then became the interim Administrator from that time until

Monsignor Marty Howard arrived as pastor (archives records state that Monsignor Howard began as pastor at Basil's in November, 1967; as such, Fr. [REDACTED] would have been the Administrator for approximately 14 months). Rev. [REDACTED] remembers that it was a good deal of time that he was the Administrator perhaps 15/16 months in his memory. In any event, [REDACTED] remained on at Basil's into 1968.

Fr. [REDACTED] says that he does remember Jack Keehan but that "all I can remember is that Jack" was the "new breed of priest coming out of Mundelein." However, Rev. [REDACTED] stated that "I saw nothing ever concerning a relationship (between Keehan) with a girl, and I never suspected it." He added that "I can never remember a woman ever being in his (Keehan's) room or even near it."

[REDACTED]

Fr. [REDACTED] does not remember a girl by the name of [REDACTED] at all.

[REDACTED]

Fr. [REDACTED] does remember that Jack Keehan, along with a younger priest from St. Gall's Parish whose name he does not remember (though it is not Rev. Jim Flynn), would conduct meetings with young people at St Basil's Rectory. Sometimes it was in the dining room or stairwells and he found it annoying stepping over them.

I asked him specifically about how [REDACTED] seems to recall that an interim administrator at Basil's following Monsignor Howard told her not to come around the parish anymore and he would be reporting her to the Chancery. Although Kelly was an interim Administrator, it was right after Monsignor Meehan not Howard. In any event, [REDACTED] said that he does not remember ever saying anything like that to a teen-age girl at the time, though again he admitted, due to his heavy drinking at the time, it is not impossible that something may have been said that he does not at all remember.

**ADDENDUM #3:**

Phone call to Rev. [REDACTED] 8-19-93 (began as associate at St. Basil in 6-71; note that [REDACTED] was 19 1/2 at this point).

I called Fr. [REDACTED] and explained the situation that I was conducting follow-up inquiry in Rev. Keehan's situation. I asked him for confidentiality and explained that the person who came forward noted that an associate at St. Basil's during that time period may have known about the details of the alleged sexual misconduct by Rev. Keehan against [REDACTED]. Rev. [REDACTED] acknowledged that he came to St. Basil's in 6-71.

He acknowledged that he did know of a [REDACTED] and that she was a friend of Jack Keehan's who did visit sometimes in the rectory. He said that he remembers that he, Jack Keehan and Rev. Bill Flaherty lived in the back of the rectory at the time.

He said that [REDACTED] used to visit Jack Keehan alot, but that she was of young adult age. He said that he assumed [REDACTED] was out of high school at the time.

[REDACTED]  
Moreover, Rev. [REDACTED] stated that Jack never confided in him in any way about being involved sexually with [REDACTED] at any time.

Nonetheless, Rev. [REDACTED] did state that he felt that it was a "dependent relationship - she'd be there alot and at strange times - for instance, a Saturday afternoon." [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]  
He said that Jack Keehan had a Young Adult Group he remembers.

His recollection is that [REDACTED] visited the rectory only in a common room which all the priests used (it had a T.V. in there and an old couch).  
[REDACTED]



MEMO

TO: File (PFR 20)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: August 20, 1993

RE: Phone Call from Attorney [REDACTED]: 8-20-93

[REDACTED] informed me that "I represent [REDACTED] and she asked me to call you." It was his understanding that there was some new development in the case. I told him that that was not really the case but that I had called [REDACTED] the other day to up date her on the status of the matter with Jack Keehan and tell her that I had been following up on the information we had talked about in our May - '93 conversation in regard to her suggestion that other priests at the time at St. Basil Parish might have known about her allegation of sexual misconduct against Keehan. I explained that I had spoken to a couple of the associates and that <sup>there</sup> really was no new specific information that they had provided about her allegation. I also noted that Monsignor Marty Howard, the pastor at the time, was deceased.

I also explained to [REDACTED] that it was also my intent to notify [REDACTED] that the Review Board would likely conduct a Second Stage Review in Jack Keehan's matter on 8-21-93, and that the Second Stage Review had already been continued, in that it is normally to take place between 30 and 120 days following the completion of the First Stage Review which I reminded [REDACTED] was April 3, 1993.

I also told [REDACTED] that I wanted to tell [REDACTED] that Jack Keehan has been cooperative in following our procedures [REDACTED]. I noted that he remains under restrictions, in that he is not allowed alone in the presence of those under 18 without the presence of another responsible adult, and that there is a full time live-in monitor of Jack Keehan, as well as the school principal who is helping us monitor Jack Keehan to ensure he is not alone with children.

I also told [REDACTED] that I was going to suggest to [REDACTED] that our Victim Assistance Ministry remains available to her, although she had stated in our May 12, 1993 conversation that she was not pleased with Assistance Ministry's offer of help up until now.

[REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] had been in contact with Ralph Bonaccorsi several times in the past. I pointed out that there are others who work in Victim Assistance Ministry who might be of help to [REDACTED] besides Ralph Bonaccorsi if she would like to seek such assistance.

[REDACTED] noted that nothing has been filed in terms of a claim

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against the Archdiocese to date and he has spoken with Carrie Huff about this situation in the past. His comment was in response to my query about if he had been in contact with Jim Seritella because I was not aware of the current status of any legal matter by [REDACTED] against the Archdiocese.

[REDACTED] thanked me for providing him with this current information and assured me he would pass it on to [REDACTED]. He also asked if I would inform him about the outcome of the Second Stage Review. I told him that I would prepare a letter for [REDACTED] and cc him a copy as well, which sounded as if that would be adequate to [REDACTED].

I also told [REDACTED] if any new, significant information regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation was to come forward, the Review Board would likely consider that information, and any such information could affect the status of the case.

**MEMO TO FILE: PFR-20**  
**FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator**  
**RE: John Keehan**  
**DATE: August 21, 1993**

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**Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, August 21, 1993:**

The Board initiated a Second Stage Review in the matter of Rev. John J. Keehan. The Board received and fully considered the verbal and written reports from the Fitness Review Administrator as well as the documents released by Father Keehan. The Board chose not to conclude a Second Stage Review on this matter at this point and requested the PFR Administrator to contact Father Keehan specifically about whether he might be willing to [REDACTED]

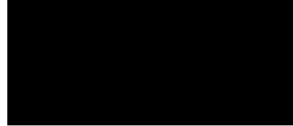
Moreover, the policies state that the PFR Administrator shall provide access to all information to the Board, and as such, the Board should typically have access to what the PFR Administrator knows and in this matter Father Keehan only released [REDACTED] to PFR Administrator and not the Board.

[REDACTED]

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

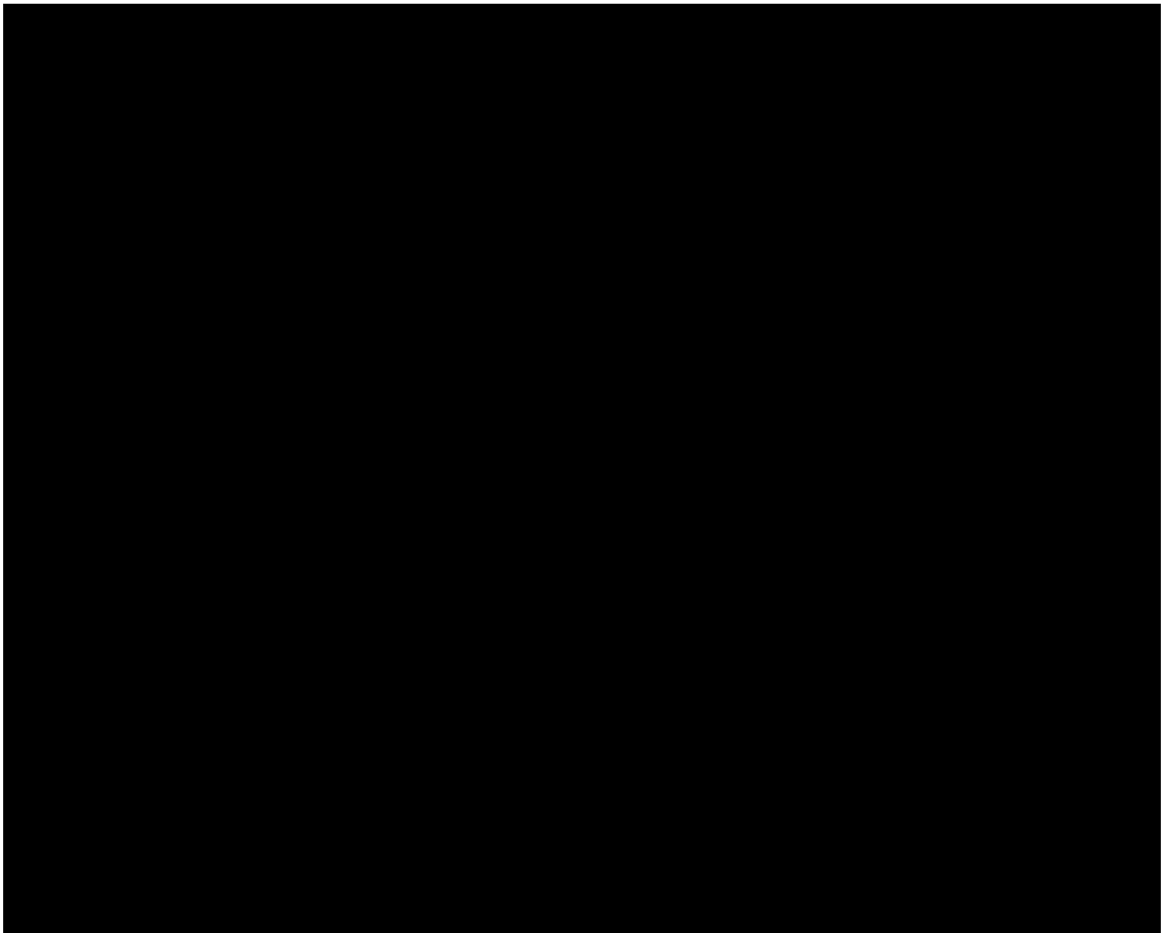
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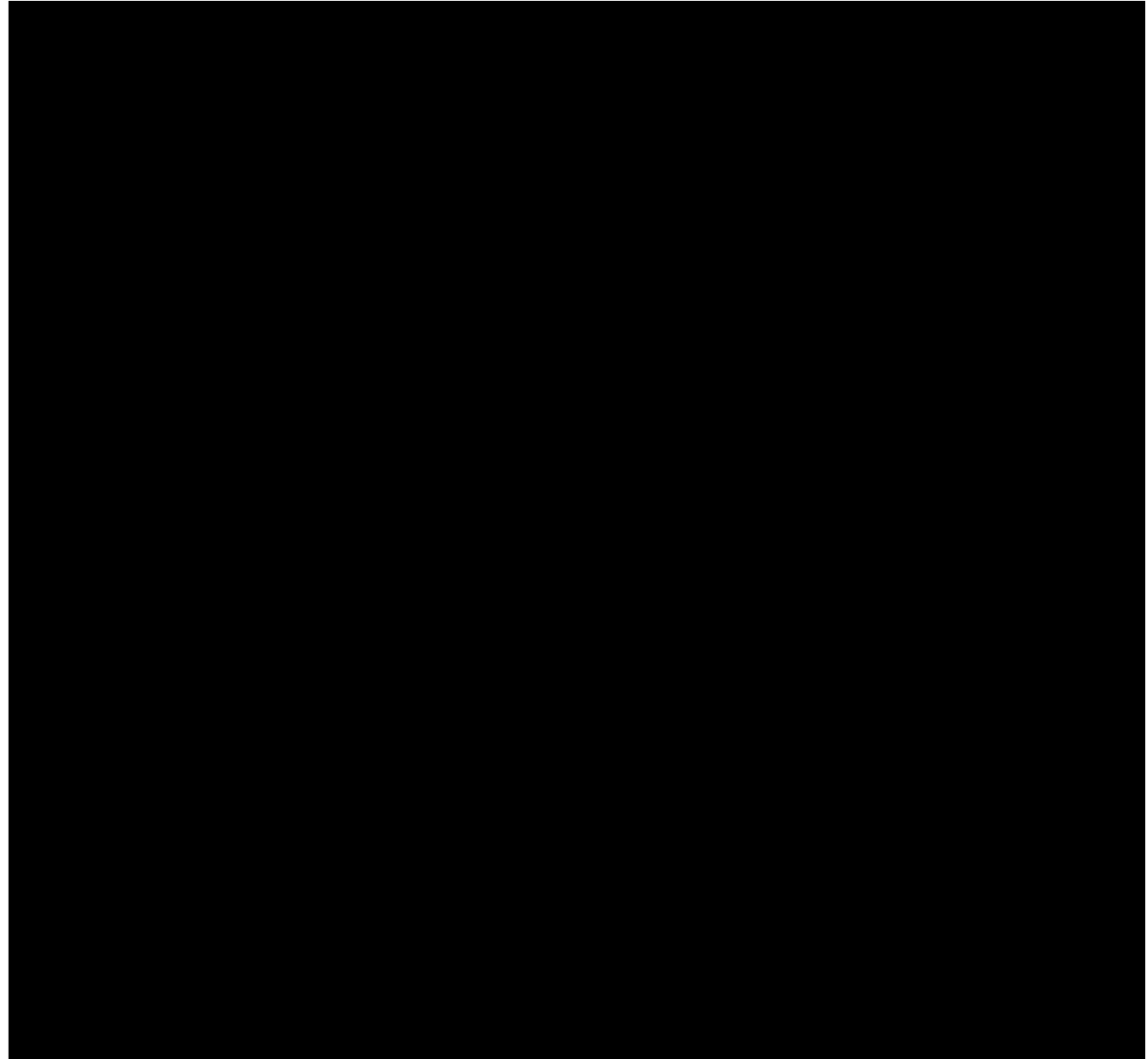
Board Members Present:



Others Present:

Steve Sidlowski

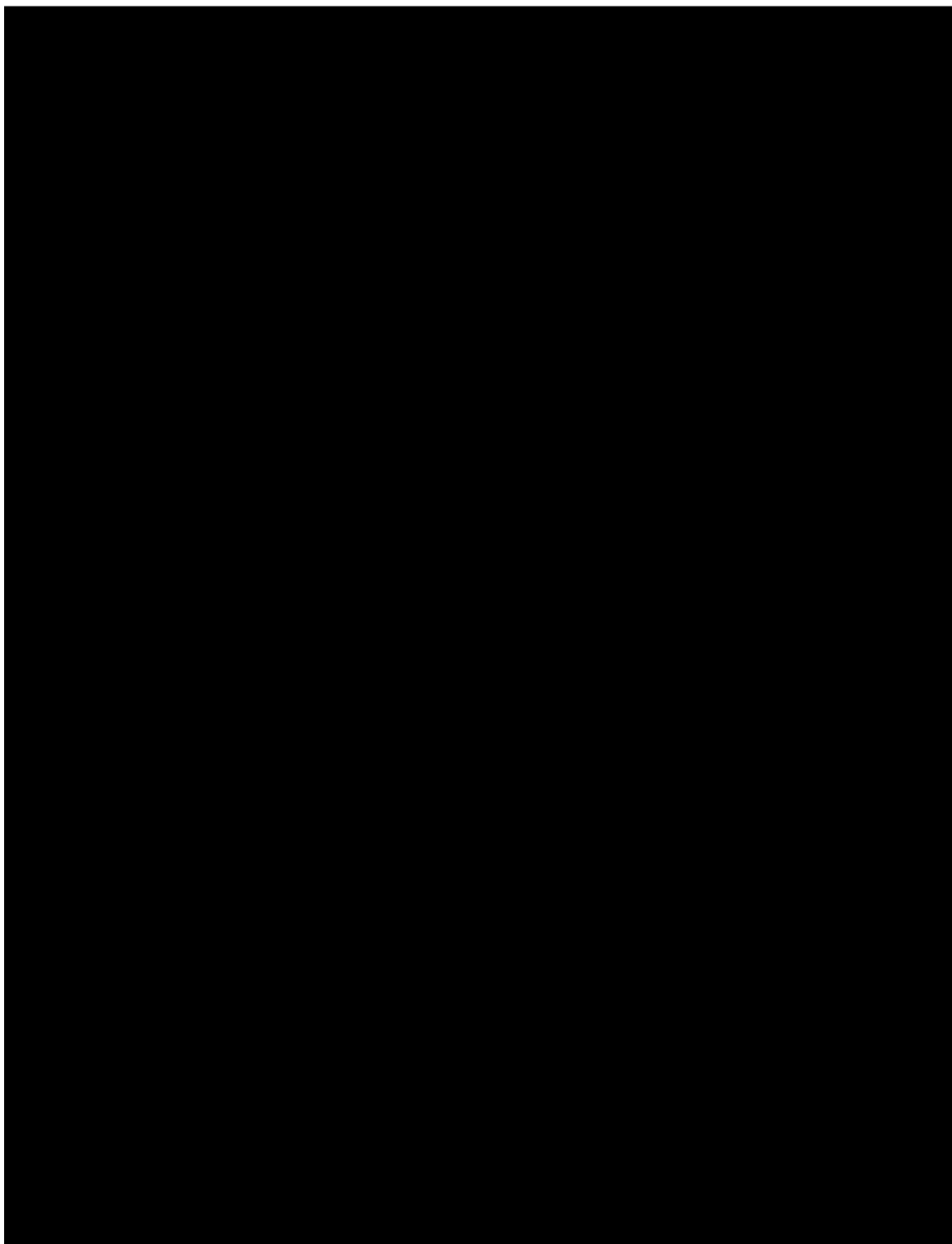


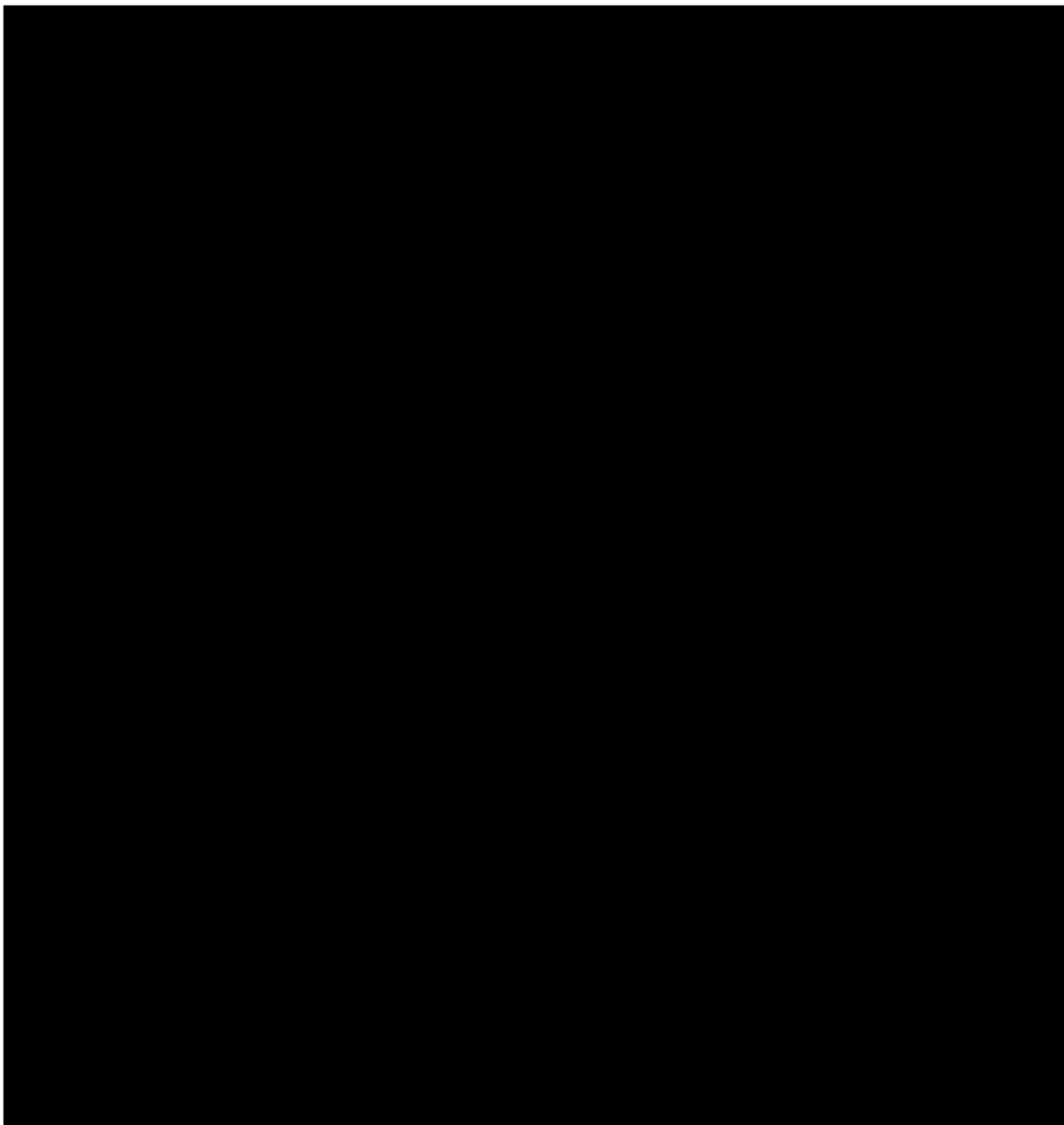


**Matter of PFR-20 (J.K.):**

1. The Board initiated a Second Stage Review in the PFR-20 matter pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

2. The Board deferred from making determinations and recommendations in the Second Stage Review pending further inquiries by the Administrator, which the Board directed the Administrator to undertake.





Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski  
Administrator

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Minutes Unanimously  
Approved By  
Review Board



MEMO

TO: File (PFR-20)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: August 23, 1993

RE: Phone Call to Rev. Paul Rosemeyer: 8-23-93

I (Steve Sidlowski) called Rev. Rosemeyer last week regarding this matter. He was on vacation. We spoke today about Jack Keehan's situation with [REDACTED], however.

Fr. Rosemeyer confirmed that he became the pastor of St. Basil Parish in March of 1973 ([REDACTED] would have been 21 at that point).

He does remember [REDACTED]. He stated that he assumes she was the girl that Jack Keehan was "overly friendly with." He stated that in the back part of the rectory, there was a community room and she would visit with Jack Keehan there quite a bit. Fr. Rosemeyer additionally admitted that there were times that Fr. Rosemeyer has personal knowledge that Jack Keehan was alone in his rectory room with [REDACTED] with the doors closed.

However, Fr. Rosemeyer noted that "I never actually saw anything," in terms of Fr. Keehan being involved sexually with [REDACTED]. He added that "when I found out" that [REDACTED] was visiting Fr. Keehan alone as just described, he informed both [REDACTED] and Jack Keehan that the private visits between them had to "cease and desist immediately."

The way he found he found out about Jack and [REDACTED] visiting one another as frequently as they did, was due to other teen-agers working in the rectory who would see [REDACTED] come and go and they told Fr. Rosemeyer about it. Also, Fr. Rosemeyer recalls that he also saw [REDACTED] enter the rectory through the kitchen at times.

When he confronted Jack Keehan and [REDACTED] about these private visits and told them the visits had to stop, Fr. Rosemeyer said that they both became very upset with him. However, he has no recollection whatsoever that he ever told [REDACTED] that he intended to report her to the Chancery.

Fr. Rosemeyer said that Jack Keehan never told him and never admitted to him that he was involved with [REDACTED] sexually - either during Paul Rosemeyer's time there (when [REDACTED] would have been over 18) or before [REDACTED] was eighteen years old.

"With me, it was more the appearances of impropriety" said Fr. Rosemeyer, which bothered him and why he confronted Jack Keehan about it.

Also, the other associates at the time informed Paul Rosemeyer that [REDACTED] was visiting quite a bit in the back part of the rectory where the associates lived. He lived in the front part of the rectory and was unaware, at first, of the frequency of the visits. It was after he learned of the frequency that he confronted [REDACTED] and Jack about them.

Fr. Rosemeyer emphasized that it was his impression that [REDACTED] was over 18 yrs. old the whole time that she would come around St. Basil's rectory to visit.

I explained to Fr. Rosemeyer the confidentiality of this matter. He will keep it. I also noted that I normally would not be informing other priests about a priest who has a pending matter before the Review Board but that in this situation, [REDACTED] had specified Fr. Rosemeyer as a priest who might know something about what had happened and could perhaps verify her version of the events regarding the allegation of sexual misconduct against Jack Keehan. I asked Fr. Rosemeyer that if he remembers anything more about this situation, if he would contact me. He said he would.

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Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P. O. Box 1979  
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August 23, 1993

Your Eminence,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on August 21, 1993. The Board accepted the documents authorized by Rev. John J. Keehan and fully considered my written and oral reports. The Board initiated a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.11 of The Review Process For The Continuation of Ministry.

The Board has deferred from making determinations and recommendations to you pending further inquiry. The Board has instructed me to contact Fr. Keehan regarding the additional inquiry.

The Board will report to you their determinations and recommendations upon completion of the Second Stage Review.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

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

bcc: Mr. John O'Malley

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Rev. John J. Keehan  
St. Ann's Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt  
Chicago, Ill. 60608

August 23, 1993

Dear Rev. Keehan:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on August 21, 1993. The Board accepted the documents you authorized and fully considered my written and oral reports. The Board initiated a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.11 of The Review Process For The Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board has deferred from making determinations and recommendations to the Archbishop pending further inquiry. The Board has instructed me to contact you regarding the additional inquiry and its further consideration of the matter in the Second Stage Review.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

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

bcc: Mr. John O'Malley

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August 23, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on August 21, 1993 and initiated a Second Stage Review in the matter involving Rev. John J. Keehan. The Board has deferred from making determinations and recommendations to the Archbishop pending further inquiry.

If you have any questions regarding the further review of the matter, please feel free to contact me at (312) 751-5205/5206 or 1-800 994-6200.

Our Assistance Ministry continues to remain available to you as well at (312) 751-8267.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister  
Mr. Thomas Decker, Esq.

bcc: Mr. John O'Malley

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

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

Date: September 9, 1993

Re: Reverend John J. Keehan

Steve,

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter to Cardinal Bernardin dated August 23, 1993 concerning Reverend John J. Keehan, following initiation of the Second Stage Review at the Review Board's meeting on August 21, 1993.

In light of the fact that the Board has deferred making determinations and recommendations pending further inquiry, the Cardinal and I will await your report of the Board's determinations and recommendations until after the Second Stage Review is completed.

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

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SECOND STAGE REVIEW

- \* The Matter of the Rev. (John) Keahan
- \* Date Second Stage Review Conducted: 8-21-93 initiated  
9-18-93 completed
- \* Determination:

The Board determines it is not reasonable to return the priest to ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances, having given appropriate consideration to the safety of children and the rights of the priest.

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The Board determines it is reasonable to return the priest to ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances, having given appropriate consideration to the safety of children and the rights of the priest.

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The Board determines it is reasonable to keep the priest in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances, having given appropriate consideration to the safety of children and the rights of the priest.

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X

\* Recommendations to the Archbishop:

The Board recommends that the priest's withdrawal from ministry should continue.

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The priest's withdrawal from ministry should not continue, but restrictions should be imposed on the priest. Restrictions should be:

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The priest's withdrawal from ministry should not continue and no restrictions should be imposed on the priest.

X The priest should remain in ministry, but restrictions should be imposed on him (or continue to be imposed on him). The restrictions should be:

1. MONITORING IS IS ALREADY IN PROCESS
2. [REDACTED]
3. NO UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH MINORS
4. [REDACTED]
5. NO CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

The File should be closed at this stage of the proceedings.

The File should be held open<sup>d</sup>~~ed~~. (Board may provide reason(s) if it chooses):

The Board determines that the priest's conduct does not constitute sexual abuse of a minor but is otherwise inappropriate. As such, further action is desirable and the Board suggests the following action(s):

The Board recommends the following as to such other matters which it deems appropriate:



\* Reason(s) for Review Board's Determination(s) and/or  
Recommendation(s):

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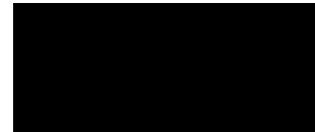
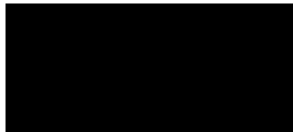
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MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
(MINUTES)

DATE: September 18, 1993

Board Members Present:



Others Present:

Thomas Paprocki  
Steve Sidlowski

Matter of PFR-20 (J.K.):

1. Matter of J.K. being completed as Second Stage Review, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.
2. Determination:

It is reasonable to allow J.K. to remain in ministry as a pastor in view of all of the facts and circumstances, giving appropriate consideration to the safety of children and the rights of the priest. Basis: J.K.'s positive monitoring reports from three persons (2 live-in monitors and female school principal) which indicate J.K. has fully complied with restrictions to date; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; no further corroboration of [REDACTED]'s description of misconduct by J.K. to [REDACTED] as a minor, by other parish priests at time (who [REDACTED] suggested be asked about the situation at the time).

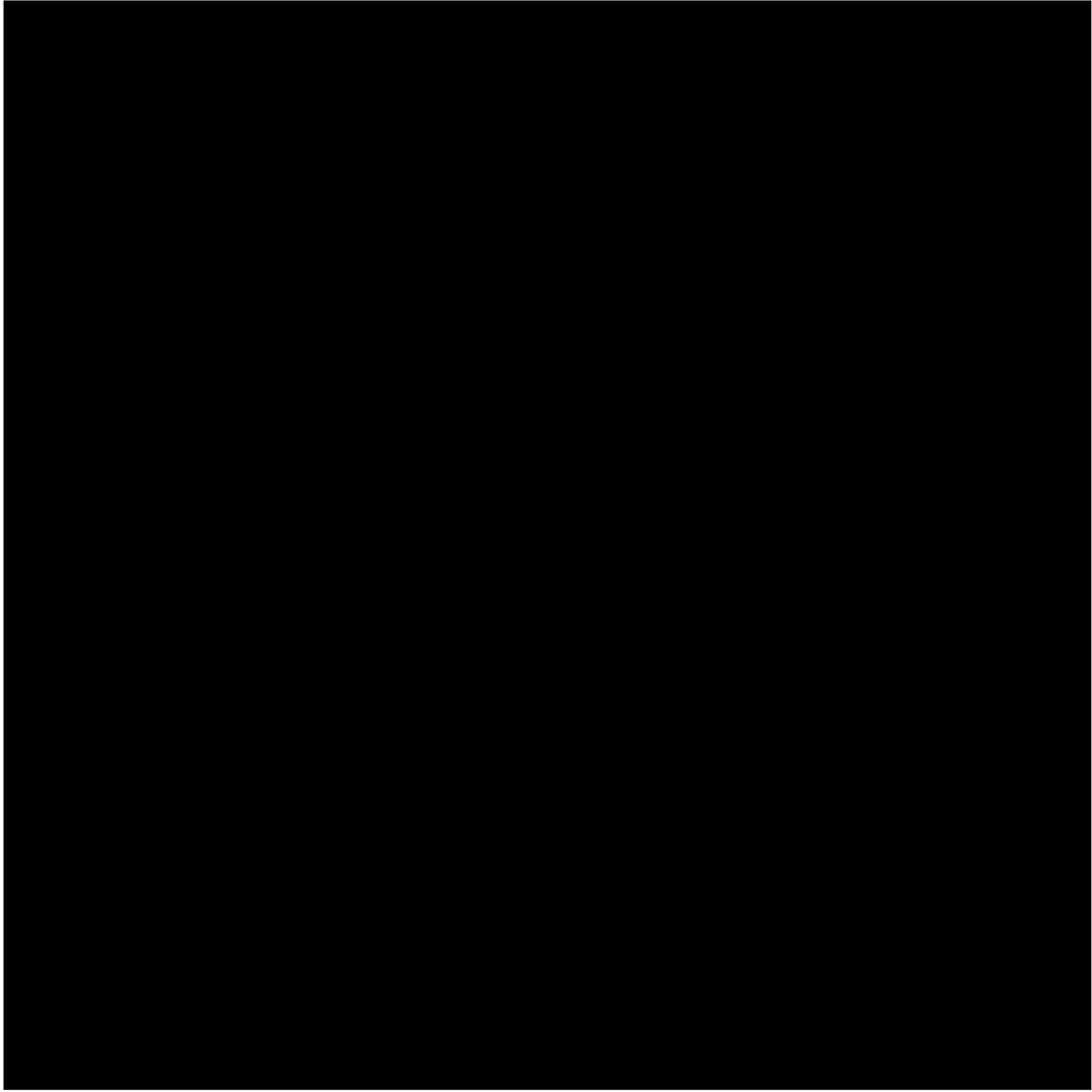
3. Recommendation(s) to the Archbishop - The following restrictions should continue to be imposed upon J.K.:
  - (a) J.K. shall not be alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult;
  - (b) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(c) J.K. should continue to not conduct individual counseling or retreats with adolescents; and

(d) J.K. should continue to have no contact with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]



Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski  
Administrator

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Minutes Unanimously  
Approved By  
Review Board

MEMO TO FILE: PFR-20  
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator  
RE: John Keehan  
DATE: September 18, 1993

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Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, September 18, 1993:

The Review Board completed its Second Stage Review of Rev. John Keehan and their determination is that it is reasonable to allow Father Keehan to remain in ministry as a pastor in view of all the facts and circumstances, giving appropriate consideration to the safety of children and the rights of the priest. Basis: Father Keehan's positive monitoring reports from three persons (2 live-in monitors and female school principal) which indicate Father Keehan has fully complied with restrictions to date. [REDACTED] no further corroboration of [REDACTED]'s description of misconduct by Father Keehan to [REDACTED] as a minor, by other parish priests at time (who [REDACTED] suggested be asked about the situation at the time).

The Board's recommendations to the Archbishop is that the following restricts should continue to be imposed upon Father Keehan:

- (a) Father Keehan shall not be alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult;
- (b) [REDACTED]
- (c) J.K. should continue to not conduct individual counseling or retreats with adolescents; and
- (d) J.K. should continue to have no contact with [REDACTED]

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Rev. John J. Keehan  
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September 21, 1993

Dear Fr. Keehan:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on September 18, 1993. In the meeting, the Board fully considered the documents you authorized as well as my written and verbal reports. The Board completed a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For The Continuation Of Ministry.

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

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

Also, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that you should continue with [REDACTED]. Moreover, you should continue to not conduct individual counseling or retreats with adolescents. Furthermore, you should continue to have no contact with [REDACTED].

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

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
[REDACTED]

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September 21, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on September 18, 1993 and completed a Second Stage Review in the matter involving Rev. John J. Keehan.

The Board has recommended to the Archbishop that restrictions should continue to be imposed on Fr. Keehan and that he should continue to not be alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. The Board also recommended that Fr. Keehan should continue [REDACTED]. In addition, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that Fr. Keehan should continue to not be allowed to conduct individual counseling or retreats with adolescents. Lastly, Fr. Keehan should continue to have no contact with you.

Please know that our Assistance Ministry continues to remain available to you. Their number 1-312-751-8267. If you have any questions about the further review of the matter, please feel free to contact me at 1-312-751-5205/5206 or 1-800-994-6200.

Sincerely,

*Steve Sidlowski*

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

cc: [REDACTED]

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Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
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Chicago, Ill. 60690

September 21, 1993

Your Eminence,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on September 18, 1993. The Board fully considered the documents authorized by Rev. John J. Keehan as well as my written and verbal reports. The Board completed a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is reasonable to allow Fr. Keehan to remain in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances.

However, the Board recommends that restrictions should continue to be imposed upon Fr. Keehan and, specifically, the monitoring of his activities should continue. As a result, the Board recommends that Fr. Keehan should not be alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

Also, the Board recommends that [REDACTED] should continue. Fr. Keehan should continue to not conduct individual counseling or retreats with adolescents. Furthermore, he should continue to have no contact with [REDACTED].

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

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

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Very truly yours,

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

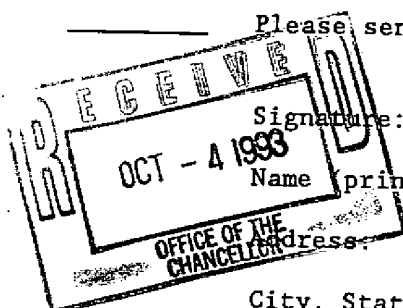
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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MISCONDUCT POLICIES

✓ 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: Rev. John Keenan

Name (printed): REV. JOHN KEENAN

Address: 1840 S. LEAVITT

City, State, Zip: CHICAGO ILL. 60608

Rev. John J. Keenan

Diocesan Priests' File Checklist

<u>✓</u>	Acknowledgement of Misconduct Policies, dated	<u>10/4/93</u>
<u>✓</u>	Curriculum Vitae, dated	<u>4/24/67 + 1987</u>
<u>      </u>	Last Will & Testament, dated	<u>                                </u>
<u>      </u>	Personal Inventory, dated	<u>                                </u>
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Please list any other important documents that are in this file:

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**VI. Old Business:**

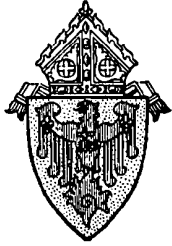
**VII. New Business:**

1. St. Ann/So. Leavitt: Bishop Placido Rodriguez [Vicar] and Robert Coleman '78 [Dean] have expressed concerns about John Keehan's '67 ability to administrate. They will continue to monitor the situation.

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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 11/3/93

Re: John Keehan

In speaking to [REDACTED], I was informed that Fr. Jack Keehan had to take some youngsters to a Retreat today. He thought that he would have someone accompany him, but that person cannot make it. He had brought this matter up to [REDACTED]. I felt that this was a matter of protocol and so I called Keehan at St. Ann's. He was not there. I then spoke to Fr. Charles Balskus, the monitor of Keehan. I told him of the situation and that he is to tell Keehan that he is not to take those children out to the retreat without another adult accompanying him in the car.

Keehan called me back but I was not available. I called Keehan on 11/3 and he was not available. I left a message for him to give me a call.

Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 11/15/93

Re: Rev. John Keehan

I met with Fr. Jack Keehan at St. Anne's rectory today. We talked about where he is at right now. There has been some lack of clarity in his mind concerning whom he could speak with. He was not sure he could talk to me.

I outlined Sidlowski's role and what could be expected of Sidlowski and the Professional Fitness Review Board in Jack's situation. I told Keehan that his case began before Sidlowski came in but was taken over by the PFR Board. That created some problems of communication. I told Keehan that my role is to walk with him at this time to help him handle what is going on. He should feel free to give me a call. He has apparently not felt free to call until now.

We talked about many things, including the climate at this time. I warned him that, if there is a civil suit, it would have to be dealt with.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. I exhorted him once again to be very careful with his protocol as well as to cooperate with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

He should find out what the criteria are for returning to the PFR Board to get some change in his protocol and monitoring. I told him that it would take some time but if he knew exactly what they expected of him and then cooperated exactly with it, he could expect their cooperation.

Our meeting seemed to go well and I will be in contact with Keehan again.

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CONFIDENTIAL

November 16, 1993

Reverend John J. Keehan  
St. Ann Parish  
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Dear Father Keehan:

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations of the Review Board following completion of the Second Stage Review at the Board's meeting on September 18, 1993. These recommendations were communicated to you in writing on September 21, 1993 by Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator.

Specifically, Cardinal Bernardin accepted the Board's determination that it is reasonable to allow you to remain in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances. However, the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendation that the restrictions imposed on you should continue and the monitoring of your activities should continue, as well. In particular, you are reminded not to be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

Also, the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendation that you should continue with [REDACTED]. Moreover, you should continue not to conduct individual counseling or retreats with adolescents. Finally, you should continue to have no contact with [REDACTED].

As directed by His Eminence, these restrictions and directives are canonically binding as a matter of obedience. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me or Steve Sidlowski.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

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

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

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

Date: November 16, 1993

Re: Reverend John J. Keehan - Completion of Second Stage Review

Steve,

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter to Cardinal Bernardin dated September 21, 1993 concerning Reverend John J. Keehan, following completion of the Second Stage Review at the Review Board's meeting on September 18, 1993.

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

As always, the work of the Review Board and yourself in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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## PENAL PRECEPT IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS AND DIRECTIVES ON REVEREND JOHN J. KEEHAN

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

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

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

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

Therefore, I, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See Archbishop of Chicago, in accord with canons 49 and 273, hereby impose the following restriction and directives on Reverend John J. Keehan, as a matter of obedience:

1) He is allowed to remain in his ministerial assignment, but restrictions will continue to be imposed on him.

2) He is not to be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. Specifically, he should continue not to conduct individual counseling or retreats with adolescents.

3) He should continue to have no contact with [REDACTED].

4) He should continue with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

In accord with canons 1317-1319 and 1371, § 2, intentional or culpable violation of this precept could result in the imposition of a just penalty, including possible suspension. The contents of this penal precept are to be communicated in writing to Father Keehan by the Chancellor, Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1993.

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

*Thomas J. Paprocki*  
Chancellor

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- g) St. Ann/Leavitt: Bishop Placido Rodriguez [Vicar] and Joseph Peplansky [Dean] have some concerns regarding John Keehan's '67 [Pastor] ability to administrate the parish.

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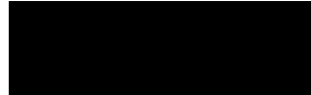
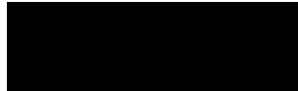
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MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
(Minutes)

Date: February 19, 1994

Board Members Present:



Others Present:

Thomas Paprocki

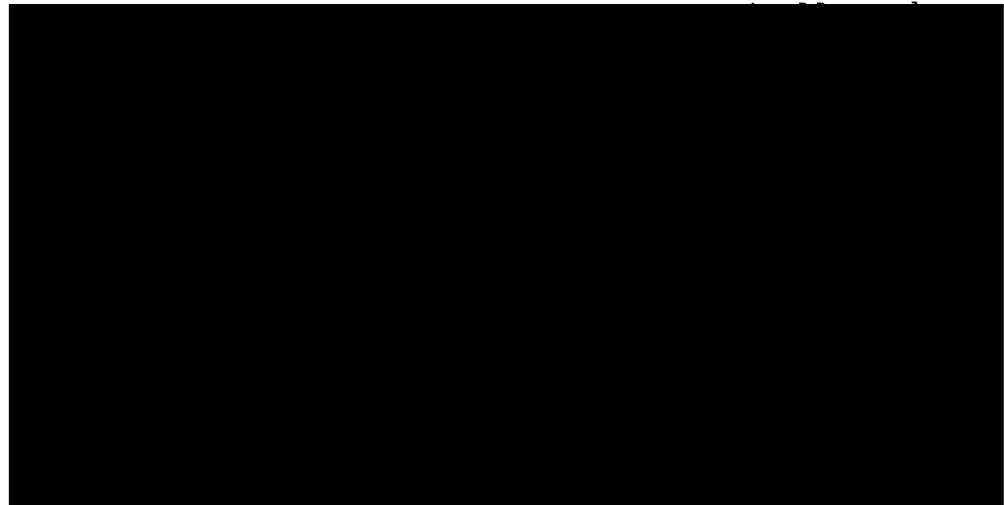
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Matter of PFR-20 (J.K.):

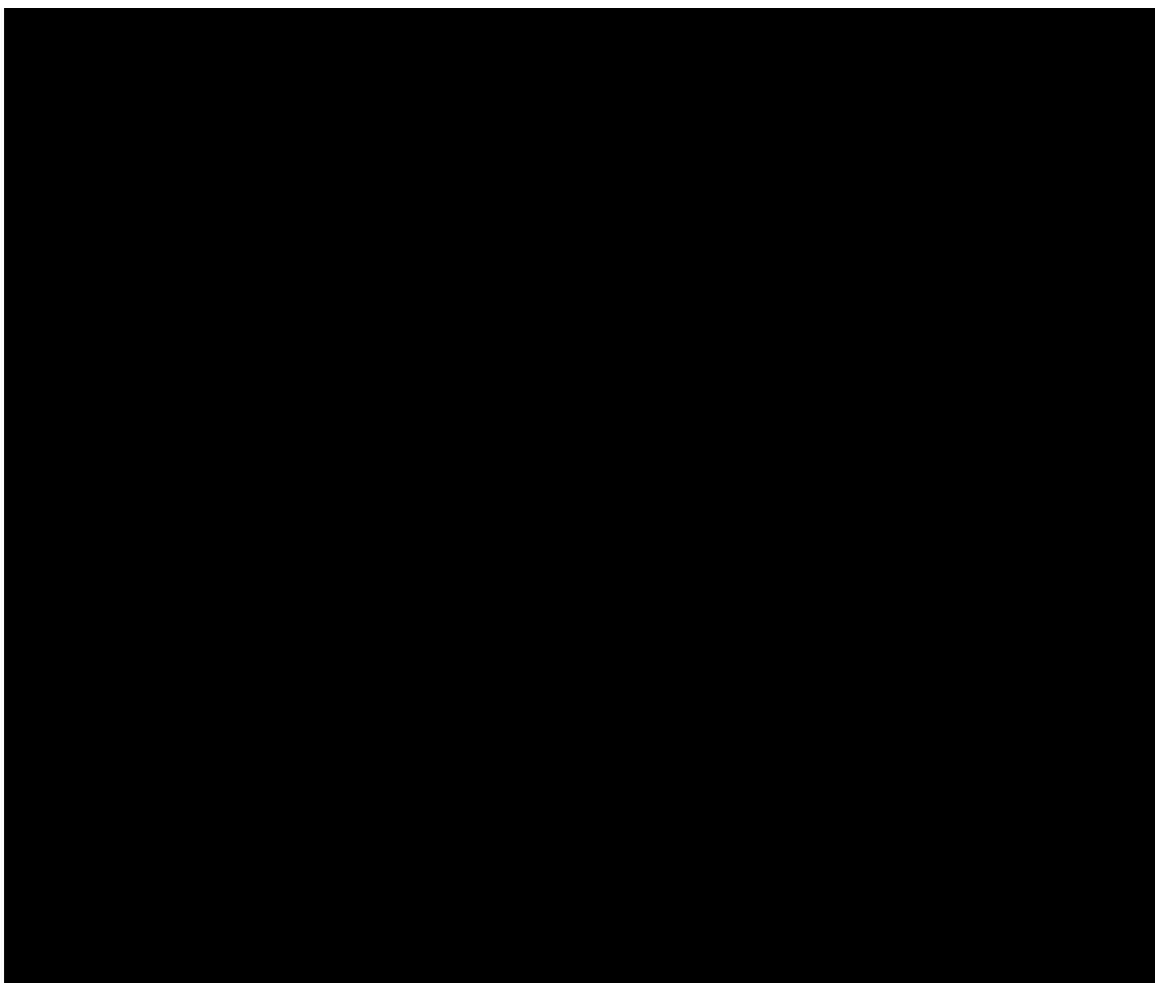
1. The Administrator informed the Board that [REDACTED], through her attorney [REDACTED], had recently contacted Carrie Huff of Mayer, Brown and Platt to inform her that it is her intention to file a civil lawsuit against the Archdiocese, J.K. and to name the Review Board as part of the lawsuit as well. [REDACTED]

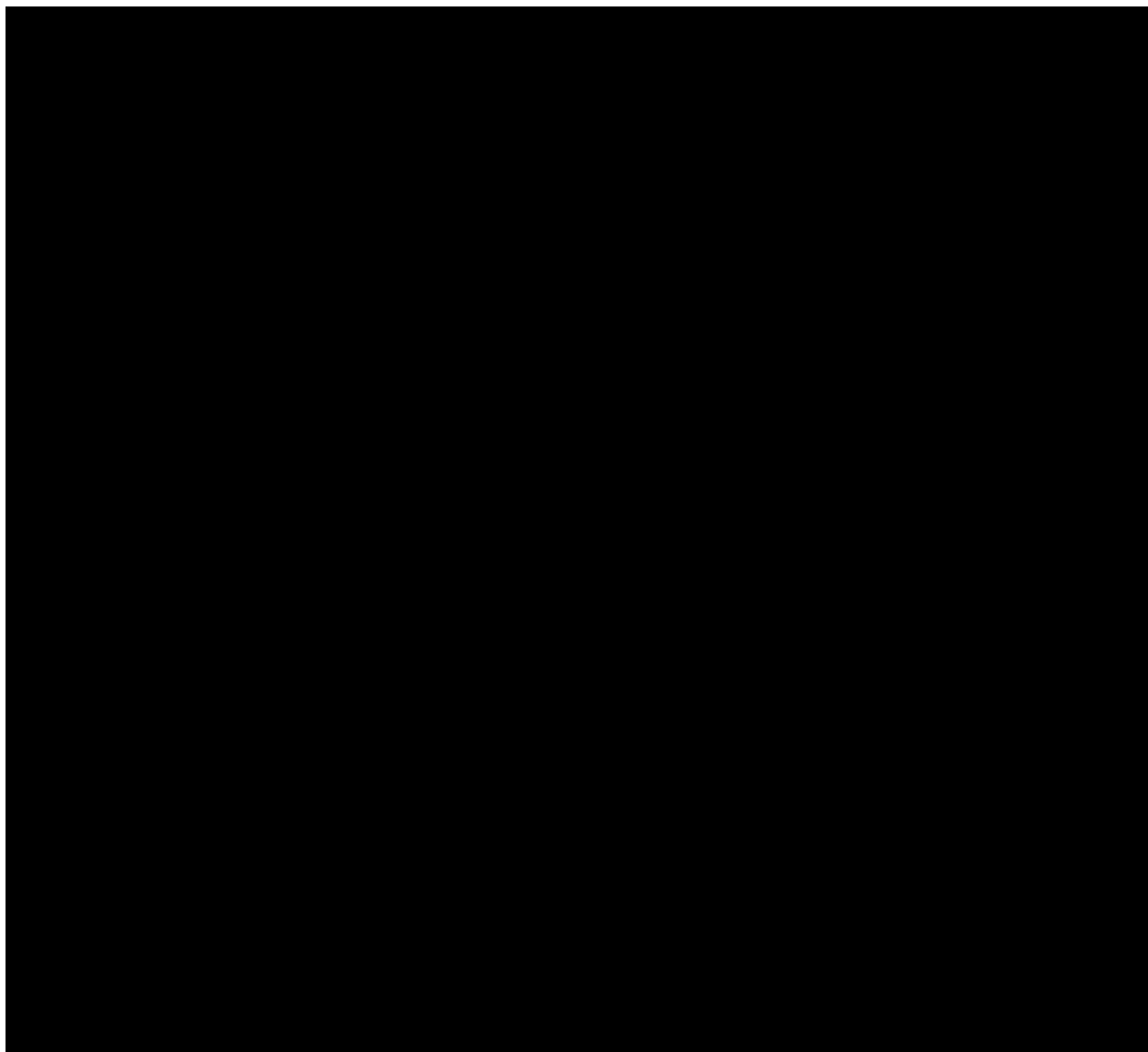


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3. The Board discussed the possible outcome/consequences of this situation and questioned whether the Board can be sued at all in that it is in actuality a group which advises the decision-maker in these matters and the corporation sole, Cardinal Bernardin, and how the Board is not a corporate entity. In any event, the Board assented to the Administrator meeting with the Archdiocesan attorneys [REDACTED] and to keep the Board informed about the status of the possible lawsuit and/or negotiations with [REDACTED].





Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski -  
Administrator

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These Minutes Unanimously  
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Review Board

MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD  
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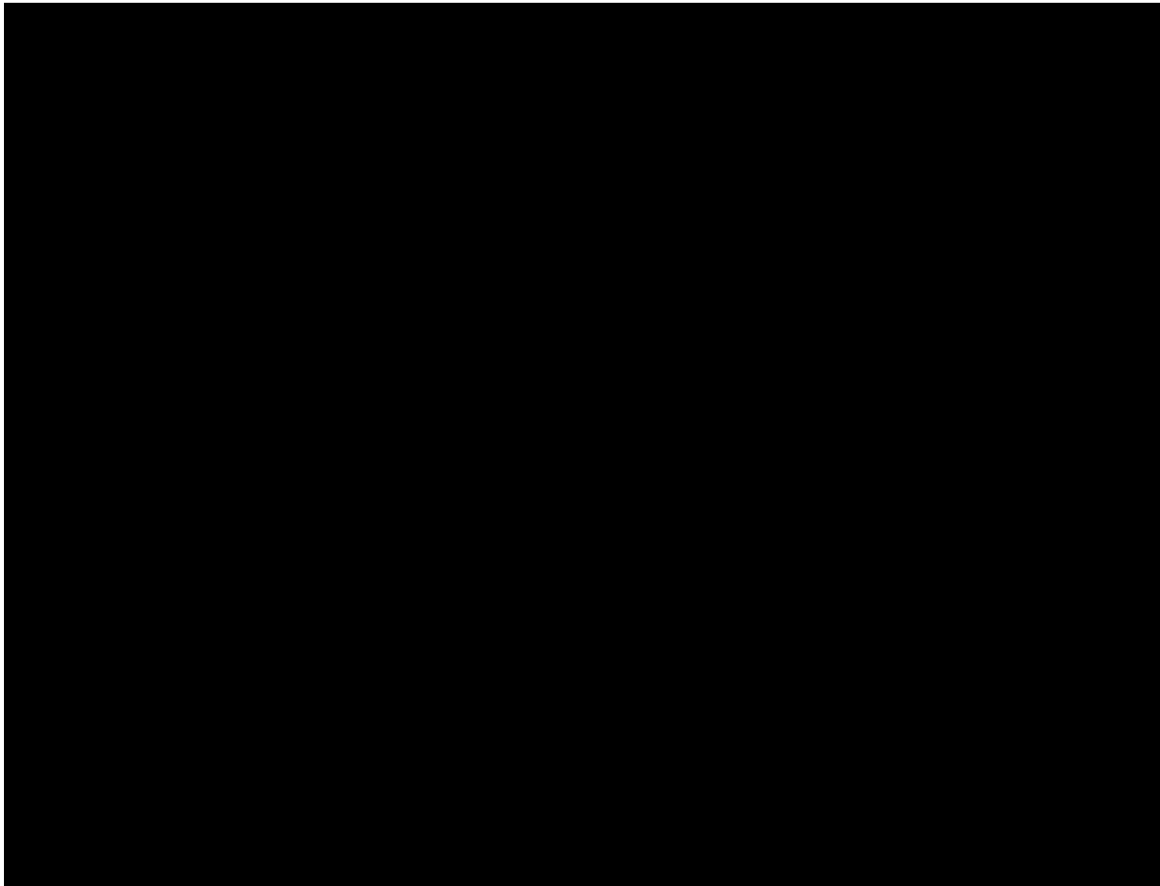


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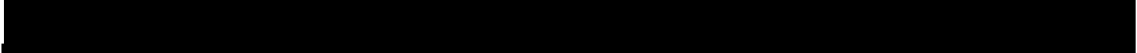

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\* The Board formally approved the Minutes of the Review Board Meeting of 2-19-94.





**Matter of PFR-20 (J.K.):**

1. The Administrator updated the Board on   
  
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The Board confirmed its next meeting is 4-16-94.

Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski -  
Administrator

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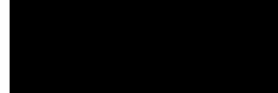
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MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD OF THE  
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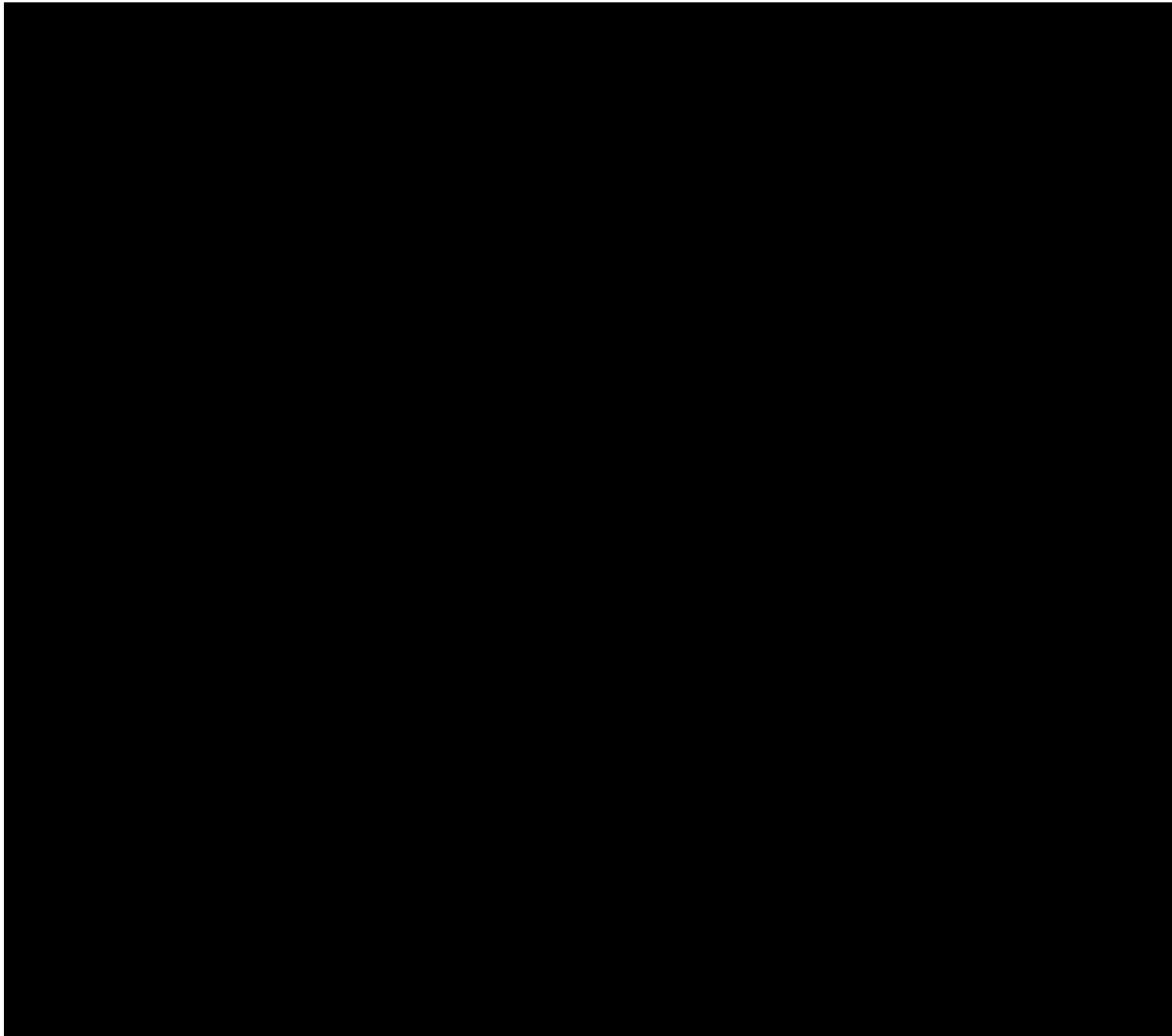
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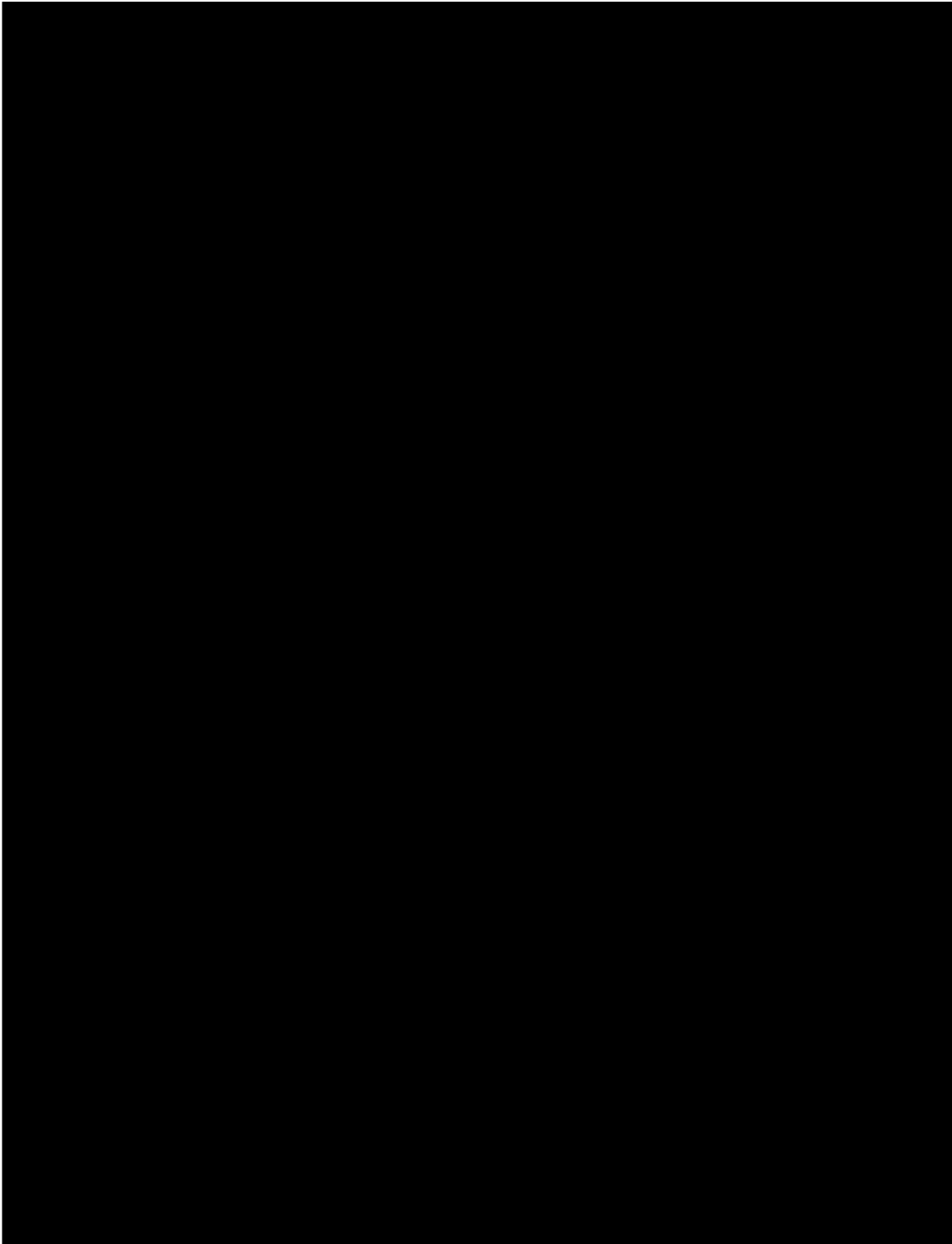
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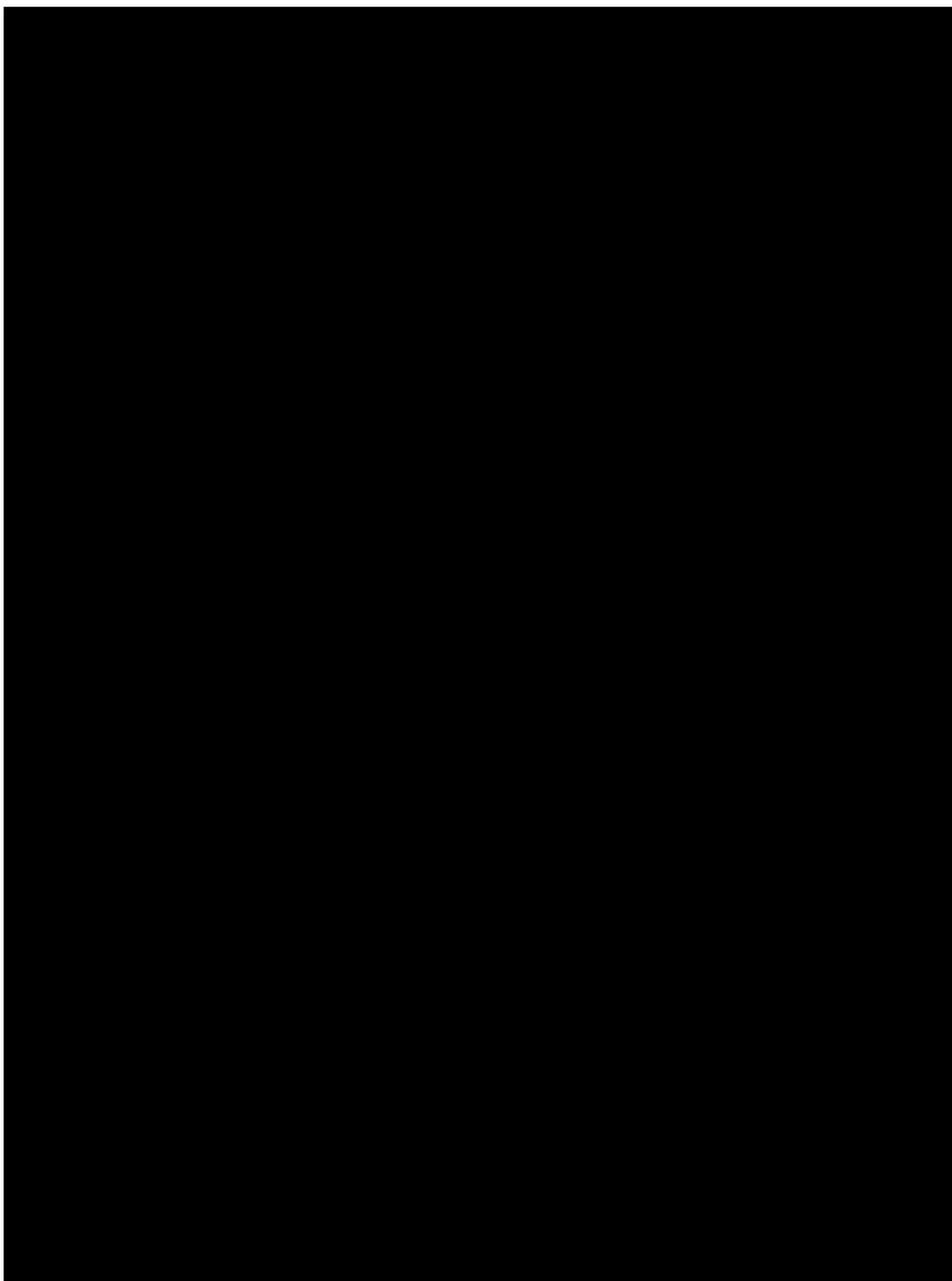
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Miscellaneous Information and Updates on Various Matters:



[REDACTED]

The Administrator updated the Board on the PFR-20 (J.K.) matter [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Administrator informed the Board that the Vicar for Priests stated that J.K. is seriously considering resignation as pastor to settle the matter, possible sabbatical (although the Administrator raised the issue of who would monitor J.K. during such a sabbatical), and how J.K. may eventually request a Supplementary Review to consider a non-minor type of ministerial assignment outside of a parish.

The Board settled on its next three meeting dates as 8-27-94, 9-17-94, and 10-15-94.

Respectfully  
Submitted By -  
Steve Sidlowski -  
Administrator

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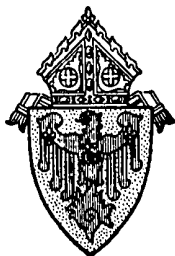
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Memo

To: Cardinal Bernardin

From: Rev. P. O'Malley

Re: Rev. John Keenan, Pastor of St. Ann's on Leavitt St.

12/12/94

Two years ago, Fr. Keenan was accused by [REDACTED] of sexually abusing her over 20-25 years ago when she was under 18 years.

While he has admitted to a sexual relationship with her, he denies it took place when she was a minor. He says it took place after she had graduated from high school.

The case was handled by the Fitness Review Board. They ruled that he could stay in the parish while [REDACTED]. He would have a live-in monitor present in the parish - Fr. Chuck Balskus - and Keehan would be under special protocols.

You accepted that recommendation from the Board and it has been successfully in place.

[REDACTED] does not agree with your action of leaving Keehan in the parish and has been threatening a civil suit. She has been using [REDACTED] as her attorney. [REDACTED]

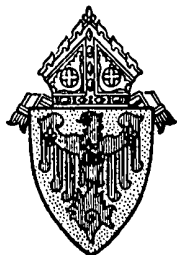
[REDACTED] It seems that her highest priority is to get him out of the parish. [REDACTED]

Technically speaking, because of the failure of her attorney to toll the statute, the statute of limitations has run and her case could be dismissed. But she might file charges against her attorney for malpractice and that would complicate matters even more.

We have been working with her lawyer, trying to get her to hear the diary/chronology prepared by Keehan to prove his contention. This has been going on for some time. Keehan however has only just provided the document which we are hoping [REDACTED] will share with [REDACTED] on Tuesday, Dec. 13th when they meet.

We have privately talked to Keehan about the possibility of him voluntarily resigning the parish to avoid a public clamor. So far he has not been sympathetic to that suggestion. Somehow he feels





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he'll be able to weather the storm. Whether the Church will be able to handle it well is another story.

[REDACTED]

A civil suit would probably draw serious attention.

[REDACTED]

Keehan is not clean - like [REDACTED].

The suit could go on for a couple of years and cost real money.

Obviously we do not want a public suit which we would find impossible to defend.

If a suit was lodged and all this became public, would Keehan have to be given an administrative leave during the proceedings since he is guilty of something?

At any rate:

1) Would it make sense for you to see Keehan privately and ask him, for the sake of the Church, to resign? He has four more years to go on his first term.

2) If you did so, he would be asking :

- if he could ever get back into pastoral ministry again,
- what would he be doing in the meantime,
- what would be his protocol and for how long (that of course would have to depend on the FRABD)
- what's his long term future?

Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 1/16/95

Re: Rev. Jack Keehan

██████████, the one who alleges Fr. Keehan had a relationship with her when she was still a minor, has switched lawyers. She has dropped ██████████ and is now with ██████████. She got his name from a friend. We have worked with ██████████ before and he is a reasonable person and so we should be able to work out some kind of an arrangement as soon as possible.

Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 2/28/95

Re: Rev. John Keehan

I spoke to Fr. Jack Keehan today about his situation. I informed him that we do not know what is happening at this point. [REDACTED] has apparently changed lawyers and is now working with [REDACTED], former federal judge. She seems to have some real gripes against her previous attorney, [REDACTED].

Nevertheless, there is no movement in the case at this point. Keehan seems to be doing OK but still finds himself concerned when he thinks about the situation.

Memo to File  
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 8/5/95  
Re: Rev. John Keehan

Fr. Keehan is administrator of St. Ann's parish. He has been under monitoring for the last two and one half years because of allegations in the past. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are encouraging Jack Keehan to seek a supplementary review before the PFR Board at this time.

I outlined for Jack what the steps would be. First he would have to get permission from the Cardinal/Bishop Goedert to present his case to the Board. On receiving that permission, he would then write a letter to the Board asking specifically for a review of his situation and lessening of the monitoring, etc.

I told Jack that the letter is very important. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. I offered my help if he wanted me to critique it and he agreed that he would do that before he sent the letter to the Board.

I did put one caution out there. I said that because of the timing of the situation and the failure to resolve anything with [REDACTED] at this time, that might be the reason the Cardinal would not permit him to go before the Board. He seems to understand that.

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1840 South Leavitt Street  
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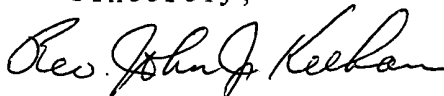
Most Rev. Raymond Goedert  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

August 9, 1995

Dear Bishop Goedert:

With your permission or that of the Cardinal, I would like to write to the Fitness Review Board to request a supplementary review of my case. I hope that I can arrive at some closure to the long process I have been through over more than two years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. John J. Keehan".

Rev. John J. Keehan

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Vicar General



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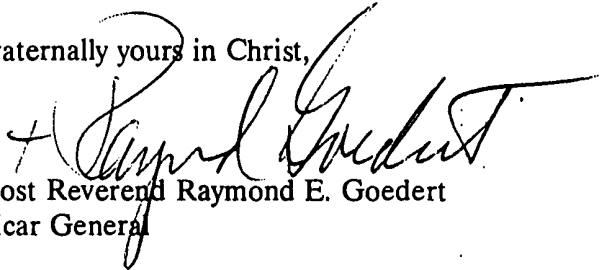
Reverend John J. Keehan  
St. Ann Church  
1840 South Leavitt Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Dear Jack:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 9, 1995. I discussed the matter with the Cardinal and he has approved your request to initiate a second stage review by the Fitness Review Board.

I presume you and Pat O'Malley will now take the necessary steps to begin this process. On a personal note, John, I certainly wish you well. You will be in my prayers.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Vicar General

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley

bc: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki

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DRAFT OF LETTER TO BOARD  
(July- Sept) 1995

Fitness Review Board

Dear Board Members:

1.

I respectfully request a supplementary review of my case with the hope that monitoring might be deemed no longer necessary.

2.

An allegation was made against me <sup>on</sup> October 16, 1992, that I abused a minor girl from some time in 1966 until her majority. (At the time alleged, I was in the seminary. When that proved untenable, the allegation was revised to 1968.) I categorically deny that I ever had any improper relationship with any minor ever.

(can this restriction?)

3.

(I have never been sexually interested in children or minors of either sex.) When the allegation was made, I immediately

[REDACTED]

4.

This allegation was even more frightening to me than would normally be assumed, because it really ~~was~~ two problems. One was the allegation itself, which was untrue. But there had been and to some extent still was another problem. ~~One aspect of that problem was that~~ I had had a relationship with the woman making the allegation ~~when~~ <sup>after</sup> she <sup>became</sup> an adult. We had discussed my leaving the priesthood and marrying her [REDACTED]. I was not very sure of my commitment to be a priest or a celibate, and I had found in her a person who was <sup>troubled</sup> and <sup>yet</sup> attractive. Our relationship was <sup>also</sup> <sup>and that</sup> troubled from the start. I recognized I was doing wrong, she had many things she was dealing with. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] <sup>we</sup> <sup>eventually</sup> did have sex, and had it a number of times thereafter. Eventually I despaired of providing her with a normal relationship. Slowly I recognized that it was destructive and that I was living a lie, or actually two lies, one to God and another to myself..

5.

I clearly understood even then that what I did was wrong, <sup>leaving</sup> I ~~did think that I could make it better by leaving and marrying her, and so I did it anyway.~~ During that time I came to understand more clearly that it was unlikely to culminate in marriage and that I really wanted to be a priest. We broke off the sexual aspect of the relationship and I returned to a

celibate way of life. We maintained a friendship for a number of years thereafter. [REDACTED]

Eventually I would hear from her only on infrequent occasions and then not at all.

6.

I remember well Cardinal Bernardini's asking us, to recommit ourselves to a life of celibacy. I think the frank discussions about it were very helpful to me. I had gone through a long period of learning to be a celibate, and it was good to have companions on the journey. I renewed that commitment sincerely and had been living ~~my vocation~~ when the allegations were made.

*at a priest's overnight conference*

*as a celibate in 1992*

7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

12.

Throughout the years of my priesthood I believe I matured and deepened my commitment. Unfortunately this has not come easily or without moral fault on my part. It is obvious to me that God has been very generous with me, and has allowed me to remain in his service through out all these vicissitudes, some of them self-inflicted. I am deeply grateful to God, and for that reason I am and have been a celibate for many years. The way I respond to needy people is more under my control without being less generous.

13.

How could such an allegation arise? I can only speculate.

[REDACTED]

I am told by Fr. O'Malley that she kept dating her allegation at the time of Msgr. Meehan's death and the presence of an administrator for the parish.

14.

The chronology of this is bizarre, but may indicate its origin. first, I was in the seminary at that time, nowhere near St. Basil, and I hadn't met her.

[REDACTED]

15.

[REDACTED]

I speculate that this accounts for the bewildering chronology of her insistence that the incidents started before my arrival at the parish and about the time of Msgr. Meehan's death.

[REDACTED]

Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 9/30/95

Re: Rev. Jack Keehan

On 9/29/95 I met with Fr. Keehan to talk over his letter asking for a supplementary review of the Professional Fitness Review Board. We went over some possible reactions and what might happen. He is getting ready to submit this letter to the Review Board at this time.

As of this time, [REDACTED], the woman who has brought the allegation to the fore, still has not resolved what it is she wants to do. She is working with former judge [REDACTED] but as of now we have no indication of her next step. I explained to Keenan that I did not know how that would impact on the decision of the PFR Board or on the Cardinal's decision after they have made their recommendation.

In a later phone conversation, Keehan advised me that he had received permission from Goedert to go before the Fitness Review Board.

Rev. John Keehan  
1840 S. Leavitt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608  
October 1, 1995


Office of Professional Fitness Review  
1 E. Superior St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Board Members:


I respectfully request a supplementary review of my case with the hope that monitoring and other restrictions might be deemed no longer necessary, and that I might return to normal parish ministry.

An allegation was made against me October 16, 1992, that I abused a minor girl from some time in 1966 until her majority. I categorically deny that I ever had any improper relationship with any minor ever. I have never been sexually interested in children or minors of either sex.

When the allegation was made, I immediately submitted to



There was however another problem. While I never abused a minor, I did in fact have a relationship with the woman who made the allegation, but only after she became an adult.

We had discussed my leaving the priesthood and marrying her . At the time my commitment to celibacy and priesthood were vague at best. I recognized I was doing wrong, and equivocated about it. I recognized too that she had many problems she was dealing with and I assumed quite unrealistically that I was the one who could help her. We did eventually have sex.

I clearly understood even then that what I did was wrong. As the relationship progressed, I was forced to see how unrealistic my assumptions were, and how unlikely it was that the relationship would culminate in marriage. Only then did I begin to perceive how much I really did want to be a priest.

We broke off the sexual aspect of the relationship and I

returned to a celibate way of life. We maintained a friendship for a number of years thereafter. Eventually I would hear from her only on infrequent occasions and then not at all.

I recognized the problem as a moral lapse, and I tried hard to correct it. Unfortunately, that was all I recognized about it.

When the relationship ended, I did a great deal of soul searching on my own. I made a more serious commitment to celibacy and to be a priest.

One event that helped me with celibacy was a conference of priests with Cardinal Bernardin in which he asked us to recommit ourselves to a life of celibacy. The frank discussions were very helpful and healing. I had gone through a long period of learning to be a celibate, and making a real commitment, and it was good to have companions on the journey. I renewed that commitment sincerely and had been living as a celibate for years before the allegations were made.

My attempts to amend my life were successful in the specific areas that I could see, of celibacy and working as a priest. But I did this on my own, without even the help of a spiritual director. It was a mistake, for I failed to see what others could have seen clearly, that there was a broader problem that affected many different areas of my life.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I can see how I got myself into this mess. The allegation is only the last chapter in long process of maturation and deepening of my identity. Through all those years, however, I did mature and my commitment has deepened.

I am alert to the problem in a way I never was before, and can see in my own behavior the change this has made in my life and way of dealing with people. My "yes" means yes, and my "no" means no.

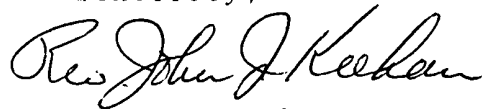
At this point in my life I can look at my future and clearly see that I have chosen my way of life with a lot less penchant for self deception and lack of clarity. As I once was vague in my choices about who I was, I am not now. And that is something that will last.

It is obvious to me that God has been very generous with me, and has called me back to himself repeatedly. I am deeply grateful to God, and that is the reason I am a celibate.

[REDACTED]

My infidelity has been very traumatic to all concerned. I believe that I have dealt with it, it will not happen again, and that I am not now nor ever have been a danger to children. I hope that you will be able to determine to your satisfaction that I can be trusted to minister without monitoring or other restrictions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. John J. Keehan". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of "Rev.", "John", and "Keehan" being capitalized and prominent.

Rev. John Keehan

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File

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

Date: November 18, 1995

Re: Review Board Meeting - REV. JOHN J. KEEHAN, '67 - Supplementary Review

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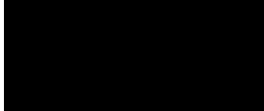
The Board recommended that the monitoring be discontinued, but that he should continue [REDACTED] and continue to be restricted from being alone with minors. While these restrictions should not be formally monitored any longer, other adults on the staff should be aware of the restrictions about not being alone with minors.

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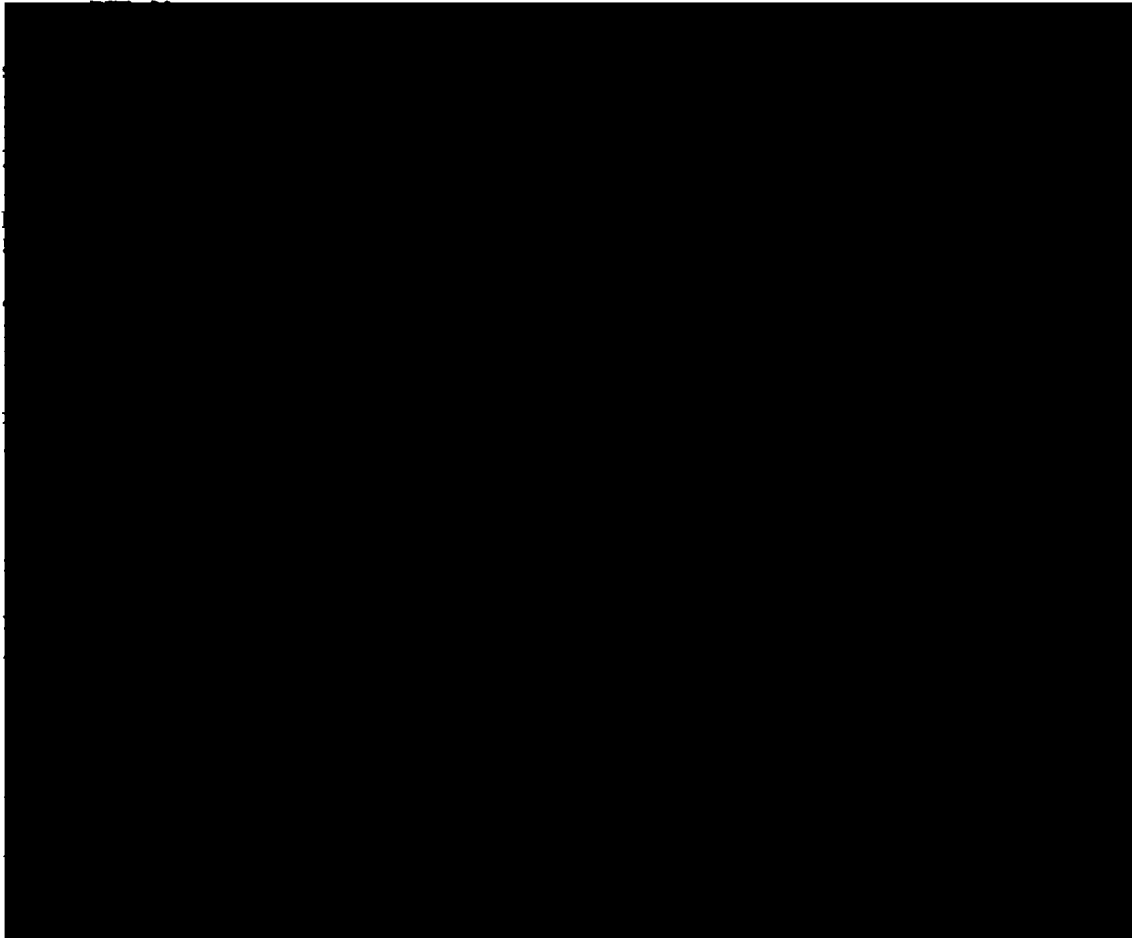
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of Board Meeting  
November 18, 1995  
10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
Office of Professional Fitness Review

Present:



Thomas Paprocki

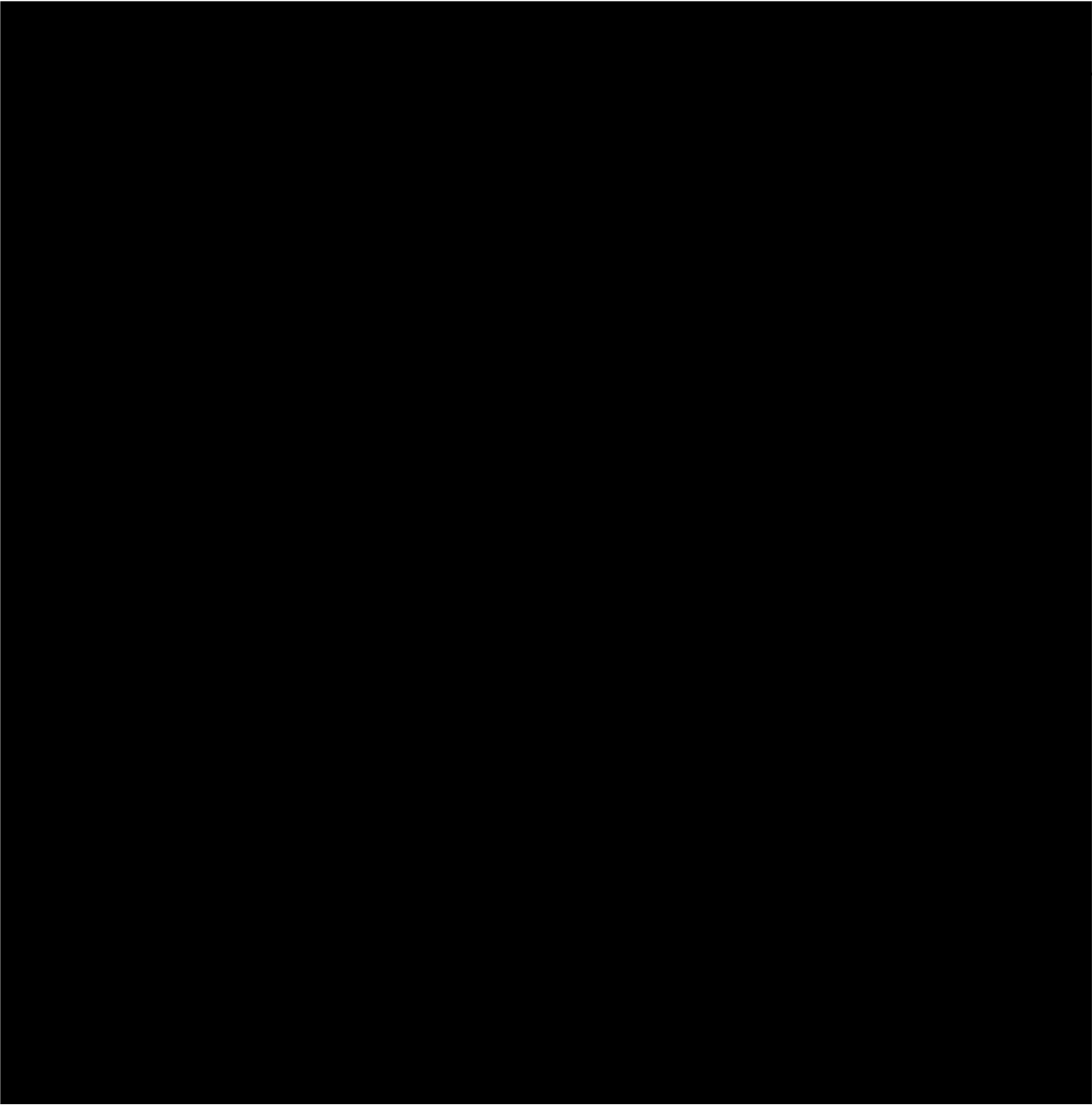


PFR-20

The Board initiated a Supplementary Review at the request of J.K. Based upon the information, and giving appropriate consideration to the safety of children and the rights of the priest, the Board determined that J.K. could remain in ministry without an on-site monitor. The Board recommends to the Cardinal that the protocol be modified to remove the condition of an on-site monitor. The Board further recommends to the Cardinal that he continue the



conditions of [REDACTED] and not being alone with minors, and include in the protocol that the Administrator will monitor cooperation with the remaining protocol. The file will be held open.



Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is Saturday, December 16, 1995 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Cardinal will be invited to attend this or another meeting in order to discuss the Board's experience in reviewing cases and preparing recommendations.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of Professional Fitness Review  
1 East Superior  
Suite 504  
Chicago, IL 60611

December 19, 1995

(312) 751-5205  
1-800-994-6200  
Fax (312) 751-5279

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

Your Eminence,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on November 18, 1995. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. Jack Keehan. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

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

The Board also recommends that the restrictions imposed on Fr. Keehan be discontinued. The Board further recommends Fr. Keehan continue his commitment in [REDACTED] and that his file remain open in order for the Professional Fitness Review Administrator to monitor his remaining protocol.

Lastly, the Board recommends Fr. Keehan not be alone with persons under eighteen (18) years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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

Bernadette Connolly  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

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

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: Bernadette Connolly  
From: Cardinal Bernardin *HB*  
Date: January 10, 1996  
Re: Reverend Jack Keehan

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I have received your letter of December 19, 1995, informing me of the recommendation of the Review Board regarding Father Keehan. I am in agreement with the recommendation which I assume you will follow-up on. Please inform the Board of my concurrence and gratitude and many thanks to you!

CC: Father Paprocki

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January 16, 1996

Reverend John J. Keehan  
St. Ann's Rectory  
1840 S. Leavitt Street  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Keehan:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on November 18, 1995. At the meeting, the Board fully considered all oral and written reports and conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal Bernardin accepted the Board's determination that it is reasonable to keep you in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances. Moreover, the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendation that the monitoring of your activities should cease. However, the Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation that you should not be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

The Cardinal and the Board have accepted your commitment to continue [REDACTED]. Your file will remain open in order to monitor your remaining protocol.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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

Bernadette Connolly  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

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

AOC 016648

Phone call from a [REDACTED] on 312/751-5205 Voicemail  
re: PFR-20 Rev. John Keehan

3/26/96 - 2:56 p.m.

Hi, my name is [REDACTED]. I represent [REDACTED].

You had sent [REDACTED] a letter on March 12, 1996 to her home address regarding Fr. Keehan and a Supplementary Review. I was hoping just to speak with you about the whole Review process and what has happened in the past. I know that there have been some restrictions that were previously imposed on Fr. Keehan that are now being discontinued, and there was some monitoring and also he is [REDACTED]. And I know there are still some restrictions as far as being alone with individuals under the age of eighteen (18).

So, I just wanted to speak to you about what has happened in the past, what is happening right now, and see if I can get some kind of status on what is going to happen in the future.

So, if you can give me a call, I'd appreciate it. It's [REDACTED].

*3/24/96 - left message for [REDACTED]*

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting, Saturday, May 17, 1997  
10:00 AM - 12:58 PM  
Office of Professional Fitness Review**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Others Present:**

**Bernadette Connolly**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

- A. The Review Board approved the Minutes of the April 19, 1997 meeting.**

**II. Review Board Matters**

**A.**

[REDACTED]

**B.**

**C. Matter of PFR-20, Jack Keehan**

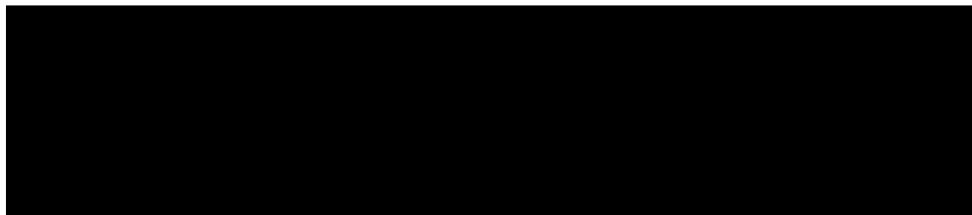
**The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Process For The Continuation Of Ministry. The Board determined that it is reasonable to allow Fr. Keehan to remain in ministry. The Board also recommended Fr. Keehan be permitted to [REDACTED].**

**D.**

[REDACTED]

.....continued

E.



III. Other Matters

A.



Our next scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 21, 1997.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of Professional Fitness Review  
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May 27, 1997

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**His Excellency  
Most Reverend Francis E. George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690**

**Dear Bishop George,**

**Please be advised that the Review Board met on May 17, 1997. The Board considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. Jack Keehan. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Process For The Continuation Of Ministry.**

**The Board determined it is reasonable to allow Fr. Keehan to remain in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances.**

**The Board recommends that Fr. Keehan continue to** [REDACTED]

**If you have any questions, please let me know.**

**Very truly yours,**

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

**Bernadette Connolly  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator**

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



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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June 17, 1997

Dear Bernadette,

I am writing in response to your letter of May 27, 1997 regarding the matter of **Reverend John Keehan**, following the Review Board's Supplementary Review conducted on May 17, 1997.

In light of the facts and circumstances as presented, I accept the Board's determination that it is reasonable to allow Father Keehan to remain in ministry. I also accept the recommendation that that Father Keehan continue to [REDACTED].

It is my understanding that the Archdiocese's monitoring program is under study. Please inform Father Keehan that, as soon as this study is finished, you or one of the Vicars for Priests will be in further contact with Father Keehan about his monitoring program.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

Ms. Bernadette Connolly  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
1 East Superior, Suite 504  
Chicago, IL 60611

cc: Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Delegate for Priests  
Reverend Lawrence P. McBrady, Delegate for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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**June 23, 1997**

Reverend John J. Keehan, Pastor  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Jack,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on May 17, 1997 and conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Process For The Continuation Of Ministry.

Archbishop George has accepted the Board's determination that it is reasonable to allow you to remain in ministry. Archbishop George also accepted the Board's recommendation that you continue to [REDACTED].

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago's monitoring program is under study. As soon as this study is completed, the Vicar for Priests, or myself, will be contacting you to discuss a review of your monitoring program.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Connolly", followed by a horizontal line and a large, stylized flourish.

Bernadette Connolly  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

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

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Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

July 2, 1997

Reverend James Kaczorowski  
Dean  
St. Adalbert Parish  
1650 W. 17 St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

Father Keehan was named pastor of St. Ann Parish in 1992. He is now in the fifth year of his term of office which concludes on 12/1/98. It is time to initiate the review process which will be considered in the renewal of Father's term as pastor or a future assignment.

The first step of the process is for the dean to select a review coordinator who will coordinate and take responsibility for the review process. As you select a review coordinator, would you please ascertain his willingness to serve in this role? It is very important that the review coordinator be a person who will follow through with the process in a timely fashion and in a way that provides helpful feedback for the pastor and the Priests' Placement Board. The deadline for completion of the evaluation report is 6/1/98. A brief outline of the role of review coordinator is enclosed for your reference.

At this time I am alerting Father Keehan that it is time to initiate his review process. When I receive the form from you I will write to ask that he select another priest to assist the review coordinator in managing the review process. He will also be asked to affirm the review coordinator you have selected.

After the review coordinator and team member have been named, I will provide inservice for them if they are not familiar with the process and I will be available to assist them in their role as the process unfolds.

Please mail the review coordinator's name back to my office within the next three weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Yunger".

Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

MY/jw

Encs: Response Form/Return Envelope  
Review Coordinator Duties

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July 2, 1997

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Pastor: Rev. John Keehan '67

Term End: 12/1/98

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REV. CHARLES

LAHM

REVIEW COORDINATOR

ST. Pius

PARISH

Rev. J. Kaczorowski, Dean

SIGNATURE Rev. James Kaczorowski, Dean

7-11-97

DATE

Please return within the next three weeks to:

Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PO Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

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Post Office Box 1979  
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July 14, 1997

Reverend John Keehan, Pastor  
Saint Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Keehan,

We have received a response from Father James Kaczorowski, your dean, indicating his selection of the coordinator for your first term review. You may affirm this selection or indicate any concern you might have on the enclosed form.

At this time you are asked to select a priest to work with Father Charles Dahm, in conducting the review. It is helpful if you have ascertained his willingness to assist with your review. His responsibilities would include:

- ♦ in-service if he is unfamiliar with the process
- ♦ reviewing the feedback and formulating the content of the review summary report with the review coordinator
- ♦ and presenting the summary report to you with the review coordinator

You may indicate your selection on the enclosed form.

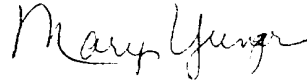
When the process begins, about 25 persons, including your staff and twelve to fifteen lay leaders and representative parishioners whom you designate will be asked to complete review feedback forms. The review coordinator will contact you after he has received the materials to set a date for this group to meet with him to go over the process and receive the forms.

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If all goes well the process takes about three to four months. It should be concluded in sufficient time for the Placement Board's renewal procedure. To facilitate a timely completion, please return the green form within the next three weeks.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Mary Yung, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

MY/jw

Encs: Return Response/Return Envelope

cc: Reverend Charles Dahm, Review Coordinator  
Reverend James Kaczorowski, Dean

## PASTOR RETURN RESPONSE

Father John Keehan, Pastor

12/1/98

Term End

Please select the name of one priest whom you would like to serve on your review team.

REV. JAMES MILLER (D.S. de TEPERAC)

If you need an alternate give me a call.

ALTERNATE

The review coordinator selected by your dean is Father Charles Dahm. If for some reason you would prefer someone other than the above on your team, please notify me.

Rev. John J. Keehan  
Signature

7/21/97  
Date

PLEASE RETURN WITHIN THREE WEEKS TO:

MARY YUNGER, DIRECTOR  
OFFICE OF MINISTERIAL EVALUATION  
PO BOX 1979  
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July 23, 1997

Reverend John Keehan, Pastor  
Saint Ann Parish  
1840 S Leavitt Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Keehan,

Thank you for your prompt response in naming a team member to assist in coordinating your review of ministry.

As you may know, the review customarily begins with an information meeting during which team coordinators, team members, and interested pastors review the process and receive materials. You are welcome to attend this meeting if you wish. The next meeting is scheduled for:

**Tuesday, September 2, 1997  
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

**At  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
155 E. Superior Ave.  
5th Floor Conference Room**

If you wish to attend the meeting, please call the Office of Ministerial Evaluation at (312) 751-5265 to *RSVP*. If you do not plan to attend, your review coordinator will call or meet with you to review and initiate the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Yunger".

Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

MY/jw

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Post Office Box 1979  
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July 23, 1997

Reverend James Miller  
Review Team Member  
Our Lady of Tepeyac Parish  
2226 S. Whipple  
Chicago, IL 60623

Dear Father Miller,

Thank you for agreeing to serve as team member for Father Keehan's first term pastor review. The dean has chosen Father Charles Dahm to coordinate the process.

There will be an information meeting for review coordinators, team members, and pastors regarding the process on the following date. Materials will be distributed at that time.

**Tuesday, September 2 at 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

*At*  
**Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
155 E. Superior Ave.  
5th Floor Conference Room**

Since you have not recently served as a member of a review team, I would encourage you to attend the meeting. Please call the Office of Ministerial Evaluation at (312) 751-5265 to R.S.V.P. whether you do or do not plan to attend. If you are unable to attend we will need to make alternate arrangements to distribute the materials and review the process.

Sincerely,

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Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

MY/jw

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July 23, 1997

Reverend Charles Dahm  
Review Team Coordinator  
Saint Pius Parish  
1919 S. Ashland Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Dahm,

Thank you for agreeing to serve as review coordinator for Father Keehan's first term pastor review process. Father James Miller was selected by Father Keehan to assist as team member.

There will be an information meeting for review coordinators, team members, and pastors regarding the process on the following date. Materials will be distributed at that time.

**Tuesday, September 2 at 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

*At*  
**Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
5th Floor Conference Rm.  
155 E. Superior Ave.**

I realize that you have recently served as a review coordinator and that you may have attended an information session at that time. Although your presence at the meeting would enrich the group significantly, and you are most welcome, I realize that you might prefer not to attend another meeting. Please call the Office of Ministerial Evaluation at (312) 751-5265 to let us know if you plan to attend the meeting or arrange for the delivery of materials.

Sincerely,

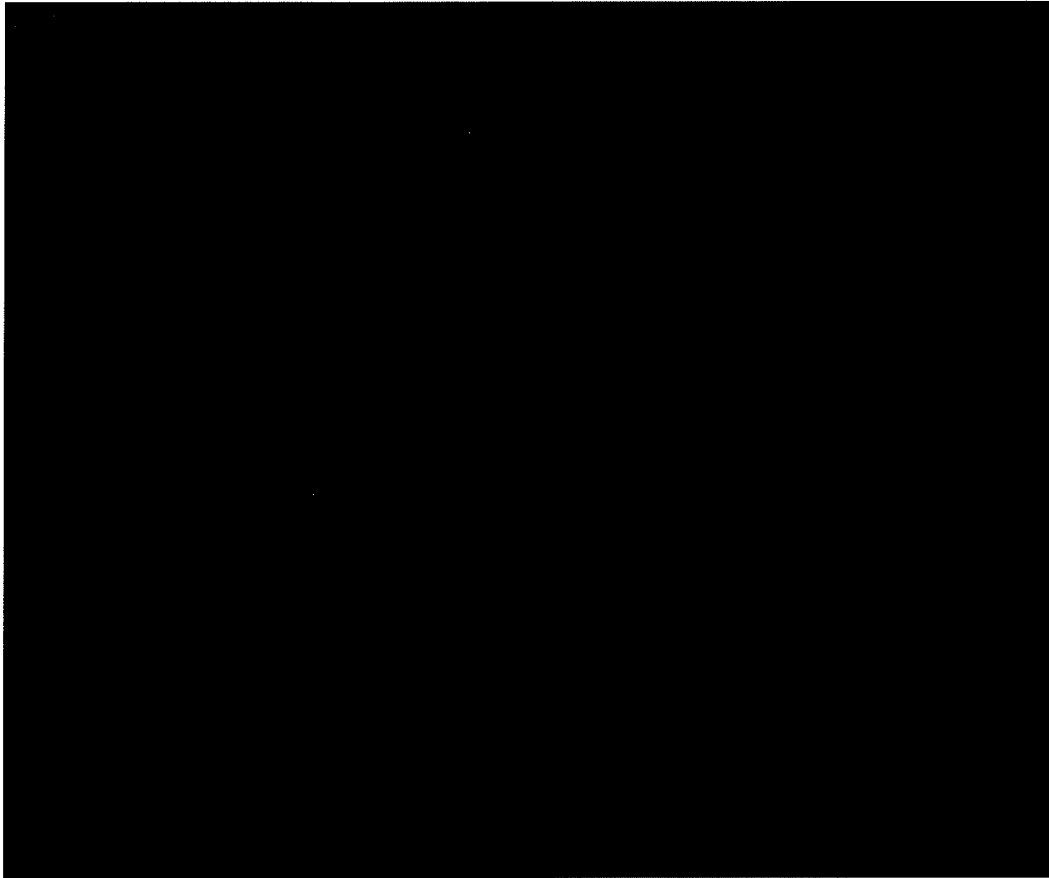
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Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

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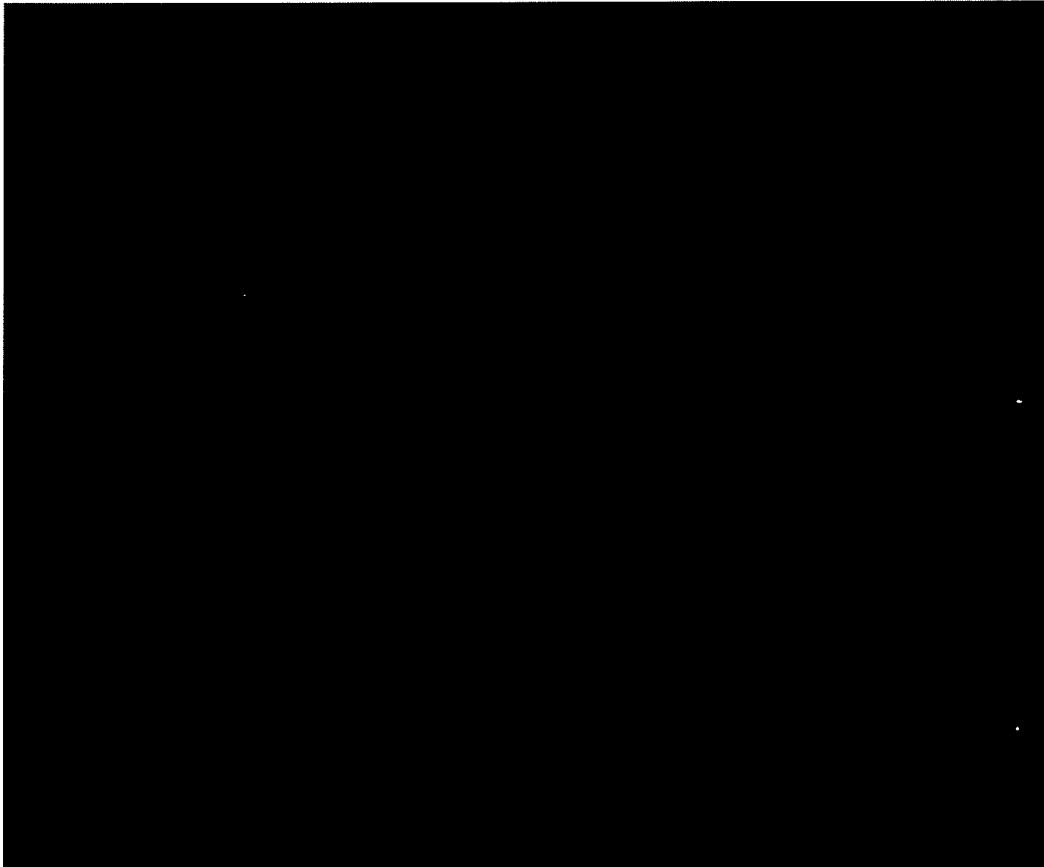
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September 4, 1997

Reverend Charles Dahm  
Review Team Coordinator  
Saint Pius Parish  
1919 S. Ashland Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Dahm:

I am sorry you were not able to attend the information meeting on September 2 regarding Father Keehan's pastor review process. Please know that Father James Miller, team member, attended the meeting and received all of the packets and review feedback forms. He agreed to contact you to discuss the process and deliver the materials. Included in those materials is a blue packet for Father Keehan containing a self-assessment form that should be returned to you after completed. Each packet includes a list of the team members which also indicates the target date for completing this process.

Again, thank you for your willingness to serve in this process. If you have further questions after reviewing the materials, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Yunger".

Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

MY: jw

Enc:

*Note - the pastor packet and  
self review are new since you  
last coordinated a process.  
my*

cc: Reverend James Miller, Team Member  
Reverend John Keehan, Pastor

AOC 016666

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September 4, 1997

Reverend John Keehan  
Pastor  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Keehan,

On September 2nd I met with Father James Miller from your review team to discuss the process and distribute the materials.

Father Miller agreed to contact Father Dahm, the team coordinator, to discuss the process and deliver the materials. I believe that Father Dahm will be contacting you in the near future to arrange a meeting with staff and parishioners who will be completing the review feedback forms. He will ask you for a list of the staff and parish leaders as well as others whom you are asking to complete the forms.

Father Dahm and Father Miller will also be sharing with you a packet of review materials for your information. Included in the packet is a blue self-assessment form that you are encouraged to complete and return to Father Dahm.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions as the process unfolds. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Yunger".

Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

MY/jw

cc: Reverend Charles Dahm, Review Team Coordinator  
Reverend James Kaczorowski, Dean  
Reverend James Miller, Review Team Member

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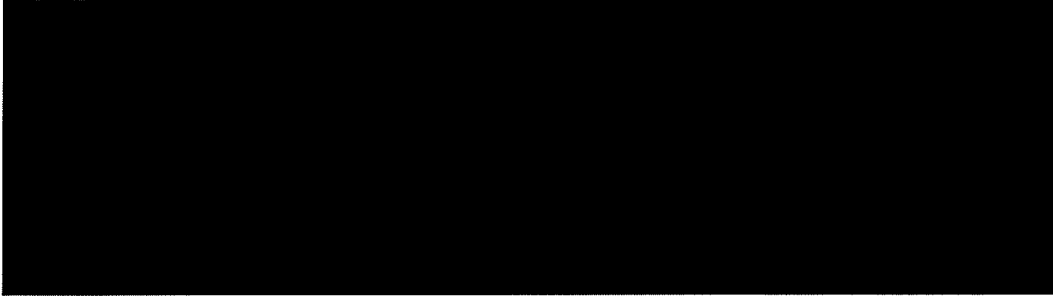


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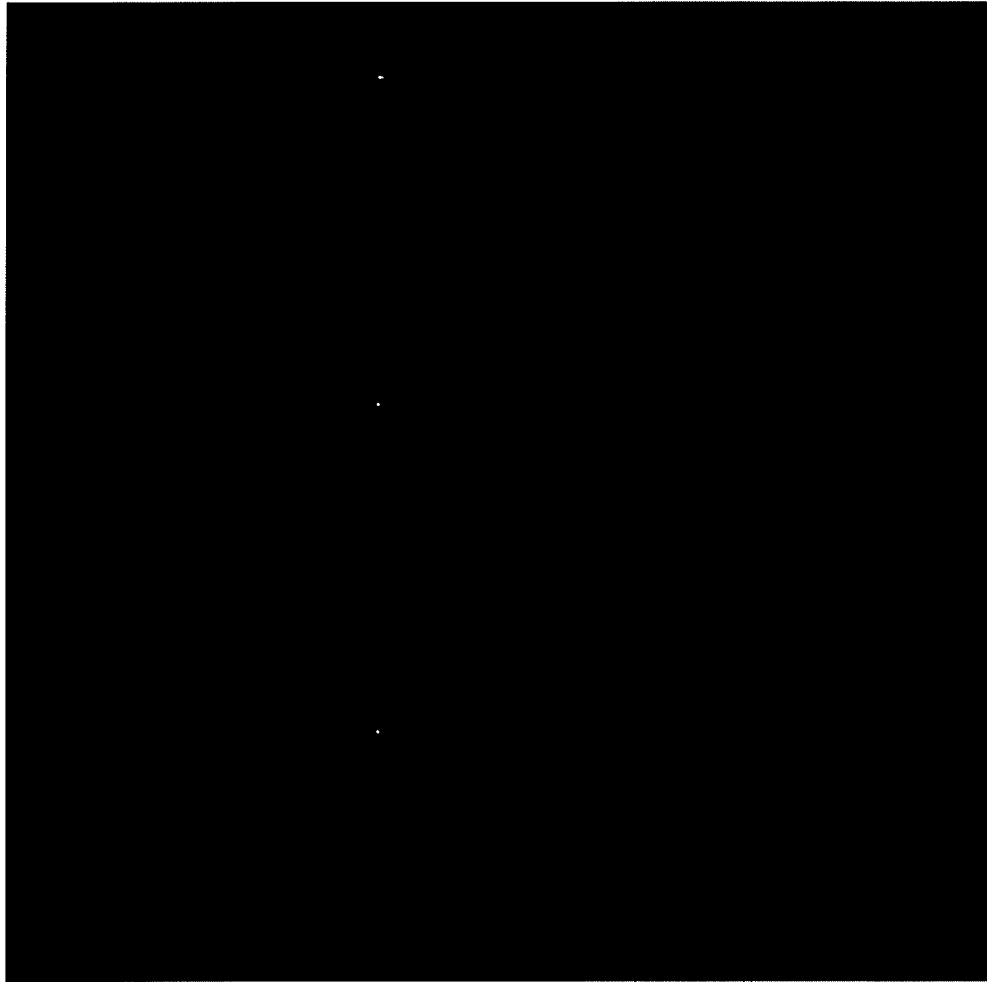
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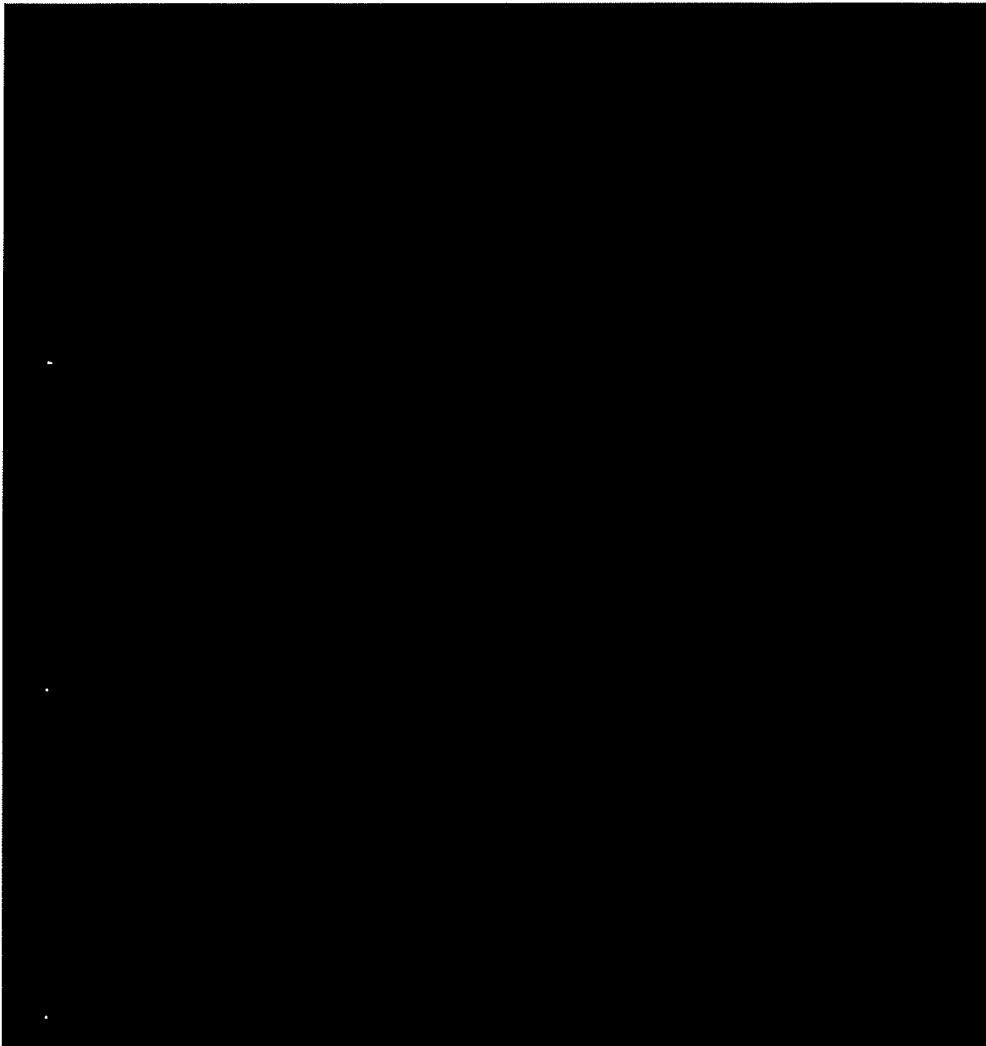
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**M E M O**

**TO: Mary Yunger**

**FROM: Larry McBrady** *L. M.B.*

**RE: Rev. John Keehan**

**DATE: October 31, 1997**

[REDACTED]

I will keep you informed.

Per our agreement, I called Fr. Keehan and he understands his evaluation is on hold.

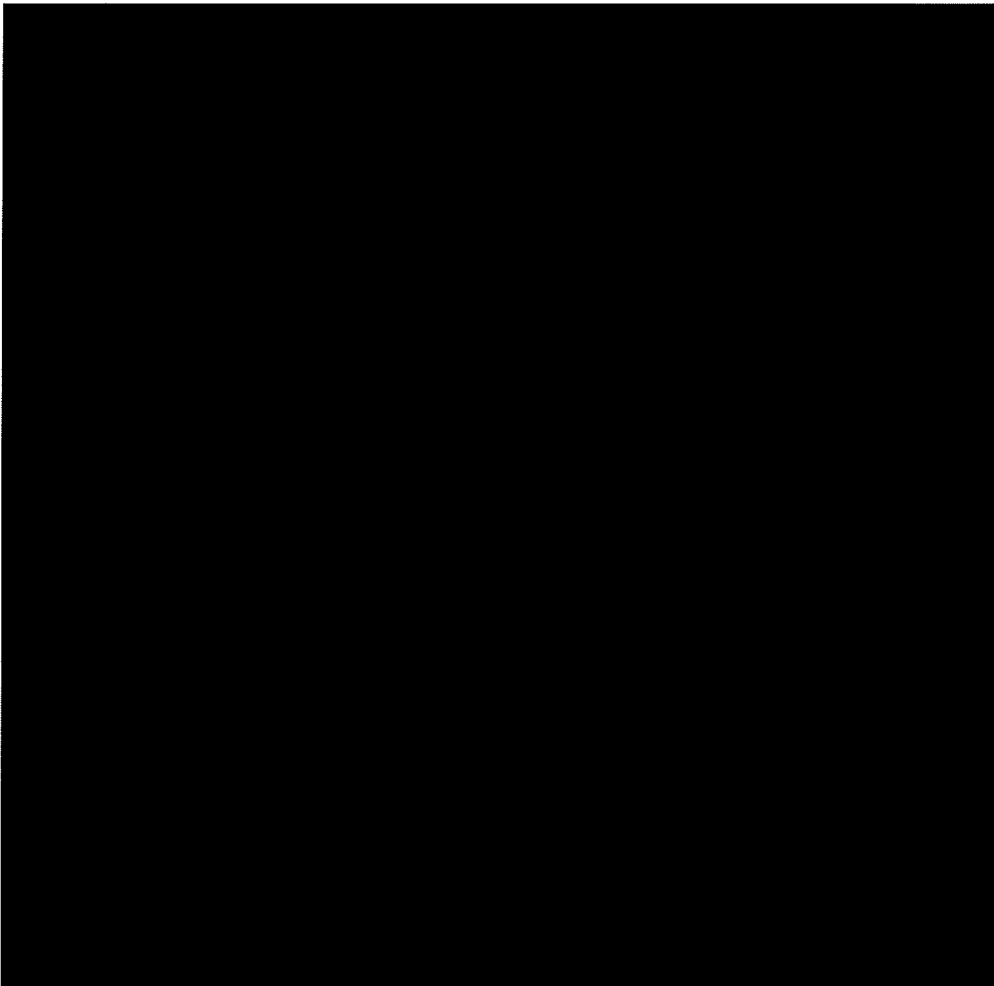
Thanks for your cooperation.

*Note: Fr. Chuck Dehn, coordinator, +  
Fr. Jim Muller, member were  
relieved by phone on 10/28  
+ 10/31 respectively*

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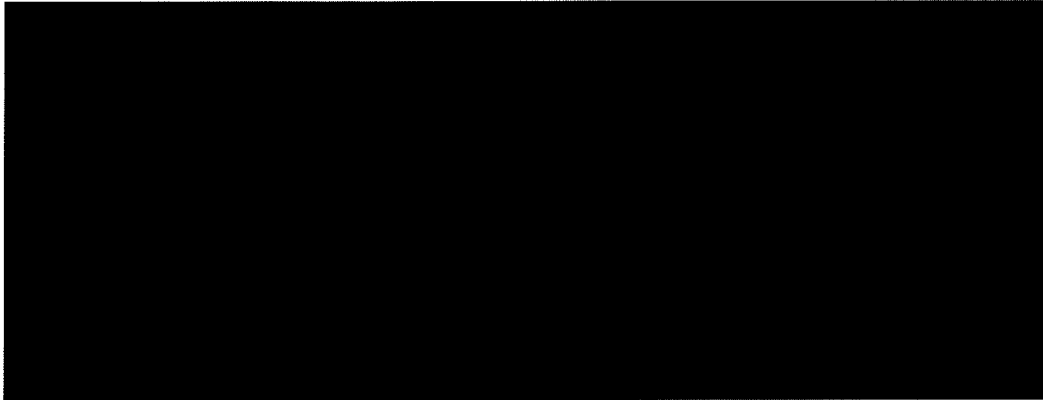


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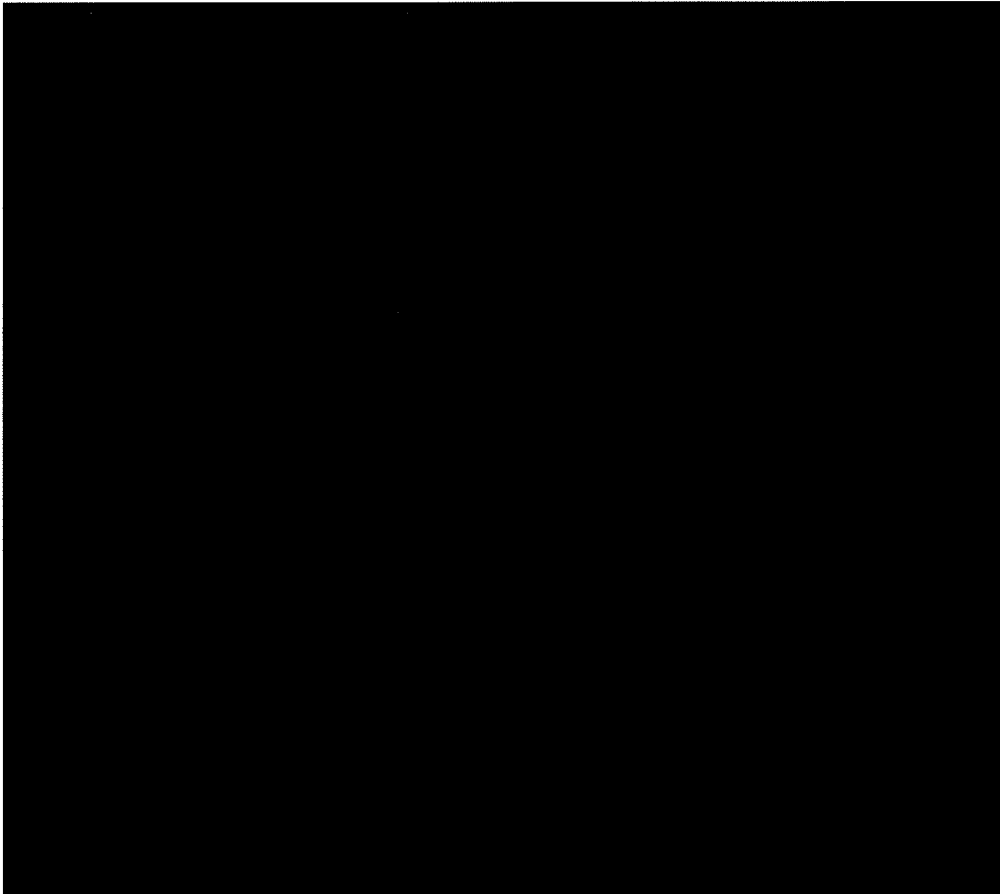
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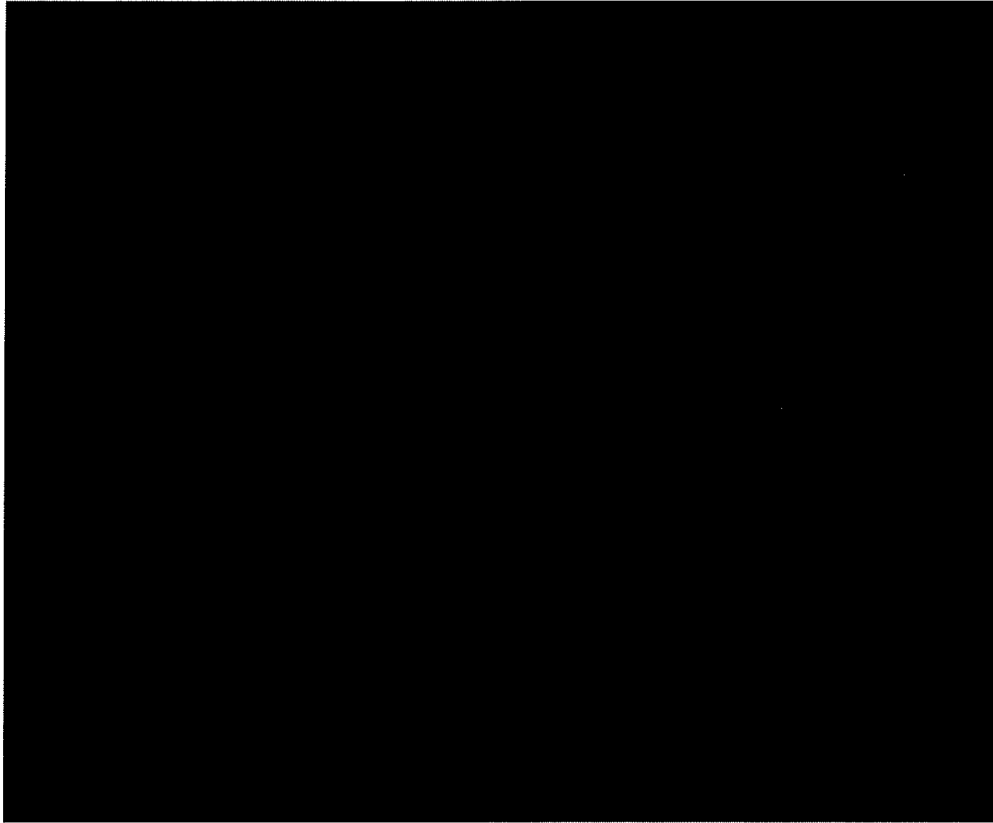


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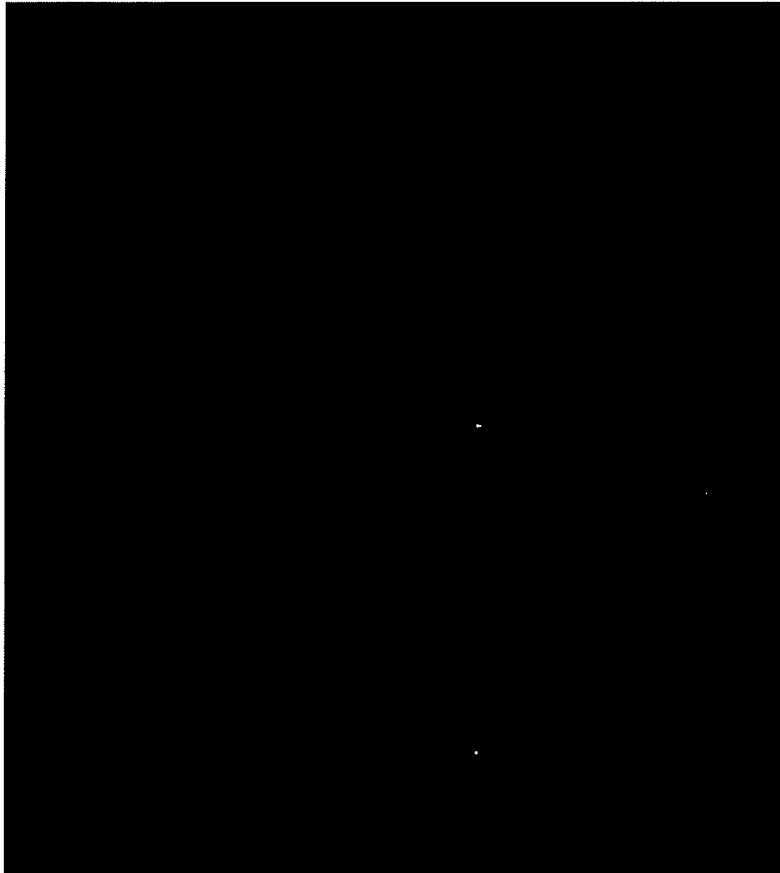




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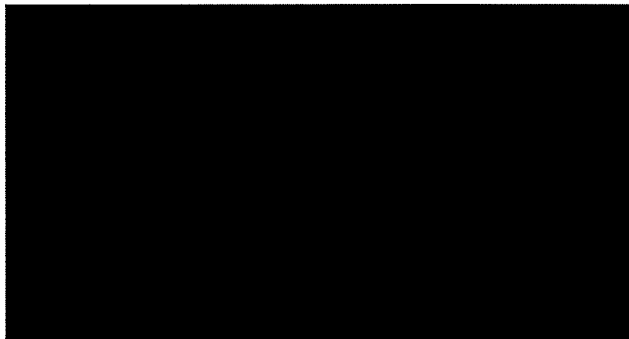
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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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March 27, 1998

Dear Bernadette:

The six-year appointment of **Father John Keehan** as Pastor of St. Ann Parish (18<sup>th</sup> Street) is scheduled to conclude on October 1, 1998. As part of the process of evaluation for another term, I ask that the Professional Fitness Review Board make a recommendation to me about his professional fitness for reappointment. In particular, I would ask the Board to assess the situation in light of the restriction, which remains in effect, that Father Keehan not be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. The effectiveness and reliability of this restriction without an on-site monitor should be evaluated.

In my letter to you dated June 17, 1997, I wrote that it was my understanding that the Archdiocese's monitoring program was under study. If the outcome of that study affects Father Keehan's situation, the Review Board should take this into consideration in making its recommendation to me.

If the Review Board recommends that Father Keehan continue as Pastor of St. Ann Parish, the Office of Ministerial Evaluation and the Priests' Placement Board should then conduct a ministerial evaluation of his pastorate.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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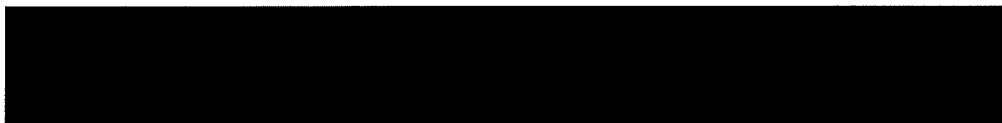
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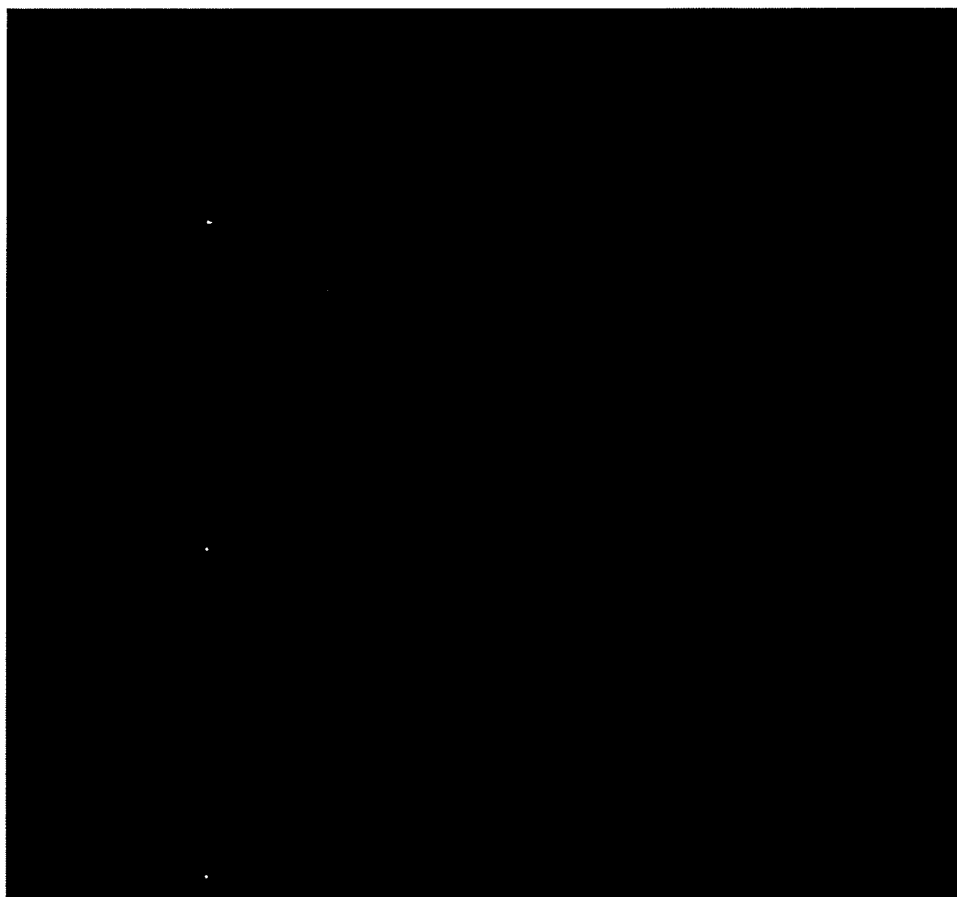
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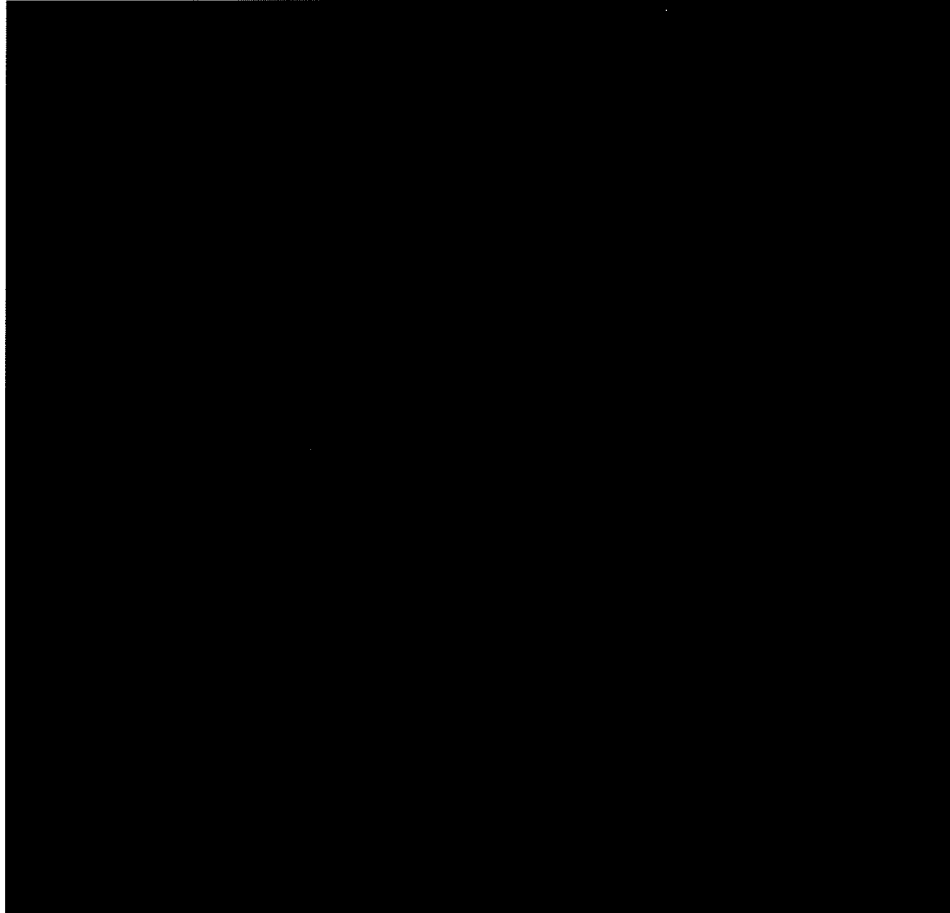


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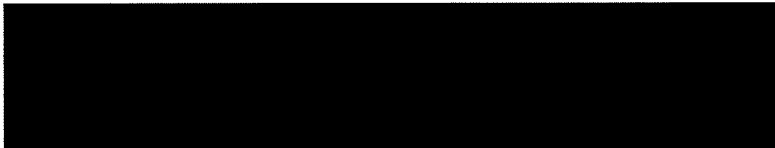
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## MEMO

TO: File

FROM: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TOP*

DATE: April 18, 1998

RE: Review Board Meeting - Rev. John Keehan - Supplementary Review

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The Review Board considered Cardinal George's request that the Board make a recommendation to him about the professional fitness of Father John Keehan for reappointment to a second term as pastor of St. Ann Parish (18th Street). Based on information available, the Board does not believe children are at risk, and therefore recommends that Fr. Keehan be reappointed for a second term as pastor. The Board further recommended that monitoring be reinstated, consisting of quarterly on-site visits by Bernadette Connolly. He is also continuing [REDACTED]

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD

Meeting Saturday, April 18, 1998  
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
Office of Professional Fitness Review

MINUTES

Members Present:



Others Present:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki

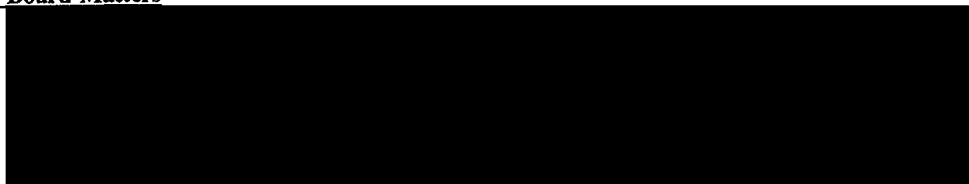
Bernadette Connolly

I. Approval of Minutes

- A. The Board formally approved the February 21, 1998 and March 21, 1998 Minutes.

II. Review Board Matters

A.



B. Matter of PFR-20, John Keehan

The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 104.11 of the Review Board Process For Continuation Of Ministry. Cardinal George requested the Board to review and recommend Fr. Keehan's eligibility for a second term as Pastor of St. Ann's Parish, and also to review his monitoring status. After much discussion and review, the Board recommended that Fr. Keehan is eligible for a second term as Pastor of St. Ann's Parish. The board also recommended that the Administrator have quarterly contact with Fr. Keehan at his parish and that he continues not to be alone with persons under eighteen (18) years of age. Fr. Keehan is to continue



III.



*Our next regularly-scheduled meeting is May 16, 1998 at 10:00 AM*

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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April 21, 1998

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

**Dear Cardinal George:**

Please be advised that the Review Board met on April 18, 1998. The Board considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. John Keehan. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Board Process For The Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is reasonable to allow Fr. Keehan to remain in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances, and that Fr. Keehan is eligible for a second six-year term as Pastor of St. Ann's Parish.

The Board recommends that Fr. Keehan continue with [REDACTED] and that the Professional Fitness Review Administrator have quarterly contact with Fr. Keehan at his place of residence. Lastly, the Board recommends that Fr. Keehan not be alone with persons under eighteen (18) years of age.

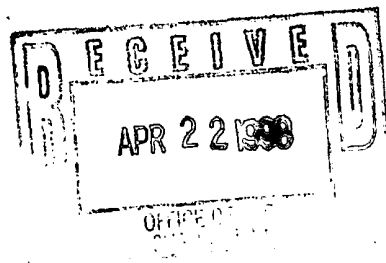
If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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

**Bernadette Connolly**  
**Professional Fitness**  
**Review Administrator**

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





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**MEMO TO:** Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Executive Secretary  
Priests' Placement Board

**FROM:** Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

**DATE:** April 21, 1998

**RE:** First Term Pastor Review: Father John Keehan

This is to alert you that in October of 1997 Father Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests, asked that we delay Father Keehan's first term pastor review.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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May 12, 1998

Dear Bernadette:

I am writing in response to your letter of April 21, 1998 regarding the matter of Reverend John Keehan, following the Review Board's Supplementary Review conducted on April 18, 1998.

In light of all the oral and written reports presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that it is reasonable for Father Keehan to remain in ministry, and that Father Keehan is eligible for a second six-year term as Pastor of St. Ann Parish (18<sup>th</sup> Street), which is scheduled to conclude on October 1, 1998. I also accept the Board's recommendations that Father Keehan continue [REDACTED], that the Professional Fitness Review Administrator have quarterly contact with Father Keehan at his place of residence, and that he continue his protocol of not being alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

Please communicate these determinations to Father Keehan and inform him that the process will move now to the next step, namely, the ministerial evaluation. I ask that the Vicar for Priests request the Office of Ministerial Evaluation and the Priests' Placement Board to proceed with conducting this ministerial evaluation of Father Keehan's pastorate at St. Ann Parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop of Chicago

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Chancellor

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Reverend Lawrence P. McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
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**May 14, 1998**

**Reverend John J. Keehan, Pastor  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt  
Chicago, IL 60608**

**Dear Father Keehan,**

Please be advised that the Review Board met on April 18, 1998. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Board Process For the Continuation Of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination that it is reasonable for you to remain in ministry, and that you are eligible for a second term as Pastor of St. Ann Parish. Cardinal George has also accepted the Board's recommendations that you continue [REDACTED], and that the Professional Fitness Review Administrator have quarterly meetings with you at your residence. You are to continue not to be alone with persons under eighteen (18) years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

Please be advised that the Vicar for Priests will request that the Office of Ministerial Evaluation and the Priests' Placement Board initiate the next step in conducting your ministerial evaluation as pastor of St. Ann Parish.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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**Bernadette Connolly  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator**

**cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Members of the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Paprocki  
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Daniel Coughlin and  
Rev. Lawrence McBrady  
Vicars for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi**

## MEMO

**TO:** File  
**FROM:** Larry McBrady  
**DATE:** May 27, 1998  
**RE:** Jack Keehan

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Jack and I met this morning with Bernadette Connolly. Bernadette informed him that the Cardinal has accepted the recommendation of the FRB that it is reasonable for Jack to continue in ministry. Mary Yunger will re-start the evaluation that was put on hold last fall.

I believe the conversation was helpful in that Jack seemed to realize more clearly than before that the Archdiocese has been placed on notice by his previous misconduct and we are therefore required to keep him in the monitoring program. Bernadette told Jack that it is likely he will be under some monitoring restrictions for the rest of his life. Up to this point, Jack was only able to hear that this was being done for his protection. This rankled him. The concerns of the Archdiocese, however, seem to bring him to a new level of awareness.

It is the expectation of the FRB that Bernadette will visit Jack at his parish on a quarterly basis. I encouraged Jack to call me any time he has a question or seeks clarification of his status.



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MEMO

TO: Mary Yunger  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

FROM: Rev. Lawrence P. McBrady *L. P. McBrady*  
Vicar for Priests

DATE: May 27, 1998

RE: Rev. John Keehan

On October 31, 1997 I informed you that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Father Keehan's evaluation be placed on hold. At that  
time, I indicated I would keep you informed.

After a number of consultations in the intervening months, it would now be appropriate to  
resume the process of Father Keehan's evaluation. I have already informed him that I  
would be notifying you of this development.

Thank you for your patience and your cooperation in this matter.

cc: Most Rev. John R. Manz, Episcopal Vicar  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Dean  
Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Priests Placement Board ✓

*Please return this to  
me for his file*

*[Signature]*

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Rev. Charles Dahm  
From: Mary Yunger  
Date: June 3, 1998  
RE: Rev. John Keehan's Review

To confirm our conversation of June 2, Father Keehan has been informed that we are resuming work on his first term pastor review. When I spoke with him today, I indicated that you would be contacting him to set up the meeting with the staff/ leadership and parish participants designated by him to complete the survey.

Thank you.

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October 27, 1998

Reverend Charles Dahm O.P.  
Review Team Coordinator  
Saint Pius Parish  
1919 S. Ashland Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Dahm,

We have recently reviewed our records regarding the progress of Father Keehan's first term pastor review. If our records are correct, you have received the majority of completed evaluation forms.

The next steps in the process are to:

- tabulate the feedback, noting key comments
- review the tabulation and commentary with Father Miller
- draft a summary report
- meet with Father Keehan to discuss the review report
- finalize the report (obtaining all three signatures)
- send copies of the report to the vicar, dean, Priests' Placement Board, and the pastor
- send the pink completion confirmation form to the Office of Ministerial Evaluation

This letter is just a reminder that the target date for completing the review process was 6/1/98. If you are close to completing the review, I look forward to receiving the pink form soon. If completion of the report will be delayed significantly, please alert me so that I can inform both Father Keehan and the Priests' Placement Board.

Thank you for the work you are doing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Yunger".

Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

MY/jw

Cc: Reverend John Keehan, Pastor  
Reverend James Miller, Review Team Member

AOC 016691

## **Pastor Review of Fr. John Keehan**

### **St. Ann Parish**

November 1998

Of the 48 personas invited by Fr. Jack to participate in the evaluation, 18 responded and one other person joined in. Of those responding, two people are from the school staff and two from the parish staff.

All 19 people have known Fr. Jack for four or more years. Eight personas have Spanish surnames; seven have non-Spanish surnames and four are unsigned.

The vast majority of respondents describe Fr. Jack's health as good.

#### **Strengths of the Parish**

The vast majority of respondents see the children's religious education program and the parish school as good and even excellent. These two programs are clearly recognized as the strongest in the parish. Other parish activities are evaluated less highly. Six people described youth religious education and youth social activities as non-existent, while others ranked them good or fair. (On a scale of 4, the average was 1.43, well below the mid point.) At the time of the evaluation some new efforts to form a youth group were in progress. Adult religious activities were ranked a bit stronger but still within the good to fair range, with an average of 2.21, slightly over the mid point. There are bible classes, RCIA, and sessions conducted weekly in Spanish by seminarians as well as formation of leadership by Hispanic Vicariate coordinator, Roberto Rivas.

The planning, teaching and attendance of educational programs is ranked high (2.72) as is the support from the parish (2.79) and the pastor (2.85). While most respondents said the school board is hard working, some noted that it barely functions, has poor participation on the part of parents and that the pastor rarely attends.

Most feel that the parish is welcoming and that there is a concern for all, including newcomers (3.43). Lay leadership is moderately strong and effective (2.68).

#### **Pastor's Performance**

The vast majority see Fr. Jack as outgoing, friendly and enjoying being with people (2.95). A good number of write-ins mentioned his strength of greeting people on the street and before and after Mass.

While Fr. Jack receives high marks in his overall concern for youth, a number of people noted that there is no youth program in the parish beyond the school or catechism program, and urge that there be one. Approximately five people mentioned that Fr. Jack constantly talks about gangs which is both tiresome and a concern because a few fear for his safety. A good number recognize the value of his talking with the youth and gang members on the street but note that the parish has no program to involve or serve them. While most noted that Fr. Jack visits the school



as often as needed or frequently, four said he visits rarely or only when invited.

Most respondents recognize that Fr. Jack keeps up with contemporary issues, is very intelligent, and involved in neighborhood issues. While most say that he shares his ideas and listens to the ideas of others, five people noted that his teaching style usually involves him doing most of the talking. Most respondents see Fr. Jack as comfortable teaching and well skilled, while four noted that he avoids teaching or does not do much.

Most respondents see Fr. Jack enabling the involvement of parishioners while four said he seldom or never involves them. On the other hand, there is a strong opinion that Fr. Jack needs to spend more time with the people and the parish organizations. One mentioned that he should spend less time on the computer while others mentioned less time on gangs and more time with parishioners. He does delegate or assign tasks to others and eight think he helps people understand the tasks while five think he gives little instruction.

There are two different perspectives offered regarding Fr. Jack's support for the parish community. Approximately half feel that he urges committees to work to strengthen community feeling and that he himself does so, while others see him as relatively uninvolved. He received a fair rating from 10 and a good rating from 8 for his involvement in the lives of parishioners (2.7). Most said he often attends parish functions, usually returns phone calls and makes time for people. As a pastoral counselor he received a moderately high rating also (2.7) and even higher as a listener (3.2).

While most see him usually trying to compromise in a conflict (9) or getting people together to resolve conflicts (3), some (4) view him as trying to avoid conflicts. The vast majority see him coping well with stress while six see him as getting defensive, more set in his ways, anxious or sometimes confused.

A number of people referred to a division in the parish, and that Fr. Jack needs to work on uniting the factions. Some criticize him for favoring one group over the other. Several complained that he discriminates against or slights the old timers and favors the Spanish speaking, even though the majority of parish leaders are old timers. Several urge him to do more to unite the two factions in the parish. But two Hispanics believe he needs to encourage people more to get involved and he himself needs to get more involved. A number of write-ins urge him to work on creating unity among all parishioners.

While one non-Hispanic complimented Fr. Jack on his Spanish, several Hispanics noted that he needs to work on his Spanish because he is not always understood by monolingual Hispanics.

In regard to specific services, several did not reply because of their lack of knowledge of them. But many noted that certain services are seriously lacking, namely, visits to hospitals (1.06), to the elderly at home (1.25), nursing homes (.93), inactive parishioners (.86), active parishioners (1.25), and new families (1.6).

While Fr. Jack received moderately high ratings for his support for social outreach (3.05), most

said the parish is not doing enough in this area. Those who work closely with Fr. Jack see him as always willing to help people in need. Most respondents see Fr. Jack as a relatively active leader in community issues and groups (3.22) while some feel that he needs to be more decisive and offer more direction in the parish. Most (11) feel that Fr. Jack has a vision and clear goals for the parish while others (5) believe he lacks a clear picture of issues and muddles tasks.

One of the strongest criticisms of Fr. Jack's performance occurs in the area of preaching and overall communication. Thirteen people noted that his homilies are wordy and that he repeats himself; he only scored 1.49 in the area of preaching. Five people felt he leaves people bored and apathetic and four said he is just acceptable to most people, seven said he makes people feel comfortable and three said he stimulates people. While four noted that he holds people's attention most of the time, this area of concern brought a high number of write-in responses, such as the following:

- too much history; data and not the gospel
- almost always something on gangs that doesn't fit
- we hear the same message a lot but once in a while, Wow, really good.
- good when organized and focused
- not too inspiring.
- sometimes loses his train of thought; but some people just accept the way things are
- cambia el tema en la misma homilia
- alarga la misa mucho; he talks long making the Mass too long
- talks over people's heads; good information but can't get his point across
- tends to preach, and not teach, i.e., moralistic
- stay on the topic
- frequently forgets what he is talking about
- asks too difficult questions
- should accept answers people give instead of looking for the answer he wants
- be more interesting and entertaining
- tends to be too verbose and theological, be simple
- often vague and unclear

Most people see Fr. Jack as a good man with sincere concern for others and good contributor to the spiritual life of the parish (3.0). He ranks moderately high as an administrator (2.5) and problem solver (2.58). (Note that people rate the condition of the buildings high - 3.11.) He also received a moderately high mark on making decisions at the right time.

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TO: OFFICE OF MINISTERIAL EVALUATION

THE PASTOR REVIEW FOR Fr. John Keehan IS COMPLETE.

IT WAS SHARED WITH THE PASTOR ON February 10, 1999

IT WAS SENT TO:

EPISCOPAL VICAR ON

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PLACEMENT BOARD ON

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DEAN ON

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Charles W. Slahn

SIGNATURE OF REVIEW COORDINATOR

Feb 10, 1999

DATE

James W. Miller

SIGNATURE OF REVIEW TEAM MEMBER

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Rev. John J. Keehan

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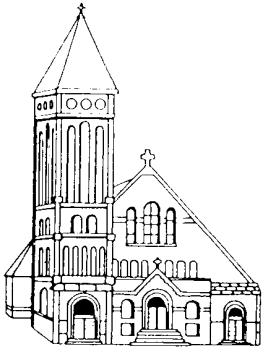
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February 11, 1999

Mary Yunger  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation  
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Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Mary:

With this letter I am sending you the summary report of the review of John Keehan, pastor of St. Ann. Yesterday Fr. James Miller and myself met with Fr. Keehan and gave him a copy of the summary report and talked about it with him. I also gave him the questionnaires that certain parishioners had specified should be shown to him.

This is the second time that I have participated in a pastor's review. After having headed the evaluation team for Fr. Miller, I wrote you a letter with my criticisms of the process and especially the form, which is the sole instrument used in this evaluation. I detailed in that letter the deficiencies I saw in the questionnaire. I am sorry to see that nothing has been done to improve it. It is sad that the archdiocese does not have a better process for such an important moment in the life of a pastor and his parish.

I believe that with this letter, my participation in this evaluation is completed.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Dahm, O.P.  
Pastor

cc Bishop John Manz, Vicar  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Dean  
Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Priests Placement Board

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February 19, 1999

Reverend James Miller  
Review Team Member  
Our Lady of Tepeyac  
2226 S. Whipple  
Chicago, IL 60623

Dear Father Miller,

I received the tabulation and return form indicating Father Keehan's first term pastor review is complete and copies of the summary report were sent to the vicar and dean. I have also been informed that the Priests' Placement Board received their copy of the summary report as well. Thank you so much for your time, thought, and care which you gave to the process. I appreciate your investment in the process.

Continued blessings in your ministry.

With appreciation,

Mary Yung, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

MY/jw

*Thanks Jim. I'm really grateful.*  
*Mary*

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February 19, 1999

Reverend Charles Dahm  
Review Team Coordinator  
Saint Pius Parish  
1919 S. Ashland Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Dahm,

I received the summary report and pink form indicating Father Keehan's first term pastor review is complete and that copies of the summary report were sent to the vicar and dean. I have also been informed that the Priests' Placement Board received their copy of the summary report as well. Thank you so much for your time, thought, and care which you gave to the process. I'm sure the task was not easy, given your other responsibilities and commitments. I appreciate your investment in the process.

I hope that the review of ministry was a beneficial experience for you and for Father Keehan.

Continued blessings in your ministry.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Yunger".

Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

MY/jw

*I appreciate your willingness to coordinate Father  
Keehan's process. Many thanks.  
Mary*

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Office of Diocesan Priests' Personnel  
Rev. Jeremiah M. Boland/Executive Sec.  
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March 1, 1999

Dear John,

On October 1st, 1998 you completed your first term as pastor of St. Ann Parish. The members of the Placement Board hope you found the years both challenging and rewarding.

Now that your evaluation is completed, the Board can conclude this process. If you choose to apply for a second term as pastor, we ask you to write to the Placement Board with your formal request. After we receive your written request, your Vicar and Dean will be consulted, and upon receipt of their letters the Board will make a formal recommendation to the Cardinal.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this process, please do not hesitate to call me at (312) 751-5270.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeremiah M. Boland".

Reverend Jeremiah M. Boland  
Executive Secretary  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board

JMB/ljb

Reverend John J. Keehan, Pastor  
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Ms. Mary F. Yunger  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation  
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March 22, 1999

Dear Ms. Yunger:

I was very disappointed in the evaluation I received at the end of my first term as pastor. I realize that there are many aspects of my ministry that could use good constructive feedback. I was looking forward to some. I went to great length to provide Fr. Dahm (who you assigned as my evaluator) with a list of 48 persons who should be invited to participate. I don't know if this was an unusually long list or not. But ours is a parish that operates in three languages, and within each language group there are communications problems that made it seem to me that a wide variety of opinions would be far more valuable than just a few.

I was disappointed first of all that Fr. Dahm forgot (that was his explanation ) to invite many of these people (parishioners estimate that at least 15 to 20 people were excluded in this way). At least one individual telephoned Fr. Dahm and asked him to send her the form, he promised he would, but never did.

Some of the people thus excluded were very significant: the deacon, the school principal and the school staff. I still don't know who or how many were not invited. Periodically parishioners mention that they felt disappointed to be excluded and I hear about it second hand and have to go and apologize to them.

Excluding these people, and not attempting to invite them to participate, after the mistake was discovered, seriously diminishes the value of the evaluation, and especially in a complex ministry like this one where there are so many difficulties with communication between parish groups.

If that were the only problem, I would not have complained, but there are others. Many seem to be largely carelessness, but the evaluation was important to me, and carelessness bothers me.

Some examples of this carelessness that I feel damaged the value of the evaluation were that the process took so long that it was too late to urge Fr. Dahm to remedy any of the problems with it. The evaluation is dated in November, and I was given a copy of it at the end of February.

Another example of at least carelessness, was the number of erroneous assumptions that Fr. Dahm made, and either never checked his facts with anyone, or when parishioners actually tried to correct his assumptions, he simply did nothing to correct them.

One of the more glaring assumptions, is his repetition three different times in three different places that there is no program for youth in the parish. If this were true, it would be a serious criticism indeed, since half the population here is under 21 years of age. We have always had youth programs, granted some were not well attended. Some failed. But currently we have what I believe to be possibly the biggest and most comprehensive youth program of any parish in Pilsen. And at the time of the evaluation we had youth choirs, musical training for instrumentalists, RCIA for teenagers making up missed sacraments, quinceanera programs, occasional dances, etc. And I have spent a lot of time working on the gangs here, as Fr. Dahm mentions (but only in a negative way). A simple question to the parishioners would have prevented this



error, or a willingness to accept the specific correction of at least one parishioner, who told me she corrected him at the meeting. I think a second draft would have been in order.

I think at this point I will quote Fr. Dahm rather than characterize his statements. "6 people described youth religious education and youth social activities as non existent, while others ranked them good or fair." Obviously one or the other opinion is ill informed or hyperbole. But each time thereafter that he repeats the statement, he does so in a categorical way, with no hint of any qualification. "the parish has no program to involve or serve them (youth)" and "There is no youth program in the parish beyond the school or catechism program."

Other false assumptions that diminish the value and accuracy of the evaluation, and give a false impression are found throughout the document. Fr. Dahm provided me with a long and impressive list of criticisms of what he assumed were about my preaching. I pointed out when he gave me the evaluation, that many of them seemed to refer to classroom presentations, or children's liturgies, and that some struck me as a bit odd. That didn't seem to bother him. My preaching may need improvement, after all I am not a native Spanish speaker. But I don't even know whether the criticism is about my preaching in Spanish or in English. The blanket nature of the criticism makes it a bit difficult to find out just what should be improved. I hear the same complaints about our Deacon who is a native speaker and shares the preaching with me. I usually preach in Spanish on Sundays, some of the English language criticism, are from people who have heard me preach only on a limited number of occasions. I think he has made assumptions about my preaching which have colored his presentation of it. It certainly makes an impressive list of criticisms. But is the impression accurate?

Another example of such assumptions is: "Several complained that he discriminates against or slights the old timers and favors the Spanish speaking, even though the majority of parish leaders are old timers." While I personally feel neither part of this statement is factual, I am particularly troubled by the second half. A quick look at the number of Spanish speakers, and newly recruited lay ministers working on parish programs in the last few years is a great improvement in ministry here that took a long time to accomplish. I can only suspect that this assumption results from his failure to invite all the people I named to participate in the evaluation.

One example may not be an assumption at all, it may be merely carelessness in his use of language. "There are bible classes, RCIA, and sessions conducted weekly in Spanish by seminarians". Just who conducts these programs? The seminarians run a weekly training for the liturgy committee, most of them new, monolingual Mexicans, with no prior experience in liturgy or ministry. His impression that the leaders are mostly old timers is false, as is the impression this give of what I do here.

Another aspect of this evaluation is that he puts together very different evaluations, sometimes contradictory, that at very least present a confusing picture.

"Eight think he helps people understand the tasks while five think he gives little instruction."

"... five people noted that his teaching style usually involves him doing most of the talking. Most respondents see Fr. Jack as comfortable teaching and well skilled, while four noted that he avoids teaching or does not do much."

"Most respondents see Fr. Jack enabling the involvement of parishioners while four said he seldom or never involves them."

"Approximately half feel that he urges committees to work to strengthen community feeling and that he himself does so, while others see him as relatively uninvolved."

"While most see him usually trying to compromise in a conflict (9) or getting people together to resolve conflicts (3), some view him as trying to avoid conflicts (4)."

"The vast majority see him as coping well with stress while six see him as getting defensive, more set in his ways, anxious or sometimes confused."

“While most respondents said the school board is hard working, some noted that it barely functions . . .”  
 “Most noted that Fr. Jack visits the school as often as needed or frequently, four said he visits rarely or only when invited.” Fact: I teach religion in the school every week, and I am there many other times in the course of any week. There is no mention of the fact that I say mass for the school children every day.

I could continue this list, but I think you can see how I find this difficult to use, and fear it reflects badly on my work here.

I had no intention to complain about this, but both the Vicar and Dean have brought the matter up. That is what made me think it might be best if I replied. I asked the Vicar, John Manz, what he thought. His first question to me was why I picked Fr. Dahm to evaluate me, since I knew how he was! I told him I did not pick him, I thought he did! Perhaps it would be wise to make inquiries of the Vicar before asking some priest to do evaluations. Fr. Dahm is a valuable man who has a lot of zeal, and accomplishes a great deal. However he does often seem excessively critical of others.

Bishop Manz encouraged me to write to you. He suggested that I mention a number of factors about St. Ann Parish and my work here. 1. We operate a school. 2. We are too poor to have anything like adequate staff for the needs here. He said the inability to increase the number of full time professional ministers is the biggest handicap under which the parish operates.

If you will permit me, I think I would like to mention several matters not addressed in the evaluation. This parish attempts to serve three language groups. I feel it is significant that Fr. Dahm never mentions the ministry to Polish speaking people. There are many other things he does not mention. The only positive statements in the entire evaluation (that aren't immediately qualified by a parenthetical remark), are that my health, and the buildings are in good shape and that I greet people. I feel he damns me with faint praise. Someone wrote that this was to be a positive experience. Either that was wrong, or my term here appears to have been an unmitigated failure.

There are many inadequacies at St. Ann. We are inadequately staffed, inadequately funded, inadequately educated, inadequate in language skills. I share in those inadequacies. I no doubt have many personal inadequacies and limitations, not the least of which is the amount one man can do when faced with the needs and problems of the people here. However, many of those same inadequacies are true of ministry in general to poor minorities and those who speak no English. The pastoral plan is to cut back on ministry to these people, not to augment it.

One of the really big pastoral problems here, and many other places, is that these people have suffered a lot. feel discriminated against, and like any minority can be suspicious, resentful and angry. Within the language groups there are long standing divisions such as those who are born here and those recently arrive. There are communications problems between these groups. They don't easily trust and cooperate with each other. Healing that takes time, patience and love. It also requires taking a lot of flack, in which they complain about each other. Many of the people of this area suffer from the effect of prejudice, and tend to feel that people look down on them, they consequently suffer from, and in turn inflict, a great deal of self deprecation, cynicism and anger. Some is free floating, some gets directed against the Church. This is a serious pastoral problem here. It will not be solved in my lifetime, nor am I likely to remedy all of it. I can heal some of it. But it is interesting that like the ministry to Poles, it doesn't appear in this evaluation at all. Over and over people here complain and get mad at each other. This parish has taken in some of the refugees that fled that kind of lack of charity in other parishes.

The greatest need in Pilsen and Little Village, and among poor minorities in general, is that there are too few ministers to do all that is necessary. This is not just an inadequacy of St. Ann Parish, or of me personally, but one that can be applied to the entire Archdiocese. There are two solutions offered, one is to hire full time professional ministers to accomplish more ministry. However the per capita income of this

area is about \$5,000 a year. That means that at least half of the people try to get by on a lot less! That leaves them little for tuition in Catholic schools or money for expansion of professional ministry in the area. The other possibility is to recruit and train laity to minister. This would be a lot easier if all the people were literate, or had more education, or spoke one language, shared one culture or had more experience of ministry themselves. It would also help if we had the money to send them to more programs and they didn't have two jobs and a flock of children to occupy their time. The lay ministry we have is inadequate for the needs. The training and recruitment we do here is also inadequate for the needs. Personally I think we have made a lot of progress in recruiting, training and sustaining lay ministers, despite all the problems. I only wish there had been a mention of this in the evaluation.

Finally, there is the question of support for any job done here. Perhaps everyone is so busy that they can't. Perhaps they don't see the need. But for several years now the only comment I have received from the Dean on my work here was that "There are no problems at St. Ann." This was repeated to me several times. The Dean told me not to worry about this evaluation. However I now wonder if he was being candid, or patronizing me.

The carelessness of this evaluation, the lack of any positive comments on my ministry, the lack of any positive feedback, makes me feel that I am perceived as not having worked as hard as I have here. Certainly, no one is telling me that I have done any significant service to the Archdiocese in taking this assignment. I think it is only reasonable to assume that my attempts to minister here have produced little judged to be of any worth. The last two pastors apparently felt the same when they left here.

Thank you for reading this. I apologize if this seems to be only the complaint of another person with a gripe, or someone hurt that his faults have been pointed out. Frankly I felt I deserved to be treated better. But I am grateful to you for reading this and allowing me to present my evaluation of the evaluation.

Sincerely,

  
Rev. John Keehan

CC:  
Cardinal  
Bishop Manz  
Rev. J. Kaczorowski

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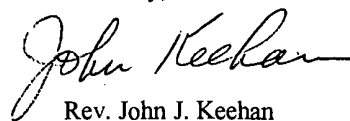
March 24, 1999

Rev. Jeremiah Boland  
Priests' Placement Board  
155 E. Superior  
Chicago, 60611

Dear Fr. Boland

Thank you for your letter instructing me to make a formal request for consideration of a second term as pastor. Therefore I request your consideration of a recommendation for a second term as Pastor. Thank you for your courtesies and charity.

Sincerely,



Rev. John J. Keehan

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March 25, 1999

Most Reverend John R Manz [Vicar]  
Vicariate III  
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Dear Bishop Manz,

The evaluation for Father John J. Keehan, Pastor of St. Ann Parish, has been completed. The Priests' Placement Board has received a letter from John requesting a second term. Before making a recommendation to the Cardinal, the Board needs to know if you support his request.

I look forward to receiving your response as soon as possible. I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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Reverend Jeremiah M. Boland  
Executive Secretary  
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April 19, 1999

Reverend John Keehan  
Pastor  
St. Ann Parish  
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Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Keehan,

I am concerned to learn of your disappointment with your First Term Pastor Review. Like you, I expect that the process will yield beneficial feedback. I am sorry to hear that you did not find the review helpful.

You mention that not all of the persons whom you listed were invited to complete feedback forms. Ordinarily the process includes feedback from about 30 people. These include staff and parish leaders, as well as other parish representatives. When a pastor wants to include more people, I usually recommend that he discuss this with his Review Coordinator to see if he is willing to take on the extra work in tabulation that this involves. If not, I suggest other ways he can elicit this feedback. In your case, however, it looks as if 10-15 of those who received survey forms did not respond. The low return would make it difficult to gauge the strength of the feedback provided.

You also mention "erroneous" assumptions about the parish and its programs and conflicting feedback about your ministry. As I look at the report, it seems to me that the review team have summarized and reported the data that they received from those who returned forms. This is what the team is asked to do. At times there is conflicting data. This is why the process includes a meeting between the team and the pastor before the report is finalized. In this way, the pastor's perspective can be reflected in the final report and the team can, perhaps, help the pastor to sort out the conflicting information.

Since you have sent copies of the letter describing your perspective to Bishop Manz and Father Kaczorowski, you might wish to ask them to make it part of the final record by attaching it to your review report. You might also wish to send a copy of your letter to the Priests' Placement Board for your file there.

It is difficult to cope with conflicting data. Unfortunately, there can be variance in the way different people see a pastor or in their knowledge about a parish. I understand from your

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letter that you discussed the feedback with Bishop Manz. Would it also be helpful for you to discuss the report results with a few of the parish staff and/or leadership who see you in action and whom you can trust to help you assess the critique and identify true growth areas?

I hope that these suggestions will enable you to reap more benefit from the review feedback that you received. Thank you for sharing your experience with me. We are close to being able to offer a new Periodic Review process, which I hope will address some of the difficulties which you experienced.

God bless you in your ministry at St. Ann.

Sincerely,

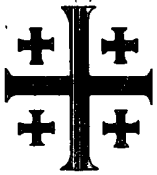
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Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

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Cc: Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago  
Most Reverend John Manz, Episcopal Vicar  
Reverend James Kaczorowski, Dean





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May 13, 1999

Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Executive Director  
Priests Placement Board  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
155 E. Superior  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Fr. Boland,

I am writing in regard to Fr. Jack Keehan, who has been pastor of St. Ann Parish (Leavitt St.) for six years and wishes to be renewed for another six. I have discussed this at length with Fr. Jim Kaczorowski, the dean of the area, and he concurs with me that, although we have some concerns, Fr. Keehan should be renewed for another term. The results of Fr. Keehan's six-year evaluation were somewhat mixed, and in fact somewhat critical in a few areas of his ministry, which was quite upsetting to him. He felt that the priest who supervised the evaluation, Fr. Chuck Dahm, OP, did not do enough to get more written responses from parishioners, and was overly blunt/critical in his summary report to Ms. Mary Yunger. While I agree that Fr. Dahm can be quite "candid", sometimes even harsh, in his opinions, Fr. Kaczorowski and I also acknowledge that there is basis for some of this criticism.

St. Ann's is a predominantly Mexican/Mexican American parish, that still has a percentage of Polish and even a lightly attended Polish mass. In general, Fr. Jack seems to relate well with the folks one-on-one, and shows great concern and compassion for his parishioners and their daily "challenges" in this low-income west Pilsen neighborhood. One of the areas of ministry about which he received criticism was that of preaching. A number of evaluation respondents lamented that often Fr. Jack's sermons/homilies were overly rambling and disorganized, in which he would inevitably refer in some way to the "gang" problems of the area. Another area of concern by some was the seemingly excessive amounts of time he spends on his computer. Fr. Kaczorowski and I believe that with more of our support Fr. Keehan can improve his preaching and achieve a better use of his time. Fortunately, he has been able to depend on the effective hard work and good will of the school principal, Sr. Michael Marie Franzak, CSFN. The bottom line is that this is a difficult parish in a tough neighborhood, and Fr. Keehan is trying his best and wants to continue here.

Sincerely,

*John R. Manz*

Bishop John R. Manz

CC: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Dean

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REQUEST RECEIVED: 3/25/99

LETTERS TO: 3/25/99

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DEAN: Kamrowski

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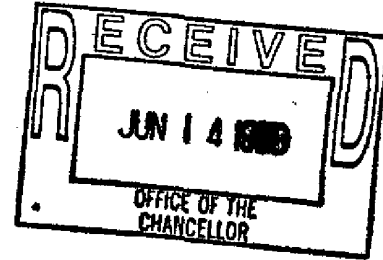
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Office of the Archbishop



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June 7, 1999



Dear Father Keehan,

In light of the recommendation of the Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, which reflects the endorsement of your Episcopal Vicar and Dean, I am pleased to appoint you to serve a second term as Pastor of St. Ann on South Leavitt, commencing October 10, 1998, the date your previous term ended. Your term of office will be for an additional six years, but will officially remain in effect until you are reappointed or transferred or your successor is named.

The support you have received for this reappointment is an indication of the fine pastoral leadership you have rendered to the people of St. Ann as you have proclaimed the Gospel message through your time and effort these past six years.

John, it is my hope that this will be a time of renewal for you personally as you continue to offer your priestly gifts with the people of God who have been entrusted to your care.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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

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Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend John J. Keehan  
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Reverend John J. Keehan  
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cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Moderator of the Curia  
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Most Reverend John Manz, Vicar  
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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.**

**B.**

**C.**

**D.**

**E. Rev. John Keehan, PFR-20**

**F.**

**G.**

**III. Other business.**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, July 17, 1999.**

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Post Office Box 1979  
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August 6, 1999

Reverend John J. Keehan  
Pastor  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt Street  
Chicago, IL 60608

*yes*

Dear Father Keehan,

Since coming to Chicago it has been my hope to spend more time becoming better acquainted with the priests of our local Church. During the past year I have scheduled a number of gatherings of ten to twelve priests each to make this hope a reality.

With this in mind I wish to invite you to the Residence on Sunday evening August 29, 1999 from 7:30 p.m. to around 9:00 p.m. My intention is just to have an informal gathering of some priests for conversation, without any set agenda.

Please RSVP Sister Ann McCahill in my office (312-751-8230) as to your availability. I hope you can join us for this evening.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Francis Cardinal George*

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** File

**FROM:** Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor

**DATE:** August 21, 1999

**RE:** Review Board Meeting – Rev. John Keehan

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The Board considered [REDACTED]. Currently he is restricted from being alone with minors, and he is to meet with the PFRA quarterly. He also [REDACTED]. The Board affirmed keeping the restrictions and quarterly meeting with the PFRA in place. He should [REDACTED]. The Board also asked the PFRA to make an on-site visit.

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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. Matter of PFR-20, Rev. J. Keehan**  
**- Review of Request for change in Protocol.**

**E.**

**F.**

**G.**

**II. Other Matters:**

**A.**

**B.**

**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:



Others Present:

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

Absent:

Rev. Joseph Grembla, Rev. Charles Rubey

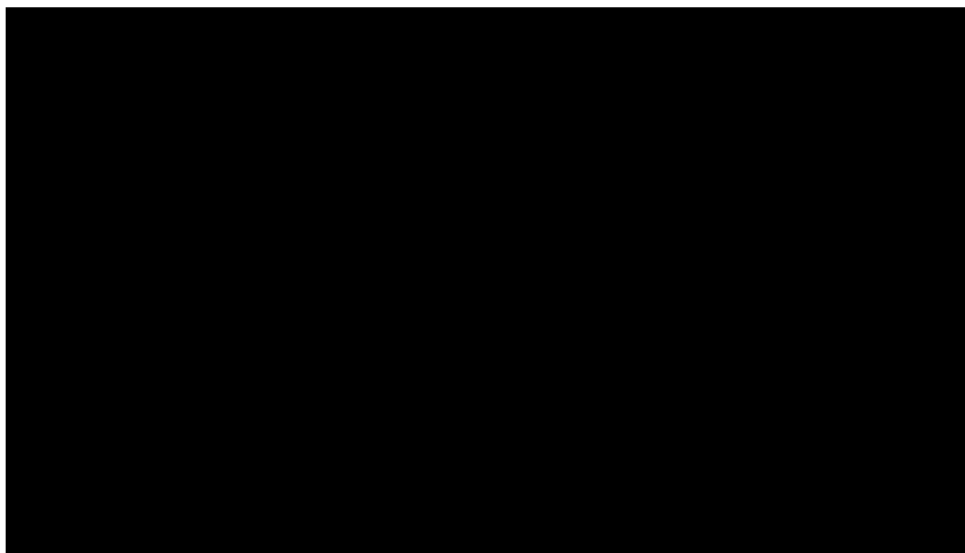
I. Approval of May 15, 1999 minutes.

Approval of July 17, 1999 minutes with clarification



II. Case Reviews

A.



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D. Matter of PFR-20, Rev. John Keehan.

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[REDACTED] The Board also asked the PFRA to make an on-site visit.

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II. Other Matters:

Decisions of Monitoring Committee and of Individual Protocols deferred to September 18, 1999 meeting.

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August 30, 1999

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

Dear Cardinal George,

On Saturday, August 21, 1999 the Review Board met and considered [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The Board Members recommend that the following monitoring restrictions remain in place:

- That he not be alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
- That he continues to meet with the PFR Administrator quarterly.
- [REDACTED]

In light of [REDACTED], the Board recommends that Father Keehan may [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

If you have any questions regarding the recommendations outlined in this letter, please call me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

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November 3, 1999

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

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing in response to your letter of August 30, 1999 regarding the matter of Father John Keehan, following the Review Board's meeting of August 21, 1999.

In light of the information as presented, I have accepted the Board's recommendation that certain monitoring restrictions remain in place, specifically, that Father Keehan not be alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult, that he continue to meet with the Professional Fitness Review Administrator quarterly, and that he [REDACTED]

In light of [REDACTED], I further accept the Board's recommendation that Father Keehan may [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I am grateful to the members of the Review Board and yourself for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Given at the Chancery

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Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

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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November 10, 1999

Reverend John Keehan  
St. Ann Parish  
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Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Keehan,

On August 21, 1999 the Review Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Policies and Procedures to address issues raised [REDACTED]

After reviewing all available information, the Review Board made the following recommendations to Cardinal George:

- Continue restriction to not be alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
- Continue to meet with Professional Fitness Review Administrator quarterly.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Cardinal George has accepted the Board's recommendations and has asked that I communicate this to you. These changes will be incorporated into a revised Protocol which you will be asked to sign.

Clearly your work with [REDACTED] has been beneficial for you. If you have questions regarding these recommendations, please call 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  
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

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For  
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The ISP for **Fr. John Keehan** includes but is not limited to the following:

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2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. Meet with PFRA at least quarterly.
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I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed: Rev. John J. Keehan

Date: Dec 20, 1999

Printed Name: REV. JOHN J. KEEHAN

Signature of PFRA: Kathleen Leggolan

Date: February 28, 2000

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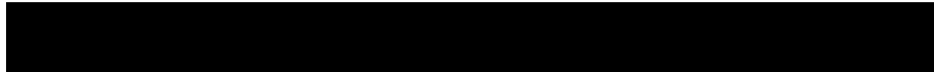


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Professional Fitness Review Board  
June 17, 2000

MINUTES

Board Members Present



Absent



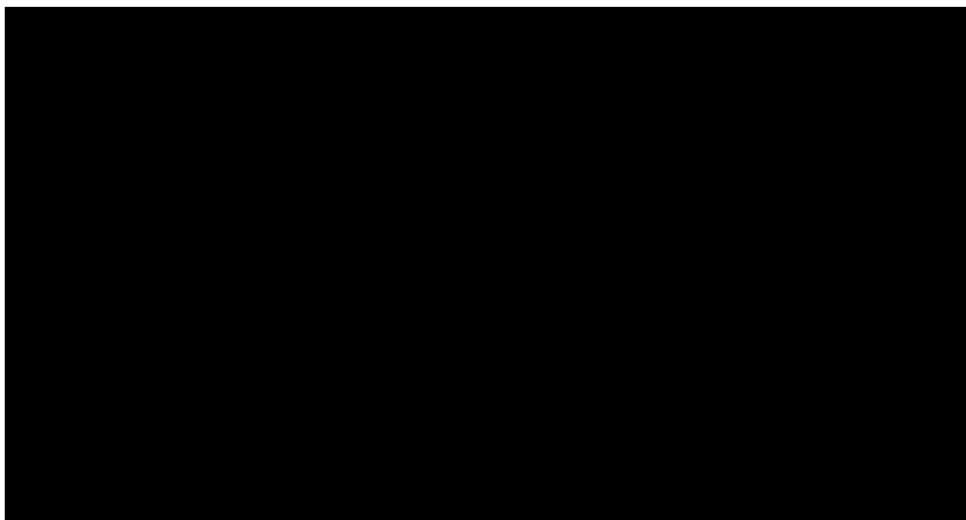
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- I. Approval of April 15, 2000 Minutes
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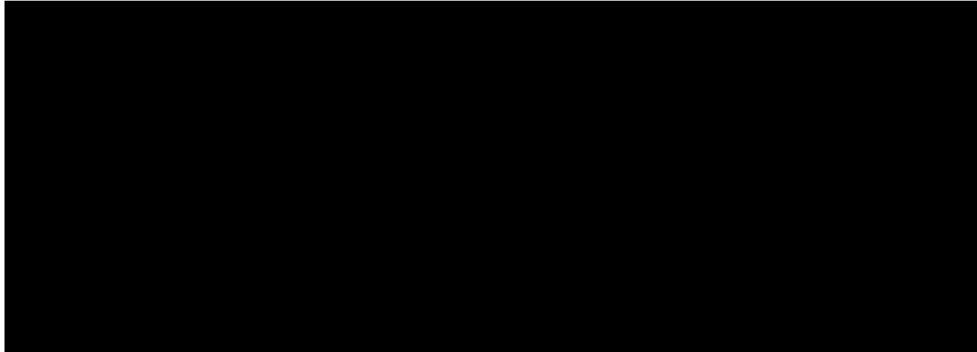
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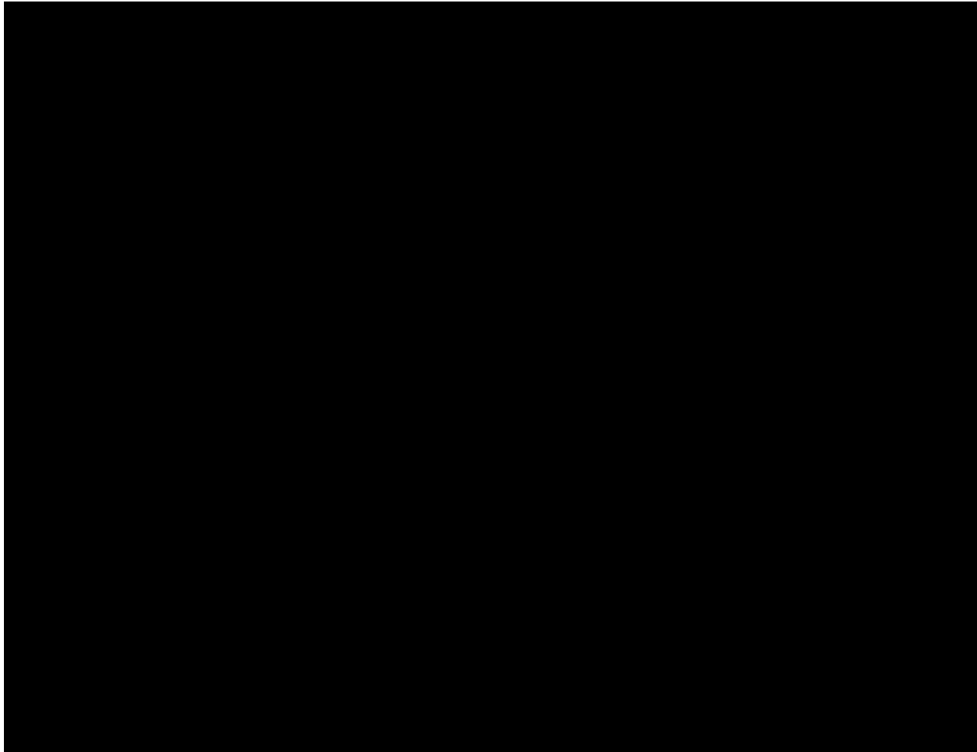
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D. In the Matter of Rev. John Keehan, PFR-20

Request for report from [REDACTED]. No change in Protocol at this time. Add to August agenda.

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III. Other Business



**\*\*July Review Board Meeting Cancelled**

Next regularly scheduled Review Board Meeting will be August 19, 2000.



**For Your Information...**

**The PFR Board Meeting  
scheduled for  
Saturday, July 15, 2000  
has been cancelled.**

**The next scheduled Board  
Meeting is  
Saturday, August 19, 2000**

**See you then!**

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**Professional Fitness Review  
June 17, 2000**

**AGENDA**

I. Approval of Minutes, April 15, 2000

II. Case Reviews

A.

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D. In the Matter of Rev. John Keehan, PFR-20  
Recommendation for [REDACTED]  
Supplementary Review

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III. Other Business

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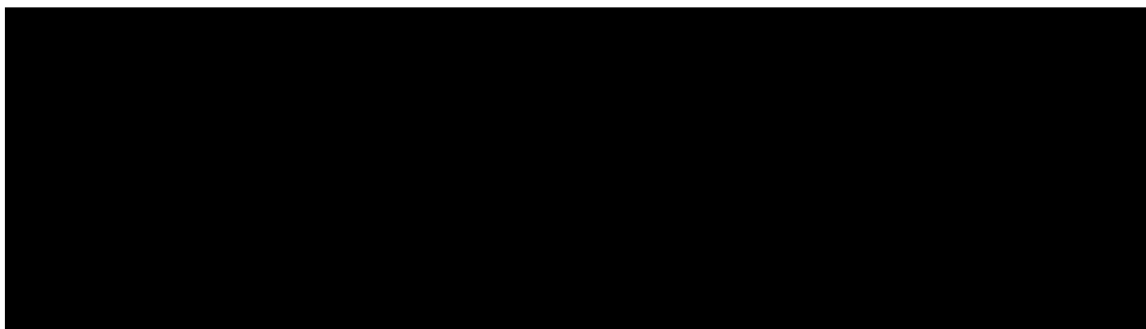
**Conference Call**  
**Saturday, May 13, 2000 – 10:00 a.m.**

Board Members:



Others:

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

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# Memorandum

**To:** File  
**From:** Jim Kaczorowski  
**Date:** 08/01/00  
**Re:** Fr. Jack Keehan

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I met with Fr. Jack Keehan and he shared with me his story. He told me he never abused or had sexual relations with a minor. He mentioned his several relations with adult women in the 70's but since then has been celibate. He mentioned his frustration at times because he is not allowed to be alone with a minor. I mentioned to Jack he always has to be concerned about his boundaries and he recognizes that. I said I would call him in about a month to see how he was doing.

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**Memorandum**

To: File

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

Re: **Review Board Meeting - Rev. John Keehan**

Date: August 19, 2000

In light of [REDACTED]  
the Board recommended that:

- 1) Father Keehan's monitoring meetings with the Professional Fitness Review Administrator be reduced from four times a year to twice a year; and
- 2) [REDACTED]

*5/5/2000 - fEG accepted above recommendations.*

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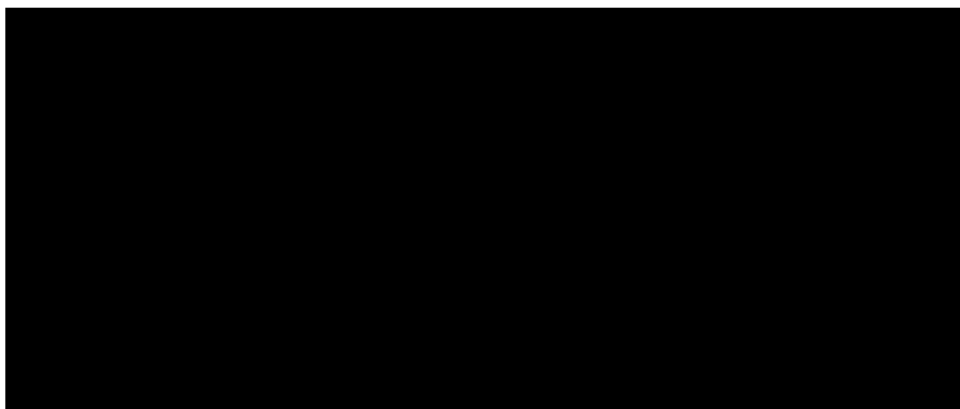
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**August 19, 2000**

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II. Case reviews

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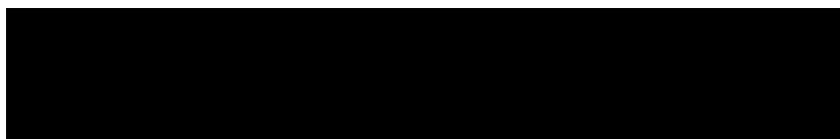


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In light of [REDACTED], the Board recommended that:

1) Father Keehan's monitoring meetings with the Professional Fitness Review Administrator be reduced from four times a year to twice a year; and

2)



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**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:** Father John Keehan [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

II. Case Reviews

A. [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Rev. John Keehan, PFR-20

- [REDACTED]  
- [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

III. Other Business

[REDACTED]

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August 24, 2000

Rev. John Keehan  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt Street  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Keehan,

The Review Board met on Saturday, August 19, 2000. At that time they reviewed the information received from [REDACTED] and recommended the following changes in your Protocol:

- Decrease number of meetings with Administrator from 4 to 2 annually
- Continue [REDACTED]
- Continue [REDACTED] as needed

It was good talking with you again. Please take a minute to sign and date the original Protocol mailed with this letter and return to me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Enclosure

Cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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**Memorandum**

Memo to File: PFR-20  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*  
Re: Rev. John Keehan  
Date: August 24, 2000

Father John Keehan, Father James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests and PFRA met to discuss [REDACTED] and reduction of meetings with PFRA from four times to two times annually.

Discussion also focused on concept of "risk to minors." [REDACTED]  
Archdiocese would not have allowed him to return to ministry as a pastor in a parish with a school if there were concerns regarding behavior, which would put children at risk.

Father Keehan was relieved to hear this in such a clear and concise manner.

Protocol was adjusted to reflect changes.

Cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed: Rev John J. Keehan

Date: Sept 12, 2000

Printed Name: REV JOHN J. KEEHAN

Signature of PFRA: Kathleen M. Lagoda

Date: 9-12-2000

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October 16, 2001

Rev. John Keehan  
St. Ann  
1840 S. Leavitt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Dear Father Keehan,

October marks a period of one year since you signed your Individual Protocol for the Office of Professional Fitness Review. As these need to be reviewed and revised annually, please call at your earliest convenience so that a meeting date and time can be designated. The Vicar for Priests will again be in attendance.

There are standard protocol items for all priests monitored by this office. These include the following:

- Restriction from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult
- Meet with Professional Fitness Review Administrator twice annually (PFRA)
- Submit copy of all sites visited on the Internet to PFRA monthly

And recently added to all protocols by the Review Board:

- [REDACTED]

The Review Board determines other protocol items based on the individual priest and the nature of the allegations brought against him.

I can be reached by telephone at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Cc: Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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4. [REDACTED]

5. TERM ENDS 2001

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[REDACTED]  
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 [REDACTED]

J. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED]

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J. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed:

Rev John J. Keehan

Date: 11/26/2001

Printed Name:

John J. KEEHAN

Signature of PFRA:

Kathleen Longo

Date: 11/26/2001

A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in Professional Fitness Review and Vicar for Priests Offices.



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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-20

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA] *KL*

Re: **Rev. John Keehan**

Date: December 4, 2001

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Father Keehan, Father James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests, and PFRA met to review Individual Specific Protocol for 2002.

Discussion focused on the following topics:

- Possibilities for a sabbatical to be handled by Vicar for Priests' office
- 2003 will be the end of Father Keehan's two terms at St. Ann. Assignment for new Parish to be reviewed by the Board.
- [REDACTED]
- Father Louis Zake is a resident at St. Ann. He teaches at Quigley. Father Keehan describes him as "monitor" even though no monitor requirement is specified in Protocol.

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

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Date of Birth: 07/08/41

## TWELVE YEAR PASTORATE FORM

Fr. John Keehan '67  
St. Ann Parish Parish  
1840 S Leavitt  
Chicago, IL 60608

Term Expires: 10/01/04  
Vicariate: III  
Deanery: E  
Phone #: 312/773-7486

Dear John,

1. If you intend to seek an extension as pastor please check whichever is/are appropriate:

- ☐ A. I will have celebrated my 65th birthday by the end of my 12th year as pastor.  
☐ B. I have personal reasons to seek an extension.  
☐ C. There is a need at the parish that warrants an extension of my term.

*(In each of the preceding instances, consultation and evaluation will take place.)*

2. If you do not receive an extension at the end of your term, there are various options to consider:

- ☐ A. I intend to actively seek a new pastorate now.  
☐ B. I intend to actively seek a new pastorate at the end of my present term.  
☐ C. I intend to seek an associate pastor position either temporarily or for a term of office depending on desires/needs.  
☐ D. I intend to seek another form of priestly ministry.  
☒ E. I intend to seek a 3 or 6 month sabbatical and be reassigned before, during or in the one month after my sabbatical.  
☐ F. I intend to seek resignation from my parish before the term is completed.

3. If you have not made a decision regarding these matters please check here. (✓)

4. Please indicate which Board member you would like to have as your contact with the Board:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kurt D. Boras '86  | <input type="checkbox"/> John W. Clemens '72 | <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph P. Grembla '57             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David A. Jones '89 | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert G. Mair '65  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel P. McCarthy '67 |

We welcome your comments.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please return this completed form by July 1, 2002.

MAILING ADDRESS:

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Diocesan Priests' Placement Board  
P O Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60699-1979  
(FAX # 312 / 751-5281)

**This form must be returned before you seek an appointment with the Cardinal.**

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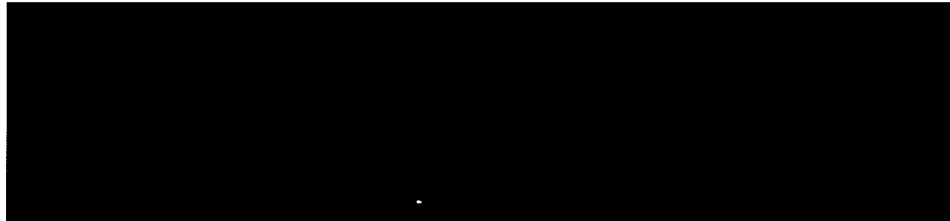
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4. St. Ann/So Leavitt: Jack Keehan '67 [pastor] is Jack Keehan. As long as he is here, the parish will not grow.

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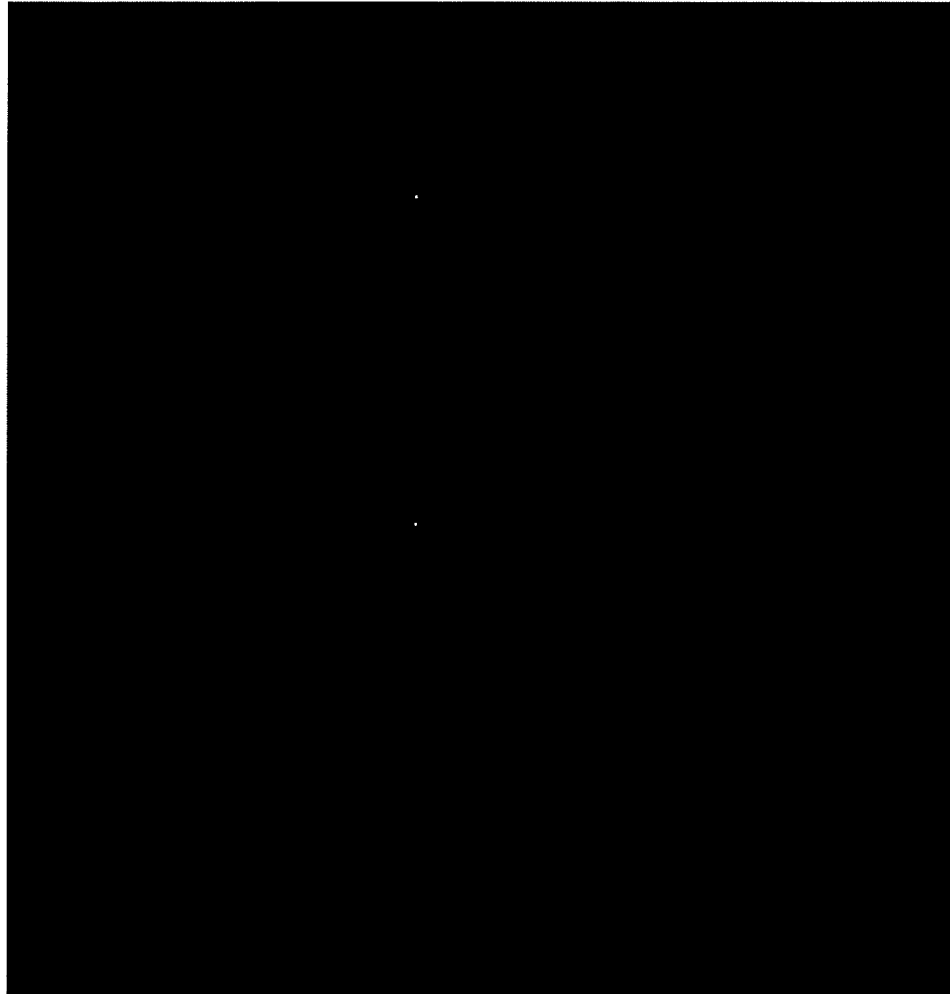
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### COMPLIANCE WITH MONITORING PROTOCOLS

Name of cleric: John Keehan Year of ordination: 1967 Age: 61

Current ministerial assignment (if any): Pastor

Current place of residence: St. Ann (Leavitt), Chicago

*According to Archdiocesan policy §1104.12.2, a cleric who has engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor will be subject to appropriate monitoring for the remainder of his life as a cleric of the Archdiocese and his file shall remain open. Policy §1104.12.3 provides that monitoring programs and protocols should be applied on a case by case basis but must include certain essential components. This worksheet indicates whether there is compliance with these essential elements, as follows:*

- Continuing jurisdiction and oversight by the Review Board with periodic evaluation and reports to the Archbishop: (circle one) ☒ YES ☐ NO

Description of continuing oversight: Meet with Professional Fitness Review Administrator semi-annually

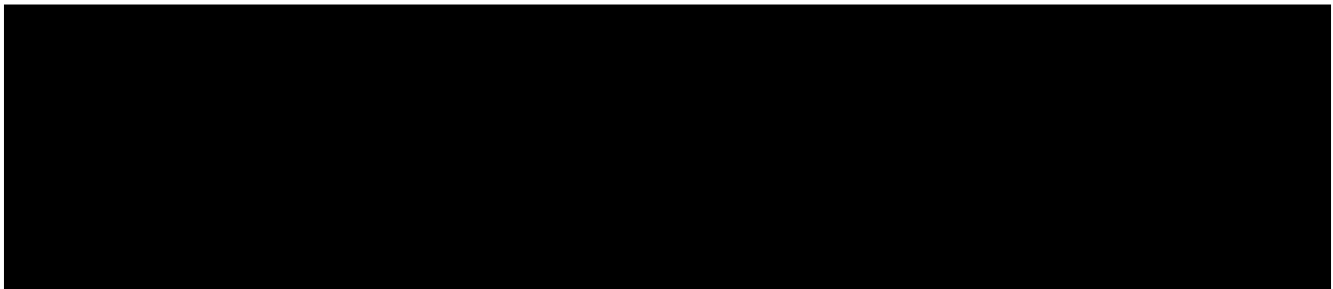
Date of last evaluation and report: November 26, 2001

- A written protocol signed by the cleric, which sets forth the particular requirements applicable to him: (circle one) ☒ YES ☐ NO

Date of current written and signed protocol: November 26, 2001

- Restrictions from being alone with anyone under the age of 18: (circle one) ☒ YES ☐ NO

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- Communication with leaders and others as appropriate in the cleric's residence or place of ministry in order that they are meaningfully apprised and able to assist in the program:

(Circle one) ☒ YES ☐ NO

With whom? Principal of school, Sr. Michael Marie Franczak

- Does the cleric use the Internet? (circle one) YES ☒ NO  
If yes, does he provide the Professional Fitness Review Administrator with a monthly printout of Internet sites visited? (Circle one) YES ☒ NO

Other monitoring provisions or restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

March 14, 2002

Signature of Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Date

3/14/02

**Client Case Review  
Professional Fitness Review Office  
March 14, 2002**

**PFR-20    Rev. John Keehan**

An allegation [REDACTED] was made by a female in October of 1992. Descriptions of “grooming” behavior precede the incident. Victim alleges that “relationship” extended from 1967 – 1976 or from 15 years of age to 24. Grooming behavior included fondling, kissing [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Father Keehan is under standard protocol and in full ministry at St. Ann Parish. He has no on-site monitor.

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## Memorandum

To: File

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

Re: **Rev. John Keehan**  
**Review Board Meeting – Supplementary Review**

Date: March 16, 2002

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At Cardinal George's request, the Review Board conducted a supplementary review of Father Keehan's monitoring protocol.

The Board asked for [REDACTED]

The Review Board asked that the Principal of the School and the priest in residence, Fr. Louis Zake, act as co-monitors and file periodic reports with the PFRA.



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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, March 16, 2002

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

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

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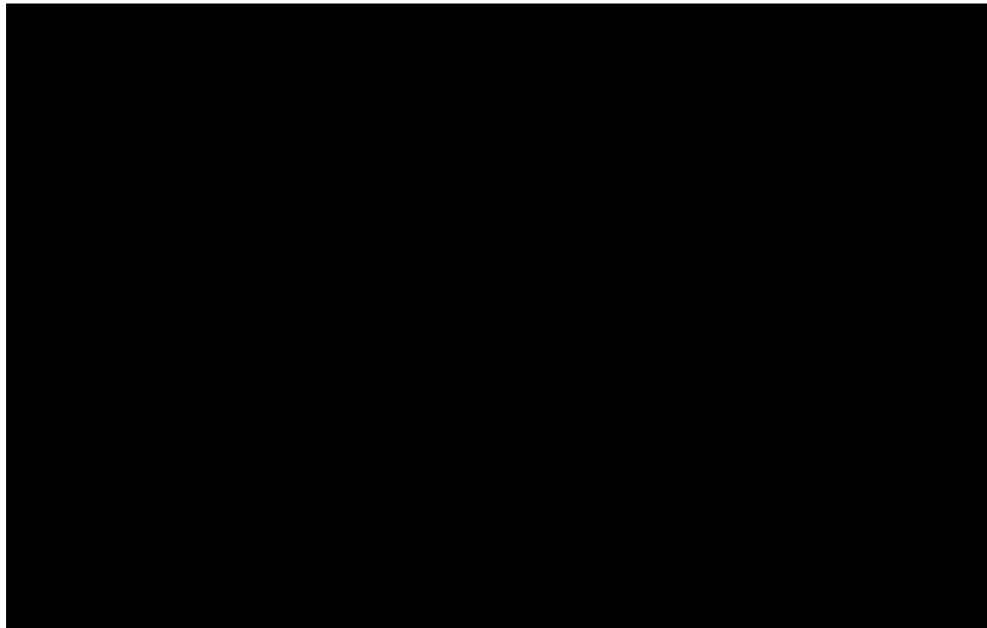
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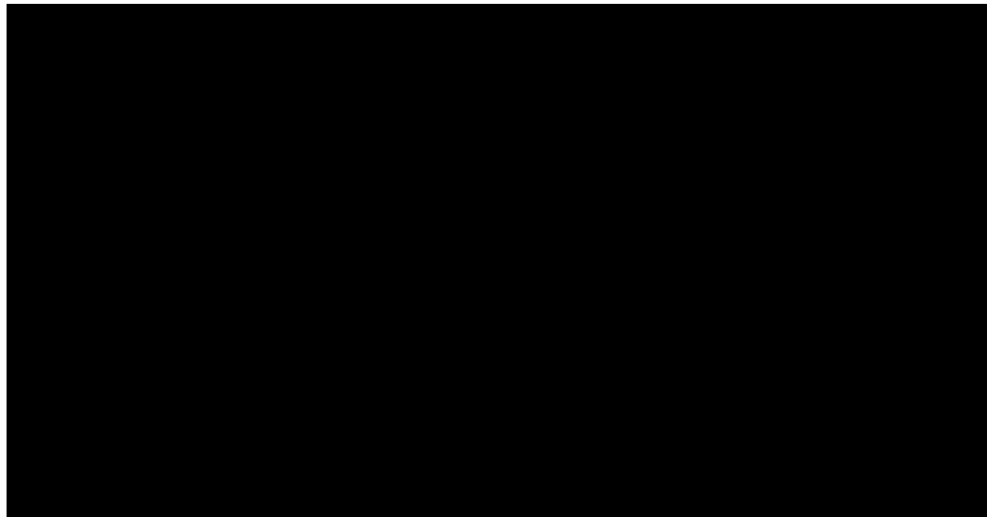
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**II. Budget Review Postponed to April Meeting**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 20, 2002**

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

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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, March 16, 2002  
10:00 – 2:00

### AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2002

II. Case Reviews

A.

B.

C. In the Matter of Rev. John Keehan, PFR-20

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III.

IV. Other Business

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March 25, 2002

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on March 16, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. John Keehan. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Policies and Procedure for Determination of Fitness for Ministry.

Based on that review the Board recommends the following:

- [REDACTED]
- That principal of school and priest in residence, Fr. Zake act as co-monitors and file monthly reports with PFRA.

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

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

AOC 016754

KEEHAN

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Cardinal



Post Office Box 1979  
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April 1, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Leggdas,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

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

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

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## Memorandum

To: File - PFR-20

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]

Re: **Rev. John Keehan**

Date: April 5, 2002

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Meeting on March 16, 2002:

At Cardinal George's request, the Review Board conducted a Supplementary Review of Father Keehan's monitoring protocol.

The Board asked for [REDACTED]

The Review Board asked that the Principal of the school and the priest in residence, Father Louis Zake, act as co-monitors and file periodic reports with the PFRA.



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Ministerial Evaluation  
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Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

April 19, 2002

Rev. John Keehan, Pastor  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt St.  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Father Keehan:

The Office of Ministerial will soon be starting your Second Term Pastor Review. The target for completing this review is May 1, 2003. This review process ordinarily includes two types of feedback:

- a) feedback from approximately 40 staff and parishioners compiled into a report by a team of priests and lay persons (systematic feedback)
- b) feedback sent directly to your Episcopal Vicar in response to a letter which he places in the parish bulletin.

I would like to invite you to consider using the new *Periodic Review of Priestly Ministry* for your review process.

This process offers:

- an up-to-date feedback survey designed by a representative group of Archdiocesan priests
- feedback from up to 20 staff, parish leadership, and samplings of at least 30 parishioners selected randomly from a pool of names submitted by you and the parish staff
- the assistance of a priest colleague who experienced the process, and received training to guide you as you work with the feedback
- a comprehensive feedback report of both statistical data and key information from comments
- an outline for setting goals and directions for the future.

A sample of the feedback survey and information regarding the process are enclosed for your consideration. If you have questions, I will be happy to discuss them with you. Or, you may call any of the priests from the pilot group list of "Confidants" who can tell you of their experience.

Please look over these materials. Give me a call if you have questions. If I have not heard from you within a couple of weeks, I will call to discuss your decision regarding the process you prefer to use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Yunger".

Mary Yunger, Director  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

MY: jw

Enc.

cc. Most Rev. John Manz, Episcopal Vicar  
Rev. Jim Miller, Dean

AOC 016757

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Office of Diocesan Priests' Placement Board  
Reverend John W. Clemens  
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April 25, 2002

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Reverend John Keehan  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 S Leavitt  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear John,

Thank you for your "Twelve Year Pastorate Form."

As a rule a pastor completing his second term or anticipating retiring needs to meet with the Cardinal six months before his term ends; or, if you are seeking an extension you need to share your plans with your Vicar and Dean.

In the meantime, please keep in touch with the Placement Board. Be assured I will be available for whatever help we can be to you.

Dan McCarthy will be your Board Contact, and you may reach him at (773) 763-8228.

Fraternally yours,

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Reverend John W. Clemens  
Executive Secretary

JWC/ljb

cc: Most Reverend John Manz, Vicar  
Reverend James Miller, Dean  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation

April 25, 2002

Rev. John Keehan  
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Chicago, IL 60608

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Dear Fr. Keehan:

Our records indicate that you will be entering the tenth year of your pastorate. In March of 1997 the Presbyteral Council endorsed the policies of the Priests' Personnel System. One of the policies endorsed had to deal with pastors completing their second term. The policy reads *"After two terms (six years each) as a pastor in a parish, the pastor's term concludes in that specific pastorate.*

*Special consideration will be made for an exception based on:*

- a) **AGE:** *age may be a factor in considering a waiver of this policy, but if a person is aged 59 or younger at the time of completion of his second term as pastor, it is recommended that age alone should not be the basis for an exception to this policy. (This does not mean that a pastor is automatically extended to a third term if over 59.)*
- b) **PARISH SITUATION:** *unique circumstances in the life of a parish may indicate the need for a waiver of this policy.*
- c) **FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS:** *these may be determining factors.*
- d) **ETHNIC, RACIAL OR CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS:** *these may suggest a waiver of the two term policy.*
- e) **SPECIAL PROJECTS:** *some project within the parish that might necessitate an extension.*
- f) **HEALTH:** *Particularly health problems would be a factor in considering a waiver of this policy."*

The Office of Ministerial Evaluation will be contacting you if they haven't already done so, to conduct an evaluation. The purpose of this evaluation is not to determine whether you should stay or go. The purpose is to assist you in better appreciating your gifts and talents as a pastor. The feedback from the evaluation process will be very beneficial in helping you to get a sense of what kind of placement in the future will build on your strengths.

- over -

I write you now on behalf of the Board to advise you of the following practical considerations.

- 1) If you will celebrate your 65th birthday by the end of your 12th year as pastor, you may ask that your pastorate be extended.
- 2) If for some personal reason you feel an extension of your pastorate is needed, you may ask for an extension.
- 3) If there is, in your estimation, a need at your parish that warrants an extension of your pastorate you may seek the extension.

*(In each of the preceding instances, consultation and evaluation will take place as previously mentioned.)*

If you are not planning to seek an extension or one is not granted, there are various options to consider:

- A) A new pastorate which you would begin actively seeking now
- B) A new pastorate which you would seek when your term is completed. This could mean extending your pastorate in your current term for one or two years.
- C) Being assigned as an Associate Pastor either temporarily or for a term of office depending on your wishes.
- D) Seeking a three to six month sabbatical and being reassigned before, during or in the one month after your sabbatical, dependent on your wishes.

I have enclosed a form for you to complete. If you return it by **July 1, 2002**, the Board will be better able to assist you in the future.

Thank you for your time, I hope all is well with you in your parish. I offer you the prayers of the entire Board at this time of decision in your life. We are grateful for all you have done in your ministry as pastor.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend John W. Clemens  
Executive Secretary  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board

Enc:

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Carol Fowler  
From: Mary Yunger  
Date: May 3, 2002  
RE: Reviews for Fr. [REDACTED] and Fr. Keehan :

[REDACTED]

Father Keehan's second term at St. Ann's on South Leavitt does not end until October of 2004. He has just received the letter indicating that he has a choice of process—new or old. I won't know which process he has chosen for a few weeks yet. The target for completing his review would be next March.

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## TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT

Permission to go on vacation to Yellowstone Park from/to June 22 - July 11  
(Destination) (Dates)  
this year has been granted to John Keenan provided the following conditions  
(Client name)  
will be met by him and [REDACTED] (his sister)  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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 July 11, 2002, 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): Rev. John J. Keenan  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

**received**

5-3-02

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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.

Revised 11/9/99

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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June 25, 2002

Dear Father Keehan,

As you know, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on June 14, 2002 in Dallas, Texas, adopted a "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" as well as "Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests, Deacons, and other Church Personnel." Although the latter of these two documents is awaiting the *recognitio* of the Holy See before it becomes particular law for the entire episcopal conference, diocesan bishops can adopt particular laws for their own dioceses. I have done this by adopting and incorporating the Dallas protocols into our Archdiocesan policies and procedures effective as of yesterday, when I signed the decree.

Accordingly, while your case is being reviewed in light of these policies, you are temporarily being withdrawn from all ministry and are required to report to Koenig Hall in Mundelein where you are to take up residence, effective immediately. While acknowledging your canonical rights, canon 223 also requires those exercising their rights to take into account the common good of the Church and the rights of others as well as their own duties towards others. This same canon also authorizes ecclesiastical authority to regulate the exercise of rights in the interest of the common good.

Since the safety of minors is clearly in the interest of the common good, I invoke my authority under canon 223 and order you as a matter of obedience in accord with canon 273 to cease all ministry temporarily and report for residence at Koenig Hall immediately.

Personally, I appreciated very much the conversation we had. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

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, appearing to read "John J. George".  
Chancellor

Rev. John Keehan  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt St.  
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12 - 2ND TERM

NAME: John Keehan '67  
PARISH: St. Ann Parish  
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PHONE # 312/773-7486 VICARIATE: III DEANERY: E

SECOND TERM ENDS: 10/01/04 DOB: [REDACTED] AGE 63

LETTER & FORM REQUESTING INTENSIONS OUT: 4/12/02

RESPONSE DEADLINE: 07/01/02

RESPONSE RECEIVED: 4/19/02 \*\*

\*\* If leaving parish, consultation scheduled for: \_\_\_\_\_

COPY SENT TO: 4/25/02

VICAR: John Manz  
DEAN: James Miller

BOARD CONTACT: Dean McCarthy

EVALUATION COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

VICAR'S LETTER RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DEAN'S LETTER RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETED EVALUATION RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD MEETING: \_\_\_\_\_

April 10, 2002

NOTATIONS:

*4/19/02  
Sub 3-6 when  
make decision*  
*6/25/02 -  
Major Problem -  
we will see what  
develops. JLB.*



Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter dated June 26, 2002 written by the sister of Victim JH and addressed to Cardinal Francis George. In the letter, Victim JH's sister accuses Fr. Keehan of raping her now-deceased brother at gunpoint at St. Basil parish in the early 1970s when Victim JH was in high school. Victim JH's sister states that her family wants to ensure that Fr. Keehan is not reinstated as an active priest.

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Office of Assistance Ministry



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal George  
FROM: Mayra Flores *mf*  
RE: [REDACTED]  
DATE: June 27, 2002

*Add & file on  
John Keehan -  
She is willing to go  
further testimony on  
this case*

Your Eminence,

[REDACTED] contacted the Office of Assistance Ministry on June 26<sup>th</sup>. She and her family had read in the newspapers that Fr. Keehan would be appealing his removal from ministry. [REDACTED] and her family have identified Fr. Keehan as the priest who sexually abused her brother, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and her family asked what, if any, recourse they had in the process. I suggested that she write directly to you with her (and her family's) input - it is included with this memo.

[REDACTED]

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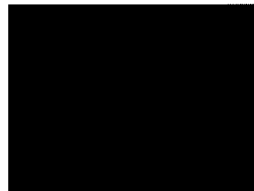
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G. Vicar for Priests Agenda:

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John Keehan '67



g) John Keehan '67: John is in the monitoring program.

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# PRIEST PERSONNEL FILE ACCESS REQUEST RECORD

Archdiocese of Chicago

This form documents an individual priest's request for access to his records. It must be filled out completely and signed by all appropriate parties.

## TO BE FILLED IN BY AGENCY HOLDING RECORDS

Name of Priest File: <i>JOHN J. KEENAN</i>	
Record of Agency/Office: <i>VICAR FOR PRIESTS</i>	
Address:	
City/State:	Zip:
Phone:	

Person Requesting File: <i>PATRICK G. REARDON</i>	Date of Request: <i>7/10/02</i>
Written Request Attached (Written request must accompany this form) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	

Person Authorizing Access: <i>JOHN KEENAN</i>	Date Records Accessed: <i>7/10/02</i>
Signature: <i>John J. Keenan</i>	

## TO BE FILLED IN BY REQUESTER

Requester's Signature Acknowledging Receipt of File:

*Patrick G. Reardon*

Requester's Comments:

Initialed:

(Revised 12/95)



## CANON LAW PROFESSIONALS

### MANDATE

According to the norms of the Code of Canon Law, I, Rev. John Keehan, hereby appoint J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D. to act as my canonical Advocate.

I authorize him to take all necessary actions to represent and counsel me regarding my current situation with the Archdiocese of Chicago (e.g., my current status, my current support and any impending actions concerning these issues).

I understand that I may revoke this mandate at any time.

Date July 16, 2002

Rev. John J. Keehan  
Rev. John Keehan

I hereby accept the appointment as Advocate for Rev. John Keehan as provided for in this Mandate.

Date 7-19-2002

J. Michael Ritty  
J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D.

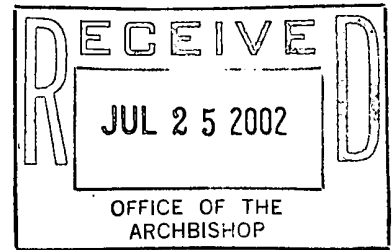
## **MEMO**

**To: File**  
**From: Jim Kaczorowski**  
**Date: July 19, 2002**  
**Re: John Keehan**

At the convocation in June, I informed John Keehan that because of the Dallas charter the Cardinal is temporarily removing him from public ministry with the possibility of permanent removal.

I shared with him that he has the canonical right to appeal to Rome. However, if he has indeed abused a minor, he should refrain from appealing. I shared a list of canon lawyers with him and advised that it may be helpful for him to also have a civil lawyer.

Rev. John Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, Illinois 60060-0455  
847-566-6060



July 20, 2002

His Eminence Francis Cardinal George  
Post Office box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Your Eminence:

Fr. Pat Lagges urged me to write to you and make explicit that for the good of the Church I have voluntarily taken up temporary residence at Koenig Hall awaiting the process of appeal, and at your instructions I am not conducting any ministry. I have not resigned as pastor of St. Ann Parish and I wish to retain, protect and exercise all my rights under canon law.

Personally, I too appreciate our conversation. Thank you for your encouragement and pastoral care. I appreciate your prayers and am confident in God and the Church to do what is just and right. I intend to challenge the facts of the allegation. Fr. Kaczorowski has been very kind and charitable. Fr. Talarico has also been very good to me. Be assured you have my prayers for your ministry and for a good outcome to this situation.

Please do what you can to help the people of St. Ann Parish during my absence, and keep them in your prayers as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. John J. Keehan".

Rev. John J. Keehan

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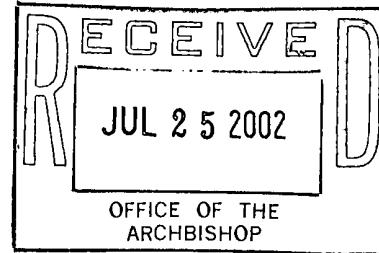




## CANON LAW PROFESSIONALS

July 22, 2002

His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
PO Box 1979  
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Your Eminence:

I have been contacted by Rev. John Keehan to assist him as a canonical advocate regarding his current situation with the Archdiocese of Chicago. He has appointed me his advocate according to canon 1481 and other appropriate norms of Canon Law. I am enclosing a copy of the mandate for your information.

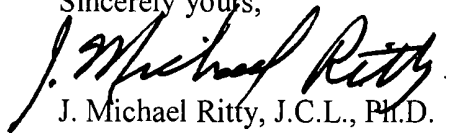
I have spoken with Fr. Keehan and understand that his current situation stems from a complaint received by the Archdiocese concerning an incident that occurred about thirty years ago and which was appropriately dealt with by the Archdiocese at least ten years ago. It is also my understanding that Fr. Keehan has been monitored for a number of years by the Archdiocese because of these allegations and that no new allegations have ever come forward.

In order to assist Fr. Keehan, I am requesting that any information regarding this case be shared with me at your earliest convenience. It is my understanding that such information is contained in a file held by the Chancellor's Office, another held by the Vicar for Priest's Office and a third held by the Professional Fitness Board. I am, respectfully, requesting a copy of all three files. I would be happy to discuss this case by phone with you or your delegate who might be handling the case at this time.

If there are any particular laws or policies of the Archdiocese of Chicago that I should be aware of, I ask that these, too, be forwarded to me.

Finally, due to the nature of this allegation and the demands of the recently passed *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, I am requesting the Archdiocesan policy regarding the payment for canonical services. Will these costs be covered by the Archdiocese or by the individual?

I have the honor to be, Your Eminence,  
Sincerely yours,

  
J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D.  
Advocate for Rev. John Keehan

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file, prepared by Leah McCluskey of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review and dated August 13, 2002, summarizing a conference call between Ms. McCluskey; Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry; and Victim JH's sister in which Victim JH's sister details Victim JH's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. John Keehan when Victim JH was a minor, as told to the victim's sister by Victim JH. According to Victim JH's sister, the abuse occurred at St. Basil parish when Victim JH was in high school in 1971, and consisted of one instance of Fr. Keehan sodomizing Victim JH repeatedly at gunpoint. Victim JH allegedly told his parents about the abuse, who instructed their children not to speak of the incident. Victim JH also mentioned that he knew of another minor who was abused by Fr. Keehan, but did not give his sister a name.

*Keelha*  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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September 5, 2002

Mr. J. Michael Ritty  
Canon Law Professionals  
29 Lower Copeland Hill Road  
Feura Bush, New York 12067

Dear Mr. Ritty:

I wish to reply on behalf of Cardinal George to your letter of July 22.

In response to the request you made, we do not send out copies of our files. It would be necessary for you to arrange to come to Chicago and view the files here. We do not permit copies to be made, but, of course, you would be free to take notes. Please contact Mr. Jimmy Lago, our Chancellor. He can be reached at 312-751-5382. His office is located at 155 E. Superior, 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

With regard to canonical services rendered, the Archdiocese plans to follow the guidelines established by the Canon Law Society of America, but we have not yet finalized the schedule of fees and reimbursement for travel expenses.

Enclosed is a copy of the particular laws of the Archdiocese in this matter of clerical abuse of minors.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Raymond E. Goedert*  
Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Vicar General

cc: Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-20

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: Rev. John Keehan Response to Allegation of  
[REDACTED]

Date: September 7, 2002

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**Date of Interview:** 9/3/02 **Time:** 2:00 p.m.

### **Present at Interview**

John Keehan, accused [JK]  
Mr. Patrick Reardon, attorney [PR]  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
[PFRA]  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests [VFP]

### **Face-to-Face Interview**

John Keehan [JK] and Patrick Reardon [PR] were on time for the 2:00pm meeting at the Vicar for Priests Office. After introductions were made, PFRA described the responsibilities of the Office of Professional Fitness Review as well as those of PFRA.

PFRA read the allegations of sexual misconduct against JK which were made by [REDACTED] on behalf of her deceased brother [REDACTED]. At the conclusion of PFRA reading the allegations, PR requested that he and JK be allowed to have a private discussion. PFRA and VFP left PR and JK alone for approximately 5-10 minutes. PR then requested that PFRA and VFP rejoin the meeting.

JK began his response by "categorically denying" all allegations of sexual misconduct stated by [REDACTED]. He added that all parts of the allegation were "false." PR led the beginning of JK's response by asking JK various questions in regards to the allegations read. JK made a "clear denial of a sexual relationship" with [REDACTED]. JK stated that "I don't know him [REDACTED]."

In regards to activities held at St. Basil's, JK stated "[REDACTED] JK added that he "never held a gun to anyone's head."

[REDACTED] When asked if he ever owned a gun, JK stated that he was given his father's service revolver when he retired [from the police force] in 1969. JK then stated that he never pointed a gun at anyone, [REDACTED] and he has never had sexual contact with anyone. He then elaborated by stating, "I didn't have sexual contact with anyone. I am not a homosexual. I did not have sexual contact with any human being."

When asked if he knows a person by the name of [REDACTED], JK said that he does. [REDACTED]

JK wanted to make it clear that he requested a copy of the allegation read to him as well as a chance to look over his file. VFP instructed JK to make a written request to view his file in the Office of Professional Fitness Review.

Cc: Review Board Members  
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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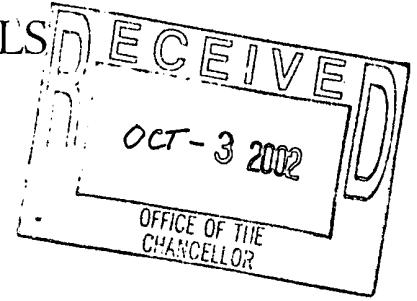
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## CANON LAW PROFESSIONALS



September 30, 2002

Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
PO Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1970

Dear Mr. Lago:

*File*  
I want to thank you and your staff for the wonderful reception and cooperation last Thursday. Both Fr. Keehan and I appreciated the ability to review his files without interference.

Since this was the first review of files, I would like to offer a few comments that might assist you and the Archdiocese of Chicago with future reviews.

1. There were about a dozen documents that we would have liked copies of, if we were preparing for a specific canonical action. Most of these documents were in more than one file and it would be most helpful if a copy would be made available. Much of the other information in the files was already known and in the hands of Fr. Keehan. Since there is no action pending at this time, we do not now need any of the documents. Our notes were sufficient.
2. Your staff was most gracious and unobtrusive. However, there were a couple of documents that I would have liked to have discussed more openly and more immediately with my client. Perhaps in the future there could be some way which would allow more privacy with the files for this type of discussion.
3. You and your staff were most gracious with the time needed. However, even though we were ending our review near the lunch hour, perhaps there may be a way to identify the time frame for a review or provide another monitor if the reviewers want to work through their lunch hour. (Time could also be saved with the copy access referred to above rather than taking the time for extensive notes.)

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter. I hope that future reviews go as smoothly as ours did.

Sincerely yours,

J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D.  
Advocate for Fr. Keehan

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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]

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#### I. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2002

#### II. Case Reviews

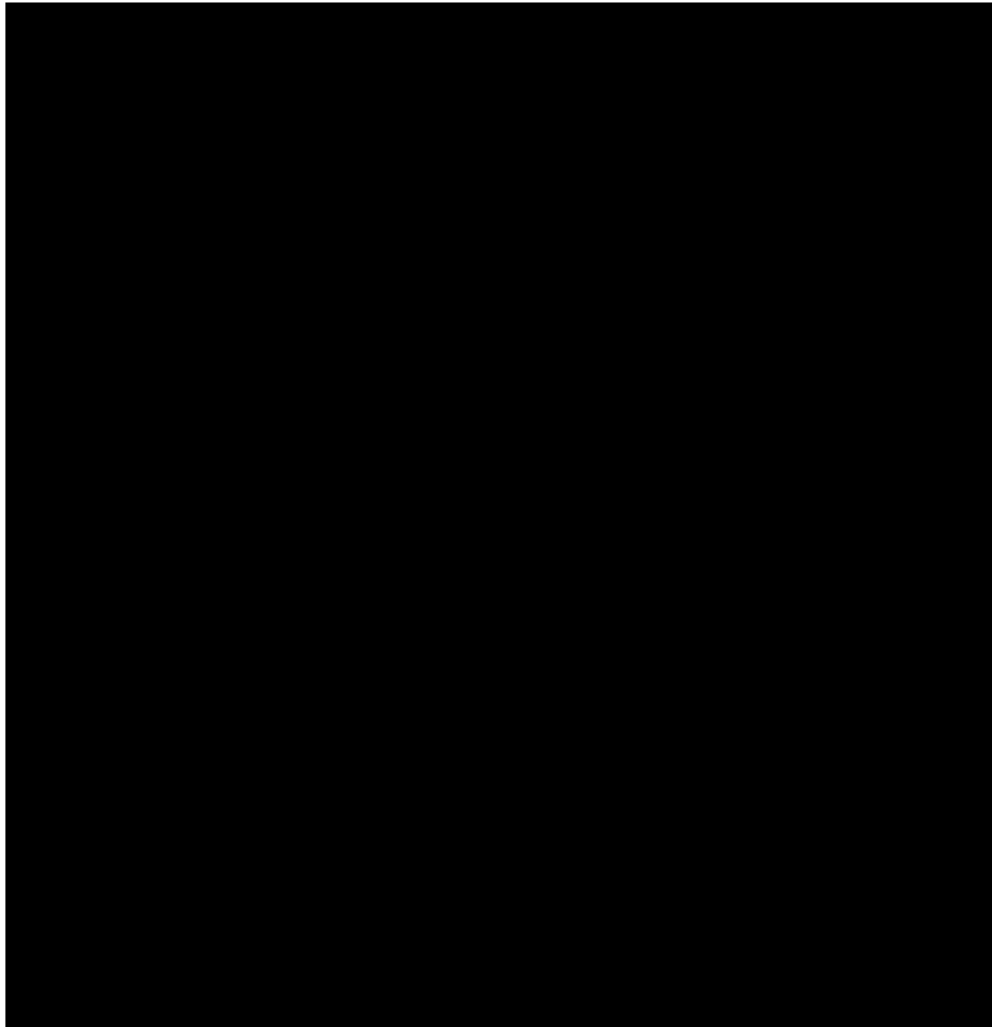
##### First Stage Reviews

A.

[REDACTED]



B.



C. In the Matter of Rev. John Keehan (Withdrawn) – PFR-20

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: repeated sodomization; [REDACTED]

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0; Review Board invites [REDACTED] to come forward with any additional information regarding allegation.

D.

E.

Second Stage Reviews

F.

G.

**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

A.

B.

C. In the Matter of Rev. John Keehan (Withdrawn) – PFR-20  
• Allegation made by [REDACTED]

D.

E.

### Second Stage Reviews

A.

B.

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. John Keehan (withdrawn)  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago

☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

☐ a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)

☐ a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

☐ a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: repeated sodomization; \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

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: unanimous 6-0; RB invites  
\_\_\_\_\_ to come forward with  
any additional info. re: allegation

PFR-20

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October 16, 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. John Keehan (Withdrawn) in the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A First Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Review Board determined that there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

The Board unanimously (6-0) recommends that [REDACTED] be invited to come forward with any additional information regarding allegation.

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  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Pat Lagges, Judicial Vicar  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
John O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

*I accept the process.*  
*F. J. [unclear]*  
*Oct 23, 2002*

A:/George Notification Letter

AOC 016786

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## Memorandum

To: File -PFR-20

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant <sup>LJP</sup>

Re: Rev. John Keehan (Withdrawn)

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: repeated sodomization; [REDACTED].

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0; Review Board invites [REDACTED] to come forward with any additional information regarding allegation.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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 16, 2002, regarding the matter of **Reverend John Keehan** and the allegation made by [REDACTED], following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on October 5, 2002.

In light of the Board's consideration of the reports received in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is no reasonable cause to suspect Father Keehan engaged in sexual misconduct with him.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William J. Neethard".

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  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services  
Ms. Laura Neri, Office of Professional Fitness Review

AOC 016788



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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 reports received in this matter, Cardinal George accepts the Board's determination that there is no reasonable cause to suspect that Father Keehan engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, [REDACTED].

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,

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

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

A:/Victim Notification Letter

AOC 016789

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November 12, 2002

Rev. John Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father Keehan,

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 reports received in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is no reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, [REDACTED]

If at any time you would like to submit additional information regarding this matter to this office, please contact me. Also, please know Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at (312) 642-1837.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar

A:/Accused Notification Letter

AOC 016790

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MEMORANDUM



TO: File


Cc: Leah McCluskey

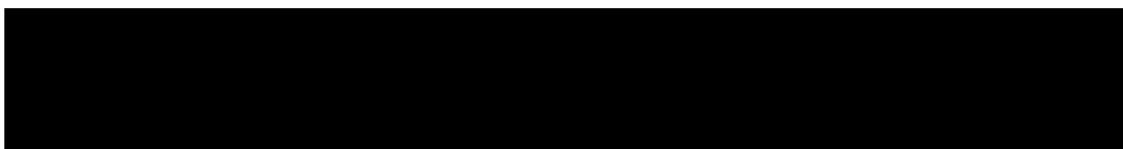
FROM: Mayra Flores 

RE:  [v. John Keehan]


DATE: November 18, 2002

I received a telephone call today [3:05 p.m.] from .  was upset over the letter she received informing her of the Review Board's recommendations and the Cardinal's acceptance of them.







I believe the problem is the wording of the letters describing the Board's findings. As  expressed in her phone message, we are conveying the notion that the Board didn't believe her. I know that is not the Board's intention, but the Accuser shouldn't be left to guess or surmise.



AOC 016791

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a Memorandum to the Review Board members, prepared by Mayra Flores of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry and dated November 20, 2002, summarizing a phone call to Ms. Flores from Victim JH's sister on November 20, 2002. Victim JH's sister expressed her frustration at the Review Board's determination in her brother's case but acknowledged that she understands why the Review Board could not find reasonable cause. Victim JH's sister mentioned that she would like to hear an explanation of the Review Board's decision from someone at the Archdiocese. At the end of the memo, Ms. Flores asks the Review Board members (and Leah McCluskey of the Office of Professional Responsibility by carbon copy) who would be the best person to respond to Victim JH's sister's request.

Rev. John Keehan  
Box 455  
Mundelein, Ill. 60060-0455  
December 2, 2002

Rev. James Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan #543  
Chicago, Ill. 60611

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski:

As we discussed over the phone today, I will be visiting my sister, [REDACTED], at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Florida, [REDACTED] [Phone: [REDACTED]]. I will depart on the 18th and return on the 5th.

As we also discussed I will be with Rev. James Flynn in Colorado from January 20 until the 31.


It is my understanding that they will monitor me during that time. Please let me know if there are any further requirements at [REDACTED].

Thank you for your help and concern, you and your work are in my prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Keehan".

Rev. John Keehan

  
Bishop Raymond E. Goedert  
Vicar General  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690




Dear Ray,

I am writing you this letter as a follow-up to our recent conversation about the case of Father John Keehan.

I was a member of the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Board when the Board considered the allegation brought against Fr. Keehan. Though he admitted a sexual encounter with the woman, he claimed that it had taken place when she was not a minor. After considering all the evidence that was presented, the Board decided to recommend that Father Keehan be allowed to stay in ministry with monitoring. Father Thomas Paprocki, then Chancellor and the Cardinal's representative to the Board, witnessed our discussion and decision and passed it on as our recommendation to Cardinal Bernadin. The Cardinal accepted the recommendation and made it his decision.

I was surprised when Fr. Keehan's name was on the list of those removed after the Bishop's meeting at Dallas. Recently I met Fr. Keehan out at the Retreat House, and in the course of our conversation I asked him whether any new allegations or evidence had been brought up against him. He said he was not aware of any.

If that is true, I am concerned whether his files adequately presented the records of the Board's discussion and decision. The Board did not condone Fr. Keehan's sexual relations with the woman (which he admitted), but it seemed critical that they had happened when she was not a minor.

I think it would be fair to Father Keehan and his trial that  be consulted about her memory about the case. (I believe  was the chairperson of the board at the time; it may have been ) Also since Bishop Paprocki was involved, he might be asked about his memory of the case.

I know you will do what you consider best with this letter. I am grateful for your help.

Sincerely,  


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## Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, February 1, 2003

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]   
Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

### I. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2003

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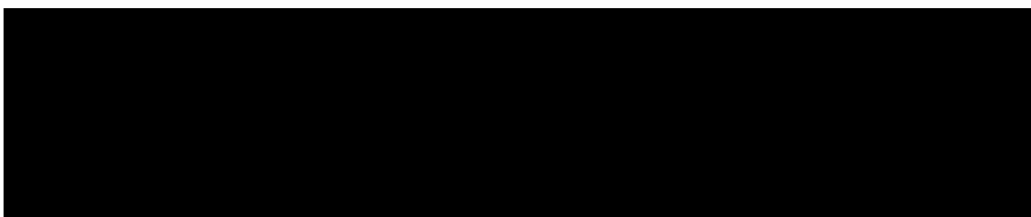
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### II. Case Reviews

#### First Stage Review:

A.

[REDACTED]



**Second Stage Reviews**

A.



B.

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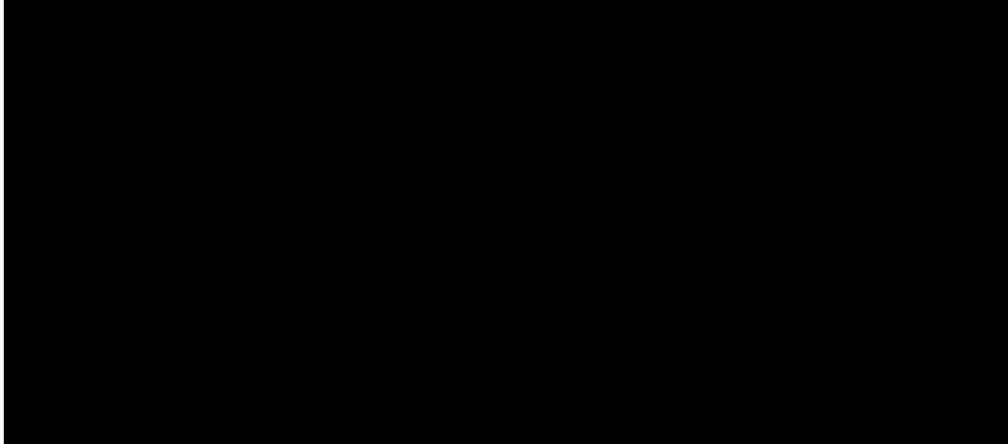


D. In the Matter of Rev. John Keehan [JK] [Withdrawn]-PFR-20

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] made on behalf of her brother [REDACTED] who is deceased. The claim is as follows: JK [REDACTED] sodomized him, [REDACTED] repeatedly; JK held a gun to [REDACTED]'s head.

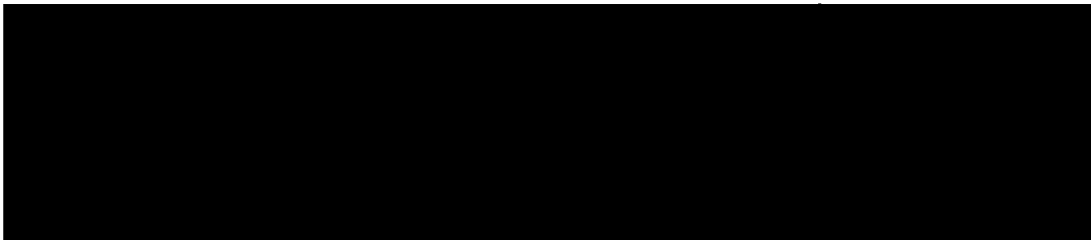
The Board made a unanimous 8-0 vote, recommending that this case be closed at this time due to the fact that this is a third party allegation and that JK is already withdrawn. The Board recommended that PFRA write a clarification letter to [REDACTED] regarding their First Stage Review recommendation that there is no reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur due to the aforementioned circumstances. The Board also recommended that PFRA contact [REDACTED] via phone to speak with her regarding the matter.

E.



III. Other

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**Next scheduled meeting is February 15, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, February 1, 2003 9:00 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

REVISION

I. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2003

II. Case Reviews

First Stage Review:

A. [REDACTED]

Second Stage Reviews:

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of Rev. John Keehan (Withdrawn) – PFR-20

- Allegation made by [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED]

III. Other

[REDACTED]

The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, February 15, 2003

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on February 1, 2003 to conduct a  
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) ☐ First Stage Review ☒ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report

regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against John Keenan (Withdrawn)  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago

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(enter name of religious community)

☐ a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

☐ a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

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

repeatedly; JK held a gun to \_\_\_\_\_ 's head

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: 8-0 unanimous to conclude  
case at this time; have PFRA write a letter of  
clarification to \_\_\_\_\_ re: their First Stage Review  
recommendation of no reasonable cause to suspect

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-20

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **John Keehan (Withdrawn)**

Date: February 3, 2003

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on February 1, 2003:

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] made on behalf of her brother [REDACTED] who is deceased. The claim is as follows: JK [REDACTED] sodomized him [REDACTED] repeatedly; JK held a gun to [REDACTED]'s head.

The Board made a unanimous 8-0 vote, recommending that this case be closed at this time due to the fact that this is a third party allegation and that JK is already withdrawn. The Board recommended that PFRA write a clarification letter to [REDACTED] regarding their First Stage Review recommendation that there is no reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur due to the aforementioned circumstances. The Board also recommended that PFRA contact [REDACTED] via phone to speak with her regarding the matter.

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February 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 February 1, 2003. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of John Keehan [Withdrawn] in the allegation made by [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED] [Deceased]. A Second Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In a unanimous 8-0 vote, the Board feels that they are unable to make a recommendation on this matter due to the fact that the alleged victim is deceased. The Board also recommends that PFRA contact [REDACTED] via mail and phone to clarify the First Stage Review recommendation that "there is no reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred." The unanimous vote to uphold the First Stage Review recommendation is based upon the aforementioned circumstances as well as the fact that John Keehan is withdrawn from ministry.

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

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

*I accept this decision*  
*for*  
*Feb. 7, 2003*

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

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March 7, 2003

Fr. John Keehan  
C/o Patrick Reardon  
221 N. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Fr. Keehan,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on February 1, 2003 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation [made by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]] of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's unanimous finding that they are unable to make a recommendation on this matter due to the fact that the alleged victim is deceased.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5206. Also, please know that Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
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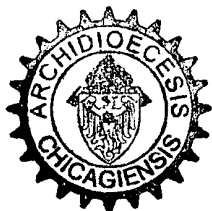
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of February 6, 2003, regarding the matter of **Reverend John Keehan**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is not engaged in active ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED], following the Second Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on February 1, 2003.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that they are not able to make any recommendations on this matter due to the fact that the alleged victim is deceased.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

*Rev. Richard Lander*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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March 7, 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on February 1, 2003 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct on behalf of [REDACTED] against Fr. John Keehan [Withdrawn] pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's finding that they are unable to make a recommendation on this matter due to the fact that [REDACTED] is deceased. In addition, as you already may know, John Keehan is currently removed from ministry. I still would like to speak with you to answer any questions or concerns that you may have regarding this finding made by the Board. I intend to contact you by phone within approximately 10 days of your receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions prior to my contacting you, please feel free to reach me at 312.751.5206. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. You may reach them at 312.751.8307.

Sincerely,

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

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

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
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March 14, 2003

Rev. John J. Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Jack:

I realize you must have many questions about what is happening with regard to your situation. I have appreciated your patience and understanding, and I thank you again for agreeing not to exercise ministry while your case is pending. As you know, the Dallas Charter and Norms created a canonical difficulty. They required bishops to act immediately, but Church law prohibited us from taking any action under the Norms until they received the approval of the Holy See. I am very grateful to each of you for cooperating in the implementation of the Charter and Norms, even though that cooperation has taken a toll on you. I am writing the same letter to each of you so that you are clear as to what will be happening next.

The Holy See approved the revised Norms on December 8, 2002, and Bishop Gregory indicated they would go into effect March 1, 2003. I want you to be aware of the implications of this, so that at least you will understand how we will be proceeding in the Archdiocese of Chicago. There are still some aspects of the process that the USCCB Committee on Canonical Affairs is working on, so some part of the process are less clear than others.

In the near future, I will be submitting each of your cases to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, as required by the Norms that Congregation issued in 2001. At that time, I will ask the Congregation for a dispensation from the statute of limitations so that we are free to conduct a trial according to the Code of Canon Law.

The reason for my request will be that the seriousness and the nature of the matter demand it. The sexual misconduct of clergy has caused great harm to the Church in the United States. Unless the Church appears to be taking these allegations seriously, we will lose the confidence of our faithful people and the Church in the United States will no longer have a credible voice.

Moreover, the nature of sexual abuse is such that those who are abused often repress the memory of these actions for many years. It has taken great courage on the part of many of them to come forward with these accusations. I can assure you that they did not make their decisions easily. Whether these actions took place, who was involved, and other such matters are things that are to be dealt with in a canonical trial. But I do not doubt for a moment the sincerity of those who have claimed to be victimized.

At the same time I submit the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I will make formal what up to now has been simply an agreement between you and me. The Essential Norms for the United States require that at this time I issue a decree, in virtue of canon 1722, prohibiting you from exercising sacred ministry and directing where you are to reside.

If the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith dispenses from the statute of limitations and directs me to conduct a trial here in Chicago, I will then submit all the material from your case to Father Bill Woestman, the Promoter of Justice, who will then present a petition to the Metropolitan Tribunal. The petition will ask the Tribunal to decide two issues: Did you commit an act of sexual misconduct, as described in canon 1395? If the answer to that is affirmative, shall the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state be applied to you?

At this point, if you have not already engaged the services of a canonical advocate, you will be required to do so. Your advocate's job is to ensure the protection of your rights and to raise any issues with regard to the above questions.

According to the wishes of the USCCB, the judges for the trial will be chosen from a pool of judges who will be trained in Washington during the last two weeks of February. This will ensure that no Archdiocesan priest will be deciding your case.

The judges will use the information that has been gathered by the Fitness Review Board Administrator, the Vicar for Priests, the Victim Assistance Minister, and your own personnel file. They may also ask for additional information in the case, as they see fit. You or your advocate can also propose other questions to the judges that would assist them in their investigation.

After the judges have collected all the information in the case, you and your advocate will be allowed access to all of the information that the judges will be using in making their decision. You will also be allowed to comment on the information you review, and your advocate will be given an opportunity to present arguments in the case.

At the conclusion of the process, both the Promoter of Justice and you can appeal the decision of the Tribunal. The appeal can be based upon the procedures that were followed during the course of the trial or upon the merits of the decision that was handed down. According to the 2001 Norms of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, these appeals are to be directed to the Supreme Apostolic Tribunal of that Congregation.

I believe that this is the most effective way to ensure that justice is served in the Church. By using our legal system, the rights of all parties are guaranteed and decisions are made on the basis of correct jurisprudence. Regardless of the outcome, the decisions will not only *be* just, but they will also *appear* just in the eyes of our people. This will demonstrate that decisions are not made in an arbitrary manner in the Church, but are made in an orderly and well-reasoned manner.

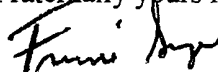
It is for this reason that I will not make any administrative decisions about the disposition of your case. I believe the judicial process will allow you and your advocate to present arguments concerning the substance of the case and the procedures that have been followed. The

judges will then be able to render a decision on this matter which is consistent with our jurisprudence and canonical practice.

I am very much aware of the pain that you have gone through during these months. While this has been personally painful for you, I believe this time has also given our people an opportunity to look at this issue more thoroughly and realize its complexity. Some of the stridency has lessened, and people seem to be reassured that the cases will be handled in a just and equitable manner.

You have been in my prayers each day, and I ask that you continue to keep me in yours.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-20

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: Keehan, J./ [REDACTED]

Date: April 2, 2003

PFRA and Mayra Flores from Victim Assistance Ministry contacted [REDACTED], sister of [REDACTED], via phone today. PFRA explained to [REDACTED] that the purpose of the phone call was to follow up with the letter that she received in March of 2003 regarding the Review Board's finding regarding her allegation that [REDACTED] was sexually abused by Fr. John Keehan when [REDACTED] was a minor.

[REDACTED] was extremely pleasant during the conversation and relayed her understanding of the Board's finding, that they were unable to make a recommendation to the Cardinal due to the fact that her brother is deceased. [REDACTED] informed PFRA and Mrs. Flores that she did speak with the Cardinal after receiving a letter after the First Stage Review of the aforementioned matter. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informed PFRA and Mrs. Flores that she has been contacted by SNAP and that she was urged to write to the Chicago Tribune regarding the allegation that she reported to the Archdiocese on her brother's behalf. She asked if her name and information had been provided to SNAP by the Archdiocese. Both Mrs. Flores and PFRA had assured [REDACTED] that the Archdiocese had not spoken to SNAP.

PFRA apologized to [REDACTED] for the wording of the first letter that she received from this office. Further, PFRA conveyed to [REDACTED] the Board's wish that she know that no one had felt that she had lied or fabricated the accounts of her brother's alleged abuse by Fr. Keehan. [REDACTED] expressed her gratitude for the Board's wishes and she wanted her appreciation conveyed back to the Board. PFRA assured [REDACTED] that the Board would be informed of today's conversation.

██████████ expressed her appreciation for today's phone call, as well as her specific thanks to Mrs. Flores for the care and support that she has provided during this time.

Cc: Most Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
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**Professional Fitness Review Board**  
**Saturday, April 26, 2003 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

## AGENDA

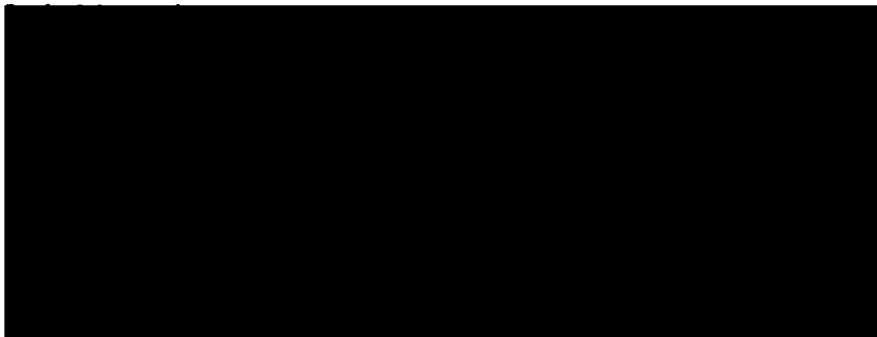
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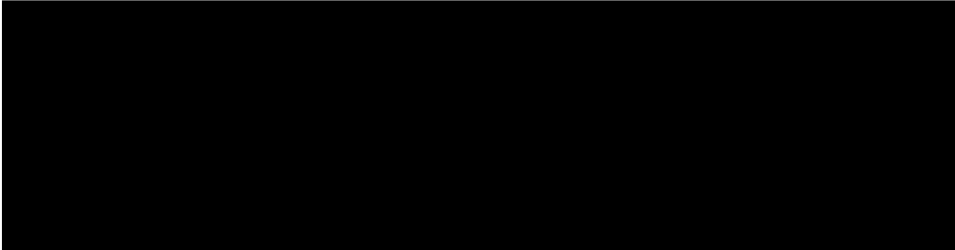
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III. Other Matters

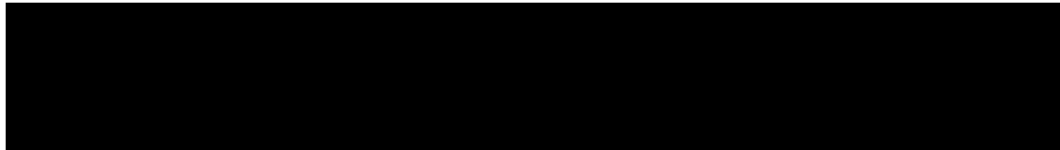
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4. In the Matter of John Keehan (Withdrawn)/[REDACTED] - PFR-20  
• Update - [REDACTED]



IV. Other Business



**The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, May 17, 2003**

Rev. John Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
Box 455, Mundelein Illinois 60060

May 3, 2003

Rev. James Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan Ave. Ste 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski:

As we discussed by telephone recently, I intend to go to Salzburg from June 4 until June 15. I will be accompanied by Fr. Anthony Talarico. Thank you for kindness and care.

Sincerely,

Rev. John Keehan

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## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** MAY 22, 2003  
**TO:** MS. LEAH MCCLUSKEY  
**FROM:** BISHOP RAYMOND GOEDERT  
**RE:** REVEREND JOHN KEEHAN

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

██████████, a member of the previous Professional Fitness Review Board, expressed his concern to me that the Review Board on which he served, had decided to leave Father Keehan in ministry, yet the Archdiocese subsequently removed him.

██████████ acknowledged that there may be more to this case than what was known at the time the previous Review Board made its recommendation to Cardinal George. He simply wanted to satisfy any responsibility he might have in the Keehan case, to make sure the current Review Board is privy to all that transpired prior to Father Keehan's removal from ministry.

I assured ██████████ that you would bring his letter to the attention of the Review Board.

cc: ██████████

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May 23, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

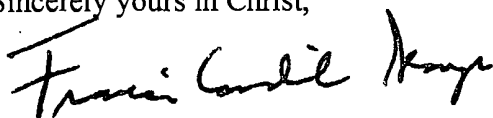
Accompanying this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Rev. John Keehan**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

At the same time, I am designating you as the person who is to supervise the "monitoring protocol" which has been established for Father Keehan. I ask that you report to me on a regular basis, but no less than quarterly, on Father Keehan's compliance with this protocol. You may also wish to report more frequently to the Professional Fitness Review Board so that they can make further recommendations to me on this matter.

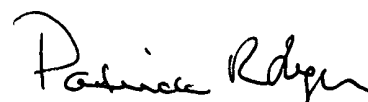
In order to ensure confidentiality in this matter, I ask that you perform this task personally and not designate anyone else for this purpose. Should there be periods of time when you will not be able to perform this task personally, please refer the matter to the Vicar for Priests.

Thank you for agreeing to take on these additional tasks.

Sincerely 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 "Patricia Riden".  
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## DECREE

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Review Board that there is "reasonable cause to suspect" that **Reverend John Keehan** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

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

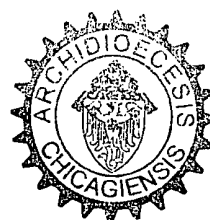
Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to 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 **Father Keehan's** name or to violate his right to protect his privacy. Nor may he be asked to do anything which violates his conscience or is morally unacceptable according to the Church's moral teachings.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written report to me, no later than thirty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense.

Given on 23 May, 2003 at Chicago, Illinois.

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



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## P R E C E P T

Bishops “have been designated by the Holy Spirit to take the place of the apostles as pastors of souls and, together with the Supreme Pontiff and subject to his authority, they are commissioned to perpetuate the work of Christ, the eternal Pastor.” (*Christus dominus*, n.2b) However, since the pastors of the Church can never be expected to carry the burden of pastoral ministry alone (*Lumen gentium*, n. 30), they have been given the order of priests to cooperate in shepherding and guiding God’s people. Indeed, bishops, “because of the gift of the Holy Spirit that has been given to priests at their ordination, will regard them as indispensable helpers and advisers in the ministry and in the task of teaching, sanctifying and shepherding the People of God.” (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 7)

Because of this common task, “bishops are to regard their priests as brothers and friends, and are to take the greatest interest they are capable of in their welfare, both temporal and spiritual. For on their shoulders particularly falls the burden of sanctifying their priests.” (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 7b)

Moreover, the *Directory on the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops* states, “In the same way as Jesus showed his love for his disciples....so also a bishop....can hardly fail to realize that he should show his greatest love and chief concern for priests....Led by a sense of duty and sincere and invincible charity he gives willing assistance in every way to help priests to esteem the loftiness of their priestly vocation, to live serenely, to spread joy to those about them and to fulfill their duties faithfully.” (n. 107a)

This same document urges bishops to do “everything possible to prevent the troubles his priests could have....To keep them safe from trouble he takes prompt and prudent measures.” (n. 112)

The Code of Canon Law has described precepts as a means by which ecclesiastical authority “directly and legitimately enjoins a specific person or persons to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law” (c. 49).

Therefore, I issue this precept, in accordance with c. 49, to urge **Reverend John Keehan** to fulfill the obligations which were placed upon him at the time of his ordination. Because some suspicion has arisen about his fidelity to the sacred promises he made at his ordination, I urge him in particular to lead a life which is in keeping with the holiness of his vocation. Although he is not presently exercising public ministry in the Church, he ought to pursue holiness of life in the way that he lives. He is also still bound to the obligation to pray the liturgy of the hours daily, to set aside time for spiritual retreats, to engage in mental prayer, to approach the sacrament of penance frequently, to honor the Virgin Mother of God with particular veneration as Queen of Priests, and to use any other means of sanctification which he finds helpful (c. 276).

Because of the obligation to observe perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, **Father Keehan** is to act with due prudence toward persons who could endanger the obligation to observe continence (c. 277§1), and to observe the particulars of the attached Individual Specific Protocol (c. 277§3) which I have established in consultation with him.

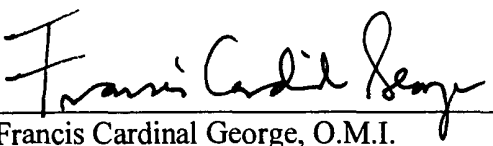
He is to avoid all those things which are unbecoming the clerical state, or those things which are foreign to the clerical state (c. 285), especially those things which are set forth in the attached Individual Specific Protocol which I have established in consultation with him.

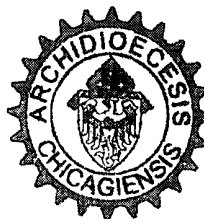
**Father Keehan** is hereby dispensed from his obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c. 284), and is strongly urged not to do so until such time as the case against him can be resolved and more permanent determinations can be made. Although not removed from office, he is nonetheless urged not to exercise the rights of any ecclesiastical office, in accordance with the Individual Specific Protocol which I have established in consultation with him.

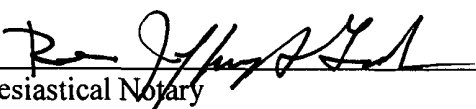
In order to ensure that these obligations are met, I have delegated **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to receive information regarding **Father Keehan's** fulfillment of this precept and his Individual Specific Protocol. She is to submit a report to me no less than quarterly regarding this matter, and may report to the Professional Fitness Review Board more frequently as needed or requested.

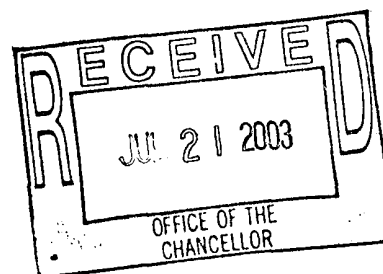
I am establishing this precept in a spirit of fraternal charity, mindful of my responsibility to encourage my priests to remain faithful to the obligations of the clerical state. Because the attached Individual Specific Protocol has been established in dialog between **Father Keehan** and the Vicar for Priests, I accept the provisions of this document, and urge **Father Keehan** to fulfil them in accordance with the obedience he is to show to me as his ordinary (c. 273), and which he promised at his ordination.

Given in Chicago, Illinois on the 23rd day of May, 2003.

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



  
Ecclesiastical Notary



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May 27, 2003

Rev. John Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Jack:

I am again writing to you to give you an update as to what is happening concerning the allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor which have been made against you. I am extremely grateful to you for your patience in this matter. As you know, the Dallas Charter required me to act quickly in cases involving allegations of clerical sexual misconduct with a minor to ensure that no priest with a credible accusation was engaged in public ministry. However, because the accompanying Norms had not been approved by the Holy See, I have not been able to act as quickly as I would have liked in getting your case resolved.

With the Norms having gone into effect on March 1, 2003, along with further instructions which came from the Holy See in February, we are now in a position to begin referring our cases to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Before I make such a referral, I will gather any additional information that seems necessary and review the matter once again. I will then send your advocate a copy of the letter I will be sending to the Holy See, and allow him or her the opportunity to offer an opinion as well. I anticipate this being done by the middle of July.

To that end, I have delegated Ms. Leah McCluskey to review each of the cases to see if more information needs to be gathered. I have asked her to report back to me within one month so that I can make a determination about referring the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. According to the recommendation of the Canonical Affairs Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, if the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith directs me to begin a penal trial, the judges to be used will not be priests serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago. They will be chosen from a list of priests who have been trained to hear cases of clerical sexual misconduct.

In referring your case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I will also consult with the Promoter of Justice and issue a decree which formalizes those things which I asked you to do for the good of the Church and under your promise of obedience to me. The imposition of this decree is required by Norm 6 of the Essential Norms established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

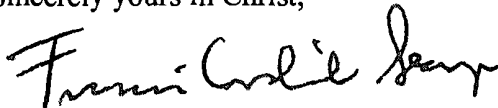
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I have also designated Ms. McCluskey as the person to ensure that the “monitoring protocol” which you signed is being followed. She will report to me and to the Professional Fitness Review Board concerning your compliance with this protocol. I have asked that she perform this function personally, with the Vicar for Priests doing so in her absence. This will ensure the confidentiality and professionalism of this monitoring.

The protocols which you sign from time to time are not to be considered as penalties imposed on you. Instead, they are ways in which I exercise my responsibility to ensure that you fulfill the obligations which you received when you were ordained. I am establishing these protocols as individual precepts, which canon 49 describes as “a decree which directly and legitimately enjoins [you] to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law.” You will receive a copy of my precept at the same time you receive a copy of your protocol.

I hope this clarifies the process somewhat for you. I am grateful that we can finally begin a process for the resolution of your case. I know this has been a very difficult period of time for you in your priesthood. You have always been in my prayers during this time. I ask that you continue to keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Cardinal George". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'F' and a long, sweeping tail.

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

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July 2, 2003

Fr. John Keehan  
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Dear Fr. Keehan,

Enclosed you will find documentation regarding the newly revised Monitoring Protocols. Fr. James Kaczorowski will be contacting you in the near future to schedule a meeting so that the three of us may discuss and review the enclosed information. Fr. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice and Delegate to the Cardinal, will also be present at the meeting to address any canonical questions.

This information is being sent to you so that you and your canonical advocate Dr. Michael Ritty could have the opportunity to discuss the protocols. All of the information enclosed as well as a copy of this letter has been forwarded to Dr. Ritty.

I have also enclosed a copy of the most recent policies and procedures, *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*. A newly revised copy of the policies and procedures are to be effective on July 15, 2003 and as a result, are not yet available.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns:

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[lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Dr. Michael Ritty, Canonical Advocate

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Bishop Raymond Goedert

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Keehan, John

Date: July 2, 2003

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This memo is in regards to your memo written to my attention dated May 22, 2003 regarding Fr. John Keehan. As per your memo, [REDACTED] expressed his concerns to you regarding a past allegation of sexual misconduct brought against Fr. Keehan in 1993.

I have attached to this memo, copies of the letters from former Professional Fitness Review Administrator Steve Sidlowski stating the recommendations of the Review Board to the Cardinal dated May 12, 1993 and September 21, 1993. Further, [REDACTED]'s letter attached to your memo dated May 22, 2003 will be presented to the Review Board for their consideration.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-20

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]

Re: Keehan, John "Jack"

Date: July 10, 2003

PRA, Fr. James Kaczorowski [Vicar for Priests], and Fr. Daniel Smilanic [Promoter of Justice, Delegate to the Cardinal] met with Fr. John "Jack" Keehan on July 10, 2003 to review Fr. Keehan's new monitoring protocols. PRA also confirmed with Fr. Keehan that he had received copies of the monitoring protocols as well as the most recent *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* that had been mailed to his attention. PRA informed Fr. Keehan that the same information was mailed to his canonical advocate, Dr. J. Michael Ritty.

PRA reviewed the Individual Specific Monitoring Protocol for Fr. Keehan, as well as the "Clergy Daily Log" and "Travel/Vacation Agreement" forms. Fr. Keehan had questions regarding his need to [REDACTED]. He stated that he received a letter from Kathleen Leggdas stating that he no longer needed to [REDACTED]. PRA informed Fr. Keehan that his file would be reviewed for such information. Fr. Keehan added that he did

[REDACTED]

PRA informed Fr. Keehan that his file would be reviewed for such information. [REDACTED]

Fr. Keehan agreed that he would speak with Dr. Ritty within the next 10 days to discuss the monitoring protocols presented to him. PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski discussed with Fr. Keehan scheduling a time to meet in Mundelein to sign the protocols after Fr. Keehan has had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Ritty. Fr. Kaczorowski will be in contact with Fr. Keehan to schedule the meeting to take place in approximately two weeks.

PRA provided Fr. Keehan with the aforementioned Daily Log and Travel/Vacation Agreement forms.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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July 11, 2003

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

As the Auditor whom you appointed in accord with Canon 1717 to conduct a Preliminary Investigation into the allegations of sexual abuse of minors that have been made against the Rev. John Keehan, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I would like to inform you that the investigation has been completed.

As required by Canon 1718, a sufficient amount of material is now present for you to make a determination. I have examined the files of the investigations of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors by Fr. Keehan, and I have found them to be complete.

There is at least one allegation that was submitted to the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board in which the Board recommended to you that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct did occur. Given the material gathered as the Board's instruction of the case, it is now necessary for you to determine if the elements meet the required standard of proof. The Board reported their finding to you after having discussed the evidence and the arguments in two formal sessions. As part of the procedure followed by the Board, Fr. Keehan was read the allegations made against him and provided a response. With reference to his involvement in the instruction of the case, Fr. Keehan had the advice of legal counsel.

I now submit this matter to your Eminence for a determination. It is my recommendation that the allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against the Rev. John Keehan has the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as required by Canon 1717 and Article 13 of the Procedural Norms *de gravioribus delictis*, and consequently the case should be sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

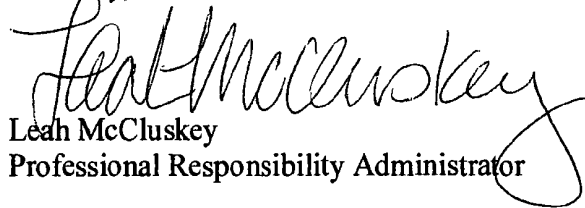
There is at least one allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Keehan. The Professional Responsibility Review Board has been presented all allegations against Fr. Keehan, and has reported to you the finding that the allegations provide reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged incidents of misconduct did occur. It is my recommendation that the aforementioned allegations have the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem*

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*verisimilem*) as required by Canon Law. As a result, there is no additional information that needs to be gathered at this time regarding the allegations made against Fr. Keehan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 312 751-5205.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
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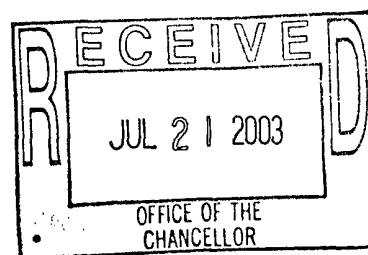
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14 July, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office for Professional Responsibility  
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

I received the report from your investigation of the matter of sexual misconduct with a minor on the part of **Reverend John Keehan**.

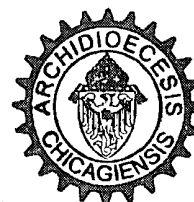
I accept your findings and have determined that there is a semblance of truth to the allegation that **Father Keehan** engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Therefore, by means of this letter, I am bringing the Preliminary Investigation of this matter to a close. Based upon the information you have provided, I have concluded that this case must be referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in accordance with Part II, Article 13 the motu proprio *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*.

Thank you for your diligent work, Ms. McCluskey. I appreciate the professional way in which you have handled these matters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Revs. Kaczorowski and Smilanic, Ms. Leah McCluskey, Mr. Jimmy Lago, Mr. John C. O'Malley

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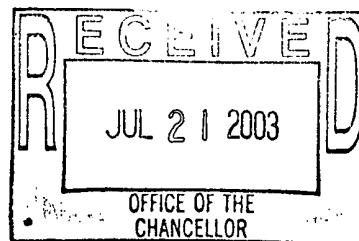
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15 July, 2003

Rev. John Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060



Dear Jack:

I am writing to let you know that I have received the report from Ms. Leah McCluskey regarding the inquiry she conducted concerning the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against you.

Taking into account the material already presented to the review board, she has looked into the matter further. I have concluded from her report that there is enough evidence to indicate that I need to refer your case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and ask for their permission to conduct a trial to determine whether you committed the delict of sexual abuse of a minor; and, if so, what penalty ought to be imposed on you.

I will make this referral by the end of the month. It is impossible to say when the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith will respond to my request.

If I am given permission to conduct a trial in the Archdiocese, I will ask the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to provide me with three judges. I will also present all the material in the case to the Promoter of Justice, and ask that he draw up a formal petition. A trial will then be conducted according to the norm of law. You will be informed throughout the proceedings of how you might exercise your rights. If you have not appointed an advocate, one will be appointed for you.

Since you are already observing the restrictions on your ministry as I requested, I do not see any need to impose any formal penal restrictions on you, as called for by canon 1722. In a previous letter to you, I indicated that I would issue this decree once I sent the case to the Holy See. In light of your cooperation, however, I have decided it is not necessary to take any further steps at this time.

As you know, the Dallas Charter and subsequent Norms state that if even a single act of sexual misconduct with a minor is proven, you must be removed permanently from ministry. Even if the offense does not warrant dismissal from the clerical state, the laws approved by the Holy See for the United States would not allow me to assign you to any public ministry, to celebrate the sacraments publicly, or to present yourself in public as a priest. Instead, you would be expected to lead a life of prayer and penance under my direction.

On the other hand, if the allegations against you are not proven, I will do everything I can to restore your reputation. I realize how difficult this might be, given the publicity that has already been given to this matter. Since I also realize you may have some feelings about this matter, I will consult with you before anything is done in this regard.

I am again appreciative of the cooperation you have given me in this matter. I will keep you in my prayers, and ask that you keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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## **PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD MEETING** **Saturday, July 19, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2003
- II. Case Reviews

#### **Initial Reviews:**

- A. [REDACTED]
- B. [REDACTED]

#### **Second Stage Reviews:**

- C. [REDACTED]
- D. [REDACTED]
- E. [REDACTED]

#### **Review for Cause:**

- F. [REDACTED]

- III. Other Matters

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED] letter regarding John Keehan (Withdrawn) - PFR-20

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, August 16, 2003*

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Bishop Goedert  
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Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi  
Mr. Jimmy Lago  
Mr. John O'Malley

**FROM:** Father Lagges *PL*  
**RE:** Referral of case to Rome  
**DATE:** 1 August, 2003

This is to inform you that on **31 July, 2003** Cardinal George has forwarded the case of **Reverend John Keehan** to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, asking for permission to conduct a penal trial in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

It is impossible to estimate when we will receive a response from the Holy See. Given the large number of cases that are being sent there from the United States, it will probably be at least several months before we hear anything.

If a penal trial is permitted, all the material in the case will be handed over the Promoter of Justice (Rev. William H. Woestman, O.M.I.), who will then petition the tribunal to hear the case. The judges assigned to the tribunal will be from outside the Archdiocese of Chicago. They will follow the normal judicial process specified in Book VII of the Code of Canon Law. (These are the same processes that are followed in marriage nullity cases.)

The Archdiocese will be the petitioner in the case; the accused priest the Respondent. The two questions before the court will be: (1) Has the priest committed an act of sexual misconduct with a minor? (2) If so, in accordance with the Dallas Charter and Norms, shall he be dismissed from the clerical state?

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board**  
**Saturday, August 16, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

### **Review Board Members Present:**



### **Members absent:**

None

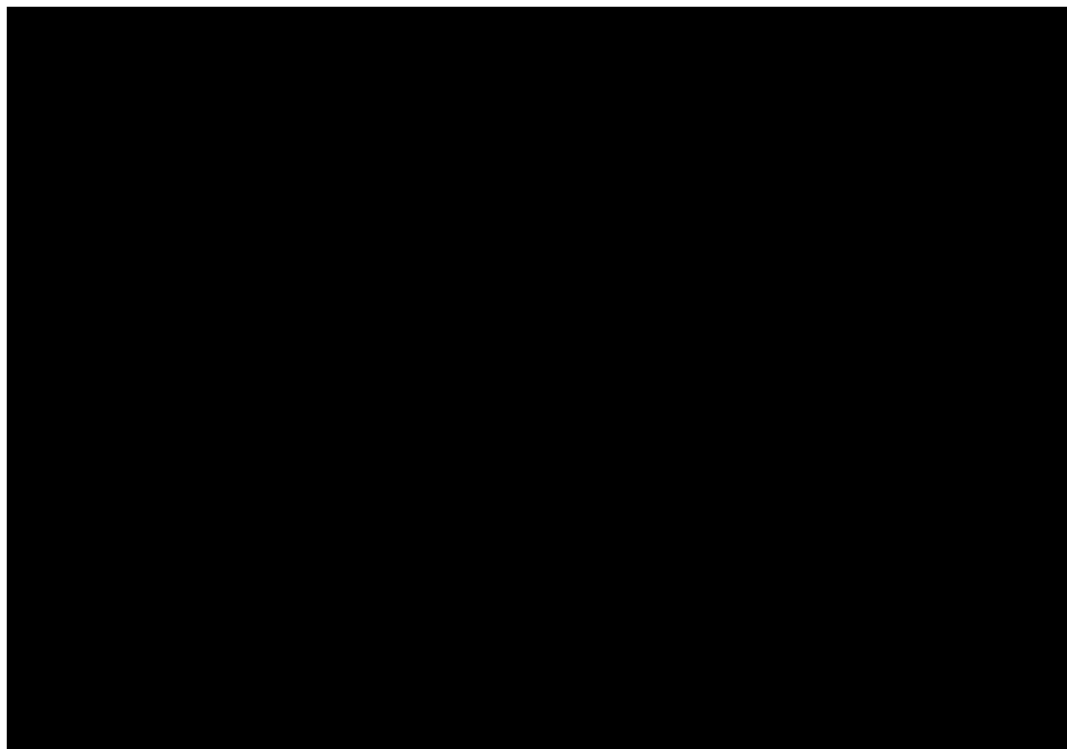
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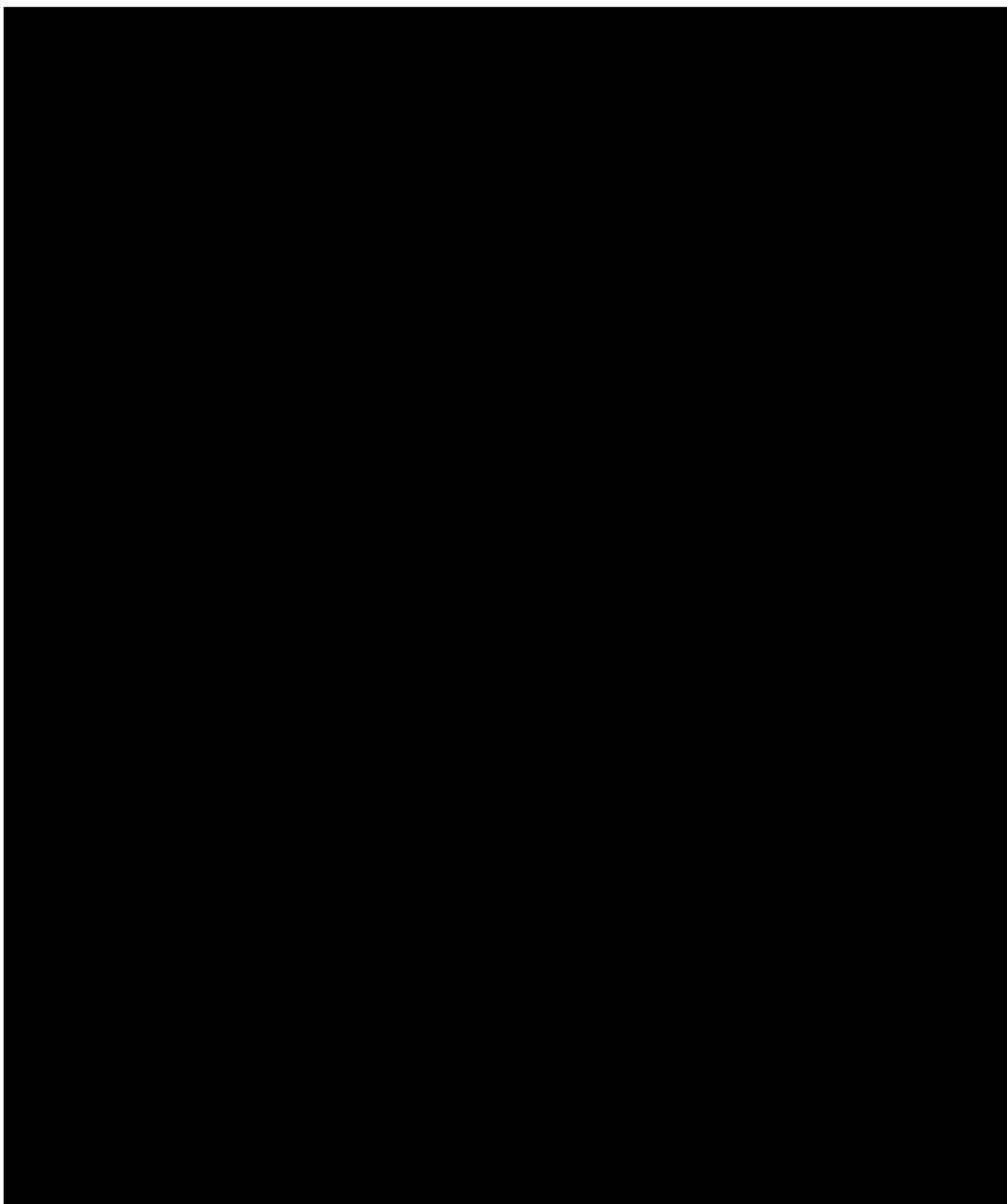
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### **I. Approval of Minutes – July 19, 2003**

### **II.**

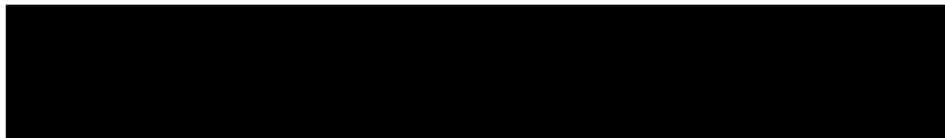




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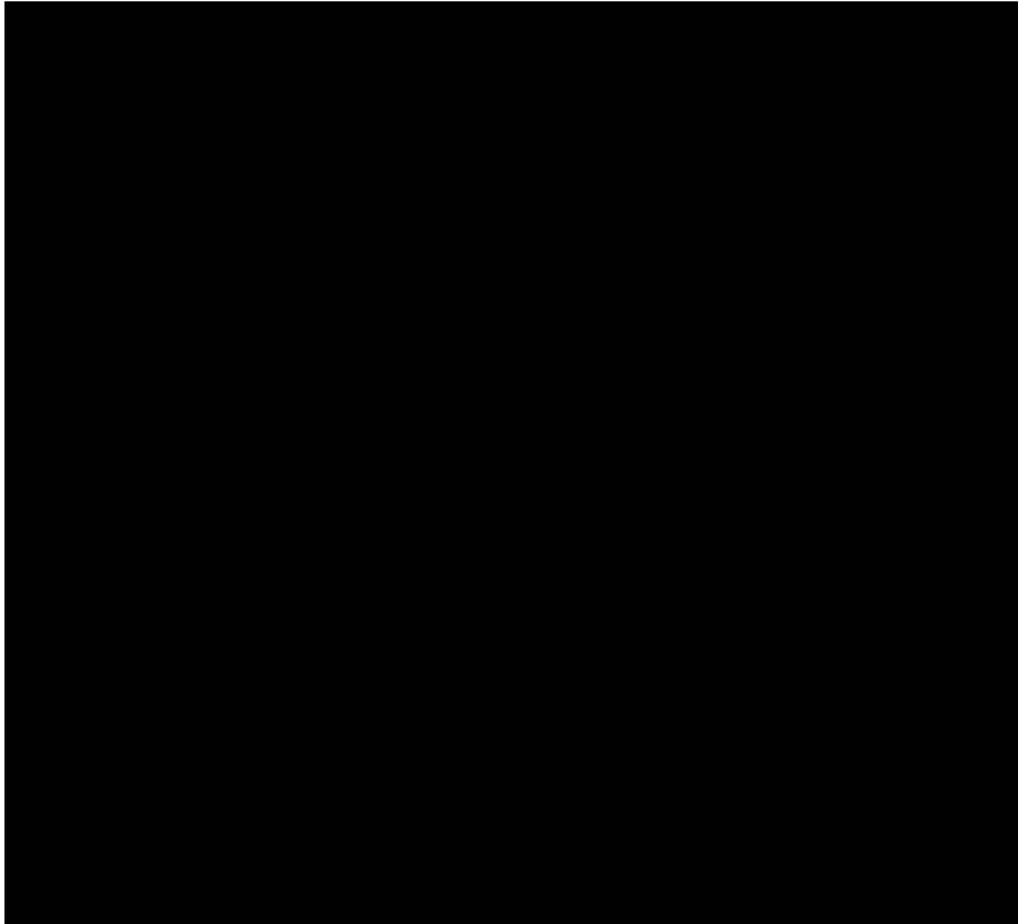
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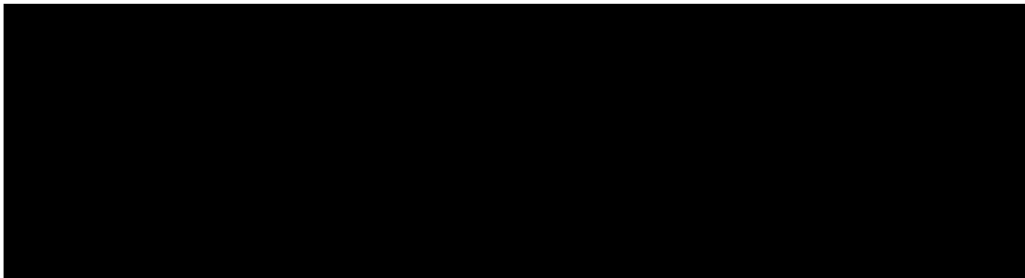




**Second Stage Reviews**

- B. 

**IV. Other Matters**



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

**[REDACTED] letter regarding Fr. John Keehan**

- A unanimous 7-0 vote that the letter from [REDACTED] is not enough information to initiate a Supplementary Review
- Forward the Board's response to Bishop Goedert so that he may reply to [REDACTED]

**Next scheduled meeting is September 20, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
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## **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING** **Saturday, August 16, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Approval of Minutes – July 19, 2003
- II. Discussion by Fr. Smilanic regarding Review Board itself [first 2 hours - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.]

### III. Case Reviews

#### **Initial Review:**

A. [REDACTED]

#### **Second Stage Reviews:**

B. [REDACTED]

### IV. Other Matters

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] letter regarding John Keehan

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, September 20, 2003*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-20

From: Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting

Re: **John Keehan**

Date: August 16, 2003

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on August 16, 2003:

**letter regarding Fr. John Keehan**

- A unanimous 7-0 vote that the letter from [REDACTED] is not enough information to initiate a Supplementary Review
- Forward the Board's response to Bishop Goedert so that he may reply to [REDACTED]

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Bishop Raymond Goedert

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Keehan, John

Date: August 18, 2003

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PRA presented to the Review Board on August 16, 2003 the letter written by [REDACTED] regarding his knowledge of a past allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. John Keehan.

The Board requested that Bishop Goedert be notified of their findings regarding the aforementioned matter.

- A unanimous 7-0 vote that the letter from [REDACTED] is not enough information to initiate a Supplementary Review
- Forward the Board's response to Bishop Goedert so that he may reply to [REDACTED]


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

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-20

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Keehan, John

Date: August 26, 2003

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PRA and Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests met with Fr. John Keehan at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on July 29, 2003 regarding monitoring protocols.

It was explained to Fr. Keehan that adjustments would be made to the Travel/Vacation Agreement form as well as the Daily Log form for clarification purposes. Adjusted forms will be provided to Fr. Keehan and to his canonical advocate Dr. J. Michael Ritty. PRA also provided Fr. Keehan with a copy of *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*, which was promulgated on July 15, 2003. Fr. Keehan was informed that a copy of the newly promulgated policies and procedures would be mailed to Dr. Ritty as well.

When asked if he had any specific concerns and/or comments regarding the Monitoring Protocols, Fr. Keehan did have some feedback. He referred to c1342 and quoted paragraph two, which "forbids perpetual penalties" and that such penalties cannot be imposed by a decree. Fr. Keehan further stated that the monitoring protocols should not be a "one size fits all" approach [he referred to Article 1104.12.1 in the protocols]. Fr. Keehan also shared concerns with some wording on the monitoring protocol forms themselves.

As for the decrees themselves, Fr. Keehan requested to have a copy of the decree signed by the Cardinal sending his case to Rome. PRA attempted to explain to Fr. Keehan that as per Fr. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar, the decrees themselves are not sent to the accused, however a letter from the Cardinal to the men informing them of the decrees is sent. Fr. Keehan was not satisfied with PRA's response and requested an answer to his question. He was referred to Fr. Lagges and/or Fr. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice by PRA. Fr. Keehan had also asked for a time frame during which canonical trials would



take place. He was informed that there is no known time frame, and again referred to Fr. Lagges and/or Fr. Smilanic to answer his questions.

Fr. Keehan gave his verbal consent that he would abide by the requested monitoring protocols.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar

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September 2, 2003

Rev. John Keehan  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Keehan,

I am writing this letter in response to your verbal request for a copy of the decree signed by Cardinal Francis George and forwarded to the CDF regarding the allegations of sexual misconduct made against you.

Through a conversation that I had with Fr. Patrick Lagges this morning, he informed me of the following:

1. A decree is a part of the acts of the process.
2. When the time has come for you to review your case toward the end of the trial, you will have the opportunity to view the decree at that time.
3. The substance of the decree was communicated to you in a letter. Any appeal against the actual decree could be lodged with presiding judge in the event that CDF permits a trial to be held.

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

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar  
Dr. J. Michael Ritty, Canonical Advocate

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: File - PFR-20

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Keehan, John

Date: September 5, 2003



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PRA received a return phone call from Fr. John Keehan today regarding his Travel/Vacation Agreement received by this office on September 3, 2003.

Fr. Keehan had spoken with another priest [also under monitoring] who he plans to travel with and understood that PRA had asked who his monitor would be while he was on vacation. PRA thanked Fr. Keehan for the travel information that he had sent, however, explained that he would have to have an individual act as his monitor while he travels [or when he reaches his destination] to take the place of his monitor at Mundelein, Fr. Anthony Talarico. Fr. Keehan informed PRA that he and the other priest [also under monitoring] "would vouch for each other" while they traveled. PRA explained to Fr. Keehan that due to the fact that he and the other priest have both verbally agreed to being monitored by Fr. Talarico, they may not act as the other's monitor.

PRA suggested to Fr. Keehan that a third individual act accompany them on the trip and act as their monitor, or if they were planning on visiting with friends or family in Yellowstone, that a friend or family member act as their monitor. Fr. Keehan informed PRA that he and the other monitored priest intended on traveling alone and are not traveling to meet with anyone.

Fr. Keehan asked if a call could be made to Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests so that Fr. Kaczorowski may "vouch" for them. PRA offered to contact Fr. Kaczorowski to explain the situation and then to contact Fr. Keehan. Fr. Keehan appreciated the offer and requested that a call to Fr. Kaczorowski be made.

PRA spoke with Fr. Kaczorowski and explained the situation of Fr. Keehan planning on traveling with another monitored priest alone to Yellowstone National Park. Fr. Kaczorowski agreed with PRA's statements to Fr. Keehan that a third person would need

to act as the monitor and that Fr. Keehan and the other monitored priest could not act as the other's monitor.

PRA again contacted Fr. Keehan and informed him of the conversation with Fr. Kaczorowski. His response was to ask when the trials would begin. PRA explained that all information has been sent to Rome, however, there has been no time frame given as to when trials concerning allegations of sexual misconduct would begin here.

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

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Dear Fr. Keehan,

Enclosed you will find documentation regarding the monitoring protocols.

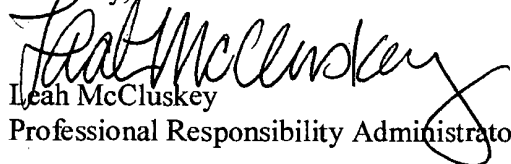
The monitoring protocols have been changed somewhat. This was done principally in order to put into a standard written form, arrangements that had been made orally and/or on an individual basis. It was felt that by committing as much as possible to a written form, misunderstandings could be reduced and communication would be facilitated. These changes reflect the feedback provided by all those involved in the monitoring program, including those who are subject to it. The enclosed forms contain the adjustments made to the monitoring forms that were provided to you in July of 2003. All those involved in monitoring will be receiving a copy of the new forms.

All of the information enclosed as well as a copy of this letter and a copy of the policies and procedures, *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* promulgated on July 15, 2003 has been forwarded to your canonical advocate, Dr. Michael J. Ritty.

As you agreed orally to comply with the earlier form of the monitoring protocols, I ask that you indicate to me your oral agreement to these.

In designing a form that addresses so many different, complex situations, one or another points may be unclear. If you have any question or concerns, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Dr. Michael J. Ritty, Canonical Advocate

Enclosures

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL  
For

John Keehan

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement 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. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office of Professional Responsibility, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Professional Responsibility Administrator (PRA); please refer to protocol number 15.

This ISP for John Keehan is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1. ☒ Restricted from being alone with minors (anyone under the age of 18) without the presence of another responsible adult.

2.

3.

4. ☒ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the priest/deacon, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it lists all time periods, it is intended to provide an accurate record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-campus activity, please include the place, the general purpose of the visit/trip/activity (e.g. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the telephone number only if it is a private residence. (For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping rather than the name, location and telephone number of each individual store.) If your self-description is challenged, some documentation/verification may be requested. The monitor will return the log forms at the end of each month to PRA.

5. ☒ Abide by the restriction of residence to Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

6. ☒ No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* will apply.
7. ☒ Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement" to PRA prior to a scheduled departure.
8. ☒ NIA ☒ Attendance at a recommended support group \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of \_\_\_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
9. ☒ No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. ☒ Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. ☒ The right of defense must not involve the public life of the Church.
12. ☒ On-site visits by PRA annually to include meeting with PRA and the cleric.
13. ☒ On-site visits by Vicar for Priests (VP) annually to include a meeting with VP and the cleric.
14. ☒ This ISP is to be reviewed annually with PRA, VP, and the cleric.
15. Because the private celebration of the Eucharist is possible, during the course of each week one of the Masses celebrated is to be for the intention of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
16. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PRA, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, and at the discretion of any of the parties, his legal and/or canonical counsel may be involved.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of PRA: [Signature] Date: 9/17/03

Signature of VP: [Signature] Date: 9/18/03

A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and on file in the Office of the Vicar for Priests.

TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

Rev. John Keenan [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to Wisconsin [destination address and contact phone number] from

Sept 27 [departure date] through Sept 28 [return date].

Rev. John Keenan [name of cleric] will be monitored by [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

Rev. John Keenan [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by J. Keenan [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of John Keenan [cleric name] over night [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to John Keenan's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for Sept 28 [aforementioned return date]. However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. John Keenan Date: Sept 21 2003

PRA Signature: Paul McElroy Date: 9/24/03

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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John Keckan [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

[redacted] India [destination address and contact phone number] from

January 5, 2004 [departure date] through Jan. 19 2004 [return date].

John Keckan [name of cleric] will be monitored by

[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

John Keckan [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

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Jan. 5 - 19 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to John Keckan's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for Jan 19 [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: John Keckan Date: Dec. 23 2003

PRA Signature: Paul McIlwain Date: 12/30/03

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.



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### PFR-20- John Keehan

January to December 2004

#### Monthly Schedule

Dates/Times	Event (Therapy, Spiritual Direction, Vacation, etc.) Where, When, How Long	Therapist, Spiritual Leader, Doctor, Monitor, etc. (Include names)
January 5, 2004 to January 19, 2004	[REDACTED] Florida [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (Travel Monitor)
March 12-14, 2004	[REDACTED] IL [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
July 17-18, 2004	[REDACTED] Chicago - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (Monitor)
August 28, 2004 to September 8, 2004	[REDACTED] Minnesota ([REDACTED] no phone on the houseboat)	[REDACTED] (Travel Monitor)
October 23-24, 2004	[REDACTED] Chicago ([REDACTED])	[REDACTED] (Monitor)



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### PFR-20- John Keehan

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### PFR-20- John Keehan

January to December 2003

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9/27-28/03	██████████ Wisconsin	██████████

Rev. Rev. John J. Keehan

Ordained 1967

2002	35 Years ordained Associate Pastor	\$ 21,975 – 10%	= \$ 19,777
	This was changed to Pastor status dating back to August 1, 2002		
2002	35 Years ordained Pastor	\$ 24,975 - 10%	= \$ 22,478
2003	36 Years ordained Pastor	\$ 26,080 – 10%	= \$ 23,472
2004	37 Years ordained Pastor	\$ 26,850 – 10%	= \$ 24,165

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January 27, 2004

Rev. John Keehan  
Post Office Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father Keehan,

I hope all is well and I regret that we were unable to meet yesterday when Rev. James T. Kaczorowski and I were at the retreat house.

As you may know, Fr. Kaczorowski and I met with several of the men yesterday who are to be adhering to the monitoring protocols. In the absence of a face to face meeting yesterday, I asked your on-site monitor, Rev. Anthony Talarico to ensure that you received an envelope with copies of the current Individual Specific Monitoring Protocols, a Daily Log form, as well as a Travel/Vacation Agreement form. These forms have been adjusted with the assistance of Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Promoter of Justice as a result of the feedback that many of you have provided to me in the past.

I ask that you review the aforementioned forms with your canonical advocate, Dr. J. Michael Ritty, as copies of this letter and the forms have been forwarded to Dr. Ritty's attention. Cardinal George has agreed with the Review Board's recommendation that you review and sign the Individual Specific Protocol and return it to me no later than March 31, 2004.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205. Fr. James Kaczorowski may also be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Dr. J. Michael Ritty, Canonical Advocate  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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February 2, 2004

Rev. John Keehan  
Post Office Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Keehan,

I am writing this letter as a result of my review of your Daily Log Forms from November and December of 2003 and January of 2004 that were forwarded to my attention. As you may know, a random number of your Daily Logs were not completed by you, nor did you provide your signature at the bottom on each form as directed.

I ask that in the future you complete the forms in their entirety, as we have discussed in the past through face to face meetings, which have included Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests. If you have any questions regarding the appropriate manner in which to complete the Daily Log Forms, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc Rev. Anthony Talarico  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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**REV. JOHN KEEHAN**  
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February 7, 2004

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 27, mentioning that you regretted being unable to meet with me during your last visit.

I have come to the conclusion that any communication is valuable. I admit that previously I was not anxious to communicate. I assumed that you did not make the policies, and that I was more likely to hear bad news than good. It is often easier to ask pardon than permission. I assumed there was some advantage to minimal communication. It implied some marginal vagueness and less intrusive monitoring. However I fear that this leads to false assumptions. And I can well appreciate that there is more pressure on everyone recently.

Hence, thank you also for your letter of February 2, about my daily logs. You wrote "As you may know . . ." and that seemed to imply something about my motives. You made me aware of the possible assumptions that can be made in these difficult times. So I would like to clear up any erroneous assumptions as quickly and explicitly as possible.

I have not knowingly or deliberately submitted deficient daily logs. I was not aware of any deficient logs until Fr. Talarico came to me with a copy of your letter. He said that he thinks there were some either blank or unsigned pages in my daily logs. I am not sure of the precise deficiency, you described it as "a random number . . . were not completed . . . nor did you provide your signature at the bottom on each form. . ."

I can assure you, and I think Fr. Talarico would support me in this, that had I known any were blank or unsigned I would have corrected that before submitting them. I presume Fr. Kaczorowski, who has known me for years would assure you that I am not a devious, disrespectful or disobedient person, nor dumb enough to challenge your authority.

Any deficiencies were quite inadvertent on my part. I submitted a stack of a month's logs at the end of the month, under the assumption that they were all completely filled out. The stack may have included a blank or deficient form that I did not notice at the time. Had I noticed any such, before I handed them in, I would have corrected any deficiencies. Had Fr. Talarico mentioned any deficiencies I would have corrected it immediately, lest I embarrass him as well as myself. I assure you I did not know that any were incomplete.

Thank you for bringing it to my attention. If something is needed to complete documents, please inform me of the dates and what is missing and I will provide a properly filled out form. I keep a daily log of my own in my date book, and would gladly and easily furnish any missing information. Be assured that I will check carefully any submissions in the future.

In addition I don't want you to assume sinister motives on my part. The media report too many people who assume the worst of motives. I hope that I can assure you of my motives and allay suspicions. It is hard enough to live under all these restrictions while awaiting the truth to come out, it would be a great

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deal harder if I had to assume that more people attribute the worst possible motives to me.

I assume the best of motives and honorable intentions on the part of Fr. Kaczorowski, whom I have known for years. I was reassured by the results of your presentation to the Board on the allegations of a deceased and delusional man who claimed a role murdering me. I am of the opinion that if the initial allegation had been dealt with as objectively and impartially, we would not be going through all this anxiety and pain.

I hope all of our assumptions can be checked against facts quickly and decisively. I have been publicly accused of the most disgusting crimes imaginable. Various Archdiocesan officials have implied that all of the accused were found to be guilty. Many have stated publicly, in my presence and in that of others that "they are all guilty of something." As a result I'm sure there are many who assume the worst.

I, for my part, have continuously denied the allegations, and have submitted to every humiliating aspect of this process in order to establish the truth and clear my name. I can only hope that people will withhold their judgment of the case and my motives until the resolution of the case, or inquire directly about the facts.

As I await an opportunity to present evidence that would disprove the allegation, there is very little reliable information available about that process or our situation. Usually we hear nothing. Sometimes we read about ourselves in the press. Mere gossip and informal information are our principal sources. Occasionally we do receive presumably authoritative information from the Cardinal, you, Fr. Kaczorowski, Mr. Lago, my canon lawyer, Fr. Woestman, Fr. Lagges, Fr. Smilanic, various monitors, Ms. Fowler, Mr. John O'Malley, and the various boards and committees, either directly or in the media. However sometimes some of the information proves to be wrong. Occasionally it is contradictory. Much of it is vague. Clarifications are rare. Some information is compartmentalized leaving some of the people mentioned above in the dark. Some is evidently secret.

The Cardinal himself has expressed surprise and frustration to us at some of the statements. At times he has promised to look into various matters, but if he did, we have heard nothing. We are left assuming the situation is fluid, subject to change, or simply left vague.

When we are on the front page of the papers, or on file film at 10, I am sure someone is going to be upset, and the pressure to do something more intense. If there is a hint of paranoia in this climate it would hardly surprise anyone. To dispel any paranoid tendencies, I feel there is a need for more communication.

When last we talked I mentioned some apparent canonical problems with the protocols. I was very gratified to read in your letter that you had considered them in the recent revision of the protocols. And of course, all of us recognize that these apparent problems were not of your making.

The questions however are more extensive. An example is the letters from the Cardinal and you. The Cardinal's letter to me of July 15, 2003. In it he stated that he had decided based on a "report" you had given him that there is enough evidence to send my case to the CDF. There were no canonical acts in the files I was allowed to see (after ten years). I am unaware of any canonical acts created subsequently. As a result I have no knowledge of any canonical evidence against me.

When I asked, you were kind enough to inform me September 2, of what you were told by Fr. Lagges, "a decree is a part of the process. When the time comes for you to review your case toward the end of the trial you will have the opportunity to view the decree." I had assumed that I would be given adequate time to prepare a defense, but this is the only information I have received from the Archdiocese about any such trial or preparation.

Another example was the assumption on my part last summer, when I applied to travel to Yellowstone with Fr. Vader. I assumed that we could be trusted to monitor each other. I did so because I assumed that Fr. Kaczorowski knew us well enough to recognize we were no danger to anyone (and as you know, I have

documents from the board and two Cardinals that say so and eliminated the need for a monitor). I had assumed that Fr. Kaczorowski knew us, our cases, and trusted us more than some stranger to monitor behavior.

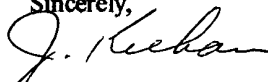
While I was disappointed, you did provide me with a reality check for my erroneous assumptions. And I must say that I wondered just which reasons Fr. Kaczorowski would give for his decision. I doubt he really thinks we are dangerous, and I doubt he thinks this will appease the critics. But press coverage of Fr. Martin and more recent examples proves the need for caution, and the problem of unchecked assumptions. I think such reality checks are important for all of us to understand just where this fluid and changing process is currently and where it is going.

Some of these reality checks can be had for the price of a phone call. For example in the matter of the logs, I sympathize with Fr. Talarico who at the end of each month, apparently gets 13 stacks of 30 logs to sign. He clearly has a significant role, but perhaps somewhat ambiguous. I suspect that was the reason he didn't point out any deficiencies to me. Perhaps he might have some practical suggestions.

Another example of assumptions and reality checks would be the very minor conflict presented by Protocol #15. Apparently someone assumed that the priests here say private masses. In reality most of us gather for a communal mass each morning (CIC, c. 906). This allows each of us to be the celebrant about once a week. I for one already have an obligation to say mass weekly for my parishioners (CIC, c. 534). Of course I could concelebrate, but it is an example that someone made an assumption about us and never bothered to check.

Your letter was appreciated, as is any reality check in this fog. I hope that if you have any more information or questions, you inform me. I am also sending a copy of this to Fr. Kaczorowski, since it pertains to him as well.

Sincerely,



Rev. John J. Keehan

**REV. JOHN KEEHAN**  
CARDINAL STRITCH RETREAT HOUSE  
Box 455  
MUNDELEIN ILLINOIS 60060-0455

February 9, 2004

Fr. James Kaczorowski  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979.

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski:

I wrote the enclosed letter to Ms. Leah McCluskey recently. It mentions you. And it seems to pertain to you and your role even more so than hers. My letter is really an overly long appeal for information, information that should go both ways.

I have heard rumors that Pat Lagges is our "ombudsman" and gossip indicating that he really isn't. Like so many things there is very little information here. I am not sure just who I can call for information. I once told Don Nevins that I thought you were as out of the loop as we were, and he quickly told me that wasn't true. If you can tell us anything we would all appreciate hearing from you. I have avoided calling you, for the same reasons I mention to her, and the additional one that you are often quite busy.

I am sure it is as uncomfortable for you to talk to us as it is for us to deal with this mess. However we do not hear much from anyone. I would like to prepare a defense. I have little information on just what I have to rebut. As you know I can't even see [REDACTED]'s letter, or the information in the Legal Department file, which apparently is the significant information on which this action was taken. You once said that what would go to Rome was what we saw in the files. Is that true? Is there anything you are allowed to tell us about what went to Rome?

The Cardinal evidently took some action on my salary, but it evidently was ignored. The Cardinal said he would look into it. I have heard nothing. It seems like a simple matter, but even that seems to have been lost in silence and inaction.

Finally, on a personal note, I hope you have not written me off as presumed guilty, a lost cause or a pariah. That would hurt.

Sincerely,



Rev. John Keehan

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## **Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, February 21, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Review Board Members Present:**

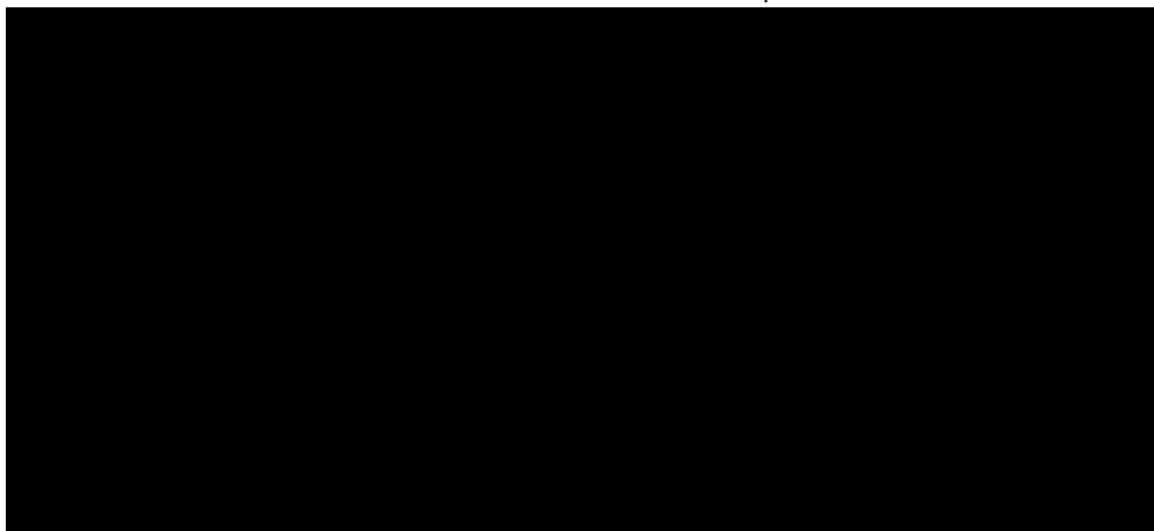


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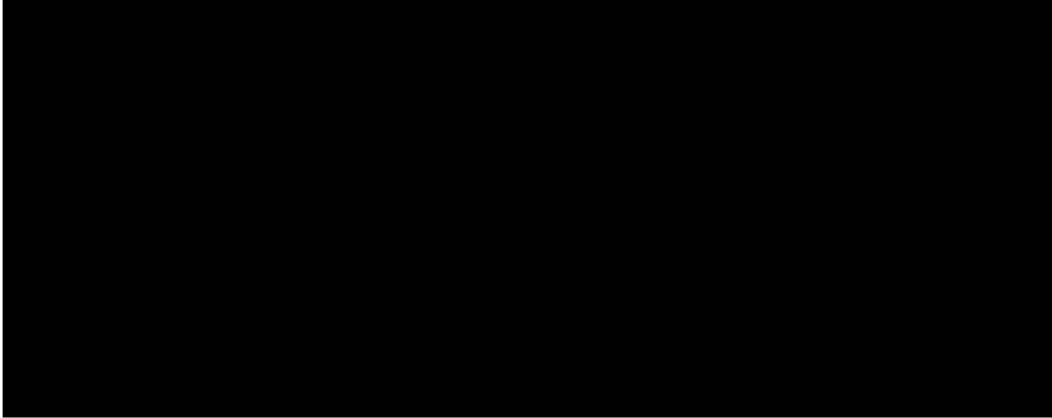
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Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board



#### **I. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2004**

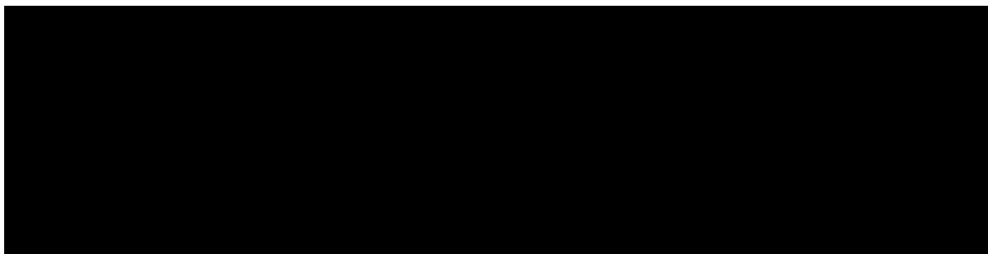
- The Board requested in a unanimous 6-0 decision that a correction be made on page two, bullet point three of the January 10, 2004 minutes [see revised January 10, 2004 Minutes]

## II. Update from January 10, 2004 Meeting



### Monitoring

- PRA informed Board that Rev. Anthony Talarico will no longer be the monitor at Mundelein and will be replaced by Bishop Raymond Goedert on an interim basis until July 1, 2004
- Board informed that Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests and PRA will meet with Bishop Goedert on March 4, 2004 to discuss responsibilities of monitor
- Board informed that Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA will meet Fr. Calicott, Rev. [REDACTED], and Rev. John "Jack" Keehan at Mundelein on February 23, 2004 to review Individual Specific Protocol forms and the request for compliance
- [REDACTED] made the suggestion that in the future, contracts for new priests would include the acknowledgment that one's pension is contingent upon his conduct
- The Board again made the overall recommendation that men withdrawn from ministry as a result of allegations of sexual misconduct need to be involved in a structured, daily routine
  - Fr. Smilanic addressed two issues that affect the recommendation of a structured routine:
    - Definition of ministry
    - Final status of each man upon the conclusion of a canonical trial



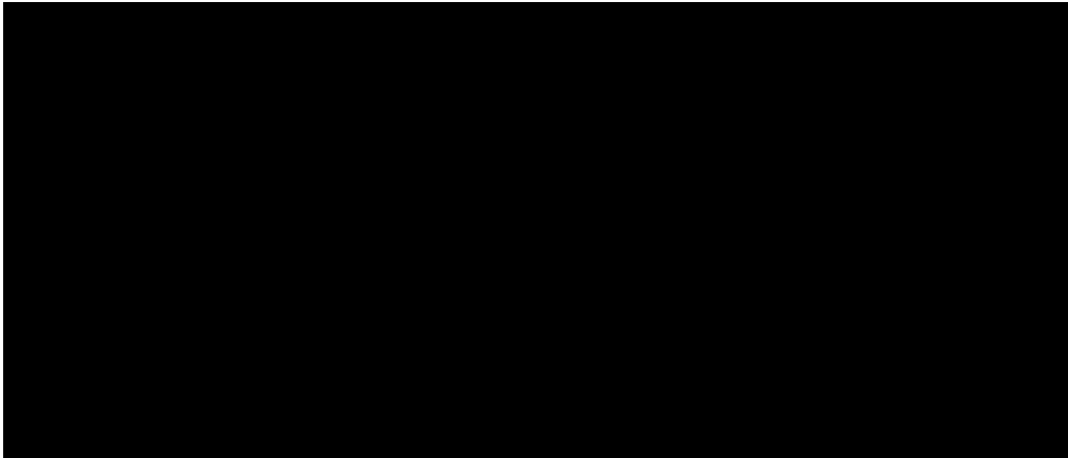
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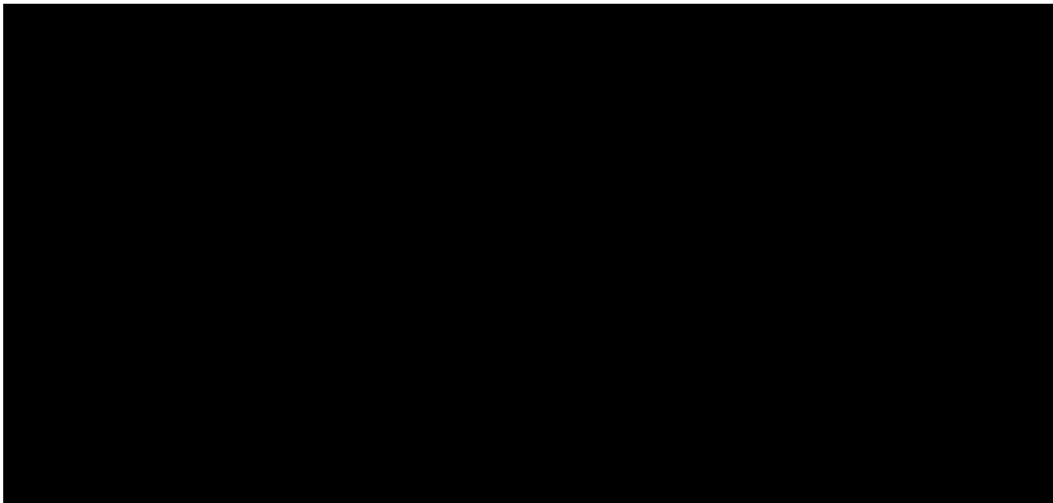
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**IV. Case Updates**



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**VI. Other Matters**

- The December 2004 Board meeting has been rescheduled for December 4, 2004

*Next scheduled meeting is March 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

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February 26, 2004

Rev. John Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
Post Office Box 455  
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Dear Fr. Keehan,

Leah asked that I forward you copies of [REDACTED]'s interview [August 13, 2002] on behalf of her deceased brother, [REDACTED] and a copy of your response to those allegations.

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

Sincerely,

*Laura A. Neri-Palomino*

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

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Carol,

Leah asked that I forward you a copy of Fr. Keehan's letter to her dated February 7, 2004.

Laura

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

Rev. John J. Keehan [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

[redacted] Illinois, [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number]  
from

March 12, 2004 [departure date] through March 14, 2004 [return date].

John J. Keehan [name of cleric] will be monitored by

[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

J. Keehan [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

*[see attached correspondence]*

1. Contacts with minors by John J. Keehan [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of John J. Keehan [cleric name] over March 12-14 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to John J. Keehan 's [cleric name]

Residence has been scheduled for March 14 [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions of emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: [Signature] Date: March 5, 2004

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/8/04

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-20

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Keehan, Rev. John "Jack" [Withdrawn]

Date: March 14, 2004

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PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests met with Rev. John Keehan at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on February 23, 2004. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the revised Individual Specific Protocols that are asked to be signed by March 31, 2004.

Fr. Keehan stated that he had "a list of questions" prepared for the meeting, but that Fr. Kaczorowski had answered several of them. He also asked Fr. Kaczorowski about the status of his and other cases in Rome. Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Keehan of Rev. Patrick Leggas' [Judicial Vicar] trip to Rome in December 2003. He continued by stating that "Rome most likely won't remove retired guys [with allegations of sexual misconduct of minors]" from the priesthood. In regards to accused clerics who are younger, Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Keehan that as per Rome, men may be removed from active ministry and the priesthood.

Fr. Keehan initiated conversation regarding his inquiry of policies that have been put in place for those accused clerics who are exonerated. He also requested that PRA send him copies of the allegations made against him and his responses. PRA agreed to send the information to Fr. Keehan and to his canonical advocate as well.

Fr. Keehan referred to the most recent letter he wrote to PRA regarding his salary, among other things. He was informed that a copy of the letter would be forwarded to Carol Fowler, Director of Personnel Services.

Fr. Kaczorowski initiated a conversation with Fr. Keehan regarding 

[REDACTED] Fr. Keehan mentioned that he felt as if there was a "presumption of guilt" after the last allegation was read to him. Fr. Kaczorowski discussed the fact that there was a question if the female was over or under the age of 18 as per the allegation.

PRA then discussed the Individual Specific Protocols with Fr. Keehan and Fr. Kaczorowski. [REDACTED]

As always, Fr. Keehan was extremely cooperative throughout the meeting.

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

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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March 15, 2004

Rev. John J. Keehan  
P O Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Father Keehan,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert will assume the responsibilities of interim monitor at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Koenig Hall, effective Tuesday, March 16, 2004. While he serves in this capacity, Bishop Goedert will reside at the retreat house. I am deeply grateful to him for accepting this responsibility at the present time. As this transition occurs, I also wish to thank Father Anthony Talarico for having served in the capacity of monitor for the past two or more years while, at the same time, performing his primary duties of administrator at the retreat house.

Sometime within the next two weeks, Bishop Goedert, Father Jim Kaczorowski, my Vicar for Priests, and Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator, will meet with the residents at Koenig Hall as a group and review the contents of the protocol. We are also inviting Father Talarico and Father Siedlecki to be present for this meeting since there will be occasions when they will function as monitor in Bishop Goedert's absence.

I am sorry this process is taking so much longer than I believed and expected it would. I want to assure you of my prayers for you. Likewise, I ask that you pray for me. May this season of Lent be a time of special blessing for you.

Sincerely, yours in Christ,

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

Francis Cardinal George  
Archbishop of Chicago

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Cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway  
Mr. Jimmy Lago  
Dr. Carol Fowler  
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski  
Reverend Thomas A. Tivy  
Reverend Daniel A. Smilanic  
Reverend Anthony Talarico  
Reverend Edmund J. Siedlecki

# FAX

## VICAR FOR PRIESTS OFFICE

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To: *Rev. John Keenan*  
From: *Fr. James Kaczorowski*

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### MESSAGE:

☐ URGENT ☐ FOR YOUR REVIEW ☐ REPLY ASAP ☐ COMMENT

Attached you will find a copy of the letter being sent to you by Cardinal George.

The original will reach you by mail. Be assured of my prayers for you.

Faternally,

*KKZ*

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Cardinal George  
cc: Father Smilanic  
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
**FROM:** Father Lagges *PL*  
**RE:** Meeting of 31 March, 2004  
**DATE:** 1 April, 2004

I wanted to summarize the decisions that were made at a meeting between Father Smilanic, Leah McCluskey, you, and me that was held in your office on 31 March, 2004. This was in response to the letters you received from Cardinal Ratzinger concerning the cases of Father John Keehan (115/03) and Father Robert Kealy (25/03).

There were two separate requests from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith with regard to these matters:

In the case of Father Keehan, you were directed to use your own prerogative to determine what ministry would be appropriate for Father Keehan at this time, in light of c. 223.2, and to forward any further observations on this matter to Cardinal Ratzinger (P.N. 115/03 – 18274).

[REDACTED]

### Re: Father Keehan

It was determined that you would meet personally with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Prior to that meeting, however, I would talk to Father Kaczorowski, the Vicar for Priests, asking him to inform Father Keehan that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has not permitted a trial to be held since they could not determine the person was a minor when the action occurred, and that they have directed you to determine what restrictions ought to be placed upon Father Keehan's ministry in accord with c. 223.2. Father Kaczorowski is also to inform Father Keehan that you will be consulting with a number of people in this regard and will inform him of your decision as soon as possible.

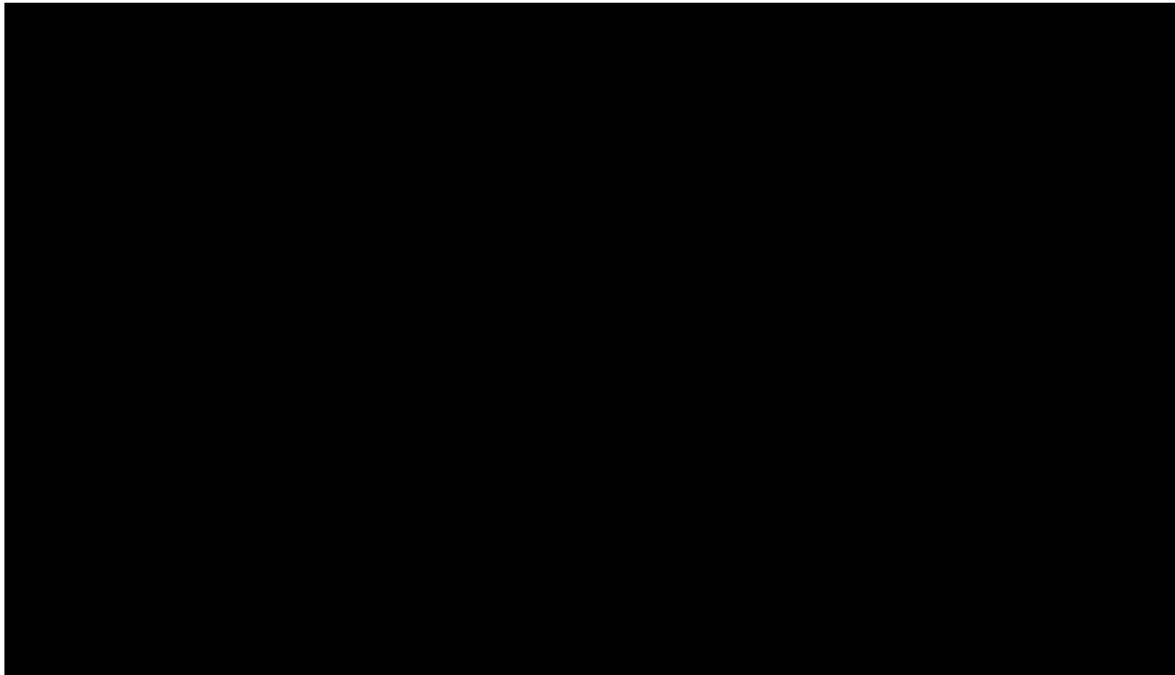


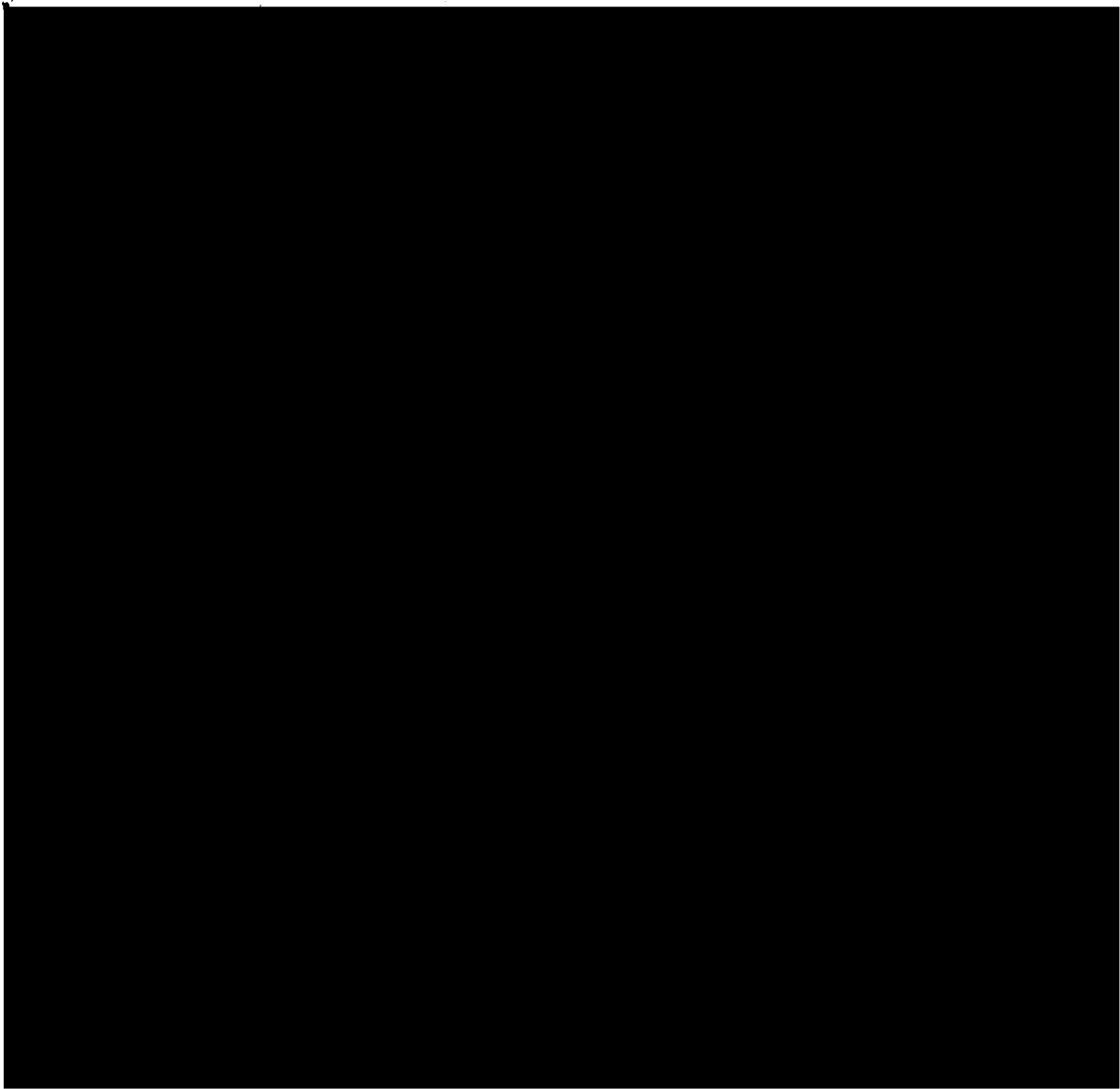
Father Smilanic and Leah McCluskey will talk with Ralph Banaccorsi and Mayra Flores about the directive we received from CDF and inform them of our actions.

Father Smilanic, Leah McCluskey, and perhaps Mayra Flores from Assistance Ministry will speak with the woman who accused Father Keehan, [REDACTED], and explain to her that Rome has indicated that because of a lack of corroborating evidence that this occurred while she was a minor, they cannot permit a trial. But because it is certain that improper sexual activity occurred between Father Keehan and [REDACTED], his ministry will be restricted. They will then outline the restrictions proposed by the Archdiocese and ask for her input as to what type of life she thinks he should lead.

I will draw up a decree that imposes the following restrictions on Father Keehan's ministry:

- He will not be allowed to exercise public ministry
- He is dispensed from the obligation to wear clerical garb and his right to do so is restricted
- His archdiocesan faculties are removed
- Any administration of sacraments would have to be discussed with the Vicar for Priests
- He is to live in a setting where he does not come into contact with young people
- Because of his serious violation of the obligation of chastity, the Archbishop of Chicago must exercise special vigilance over his activities
- Given the seriousness of the offense and the fragility of the Church at this point in history, these restrictions are imposed for three years, at which time they will be reviewed.





# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## MEMORANDUM

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

TO: Cardinal Francis George

Cc: Bishop Edwin Conway  
Jimmy Lago  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic  
Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓  
John O'Malley

FROM: Ralph Bonaccorsi *RB*

RE: **Fr. John Keehan**

DATE: April 29, 2004

The Office of Assistance Ministry has made several attempts to contact [REDACTED] to arrange a meeting with you so that you could share the Vatican's response regarding Fr. John Keehan. Each attempt has been to no avail. As a final attempt, I contacted her former employer, [REDACTED]. While they did not divulge any information, they confirmed that the mailing address and phone number contained in their records were those that we had used in our efforts to contact [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also confirmed that they had no forwarding address or other contact information for her since she had not been employed [REDACTED] since 1996. I believe we have exercised due diligence in trying to contact [REDACTED], but, unfortunately, must proceed without her input.

We were, however, successful in contacting the second person of interest, [REDACTED]. She was most receptive to our call and very appreciative that you would want to speak to her. [REDACTED] was pleasantly surprised to learn that you wished to share the Vatican's response with her. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said she is available most evenings after 4:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday). She asked that if we could give her a specific date as to when you will contact her, she will make sure she's at her home to receive the call. Assistance Ministry would be happy to schedule the call once you identify when you'd like to call her.

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FROM: Mayra Flores

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE: (John Keehan)

DATE: May 4, 2004

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In a final attempt to reach , Fr. Smilanic suggested we contact a woman whose name surfaced from a "white pages" Internet search. We received a reply from the woman who did turn out to be the who formalized her allegation against John Keehan in 1992.

expressed real appreciation that the Archdiocese would be so diligent in contacting her. She was surprised, but grateful that you would want to meet with her. She asked the reason for the meeting and was told that you had wanted to speak to her directly about the Vatican's response on the John Keehan matter. I mentioned that Fr. Smilanic might be present to explain, and then answer any questions she may have about, the canonical process.

spoke openly about, what she characterized as, her "unpleasant experience" when she first formalized her allegation. She felt that at the time, the process was "very unstructured" and difficult, and that Ralph had been insensitive. She, however, spoke fondly of Sr. Mary Brian Costello (then Chief of Staff to Cardinal Bernardin).

would like some assurance that she will not be "grilled" by any archdiocesan attorney. She asked if John Keehan appealed the petition (as she had read some priests were doing) or if he was suing her. To both questions, I answered that the purpose of the

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meeting was to give you an opportunity to speak directly to her about the Vatican's response, and then to give her an opportunity to ask questions herself. [REDACTED]

I stressed that it was solely her choice to speak with you or not. She [REDACTED] agreed to think about the request – [REDACTED] She readily offered her phone number ([REDACTED]) to update our files. [REDACTED]

I experienced the conversation as pleasant and straightforward but guarded. [REDACTED] harbors some strong feelings given her unpleasant experience with the Archdiocese from the past. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was agreed that [REDACTED] would call our office on May 17<sup>th</sup> with her answer.

[REDACTED]

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

Cc: Bishop Edwin Conway  
Rev. James Kaczorowski  
Jimmy Lago  
Leah McCluskey ✓  
John O'Malley  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic  
Ralph Bonaccorsi

FROM: Mayra Flores *mf*

RE: [REDACTED] [John Keehan]

DATE: May 19, 2004

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Late yesterday afternoon, I contacted [REDACTED]. She appreciated the call back since she said she had misplaced our letter.

[REDACTED] said that after careful consideration, she is declining the invitation to meet with you to discuss the John Keehan matter. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did want me to extend her appreciation to you for thinking to contact her. [REDACTED]

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I responded that the choice was hers and I would not try to talk her into anything she would not be comfortable with. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I extended the invitation of meeting with you in the future, if she ever wished. I also said that Assistance Ministry continues to be available to her, as she deems necessary.

The conversation was very pleasant. [REDACTED] was very gracious throughout the phone call, and ended by thanking us again for contact her.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Department of Personnel Services



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Phone 312 751-8349  
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May 27, 2004

Rev. John Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Father Keehan:

As I promised when we last spoke I have reviewed your salary amounts since the time that you began receiving your salary from the Interim Salaries account.


On August 16, 2002 you were initially placed in the Interim Salaries account and were paid as an associate pastor. After further conversation with the Office of Professional Responsibility, we changed the effective date to August 1, 2002 and still listed you as an associate pastor. On August 26, 2002 we changed your salary from associate pastor to pastor. This change was effective August 1, 2002. Since that time you have been receiving a pastor's salary.

Regarding the 10% that is deducted from your annual salary, Cardinal George approved that reduction.

You received a salary increase in July of 2003 based on 36 years of ordination. You will receive a salary increase in July of 2004 based on 37 years of ordination.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 751-8335.

Sincerely,

  
Patricia Vanderplow  
Administrative Assistant

cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski

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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: File

FROM: Mayra Flores 

RE: [REDACTED] [John Keehan]

DATE: June 11, 2004

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I called [REDACTED] to follow up on her telephone conversation with Cardinal George (June 8<sup>th</sup>). [REDACTED] was very appreciative of the telephone call from the Cardinal and the information he shared regarding the future status of Fr. John Keehan. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I thanked her for accepting the Cardinal's and VAM's phone calls. I also offered the services of the office as she deemed necessary.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

Rev. John J. Keehan [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

Chicago Illinois [destination address and contact phone number]  
from

July 17, 2004 [departure date] through July 18, 2004 [return date].

John J. Keehan [name of cleric] will be monitored by

[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

J. Keehan [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

*[see attached correspondence]*

1. Contacts with minors by John J. Keehan [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of John J. Keehan [cleric name] over July 17-18 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to John J. Keehan 's [cleric name]

Residence has been scheduled for July 18 [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions of emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: John J. Keehan Date: July 11, 2004

PRA Signature: [redacted] Date: 7/14/04

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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### TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

Rev. John J. Keehan [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

[redacted] Minnesota ([redacted] no phone on the houseboat) [destination address and contact phone number] from August 28, 2004 [departure date] through September 8, 2004 [return date].

John J. Keehan [name of cleric] will be monitored by

[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

J. Keehan [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

*[see attached correspondence]*

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2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of John J. Keehan [cleric name] over August 28-September 8 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to John J. Keehan's [cleric name] Residence has been scheduled for September 8, 2004 [aforementioned return date]. However, due to weather conditions of emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: John J. Keehan Date: August 14, 2004

PRA Signature: Pat McManus Date: 8/16/04

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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Sr. Mary Ann,

Here is the letter you requested.

Take care,  
 Laura

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OCT 25 2004

## TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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Rev. John J. Keehan [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

Chicago [destination address and contact phone number] from  
Oct. 23, 2004 [departure date] through Oct. 24, 2004 [return date].

John J. Keehan [name of cleric] will be monitored by

[name of travel monitor] [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

J. Keehan [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

*[see attached correspondence]*

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presence of [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations  
and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the  
activities and whereabouts of John J. Keehan [cleric name] over  
Oct. 23-24 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to John J. Keehan's [cleric name]  
Residence has been scheduled for Oct. 24, 2004 [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions of emergencies that may arise, the date may be  
changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be  
substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: [Signature] Date: Oct. 23, 2004

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/25/04

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file  
in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar  
for Priests' Office.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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November 16, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed are copies of Individual Specific Protocols applicable to priests of the Archdiocese for whom the Archbishop has determined there is reason to suspect that the individual priest may have engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. The priests are:

Rev. John Keehan  
[REDACTED]

Please note I have deleted information related to therapy and spiritual direction for the reason of confidentiality. Further, [REDACTED] have not signed the protocol, upon advice of canonical counsel, but I am advised by Leah McCluskey that they comply with the restrictions.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Rev. Edward D. Grace  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Ms. Leah McCluskey

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 For

Rev. John Keenan

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of protecting minors. Additionally, the ISP protects the integrity of the Church and serves as a safeguard for individual priest or deacon. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office of Professional Responsibility, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Professional Responsibility Administrator (PRA); please refer to protocol number 15. The agreement of a priest or deacon to abide by these protocols is not understood to prove the truth of any allegation and is not intended to be an admission of guilt for any delict or crime, whether in Canon Law, or State and Federal Law. This agreement represents the cooperation of the cleric with his bishop as he exercises his pastoral office (e.g., Canons 369 and 392).

This ISP for John Keenan is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1. ☒ Restricted from being alone with minors (anyone under the age of 18) without the presence of another responsible adult.

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4. ☒ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the priest/deacon, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it lists all time periods, it is intended to provide an accurate record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-campus activity, please include the place, the general purpose of the visit/trip/activity (e.g. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the telephone number only if it is a private residence. (For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping rather than the name, location and telephone number of each individual store.) If your self-description is challenged, some documentation/verification may be requested.

5. ☒ Abide by the assignment of residence to Cardinal Stritch  
Retreat House

6. ☒ No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* will apply.
7. ☒ Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement", and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure.
8. ☒ Attendance at a recommended support group \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of \_\_\_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
9. ☒ No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. ☒ Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. ☒ The right of defense must not involve the public life of the Church.
12. ☒ On-site visits by PRA annually to include meeting with PRA and the cleric.
13. ☒ On-site visits by Vicar for Priests (VP) annually to include a meeting with VP and the cleric.
14. ☒ This ISP is to be reviewed annually with PRA, VP, and the cleric.
15. Because the private celebration of the Eucharist is possible, during the course of each week one of the Masses celebrated is to be for the intention of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
16. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PRA or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, and at the discretion of any of the parties, his legal and/or canonical counsel may be involved.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of PRA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of VP: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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G. Letters to John Keehan and John Calicott:

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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November 22, 2004

Dear Father Keehan:

In fulfillment of Canon 186 and the Diocesan Priests' Placement Board policies regarding terms of office for a pastor, I hereby notify you that your term of office as pastor of St. Ann Parish has expired.

John, I realize the past months have been extremely difficult for you and I hope that all of this can be resolved as soon as possible. I know you loved and cared for the people of St. Ann, and I thank you for your work as we must proceed to find a new pastor for that parish.

You remain always in my prayers. Please keep me in yours.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. J. C. C.".

Ecclesiastical Notary

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Mundelein, IL 60060

cc: Office of the Vicar General  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Reverend James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Reverend Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Most Reverend John Manz, Vicar  
Reverend Donald Nevins, Dean  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board

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**A G E N D A**

Meeting #4<sup>th</sup> - Twenty-first Board  
Date: December 3, 2004  
Place: Priests' Placement Board

Present: Rev.: Kevin Birmingham, John W. Clemens, William T. Corcoran,  
James Donovan, Matthew E. Foley, Thomas Hickey,  
David A. Jones, Daniel J. McCormack

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II Acceptance of Minutes: Vote \_\_\_\_\_

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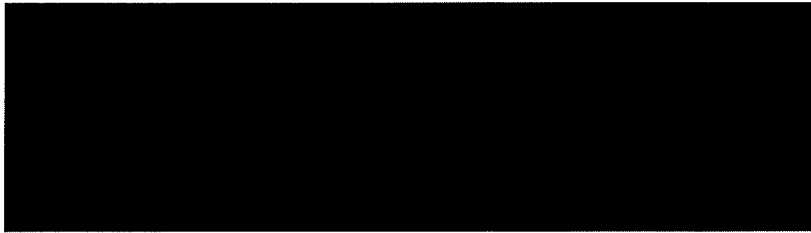
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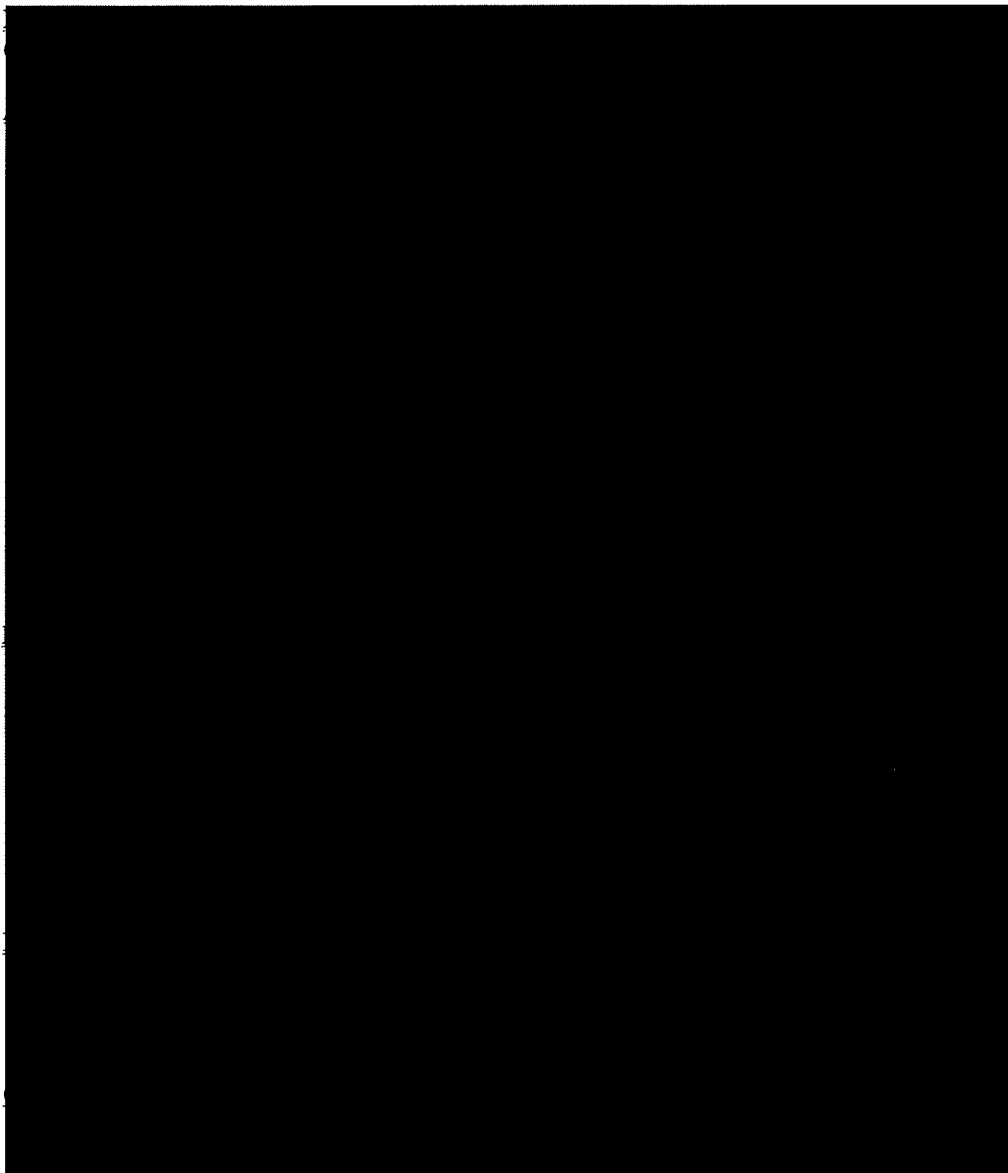
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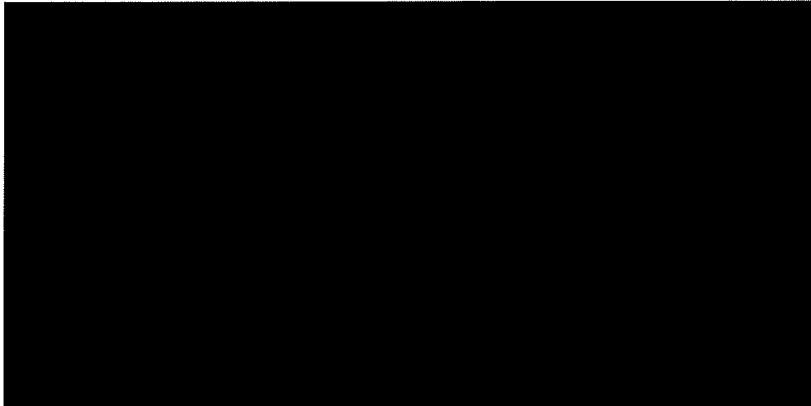
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*Fr. Keesporowski: for your information:*

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ST. MARY OF THE LAKE, BOX 455  
MUNDELEIN ILLINOIS 60060-0455

Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar  
Archdiocese of Chicago.  
March 21, 2005

Dear Fr. Lagges:

I really appreciated your explanation and immediate action when I discovered that [REDACTED]'s letter on my case was omitted from the case file. You have consistently given me the impression that you are committed to do what is right and just.

Since then, I asked my canonical advocate, Mr. Ritty, to look for other documents that support my case in the file, particularly Mr. Sidlowski's interviews with priests that contradicted or denied the allegation. You can understand our concern when we discovered that these too were not in the file!

You explained the absence of [REDACTED]'s letter, that it was never given to you. Is that what happened with these documents? You can understand our concern about the possibility of a conscious decision by someone to suppress evidence.

In either case, the resulting file sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and the file given the Cardinal, omitted clearly significant evidence, or deliberately suppressed it.

This file came to Mr. Ritty with a cover letter requiring "Pontifical Secrecy" and forbidding him from giving me a copy to see. This made thorough searches for documents all the more difficult. Considering the letters read from pulpits, press conferences and statements issued by the Archdiocese about me and similar cases, this insistence on pontifical secrecy seems tardy, self-serving and somewhat hypocritical.

I rely on your commitment to do what is right and just. I have patiently trusted in the Archdiocese to determine the true facts. I hope the Archdiocese will live up to my expectations. I hope I am never forced to seek recourse from a tribunal with a higher standard of justice. I really do not want to do that. I am certainly not anxious to go to civil court, which as you know allows subpoenas of files and depositions from those responsible.

I have enclosed a list of documents that seem to be missing. I am relying on your sense of justice to see that all the relevant evidence is duly considered.

Sincerely,

Rev. John Keehan

The case file of Fr. Keehan sent the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to the Ordinary and to Mr. Michael Ritty, his canonical advocate, were discovered to lack the following documents all of which are in the Archdiocesan files.

Significantly, the missing documents all support Fr. Keehan's contention that the allegation is false, and that the Review Board never found "reason to suspect."

The Board met monthly and each time deferred making a determination for seven months and directed Mr. Sidlowski to look for evidence. Clearly the Board felt there was a lack of sufficient evidence, and doubt about the credibility of the allegation, as [REDACTED] (a member of that Board) has testified.

The Board finally did determine and recommended to the Cardinal, and the Cardinal accepted that Fr. Keehan should not be removed but could continue as pastor of a parish and school. These determinations and recommendations were all clearly stated in official letters. The Board then recommended and the Cardinal accepted that monitoring of Fr. Keehan cease. This too was clearly stated in official letters. Subsequently the Board recommended and the Cardinal accepted that Fr. Keehan could take a second term as Pastor of a parish and school. And they recommended that the initial restrictions on him continue only until [REDACTED]

The omission of significant documents may be due merely to multiple files and compartmentalization within the bureaucracy. If so this is largely an honest mistake. However it did do a grave injustice to Fr. Keehan. The fact that documents that support Fr. Keehan's defense are apparently the only ones missing does raise serious questions about the methods of the Archdiocese.

Mr. Sidlowski who investigated this case did not record all the evidence. There is no record of Fr. Keehan's defense. There is no record of the names and phone numbers of witnesses Fr. Keehan provided. There is no record of Fr. Keehan's offer to take a polygraph. When Mr. Sidlowski did record evidence, it was merely a single sentence or single word often only summarizing his opinion, such as "positive," or "no corroboration."

In addition to his opinions, Mr. Sidlowski did record his own frustrations with lack of evidence and with the Board, e.g. "the priests have friends on the Board." Mr. Sidlowski's idiosyncratic methods make his "positive" remarks all the more significant.

[REDACTED] the actual determination of the Board, the lack of any official statement about even "reason to suspect," the testimony of [REDACTED] (a member of that Board), the ending of a monitor, the lack of deductions from his salary, the resulting determination of Cardinal Bernardin, Cardinal George, and the determination of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, clearly indicate that Fr. Keehan should not have been removed and his name given to the press. If all the evidence is considered, Fr. Keehan's name should be restored as is required under #13 of the Essential Norms.

**The Numbered documents listed below indicate:**

- a. Interviews that contradicted the allegation.
- b. The Board's own documents deferring any determination, indicates lack of evidence and serious doubt for seven months, as [REDACTED] has testified.
- c. Mr. Sidlowski's seven months searching for evidence.
- d. That the Board charged with removing suspect priests, decided not to remove Fr. Keehan, ended his monitoring, and recommended that restrictions on him end with completion of [REDACTED]

**Other documents are unnumbered and included for context.**

- a. They demonstrate the months of effort by Mr. Sidlowski to find evidence.

b. Some also contain his own expressions of frustration, with lack of evidence, with the Board itself (he evidently felt they were too friendly toward priests), and with what was released to the Board [REDACTED]

c. [REDACTED]

#### DOCUMENTATION

1. 1992-10-17: *[Document in the file of the Vicar for Priests, PFR-20, Oct. 17, 1992]:*

Memo to file by Fr. Patrick O'Malley: that he met with Keehan and lawyer, then with the Cardinal and others. He writes, "Children are not at risk, Keehan will not be withdrawn from ministry."

N.B. [93-03-10: Serratella says in letter to [REDACTED] that monitoring began at this point.]

1993-02-19: [REDACTED]

2. 1993-01-27: *[Document in the file of the Vicar for Priests, PFR-20, January 27, 1993]*

[REDACTED]

3. 1993-02-27: *[Document in the files of the Vicar for Priests, PFR-20, Feb. 27, 1993]:*

summary of the discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board 02/27:

- 1) Pat O'Malley presented all pertinent information, initiated 1st Stage Review.
- 2) They deferred a decision,
- 3) They want further information from [REDACTED]
- 4) They want at very least [REDACTED] to assist them.

4. 1993-03-08: *[Document in the files of the Fitness Review Administrator, Mr. Steven Sidlowski, PFR-20, March 8, 1993]:* The formal letter from Mr. Sidlowski to Fr. Keehan.

"Dear Father Keehan:

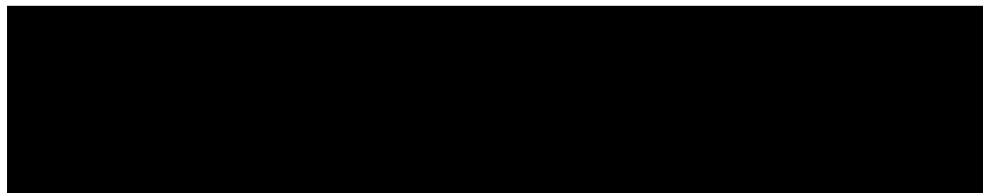
Please be advised that the Review Board met on February 27, 1993. The Board accepted the documents you authorized and considered the oral report of the Vicar for Priests. As a matter of transition, the Board assumed responsibility for the matter by initiating a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board has temporarily deferred from making formal determinations and recommendations to Cardinal Bernardin pending further inquiry and action by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator and the Board. The Board has instructed me to contact you to discuss the information to be developed by the additional inquiry and their further consideration of the matter in the First Stage Review.

The Board intends to make First Stage Review determinations and recommendations to the Cardinal at the April 3, 1993 meeting and instructed me to communicate this intention to you. Until the First Stage Review is

complete, the Board concurs that the current restrictions and supervision by monitor imposed upon you remain in effect."

5. 1993-03-10 [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, March 10, 1993]. Letter from Mr. Sidlowski to Cardinal Bernardin: It stated the same recommendation as listed above in 1993-03-08, deferring action. Similar letters were sent to Fr. Keehan and his accuser.
  - 1993-03-12: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, March 12, 1993]:  
"Sidlowski, memo to file, phone call to Keehan."  
Mr. Sidlowski called Fr. Keehan in the evening, and told him that The Board wanted more of [redacted] released. He told Fr. Keehan he could be removed if he did not. Under this threat, Fr. Keehan allowed Mr. Sidlowski to choose what would be released to the Board, he did so. They agreed that what wasn't selected was not relevant.
  6. 1993-03-16: [Document in the files of the Administrator, PFR-20, March 16, 1993]:  
Memo of meeting with Keehan and attorney, it is generally positive.  
This is Mr. Sidlowski's record of Fr. Keehan's defence! Fr. Keehan and his attorney meet with Mr. Sidlowski at 2 pm. at St. Ann Rectory, Fr. Keehan's defense took about two hours and covered each statement of the allegation. Mr. Sidlowski took very few notes. There is no record of it ever being presented to the Board, certainly not in the form presented. Mr. Sidlowski acted apparently as a filter through which evidence passed to the Board. There is no record of the defense in the files of the Archdiocese or in the case file.
  - 1993-03-29: [Document in the files of the Administrator, PFR-20, March 29, 1993]:  
Phone call from J. Keehan to S. Sidlowski, arranged a meeting with him and lawyer for Wed. 1993-03-31, Keehan "Will release [redacted], numbers of adult names he gave me at last meeting and "trip" slides." This refers to Fr. Keehan's release of [redacted] and the evidence in support of his defense. None of this was found in the files Fr. Keehan was allowed to see. They may be in other more secret files.
  - 1993-03-31: [Document in the files of the Administrator, PFR-20, March 31, 1993]  
Fr. Keehan allowed Mr. Sidlowski to select more of [redacted] (previously admitted to not be relevant). Fr. Keehan by this time had released 1) [redacted] 2) Mr. Sidlowski's selection of relevant material, 3) Additional material selected by Mr. Sidlowski.  
There is a receipt for a slide dated by the Kodak Processor, [redacted] 1972 # C 10, dating the [redacted] trip to [redacted] and the people on the trip.
  7. 1993-04-03: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, April 3, 1993].  
Another official letter from Mr. Sidlowski to Fr. Keehan reporting the Board's findings:  
1) They have completed a first stage review for continuation of ministry  
2) The board made two determinations:  
a) Restrictions on Fr. Keehan should continue,  
b) and further action is required.
- N.B.: There is no mention of reason to suspect!
- In 2003, [redacted] (a member of the Review Board at the time) told Fr. Keehan that there was no finding of "Reason to Suspect" in his case. He said that he remembered very clearly that the Board had believed Fr. Keehan, and had doubts about the accuser's credibility. [redacted] would have remembered, he knew the woman who made the allegation.
- when — 1993 or 2003 — must be 2003 — Koz is here*
- Fr. Keehan then asked Fr. Kaczorowski to search the files for any finding of "Reason to suspect" in his case. After an extensive search of the files by Fr. Kaczorowski, he called Fr. Keehan to tell him he found no such document, "that's good for your case," he said.



*what is this document?*

8. 1993-05-12: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, April 12, 1993]:

Letter from Mr. S. Sidlowski, Administrator of the office of Professional Fitness Review, to Fr. Keehan.

"Dear Fr. Keehan:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on April 3, 1993. In the meeting, the Board fully considered my oral report as well as the previous report of the Vicar for Priests given on February 27, 1993. The Board completed the First Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board made the following determinations:

- (1) Restrictions should continue to be imposed upon you; and
- (2) Further action is required.

As a result, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that you should not be alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. The Board further recommended that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. You also should not be allowed to conduct individual counseling or retreats with adolescents until [REDACTED]. Moreover, you should have no contact with [REDACTED]."

N.B.: There is no mention of any finding of "Reasonable cause to suspect."

These restrictions imposed by Fr. Patrick O'Malley, when the allegation was first made, would apply only until [REDACTED]. Ms. Kathleen Lagdis later ended [REDACTED].

9. 1993-05-12: [Document in the files of the Vicar for Priests, PRF-20, May 12].

Fr. O'Malley records the April 3 meeting of the Board, and its determinations:

**Review Board meeting April 3, 1993. Completed 1st Stage Review, Restriction should continue, further action required, Steve Sidlowski.**

N.B. If they had determined reason to suspect, why would action be deferred again?

1993-05-12: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, April 12, 1993]:

Letter from S. Sidlowski to Cardinal Bernardin, The board met April 13, 1993 and completed 1st Stage Review.

N.B. It is similar to the above, there is no mention of cause to suspect.

1993-05-12: [Document in the files of the Administrator, PFR-20]:

S. Sidlowski telephoned [REDACTED]:

- 1) She is not happy with the Board's decision [REDACTED]

- 2) [REDACTED]

- 3) She says others can verify her account.

N.B. Sidlowski had already interviewed Fr. William O'Connor and Fr. Paul Rosemeyer.

neither had any recollection of what she alleged or anything of the sort. His call was apparently to seek witnesses who could corroborate her allegation, cf. 1993-08-18.

1993-05-12: [Document in the files of the Administrator, PFR-20]:

Letter from Sidlowski to [REDACTED] that 1st Stage Review was completed on April 3, 1993. Again no indication of reason to suspect, explaining her unhappiness mentioned in 1993-05-12.

10. 1993-06-10: [Document in the files of the Vicar for Priests, PFR-20, June 10, 1993]:

A handwritten note from Cardinal Bernardin to Fr. O'Malley, it simply states: "I did not bring up "repayment." The Personnel Department of the Archdiocese follows an unpublished policy to deduct 10% of an offending priest's salary, various reasons are given for this deduction.

N.B.: No such deduction was made from Fr. Keehan's salary until after Dallas, June of 2002.

11. 1993-08-18: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Aug. 18, 1993]:

Memo to file from S. Sidlowski: "looking up priests who could verify her memory of [REDACTED] and attempting to interview them. have had no success."

1993-08-18: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Aug. 18, 1993]:

Memo to file from S. Sidlowski, attempted to phone [REDACTED] left a message.

1993-08-20: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Aug. 20, 1993]:

Memo to file from S. Sidlowski, I called her and told her I was following up on interviews with priests.

12. 1993-08-20: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Aug. 20, 1993, Addendum, p. 4]

Mr. Sidlowski reports:

Received a phone call from [Fr.]Henry Troy 8-19-93, and interviewed him, all positive.

[Fr.]Ed Kelly 08-19-1993, who complained about lots of young people having meetings at the rectory and Keehan being "a new type of priest." However he . . . . does not remember anything bad happening.

William O'Connor 08-19-1993, who does not recall any such party or any such scene.

13. 1993-08-21: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Aug. 21, 1993]:

Written Report/ summary for 2nd Stage Review, August 21, 1993 initiated, Sept. 18, 1993 completed. [REDACTED]

This same report also contains the summary:

"There is a discrepancy between his denial and her insistence. Others, including O'Connor remember only that she came around a lot after she was 18."

1993-08-21: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Aug. 21, 1993]:

Second Stage Review in matter of J. Keehan initiated but not completed until 09-18.

14. 1993-08-23: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Aug. 23, 1993]:

Memo to file from S. Sidlowski re. phone call to Paul Rosemeyer 8-23-93, He felt that the relationship was suspicious, but had no first hand knowledge of activity, and she was over 18.

15. 1993-08-23: [Document in Vicar for Priests files, PFR-20, Aug. 23, 1993]:

The board met August 21, 1993 and considered written and oral reports. It initiated a second stage review for the continuation of ministry. It deferred making determinations pending further inquiry.

[ note attached to the above document in Vicar for Priests file]:



[REDACTED]

This seems to refer to Mr. Sidlowski's contention of disturbing things in [REDACTED] that he previously thought irrelevant.

16. 1993-08-23: [Document in the files of the Administrator, PFR-20, Aug. 23, 1993]:

Letter from S. Sidlowski to Cardinal Bernardin. Reported that the Review Board met August 21, 1993 and initiated the 2nd Stage Review, but **deferred determination pending additional inquiry.**

Similar letters sent to Keehan and [REDACTED]

- 1993-08-23: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Aug. 23, 1993]:

Memo to file from S. Sidlowski, re. phone call to J. Keehan regarding 2nd Stage Review and further inquiry. [REDACTED]

17. 1993-09-09: [Document in the files of the Administrator, PFR-20, Sept. 9, 1993]: The same as 1993-09-18:

Memo to file: **there is no corroboration of the allegation by other priests at the parish.**

18. 1993-09-18: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Sept. 18, 1993]:

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board 09-18.

Second Stage Review completed, it is reasonable to allow Keehan to remain in ministry, on the basis of positive monitoring reports from three persons, 2 live-in monitors and the school principal. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. **No further corroboration of [REDACTED]'s description of misconduct by other priests at the parish.**

19. 1993-09-21: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Sept. 21, 1993]:

Letter from Mr. Sidlowski, Office of Professional Review, to the Cardinal:

**please be advised, the Board met September 18, and determined: It was reasonable to allow Keehan to remain in ministry, that the restrictions continue as well as [REDACTED]**

(Similar letters were sent to [REDACTED] and J. Keehan).

20. 1993-09-21: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Sept. 21, 1993]:

Formal letter from Sidlowski to Keehan:

**The board met on Sept. 18, 1993 and completed the second stage review. It determined that it is reasonable to allow you to remain in ministry."**

- 1995-04-18: Notice that Mr. Sidlowski left the employment of the Archdiocese on April 17.

Fr. Keehan was urged to ask for a Second Stage Review by the Board.

- 1995-08-29: Letter of Bishop Goedert, Vicar General to Fr. Keehan.

**"I discussed the matter with the Cardinal and he has approved your request to initiate a second stage review by the Fitness Review Board."**

21. 1996-01-16: [Document in the files of the P.F. Administrator, PFR-20, Jan. 16, 1996]:

Dear Father Keehan

Please be advised that the Review Board met on November 18, 1995. At the meeting, the Board fully considered all oral and written reports and conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Art. 1104.11 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal Bernardin accepted the Board's determination that it is reasonable to keep you in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances. Moreover, the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendation that the monitoring of your activities should cease."

- 1997-06-23: Letter from Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator to Fr. Keehan.  
The Review Board met on May 17, 1997 and conducted a Supplementary Review . . .  
Archbishop George has accepted the Board's determination that it is reasonable to allow you to remain in ministry.
- 1998-05-14: Letter from Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator to Fr. Keehan.  
"Cardinal George has accepted the Board's recommendation that it is reasonable for you to remain in ministry, and that you are eligible for a second term as pastor of St. Ann Parish.

1999-05-04:

- 1999-11-10: Letter of Kathleen Leggdas, P. F. Administrator to Fr. Keehan.  
"On August 21, 1999 the Review Board conducted a Supplementary Review . . . to address issues raised

2000-07-17:

Documents in files of the Archdiocese that Fr. Keehan has not been allowed to see.

22. The letter of [REDACTED] to Bishop Goedert. [REDACTED] was a member of the Review [REDACTED] wrote that the Board had doubted the credibility of the allegation about Fr. Keehan and never determined that there was reason to suspect in his case.  
Fr. Keehan has not been allowed to see this document, Fr. Kaczorowski read it to him over the phone. When it was discovered that this document was not in the case file, it was pointed out to Fr. Lagges who assured Fr. Keehan that he would add it to the case file the Cardinal would see.
23. 2004-08-20: Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Keehan over the phone that **the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had refused the Cardinal's request for a trial, stating (so it was said) that there was no evidence of a delict.** This is quite significant since the allegation insisted misconduct took place prior to her 16th birthday! Fr. Keehan and his canonical advocate have not been allowed to see this document.

*Phil Hopper*

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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8 April, 2005

Rev. John Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
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Mundelein, IL 60060

Post-it® Fax Note	7671	Date	# of pages ▶
To	Mary Ann Fay-J...	From	A. Pat VPO
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Dear Jack:

I received your letter of March 21 in which you questioned some of the things that were or were not in your file. In addition, you questioned whether there was a deliberate suppression of evidence in your case.

[REDACTED] I can only answer that I went through the files that I received. I can also attest to the fact that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith thought the matter had been thoroughly investigated; hence there was no need for a trial. Therefore, the Congregation indicated that Cardinal George should handle the matter through a disciplinary decree.

At the present time, Cardinal George is still considering that matter. It is taking longer than we expected because there are so many factors to consider in reaching a decision. In particular, the Cardinal has to make a decision that is for the good of the Church as well as for the good of individuals. He is also bound by the U.S. bishops' Charter and Norms. There is a very delicate balance that needs to be maintained here.

This has been a real struggle, Jack. Just when we think we have looked at it every way that we can, we see something else that we have to consider. Since there are no roadmaps for this, and since we have to do it amidst all the other work that we have to do in the Archdiocese, the resolution of these cases goes much more slowly than we had imagined.

I will keep you informed as to what is happening next once some decisions have been made. In the meantime, I continue to pray for you every day. I know this is much harder on you than it is on me.

Fraternally,

(Rev.) Patrick R. Lagges  
Judicial Vicar

### TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

Rev. John J. Keehan [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

Green Bay and other places in northern Wisconsin [destination address and contact phone number]  
from June 7, 2005 [departure date] through June 14, 2005 [return date].

John J. Keehan [name of cleric] will be monitored by

[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

J. Keehan [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

*[see attached correspondence]*

1. Contacts with minors by John J. Keehan [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of John J. Keehan [cleric name] over June 7 - June 14 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to John J. Keehan's [cleric name] Residence has been scheduled for June 14, 2005 [aforementioned return date]. However, due to weather conditions of emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: John Keehan Date: June 3, 2005

PRA Signature: [redacted] Date: 6/7/05

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION**

Rev. John J. Keehan [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

[redacted] Michigan [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number]  
from June 25, 2005 [departure date] through June 16, 2005 [return date].

July

John J. Keehan [name of cleric] will be monitored by

[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name  
of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

J. Keehan [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

*[see attached correspondence]*

1. Contacts with minors by John J. Keehan [name of cleric] must be in the  
presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations  
and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the  
activities and whereabouts of John J. Keehan [cleric name] over  
June 25-26 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to John J. Keehan's [cleric name]

Residence has been scheduled for June 26, 2005 [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions of emergencies that may arise, the date may be  
changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be  
substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: John J. Keehan Date: June 23, 2005

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/27/05

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file  
in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar  
for Priests' Office.

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

## TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

Rev. John J. Keehan [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

Archdiocesan convocation, Pheasant Run, St. Charles Ill. [destination address and contact phone number] from June 28, 2005 [departure date] through July 1, 2005 [return date].

John J. Keehan [name of cleric] will be monitored by

Rev. Anthony Talarico [name of travel monitor]. Rev. Talarico [name of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

J. Keehan [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

*[see attached correspondence]*

1. Contacts with minors by John J. Keehan [name of cleric] must be in the presence of Rev. Talarico [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. Rev. Talarico [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of John J. Keehan [cleric name] over June 28- July 1 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to John J. Keehan's [cleric name] Residence has been scheduled for July 1, 2005 [aforementioned return date]. However, due to weather conditions of emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature:

Date: June 27, 2005

PRA Signature:

Date:

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

\* 4051 East Main Street, St Charles, Illinois 60174 1-800-4 PHEASANT.

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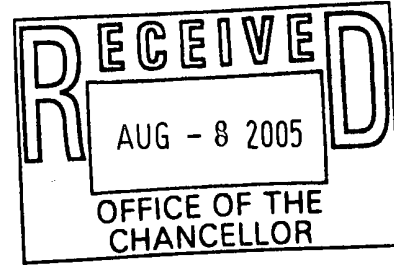
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155 E. Superior St.  
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July 22, 2005

Rev. John J. Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060



Dear Jack:

I have completed my review of the case of sexual misconduct with minors that has been pending against you. My decision is contained in the enclosed decree.

I have also sent a copy of this decree to your advocate, so you might want to discuss this with him.

Should you wish to appeal this decree, you may do so to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith within the prescribed period of time. However, you will be expected to bear any of the expenses associated with that appeal.

I hope this will bring some conclusion to this matter which has been most difficult for both of us. Please be assured that you remain in my prayers; I ask that you keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

cc: Mr. J. Michael Ritty, Advocate  
Rev. George J. Rassas, Vicar General  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Promoter of Justice  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator  
Mr. John O'Malley, Legal Services

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## D E C R E E

### **Disciplinary Decree resolving the matter involving Reverend John J. Keehan (CDF P.N. 115/03 – 19109)**

According to the decree *Christus dominus* of the Second Vatican Council, bishops “have been designated by the Holy Spirit to take the place of the apostles as pastors of souls and, together with the Supreme Pontiff and subject to his authority, they are commissioned to perpetuate the work of Christ, the eternal Pastor.” (*Christus dominus*, n. 2). Diocesan bishops have been entrusted with the pastoral care of a portion of the People of God, and designated their proper, ordinary, and immediate pastor. (CD, n. 11). The Council further teaches, “In exercising his office of father and pastor, the bishop should be with his people as one who serves, as a good shepherd who knows his sheep and whose sheep know him, as a true father who excels in his love and solicitude for all...” (CD, n. 16).

This love and solicitude expresses itself in providing for the welfare of the faithful according to their circumstances (CD, n. 16), and also in being “compassionate and helpful to those priests who are in any kind of danger or who have failed in some respect.” (CD, n. 16)

It is for this reason that my predecessor, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, expressed such solicitude for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago in establishing policies with regard to sexual misconduct of priests. I have continued that tradition of solicitude by confirming and revising these policies from time to time.

The nature of the priesthood itself requires that special attention be given to matters involving priestly misconduct. Recognizing the high dignity of the priesthood, which was established by the Lord Jesus to be joined in a special way with the episcopal ministry, and hence shares in the authority by which Christ himself builds up and sanctifies and rules his Body, it is all the more necessary to exercise particularly vigilance over the behavior of priests and to hold them to a greater level of accountability. The sacred task which has been given to priests demands a conduct commensurate with that task.

At their ordination, priests take on a number of obligations. They are bound by a special obligation to show reverence and obedience to the Holy Father and to their own ordinary (c. 273), and are to fulfill faithfully any function which their ordinary entrusts to them (c. 274§2). They are to be united among themselves, but at the same time promote the proper mission of the laity (c. 275). They are to pursue holiness of life through the fulfillment of their pastoral duties, through the nourishment of the spiritual life by word and sacrament, and through leading a life of prayer (c. 276). They are to continue their studies after ordination (c. 279) and have the right to



associate with other clerics to pursue purposes in keeping with the clerical state (c. 278). They are to foster simplicity of life and are to have a special concern for the poor (c. 282).

Moreover, priests are to avoid all those things which could endanger their vocation or give rise to scandal among the people. First and foremost, they are bound to a life of perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the kingdom (c. 277), which expresses itself in a life of celibacy. But they are also to act with due prudence in their associations with others (c. 277§2), avoiding those things unbecoming the clerical state (c. 285 §§1-2).

The Catholic Bishops of the United States, in addressing the issue of clerical sexual abuse of minors, established at their annual general meeting held in Dallas in June, 2002 a *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, commonly referred to as the *Charter*. This was a common commitment by the bishops of the United States to act in a concerted way with regard to the issue of clerical sexual abuse of minors.

At that same meeting the bishops also passed and forwarded to the Holy See for its *recognitio* a set of *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons*, commonly referred to as the *Essential Norms*. These *Norms* established, among other things, that “When even a single act of sexual abuse by a priest or deacon is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accord with canon law, the offending priest or deacon will be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants.” Diocesan bishops and eparchs were also reminded that they have “the executive power of governance, through an administrative act, to remove an offending cleric from office, to remove or restrict his faculties, and to limit his exercise of priestly ministry.” (*Norm 9*)

Apart from any penalties which might be imposed after a penal process, whether administrative or judicial, c. 223§2 allows the bishop, in view of the common good, to “direct the exercise of rights which are proper to the Christian faithful.” By the wording of the canon itself, this must include the rights which are given with priestly ordination.

The universal law of the Church, by virtue of the *motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, has given the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith exclusive competence over matters involving clerical sexual misconduct with minors. In removing the bishop’s discretionary authority given by c. 1718, the universal law of the Church requires that, after the preliminary investigation has been conducted in accord with c. 1717, the bishop is to forward to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith all cases involving clerical sexual misconduct with a minor, and request further instruction from that Congregation as to how to proceed.

The case of **Reverend John Keehan** was referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on 31 July, 2003. Having reviewed the material submitted by the Archdiocese of Chicago, in a letter of 8 July, 2004 (P.N. 115/03 – 19109), Cardinal Ratzinger informed me that I could “move ahead and handle the situation through administrative measures, which may include also temporary restrictions to the public ministry of the Rev. Keehan in order to protect the Common Good (Cfr. Can. 223§2.)”

In accordance with the directives of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, and considering this matter in light of the common good (c. 223); seeking ways to repair scandal and restore justice (c. 1341); reviewing again the accusations made against **Father Keehan**; and having prayed for Wisdom and Understanding to decide this matter, I hereby make the following provisions with regard to **Reverend John J. Keehan**:

I have determined that the following facts have been established:

Between the years 1968 to 1973, Father Keehan engaged in a relationship with a young woman which constituted a grave violation of c. 277. Although it could not be determined whether the woman was a minor under the age of sixteen at the time the actions took place, it is clear that inappropriate actions took place between Father Keehan and this young woman. Canon 277§2 enjoins clerics "to behave with due prudence towards persons whose company can endanger their obligation to observe continence or give rise to scandal among the faithful." It is clear that Father Keehan has not behaved with due prudence in his association with this woman, resulting in harm to this woman and in scandal to the faithful. Since canon 277§3 authorizes me to "pass judgment in particular cases concerning the observance of this obligation" to clerical celibacy and imprudent behavior; and since the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has authorized me to use the provisions of c. 223§2 in this matter, I have decided the following:

While Father Keehan's actions were confined to a certain period of time (1968-1973), they nonetheless have led to [REDACTED] damage to the young woman and scandal among the Christian faithful who are rightly disturbed when they hear of actions by their priests who engage in sexual relations with members of the faithful. The bishops of the United States have assured the Christian faithful that the priests who minister to them have never been shown to have abused children or young people. Therefore, it is not possible to return Father Keehan to parish ministry where he would again be associated with young people.

Therefore, I have made the following determinations with regard to Father Keehan:

Father Keehan's faculties in the Archdiocese of Chicago are removed for a period of three years, the exception being for those things which are allowed in danger of death. His salary, however, shall be determined at the level of an associate pastor, less any administrative expenses as may be determined in particular law of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

For a period of three years, I dispense Father Keehan from the obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c. 284), and urge that he not wear such attire for his own good and the good of the Church. Furthermore, during that time, he is not to represent himself as a priest to those unknown to him nor act as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I also encourage Father Keehan to observe the prescriptions of canons 273 to 289 concerning the obligations and rights of clerics. That is, he is to show reverence and obedience to the Supreme Pontiff and to his ordinary (c. 273); is to unite himself with the presbyterate of Chicago and promote the mission of the laity (c. 275); to pursue holiness of life, especially by availing himself of daily prayer, monthly spiritual direction and an annual retreat (c. 276); to pursue opportunities for continuing education (c. 279); to foster simplicity of life (c. 282); and to foster peace and harmony based on justice (c. 287).

I further urge Father Keehan to refrain completely from all things which are unbecoming or foreign to the clerical state (c. 285) and which could bring further scandal upon the Church. He should be judicious regarding his participation in public life, for his own good and the good of the Church.

Most especially, because of his actions in the past, I remind Father Keehan of his obligation to observe perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the kingdom and to behave with due prudence toward persons who could endanger this obligation (c. 277).

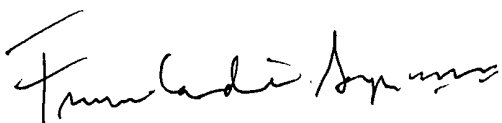
With regard to where Father Keehan might live during this time and what work he might be engaged in, I hereby designate the Vicar for Priests and the Professional Responsibility Administrator to work with Father Keehan to determine these matters.

In order that this decree might be observed more closely, I also direct a program to be developed in conjunction with the Vicar for Priests which will allow Father Keehan to [REDACTED] and which will allow his behavior to be monitored. This program can be modified from time to time as circumstances dictate.

Any violation of this decree could result in further restrictions being placed upon Father Keehan. These will be imposed in accordance with the norm of law.

In issuing this decree, I am also grateful to Father Keehan for his patience during this very difficult time. I am also grateful for his cooperation with my predecessor and for his fulfillment of all the requirements which were recommended by the Review Board after his initial removal from ministry. I hope that by the provisions of this decree Father Keehan may renew and deepen his commitment to the priestly life and the promises he made at his ordination. I ask that he remember especially in his prayers all those who have suffered from sexual abuse, and ask that the healing power of God be with them and make them whole.

Given in Chicago, Illinois, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2005. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.



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



Rev. Richard Audek  
Ecclesiastical Notary

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Vicar General



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September 23, 2005

Rev. Felipe Vaglienty  
St. Ann Parish  
1840 S. Leavitt St.  
Chicago, IL 60608

*Keenan*

Dear Father Vaglienty:

As you know, Cardinal George has resolved eleven cases of priests heretofore temporarily removed from public ministry as a result of an allegation of abuse of a minor. In accord with our policies and practices, victims and the affected parish communities will be informed about the resolution of the cases. With that in mind, I ask that you share the enclosed letter with your parishioners at Masses this weekend.

I suggest you do so in a manner that, in your judgment, best suits your particular parish situation: pulpit announcement (experience has demonstrated that such announcements are best made after Communion), bulletin announcement/insert, copies distributed after weekend Masses, or a combination of these.

Thank you for your cooperation in fulfilling this request, even though it is with short notice.

Sincerely yours,

*Fr. George Rassas*

Reverend George J. Rassas  
Vicar General

cc: Most Rev. John Manz

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Vicar General



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September 23, 2005

To the Parishioners of St. Ann Parish:

As you know, some time ago Father John J. Keehan was temporarily withdrawn from ministry following Cardinal George's acceptance of the advice of the Independent Review Board that there was reason to suspect that Father Keehan engaged in sexual misconduct. According to Canon Law, this determination by the Review Board was forwarded to the Holy See for its review. This is to report to you that this process has been concluded.

Specifically, the Holy See reviewed and confirmed Cardinal George's acceptance of the advice of the Review Board and authorized Cardinal George to resolve the matter administratively. Pursuant to that instruction, Cardinal George reviewed all of the information collected, listened to the opinions of canonical advocates, and sought advice from his own canonical advisors as well as from assessors who are canon lawyers independent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Cardinal George has determined based upon the information presented that sexual misconduct did occur, and he has prohibited Father Keehan from engaging in any public ministry, presenting himself as a priest, or acting as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

It is my hope and prayer that while this announcement is yet one more reminder of a sad reality, it may also bring a measure of finality and peace to the people of St. Ann Parish.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all those affected by the sin of abuse. They and all of you are daily in my prayer.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. George Rassas".

Reverend George J. Rassas  
Vicar General

cc: Most Rev. John Manz

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**REPORT ON CLERICAL  
SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS  
FINDINGS AND SOLUTIONS  
MARCH 20, 2006**

**STATEMENT OF FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE, O.M.I.  
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO**

Sexual abuse or molestation of a child by any adult is disordered. It is a sin and a crime.

When children or young people are robbed of their innocence and suffer the pain, anguish and anxiety caused by the illegal and immoral actions of a priest, a person of trust, the tragedy of sexual abuse is compounded.  
[more >>](#)

**STATEMENT BY JIMMY M. LAGO,  
CHANCELLOR OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

Five weeks ago, Cardinal George asked me to take charge of the Archdiocese of Chicago's response to the problem of clergy sexual abuse prompted by the McCormack case. I accepted that challenge and directed that several action steps be taken immediately. Today, I'm here to deliver a status report on the results of our efforts to date.  
[more >>](#)

- [Key Findings of Independent Due Diligence Review by Defenbaugh & Associates, Inc.](#)
- [Defenbaugh & Associates Report](#)
- [Key Findings of Report on the Archdiocese of Chicago Accused Priest Abuser Monitoring System](#)
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[Archdiocesan Priests with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Minors](#)

**GRAMMY AWARD WINNING SINGER PETER CETERA  
TO ENTERTAIN AT FUNDRAISER FOR THE NEWMAN CENTER AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO**

CHICAGO, March 13, 2006 – Peter Cetera, former lead singer for the legendary rock band, Chicago, will perform live in the Grand Ballroom of the Union League Club on April 7 th. The occasion is the annual fundraising dinner for the Newman Catholic Student Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Cetera will reprise an eloquent performance of his greatest hits in collaboration with a string quartet and a historical video of his days with as the legendary voice, songwriter, & bass player for the Multi-Platinum group, Chicago. His

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## ATTACHMENT B

### Archdiocesan Priests with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Minors (Includes living current and former priests and deceased priests who were able to respond to the allegations before they died).

The following Archdiocesan priests are no longer in public ministry because an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor has been substantiated. The list includes priests against whom there have been substantiated allegations since 1950.

The allegations were substantiated by the Archdiocese's Review Process for Continuation of Ministry administered by the Professional Responsibility Review Board. Prior to the creation of the Review Board in 1992, allegations were substantiated by administrative review. None of the priests are in ministry.

An allegation is deemed to be substantiated if there is reasonable cause to believe that abuse occurred. This determination follows a process of consultation and is not a legal judgment.

Deceased priests who did not have an opportunity to respond to an allegation before they died are not included on the list.

Every effort has been made to make sure that the list is accurate. Questions about the list should be in writing and directed to the Office of the Chancellor, Archdiocese of Chicago, P.O. Box 1979, Chicago, IL 60690.

NAME	DATE OF ORDINATION	ACTION/STATUS
Baranowski, Alexander Sylvester	5/3/1955	Resigned 6/75
Bartz, Richard Barry	5/8/1974	Resigned 6/02
Becker, Robert Charles	4/29/1965	Deceased 10/89
Bogdan, Leonard Adolph	5/3/1960	Retired from Diocese of Kalamazoo 6/30/00
Bowman, Robert Peter	5/3/1955	Removed from Public Ministry 5/02
Braun, David Francis	5/5/1954	Deceased 12/97
Buck, Daniel Peter	5/12/1971	Removed from Public Ministry 6/02
Burns, Eugene Patrick	5/3/1955	Deceased 1/05
Calicott, John Walter	5/8/1974	Removed from Public Ministry 6/02
Cloutier, William J.	5/14/1975	Deceased 8/03
Craig, Robert	5/8/1974	Resigned 10/93

NAME	DATE OF ORDINATION	ACTION/STATUS
Curran, John William	5/3/1957	Deceased 3/00
DeRoeck, Walter George	5/12/1971	Resigned 8/01
Dilla, Francis Emil	5/1/1953	Deceased 2/05
Fassbinder, Richard Wayne	5/1/1953	Deceased 5/04
Fitzharris, Joseph L.	4/28/1962	Resigned 1/95
Flosi, James Vincent	5/12/1971	Resigned 7/92
Friese, Robert	5/10/1978	Resigned 8/85
Garza, Jesus P.	5/9/1979	Resigned 7/00
Hagan, James Craig	5/8/1974	Resigned 4/97
Hefferan, John Edward	5/1/1956	Removed from Public Ministry 10/03
Hogan, Michael J.	5/19/1984	Resigned 7/93
Holihan, Daniel Mark	5/3/1957	Removed from Public Ministry 6/02
Huppenbauer, Walter Edward	5/3/1957	Removed from Public Ministry 10/02
Job, Thomas	5/13/1970	Resigned 12/92
Kealy, Robert Louis	5/10/1972	Removed from Public Ministry 6/02
Keehan, John James	4/27/1967	Removed from Public Ministry 6/02
Keough, John Joseph	5/1/1952	Resigned 3/82
Kissane, Joseph Patrick	5/14/1969	Resigned 1/93
Kmak, Leonard Paul	5/7/1959	Deceased 7/02
Lupo, William L.	4/29/1965	Resigned 12/02
Maday, Norbert J.	4/30/1964	Incarcerated
Mayer, Robert E.	4/30/1964	Resigned 1/94
McCaffrey, Vincent	5/10/1978	Resigned 12/93
McDonald, Robert Joseph	5/9/1973	Resigned 6/90
McNamara, Peter John	5/13/1970	Resigned 8/71
Mulsoff, Donald John	5/14/1969	Deceased 11/05



## ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Current age: 54

Name of civil attorney: [REDACTED]

Date allegation received by PRA: 10/14/92

Date allegation formalized with PRA: 10/19/92

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1967

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1976

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: numerous

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** [REDACTED] alleged intercourse and long-term relationship - fondling, rape, [REDACTED]

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 3/16/93; Fr. Keehan denied the allegation

**Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board:** 9/93—  
“restrictions”; 6/02 Fr. Keehan was withdrawn from ministry after Dallas Charter adopted zero tolerance policy

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

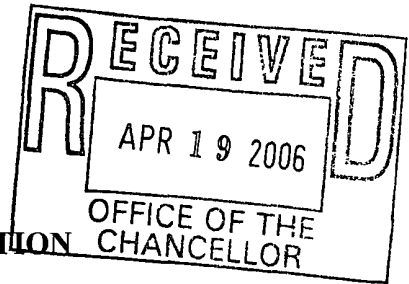
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Signature of PRA:



Date:

4/13/06



**SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION**

	<b>ACCUSED</b>	<b>ACCUSER</b>
<b>Name:</b>	Rev. John "Jack" Keehan	[REDACTED]
<b>Address:</b>	Cardinal Stritch Retreat House Mundelein, IL	N/A
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Current age:</b>	64	deceased
<b>Name of civil attorney:</b>	N/A	N/A

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**Date of Ordination [of accused]:** 4/27/67

**Location:** Mundelein

**Age at ordination:** 25

**Assignment location of accused:** N/A

**Status of accused:** Withdrawn from ministry

**Name of canonical advocate:** Dr. Michael J. Ritty

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**Date allegation received by PRA:** 6/26/02

**Date allegation formalized with PRA:** 8/13/02

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1971

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## *Libellus Introducendi*

April 20, 2006

The Reverend John Keehan, currently residing at Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, P.O. Box 455, Mundelein, IL 60060-0455, Petitioner, seeks to vindicate his rights in a canonical trial and asks the Very Reverend Patrick R. Lagges, J.C.D., Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Chicago, to declare in a judicial sentence that his rights have been violated and his character has been defamed by the actions of Mr. Jimmy M. Lago, Respondent, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago, whose office and mailing address are Archdiocese of Chicago, P.O. Box 1979, Chicago, IL 60690-1970, and to assess damages against Mr. Lago in an amount equal to the lost future income of Reverend John Keehan due to the actions of Mr. Lago as well as to assess damages in an amount equal to the expenses incurred by Reverend John Keehan for canonical assistance in this suit. Most importantly, the Petitioner asks the court to direct Mr. Lago to use every means at his disposal to restore the Petitioner's good name and reputation.

In specific, the Reverend John Keehan has the right cited in canon 220:

**No one is permitted to harm illegitimately the good reputation which a person possesses nor to injure the right of any person to protect his or her own privacy.**

This same right is recognized in other universal and particular law.

In early February 2006 Mr. Jimmy Lago was asked by Cardinal Francis George to take charge of the response of the Archdiocese of Chicago to the problem of clergy sexual abuse prompted most recently by a case involving a priest of the Archdiocese. Mr. Lago took the initiative to implement a number of steps and actions in his desire to fulfill the Cardinal's request. (See Attachment A, page 2 of 4, printout of the homepage of the website of the Archdiocese of Chicago.)

However, not all the steps which Mr. Lago took were appropriate or representative of the facts or in accord with the law.

By his actions in March 2006 of publishing the name of Reverend John Keehan in a list titled "Archdiocesan Priests with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Minors" on the Archdiocesan website, Mr. Jimmy Lago has violated Reverend John Keehan's right to his good reputation and violated his right to protect his privacy. (See Attachment B, pages 1 and 2 of "Archdiocesan Priests with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Minors," from the Archdiocesan website.)

There has been no judicial penal process and no administrative penal process that has established that Reverend John Keehan has committed an act of sexual misconduct with a minor. No such allegation has been substantiated as happening. No such allegation has been substantiated as fulfilling the definition of sexual misconduct with a minor. (See Attachment C, Letter and Decree of July 22, 2005, from Cardinal Francis George to Reverend John Keehan, with copy to Mr. Jimmy Lago, in particular the third page of the decree.)

By identifying the Reverend John Keehan as a priest against whom an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor has been substantiated, Mr. Lago has not only violated Reverend John Keehan's rights but also besmirched his reputation, defamed his character, and undermined his financial well-being.



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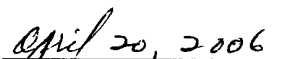
While the Reverend John Keehan primarily seeks the restoration of his good name and a retraction and public apology from Mr. Lago, he also seeks financial compensation. The effect of Mr. Lago's act not only is to destroy a reputation but also to cripple any ability to gain employment in the areas of Reverend John Keehan's experience, training, and ability. Thus, damages must be calculated based on the loss of future income which Reverend John Keehan could otherwise have expected to have earned. The Catholic Bishops of the United States, representative of one group of potential employers, has made it clear that any person identified as a person with a substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor will not work for any of them nor even be considered for employment. In the present climate in the United States a priest or former priest who has been so identified by Mr. Lago will face similar rejection from most otherwise potential employers.

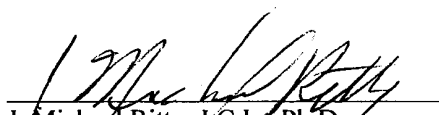
The Reverend John Keehan asks that damages for loss of future income be calculated based on the number of years he has remaining until retirement times his reasonable annual earnings determined by what he would have otherwise been able to expect for a person with his experience, training, and ability. The Reverend John Keehan asks that as part of the calculation the annual benefits (such as health insurance, retirement, and so forth) be considered. The Reverend John Keehan also asks the Court to assess damages in an amount equal to the expenses incurred by Reverend John Keehan for canonical assistance in this suit.

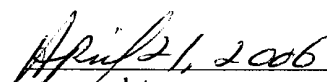
The various proofs and materials of evidence and argument will be presented at the appropriate time.

I, Reverend John Keehan, also ask the Tribunal to direct all communications and correspondence to J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D., my Procurator and Advocate. The appropriate mandate is enclosed with this libellus.

  
Reverend John Keehan

  
date

  
J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D.  
Procurator and Advocate

  
date

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## Attachments

- Mandate
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## MANDATE

### For Canonical Counsel, Procurator And Canonical Advocate

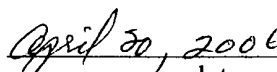
According to the norms of the Code of Canon Law, I, Reverend John Keehan, hereby appoint J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D., as canonical counsel, procurator and canonical advocate in all matters regarding my status and my rights in the Archdiocese of Chicago and in the Catholic Church.

I empower him to negotiate and act on my behalf in dealing with the Archbishop of Chicago, his Tribunal, and his representatives, as well as with the Bishop of Rome and his representatives if appeal is made or recourse is taken.


By this mandate J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D., may on my behalf initiate a suit, introduce a libellus; renounce an action, an instance, or judicial acts; he may come to an agreement, make a bargain, enter into arbitration, or in general do those things for which the law requires a special mandate. By this mandate, he may on my behalf appeal a judicial sentence and take recourse against an administrative decision.

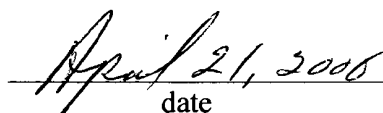
I understand that I may revoke this mandate at any time by stating the revocation in writing to the advocate. I understand that the mandate may be renounced at anytime by the advocate communicating this to me in writing.

  
Reverend John Keehan

  
date

I accept the appointment as canonical counsel, procurator and advocate as provided in this mandate.

  
J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D.

  
date

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## MEMORANDUM

# COPY

**TO:** Cardinal George  
**FROM:** Father Lagges *PL*  
**RE:** Defamation Suit by Jack Keehan  
**DATE:** 27 April, 2006

APR 28 2006

Jack Keehan has petitioned this Tribunal to begin a judicial trial for defamation against Jimmy Lago. I have enclosed the material that his advocate, Michael Ritty, has sent me.

I was afraid of this when I saw the names of Jack Keehan and Bob Kealy on our website. I have tried to make it clear that their cases were fundamentally different from the other cases because their victims were over the age established by the law at the time. This was the reason why Kealy and Keehan received "disciplinary decrees" rather than "penal decrees."

Once the names were on the website, they were on the website. They couldn't be taken off.

I wasn't asked beforehand about the publication of the names and only knew about it when I went to our website to read the Defenbaugh and Childers reports. *U*

There are a couple of courses of action that we can take. First, I could just reject the petition as having no merit whatsoever. There is nothing on the list that has Jimmy's name on it. Ritty's argumentation is that because Jimmy is in charge of the process, he must be responsible for the publication of names. That's clearly ridiculous. So I could reject the petition based on the fact that it is directed at the wrong person.

Second, I could reject the petition because it is presented to the wrong Tribunal. Since the petitioner should be directed at you, since it was your decision to publish the names and since the website is copyrighted by the Catholic Bishop of Chicago. Because it is a petition directed against a bishop, it must be directed to the Tribunal of the Roman Rota.

Third, I could petition the Apostolic Signature to prorogue competence to another Tribunal, based upon the fact that Jimmy is our Department Director.

✓ So, let me see what I can find up my canonical sleeve and I'll let you know as soon as possible. I have thirty days in which to either accept or reject the petition. Keehan can then appeal any rejection to Springfield.

*OK it makes a difference  
the the volume over the civil age  
for minors - and must do so  
for its purpose? *ES**

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I will also send Keehan a bill for \$50.00, since we have a \$50 "filing fee" for annulment cases. If this does result in a case, he would also be responsible for the costs to the Tribunal for hearing his case. (His petition only asks for reimbursement of his advocate's fees, not court costs.)

*Caritas Christi urget nos....*

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## D E C R E E

**RE: Keehan-Lago 2006-0222**

A legitimate petition having been received from Reverend John Keehan, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, seeking to vindicate his rights in a canonical trial in accordance with the norm of law;

the petitioner having legitimate standing at the trial;

the petition, having been made in accordance with c. 1504 and received on 25 April, 2006, requesting the services of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese to determine whether the Respondent, Mr. Jimmy Lago, has defamed the character of the Petitioner, Reverend John Keehan, by placing Father Keehan's name on the website of the Archdiocese of Chicago under a title, "Archdiocesan Priests with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Minors;"

a collegiate tribunal having been constituted on 5 May, 2006, consisting of the undersigned judges of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago;

the Promoter of Justice having been consulted;

the matter having been examined thoroughly;

we, the undersigned judges of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago, hereby

**declare, decree, and pronounce**

the petition of Reverend John Keehan is **rejected** for the following reasons:

- (1) While the Respondent had been directed by the Archbishop of Chicago to direct the response of the Archdiocese to the problem of clerical sexual misconduct, the response pertains to the Archdiocese of Chicago and not to the Respondent. That is, any response that is given is not the private response of the Respondent, but the response of the Archdiocese itself. This is clear from the very words on the Archdiocesan website, as well as from the very nature of things. Therefore, the petition is directed against a respondent who is not the agent of the alleged defamatory action.

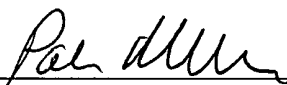
(2) The agent of the alleged defamatory action, then, is the one who represents the juridic person of the Archdiocese of Chicago; that is, the Archbishop of Chicago, Francis Cardinal George.

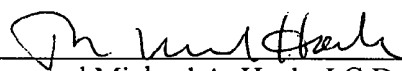
(3) By virtue of cc. 1401, 2° and 1405§1, 2°, it is solely the right of the Roman Pontiff to judge cases involving the violation of ecclesiastical laws by cardinals.


(4) By virtue of c. 1406§2, the incompetence of this tribunal and all of its judges is absolute.

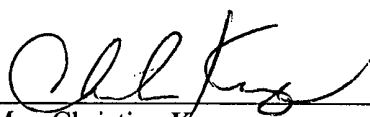
For these reasons, in accordance with c. 1505§2, 1°, the petition of Reverend John Keehan must be rejected.

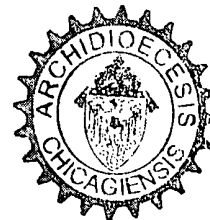
Given at the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago, 19 May, 2006.

  
Reverend Patrick R. Lagges, J.C.D.  
Presiding Judge

  
Reverend Michael A. Hack, J.C.D.  
Associate Judge

  
Reverend Michael Bradley, J.C.D.  
Associate Judge

  
Mrs. Christine Knop  
Ecclesiastical Notary



*I need response*  
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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Jimmy Lago  
**FROM:** Father Lagges *PL*  
**RE:** Disposition of Keehan Petition  
**DATE:** 24 May, 2006

Jimmy –

Enclosed is the decree rejecting Father Keehan's petition for a defamation case against you. Mike Hack, Mike Bradley and I were the judges on the case, and we came to the conclusion that the case would have to be petitioned against Cardinal George. Cases against Cardinals have to be heard by the Pope.

We probably haven't heard the end of this. Keehan can appeal, either to the Tribunal here or the Tribunal in Springfield (our appellate court). He can also take the case to the Holy Father.

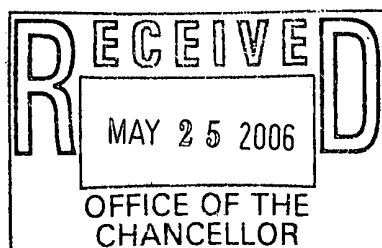
But I suspect Mike Ritty will tell him to drop the whole thing. Keehan's made his point and Ritty has gotten what he wants: a clarification about the law. So that should be the end of it. But you never know.

The Chicago Tribunal has been pleased to be of service to you. Should we be able to assist you in the future with any of your judicial needs, please do not hesitate to call on us.

*Pet*

*P.S. I'll send a copy to the Cardinal.*

*PL*



4/12/07

### SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
<b>Name:</b>	Rev. John "Jack" Keehan	██████████
<b>Address:</b>	Cardinal Stritch Retreat House Mundelein, IL	N/A
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	██████████	██████████
<b>Current age:</b>	64	deceased
<b>Name of civil attorney:</b>	N/A	N/A

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**Date of Ordination [of accused]:** 4/27/67

**Location:** Mundelein

**Age at ordination:** 25

**Assignment location of accused:** N/A

**Status of accused:** Withdrawn from ministry

**Name of canonical advocate:** Dr. Michael J. Ritty

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**Date allegation received:** 6/26/02

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**Signature of Director:**

**Date:**

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS

For

Rev. John Keehan


The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of promoting the safety of minors. Additionally, the ISP protects the integrity of the Church and serves as a safeguard for individual priest or deacon. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (Director). The agreement of a priest or deacon to abide by these protocols is not understood to prove the truth of any allegation and is not intended to be an admission of guilt for any delict or crime, whether in Canon Law, or State and Federal Law. This agreement represents the cooperation of the cleric with his bishop as he exercises his pastoral office (e.g., Canons 369 and 392).


This ISP for Rev. John Keehan is as follows (Director to initial all that apply):

1. The client is restricted from being alone with a minor or minors, that is anyone under the age of 18, without the presence of another responsible adult.

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4.  The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the on-site supervisor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the cleric, the on-site supervisor and the Archdiocese. Although it identifies time periods, it is intended to provide a general record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-site activity, please include your destination and the general purpose of the visit or activity. For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping at a given Shopping Center rather than the details of each individual store. However, if your self-description is challenged or a complaint is lodged with the Archdiocese, some documentation and verification may be necessary to sufficiently address the situation.

5.  Abide by the assignment of residence to Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL.



6. 2 Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement," and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure. In the event of a prolonged stay in a particular location, the Archdiocese is required to notify the Ordinary of that place of your presence there.
7. N/A Attendance at a recommended support group \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of \_\_\_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
8. No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* apply as they do to all Archdiocesan personnel.
9. No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. On-site visits by the Director and the VP annually to include a meeting with the cleric.

This Individual Specific Protocol is to be reviewed annually with the Director, VP, and the cleric. Also, there can be additional, written notations tailored to the needs of a specific situation which are signed by all parties and appended to this document. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his on-site supervisor, the Director, and the VP. The cleric, his on-site supervisor, the Director, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, or request that this Individual Specific Protocol be reviewed by the independent Review Board. At the discretion of any of the parties, the legal and/or canonical counsel of the cleric may be involved in the discussions.

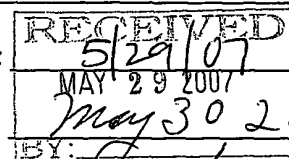
I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: J. Keenan Date: 5/25/2007

Printed Name: JOHN KEENAN

Signature of Director: [Signature] Date: 5/29/07

Signature of VP: Fr. Edward N. [Signature] Date: May 30 2007



Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes ☐ no ☐

(Revised 4/5/07)

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April 9, 2008

Reverend John Keehan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
PO Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father Keehan,

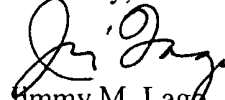
This letter is to update you on actions we are taking to upgrade our monitoring and supervision program. For the past year, we have been reviewing the recommendations from the consultants we hired in 2006 as well as the Ad Hoc Committee who worked with us this past year to redesign our programs for oversight and compliance. We are now in the process of implementing improvements to both of these programs.

We have engaged Dr. Monica Applewhite, former president of Praesidium, Inc., the national accrediting body for religious communities seeking to comply with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth* and *Essential Norms*, to design and recommend an individual protocol with each removed priest. Secondly, we have hired a new compliance supervisor, Ms. Shawnte Jenkins, to oversee compliance with these agreements and protocols.

The Vicar for Priests and members of the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth will be in contact with you to discuss these changes.

Please give them your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Jimmy M. Lago,  
Chancellor

cc. Cardinal Francis George  
Fr. John Canary  
Fr. Vince Costello  
Fr. Ed Grace  
Jan Slattery

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
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## D E C R E E

On July 22, 2005, I issued a decree removing Archdiocesan faculties from **Reverend John Keehan**, since I had determined that he had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a young woman which constituted a grave violation of c. 277. I also dispensed him from the obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb and forbade him to represent himself as a priest to those unknown to him or to act as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was permitted to celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist privately, and celebrate the sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick for those in danger of death.

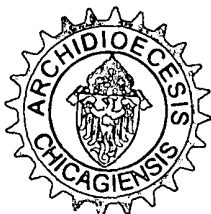
In giving me permission to provide for Father Keehan's case by means of an administrative decree, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith permitted me to impose "temporary restrictions to the public ministry of Rev. Keehan in order to protect the Common Good (cfr. Can. 223§2)." (CDF P.N. 115/03-19109)

Since the circumstances of this case have not changed in the past three years, and since the common good requires that priests who have engaged in inappropriate actions with young people not be returned to public ministry in the Church, because of the harm they have caused to the dignity of the priesthood, I renew the provisions of my decree of July 22, 2005 for another three years. Since the responsibility for determining the terms of monitoring has now been given to the Office for Protection of Children and Youth, it is that office that will work with Father Keehan to establish a specific protocol for his monitoring and [REDACTED].

Given in Chicago, Illinois, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2008.

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

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

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Ecclesiastical Notary

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
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November 13, 2008

Deacon Richard Hudzik  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
1300 Stritch Drive  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Deacon Hudzik:

In order to more fully investigate an allegation of sexual misconduct that has been lodged against **Reverend John Keehan**, I believe it is necessary to conduct a search of Father Keehan's quarters and storage spaces. I have engaged representatives of Hillard Heintze, LLC to conduct this investigation. I ask that you give them access to the areas where Father Keehan lives and any storage areas that he may have at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.

Because of the unusual nature of this investigation, I also ask that it be done in a way that is respectful of Father Keehan and his personal property. Since it will no doubt be disturbing to Father Keehan and the other residents of the Retreat House, I ask that you pay particular concern to their needs in this regard.

I am very grateful to you, Richard, for all you do in this very difficult situation. I know that it has not always been easy to supervise the priests who are residents at the Retreat House. I appreciate the sensitive way you have handled this part of your job.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

**From:** Richard Hudzik  
**To:** Grace, Edward; Jenkins, Shawnte; Slattery, Jan  
**Date:** 11/15/2008 6:39 PM  
**Subject:** Keehan and Ray

Good afternoon, all.

Just an update (for Fr. G and Shawnte) and a "heads up" (for Jan).

Due to my introverted thinking style (Myers-Briggs anyone?), it gradually dawned on me that the search of Jack Keehan's room is something which ought to be fully considered so as to rule out the possibility of adverse legal consequences. As I expressed on Friday morning to Ed and Shawnte, I thought the question should be run past John O'Malley to specifically pose to him the issue of invasion of privacy. Briefly stated, the question is--if I am a tenant in a building, the landlord cannot come in and search my room without subjecting the landlord to civil liability. To the extent Jack is not analogous to the tenant, the landlord (the Archdiocese and its agent--me) are not liable. Further, it is not clear that the Archdiocese is a landlord.

It is my hope that we get a decision on this Monday, or, at any rate before the inspection--I would suggest we hold the investigators off until we are clear on this legally. Given the fact that even if a weapon is found in the room, tying that into anything else involving Jack would be very difficult, if not impossible.

Also, FYI, I do have written authority from the Cardinal to proceed on the search. I would see the authority as permission to proceed, rather than a directive to proceed. At the time the Cardinal gave the ok, I do not believe there was any issue about the desirability of proceeding.

I am sure we will all talk on Monday.

In the meantime, it does not appear Jim Ray will appeal the John Vianney precept. He doesn't want to fight that. Rather, Jim sees his choice as going along with Vianney or resigning. He is distressed at what he says are likely to be the visitation restrictions even after Vianney. He said he would be looking at the resignation decision this weekend.

Dick

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**Subject:** Keehan Report  
**Attachments:** Synopsis for 1-12-09.doc

Shawnte,

Attached is a composite of the Keehan investigation to date. As we discussed, a decision to interview Fr. Keehan is still open. If you think it will further your ability to determine establishing a set of guidelines for him, we are able to conduct the interview. If this is the decision we need to determine if accusations put forth by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] should be part of that interview.

A formal report will be completed and sent to your attention once this question is determined.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the office or my cell phone listed below.

Regards,

Harvey

Memorandum of Synopsis

Date: January 12, 2009  
Re: Fr. Jack Keehan  
From: Investigator Daniel Everett

Investigator Everett conducted interviews with the below listed persons. Following is a synopsis/summary of each interview.

On October 17, 2008, Investigator Dan Everett interviewed Sr. [REDACTED] who is the business manager for Visitation/St. Basil. Sr. [REDACTED] had little information on the activities at St. Basil Parish in the 1970's. Sr. [REDACTED] attempted to locate school records for [REDACTED] but was not successful. Sr. [REDACTED] supplied the investigator with contact information at the Archdiocese Archives to obtain school records pertaining to [REDACTED]. Sr. [REDACTED] did supply the investigator with the names of two families who had attended St. Basil Church for a very long time. The names of these families are the [REDACTED] family and the [REDACTED] family.

On this same date, the investigator spoke with Mr. [REDACTED] the custodian at Visitation Parish. Mr. [REDACTED] worked at St. Basil Parish from 1992 until it closed, which he believes was some time in 1998. Mr. [REDACTED] recalls the gymnasium being a typical gym with hardwood floors. He also remembered a stage and a basketball court. Mr. [REDACTED] remembers social events being held at the gymnasium, but does not recall [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] could not recall any details of the gymnasium at St. Basil Parish during the 1970's.

On October 21, 2008, the investigator spoke with Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] who have been parishioners at Visitation Parish since 1960. Also present for the interview was their daughter [REDACTED]. Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] stated they had very little to do with St. Basil Parish. [REDACTED] stated he had been in the St. Basil gymnasium on only one occasion. [REDACTED] stated she graduated from Visitation High School in [REDACTED] and spent a good amount of time at St. Basil Parish. [REDACTED] recalls attending basketball games, volleyball games and dances at the St. Basil gymnasium. [REDACTED] stated she does not recall [REDACTED]

██████ taking place at St. Basil but does recall ██████ at Visitation. ██████ did recall at least three or four storage rooms located in the gymnasium at St. Basil. ██████ stated she never heard any stories amongst her friends of any type of abuse occurring at St. Basil Parish. ██████ did not recall knowing Fr. Keehan.

On October 22, 2008, at approximately 10:45am, the investigator proceeded to Chicago International Charter School/ Basil Campus which is located at 1816 W. Garfield Blvd., Chicago, IL. This is the site of the former St. Basil School. While conducting the walk through of the gymnasium, Everett observed a basketball gym approximately 75 x 50 feet in size. The floor of the gym was a hard surface painted floor which contained all the basketball foul lines and other markings. The investigator observed a stage on the south wall of the gym. Also on the south wall was a double door exit. On the north wall the investigator observed a furnace room on the west end of the north wall. A small closet type room was also observed on the north wall of the gym. Two other storage rooms were observed on the north wall. One of the storage rooms was quite large and contained other smaller storage rooms. Another storage room along the north wall was observed that contained an office inside of it.

Investigator Everett interviewed ██████ on October 23, 2008. Mr. & Mrs. ██████ said they became parishioners at St. Basil Parish in 1983. They did not have any children who attended St. Basil School. Mr. and Mrs. ██████ stated they were in the St. Basil gymnasium on many occasions such as parish parties and other social functions. Mr. & Mrs. ██████ described the gymnasium as being very similar to what Everett observed during his site visit of the gymnasium on October 22, 2008. Investigator Everett asked them if they recalled where ██████ might have been held. They stated if there was ██████, it probably would have been held in the gymnasium. They also stated there was no other recreational building next to the gymnasium.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. ██████ knew of any priests that were assigned to St. Basil in the late 1970's or early 1980's. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. ██████ knew Fr. Keehan. Mrs. ██████ informed the investigator she lived her entire life in the immediate area of St. Basil, but did not become a parishioner until 1983. She stated she had never heard of any stories in the neighborhood regarding any type of abuse of school age children.



The investigator met with Deacon Richard Hudzik on Monday, October 27, 2008. Deacon Hudzik is the Director of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, IL. Deacon Hudzik was asked about some of the restrictions that Fr. Keehan must follow at the Retreat House. Deacon Hudzik stated Fr. Keehan and all other residents are required to sign a log every time they leave the property. Fr. Keehan is required to indicate where he is going, how long he will be gone, and the purpose of his absence. He is then required to sign the log upon returning to the retreat house. If Keehan or any other resident is requesting to leave the premises overnight, he must obtain pre-approval and be accompanied by a chaperone, according to Deacon Hudzik.

Fr. Keehan is not allowed to be near any minor children without the parents or guardian of the child/children being present. Keehan has no geographical limitations, but does have a curfew which is believed to be 9:00 pm. Hudzik was not aware of any discrepancies with Keehan's logs. Investigator Everett then questioned Deacon Hudzik regarding any indications of Fr. Keehan owning or possessing any type of weapon; mainly guns or knives. Deacon Hudzik stated that he has no reason to believe Keehan possesses any firearms of any type. Deacon Hudzik did not know whether Keehan possesses a FOID card.

Keehan has a computer that according to Hudzik, he uses only as a word processor. Investigator Everett questioned Deacon Hudzik if Keehan is allowed Internet access in his living quarters. Hudzik stated that neither Keehan nor any other residents have access to the internet on the premises.

Hudzik was asked what some of Keehan's destinations are when he leaves the premises. Hudzik said it appears that Keehan goes to the bank quite often and spends a lot of time at libraries. Visitors are allowed at the retreat house, although very few visitors come to the premises to visit the residents. Fr. Keehan owns and drives a [REDACTED]

Investigators Dan Everett and Miguel Nieves met with [REDACTED] on Monday, October 27, 2008. Ms. [REDACTED] is the Head Housekeeper of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, IL. [REDACTED] told the investigators she and her co-worker [REDACTED] clean Fr. Keehan's room every Wednesday morning. [REDACTED] stated she has never seen a weapon or contraband of any type in Keehan's room.

Investigators Everett and Nieves asked [REDACTED] if she had ever observed any type of correspondence between Fr. Keehan and any children. She stated she has not. Ms. [REDACTED] also said she has never found any type of pornography in Fr. Keehan's room. [REDACTED] stated she and [REDACTED] washes Keehan's laundry and she has never found anything inappropriate while doing his laundry. [REDACTED] stated she has never seen Fr. Keehan act inappropriately in any manner.

Investigators Everett and Nieves also met with [REDACTED] on Monday, October 27, 2008. Ms. [REDACTED] is a housekeeper at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, IL. [REDACTED] stated she has never seen any weapon of any type or any contraband in Keehan's room. The investigators asked [REDACTED] if she had ever observed any type of correspondence between Keehan and any children. She stated that she has not. Ms. [REDACTED] said she has never noticed anything out of the ordinary when she is putting Keehan's laundry away, nor has she ever observed anything bad from Fr. Keehan.

[REDACTED] was contacted telephonically by Investigator Everett on November 5, 2008 at 8:00am. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] attended St. Basil School [REDACTED] graduating in 1972.

[REDACTED]

Investigator Everett then asked [REDACTED] what schools her brother [REDACTED] attended. She stated [REDACTED] Investigator Everett questioned [REDACTED] as to what activities her brother [REDACTED] had taken part in at St. Basil Parish when he was a child. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and many other children from the neighborhood attended basketball games at the St. Basil Gym and [REDACTED] in the "old gym", [REDACTED] stated this was how her brother [REDACTED] got to know Fr. Keehan.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then discussed the accounts of her brother [REDACTED] being sexually abused by Fr. John Keehan. She said that [REDACTED] was in attendance at a basketball game at the new gym when he was approached by Fr. John Keehan. Fr. Keehan then asked [REDACTED] to come with him to the old gym and help him [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED], Fr. Keehan then [REDACTED] [REDACTED] proceeded to rape him at gun point. [REDACTED] stated she believes she was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, probably 1971, when this occurred, however she did not learn of this incident until she was a freshman in high school.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When Everett asked if she might be able to describe the gun that Fr. Keehan displayed while abusing [REDACTED], [REDACTED] stated she did not know what type of gun he used. [REDACTED] believes the incident involving [REDACTED] occurred in the storage room [REDACTED] in the old gym. [REDACTED] stated her immediate family, [REDACTED] knew of the incident involving [REDACTED] and Fr. Keehan.

[REDACTED] stated she recalls her parents telling her to stay away from Fr. Keehan, but they did nothing more about the abuse. [REDACTED]

Both of [REDACTED]'s parents are now deceased. [REDACTED] stated her parents never filed any type of criminal complaint of this incident. [REDACTED] told Investigator Everett both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are refusing to discuss this matter.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said she recalls telling [REDACTED] of the incident. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] her "Godparents". She said they were close friends of the family but not family members. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are now deceased.

[REDACTED] then discussed her contact with Fr. Keehan. [REDACTED] stated Fr. Keehan was her religious instructor. [REDACTED] She said that on several occasions Fr. Keehan invited young girls up to his rectory room which was similar to an apartment. [REDACTED] stated she had been up to Fr. Keehan's room on several occasions. Fr. Keehan would always invite the girls up to his room to listen to music.

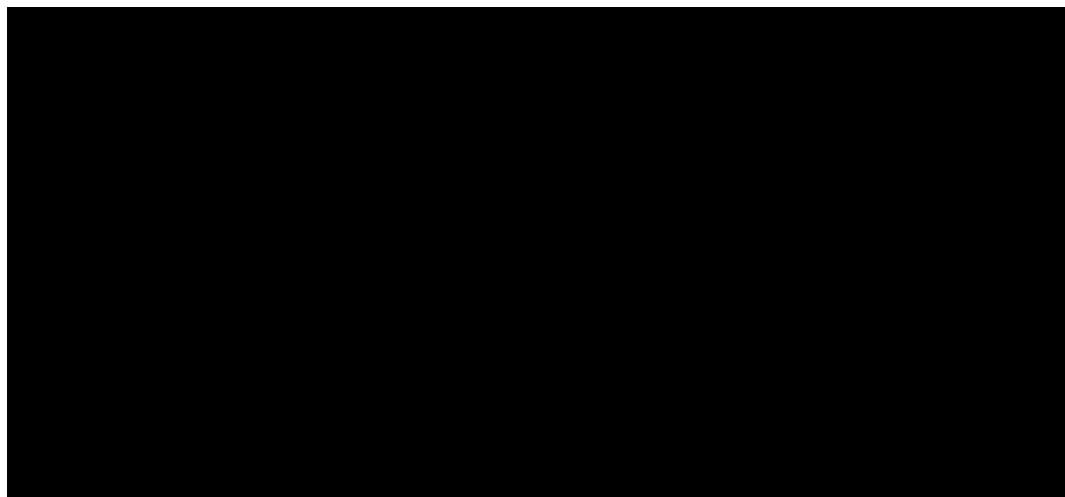
[REDACTED] said she remembered one incident where she and a few other friends were in Fr. Keehan's room when he abruptly jumped up and started chasing the girls around. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When asked to explain, she stated he was always acting affectionately with his hands. [REDACTED] stated that Fr. Keehan never acted violent in any manner, but acted goofy at times.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that her sister [REDACTED] allegedly witnessed Fr. Keehan kissing and being intimate with a friend of hers. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at one time told his sister [REDACTED], that several other children had been abused by Fr. Keehan. [REDACTED] stated she never knew or heard who these children might have been.

On November 8, 2008, Investigator Everett interviewed [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] stated she attended St. Basil School with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



██████████ stated that ██████████ never mentioned anything to her of ██████████ ever being abused in any manner. ██████████ stated she never heard any stories of anyone being abused.

The investigator questioned ██████████ regarding an incident mentioned by ██████████ where the two of them along with ██████████ were visiting Fr. Keehan in the rectory and he began jumping up and chasing them. ██████████ stated she did not recall that incident and again stated she never visited Fr. Keehan in the rectory. ██████████ stated that ██████████ was one of her friends during this time period.

██████████ recalls Fr. Keehan being very involved in children's functions at St. Basil, such as organizing the guitar mass. She remembers him always hanging around with some of the older girls. ██████████ always felt that Fr. Keehan was sort of like a hippie, but she never considered him, or heard of him being violent.

██████████ does recall ██████████ at St. Basil Parish. She stated ██████████ was located in the "old gym", ██████████ Mrs. ██████████ did not know if the old gym was still standing.

On November 18, 2008, the investigator conducted a search of Fr. Keehan's storage area, office, and living quarters. The investigator found no contraband of any type. The investigator did not locate any evidence connecting Fr. Keehan to any type of crime particularly those involving children.

On November 25, 2008, Investigator Everett met with Shawnte Jenkins Compliance Supervisor with the Chicago Archdiocese Office for the Protection of Children & Youth in her office at 737 N. Michigan Ave. Investigator Everett was supplied with copies of daily logs that had been submitted by Fr. Jack Keehan. The dates of the logs run from July 8, 2008 through November 16, 2008. It was noted that many of Fr. Keehan's absences consisted of visits to libraries, banks, and shopping malls throughout the Chicago area.

Several trips were made to visit family members who reside at [REDACTED] Fr. Keehan also made regular visits to various restaurants in Chicago and surrounding suburbs.

It was noted Fr. Keehan had made several visits to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] IL. Due to illegible handwriting it was difficult for the investigator to determine the name of the person he was visiting at that location. It appeared that he was visiting a female acquaintance with a last name of [REDACTED] (Spelling?). The majority of these visits were very long, with some exceeding 12 hours. It was also noted that during some of these visits to [REDACTED], a good portion of the day was spent visiting various restaurants.

Further investigation revealed that the person being visited at [REDACTED] was identified as [REDACTED]

The investigator observed approximately 100 different times that Fr. Keehan had signed in and out on the logs between the above indicated dates. Fr. Keehan left the Cardinal Stritch Retreat home for various reasons and his length of time spent away from the retreat house varied greatly on many occasions. Investigator Everett did not observe any pattern that would indicate illegal activity was taking place during any of these absences.

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Investigator Everett has been unsuccessful in obtaining school records for [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Investigator Everett made several calls to the Archives and Records Center for the Archdiocese and has spoken with Peggy Lavalle who informed him their office was not at liberty to release any school records.

After interviewing the above named people, the investigator found no evidence to substantiate any allegations of Fr. Jack Keehan acting violently toward any minor children or parishioners at St. Basil Parish.

Investigator Daniel Everett



**JOHN KEEHAN**  
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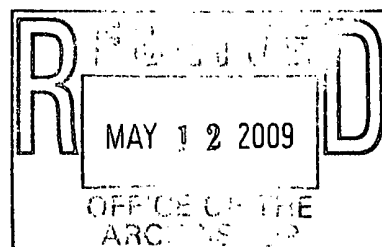
Your Eminence:

When you were last here you mentioned the importance of the relationship between priests and their bishop, and also your desire to visit us more frequently. I would like to take advantage of that and invite you to visit us when you are in the neighborhood. Perhaps you could eat with us or say Mass with us. I have the privilege of inviting you on behalf of the other men here who were asked about it and all agreed.

Needless to say, we pray for you and the Church of Chicago every day at our community Mass, not only where required but also in the bidding petitions as well, every day.

sincerely,

*John Keehan*



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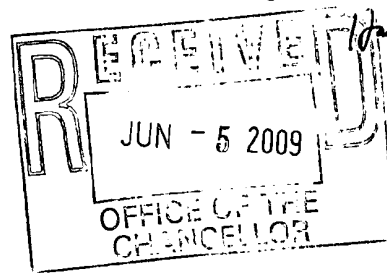
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His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Reverend John Keehan

Dear Cardinal George:



As you may recall, I am the advocate for Father John Keehan. You have restricted Father Keehan from priestly ministry on the recommendation of or at the direction of the Congregation of the Faith. On July 22, 2008, you renewed your earlier decree removing Father Keehan from ministry for another 3 years based on the requirements of the common good.

Father Keehan's case is somewhat involved. And as you know, I have submitted on his behalf a defamation suit against you to the Holy See that in June 2006 was transferred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith by the Secretariat of State. At this point, any change or progress in these matters seems to be in the realm of mystery and uncertainty.

As you are aware, Father Keehan has not been found to have committed the more grave delict described by canon 1395.2. Yet, he has been not only removed from ministry, but has been subjected to the same monitoring requirements as those who have been found guilty of such a delict. Further, the imposition of successive restrictions has the look of a permanent penalty being imposed on Father Keehan; this is especially so when these are the same restrictions being placed on those who have been found guilty of such violations. Such a situation is confusing and some clarification is needed.

Despite all of this, Father Keehan wishes to move forward with his life as a priest and is interested in what steps might be necessary to return, at least partially, to a more public priestly ministry even if some restrictions are still in place. He wishes to be able to restore trust between himself and you and the presbyterate of the Archdiocese. In order to assist Father Keehan in making a more informed decision, I am writing to you to ask for some additional information (namely the communication from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith), and to look forward to the possibility of a future dialogue so that these wishes can be considered.

At one point in the history of Father Keehan's case, it seemed that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had only indicated to you the scope of the canonical powers of the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago in disciplinary matters rather than giving specific directions to you. At another point it seemed that the same Congregation had told you to proceed with an administrative process. However, I do not find any copy of

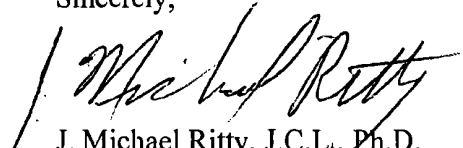
any decree or communication regarding such a decision in my files for Father Keehan's case.

Therefore, in order that I may act appropriately on behalf of Father Keehan's right of defense, I ask that you provide me with a copy of the decision or direction or suggestion of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith involving your dispositions for Father Keehan. I wish to review the communication to you from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith regarding Father John Keehan.

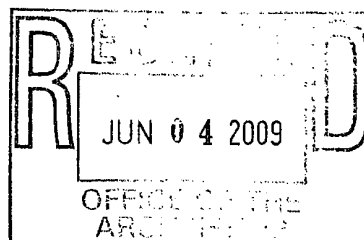
And again, I would appreciate knowing what steps would be necessary for some return to a more public ministry. Would you or your delegate let me know the answers to the following questions: What provisions would need to be met? What assurances would be needed? What steps would lead to a more productive dialogue about this possibility? How can we begin a dialogue about Father Keehan's status?

Please know that I very much appreciate your ministry in the Church and the burdens you bear.

Sincerely,

  
J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D.  
Advocate for Father John Keehan

copy: Father Keehan



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## INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: JACK KEEHAN

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These individual specific protocols were  
designed for Jack Keehan

<u>Implementation Date</u>	<u>Date of Review</u>
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February 15, 2009

May 15, 2009

March 5, 2009

June 5, 2009

### HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS.

John James (Jack) Keehan was born on [REDACTED] and was ordained on April 27, 1967. His first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. Basil Parish, beginning June 20, 1967. In June of 1974, Jack Keehan was assigned to Our Lady of Good Counsel, where he also served as an assistant pastor. Jack Keehan continued in parish work, serving in six additional parishes through 1992. In 1992, Jack Keehan was assigned his first position as a pastor, at St. Ann's Parish in Chicago, where he continued until his removal from ministry on July 22, 2005.

### HISTORY OF ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED

**Allegation 1.** In early 1993, a female former parishioner from St. Basil Parish, reported that while Jack Keehan was the assistant pastor he initiated a sexual relationship with her. She reported that the sexual contact started when she was approximately 15 years old and began with fondling her in the rectory. The former parishioner reported that when she was a sophomore in High School, Jack Keehan began having sexual intercourse with her and that the relationship continued until she was 24. Importantly, the parishioner reported that on one occasion when she was a young adult, Jack Keehan raped her while on a vacation trip to [REDACTED]

In April of 1993, the Review Board determined that there was reasonable cause to believe that Jack Keehan was involved in sexual misconduct with the female parishioner, but noted that there was a discrepancy between her report that the sexual activity began when she was a minor and Jack Keehan's report that she was an adult before the relationship became sexual. At that time, the review board recommended protocols that included a) no unsupervised contact with minors, b) [REDACTED] c) no individual counseling or retreats with adolescents, and d) no contact with the woman with whom the sexual misconduct occurred. It was recommended by the board that Jack Keehan could remain in ministry with the appropriate monitoring and restrictions in place.

**Allegation 2.** In June of 2002, a woman contacted the Archdiocese and reported that Jack Keehan had [REDACTED] forcibly sodomized her brother when he was 14 years old, threatening him with a gun. [REDACTED]

Individual Specific Protocols

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The woman followed up as requested by the Archdiocese, participated in a telephone interview and provided specific details of the alleged incident, however, the allegation was not considered substantiated because the alleged victim is now deceased. Jack Keehan reported that while he did own a gun at the time, he "categorically denied" ever having sexual contact with any "human being." This allegation was not presented to the Review Board.

CANONICAL STATUS.

On July 22, 2005 Francis Cardinal George issued a decree removing Archdiocesan faculties from Jack Keehan. He determined that Jack Keehan had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a young woman, which constituted a grave violation of c. 277. Jack Keehan was dispensed from his obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb and forbidden from representing himself as a priest to those unknown to him or to act as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith permitted Francis Cardinal George to impose "temporary restrictions to public ministry of Jack Keehan in order to protect the Common Good (cfr. Can. 223§2)." (CDF P.N. 115/03-19109).

The provisions of the decree issued on July 22, 2005 were renewed July 22, 2008.

CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.

Jack Keehan is currently living in the Cardinal Stritch Retreat house with 8 other members of the Archdiocesan Priesthood who have been removed from ministry due to substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct with minors. Jack Keehan eats most meals at the retreat house, with the exception of social dinners about twice a week with female friends and three priests with whom he has long-standing friendships. Jack Keehan also maintains relationships with his deceased brother's family, most of who are involved in law-enforcement [REDACTED]. He reports no significant relationships with minors at the present time.

RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 1: SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF AN ADULT


RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	COMMENTS
Jack Keehan is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	
Jack Keehan is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	

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Jack Keehan is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb and being called "Father." (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry).	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Oversight by Compliance Supervisor.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits) of daily logs.</i>	
Jack Keehan is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	COMMENTS
Jack Keehan is prohibited from engaging in liturgy, community life or any aspect of parish activities at any parish in which he has served in ministry.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	
Jack Keehan is prohibited from spending the night in homes with women who are not his relatives, even with a prudent companion in the home.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	
Jack Keehan is to limit physical affection with women to a brief hug or kiss on the cheek. He is prohibited from being the initiator of any form of physical affection with women and is to limit the contact he initiates to a handshake.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	
Jack Keehan is prohibited from being in a bedroom, including his own, with a female. This prohibition includes the cleaning staff of the retreat house.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>	
Jack Keehan is prohibited from socializing with women under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification</i>	

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	<i>of daily logs.</i>	
Jack Keehan is permitted to continue social contact with adult females with whom he has long-term relationships, pending verification. However, if Jack Keehan develops any new relationships, he is required to disclose the information to his Compliance Supervisor for verification.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	
	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>  <i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 2: HISTORY OF BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS WITH MINORS

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	COMMENTS
With a prudent companion who is present from the time he arrives until the time he leaves, Jack Keehan is permitted to spend time with families who have minor children. This includes time in their homes or in public places. Such contact must be disclosed and logged for review by his Compliance Supervisor. Failure to disclose contact with minors will be considered a serious violation of protocols.  Jack Keehan is prohibited at all times from being alone with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Oversight by Compliance Supervisor.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, in-person visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	
Jack Keehan will provide to his Compliance Supervisor a listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his	<i>Completion of Community Support Network form</i>	

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ongoing support and accountability (to be submitted within 5 business days of implementation of protocol).		
Jack Keehan is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25.  <i>to parents instead.</i>	Verification with Community Support Network.  Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.	
Jack Keehan is encouraged to explore the possibilities for paid or unpaid work that is approved by his Compliance Supervisor. He is encouraged to consider meaningful work and to bring his thoughts to his first bi-monthly meeting with the Compliance Supervisor.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	
Jack Keehan is prohibited from working or volunteering with any organization that provides services to persons under the age of 25.	Verification with Community Support Network.  Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.	

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	COMMENTS
Jack Keehan is required to attend monthly meetings at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat house.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	
Jack Keehan will meet once every two weeks with his Compliance Supervisor at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	
Jack Keehan will spend one evening each week at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, participating in an evening meal, faith sharing and group meeting.	Verification by Retreat House Director.	
	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	

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## CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOLS.

Depending on the gravity of the instance of non-compliance, any of the following consequences may apply:

- Immediate voluntary polygraph to determine whether abuse may have occurred.
- Restriction from travel.
- Change of residence.
- Implementation of routine polygraph verification.
- Canonical action, up to and including involuntary removal from the priesthood.

## SIGNATURES.

Signed: John J. Keenan Date: 03-05

Printed Name: JOHN J. KEENAN

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Edward A. Grace Date: March 5, 2009

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: V. Rodolfo P. Piquero Date: 5/11/09

Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal George Date: Feb 5, 2009

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## COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

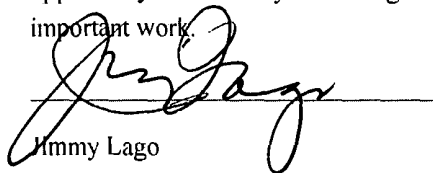
The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago has initiated a program of support and accountability for the priests of the Archdiocese who have been removed from ministry due to their sexual misconduct with minors. The program is voluntary in that a priest may choose to participate or may choose to leave the priesthood. Jack Keehan has expressed his desire to engage in this program, fully recognizing it will mean a significant increase in accountability and a decrease in his overall levels of privacy. This is seen as a positive sign, as openness to support and intervention by others is one of the essential components for long-term abstinence from sexual offending.

The Archdiocese has asked Jack Keehan to identify the friends and family members who would be willing and able to offer support and accountability to him as he moves through his daily life. You were among those he identified.

If you are willing to accompany Jack Keehan in this way, the following is asked of you:

1. That you review Jack Keehan's history of allegations and substantiated offenses,
2. That you review his *Individual Specific Protocols*, which tell you what he is permitted to do and what he is not,
3. That you agree to support Jack Keehan through interrupting high-risk behaviors (such as his attempting to be alone with a minor) if they occur and informing his Compliance Supervisor of any other concerns or violations of the protocols,
4. That you agree to on-going, open communication with Jack Keehan's Compliance Supervisor so that any problems may be identified and addressed before they become serious.

I am personally grateful to you for considering what can only be considered a ministry to Jack Keehan and for the support you have offered him thus far. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate in this program, please do not feel an obligation and please do not turn to the pages that follow which contain confidential information. If you would like to move forward with the commitment to participate, please indicate with your signature below. Once you have reviewed all of the information, you will have another opportunity to indicate your willingness to move forward. Thank you once again for considering this important work.



Jimmy Lago  
Chancellor

I have a commitment to support Jack Keehan in his personal program of wellness. I am willing and able to assist him in avoiding situations that could lead to further sexual misconduct and further harm to others, including misinterpretations of his behavior or false allegations of abuse.

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Signature and date

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK FOR JACK KEEHAN

Name	Relationship	Contact information

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**MEMO from the office of:**

## CARDINAL GEORGE

To: K. Lugo Date: 6/5/09

**For: Information**

X Please advise

**Please comment**

\_\_\_\_\_**Signature**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Draft reply for my signature (return original correspondence and this form)**

**\_\_\_\_\_Reply in your own name (return copy of response with this form)**

**Circulate**

**Please handle**

Remarks:

How respond?

**Please return this form. Thank you.**

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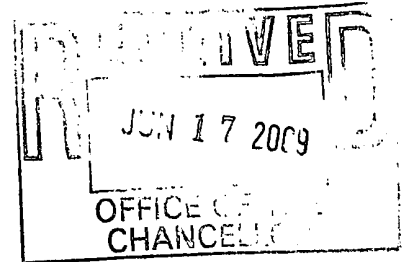


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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Cardinal George  
**cc:** Jimmy Lago  
**FROM:** Father Lagges *pl*  
**RE:** Request from Father Keehan's advocate  
**DATE:** 16 June, 2009



You asked about how we might respond to Michael Ritty's request concerning Father Keehan's future in ministry.

Perhaps we might write back to Dr. Ritty and ask what sort of ministry he would consider appropriate for a priest accused of raping a woman. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has not shown any particular contrition for what he has done, but blithely wants to "put everything behind" him. That's easy for him to do, but not so much for his victim. He is very concerned about himself and his unfortunate situation, but shows little sympathy for his victim.

Unless you have a different interpretation of "confidential," I have always felt that a letter from the Prefect of the Congregation to the bishop of a diocese that is marked "confidential" is not to be shown to the advocate. It is private correspondence. We have told Father Keehan and Dr. Ritty the substance of the letter and, I believe, have even quoted from it. Advocates are becoming quite paranoid about this and seem to think there is some secret correspondence between CDF and the bishops that we are not showing them.

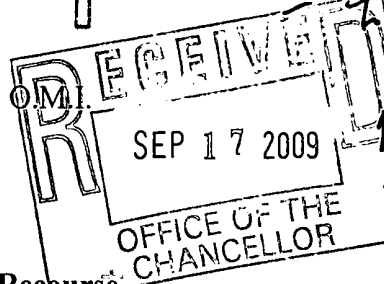
To my mind, the confidentiality of these letters also protects CDF. They may want to deal with one situation in a different manner than another and don't want to have to answer a lot of questions if one bishop thinks another bishop is getting a better deal.

The bottom line is that Father Keehan does not have an office in the Archdiocese. You can only assign someone to an office if you find him "suitable." It is unlikely there are any offices in the Archdiocese for which Father Keehan could be found suitable. If you remember, we floated the idea of making him chaplain to the BVMs at Wright Hall, but got shot down for that one. Other bishops who have tried to place abusive priests in non-priestly positions were met with severe opposition from the lay employees who did not want to work with a man who has so harmed the Church. There's not much we can do with him. Things might look different on a theoretical level to advocates, but in the real world, there is no place for these men.

September 10, 2009

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His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979



On Dec 10 -  
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RE: Reverend John Keehan - Recourse

Your Eminence:

On May 29, 2009, I wrote to you as the canonical advocate for Father John Keehan and asked that you provide clarification and information regarding his case so that I might act appropriately on behalf of his right of defense. U.S. Postal Service receipts indicate that you received this letter on June 4, 2009. I have had no response from you and thus must conclude that your response is negative. //

In order to protect Father Keehan's rights, I now take recourse against your presumed negative decision in this matter. In accord with canon 1737, §1, I propose this recourse to you as the author of the presumed negative response and ask that you fulfill your responsibility to transmit this recourse to the competent hierarchical superior. According to *Pastor bonus*, articles 93 and 95, §1, the Congregation for the Clergy is the usual and ordinary dicastery for this sort of recourse. At one point earlier in time, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had been involved in Father Keehan's case. However, because it seems that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has determined that there was no *gravius delictum* involved in this case, it would thus seem that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith does not have competence to deal with this case. You may recall on Father Keehan's behalf I submitted a defamation suit to the Holy See against you for listing Father Keehan's name on an archdiocesan website as among those clerics involved in the sexual abuse of minors. On November 17, 2006, I wrote to Cardinal William Levada, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to inform him that on June 20, 2006, a letter (No. 38.467) was sent to me from the Secretariat of State (First Section), informing me that the libellus was transmitted to his Congregation as the competent office for attending to this matter. In my letter of November 11, 2006, I asked that Cardinal Levada issue a decree letting me know that he and his Congregation accepted the defamation case. I never received any response from Cardinal Levada or the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It thus seems to me that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has not accepted competence in this matter.

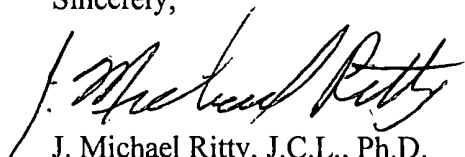
Thus I ask that you transmit this recourse to the Congregation for the Clergy. I have prepared the enclosed envelope for you to do so. I have also enclosed a copy of this recourse for you.

When restrictions are imposed on a priest's exercise of his sacerdotal ministry, when restrictions are imposed on his place of residence, when restrictions are imposed on his freedom of movement, when [REDACTED] is imposed, when protocols of

supervision and monitoring are imposed, all for a lengthy period of time, there surely is the appearance of the imposition of a penalty. In this case there has yet to be either a judicial or administrative penal process. Yet there surely is the appearance of the imposition of a penalty – with no end in sight for any termination of the penalty. These are the reasons why I have asked you to provide clarification and information regarding Father Keehan's case so that I may assist him in the exercise of his right of defense and so that he may return to the active priestly ministry.

Please know that I take this step of recourse with reluctance and regret. I had hoped that a positive resolution could have been reached between us. If there is any way to resolve this matter in an appropriate manner, I remain open to that possibility.

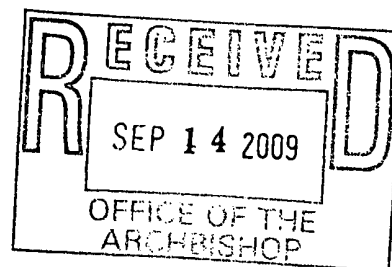
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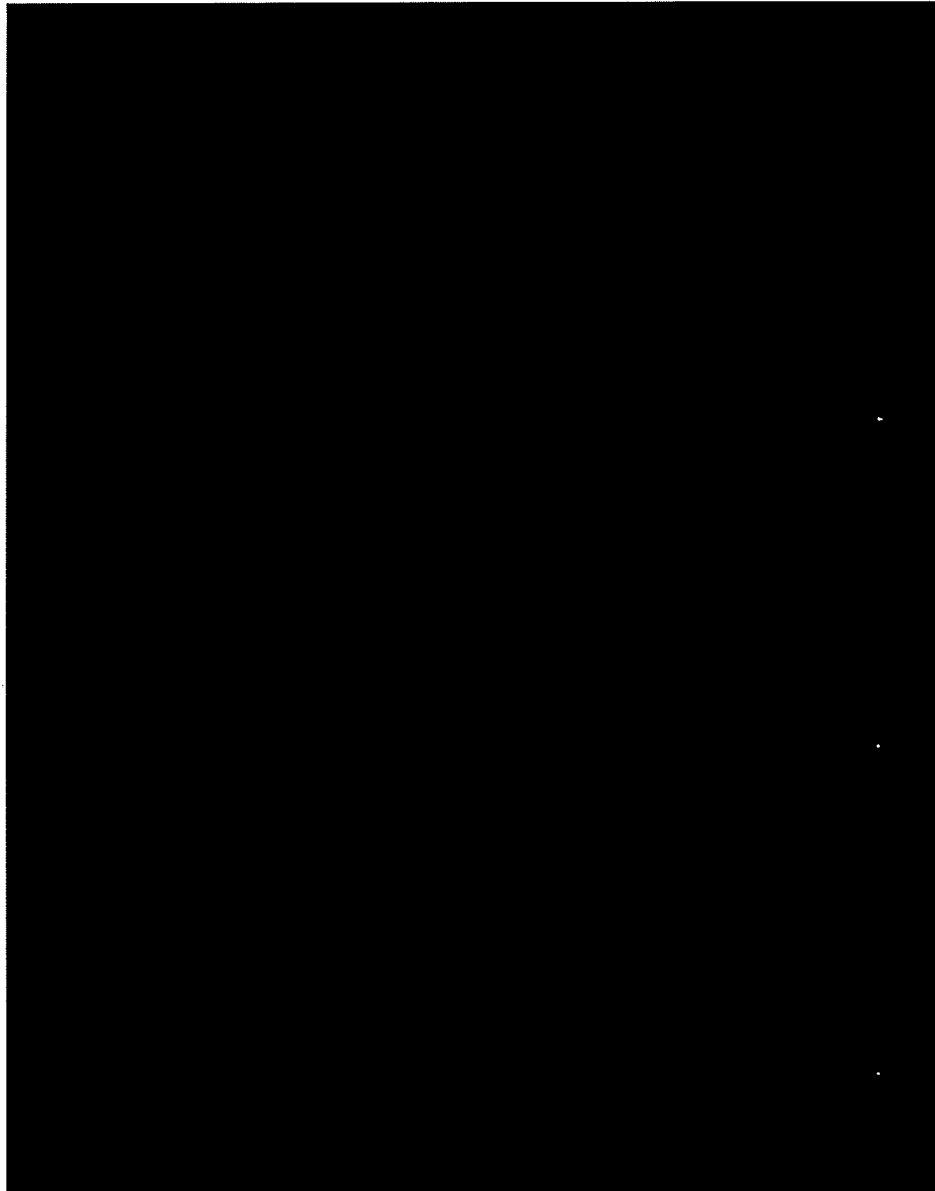


J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D.  
Advocate for Father John Keehan

enclosure:

Letter of September 10, 2009, from J. Michael Ritty to Cardinal Claudio Hummes, OFM





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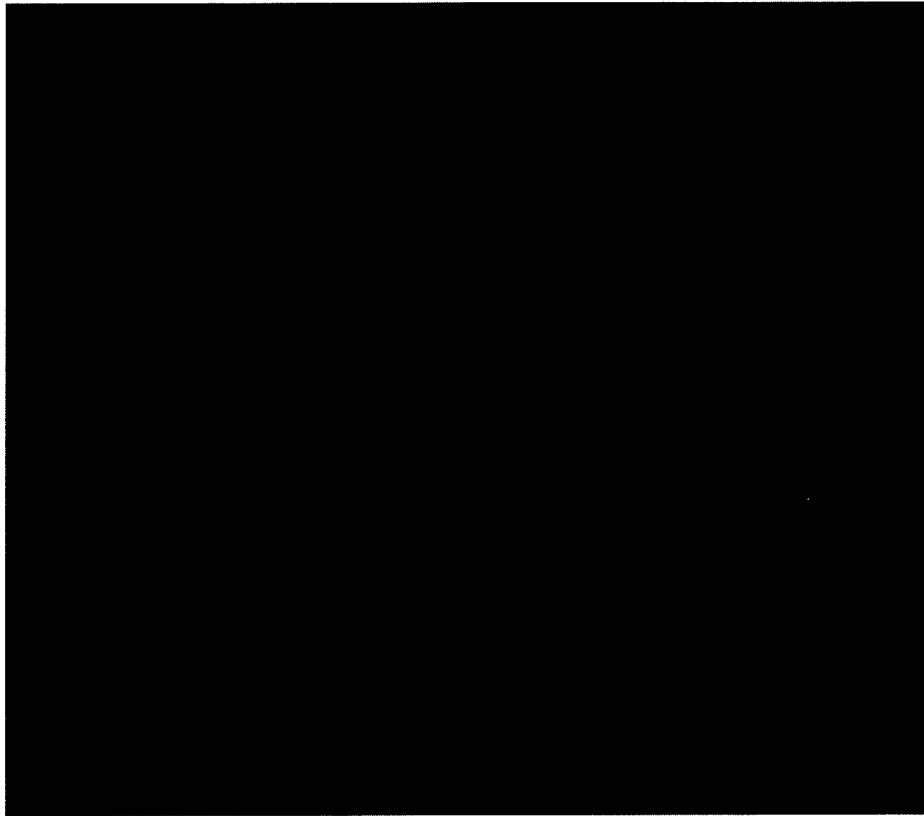
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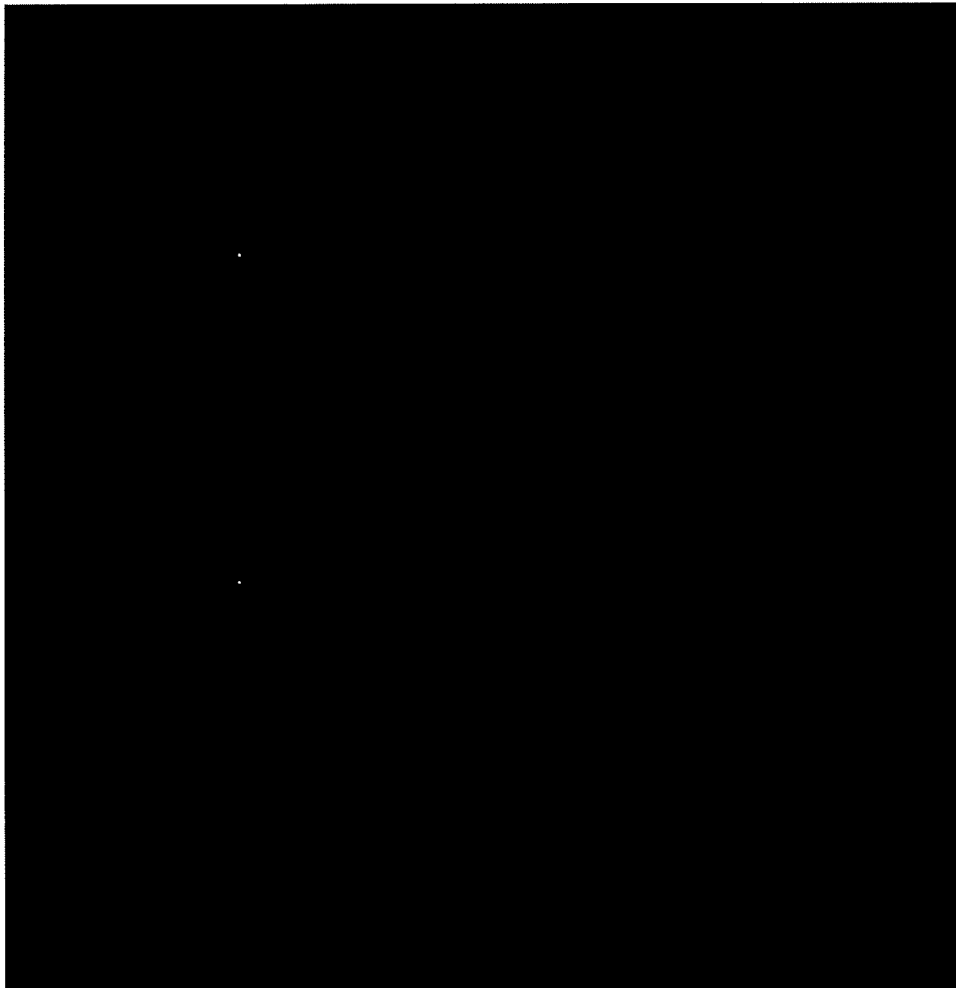


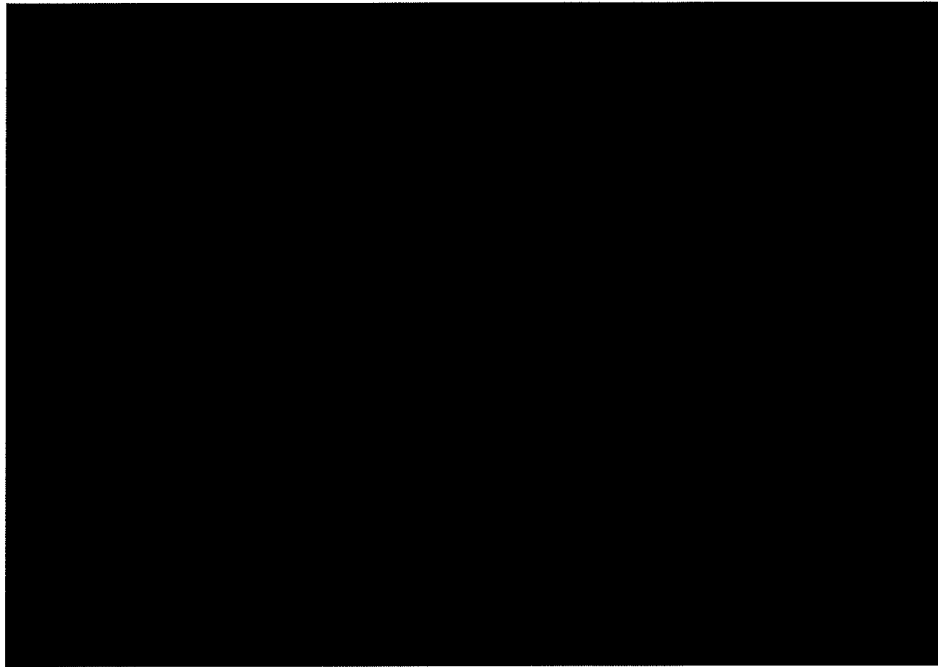
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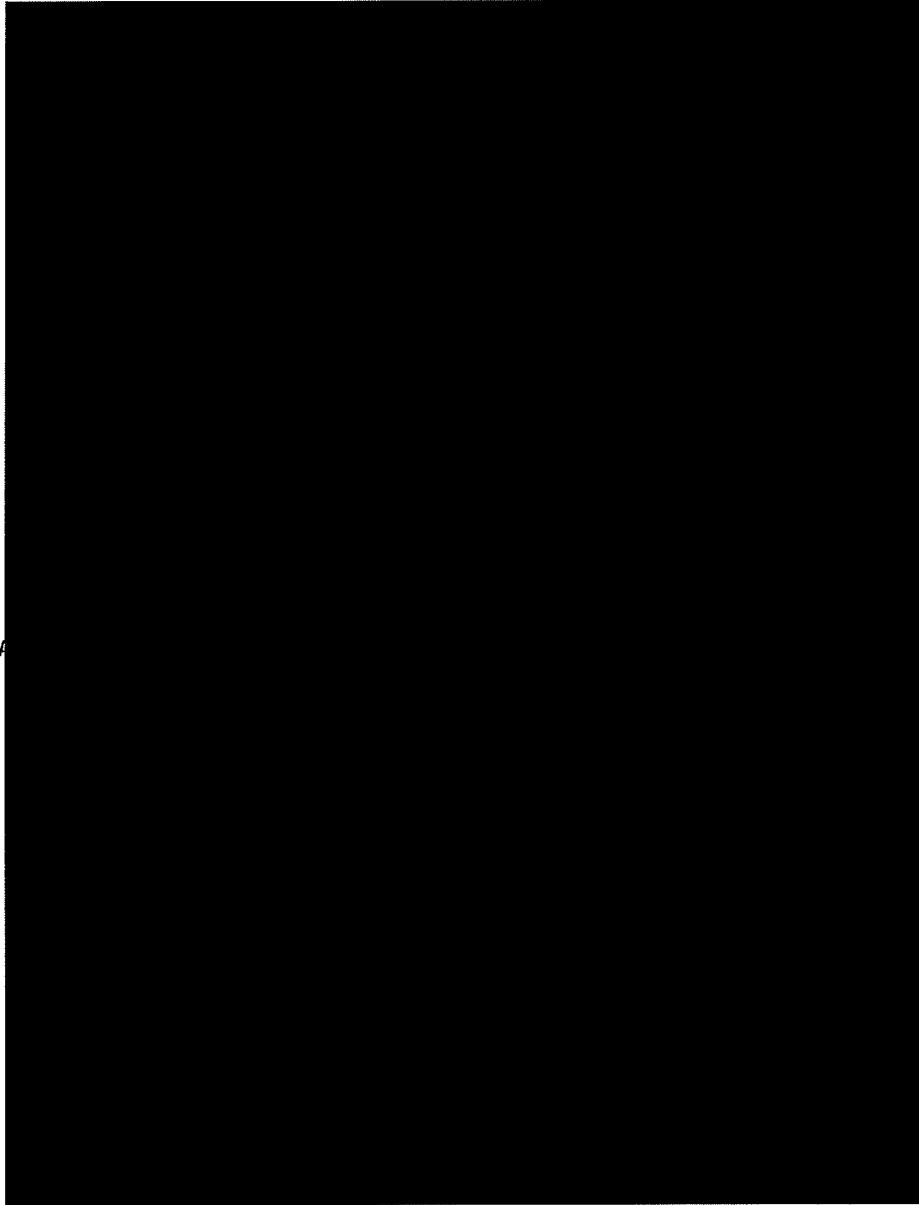


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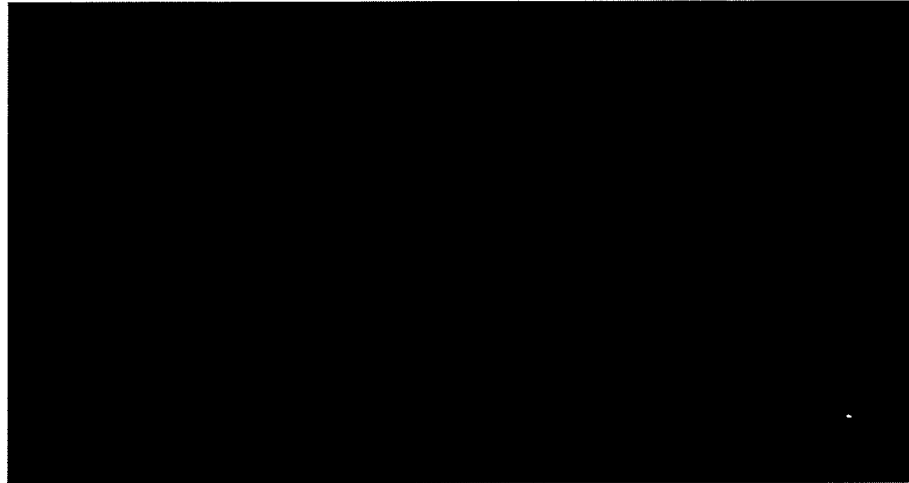
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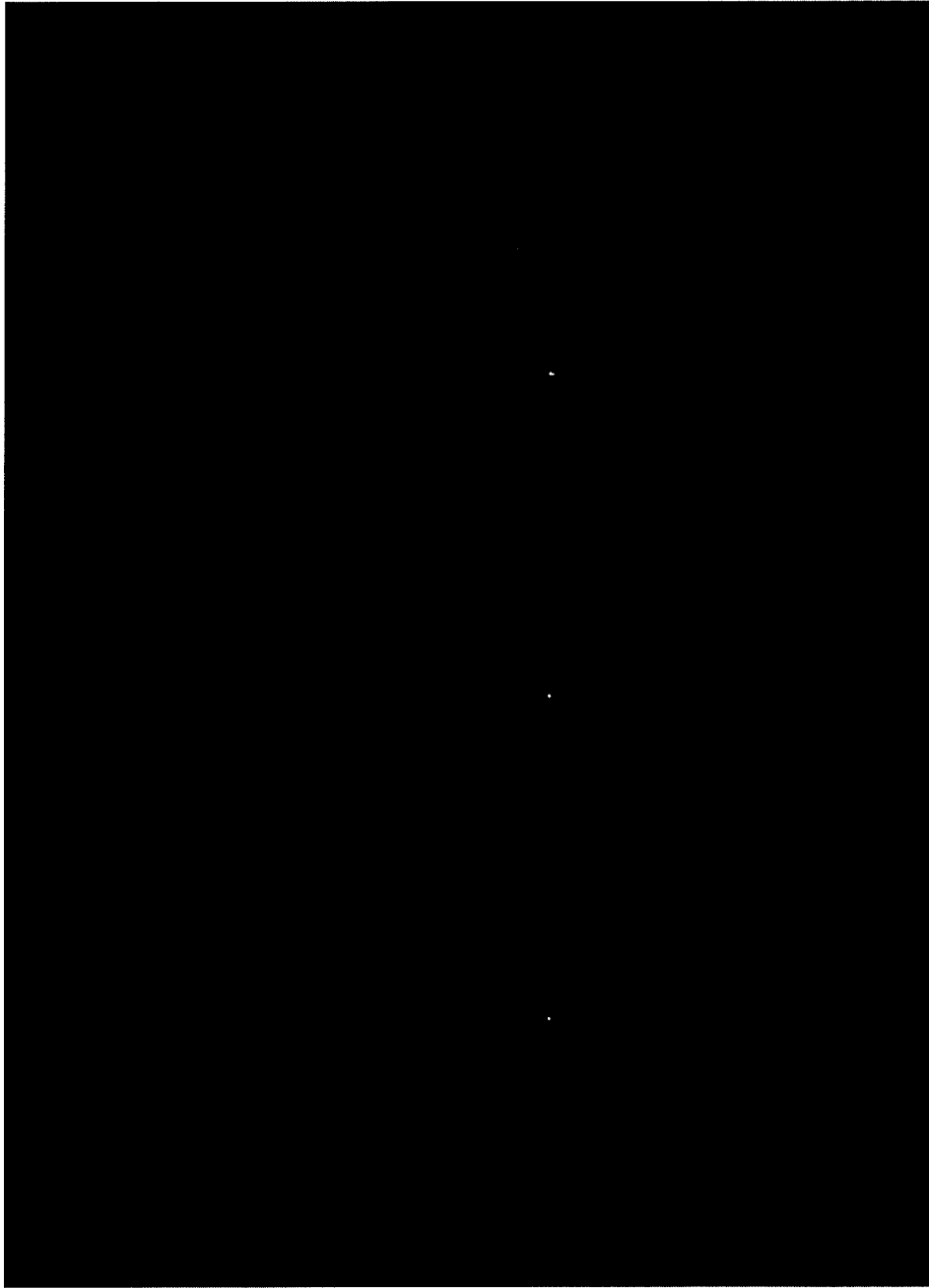


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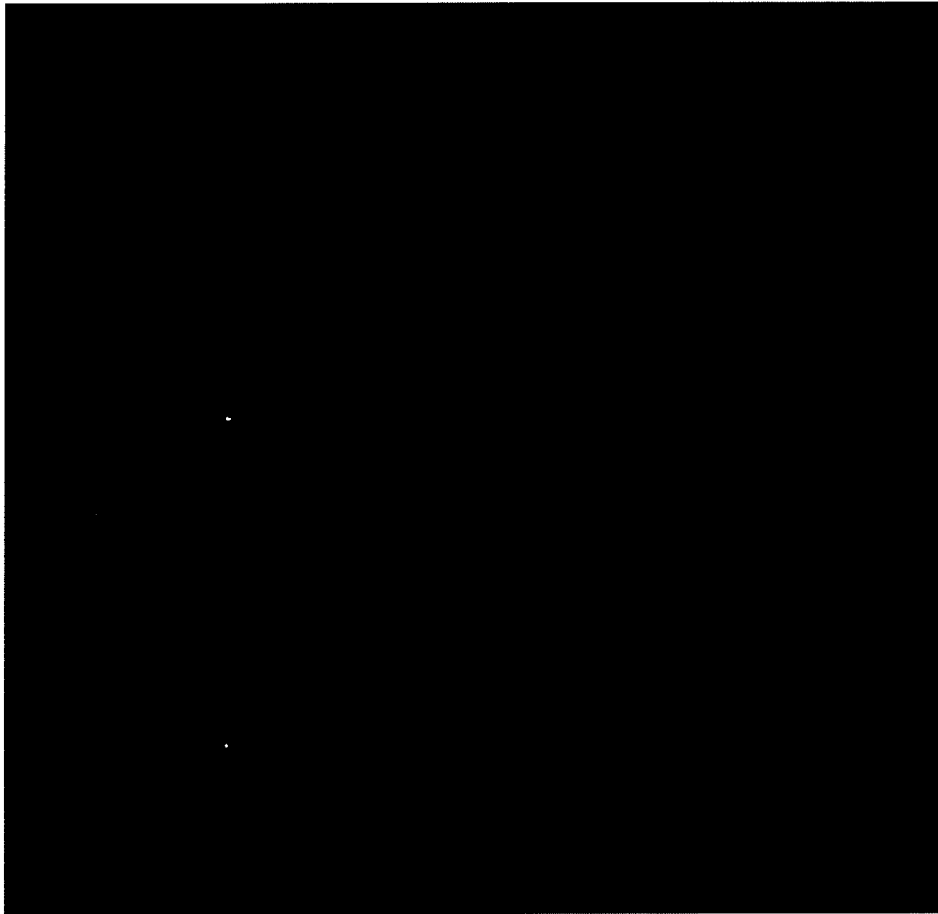


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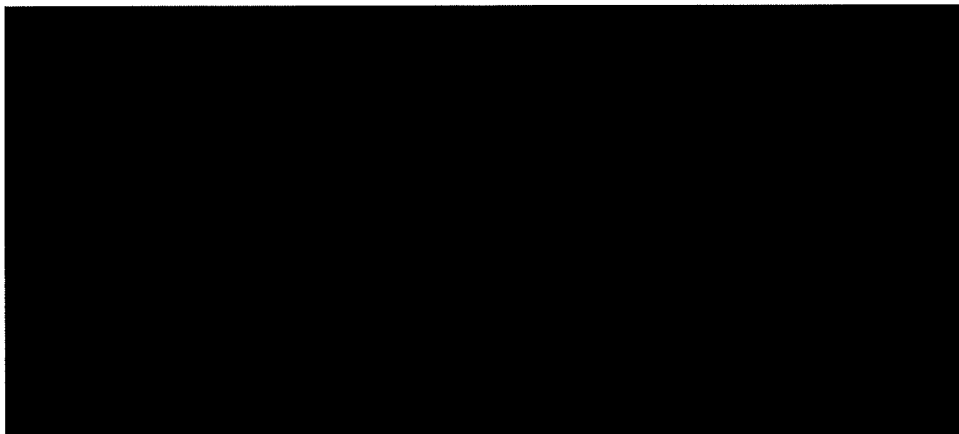


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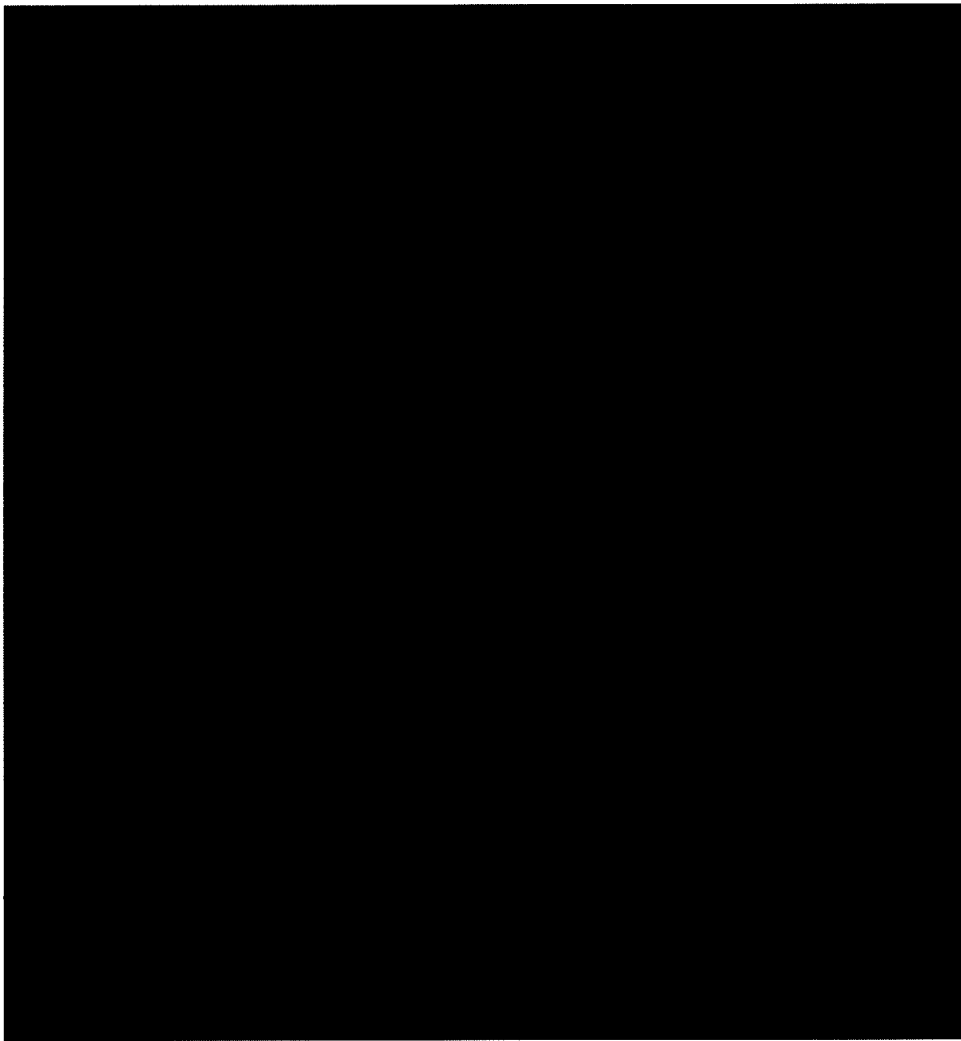


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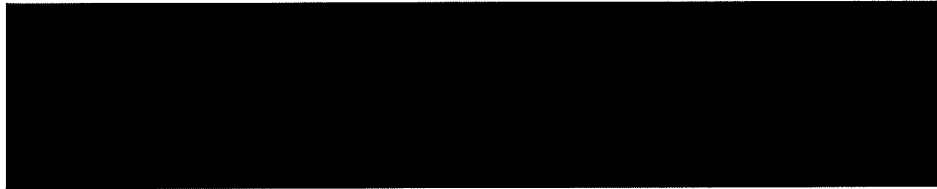
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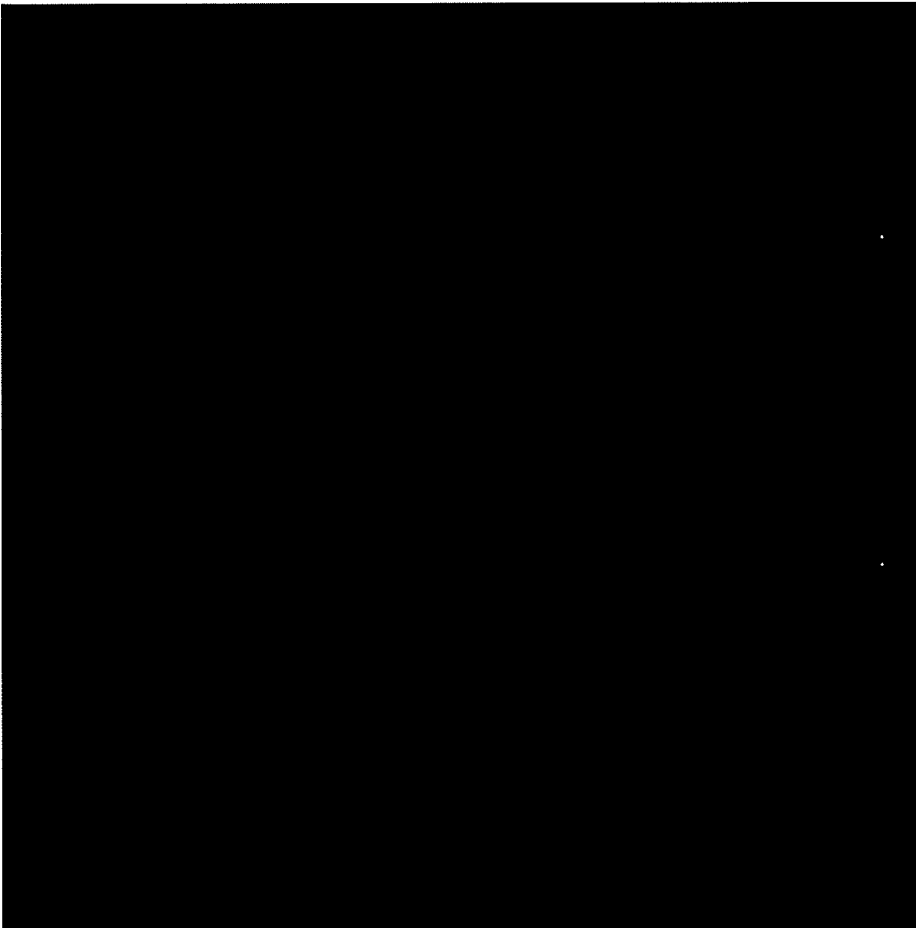


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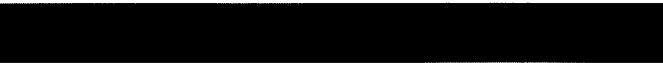


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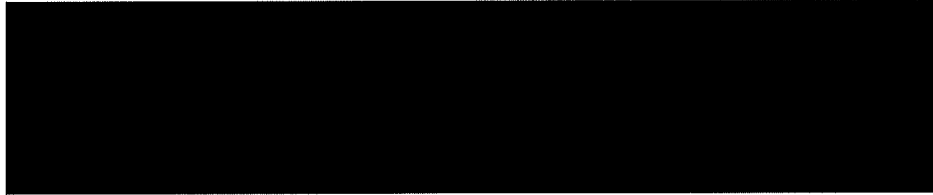
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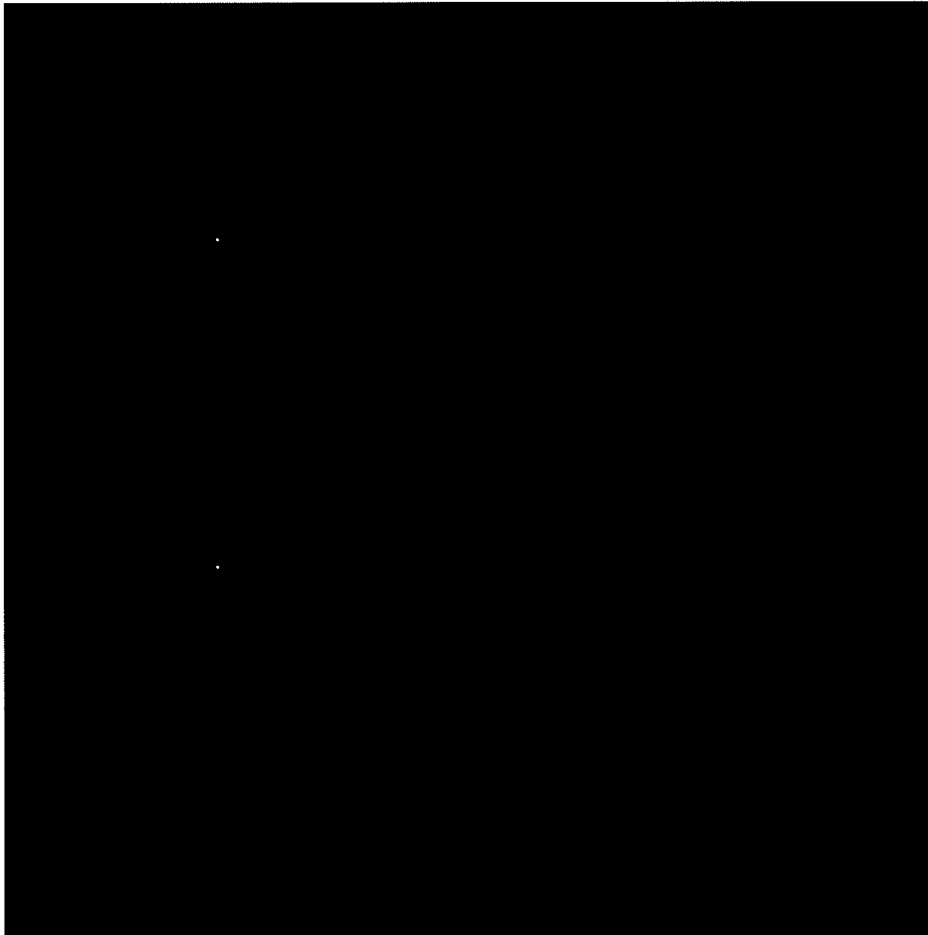


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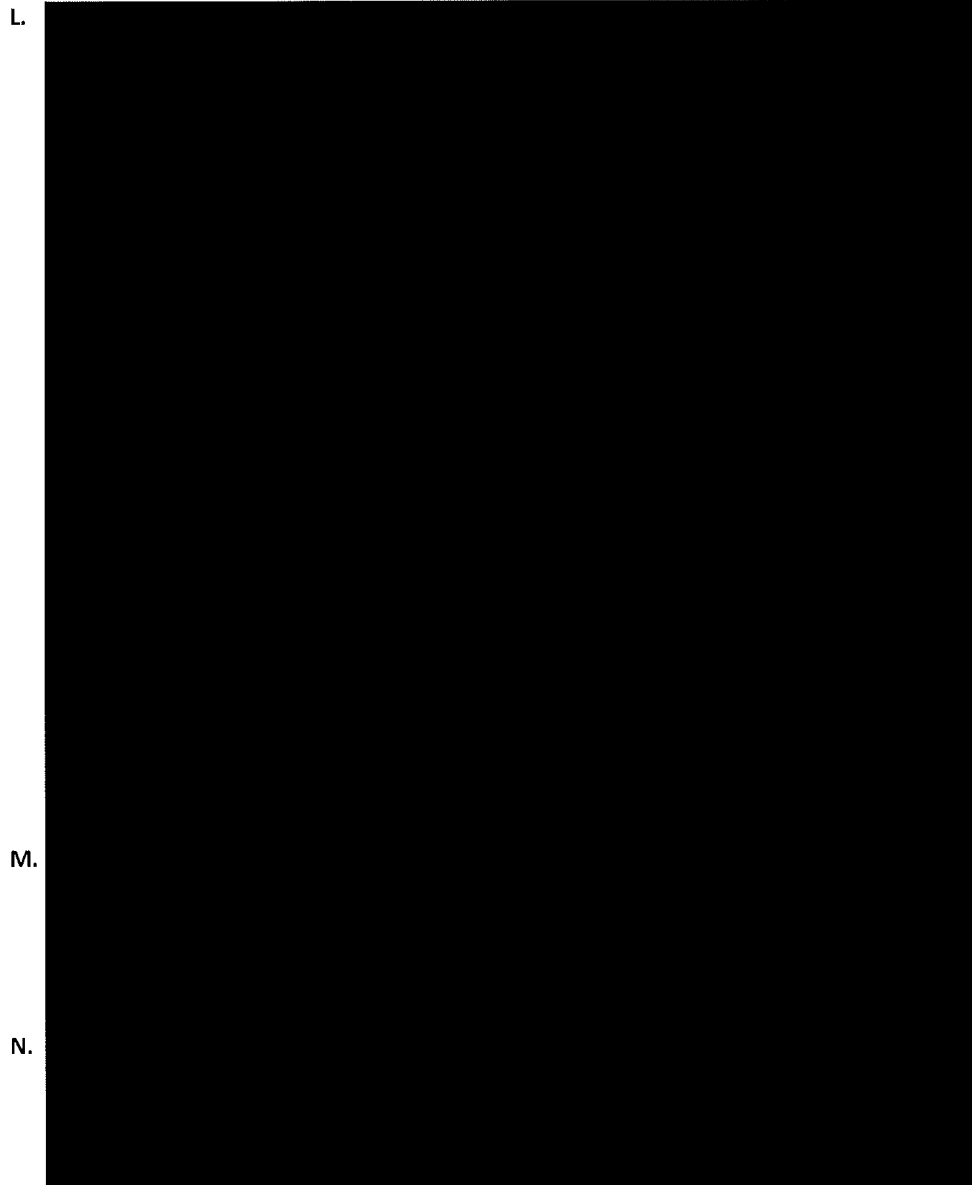


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## INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: JACK KEEHAN

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### IMPLEMENTATION DATE

October 30, 2008

### REVIEW DATE

September, 2010

### HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS.

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Ordained? April 27, 1967

June 20, 1967- June 7, 1974- St. Basil Parish

June 7, 1974- June 11, 1979- Our Lady of Good Counsel

June 11, 1979- June 9, 1980- St. Benedict (Blue Island)

June 9, 1980- November 1, 1983- St. Thomas if Canterbury

November 1, 1983- September 1, 1985- Our Lady of Lourdes/Keeler

September 1, 1985- June 11, 1990- Queen of Angels

June 11, 1990- July 15, 1991- Holy Innocents

July 15, 1991 – July 22, 2005- St. Ann Parish

### HISTORY OF ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED

#### ALLEGATION 1.

In early 1993, a female former parishioner from St. Basil Parish reported that while Jack Keehan was the assistant pastor he initiated a sexual relationship with her. She reported that the sexual contact started when she was approximately 15 years old and began with fondling her in the rectory. The former parishioner reported that when she was a sophomore in High School, Jack Keehan began having sexual intercourse with her and that the relationship continued until she was 24. Importantly, the parishioner reported that on one occasion when she was a young adult, Jack Keehan raped her while on a vacation trip to [REDACTED]

In April of 1993, the Review Board determined that there was reasonable cause to believe that Jack Keehan was involved in sexual misconduct with the female parishioner, but noted that there was a discrepancy between her report that the sexual activity began when she was a minor and Jack Keehan's report that she was an adult before the relationship became sexual. At that time, the review board recommended protocols that included a) no unsupervised contact with minors, b) [REDACTED] c) no individual counseling or retreats with adolescents, and d) no contact with the woman with whom the sexual misconduct occurred. It was

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recommended by the board that Jack Keehan could remain in ministry with the appropriate monitoring and restrictions in place.

## ALLEGATION 2.

In June of 2002, a woman contacted the Archdiocese and reported that Jack Keehan had [REDACTED] forcibly sodomized her brother when he was 14 years old, threatening him with a gun. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The woman followed up as requested by the Archdiocese, participated in a telephone interview and provided specific details of the alleged incident, however, the allegation was not considered substantiated because the alleged victim is now deceased. Jack Keehan reported that while he did own a gun at the time, he "categorically denied" ever having sexual contact with any "human being."

In 2009, this allegation was fully investigated by Hillard Heintze, LLC. Jack Keehan fully cooperated with the investigation, answered all questions and permitted a complete search of his living space. The outcome of the investigation was that there was no evidence to support the claims and the allegation could not be considered credible based on the findings.

## CANONICAL STATUS.

On July 22, 2005 Cardinal Francis George issued a decree removing Archdiocesan faculties from Jack Keehan, dispensing him from the obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb and forbidding him to represent himself as a priest. Determining that he had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a young woman, which constituted a grave violation of c. 277. On July 22, 2008 Cardinal George issued a decree renewing the provisions of the decree issued on July 22, 2005 for another three years.

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## RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

### STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 1: SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF AN ADULT

RISK REDUCTION REQUIREMENT	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	KNOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE 8/15/08	PROGRESS TO DATE
Jack Keehan is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	7/1/08, 3/15/10	<b>Partial Compliance</b>  -7/1/08 violation of ISP, failure to complete daily log sheet.  -3/15/10 violation of ISP, failure to complete daily log sheet
Jack Keehan is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	6/08/8	<b>Compliance</b>  6/08/08 – went to Florida without receiving permission from Compliance Supervisor.  <i>*There have been no further violations since this incident.</i>
Jack Keehan is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb and being called "Father." (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry).	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Oversight by Compliance Supervisor.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits) of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	<b>Full compliance</b>  There are no known incidents of Jack Keehan exercising priestly ministry.
Jack Keehan is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of Jack Keehan providing spiritual direction.
Jack Keehan is prohibited from engaging in liturgy, community life or any aspect of parish activities at any parish in which he has served	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Unannounced</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of Jack Keehan engaging in parish

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in ministry.	<i>verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>		activities.
Jack Keehan is prohibited from spending the night in homes with women who are not his relatives, even with a prudent companion in the home.	<i>Verification with support network.  Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of Jack Keehan spending the night in homes with women.
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Jack Keehan is prohibited from being in a bedroom, including his own, with a female. This prohibition includes the cleaning staff of the retreat house.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of Jack Keehan being in a bedroom with a female.  *It should be noted that Jack Keehan spends at least one evening per week in the home of Sr. MaryAnn Supan.
Jack Keehan is permitted to continue social contact with adult females with whom he has long-term relationships, pending verification. However, if Jack Keehan develops any new relationships, he is required to disclose the information to his Compliance Supervisor for verification.	<i>Verification with support network.  Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	By initiating and cultivating relationships on the internet, Jack Keehan has violated this requirement on multiple occasions.	<b>Non Compliance</b>  Jack Keehan is out of compliance with this requirement because he has not disclosed any of the contact with new women he has met through internet access.
[REDACTED]	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.  Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full compliance  [REDACTED]

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### STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 2: HISTORY OF BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS WITH MINORS

RISK REDUCTION REQUIREMENT	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	KNOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE 8/15/08	PROGRESS TO DATE
<p>With a prudent companion who is present from the time he arrives until the time he leaves, Jack Keehan is permitted to spend time with families who have minor children. This includes time in their homes or in public places. Such contact must be disclosed and logged for review by his Compliance Supervisor. Failure to disclose contact with minors will be considered a serious violation of protocols.</p> <p>Jack Keehan is prohibited at all times from being alone with anyone under the age of 25.</p>	<p><i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i></p> <p><i>Oversight by Compliance Supervisor.</i></p> <p><i>Unannounced verification (telephone, in-person visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i></p>	<p>None during this reporting period</p>	<p><b>Full compliance</b></p> <p>Jack Keehan regularly spends time in his relative's home where minor [REDACTED] (12) is frequently present. Jack Keehan discloses contact as required</p>
<p>Jack Keehan will provide to his Compliance Supervisor a listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his ongoing support and accountability (to be submitted within 5 business days of implementation of protocol).</p>	<p><i>Completion of Community Support Network form.</i></p>	<p>This list was completed.</p>	<p><b>Full compliance</b></p>

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Jack Keehan is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	<b>Full compliance</b>  No violations of this requirement are known, however, there were some inconsistencies in Jack Keehan's description of giving a book to his niece. In one instance he reported giving a book to his niece, in another, he reported giving the book to her father to give to his niece.
Jack Keehan is encouraged to explore the possibilities for paid or unpaid work that is approved by his Compliance Supervisor. He is encouraged to consider meaningful work and to bring his thoughts to his first bi-monthly meeting with the Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period	Jack Keehan did as not explored the possibilities for paid or unpaid work.
Jack Keehan is prohibited from working or volunteering with any organization that provides services to persons under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of Jack Keehan working or volunteering with any organizations.
Jack Keehan is required to attend monthly meetings at the Mundelein Retreat house.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  Jack Keehan has attended all monthly meetings held.
Jack Keehan will meet once every two weeks with his Compliance Supervisor at the residence in Mundelein.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>
Jack Keehan will spend one evening each week at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in	<i>Verification by Compliance</i>	None during this reporting period	This protocol never implemented

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Mundelein, participating in an evening meal, faith sharing and group meeting.	<i>Supervisor.</i>		
	<i>Verification by Retreat House Director.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Compliance</b>

#### REPORTING PERIOD: DECEMBER, 2008- OCTOBER, 2010

Jack Keehan's overall progress in the Prayer and Penance Program has been satisfactory.

IPPC reports showed that Jack was accessing numerous social networking sites on regular basis. Many of these sites were dating sites and some child oriented. Jack Keehan denies accessing these sites and reports that his computer must have been hacked. IPPC found no evidence that the computer was hacked. He no longer has the computer in his possession.

It has been reported by women that Jack Keehan has a tendency to violate the personal space of others. This issue has been discussed

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### IMPLEMENTATION DATE

DECEMBER, 2010

### DATE OF REVIEW

DECEMBER, 2011

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Jack Keehan is prohibited from engaging in	<i>Verification with</i>	12/10	12/11

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Jack Keehan is prohibited from spending the night in homes with women who are not his relatives, even with a prudent companion in the home.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	12/10	12/11
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Jack Keehan is encouraged to explore the possibilities for paid or unpaid work that is approved by his Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	12/11
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	<i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>		
Jack Keehan will meet once every two weeks with his Compliance Supervisor at the residence in Mundelein.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	<b>12/11</b>
	<i>Verification by Retreat House Director.</i>	12/10	<b>12/11</b>
	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	<b>12/11</b>
Review of online activities shows that Jack Keehan is actively involved in accessing dating sites on the internet, including sites for single parents and live web cam sites. Given this information, Jack Keehan's commitment to the priesthood and to celibate chastity should be addressed [REDACTED]	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	12/11
Given information about online dating activities, individual and group therapy should address issues of honesty with the Archdiocese as well as with those whom he contacts through these venues (i.e. do the women know he is a priest? Why are single parents being targeted for contact?)  Plans for remaining in the priesthood and maintaining celibate chastity should also be addressed [REDACTED]	<i>Verification by</i> [REDACTED]	12/10	12/11
Jack Keehan is to bring current credit card statements to bi-weekly meetings with Compliance Supervisor for review.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	12/11

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### COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

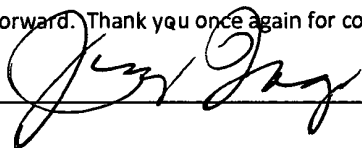
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The Archdiocese has asked Jack Keehan to identify the friends and family members who would be willing and able to offer support and accountability to him as he moves through his daily life. You were among those he identified.

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1. That you review Jack Keehan's history of allegations and substantiated offenses,
2. That you review his *Individual Specific Protocols*, which tell you what he is permitted to do and what he is not,
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4. That you agree to on-going, open communication with Jack Keehan's Compliance Supervisor so that any problems may be identified and addressed before they become serious.

I am personally grateful to you for considering what can only be considered a ministry to Jack Keehan and for the support you have offered him thus far. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate in this program, please do not feel an obligation and please do not turn to the pages that follow which contain confidential information. If you would like to move forward with the commitment to participate, please indicate with your signature below. Once you have reviewed all of the information, you will have another opportunity to indicate your willingness to move forward. Thank you once again for considering this important work.



Jimmy Lago

Chancellor

I have a commitment to support Jack Keehan in his personal program of wellness. I am willing and able to assist him in avoiding situations that could lead to further sexual misconduct and further harm to others, including misinterpretations of his behavior or false allegations of abuse.

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Signature and date

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**Community Support Network for Jack Keehan**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Contact information</b>

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- Implementation of routine polygraph verification.
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## SIGNATURES.

Signed: John J. Keenan Date: 01-28-2011

Printed Name: JOHN J. KEENAN

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Rev. John W. Cellino Date: 1/28/11

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: R. J. M. M. Date: Feb. 11, 2011

Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal Spellman Date: Jan. 6, 2011

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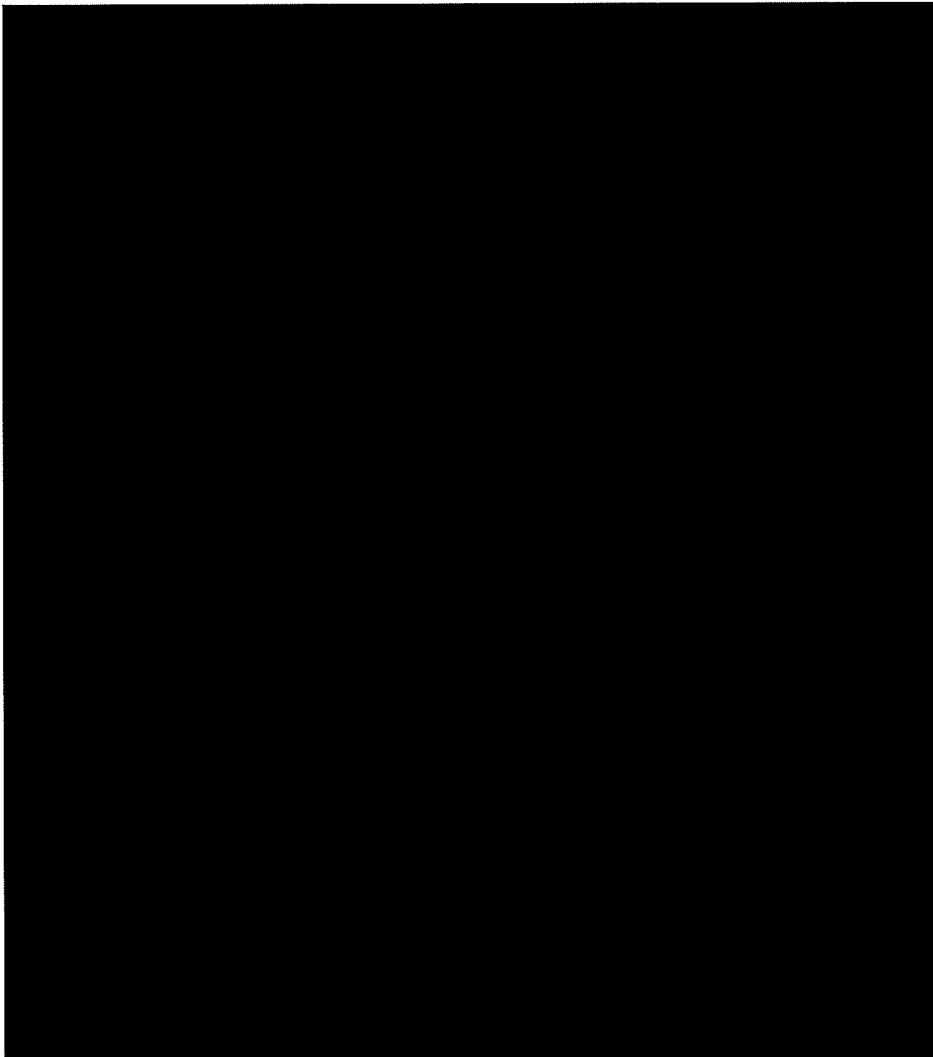


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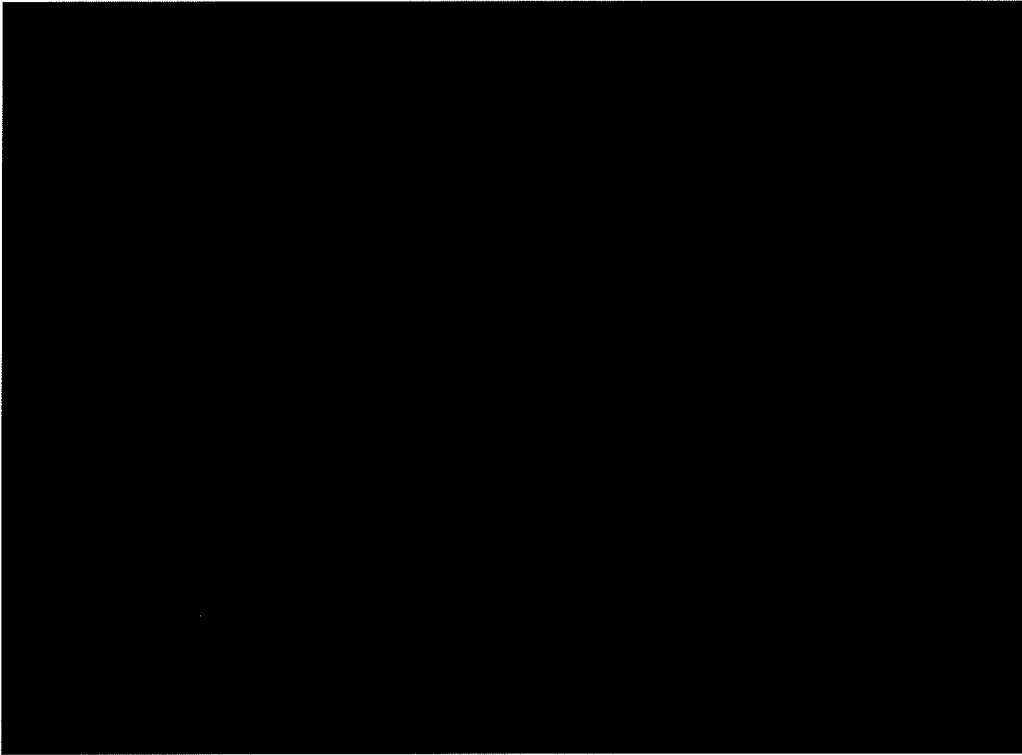
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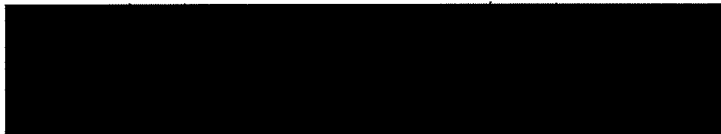
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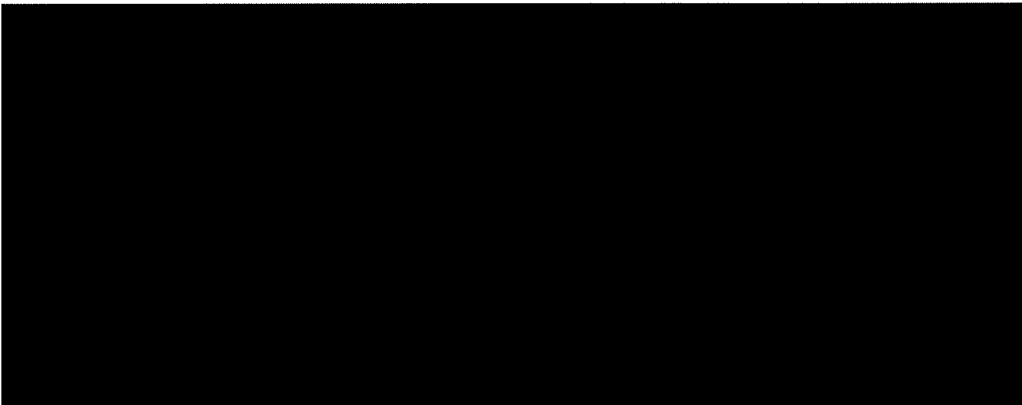


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# INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: JACK KEEHAN

## IMPLEMENTATION DATE

DECEMBER, 2010

## DATE OF REVIEW

DECEMBER, 2011

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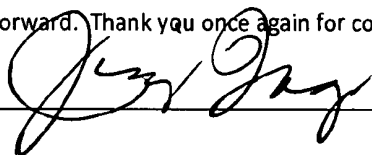
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Printed Name: JOHN J. KEENAN

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Rev. John M. Collins Date: 1/28/11

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: R. J. M. M. Date: Feb. 11, 2011

Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal Bernardini Date: Jan. 6, 2011

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## INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: JACK KEEHAN

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### IMPLENETATION DATE

December, 2010

### REVIEW DATE

January, 2012

### HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS.

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Ordained? April 27, 1967

June 20, 1967- June 7, 1974- St. Basil Parish

June 7, 1974, -June 11, 1979- Our Lady of Good Counsel

June 11, 1979- June 9, 1980- St. Benedict (Blue Island)

June 9, 1980- November 1, 1983- St. Thomas if Canterbury

November 1, 1983- September 1, 1985- Our Lady of Lourdes/Keeler

September 1, 1985- June 11, 1990- Queen of Angels

June 11, 1990- July 15, 1991- Holy Innocents

July 15, 1991 – July 22, 2005- St. Ann Parish

### HISTORY OF ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED

#### ALLEGATION 1.

In early 1993, a female former parishioner from St. Basil Parish reported that while Jack Keehan was the assistant pastor he initiated a sexual relationship with her. She reported that the sexual contact started when she was approximately 15 years old and began with fondling her in the rectory. The former parishioner reported that when she was a sophomore in High School, Jack Keehan began having sexual intercourse with her and that the relationship continued until she was 24. Importantly, the parishioner reported that on one occasion when she was a young adult, Jack Keehan raped her while on a vacation trip to [REDACTED]

In April of 1993, the Review Board determined that there was reasonable cause to believe that Jack Keehan was involved in sexual misconduct with the female parishioner, but noted that there was a discrepancy between her report that the sexual activity began when she was a minor and Jack Keehan's report that she was an adult before the relationship became sexual. At that time, the review board recommended protocols that included a) no unsupervised contact with minors, b) [REDACTED] c) no individual counseling or retreats with adolescents, and d) no contact with the woman with whom the sexual misconduct occurred. It was

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recommended by the board that Jack Keehan could remain in ministry with the appropriate monitoring and restrictions in place.

## ALLEGATION 2.

In June of 2002, a woman contacted the Archdiocese and reported that Jack Keehan had [REDACTED] forcibly sodomized her brother when he was 14 years old, threatening him with a gun. [REDACTED] The woman followed up as requested by the Archdiocese, participated in a telephone interview and provided specific details of the alleged incident, however, the allegation was not considered substantiated because the alleged victim is now deceased. Jack Keehan reported that while he did own a gun at the time, he "categorically denied" ever having sexual contact with any "human being." In 2009, this allegation was fully investigated by Hillard Heintze, LLC. Jack Keehan fully cooperated with the investigation, answered all questions and permitted a complete search of his living space. The outcome of the investigation was that there was no evidence to support the claims and the allegation could not be considered credible based on the findings.

## CANONICAL STATUS.

On July 22, 2005 Cardinal Francis George issued a decree removing Archdiocesan faculties from Jack Keehan, dispensing him from the obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb and forbidding him to represent himself as a priest. Determining that he had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a young woman, which constituted a grave violation of c. 277. On July 22, 2008 Cardinal George issued a decree renewing the provisions of the decree issued on July 22, 2005 for another three years.

## CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.

Jack Keehan is currently living in the Cardinal Stritch Retreat house with 2 other members of the Archdiocesan Priesthood who have been removed from ministry due to sexual abuse of minors. Jack Keehan eats most meals at the retreat house, with the exception of social dinners about twice a week with a female friend and three priests with whom he has long-standing friendships. Jack Keehan also maintains relationships with his deceased brother's family, most of whom are involved in law-enforcement [REDACTED] Jack Keehan discloses his only contact with minors or young adults occurs when visiting his family's home during family gatherings.

## RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

### STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 1: SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF AN ADULT

RISK REDUCTION REQUIREMENT	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	KNOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE DECEMBER 2010	PROGRESS TO DATE
Jack Keehan is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	Consistent throughout reporting period.	<b>Partial Compliance</b>  Jack Keehan continues to submit daily log sheets that are vague and incomplete making verification more difficult.
Jack Keehan is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Partial Compliance</b>  <i>Jack Keehan was granted permission to travel June 3, 2011 – June 22, 2011. He did not return to the residence on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.</i>
Jack Keehan is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb and being called "Father." (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry).	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Oversight by Compliance Supervisor.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits) of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	<b>Full compliance</b>  There are no known incidents of Jack Keehan exercising priestly ministry. He attends Mass at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.
Jack Keehan is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of Jack Keehan providing spiritual direction.
Jack Keehan is prohibited from engaging in liturgy, community life or any aspect of parish activities at any parish in which he has served	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of Jack Keehan engaging in parish

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in ministry.	<i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>		activities.
Jack Keehan is prohibited from spending the night in homes with women who are not his relatives, even with a prudent companion in the home.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of Jack Keehan spending the night in homes with women.  *It should be noted that he spends a significant amount of time in the home of [REDACTED]
Jack Keehan is to limit physical affection with women to a brief hug or kiss on the cheek. He is prohibited from being the initiator of any form of physical affection with women and is to limit the contact he initiates to a handshake.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Compliance</b>  Jack still needs to develop further insight into how his aggressive personality may be perceived by others.
Jack Keehan is prohibited from being in a bedroom, including his own, with a female. This prohibition includes the cleaning staff of the retreat house.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of Jack Keehan being in a bedroom with a female.  *It should be noted that Jack Keehan spends at least one evening per week in the home of [REDACTED]
Jack Keehan is permitted to continue social contact with adult females with whom he has long-term relationships, pending verification. However, if Jack Keehan develops any new relationships, he is required to disclose the information to his Compliance Supervisor for verification.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	<b>Compliance</b>  There have been no known new relationships formed during this period.

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## STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 2: HISTORY OF BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS WITH MINORS

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<p>With a prudent companion who is present from the time he arrives until the time he leaves, Jack Keehan is permitted to spend time with families who have minor children. This includes time in their homes or in public places. Such contact must be disclosed and logged for review by his Compliance Supervisor. Failure to disclose contact with minors will be considered a serious violation of protocols.</p> <p>Jack Keehan is prohibited at all times from being alone with anyone under the age of 25.</p>	<p><i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i></p> <p><i>Oversight by Compliance Supervisor.</i></p> <p><i>Unannounced verification (telephone, in-person visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i></p>	<p>None during this reporting period</p>	<p><b>Full compliance</b></p> <p>Jack Keehan regularly spends time in his relative's home where minor [REDACTED] (13) is frequently present. Jack Keehan discloses contact as required.</p>
<p>Jack Keehan will provide to his Compliance Supervisor a listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his ongoing support and accountability (to be submitted within 5 business days of implementation of protocol).</p>	<p><i>Completion of Community Support Network form.</i></p>	<p>This list was completed.</p>	<p><b>Full compliance</b></p>
<p>Jack Keehan is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25.</p>	<p><i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i></p> <p><i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i></p>	<p>None during this reporting period.</p>	<p><b>Full compliance</b></p> <p>No violations of this requirement are known.</p>
<p>Jack Keehan is encouraged to explore the possibilities for paid or unpaid</p>	<p><i>Verification by Compliance</i></p>	<p>None during this reporting period</p>	<p>Jack Keehan has not explored the possibilities for paid or</p>

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work that is approved by his Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Supervisor.</i>		unpaid work.
Jack Keehan is prohibited from working or volunteering with any organization that provides services to persons under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of Jack Keehan working or volunteering with any organizations.
Jack Keehan is required to attend monthly meetings at the Mundelein Retreat house.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  Jack Keehan has attended all meetings held.
Jack Keehan will meet once every two weeks with his Compliance Supervisor at the residence in Mundelein.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>  Jack has attended all scheduled meetings.
	<i>Verification by Retreat House Director.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Partial Compliance</b>  
Review of online activities shows that Jack Keehan is actively involved in accessing dating sites on the internet, including sites for single parents and live web cam sites. Given this information, Jack Keehan's commitment to the priesthood and to celibate chastity should be addressed	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	<b>Partial Compliance</b>  Jack Keehan reports that he no longer has access to the internet.
	<i>Verification by</i>	None during this reporting period.	<b>Compliance</b>  Jack Keehan has not been found

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			<p>engaging in online social activity during this reporting period. This past behavior was addressed with [REDACTED]</p>
<p>Jack Keehan is to bring current credit card statements to bi-weekly meetings with Compliance Supervisor for review.</p>	<p><i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing violation.</p>	<p><b>Non Compliance</b></p> <p>Jack Keehan has not brought current credit card statements to bi-weekly meetings with Compliance Supervisor.</p>

#### REPORTING PERIOD: DECEMBER, 2010- JANUARY, 2012

Jack Keehan's overall progress in the Prayer and Penance Program has been satisfactory. There have been no new allegations made during this reporting period.

[REDACTED]

He has developed a healthy support network and spends time completing his work on "The Acts of the Apostle".

Jack needs to develop further insight into how his aggressive personality may be perceived by others and how it impacts the way he relates to the other men he lives with. Jack's passive aggressive approach to compliance with logging his whereabouts is of concern. He maintains that he is unclear of what is expected. This seems unlikely as Compliance Supervisor has discussed this with him on numerous occasions and the guidelines have been provided to him in writing. This may be an indication of more complex clinical issues and the need for increased supervision or restrictions.

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### IMPLEMENTATION DATE

January, 2012

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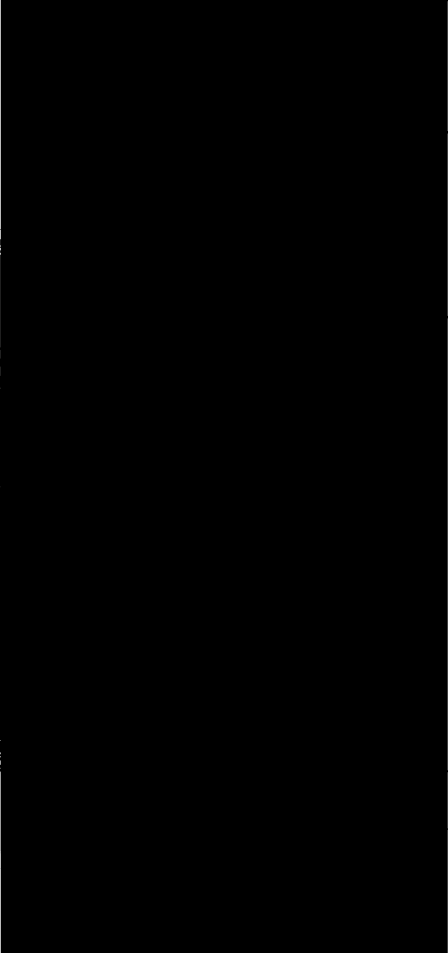


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	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	January 2012	January 2013
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- Restriction from travel.
- Change of residence.
- Implementation of routine polygraph verification.
- Canonical action, up to and including involuntary removal from the priesthood.

**SIGNATURES.**

Signed: John J. Keenan Date: 02-23-2012

Printed Name: JOHN J. KEENAN

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Rev. John M. Callahan Date: 2/23/12

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: Rev. J. Donovan Date: 2/23/12

Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal McGovern Date: Feb 23, 2012

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### COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

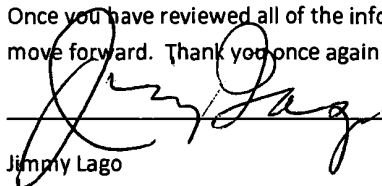
The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago has initiated a program of support and accountability for the priests of the Archdiocese who have been removed from ministry due to their sexual misconduct with minors. The program is voluntary in that a priest may choose to participate or may choose to leave the priesthood. Jack Keehan has expressed his desire to engage in this program, fully recognizing it will mean a significant increase in accountability and a decrease in his overall levels of privacy. This is seen as a positive sign, as openness to support and intervention by others is one of the essential components for long-term abstinence from sexual offending.

The Archdiocese has asked Jack Keehan to identify the friends and family members who would be willing and able to offer support and accountability to him as he moves through his daily life. You were among those he identified.

If you are willing to accompany Jack Keehan in this way, the following is asked of you:

1. That you review Jack Keehan's history of allegations and substantiated offenses,
2. That you review his *Individual Specific Protocols*, which tell you what he is permitted to do and what he is not,
3. That you agree to support Jack Keehan through interrupting high-risk behaviors (such as his attempting to be alone with a minor) if they occur and informing his Compliance Supervisor of any other concerns or violations of the protocols,
4. That you agree to on-going, open communication with Jack Keehan's Compliance Supervisor so that any problems may be identified and addressed before they become serious.

I am personally grateful to you for considering what can only be considered a ministry to Jack Keehan and for the support you have offered him thus far. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate in this program, please do not feel an obligation and please do not turn to the pages that follow which contain confidential information. If you would like to move forward with the commitment to participate, please indicate with your signature below. Once you have reviewed all of the information, you will have another opportunity to indicate your willingness to move forward. Thank you once again for considering this important work.



Jimmy Lago

Chancellor

I have a commitment to support Jack Keehan in his personal program of wellness. I am willing and able to assist him in avoiding situations that could lead to further sexual misconduct and further harm to others, including misinterpretations of his behavior or false allegations of abuse.

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Signature and date

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**Community Support Network for Jack Keehan**

Name	Relationship	Contact information

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**Martha Camacho - Rev. John Keehan**

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**From:** Katarzyna Staszal  
**To:** Dimberger, Daniel  
**Date:** 7/24/2012 9:40 AM  
**Subject:** Rev. John Keehan  
**CC:** Staszal, Katarzyna

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Good Morning Dan:

FYI:

Rev. John Keehan address changed as of 07/24/2012 to:

Bishop Lynne Residence  
12230 Will Cook Road  
Palos Park, IL 60464

Thank You,

***Katarzyna Staszal***

*Administrative Assistant*

Priests' Retirement & Mutual Aid Association  
4951 Harrison Street, Hillside, IL 60162  
1-708-449-7943

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## **Martha Camacho - Change of address**

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**From:** Miriam Patrick Cummings  
**To:** Camacho, Martha; Gorajski, Karen; Madrigal, Maria; Ranas, Ray  
**Date:** 8/16/2012 1:29 PM  
**Subject:** Change of address

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**For AOC mailing purposes only:**

Please change Rev. John Keehan's address to:

Bishop Lyne Home  
12230 S. Will-Cook Rd  
Palos Park, IL 60464

**For the Directory the address remains the same.**

Thank you,  
Sister Pat

Sister Pat Cummings  
Associate Director  
Vicar for Priests  
312-534-1837

# INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: JACK KEEHAN

IMPEMENTATION DATE

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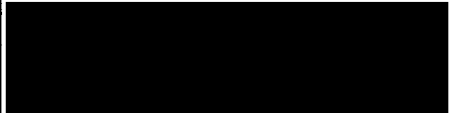

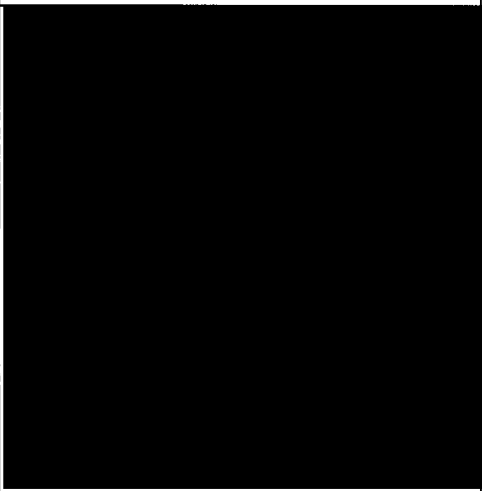


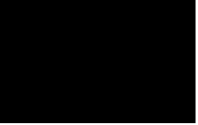
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Signed: John J. Keenan Date: 02-23-2012

Printed Name: JOHN J. KEENAN

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Rev. John M. Callahan Date: 2/23/12

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: Rev. John J. Keenan Date: 2/23/12

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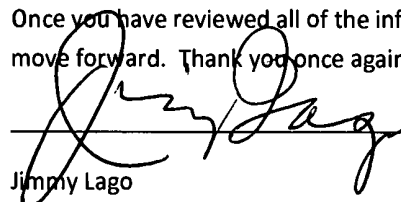
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## INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: JOHN KEEHAN

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### IMPLEMENTATION DATE

January, 2012

### REVIEW DATE

January, 2013

### HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS.

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Ordained? April 27, 2967

June 20, 1967- June 7, 1974- St. Basil Parish

June 7, 1994, -June 11, 1979- Our Lady of Good Counsel

June 11, 1979- June 9, 1980- St. Benedict (Blue Island)

June 9, 1980- November 1, 1983-St. Thomas if Canterbury

November 1, 1983- September 1, 1985- Our Lady of Lourdes/Keeler

September 1, 1985- June 11, 1990- Queen of Angels

June 11, 1990- July 15, 1991- Holy Innocents

July 15, 1991 – July 22, 2005- St. Ann Parish

### HISTORY OF ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED

#### ALLEGATION 1.

In early 1993, a female former parishioner from St. Basil Parish reported that while John Keehan was the assistant pastor he initiated a sexual relationship with her. She reported that the sexual contact started when she was approximately 15 years old and began with fondling her in the rectory. The former parishioner reported that when she was a sophomore in High School, John Keehan began having sexual intercourse with her and that the relationship continued until she was 24. Importantly, the parishioner reported that on one occasion when she was a young adult, John Keehan raped her while on a vacation trip to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

In April of 1993, the Review Board determined that there was reasonable cause to believe that John Keehan was involved in sexual misconduct with the female parishioner, but noted that there was a discrepancy between her report that the sexual activity began when she was a minor and John Keehan's report that she was an adult before the relationship became sexual. At that time, the review board recommended protocols that included a) no unsupervised contact with minors, b) [REDACTED] c) no individual counseling or

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retreats with adolescents, and d) no contact with the woman with whom the sexual misconduct occurred. It was recommended by the board that John Keehan could remain in ministry with the appropriate monitoring and restrictions in place.

## ALLEGATION 2.

In June of 2002, a woman contacted the Archdiocese and reported that John Keehan had [REDACTED] forcibly sodomized her brother when he was 14 years old, threatening him with a gun. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The woman followed up as requested by the Archdiocese, participated in a telephone interview and provided specific details of the alleged incident, however, the allegation was not considered substantiated because the alleged victim is now deceased. John Keehan reported that while he did own a gun at the time, he "categorically denied" ever having sexual contact with any "human being."

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## CANONICAL STATUS.

On July 22, 2005 Cardinal Francis George issued a decree removing Archdiocesan faculties from John Keehan, dispensing him from the obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb and forbidding him to represent himself as a priest. Determining that he had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a young woman, which constituted a grave violation of c. 277. On July 22, 2008 Cardinal George issued a decree renewing the provisions of the decree issued on July 22, 2005 for another three years.

## CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.

John Keehan is currently residing at the Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Residence for Retired Priests. One other member of the Prayer and Penance Program also resides there. No children are permitted to live at the residence. All residents are retired priests. John Keehan eats most meals at the residence, with the exception of social dinners about twice a week with a female friend and three priests with whom he has long-standing friendships. John Keehan also maintains relationships with his deceased brother's family, most of whom are involved in law-enforcement [REDACTED]. This contact has decreased since John moved from the retreat house to the Bishop Lyne Residence. John Keehan discloses his only contact with minors or young adults occurs when visiting his family's home during family gatherings.

## RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

### STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 1: SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF AN ADULT

RISK REDUCTION REQUIREMENT	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	KNOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE JANUARY 2012	PROGRESS TO DATE
John Keehan is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Compliance</b>
John Keehan is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full Compliance</b>
John Keehan is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb and being called "Father." (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry).	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.  Oversight by Compliance Supervisor.  Unannounced verification (telephone, visits) of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	<b>Full compliance</b>
John Keehan is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>Verification with support network.  Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Full compliance</b>
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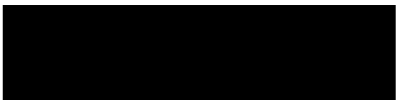

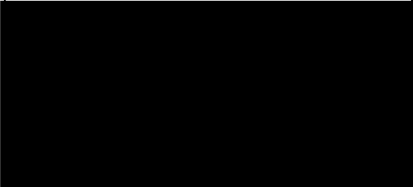

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John Keehan is prohibited from being in a bedroom, including his own, with a female. This prohibition includes the cleaning staff of the retreat house.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>	None during this reporting period	<b>Compliance</b>  There have been no known incidents of John Keehan being in a bedroom with a female.  *It should be noted that John Keehan spends at least one evening per week in the private home of [REDACTED]
John Keehan is permitted to continue social contact with adult females with whom he has long-term relationships, pending verification. However, if John Keehan develops any new relationships, he is required to disclose the information to his Compliance Supervisor for verification.	<i>Verification with support network.</i>  <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	<b>Compliance</b>

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## STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 2: HISTORY OF BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS WITH MINORS

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<p>John Keehan is encouraged to explore the possibilities for paid or unpaid work that is approved by his</p>	<p><i>Verification by Compliance</i></p>	<p>None during this reporting period</p>	<p>John Keehan has not explored the possibilities for paid or</p>

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Compliance Supervisor.	Supervisor.		unpaid work.
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John Keehan is required to attend scheduled meetings at the Mundelein Retreat House.	Verification with Community Support Network.  Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.	None during this reporting period	Full compliance  John Keehan no longer resides at the Mundelein Retreat House.
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John Keehan is to bring current credit card statements to bi-weekly meetings with Compliance Supervisor for review.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.		Full compliance

## REPORTING PERIOD: JANUARY, 2012- MAY, 2013

John Keehan's overall progress in the Prayer and Penance Program has been satisfactory. There have been no new allegations made during this reporting period.

[REDACTED] He has developed a healthy support network. He has transitioned well into the Bishop Lyne Home and has integrated well with the other residents. Site Monitor Bobby Magurany has reported no complaints. It is recommended that John enroll in a technology course to increase his understanding and skill set related to computers and use of the internet. As the use of technology is paramount in the ability to live independently he will not be able to continue to rely on his "ignorance" of technology to avoid accountability for his internet and computer use.

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### IMPLEMENTATION DATE

May, 2013

### DATE OF REVIEW

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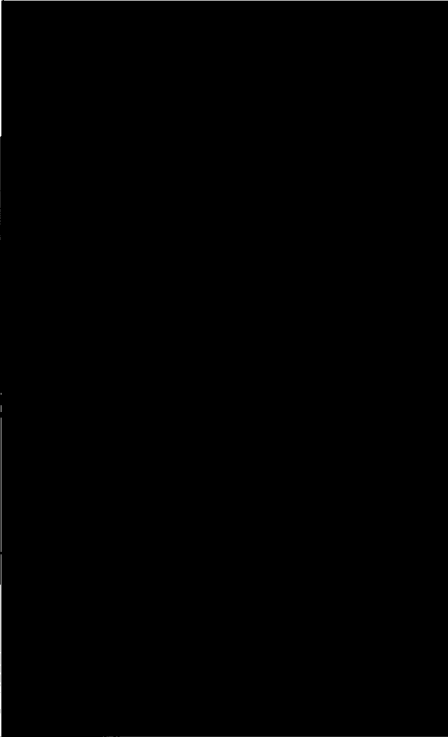


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**SIGNATURES**

Signed: John J. Kellan Date: Aug. 7, 2013

Printed Name: JOHN J. KELLAN

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Ron. Kenneth B. Baskin Date: Aug 5, 2013

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: Margaret F. Cash Date: 8/14/13

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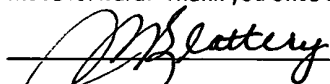
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No change, J Keehan

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