From: Ralph Bonaccorsi
To: Leah McCluskey
Date: 1/25/2007 7:56:51 AM
Subject: allegation

On Friday,Jan. 19 '07 I received a phone call from [redacted] .He expressed a moderate degree of anxiety in contacting the Assistance Ministry office .
He explained that he got the Vam # from the Arch. website.He expressed that he has been dealing with his experience of sexual abuse in his youth [redacted]
While in the past he felt that he had "dealt with and "managed " the issue ,now in his 40's he realizes he "needs help"aka.therapy or "something".
[redacted] I felt he would benefit from a conversation with Dr. Bland. [redacted] readily accepted Dr. Bland's contact info.Knowing that Dr. Bland is readily available to situations like this ,I recommended that [redacted] call "any time". He assured me that he was comfortable to do so. (As of Monday,Jan.22,Dr. Bland had not received a call from [redacted]

The Allegation: [redacted] was not absolutely certain of dates but to the best of his recollections he believes that in 1975 or 76 he was a 7th- 8th grade student in St. Mary school ,Lake Forest, Ill. and that he was abused by the then Fr. Robt. Mayer. [redacted] graduated in 1976 [redacted] further stated that RM would invite a group of boys(including [redacted] to the rectory where on occasion there was group sexual activity. [redacted] states that for him the abuse "was mild".

[redacted] did not describe the abuse,did not name other boys, nor give his last name.
He did express concern for the other boys, [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM

To: PFR-25

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: **RESPONSE TO [redacted] ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST ROBERT E. MAYER [RESIGNED]**

Date: November 21, 2006

Present for Conference Call

Mr. Robert Mayer
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Date of Conference Call: October 16, 2006 **Time of Meeting:** 1:00 pm

Conference Call

Please note that all of Mr. Mayer's corrections/additions made to the October 17, 2006 report are italicized and in bold print.

This meeting took place entirely via conference call. PRA arrived at the Vicar for Priests' Office for the 1:00 pm scheduled meeting. Rev. Edward Grace and PRA then contacted Mr. Robert Mayer via phone.

PRA began the phone call for thanking Mr. Mayer for his time. When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that he did not have any questions or concerns prior to being read [redacted] allegation against him. PRA did ask Mr. Mayer if he would like a copy of [redacted] allegation sent to him via mail. Mr. Mayer expressed his understanding that PRA would send him a copy of the report. He was informed that PRA wanted to ensure that he did wish to receive a copy of the report, as some individuals do not wish to have anything sent to their home. Mr. Mayer then suggested that PRA send

him a copy of [redacted] allegation with the copy of the draft report that would be written based upon his responses given today [October 16th].

PRA proceeded by reading [redacted] allegation to Mr. Mayer without interruption.

Mr. Mayer did not verbalize any response immediately after PRA concluded reading [redacted] allegation. When PRA said, "Hello?" Mr. Mayer responded by stating, "I'm here." PRA then asked Mr. Mayer if he had any initial responses to the allegation that he would like to provide.

Fr. Mayer began by stating, "I don't know what to say." He then began to talk about his memories of [redacted] Fr. Mayer stated, "I ***remember*** [redacted] as a ***tough***, feisty, character…" He added that based upon the allegation, he could not ***imagine*** [redacted] ..putting up with that kind of abuse over and over…" as it was described. Mr. Mayer remarked that [redacted] "pursued" the relationship with him over the years, ***"because I would believe, that he*** [redacted] ***viewed me as a wholesome and caring person."*** Mr. Mayer expressed his recollection that he and [redacted] '…were on good terms…" when the two eventually "…drifted apart…" He then remarked, "I don't know what else to say." Mr. Mayer also mentioned that he does not remember some of the names [of the other boys identified by [redacted], as the time frame of the alleged abuse was "…so long ago."

PRA then asked Mr. Mayer specific questions regarding [redacted] allegation. When asked, Mr. Mayer stated that he did not run the youth group at St. Mary's. PRA clarified for Mr. Mayer that [redacted] did not suggest that he ran the youth group, but that he was often present at/around such [youth group] functions. When again asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that he does not remember the youth group and him interacting with ***anyone*** who participated in it as described by [redacted]

PRA asked Mr. Mayer if he invited the boys to his private quarters in the rectory. Mr. Mayer stated that he never had minors in his quarters without an adult present. When asked again about having boys in his private quarters, Mr. Mayer stated that he ***doesn't recall "inviting" minors to his quarters and if they came, it was by self-invitation to a rectory that had a rep*** [reputation] ***of being an "open house."*** He added that there would always be adults around in the rectory, ***including housekeepers and secretaries.*** Mr. Mayer stated that he remembers doors [to clerics' private quarters] ***rarely*** being closed in the rectory. He mentioned that Fr. Douaire was assigned to St. Mary's prior to Fr. Conroy and that he [Fr. Douaire] was "…always there."

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer confirmed that [redacted] ***might have been*** in his private quarters in the rectory at St. Mary's ***and*** St. Edna's, ***but he cannot recall any specific occasions.***

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer replied that he ***never engaged in*** French kissing ***with*** [redacted] [or any other ***male***]. Mr. Mayer then remarked that he may have hugged ***people, non-sexually, but did not*** French kiss anyone.

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer strongly responded that he has never suggested or offered any type of pornography to any minor. Also when asked, Mr. Mayer stated that he never offered or suggested alcohol ***or pot*** to any minor. PRA then asked if any minors drank alcohol in his presence in his private quarters. Mr. Mayer responded, "No. Not that I remember."

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that there was no masturbation [as described by [redacted] that took place in either of his private quarters in the rectories or at his home in Fox Lake. PRA asked Mr. Mayer if there were any backrubs with shirts off or with all clothing off that took place as described by [redacted] Mr. Mayer responded by stating ***that he has no recollection of backrubs with*** [redacted]

PRA asked Mr. Mayer if [redacted] stayed over night at his home in Fox Lake. Mr. Mayer responded by stating that he could not recall ***any specific occasion of*** [redacted] staying there overnight, but that it ***was possible***. He then spoke about the frequency of ***many*** people spending time at the home in Fox Lake. ***He emphasized, however, that the "home" in question was not his home but a family cottage used extensively by family members and friends, mostly adult-aged. " I cannot recall ever being there without some adults present."***

Fr. Grace then asked Mr. Mayer if the Fr. Conroy who was mentioned as being assigned at St. Mary's with him was Fr. Mike Conroy of the St. Patrick's Missionary Society. Mr. Mayer confirmed that was the same Fr. Conroy. He then stated that he had been assigned to St. Mary's for approximately two years when Fr. Douaire passed away. As per Mr. Mayer, Fr. Conroy took Fr. Douaire's place.

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that he did not have any other questions or comments at this time. Mr. Mayer asked that PRA send him a draft report based upon the October 16th conference call and that he would make any changes or corrections at that time.

Prior to ending the phone call, Mr. Mayer stated that he only remembers "happy days" with [redacted] Mr. Mayer spoke again of his surprise that if [redacted] was being abused [as alleged] "...and ***yet*** he came back "hundreds" of times?!...it just doesn't sound right." He then remarked, "...***remembering*** [redacted] if he was abused in any form, he [redacted] would have gone through the roof..."

PRA thanked Mr. Mayer for his response to [redacted] allegation. Both Fr. Grace and PRA thanked Mr. Mayer for his time and cooperation. It was agreed that Mr. Mayer would call Fr. Grace or PRA with any additional questions or concerns.

PRA informed Mr. Mayer that a draft report of his response to [redacted] allegation would be mailed to him for his review. It was agreed that Mr. Mayer would then make any changes/corrections to the draft report and return it to PRA.

Robert E. Mayer

Robert E. Mayer

11/30/06

Date

Leah McCluskey

Leah McCluskey, Administrator

12/4/06

Date

Edward D. Grace

Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

12/5/06

Date

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From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Mayer, Rev. Robert [Resigned]

Date: September 5, 2006

PRA met with Mr. [redacted] on August 24, 2006 so that he could formalize his allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Robert Mayer. During the August 24th meeting, Mr. [redacted] provided the names of the following individuals who were minors and present in Fr. Mayer's private quarters of St. Mary's rectory where alleged sexual abuse by the cleric including group masturbation, exposure to pornography, and access to alcohol had taken place:

[redacted] [same age as [redacted]]
[redacted] [same age as [redacted]]
[redacted] [same age as [redacted]]
[redacted] [one or two years younger than [redacted]]
[redacted] [older than [redacted]]
[redacted] [older than [redacted]]
[redacted] [older than [redacted]]

Please note that the spellings of the aforementioned names are not all correct.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: **ROBERT E. MAYER'S [RESIGNED] RESPONSE TO [redacted] ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

Date: January 10, 2006

Date of Meeting: November 21, 2005 Time of Meeting: **1:30 pm**

Present at Meeting

Mr. Robert Mayer
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Conference Call

Please note that Mr. Robert Mayer's additions/corrections to the November 30, 2005 draft report are in bold print and italicized.

This meeting took place entirely via conference call. PRA arrived at the Vicar for Priests' Office for the 1:30 pm scheduled meeting. Rev. Edward Grace and PRA then contacted Mr. ***Robert*** Mayer via phone.

PRA began the phone call for thanking Mr. Mayer for his time. PRA then referenced *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*, a copy of which Mr. Mayer had been provided in the past. Mr. Mayer was directed to the policies and procedures and specifically called his attention to policy 1104.3.6.2, advising him of his right to request to address the independent Review Board in connections with an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor made against him.

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that he did not have any questions or concerns prior to being read [redacted] allegation against him. However, Mr. Mayer did state that he does not ***have any recollection of a*** [redacted]

PRA proceeded by reading [redacted] allegation to Mr. Mayer without interruption.

Mr. Mayer began his response by stating that the name [redacted] does "ring a bell" for him. However, Mr. Mayer stated that he has no recollection of ***a*** [redacted] and that there was no abuse that took place as alleged.

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that he ***has a vague recollection of the name*** [redacted] but that he does not have any recollection of ***a*** [redacted] or any association with him.

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that he did teach CCD to "[high school] seniors." Also when asked, Mr. Mayer stated that the CCD classes took place in the basement of the rectory. Mr. Mayer stated that he does not remember when he taught the CCD classes, yet he "doubts" that he taught the classes for longer than one year. When asked, Mr. Mayer stated that the kids in his CCD class were ***seniors, both boys and girls, from Lake Forest High School.*** Also when asked, Mr. Mayer stated that the CCD classes took place in the evenings.

Referring to [redacted] allegation, PRA asked Mr. Mayer about a "groovy lounge" that may have been located in the rectory. Mr. Mayer described his sitting room as a "tiny little room" that was located next to his bedroom. He stated that his bedroom was "even smaller" and was only big enough to fit a ***twin*** bed and a bureau. Mr. Mayer described the rectory at St. Mary's as "close confines" and that all of the priests lived in close proximity to each other. As per Mr. Mayer, the pastor "had the front room."

When asked by Fr. Grace, Mr. Mayer stated that the rectory consisted of three floors. As per Mr. Mayer, the basement of the rectory had been "fixed up" for meetings and that the second floor consisted of the pastor's room, ***an associate's room,*** and his room. Mr. Mayer stated that he had a love seat and a chair in his sitting room. When asked, Mr. Mayer stated that he never had any altar boys up in his room. When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that he ***may have had*** older boys ***and girls*** up in his quarters who ***occasionally*** were all either juniors or seniors in high school or college age. ***He frequently entertained adult parishioners.***

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that it was true that the rectory was "...kind of an open house ***to all parishioners***..." at the time. Mr. Mayer stated that the pastor "...always had his golf buddies ***and friends*** visiting..." As per Mr. Mayer, Rev. Jim Brett was the pastor at the time and Fr. Douaire passed away while they were both at St. Mary's. According to Archdiocesan Archives, Rev. Richard James Douaire was assigned to St. Mary's in Riverdale from July 13, 1954 to July 6, 1957. Fr. Douaire passed away on September 21, 1975 while assigned to ***St. Mary's in Lake Forest.*** Rev. Art Douaire was ordained in 1931 and retired from active ministry in 1976 from St. Cyprian parish in

River Grove. Fr. Art Douaire is also deceased. Fr. Mayer was assigned to St. Mary's in Lake Forest from June 11, 1975 through June 1981.

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that there were two entrances to the rectory. One entrance was through the kitchen area and the other entrance was located in the front of the building. When asked, Mr. Mayer stated that the secretary remained at the rectory until approximately 9:00 pm.

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that he did arrange basketball games to take place at St. Mary's, as it was "...a way to get everyone together again..." Mr. Mayer stated that he would ***occasionally*** invite "friends" from his former parish St. Barnabus to play basketball, as well as other ***men*** who were home from college on breaks/vacations.

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that he did not provide alcohol or pornography as alleged by [redacted] Also when asked, Mr. Mayer stated that he "always had a ***personal*** rule" that anyone "...underage ***could only visit him*** with a group..." Mr. Mayer stated that he never saw people "one on one" if they were underage.

PRA thanked Mr. Mayer for his response to [redacted] allegation. Both Fr. Grace and PRA thanked Mr. Mayer for his time and cooperation.

Robert E. Mayer — Date: 1/12/06

Leah McCluskey, Administrator — Date: 1/18/06

Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests — Date: 1/19/06

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-25

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Mayer, Rev. Robert (Resigned)/[redacted]

Date: August 20, 2005

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on August 20, 2005:

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of the allegation made by [redacted] The allegation is as follows: Fr. Mayer provided beer, cigarettes, marijuana, pornography; Fr. Mayer masturbated in front of [redacted] and the other boys, as well as had all participate in group masturbation [circle jerks]; Fr. Mayer kissed [redacted] on the lips numerous times and other abuse included oral sex, digital [finger] penetration; conservative estimate by [redacted] is that abuse took place 3-4 times per week from the time he was 13-24 years old.

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

- That PRA determine from a review of the Vicar for Priest file if Fr. Mayer ever participated in a psychological/psychiatric evaluation and/or if he ever participated in therapy.
- That PRA ask Archdiocesan Legal Services if there is any other information in their files on [redacted] testimony concerning past case[s] against Fr. Mayer.

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From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: **RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST REV. ROBERT E. MAYER [RESIGNED] MADE BY** [redacted]

Date: July 21, 2005

Date of Meeting: **June 10, 2005** **Time of Meeting**: **10:30 am**

Present at Meeting

Mr. Robert E. Mayer
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Face-to-Face Meeting

Rev. Edward Grace and PRA traveled to Mundelein Seminary for the 10:30 am scheduled meeting. Fr. Grace and PRA arrived just prior to Mr. Mayer, who arrived on time for the scheduled appointment.

After introductions were made, PRA provided Mr. Mayer with basic information regarding the Office of Professional Responsibility and the process of an individual coming forward to formalize an allegation against a cleric of the Archdiocese of Chicago. PRA provided Mr. Mayer with a copy of that allegation that [redacted] formalized against him.

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer indicated that he did not have any initial questions or concerns regarding the Review Board process surrounding the allegation to be read to him. PRA then proceeded by reading [redacted] allegation in its entirety.

Please note that all corrections/additions made to the June 29, 2005 report by Mr. Mayer are italicized and in bold print.

Mr. Mayer's initial response to [redacted] allegation was that he was "...absolutely stunned." [redacted]

Mr. Mayer stated that he was "...baffled..." He informed Fr. Grace and PRA that he "...has no recollection of any personal abuse or molestation with [redacted]."

Fr. Grace asked Mr. Mayer if he would describe his relationship with [redacted] as "great." Mr. Mayer responded that ***by the time*** he [redacted] was in college and an adult, the two had a "...great friendship." As per Mr. Mayer, [redacted] "... [redacted] .." He added that he never saw [redacted] "...as much as he [redacted] claimed."

Fr. Grace asked Mr. Mayer if he and [redacted] have had a "...falling out..." in recent years. Mr. Mayer replied that ***as far as he knew,*** they had not.

Referring to the time period of the alleged abuse, Mr. Mayer stated that [redacted] was "...around ***frequently***." Mr. Mayer confirmed that he did have ***cookouts*** on occasion with [redacted] and other boys where discussions would take place as stated in the allegation. However, Mr. Mayer stated that these dinner parties and discussions did not take place "...until they [redacted] and the other boys] were older." Mr. Mayer stated that ***he doesn't recall cookouts*** at any of the rectories, but that he did cook at his cottage.

In response to Mr. Mayer's comments about [redacted] Fr. Grace asked him for his thoughts on why [redacted] might change his feelings towards him and/or "...make an about face." Mr. Mayer implied that he was not certain as to why.

PRA then asked Mr. Mayer if he could answer some clarification questions, to which he agreed. PRA specifically asked Mr. Mayer about [redacted] allegation that he [Mr. Mayer] provided him and other minor boys with alcohol, pot, and pornography. Mr. Mayer thought for a moment and replied, "...***I don't recall offering anything of the sort.***"

PRA then asked Mr. Mayer specifically about [redacted] allegations of masturbation and other types of sexual abuse [see report]. Mr. Mayer replied, "***That he is totally in the dark about such accusations.***"

PRA and Fr. Grace thanked Mr. Mayer for his time and for his responses to [redacted] allegation. It was agreed that PRA would forward a copy of a draft response based upon the

June 10, 2005 meeting. Mr. Mayer will then review the draft and make any corrections necessary prior to returning it to PRA.

Robert E. Mayer — Date July 31/05

Leah McCluskey, Administrator — Date 8/5/05

Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests — Date 8/12/05

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From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: **ROBERT E. MAYER'S [RESIGNED] RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MADE BY** [redacted]

Date: October 3, 2004

Date of Meeting: **September 29, 2004** **Time of Meeting**: **11:00am**

Present at Meeting

Mr. Robert Mayer
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Conference Call

This meeting took place entirely via conference call. PRA arrived at the Vicar for Priests' Office for the 11:00am scheduled meeting. PRA and Rev. Edward Grace then contacted Mr. Robert Mayer via phone.

[redacted]

After introductions were made, PRA asked Mr. Mayer if he was interested in having a copy of *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* sent to him via mail. PRA also offered to provide him with a brief verbal explanation for the process of the Office of Professional Responsibility receiving an allegation of sexual misconduct of a minor by a cleric. Mr. Mayer declined PRA's offer for the aforementioned information at this time. When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer stated that he did not have any questions or concerns prior to being read [redacted] allegation against him.

PRA proceeded by reading [redacted] allegation to Mr. Mayer without interruption.

When asked by PRA, Mr. Mayer responded by stating, "...I have no recollection whatever [of [redacted] or his name." Mr. Mayer repeated that he has no recollection [of [redacted] whatsoever.

Mr. Mayer stated that he categorically denies that he did anything abusive "...to this individual [redacted]

Mr. Mayer was then provided with PRA's contact information in the event that he may have questions or concerns to share in the future.

Prior to ending the phone call, Mr. Mayer stated, "I'm stunned [with [redacted] allegation]."

PRA thanked Mr. Mayer for his response to [redacted] allegation. Both Fr. Grace and PRA thanked Mr. Mayer for his time and cooperation.

PRA informed Mr. Mayer that a draft report of his response to [redacted] allegation would be mailed to him for his review. It was agreed that Mr. Mayer would then make any corrections to the draft report and return it to PRA.

Robert E. Mayer — Date: 10/20/04

Leah McCluskey, Administrator — Date: 10/25/04

Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests — Date: 10/26/04

Cc: Review Board Members
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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 10/17/94
Re: Robert Mayer

Although Mayer is no longer an Archdiocesan priest, I called his attorney, Mr. Pat Tuite, to ask how his case was going. A week or so ago, Mayer's conviction was re-affirmed and his petition for re-trial denied. At this time Mayer will push it no further. After the gubernatorial elections, they will arrange to have him go to the penal institution. According to Tuite he should be eligible for work release as soon as possible. Mayer has a three year term and should probably get out on work release after one year.

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 2/12/93
Re: Robert Mayer

Cardinal Bernardin and I went to visit Robert Mayer on a pastoral visit at his residence. The Cardinal extended his sympathies to Bob and promised his prayers. He also asked if he could in some way contact Bob's parents and Bob agreed that that would be a good thing to do. We briefly talked about needing to move him if he gets his stay pending appeal. We made no allusion to whether we would go bond for Bob if that comes up. This is a question that we have not talked about. The Cardinal will visit with Bob's parents. The Cardinal also asked Bob if it would be all right if I stayed as his liaison if, in fact, he will go to prison. Bob said he would like that. While it was a sad meeting, it seemed to be somewhat of a healing one if I were to judge Bob's response.

Bob mentioned to the Cardinal that he's had many offers to write his story. The offers include a good deal of money. He asked for some guidance from the Archdiocese. The Cardinal said he would get him this and I will see what I can do on this matter. [redacted] he just expressed to me a common understanding that Bob is very much concerned about his future and money right now. His earning power is limited and this might be one way that he could get some money.

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Andrew McDonagh
Date: 1/3/93
Re: Robert Mayer

This memo will concern a conversation I had on January 2, 1993 with [redacted] of Lake Forest ([redacted]). [redacted] is, by her own admission, an old friend of Fr. Robert Mayer and she contacted Bishop Gorman and said that she wanted to tell her long story to someone, so she talked briefly to Fr. O'Malley who turned her over to me. I was prepared to go to visit [redacted]. However, at the moment it seems that the telephone conversation that we had yesterday was sufficient.

[redacted] was telling me that at one time Fr. Mayer offered to marry [redacted] but decided against it because [redacted] was not able to have any children. Evidently their friendship began while Fr. Mayer was an associate in the Lake Forest parish at St. Mary's. When Mayer was in St. Stephen's in Des Plaines, [redacted] took up residence in that area so that she could be close to Fr. Mayer and also work with him, [redacted]

She has maintained contact with Fr. Mayer throughout the years. It seems that Fr. Mayer does not seem to want to have much contact with her as of late. She would really like to talk to him and she would like to write to him at his present address. I told her that I did not know his present address and I told her I did not know whether or not I would be able to tell her that but I would be back in contact with her after I talked to Fr. O'Malley about this situation. I just wanted to make a report on this telephone conversation with [redacted]. She seemed to be satisfied with the conversation. She took my phone number down and said she would feel free to call me in the future.

After this, Fr. McDonagh spoke to Fr. Mayer, and that report is elsewhere.

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Memo
To: Rev. Thomas Paprocki
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 12/23/92
Re: Robert Mayer

In a telephone conversation on 12/23/92, Thomas Paprocki, John Canary and I spoke about a meeting we will have with Robert Mayer on Dec. 30 to discuss the future. Mayer at first said he wouldn't go along with this and then upon a call from Paprocki, who explained that we needed to bring these questions up and would like him to be a participant, he did say he would be there. He has the option of bringing someone as counsel.

These are some of the issues that may arise.

1. If Mayer is immediately sentenced and sent off to jail or assigned to work release, how do we deal with that in terms of his remaining a priest, his benefits, his salary, his room and board?

2. If Mayer is put on some kind of probation, what is the role of the Archdiocese in that probation? Will we be the ones on to watch over him? If so, will we keep him at his present place or find another spot for him?

3. If Mayer is given probation but it is not necessary for us to watch over him, how should we handle that?

4. No matter what happens to him on the civil level, when should we institute some kind of canonical proceeding and how should that begin? Is there an alternative to a canonical process - e.g. voluntary resignation?

5. There is a possibility of an appeal. This might take from 6 mos. to 2 yrs.

These are some of the questions that pop into mind as we move towards this meeting on Wednesday. One of the things we were also speaking about was the possibility of working up an arrangement in which, in return for Mayer's voluntary resignation from priesthood, we might help him in some way. Should we open this particular aspect of the dialogue or encourage Mayer to be the first to broach resignation.

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May 13, 1992

Rev. Robert Mayer
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Dear Bob,

I took your requests to the Advisory Board this past week and this is what they advised me to report back to you.

1. With regard to the courses at the University of Illinois, they also agreed that you could do that but the courses would have to be graduate courses. If they are undergraduate courses, then you will have to check back with me.

2. You asked if you might be able to visit the homes of your friends and the people in your support group. At this time you are still in a pretty high profile position and the Advisory Board felt that you would be able to go out with your friends from your support group individually, but that you must go to a restaurant and that restaurant must be somewhere in the downtown area. They do not want you going back to the parishes to which you previously belonged nor to individual homes at this time.

3. Regarding your request to go to the cottage over the weekend, the Advisory Board was very reluctant about this since the cottage was actually the site of those original charges back at St. Edna's. Whatever happened up there at the cottage, the media and [redacted] have certainly focussed on it as a place where some things were not right. It would not take much for word to get around that you were up there on weekends. The Advisory Board did feel however that you could have time with your parents on occasion. So theydecided that once a month, in June, July and August, on a Sunday, you could go up there when your family is up there and only with your family. You would pick out the particular Sunday and you would make sure that you were observing the protocol of the [redacted]tself.

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4. With regard to the Joyce Brothers Moving and Storage bill, since as you pointed out, there was some lack of clarity early on as to who would assume responsibility for that, we will continue to do so.

5. I think that Tom Paprocki will be getting in touch with you to ask you to sign that form about payment of the lawyers.

If you have any questions about these actions, please call me at 312-642-1837.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
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May 11, 1992

To: Pat O'Malley
From: John Hurley JH
Subject: Meeting with [redacted]

[redacted] is the parent of one of the boys who was at Bob Mayer's cottage in Fox Lake on the day in 1982 on which Bob Mayer was accused of misbehavior. Her son's name is [redacted]. [redacted] was a bit upset that you had not called her back recently, and so she asked to come in to see me. The following are comments she made.

- The Church just overlooked me and probably others when you (John Hurley) came in 1983. The Church seemed to cover over everything.
- [redacted]
- [redacted]. Had to stop because it was [redacted]
- I think Father Mayer is sick. [redacted]
- I do not wish Father Mayer bad things, but whenever I hear his name mentioned I am hurt. I have in my heart that he may have done something to [redacted]
- I am still worried about [redacted]. He was just growing up when all this went on. [redacted]
- [redacted] has stayed in a relationship with Father Mayer all along. He received a letter from him at Christmas this year. [redacted] He never talks about Bob Mayer or the related situation to us, his parents.
- The rest of the family always wanted me to keep quiet about the situation. Don't talk about a priest that way, they said. Don't bring it up again.
- I do not need to see Father O'Malley now.
- I wish the Archdiocese had done something to help Father Mayer ten years ago and not ignore the situation. How many other things did he do during those ten years?

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TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Feb. 29, 1992

RE: Bob Mayer

1. I had lunch with Bob Mayer on Feb. 28, 1992, just to keep in contact. Bob had four things he wanted to discuss. First, he wanted to know about Marty Hagarty. Joe Fitzharris called him and is touting Marty Hagarty as a great guy, a guy that one can really talk to. However, Bob has misgivings since Marty gave a full page statement to the State's Attorney about him. Bob knows that Marty had been in touch with [redacted]. Is he the guy to be in touch with Joe Fitzharris?

2. Second, Bob has begun to [redacted] He had a question about whether it makes sense to bring somebody out from [redacted] and to what the contract and so forth is. Bob says he's already done this. He thinks that I could do it or somebody like [redacted] could do it just as well. I will look into this. It seems to have some merit. He reminded me that we are supposed to review the protocol as of the end of February. He would like to be able to go out after supper rather than after breakfast. He would like to be able to visit friends' homes. He would like to be able to go to the barbershop, a store or a restaurant with someone else. He would also like to be able to have more than one visitor at a time. It is difficult for some people to come down there at night. They are afraid.

3. Fourth, Bob went over the [redacted] report. He knows that [redacted] was [redacted] at the parish and has given a three-page statement to the State's Attorney about Bob coming on to him. Bob totally and categorically denies anything. He says that [redacted] was a very disturbed person who pushed himself on Bob rather than the opposite. He seems to be holding up. It was a good idea to have lunch.

TO: Fr. O'Malley
Vicar For Priests

FROM: Sr. Joy Clough

DATE: March 5, 1992

RE: Fr. Mayer Case

Yesterday a reporter asked me if I knew anything about or could provide any background on a [redacted]. The reporter identified this person as a defrocked priest (not of Chicago) and convicted child molester who had gone with Fr. Mayer and children from St. Odilo to Fr. Mayer's cottage. I said I'd never heard the name and couldn't provide anything.

I felt that you and the advisory committee should be apprised of this inquiry....and the "information" that's floating out there. I leave it to you to inform others as appropriate.

The reporter was Art Levine, a freelancer who calls periodically on the issue of priest pedophilia because he's constantly updating his story on the issue in the hopes of selling it to some magazine or newspaper. Art is a former staffer at U.S. News and World Report; he originally developed the story for them but they never used it.

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DATE: Jan. 24, 1992

RE: Bob Mayer

1. [redacted]

2. It was agreed that Bob Kealy would present the demands of the Archidocese in a way that we hoped Bob would be able to accept. My role would have been to maintain some quiet, but be there to speak either on Bob's behalf or on behalf of the Archidocese if that was called for.

3. [redacted] Bob was not opposed to the restrictions but he did want some clarification. He especially wanted clarification from the Cardinal in writing of what his future is in the Archdiocese or in the priesthood. I think this is a reasonable demand and I told him even before the meeting that I would speak to the Cardinal and ask him to write Bob a letter outlining what the Cardinal considers his future to be.

4. Bob felt that if with this in hand he could begin to explore some of the options that are open to him. Bob Kealy told him that the Archdiocese withdrew its offer of Dec. 13 to assist with the legal fees up front. Bob apparently never saw that letter, which had been sent to his lawyer, Patrick Tuite. Bob was also told that he would be responsible for his legal debts in the future. The Archdiocese might help him with a loan to pay them off initially, but he was to consider this a loan and consider his own responsibility for paying back that loan.

5. When he was mentioning this, Bob Kealy also included the idea that he had to pay [redacted]. Bob Mayer's reply was on target. He said that the Archdiocese [redacted].

6. As far as the legal fees go, Bob Mayer said that we had hired Tuite for him. I pointed out to Bob Mayer that on the day we found out that the State's Attorney was going to level charges at him, I called him in Washington and counseled him to get himself a lawyer. He asked who could he get and I suggested three names. He chose Pat Tuite. According to Bob's memory, he had no choice. We were the ones who assigned Pat Tuite to him.

7. Ray Goedert was standing next to me at the phone when I made that offer. At any rate, I can see where Bob could have misunderstood. I therefore think that the Archdiocese is on for legal fees that have been so far incurred. When

Bob Mayer learned that the Archidocese would not be taking on the expenses for a lawyer, he admitted that he could not afford Pat Tuite. We said that we would meet with him and the lawyers on this matter.

8. [redacted], Bob Kealy gave him a form asking him to fill it out describing completely his financial assets at this time. Bob Mayer indicated that his assets are totally tied in to his family, his mother and father and his brother and sister.

9. [redacted]

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TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Jan. 22, 1992

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I talked to Bob Mayer today. Bob is upset about what has been happening to him since he got back from [redacted] I told him that I would pick him up tomorrow morning and we would go over to the [redacted]. I said we would clarify whatever is necessary tomorrow morning about the rules under which he would be living.

2. Bob told me that on Tuesday morning when the arraignment was held, he was met by a woman reporter, he does not know who it was, perhaps Mary Ann Ahearn. She asked him, is it true that priests are being held against their will at this time. Bob said that wasn't true. He intimated that that could be a problem if it ever got out.

3. I told Bob that at this time it would be less of a problem for us than if people thought they were walking around without any supervision whatever. At any rate, we will try to iron out the difficulties this coming Thursday morning at [redacted]

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF COOK)

The DECEMBER, 1991 Grand Jury of the

Circuit Court of Cook County.

The Grand Jurors chosen, selected, and sworn, in and for the County of Cook, in the State of Illinois, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, upon their oaths present that on or about JANUARY 2, 1991 and continuing on through FEBRUARY 3, 1991 at and within the County of Cook

ROBERT MAYER

committed the offense of AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE

in that HE, A PERSON AT LEAST 5 YEARS OLDER THAN [redacted] COMMITTED AN ACT OF SEXUAL CONDUCT UPON [redacted] TO WIT: CONTACT BETWEEN ROBERT MAYER'S HANDS ON [redacted] [redacted] VAGINA AND RUBBED [redacted] VAGINA FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEXUAL GRATIFICATION OR AROUSAL OF ROBERT MAYER AND [redacted] WAS A PERSON AT LEAST 13 YEARS OF AGE BUT UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE,

IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 38, SECTION 12-16(D) OF THE ILLINOIS REVISED STATUTES 1989 AS AMENDED, AND

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DECEMBER, 1991

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TO: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

FROM: Bp. Raymond Goedert

DATE: Nov. 29, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. As you know, I was present at St. Edna's last Sunday, Nov. 24, at which time we spoke to the group, including [redacted] and [redacted]. After the public session, one of the ladies came up to me privately and spoke about her close friend, [redacted]. [redacted] was the other parent who had been directly involved in the litigation back in 1982. This friend of her said that [redacted] was badly hurt by everything and she wondered if I would be able to do something to help her. I asked her if she would contact [redacted] and see whether [redacted] would be willing to open the door to let us speak to her.

2. This other woman, whose first name is [redacted], but I don't recall her last name, must have delivered the message, as I received a phone call from [redacted] on Friday Nov. 29. [redacted] telephone number is [redacted]. We had a very pleasant conversation. There is no doubt about it, she was hurt just as badly as was [redacted], particularly at the way in which the diocese dealt with them. The bottom line for [redacted] today is a plea to the Church to just be honest with them. [redacted]

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November 4, 1991

Dear [redacted]:

Thank you for your recent letter to me regarding Church personnel and allegations of the sexual abuse of children.

After reading your letter, I took the liberty of forwarding it to the members of my newly formed special Commission and to the Advisory Committee which works with the Vicar for Priests.

Please be assured that I am addressing your concerns.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

[redacted]

Meeting at St. Odilo
10/22/1991

With parents of freshmen and the young men and women themselves.
About 11 girls and 18 boys, along with 25 families.

Present: Goedert, McDonaugh, Bonaccorsi, Guccione, Sr. Margaret Farley, Drs. Craddock, Leone, Gardner, Jim Sands, Gail Wolfe, Fr. Peter Cyscon, Kim Dunleavy (Principal), POM

The group met beforehand at supper in the rectory to plan its approach.

The meeting began at 7:00 PM. Fr. Cyscon opened with a prayer and introduced POM. POM told how this meeting had come about, and why we were here tonight. He also explained that the parents at the previous school meeting had suggested that a common presentation would be made to all. Then the boys and girls would be split up to work with a trained facilitator. The parents would stay in the main room to ask questions of the Bishop. Then Dr. Craddock and Dr. Gardner would help them deal with their feelings.

Bishop Goedert's presentation was shorter than at the previous meeting, and was a compassionate and open statement. It lasted about five minutes. No CCD parents or children from last year's Confirmation class were there though they had been invited.

Once the children had gone, the parents began to question the Bishop. The tone was angry and the questions centered around the question of how we could have sent Mayer there in the first place. Why did we place him under a condition and then not monitor it.

One man said the Cardinal was responsible and he should be there to apologize and explain. The people were also upset because of the apparent cover-up when the final decision to remove was made.

Then a mother (▇▇▇▇) expressed her disgust at the graphic nature of Mayer's sex instructions to the boys. His "17 names for a penis", his description of how homosexuals made love. Also why Mayer was left alone in the classroom to teach the kids. The teachers and principal are not to blame.

The tone of the meeting remained angry until Dr. Gardner arose and began to address the parents' reactions. She described the normal behaviors and reactions that parents would be feeling. She stressed their normality. She then helped the parents face the questions their children might be bringing forward and how they might help their kids express and deal with these concerns.

Dr. Craddock then spoke of the children's questions and normal range of reactions. She reassured the parents that these reactions - as varied as they would be - are all normal. She told them that young people at that age were just growing in their sexuality and that they normally had homosexual and heterosexual thoughts. These normal thoughts might now be considered to be bad. She told the parents not to be afraid to be honest with their kids, to watch for "code words", to set up "code words" so that the kids would be clear when they wanted to talk and so that the parents would grasp the need to talk about often embarrassing topics.

Dr. Craddock described specifically the normal range of kids' reactions - anxiety, anger, nightmares, stomacheaches, "numbing". Their anger could be addressed at parents (for not protecting them), at those who made this known, at anyone who brings forth more specific charges and keeps this investigation going on. They may worry about their own sexuality.

How can parents help? It's a thin line between allowing them to talk at their own pace and time - and pushing them to talk. The kids' need to talk may not correspond to the parents' need to be helpful.

One parent said she had talked to her kid when the whole thing broke back in the summer and he had somethings. But once the latest round of meetings had started, they talked again and he revealed more. How do they find out what went on exactly?

Carol Craddock said that they may never know fully what went on. But that parents should create a climate in which the children will feel free to talk. What about letting their counsellors know at the various high schools. This was dealt with when the kids came back into the group.

The parents said: What will the Archdiocese do now?

We broke about 8:10 for ten minutes and then came back together with the kids.

1. Ralph Bonaccorsi summarized the boys" discussion in broad strokes. These were some of the items:

- There was a sense of betrayal in both groups (the boys were in two groups). Also wonderment that Mayer could have been appointed there with his previous record.

- St. Odilos has had two problem pastors now.

- Anger at rumors floating around, students were being singled out as being from Odilo's and they were embarrassed about this.

- The boys wanted their folks to know they had done nothing wwrong. They want the rumors of misconduct and their participation to stop. They are sure they will.

- Some of Mayer's actions were funny, weird. He had Playboy around - though he wouldn't let them see it.

- The girls didn't know what to believe, angry, saddened, feeling of being fooled.

Sal Guccione spoke then and told how the boys hade made him promise to say to the parents that the rumors about what went on at the cottage were untrue and the kids would be willing to get up to state that.

Later, Sal told us that, in his group, the boys said that the boy whom Fr. Mayer had kissed on the face [redacted] did not come [redacted]. He also said that, at the cottage, the boys slept on the floor, and at one point Mayer invited one of the boys to sleep in his bed next to

Mayer. The boys said no - no force was involved. Also at the cottage, there was a Fr. Slade (according to the boys) who spent an hour in private with Mayer while the boys were outside. On the phone 10/21/91, Mayer told POM that Fr. Hurlbert had been the male at the cottage. There is some confusion here. It needs to be checked out.

Jill Gardner then got up and told the kids what the parents' concerns were. She encouraged openness among children and parents. The parents wanted to respect the kids' privacy but also wanted to assure them that they can talk about it.

Then the question was proposed: where should we go now? Should we inform different schools to be on the alert. The kids didn't think so and this was left to the families themselves. (One boy later came to Sal and asked him to inform his counsellor at [redacted].)

Three boys then came forward and stood to answer parent's concerns. They explained about the vividness of the sex instructions and how they were shocked that a priest would be so blunt. Mayer never threatened them in any way. They expressed amazement that a priest would be so blunt.

A man arose and said that their children had values instilled in them from their parents. All agreed.

Meantime, a girl had brought out an accusation against Mayer saying that he had tried to touch her impurely when they were alone in the rectory and she was taking private tutoring from him for Confirmation. She was quite upset about this. The counsellors got together with her Mother, with the Bishop and with Fr. McDonaugh as the meeting was proceeding (from 8:20 PM on). The girl wanted to tell the whole group so that if others were hiding things, they could bring them out. The implication seems to be that things happened to others as well. The counsellors advised the Mother and child that this would be a very difficult thing to do emotionally and might set the girl up for later recriminations.

The Mother and the girl insisted on going ahead however. So as the meeting was winding down with some closing words from Fr. Cyscon, Jill Gardner asked everybody to stay a bit longer. After a short break, Dr. Wolf, the girl [redacted] and her Mother came to the mike. Dr. Wolf helped express some parts of what [redacted] wanted to say - she kept checking with the girl and her mother as she expressed their thoughts and feelings.

The girl had said (to the group) that something had happened to her in the rectory; she had gotten up and left. She was scared to say anything and thought people might blame her if she didn't say something. Her concern that someone else might have shared such an experience forced her to come forward.

[redacted], the girl said (as nearly as I could make out) ""even tho he was a priest, he touched me ([redacted]). (I want others to know) he did it to me too. They weren't the only ones.

It was an emotion filled moment. Parents immediately began to express support and concern for the girl and Mother. This was something unexpected.

One lady said: What can we do to help? Jill said that they should be very supportive of her willingness to speak out. If your kid comes forward, don't be angry at them. They did nothing wrong.

[redacted] from St. Edna's was there, stood up and said the girl had finally vindicated her from all these years past.

POM stood and told [redacted] she was a good person and noone can say she isn't.

Out of this came a feeling that it would be good to hold another such meeting. All seemed to agree. Kill reiterated that the healing power was here with these wonderful young people and with the people.

Ray Goedert got up and expressed for all present our shock - and he said how sick he felt about the whole thing. He simply and profoundly apologized. There was almost applause for him.

We stayed around till everyone had left. Different people approached different staff members with various concerns. The kids stayed around and supported [redacted] and the boys who had spoken. There was an open tone about that part of the meeting. Carla Ponte and the Mother and girl went to the principal's office to call the DCFS Hotline and lodge a complaint.

In our post-meeting debriefing, we talked out the experience. Then we planned the next children/parent meeting for Oct. 30th. That letter will go out thru the school office.

At the meeting on Wdnesday night, we will tell what happened and then process the peoples' responses. Then we will propose that we read a letter at all Masses Sunday from the Cardinal explaining all that has happened. Some of us would be available to talk to the people afterwards.

Kim Dunleavy will be asked to keep us in touch as to whether we need another meeting with school parents. Carol said we have to give special attention to the parents and children who were at the cottage. If no allegations come forward, they will be reported to DCFS Hotline. There will be an investigation probably of all the children. Could we have it at the school for convenience and to be around to offer help? ***Ask [redacted]. about doing it this way.

[redacted] Mother was put in contact with [redacted]. We broke up at 11:00 PM.

In all this a letter of special thanks ought to be sent to Peter Cyscon and Kim Dunleavy whose school is undergoing evaluation starting today.

In our round-up after the meeting, we

The entire staff met after the meeting over in the rectory with Fr. Cyscon, all but Andy McDonagh, and we talked about our next steps. Everybody aired their perceptions of the meeting and most felt it was pretty positive but very, very difficult and a very, very serious and deep meeting.

Then we decided we would meet again with the parents of the freshmen and the freshmen themselves on Wednesday, Oct. 30. That's the day that Andy and I will be in Washington. We will not need to be present, nor will Ray. Dr. Carol Craddock will handle that meeting and Ralph Bonacoursi will chair it.

We talked then about what we should do to inform the rest of the parish. This is what we decided:

1) On Wednesday night when we meet the leadership we will explain to them what has happened, why we are where we're at. Ray will make that presentation. Jill Gardner will be there to facilitate the meeting.

2) We will then suggest to the people that we read a letter from the Cardinal at every Mass on this coming Sunday, explaining what has happened totally and completely. We would have people there present after Mass for people to interact with.

It was thought that we would ask the leadership to provide coffee and if that is going to be available we will try to enlist their help tonight. We should probably have a copy of the letter that should be read placed in every bulletin so that people may take home with them a copy of this letter. There is a good chance, of course, that this letter would eventually be published, so it needs to be very carefully expressed and spoken.

The suggestion was that the Cardinal write this letter. One man at the meeting even suggested that the Cardinal come out and "face the music". I am willing to present the letter but others should be present there with me to answer questions afterwards. They should not be counselors so much as diocesan officials, those who are seen to represent the Cardinal.

We broke up at about 11:00.

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^ct. 23, 1991
St. Odilo Parish
Meeting with Parish Leadership

Present: Jill Gardiner, Ralph Bonaccorsi, McDonagh, Goedert, Jakubowski Gorman, Cyscon, Mulvihill, Dunleavy, POM

From the parish, the following groups were represented: A & R Society, Scouts, Pastoral Council, School Board, Finance Committee, Parents' Club, Ushers, Music Ministry, Ministry of Care, Eucharistic Ministers, DRE, Youth Ministry.

Again Peter Cyscon led off with prayer and introduced POM, who introduced the panel and the first speaker B. Goedert. Ray gave substantially the same statement as on Tuesday night, then questions were entertained.

First question was from [redacted], brother of [redacted], priests. Said he was a lieutenant with State Police, member of Pastoral Council. In a way he set the tone for the meeting - positive for the most part with emphasis on avoiding our unhelpful procedures in the future. Later Jill Gardiner was to characterize the meeting as sad rather than angry - though some people were obviously still angry and hurt.

He asked: What will the Diocese do to avoid this kind of fiasco in the future - what are your procedures? He said that the attempt to cover up was an insult and, at least, some people should have had information - both about Mayer's background and when removal took place.

He then asked what we were doing to inform good priests and to shore up their self esteem. We spoke of this meeting, the task forces to be formed, the talk to fourth year seminarians on 10/28 and other initiatives.

[redacted] confided to me at the break that he was determined this meeting would be positive yet truthful. He wanted to do what he could to assure soemthing good would come from it.

Another question from an older man: Why did we hear it from the media, from others and not from our own newspaper? Again the issue of silence was spoken to.

Jill Gardiner (wrongly introduced as Gail by POM) then spoke about what happens when this kind of situation happens. She spoke of people's upheaval, of the range of normal reactions. Some of it predictable, some of not so. She went on to validate their reactions. She spoke of emotionality of reactions, the variety of reactions, how this trauma can trigger past traumas in their lives, the volatile nature of people's reactions.

She indicated there would be much ambivalence - especially among leadership. Some people found Mayer a wonderful and helpful person. (This regard for Mayer also surfaced in one-to-ones at the break.) Jill then talked about what could be helpful to the people. She called for people to accept their feelings and the feelings of others. She said information, and plans for moving forward are important. So also prayers, returning to good "business as usual" routines, respect for all varieties of reactions, seeking appropriate help.

Jill concluded reminding people that there was a tremendous power for healing within the Odilo community itself. She told the people they were key people in that healing.

More questions:
One man indicated he himself had been abused and accused wrongly as a younger person. He had sympathy for Mayer and had been almost threatened by a person recently when he was accused of defending "that man" meaning Mayer. He wanted to know if others had been bothered besides the one young man who came forward. Jill explained about the young girl at Tuesday night's meeting and Ray explained about the original accusation that triggered the removal. Ray also mentioned concerns that had surfaced in small groups on the previous night but were not reported out for understandable reasons.

[redacted] spoke of how not knowing the circumstances of Mayer's problem and restrictions put her in a very vulnerable spot - especially vis a vis the children. She was controlled but angry and frustrated.

A man on the Finance Committee said that the parish had been hurt by this. People would not come to Church, children would not enter school, the financial picture would be worsened. What would the diocese do to bail out the parish?

Ray Goedert answered that the school is being evaluated and is doing a very good job. It will grow. He said the diocese through the Vicar and Vicar of priests will continue to monitor the parish situation and try to be of help to Peter and leadership until it's no longer necessary.

Someone asked if the parish might be sued. Ray explained that that would not happen. Andy McD. spoke to the feelings he was picking up and he explained how the diocese's ability to deal with situations around sexual abuse is just growing - he used the AA experience of 25 years ago as a paradigm.

In the break, one young man from the youth ministry privately expressed great anger at the group for knocking Mayer. For him, Mayer had been an entry back to the Church. He was angry and said he was through with the Church now. Several of the youth ministry team seemed to share this supportive feeling for Mayer.

After the break, more questions: Any real proof that he was guilty of the charges? We went over them again. How far back do the allegations against Mayer go? Ray explained the 1982 situation.

One woman, obviously emotional and still angry, said that this was the third meeting she had attended and she was still so enraged at the diocese for sending in a man under a mandate without supervision.

Then POM introduced the possibility of informing the rest of the parish. He talked about a letter being read at all Masses this coming weekend from the Cardinal, with the opportunity for further information and feedback afterwards in the school hall. A young man said the Cardinal himself should come out, not B. Gorman. Gorman said we would inform the Cardinal of that sentiment.

Once again [redacted] intervened and said that the Cardinal's coming would occasion a media circus and the primary reason for the meeting - the dispensing of information - would be lost. He suggested Gorman come this weekend, information be given - and then at a later date, the Cardinal should be invited in to give his input. Most of the people found this approach to be acceptable - especially the sympathetic older people. The crowd was not unanimous in this, but seemed to favor it over other options.

One man asked whether help would be available for individual parishioners who had been psychically hurt by what had happened. We assured him it would. An older lady from the A & R table said the Cardinal should tape a message to the people Sunday. Another man suggested a TV program by the Cardinal to the Archdiocese in general, but which would also cover Odilo's problem.

[redacted] [redacted], said the Cardinal should have a big meeting with all the people invited. Peter Cyscon took an active part in the planning of the next meetings then. He spoke against a big parish meeting - which he had originally favored - on the grounds that people would not be heard.

Another older man said the problem was being exaggerated, the Cardinal shouldn't be involved. The problem was that the P. Bd. had not done their job when surveying the parish and recommending a pastor.

Mulcrone recalled an incident years ago when the pastor, C. Skach, had stood before the people and announced he was a recovering alcoholic. The people had cheered him. He encouraged the Cardinal and the diocese to trust the people to respond in a Christian way. "We made it through that crisis; we'll make it through this one." There was general agreement among others.

Women from the A&R Society were volunteered to help with coffee and on the weekend. Leadership was encouraged to be present, to direct people, to explain, to heal.

Peter Cyscon closed the meeting with a short talk in which, in a comfortable and kidding way, he told the people that the Diocese, with all its problems, is demonstrating real care for the people. He extolled the various vicars and priests.

(He did not mention the great work done by the consultors and faciliators from the OCE and elsewhere. The presence of Craddock, Gardner, Bonaccorsi, Guccione, Leone, et al has been an essential ingredient and has kept these meetings from being total disasters!)

It's clear however that Peter has high regard for all who have come to help. He called them his "family" and encouraged the people to trust them. He said the Spirit is at work. Faith, Peter said emotionally, is all about dying and rising - and that's what is happening at St. Odilo. His message was met with approval and applause.

The panel stayed around afterwards and each of us learned more about where people were at. Suggestions were also made to us, some of which have real merit. E.g. an 800 number people could call for information, for help - the number to be posted in the school, in the bulletin.
WHAT ELSE SHOULD BE ADDED TO THIS SUMMARY?

PRESENTAITON TO ST. ODILOS
Weekend of Oct. 26-27, 1991

Bishop Gorman read the Cardinal's letter of apology at each of the four weekend Masses. Approximately 1700 people attend those Massses. After Mass the people were invited to the hall for coffee and a roll. Approximately 35 to 50 people would come in after each Mass.

POM was in the back of Church after the Masses as well and he talked to a number of people, as did Bishop Gorman after the 10:00 AM Mass which he celebrated.

Dr. Craddock, Bishop Jakubowski, POM, and Gorman were present after the 5 PM Mass. Bishop J. was able to come back for the 8:30 AM Mass. Dr. Carla POnte was present for Sunday morning Masses, along with Ralph Bonaccorsi and AJ McDonagh.

Each of us would report a variety of responses from the people. A good deal of support for Mayer and what he had done for the parish emerged. A few people said they were angry that the cardinal had not come out, that the diocese acted so badly in putting Mayer in Odilos without informing somebody of his past. Most of the tone of the encounters were positive.

On Saturday evening, a young girl, [redacted] alleged improper touching and Dr. Craddock, along with the girl's Mother, reported it to the DCFS Hotline.

Some people were quick to assure us that the people would survive this parish crisis, as they had survived in the past. They were grateful that we were there.

There were some angry people who felt that Mayer was a great pastor and that the allegations being made against him were spurious. They felt his virtues far outweighed his faults. Others acknowledged his contribution to the parish and wished him well in his recovery and treatment.

Definitely less negativity towards Mayer today. One lady said she had nothing against him personally though she did feel he taught some poor theology - especially of the Eucharist. Others thought his Lenten series last year was the best thing they had ever heard.

All in all, our presence there was positive, I think. I also believe it might serve as a model for future interventions in parishes which have to deal with hard news. Short of the Cardinal coming out himself, it seemed to work well. Bishop Gorman's stint as an associate in 56-57 helped to bring his message closer to the people.

Next week, Peter Cyscon will print the Cardinal's letter in the bulletin and also Ray Goedert's summary statement which was given to the people at the school meetings.

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March 21, 1988

Rev. Robert Mayer
St. Stephen Rectory
1267 Everett Street
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Dear Bob,

This will simply be a confirmation in writing of the things we discussed at the Retreat House on March 2:

[redacted]

2. You agreed to continue to abide by the mandate to avoid all unsupervised contact with minors under the age of 18. This applies to your private quarters at the rectory, your cottage, or wherever. Again, the purpose of this is not our concern that something inappropriate might happen, but rather for your own protection lest any occasion be given to persons who may want to hurt you by bringing up again the charges from the past.

3. With regard to your future assignment, you accepted the limitation of the Review Team to the effect that there should be both "physical, as well as psychological distance" from your last three parishes. And the reason for this is the same as above -- namely, to minimize the risk of unfriendly people reactivating the same old charges. In our discussion, you did state a preference for a parish north of Madison Street and I relayed that request to the Personnel Board.

Thanks again, Bob, for your cooperation. I know this has been a very painful period in your life. Let's hope it's all behind you now. Good luck in your pursuit of your next assignment. And if I can be of any help, don't hesitate to call.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Raymond Goedert

To the Archdiocese of Chicago [redacted]

I am so disappointed in the way you have handled the priest who sexually abused a 14 year old girl at St Odillo Church. Why wasn't the a spokesperson there to calm peoples questions. This priest should have been put on probation, especially since this was his "4th" complaint from 4 different churchs. I am so very disappointed that someone wasnt there to let us know, that this would be investigated and that the priest would be punished for what he has done.

How can you call yourselves Christian. Your reaction to this problem - Depletes my trust - it insults me and insults all the children that attend this Church. The message you gave to everyone who watched the news was that. We are not going to acknowledge this and were going to bury it under the rug. Which also told any child that is in the same situation "Don't tell, because you'll only get media attention but NO support from the Church. That is the message you gave and in my opinion there is no excuse.

I know alot of people that are a part of the Church. And they like you are intelligent, well educated people. So there was no excuse for your response.

I cannot attend the Church and be part of a Community that is based on speaking a preaching the word of being a true Christian. You do not act on these words you only say them. Trust comes from actions not words.

I made a conscious choice to join the Church. I wanted to express my love for Jesus and God through Catholicism. But you have taken the responsibility of being the Church and with that responsibility ~~of being the Church~~ comes acting on problems that go on in the Church. So even though you are not the Church I attend every Sunday. You still have the responsibility to represent us.

My heart breaks, I know from experience that nothing is perfect and there are people in this world who are sick. But its how we as people and you as the Church deal with it. You have dealt with this shamefully and my heart breaks, because you have depleted my trust in the Church. I will not attend a Church that does not follow up with action to the words!

A [redacted]

[redacted]

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TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Oct. 23, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. At 9:30, Sal Guccione from the OCE called from St. Odilo's school. He is conducting the evaluation of the school today, but he also is involved with the follow-up with parents and children of the school as a result of Fr. Mayer's removal.

2. Sal told me three things. One, that last night's meeting with the parents and present freshmen was on channel 5 at 6:30 and 7:30 this morning, Wednesday, Oct. 23. No pictures were shown but there was a statement that a private meeting was held and at that meeting an allegation came forward from a little girl of improper sexual behavior.
Secondly, Kim Dunleavy received a notice that several of last year's graduates have gone to their counselors in high school and are seeing them there. We had suggested that last night as a possible mode of action.
Third, Sr. Margaret Farley is coming out to the school to handle any repercussions in the school today and throughout these days when the evaluation is taking place. Kim is totally involved in the evaluation and he is not available for people when their children come forward or parents come forward regarding allegations. Sr. Margaret will be in the school all day long and will accept and listen to all those allegations.

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TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Oct. 15, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. On Saturday morning, Oct. 12, I received word that the School Board had received calls regarding Bob Mayer from concerned parents at St. Odilo School. They wanted to know what the news story was all about. Had their children been subjected to a pedophile. All of this had resulted from the television show that had appeared on Channel 5 on Oct. 9.

2. I talked to Kim Dunleavey, the principal. I talked to [redacted] I talked to Ray Goedert and Andy McDonagh and Ralph Bonacoursi. They all agreed that something should be done, so we set up a meeting for Wednesday night, Oct. 16, at 7:30 at St. Odilo's. School parents would be notified and we would all attend.

3. I also notified Carol Craddock about this. She was not available at the time.

4. On Monday, Oct. 14, I got in touch with Carol and she thought that such a meeting could be a disaster if too many people came. It would be uncontrollable. Negative voices could get out of line.

5. I called Kim back [redacted] and we decided to go with two meetings on Oct. 16. One would be for the children in the first to fifth grades' parents and the second for parents of children in junior high, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Carol agreed that this was more manageable.

6. [redacted] He will send it to parents after school today, Oct. 15. Kim was to notify Peter Cyscon of the change in schedule. Peter had been notified about the first meeting, but not of the latest changes.

7. I called the Cardinal on Oct. 15 in the morning just to alert him to this. I also called Bob Kealy and Joy Clough to alert them as well.

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DATE: Oct. 12, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I called [redacted], who [redacted], and who has been involved in the St. Odillo's case with her son. I wanted to tell her about the meeting on Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, and she related to me that there have been three calls at the school. She feels that each of the calls possibly represent 10 other people.

2. There is great concern. She said, however, that she thinks there are two major questions that people will be bringing up at the meeting on Wednesday night. The first one is, "How could the diocese have sent Fr. Mayer there knowing his previous background?" The second is, when Fr. Martin was there, he told people on more than one occasion that nobody wanted to come there. The people are very hurt by that and feeling inferior and are very angry. They seem to be pleased with the new appointment, Peter Cyscon.

3. I informed [redacted] that her name or her son's name would not be used, but that we would explain that a young man blew the whistle on Fr. Mayer. It wasn't a child and we want to get that across. He was practically an adult.

4. She feels the meeting is a good idea and looks forward to it.

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TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Oct. 12, 1991

RE: R. Mayer

1. Joy Clough told Ray Goedert that calls have been coming in to the School Office and been transferred to her office concerning St. Odillo parish. A woman called saying she represented other women, but not giving her name, saying that the parents are very upset and that they want to know more about Fr. Mayer as a result of the Channel 5 presentation the other evening.

2. I called Kim Dunleavey, the principal, and when he returned the call he informed me that he had been receiving a number of calls from across the spectrum, from parents of children in third grade to parents of children in junior high. He has a Confirmation meeting coming up this Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, and he felt that it would be a very difficult meeting.

3. On Ray Goedert's suggestion, I told him that we would be pleased to come out and talk to the parents who are concerned and we would tell them everything that we can tell them about what has gone before. Ray suggested that Carol Craddock be present and that someone [redacted]

4. I checked this out with Andy McDonagh and he was in agreement. I will call Peter Cyscon and let him know and [redacted]

Aug 8

Dear Ray,

Just a follow-up. I tried to get you by phone + left a message with your secretary. As of today my salary check has not been received c/o my parents' address. If that can be followed up on, I would appreciate it.

I suppose by now you have received a copy of an "anonymous" letter claiming a "cover up." Trust me it has Gania written all over it, — the style, the mis-spellings, and the handwriting. A copy was sent to my parents' address and no one in Odilo's knew that address except the Staff (roladex) at Odilo's. Last Monday I received a second letter (forwarded) from a school parent telling me how Gania was talking to some school parents and "stirring up suspicion" about me, last Spring. I'm not accusing myself, but I always suspected there was a bug fly in the ointment somewhere. Take it for what it's worth.

[redacted]

I feel at a loss ~~that~~ your decision will remove you from the Office of Vice. I pray you will keep at least a watchful eye on my follow-up with this new man, most especially when I return for re-assignment. Best to you, Ray. Can't wait to see you in a miter!!

Bob Mayer

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

COPY

MEMO FOR FILE

Reverend Robert Mayer
[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [redacted]

The above information given to Father Velo for record-keeping as of September, 1991.

Kay Culen

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: July 26, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I called [redacted] today just to see how things were going. [redacted] said that all was quiet, as far as she was concerned. She doubted if there would be much fall-out. If school was on, she would probably hear a lot more, but so far she has heard nothing other than a few rumors here and there and questions raised as to why he left so suddenly and didn't write a letter of his own, etc.

2. I asked [redacted] how [redacted] was doing and she said perfectly fine. There seems to be no problem at all from [redacted] viewpoint as far as the need for counseling, etc.

3. [redacted] was very complimentary of Fr. Marty Borowczyk and how he is handling things. She said he was an excellent choice. She hopes that the new pastor will be appointed soon so that St. Odillo's can get on with life, etc.

DRAFT OF STATEMENT READ AT ST. ODILO AT WEEKEND MASSES

My dear parishioners,

It is with heavy heart that I must bring to you information that I know will be extremely distressing. Prior to Fr. Robert Mayer's appointment as Pastor of St. Odilo, there had been allegations of inappropriate behavior on his part with minor children. These allegations were investigated ~~carefully and exhaustively,~~ and no substantiation of serious misconduct was ever found. On the other hand, it was evident to me that some of his actions were quite imprudent and could ~~easily~~ give rise to such allegations. Because of this, careful directives were given to Fr. Mayer restricting his behavior and these were a condition for his assuming the role of pastor of St. Odilo. I regret to say that he has violated these directives, and because he has shown such poor judgement in doing so, I have ordered him to undergo an intensive program of psychotherapy.

~~*** Fr. Mayer has agreed to do so and has already entered a treatment facility for this purpose. In his absence, I have asked Rev. _____ _____ to administer the affairs of St. Odilo parish.~~

Please pray for Fr. Mayer, that he might return to us a much better man and a much better priest. Pray, too, for Fr. _____ _____, for myself and for your parish, that Our Lord will help all of us get through this most difficult period.

With prayers and my own personal blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

*** In the event Fr. Mayer refuses to undergo treatment, this paragraph will reas as follows:

Fr. Mayer has refused to undergo such treatment, leaving me no alternative but to remove him as pastor. Until such time as a new pastor is appointed, I have asked Rev. _____ _____ to adminster the affairs of St. Odilo parish.

add — (1) I will have to notify the parish of what happened. *
(2) move out of rectory within 24 hrs.

* Card. feels he has to say the new evidence is what is prompting the action in [redacted] case —

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Bishop Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests, of Victim DX's statement, given to Bishop Goedert on or about July 27, 1991, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Mayer. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Mayer watching Victim DX shower, as well as hugging and kissing Victim DX while Fr. Mayer was naked. Victim DX was an adult at the time of the alleged abuse. Fr. Mayer also engaged in sexually explicit discussions with Victim DX about orgies he (Mayer) attended, and showed Victim DX photos of naked men in their 20's.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: July 15, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. The Youth Minister at St. Odilo, Sal Cannella, returned my call. His number is 708-484-4228. Sal has been Youth Minster there for approximately 1½ months. He is 23 years old and is a school teacher.

2. Sal said to the best of his knowledge, he has received only one phone call from a mother whose 13 or 14 year old son was very upset. But he won't talk about it. He's "awed" that Mayer is gone. The child is an introvert and the mother asked Sal if he would try to talk to him about it. This was just brought to Sal's attention last night, so he hasn't had an opportunity to do anything yet.

3. Sal said that he and Bob Mayer became very close and that is probably why Bob hired him. But Sal said Bob does have some things that are very irregular, "interesting" ways. [redacted]

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: July 20, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I received a phone call from [redacted]. They live at [redacted] Berwyn, Ill. [redacted] The phone number is [redacted].

2. [redacted] had been referred to me by Fr. Mulvihill. Father had worked with them on the [redacted] program. [redacted] They never got to know Fr. Mayer very well, certainly not as well as their children did. Fr. Mayer never spoke directly to them about the [redacted] program. He would usually go through a third person such as Sr. Gracita.

3. [redacted] said that they did not have any concrete evidence of wrong-doing, but only suspicions and feelings. Their son, [redacted], was in the eighth grade class that just graduated. When Fr. Mayer decided to give them their sex education class and to do it at the rectory, that surprised [redacted]. They couldn't understand why he was doing it in the first place and why it was not taking place at school. When they questioned [redacted] about it, he didn't seem to want to talk to them about it.

4. Fr. Mayer became very close to the eighth grade. He had an open door policy at the rectory and the kids would run in and out at all times. [redacted] said she didn't understand why he would do this. The kids would go to the rectory to use his weights. He had a weight lifting room. Whenever they would question [redacted] about it, he would get angry.

5. [redacted] said she was uncomfortable that [redacted] went to the rectory so often, and one day when she picked him up, she saw a young man in the doorway whom she did not recognize. She asked her son who it was and he simply said "it was Fr. Mayer's friend". He looked as though he was in his late teens or possibly early teens. [redacted] found out later from the Youth Minister, Sal Cannella, that it was somebody by the name of [redacted] and he was supposed to be in the University of Ill.

6. [redacted] said her son told her that Fr. Mayer was taking kids to his cottage and [redacted] told [redacted] that he couldn't go. [redacted] was very angry. [redacted] later found out that five of the boys did go. These five were: [redacted] and [redacted] (sp?). All these boys graduated with [redacted]. They were all altar boys and involved in sports together.

7. While [redacted] was talking to me, [redacted] was listening in on the extension and joining in the conversation when appropriate. [redacted] said that they did not allow [redacted] to go to the rectory as often as the others went. She just didn't think it was appropriate for kids to hang out at the rectory and she really wasn't

comfortable with Fr. Mayer. After Fr. Mayer left, [redacted] and her husband had suspicions and they did talk to another couple, and then to Fr. Mulvihill. They then tried to talk to [redacted] in the last few days and he did become a little more willing to open up. [redacted] explained to [redacted] that their concerns were valid. [redacted]'s dad said that he talked to [redacted] about the sex education class, what went on, etc., and there did not seem to be anything out of the ordinary. Young [redacted] liked Fr. Mayer and his dad thinks most of the kids did, even though he and his wife were not particularly fond of him.

8. [redacted] said that [redacted] one who had been at the cottage. [redacted] he and Fr. Mayer were wrestling at the cottage and that [redacted] had Fr. Mayer pinned. They were just horsing around. Then Fr. Mayer got up and went to another room. He called [redacted] into the room, put his arms around him, hugged him and kissed him. From the way [redacted] talked, it sounded as though he kissed [redacted] on the neck and cheek. [redacted] pushed Fr. Mayer away and that's apparently all that happened. [redacted] would be very upset if he knew [redacted] had told me this. And [redacted] would also be upset, but [redacted] felt that these are things that cannot be kept confidential.

9. [redacted] said that she and her husband do not think that their son was hurt in any way. I asked them this directly, as I felt we should provide counselling for him, if there was a problem. But [redacted] did not think that was necessary. She felt that her son considered Fr. Mayer a friend and is now curious and hurt because he has lost this friend.

10. I asked [redacted] and [redacted] how things were going in the parish itself. What were the parishioners saying, etc.? [redacted] said that there is a real wall now between the parishioners - i.e. those who liked Mayer and miss him, and those who didn't like him and are glad he's gone. Both [redacted] and her husband felt that the parish is badly divided, that rumors and concerns are being expressed because of all of the changes in staff, etc. This has been going on for almost a year, as Mayer began to change things immediately and bring in all sorts of new people. The parish secretary is about the only one still on the scene. Then Mayer's sudden departure has turned everything upside down.

11. [redacted] They promised to get back to me after they return. While they will not go looking for trouble, I did ask them to keep their eyes and ears open and let me know whether or not they think someone like myself or a team of persons should come out to meet with the parishioners.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: July 9, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I called John Hurley, pastor of St. Edna's in Arlington Heights. I filled him in on what transpired, just so that he would not be caught off guard in the event people from his parish or elsewhere begin to raise a fuss and go to the media. I encourated John to refer all media questions to Sr. Joy Clough and to alert myself, my successor, or the Cardinal in the event difficulties do arise.

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DATE: July 9, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. Dave Mulvehill called. Dave said that Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] called to discuss their concerns. Their phone number is [redacted]. Their son, [redacted], is an eighth grader who just graduated from St. Odillo and he was one of those who took the sex education course in the rectory from Bob Mayer. [redacted] wouldn't talk much about what went on at these sessions. The parents didn't want to push it, but they became concerned. [redacted] told them that he was invited to go to Fr. Mayer's exercise room, a room next to his living quarters, where he keeps his weight lifting equipment, etc. [redacted] said that he would go there after school. Dave asked if anyone else was around and [redacted] said that there was an older fellow with black hair who would be both in the classes as well as the exercise room. They don't know who this person is.

2. Because of Fr. Mayer's leaving the parish so suddenly, the parents are concerned. Their son had asked whether or not he could go to Fr. Mayer's cottage and they had told him "no". [redacted] asked whether Bob actually left because of pederasty. Dave indicated that he was not aware of this. [redacted]

3. I asked Dave if these were reputable people that he knows quite well. Dave said that they were, [redacted]. Dave said there are other rumors going around the parish with people asking whether Bob was homosexual, was there pederasty going on?

4. I suggested to Dave that it might be better if I were to call the [redacted]s just to give them a chance to express themselves and to determine whether or not we ought to bring in Carol Craddock and Jill Gardner. If they are the only family, then we can maybe refer them to Carol or Jill. On the other hand, if it appears that there are a lot of parents raising questions, then perhaps we ought to set up a program out there.

5. Dave suggested that I might want to talk to the Youth Minister at the parish to see what information he might have.

TALKING NOTES: REV. ROBERT E. MAYER
July 5, 1991

NOTE: These notes are prepared to assist with RESPONSE to media inquiries, should they come. We intend to stand with the basic information in the announcement unless need requires otherwise.

Announcement to Parish

Fr. Joseph Corrigan, Dean will read Cardinal Bernardin's letter announcing Fr. Mayer's resignation as pastor of St. Odilo on the weekend of July 6-7, 1991. The letter will indicate that Fr. Mayer is resigning for personal reasons and will be taking a sabbatical. Fr. Martin Borowczyk, the retired pastor of St. Constance (5843 W. Strong St., Chicago), will serve as administrator of St. Odilo until a new pastor is appointed.

St. Odilo, 2244 S. East Ave., Berwyn; 708-484-2161
Staff: Rev. David Mulvihill (resident)
Mr. Kim Dunleavy (principal)

Public Responses

Why did Fr. Corrigan make this announcement? Isn't this unusual?

Father is the Dean for the area which includes St. Odilo and his responsibilities include the pastoral care of the people of his Deanery. It is not unusual for the Dean to be present in cases of unanticipated resignations or other significant decisions affecting a parish.

Will Father be returning to St. Odilo after the sabbatical?
No. The Personnel Board will be seeking a new pastor for the parish.

Is Father leaving the priesthood?
No.

There have been allegations of (sexual misconduct, child abuse, sexual abuse, inappropriate behavior, etc.) against Father in the past....haven't there?
Yes, but they were never substantiated. Nonetheless, because of the allegations, Father was required [redacted] to abide by certain restrictions on his behavior.

What kind of restrictions?

E.g., not to have persons under 21 in the rectory without other adults being present.

Has there been some new allegation? Is a similar, new allegation behind this resignation?

Yes. The Archdiocese investigated, concluded that there was substance to the allegation, and asked for Father's resignation as pastor.

Were other agencies involved in investigating this allegation?

No. The matter was not a reportable offense and did not involve a minor. Yet, the conduct was clearly inappropriate and prompted the request for Father's resignation.

What was the nature of the allegation?

It is probably enough to say that it was not a reportable offense and did not involve a minor.

What will happen to Father now? Will he be reassigned to another parish?

Father will take a therapeutic sabbatical, involving [redacted] The question of his future ministry can only be decided after [redacted] If there was any doubt [redacted] about his ability to resume ministry in a manner that would assure the safety and security of Church members, he could not return to priestly ministry.

What will happen to the parish? Parishioners? Parents that may have some concerns for their children?

The Priest Personnel Board will seek a new pastor for the parish, and during the interim, Fr. Borowczyk will serve as parish administrator.

Fr. Corrigan, as Dean for the area, was present at the parish July 6-7 and available to speak with parishioners and to listen/respond to their concerns.

The Archdiocese is not now aware of other concerns regarding Father Mayer. However, if there are parents or other parishioners who have some concerns, representatives of the Archdiocese are more than willing to meet with them and to offer appropriate assistance. They should speak with Fr. Borowczyk who will take action on the matter.

[redacted]

Robert E. Mayer

Robert E. Mayer

witness: Lynda Hansen

Date: July 3,1991

Background - Not Public

Fr. Goedert, Bishop Jakubowski, and the Cardinal met with Fr. Mayer on July 1 to confront him, obtain his resignation as pastor, decide on parish matters, and present treatment arrangements. Father was told to move out of the parish by the end of the day July 3. He will report [redacted] on July 10.

The Cardinal's letter uses language like "with great sadness share with you distressing news" and "in his 10 months as pastor has done much for the welfare of the parish...I'm grateful for that and know that you are also."

Parents or others having concerns/needing assistance are to talk with Fr. Borowczyk, who will alert Fr. Goedert and/or the School Office (Sal Guccione) for follow-up action.

File: Reverend Robert Mayer

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
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Office of the Archbishop

July 2, 1991

My dear Parishioners:

It is with great sadness that I must convey to you information that I know will be distressing. As you are aware, Father Mayer, your pastor, has been with you approximately ten months. During this time, he has accomplished much for the welfare of your parish, and for that I am grateful, as I know you are. Because of personal reasons, however, he has asked that I accept his resignation effective immediately so that he may go on sabbatical. I have done so, and until such time as a new pastor is appointed, I have asked Reverend Martin Borowczyk, the well-respected retired pastor of St. Constance Parish, to administer the affairs of St. Odilo.

I ask your prayers for Father Mayer, for Father Borowczyk, and for your entire parish that Our Blessed Lord will be with you as you make the adjustment that lies ahead.

Be assured of my prayers and special blessing.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin

Archbishop of Chicago

Parishioners of St. Odilo Parish
2244 South East Avenue
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

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DRAFT OF MESSAGE TO BE GIVEN BY CARDINAL TO BOB MAYER ON JULY 1, 1991

1. I cannot tell you how hurt and disappointed and angry I am that this meeting today has become a necessity. I feel that you have betrayed me and violated the trust I placed in you. Over the years, you have repeatedly been the subject of allegations of sexual impropriety, and yet you have refused to modify your behavior in such a way that the risk to yourself and to the Church would be eliminated. Your appointment to St. Odilo, as you well know, was approved by me only after I received your solemn assurance that you would no longer engage in the kind of behaviors that caused so much distress for your parishioners and yourself in your previous assignments. I regret to say that I now have reason to believe that you have broken this promise.

2. On June 2, 1987, you signed an agreement which included among other things the following condition for your continuation in ministry:

> "A canonical mandate is given to Fr. Mayer to avoid all unsupervised contact with all persons under the age of 21. This applies especially to his private living quarters in the rectory. He is not to have persons under age 21 as guests at his cottage unless other adults are present".

I ~~know~~ have recently learned that you have violated this mandate on more than one occasion in the short time that you have been at St. Odilo's. Moreover, I also ~~have knowledge~~ recently learned of grossly inappropriate behavior on your part towards a young man, involving touches, sexual innuendos and pornographic material. Even if you deny any sexual intent, your judgment in these matters is so obviously impaired that I cannot allow you to continue in this position of trust any longer.

3. I am convinced, Bob, that you are laboring under the kind of psychic defect referred to in Canons 1041 and 1044, and for this reason I am withdrawing your faculties and I forbid you any and all exercise of your Sacred Orders until such time as it is evident that you are capable of resuming effective priestly ministry.

4. You are no longer empowered to act, therefore, as pastor of St. Odilo Parish. Because you have so seriously violated the trust I placed in you, I am asking you today to submit your resignation. If you refuse to do so, I will initiate immediately the canonical process for your removal.

5. Furthermore, I direct you to [redacted] on Wednesday, July 10. The Vicar for Priests and I will remain in contact with you [redacted] and a determination will eventually be made as to whether or not you will be permitted to return to the active ministry.

6. This decision, Bob, grieves me deeply. I can only hope and pray that you will commit yourself to participate fully [redacted] and, with the Lord's help, return to the Archdiocese a much better man and a much better priest.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
VICAR FOR PRIESTS
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: JULY 1, 1991

RE: ROBERT MAYER

1. The Cardinal, Bishop Jakubowski and I met with Bob Mayer from 4:30 p.m. to approximately 6:30 p.m. The Cardinal began the meeting by paraphrasing the statement that had been drafted for this purpose. He made it very clear to Bob that he was expecting him to resign and that if Bob refused to resign, he would institute the canonical process for removal. The Cardinal was very firm in this and made it clear to Bob that the issue was non-negotiable.

2. After the Cardinal concluded his statement, he asked Bob for his response, reaction, etc. Bob was very upset and felt that this was a terrible injustice. He insisted that he had done nothing wrong and that he has done his very best to be a good priest, etc. When Bob continued to press the issue that unknown persons were making unknown charges, the Cardinal then told Bob the name of the accuser and turned it over to me to spell out the details of the charges. Once Bob realized who it was that was making the accusations, he seemed to back down and not protest his innocence as strongly as he had initially. Eventually, the Cardinal asked Bob again for his resignation and Bob signed it.

3. Bob then asked about his future and whether there was any hope for him. The Cardinal indicated that the future depends on Bob and that if [redacted] is successful, he would be able to receive another assignment. When Bob asked if he could ever be made a pastor again, the Cardinal said: "It depends on the outcome of the treatment. I don't rule out the possibility, but neither do I make any promises."

4. Bob said that we are going to have to help him to handle the political fallout and the Cardinal responded that he was willing to do whatever he could to protect Bob's reputation. On the other hand, if Bob had refused to resign, the Cardinal said that he would have to spell out the reasons for his dismissal, etc.

5. The Cardinal told Bob that his faculties were withdrawn as of that moment and that he could no longer exercise the office of pastor. He further stated that Bob would have to move everything out of the premises by Wednesday evening. He also stated that Bob would have to report to [redacted] on Wednesday, July 10. Bob said that he wanted some time to think about this and to consult with his friends, etc. He agreed to call me on the next day. He was going to be up at his cottage with his priest friends and would have a chance to discuss it with them.

6. After the meeting concluded, the Cardinal, Bishop Jakubowski and I continued to discuss the situation. We agreed that if the priests ask us why Bob was treated in this fashion, we would tell the truth. In a sense, Bob has forfeited his right to privacy and we will not let the church or any of us take the heat

for his behavior. On the other hand, we will do our best to protect him as far as his parishioners and others are concerned.

7. After the meeting, I then put in a call to [redacted] in order to see if Joyce Brothers could do the moving and [redacted] agreed. They will be at St. Odilo's on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

8. I also called [redacted] to let him know what had happened. He will try to take over on Friday.

9. Jake indicated that he may be tied up at the time of some of the Masses, so I or someone else will share it with him.

JULY 3, 1991

1. Bob Mayer called [redacted]. I then called [redacted] to let her know and gave Bob her name and number and asked him to call her on Wednesday to get whatever information he needed.

2. I told Bob that I would purchase the plane tickets. I also asked him to draft [redacted]

3. I tried to reach [redacted] at 4:45 but she was not home. I then reached [redacted] at his place of work and told him what had transpired. [redacted] said that his parents were out of town but would be back that evening. I said that I would try and call them later tonight.

3. I also called St. Odilo's to talk to Dave Mulvihill, but he was not home yet. I put in a call at the Tribunal but there was no answer.

4. I will have to verify with Bob just exactly what the Mass schedule is. According to our directory, the Saturday evening Mass is at 5:00 p.m. and the Sunday Masses are at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30. Bob will be staying at the cottage and his number there is (708) 587-0215.

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TO: FILE

DATE: JUNE 22, 1991

RE: ROBERT MAYER

1. The Cardinal met with [redacted] and his parents, [redacted], today at the residence for one hour (11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon). I was present.

2. The Cardinal expressed his sincere sorrow that the [redacted] family has had to endure this situation, etc. He also listened to [redacted] express her own thoughts regarding this particular situation and the way in which St. Odilo's seems to have been plagued by sick or inadequate priests for quite a number of years. [redacted] is quite willing to confront Bob, if it is necessary, but [redacted], he would prefer that his name not be used unless absolutely necessary. [redacted]

3. All in all, the meeting went quite well. [redacted] were able to express themselves, as was [redacted] The Cardinal assured them all that he was equally angry and saddened by the whole series of events, but now that we do have a concrete example of inappropriate behavior, the Cardinal will definitely move on it. He intends to ask [redacted]b for his resignation and a new pastor will be appointed.

4. Following our meeting, I stayed behind momentarily. We agreed that inasmuch as we do not have a viable candidate at this moment for the pastorate, we should return to our original plan of seeking out a retired pastor. We spoke specifically of Marty Borowczyk and that seems to be the direction we will go. The Cardinal asked if I would sit down with Marty and perhaps Andy and go through the matter with him and the Cardinal himself will contact Marty after he returns from Rome. The Cardinal is leaving for the Consistory on Tuesday, June 25, and will return on Saturday, June 29.

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June 2, 1987

TO: file

FROM: Tom Ventura

RE: Rev. Robert Mayer

On May 11, 1987 Police Chief Joseph Kozenczak of Des Plaines informed me that he had received anonymous information through a media reporter raising concerns about the activities of Rev. Robert Mayer, especially regarding teenagers. Having investigated the matter, I discovered no facts to corroborate these concerns. However, the fact of the concerns indicates need for special supervision of Father Mayer. Therefore, the following plan is to be implemented as of this date.

1. [redacted] A report and recommendations will be communicated to the Vicar for Priests.

2. A canonical mandate is given to Fr. Mayer to avoid all unsupervised contact with all persons under the age of 21. This applies especially to his private living quarters in the rectory. He is not to have persons under age 21 as guests at his cottage unless other adults are present.

3. He is to continue his present assignment at St. Stephen Parish, Des Plaines for the completion of his five year term of office if these conditions are observed. However, there is no possibility of extending the assignment beyond that time. In other words, Fr. Mayer is to pursue a new assignment through the regular Personnel Board process during the Spring of 1988.

4. Supervision: His local on-site supervisor will be his current pastor, Rev. Leonard Mezydlo, who is to make a monthly progress report in writing to the Vicar for Priests. In addition, Father Mayer will meet monthly with the Vicar for Priests.

5. The following persons were present when the above points were communicated and discussed:

Thomas Ventura

Robert E. Mayer

Raymond Goedert

Leonard P. Mezydlo

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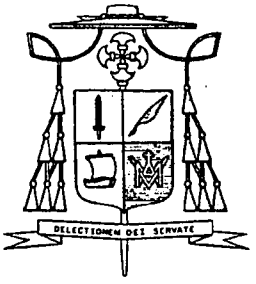

Archdiocese of Chicago

4646 North Austin Avenue - Chicago, Illinois 60630

Office of the Auxiliary Bishop

June 19, 1990

Clergy Personnel Board
25 West Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Dear Members of the Clergy Personnel Board:

I am writing on behalf of Reverend Robert Mayer. I spoke with him this morning and, at my suggestion, he is applying for the pastorate of St. Odilo Parish. As Vicar of St. Odilo, I wholeheartedly support this appointment of Father Mayer. He is most qualified to fulfill this role.

Father Mayer was asked to go to St. Mary's (St. Stephens) in Des Plaines and there he did a most noble job. He was responsible for upgrading many of the ministries in the parish. He was also responsible for the "new look" in the rectory and church.

When St. Dionysius Parish was at the lowest ebb of Christianity, Reverend Ray Goedert, Reverend Andrew McDonough, the dean, Reverend Daniel Coughlin and I met to consider candidates for the new administrator. We agreed that Father Mayer would be the ideal priest to bring St. Dionysius to the level of where we thought a parish should be. In a very short time, Father Mayer organized the parish with a Finance Committee, a Parish Council and all the ministries that a Parish should have. We set up a program where the parish could survive paying all its debt. He brought about a vibrant and viable parish.

Unfortunately, according to the Cicero Parish Planning Program, it was decided to close St. Dionysius Parish. Father Mayer cooperated with the closing of St. Dionysius. He prepared and convinced the parishioners that for the good of the Archdiocese and for the strength of the Catholic Church, it was imperative that St. Dionysius close and become amalgamated with the stronger Churches in Cicero.

Up to this time, we have been asking Father Mayer to help us out of certain predicaments. Now Father Mayer is asking us to do something for him, namely, to be named pastor of St. Odilo Parish.

There may have been stories spoken about Father Mayer. Nonetheless, I am willing to take responsibility and accountability as Vicar over St. Odilo Parish. I believe Father Mayer is an excellent and appropriate candidate for this particular parish and I earnestly support him.

It would be entirely just to Father Mayer and most providential to the parishioners of St. Odilo who need his leadership for Father Mayer to be appointed pastor of this parish.

Sincerely,

+ "Jake"

Most Reverend Thad Jakubowski

TJJ/kg

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

TO: CLERGY DIRECTORY
MAIL DEPARTMENT
SENATE
INFORMATION LINE
MISSION PRESS

FROM: OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

DATE: April 27, 1989

Will you please make the following change immediately.

REV. ROBERT E. MAYER, '64

From: Associate Pastor
Immaculate Conception
1590 Green Bay Rd.
Highland Park, Ill. 60035

To: Administrator
St. Dionysius
4860 W. 29th St.
Cicero, Illinois 60650

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

PRO MEMORIA

Re: Bob Mayer/Steve Mangan
Immaculate Conception Parish

On August 19th, Father Ray Goedert, Father Steve Mangan, Father Bob Mayer and I met at the Vicar for Priests' office to discuss the concerns which were raised by both Steve Mangan and Bob Mayer.

1. Bob Mayer and Steve Mangan did not have adequate discussion regarding Bob's duties prior to Bob's assignment to the parish.

2. There is a conflict with what Bob would like to do and with what Steve is doing as pastor in the parish.

3. Some of Bob's concerns came about from discussions with John Holleman, who is presently a candidate for incardination into the Archdiocese and who has been a resident at Immaculate Conception these past months.

4. It was determined that Bob's interests, talents, and abilities would not be best utilized at Immaculate Conception parish. Both Steve and Bob will write a letter to the Board to this effect and asking that Bob's assignment to the parish be broken.

5. Regarding his reassignment, Bob will prepare a resume showing where he has strong points and indicating his interests. Ray Goedert and I will work with Bob in presenting this to various agencies of the Archdiocese, (Lucien Roy, Director of Office for Ministry Formation; Reverend John Pollard, Director of Religious Education; Reverend Edward Salmon, Vicar for the Permanent Diaconate; Reverend Patrick Brennan, Director of Office for Evangelization; Reverend Ronald Lewinski, Director of Office for Divine Worship) to see if Bob could work with any of these agencies.

   Bob states that his skills are in teaching, organizing, motivating and writing. It was Ray's suggestion that we try to utilize these talents and perhaps this can best be accomplished through the above mentioned agencies.

6. Bob left the meeting understanding that it is an up-hill battle and that his reputation is somewhat problematic.

   The next step is for him to prepare his resume, as previously mentioned.

Date: August 25, 1988

Kenneth Velo.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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PRO MEMORIA

Re: Bob Mayer/Steve Mangan
Immaculate Conception

1. Bob Mayer had a difficult time finding an "appropriate" place on the open-list that would accept him.

2. As time went on and Bob Wielosinski was planning his move to Saint Stephen's, Bob Mayer and Steve Mangan began conversing about the possibility of Bob Mayer's assignment to Immaculate Conception, Highland Park. Bob Mayer needed a place and Steve Mangan needed an associate. The Board had told Steve a few months prior that the parish would not be on the open-list.

3. Because of a special need existing in the Archdiocese, Bob Mayer was asked to administer to Saint Agnes Parish for a few months and was told Immaculate Conception would be approved if he and Steve were agreeable to this. The Board did recommend Bob Mayer as Associate Pastor of Immaculate Conception (some reservations).

4. Bob asked that his assignment be made official -- so that he could get settled. Letter sent and announcement made on or around June 20th.

5. On August 4th, I talked with both Bob and Steve about the assignment -- Steve felt that some of the areas that Bob wanted to get involved in were areas which he was covering already. Bob wants to utilize his talent and be more involved in the Bulletin, running of the parish, rather than just pastoral care (Masses, hospital calls, etc.) Also, Bob and Steve are friends and they did not want this to interfere with friendship of circa 40 years.

6. Bob Mayer has mentioned his concerns in telephone conversations to me, as well as Frank Cimarrusti. It was thought that a meeting of Ray Goedert, Bob Mayer, Steve Mangan, and myself would help. Ray was also involved in this placement, too, and it was thought that he should be part of this. Bob Mayer is already talking about new assignments. Saint Norbert's was the one he mentioned. The Board would see this as problematic. The first step would be for a meeting to determine the "break" of the assignment of Bob Mayer to Immaculate Conception. I set this meeting for Friday, August 19th, at 2:30 p.m.

Date: August 18, 1988

Kenneth Velo.

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FROM: T. Ventura TV

RE: Rev. Robert Mayer

CONFIDENTIAL

6-09-87

5-11-87 Call from Fr. John Smyth stating that Police Chief of Des Plaines informed him that they were concerned that Fr. Mayer may be serving liquor to minors. The police are investigating this and are concerned about other inappropriate activities. They may go to the State Attorney about this.

5-12-87 Call to Chief Joseph Kozenczak (391-5450) who said a Tribune reporter informed the Des Plaines police about an anonymous call he received from a 15 year old boy who said he was invited by another 15 year old to a party given by Fr. Mayer at which liquor was served to minors and Fr. M. engaged in oral sex with him. The police conducted surveillance on the rectory for the past 3 weeks and have identified 3 teens who frequent the rectory. They also have been in contact with an adult who has expressed concern about Fr. Mayer's activities. At this point, there is no formal complaint.

5-12-87 Call to Fr. Mayer at his family cottage (587-0215) to inform him of the accusations. He denied any wrongdoing. He said that no persons under 17 are allowed in his room, that no liquor is served to minors and there is absolutely no inappropriate activity. He said that a group of four teens, age 17 or older, visit him regularly after school. They are: [redacted] They can confirm what he says. Fr. Mayer was informed that since these are serious and sensitive charges, he is to leave the rectory and take a leave of absence from his duties until they can be investigated. He agreed and left the rectory the next day (ie., May 13). He can be reached at his family cottage.

5-12-87 Conversation with Fr. Mazydlo, pastor. ([redacted]) He said that four boys around age 17 or 18 visit Fr. Mayer regularly, but never anyone younger than that. Sometimes they are noisy and get into roughousing, but there is no indication of anything inappropriate. Liguor is served only when other adults are present. He has never seen it served to minors. Sometimes they watch movies on a VCR but there are no indications that they are inappropriate films.

5-12-87 Conversation with [redacted]. She feels there is no substance to the allegations since she is present in the rectory a great deal and would know what goes on. The only regular younger visitors to Fr. Mayer are 2 Mundelein seminarians who are 20 or 21 and 3 or 4 high school seniors around 17 or 18. She said that Fr. Mayer has made a tremendous contribution to the vitality of the parish and to transfer him because of rumors or unsubstantiated charges would be unfair to the people

as well as to Fr. Mayer. She said that he is not perfect, that he can be arrogant and is sometimes his own worst enemy with his comments to people, but that there is no basis for accusations that he serves liquor or engages in sexual activities. She said there are people who spread rumors about everyone in the parish and in the town. She reiterated her belief that after a long period of unrest and instability in the parish, Mayer has brought strong leadership and should remain unless there is clear evidence to substantiate the charges.

5-13-87 [redacted]

5-17-87 Call from Fr. Bob Banzin, a close friend of Fr. Mayer. He said Fr. Mayer is very depressed by these accusations. He said Mayer is a "character" but he is hard-working and effective. He has often been present when young people are visiting Mayer, and has never seen any sign of alcohol, sex or anything amiss. He said Mayer just enjoys "sitting around and blabbing." He hopes the matter can be resolved quickly. If there is evidence, deal with it. If not, Mayer should be cleared and reinstated. He is concerned about the anonymity of the charges and the third or fourth hand reporting.

5-20-87 Visit to Chief Kozenczak by Fathers Kealy and Ventura at the Des Plaines Police Station, 1420 Miner St., Des Plaines. We stated that our inquiries had surfaced no information to support the charges and asked if he could provide more data. He said that a) they had conducted surveillance for 3 weeks from suppertime to 9:00 or 10:00 PM on Tuesdays near the Rectory. They observed 3 youths around 17 years of age who visited regularly. At one time a youth was observed through the window drinking from a green bottle which the observing officers said might have been beer. Also in the course of the investigation they came in contact with an adult, a reliable person, who expressed concern about Fr. Mayer. They had promised to keep this person's identity confidential. The Chief said that youth officers hoped to develop rapport with the teens and learn more about it. When asked about [redacted] or Fr. Mezydlo, the Chief said that neither had been involved in this case. When asked about the original contact, the Chief said it was Pat Curry of Channel 5 News who contacted an officer on his staff about a month ago.

5-22-87 Call from [redacted] who had heard that Fr. Mayer was in trouble. He has known Mayer for 10 years. Back at [redacted] he used to hang around the rectory. He said Mayer was an excellent influence on him and many others. In fact, he was a big reason for [redacted] entering the Seminary. He said Mayer was controversial and has an impatient temperament, but he never witnessed any illegal or immoral or harmful behavior. He said he would send a letter to express all of this on paper.

5-22-87 Meeting with Fr. Mezydlo. He said the matter of a 15 year old's involvement with Mayer is a mystery to him. The only persons that young who were around

the rectory in recent months were two eighth graders watering the plants as part of a Confirmation project. He said Mayer is brilliant, and a superb speaker and organizer. He can be abrasive and sometimes seeks to "grab power" in the parish, but when the pastor addresses this he will back off. Bob gets depressed once in a while, especially when these accusations surface. The most recent tension between himself and Mayer concerned the Finance Committee, but that seems to be resolved. The parish will survive if Mayer leaves, but some people will be upset and disappointed.

5-24-87 Conversation with Cardinal Bernardin who was in Rome the past week. There are two values: first, investigate these charges thoroughly since this is a serious matter. The television reporter seems to be the key person since he is the only link with the anonymous accuser. Second, we must be fair to Fr. Mayer especially if these prove to be ungrounded charges. However, if he remains at the parish there should be a professional evaluation and strong supervision to be doubly sure nothing is amiss.

5-26-87 Call from [redacted] from [redacted] who heard from a friend that Fr. Mayer was in trouble. She knew him since she was 13 and worked as a [redacted] He never did anything dishonorable, but served as a male role model for many youngsters whose fathers traveled a lot due to business. She feels that Mayer's style of ministry was to challenge the affluence and status quo of a wealthy community. This ruffled some feathers, but helped many people. This may be a context in which people may want to cause him trouble. She will write a letter expressing her observations.

5-29-87 After a number of attempts to contact Pat Curry at Channel 5, I reached him at [redacted]. He said he received an anonymous call from a teen boy who said Fr. Mayer of Des Plaines showed porno movies to teen boys on a regular basis in his home. The caller was concerned about a friend, another teen, who attended these. He wasn't sure whether there was any sexual activity or not. Mr. Curry said they get anonymous calls all the time. People don't realize that the media won't make a story out of such information unless it is substantiated and newsworthy. Just in case there was something to it, however, he phoned a Des Plaines detective who said he would look into it and, if anything checked out, would call him back. He never did so. Mr. Curry said that if he learns anything more he will contact me.

5-29-87 Meeting with [redacted] born [redacted] and [redacted] born [redacted]. [redacted] and [redacted] were unable to be present as planned. When informed of the accusations, they said they were ridiculous and "garbage." They said Fr. Mayer has had a very important positive influence on their lives, that they have never experienced any bad behavior on his part and that, if the accusations had not caused so much trouble for Fr. Mayer, they would be a joke. They said the only criticisms they hear about Fr. Mayer is that he is "too modern" and "too direct."

6-2-87 Meeting with Fr. Bob Mayer, Fr. Len Mezydlo, Fr. Ray Goedert, and Fr. Ventura to discuss the conclusion of the investigation and the plan for the future which involves a) continuance of his present assignment to

its conclusion next June b) complete psychological evaluation by Dr. Cavanaugh c) mandate to avoid all unsupervised contact with people under 21 d) supervision by pastor and Vicar for Priests. A copy of the summary is included.

addendum: 6-30-87 after repeated efforts over the past 2 weeks I contacted Chief Kozeniesh to inform him that I had completed my inquiry & reported to my superiors & the decision was to allow Fr. Mayer to complete his last year of this assignment & transfer him in June. We are also taking other measures to address the concerns raised. He thanked me for keeping him informed.

Dear Bob:

I have read and re-read your letter of December 15, reflecting carefully on each of the ten observations you make in reply to Father Somerville's petition. I enjoyed our meeting on December th and I appreciate this written follow-up to add to the long and exhausting church process.

Indeed the process has been long and exhausting. The appeal was first lodged with the Clergy Personnel Board last February, then with the office of the Chancellor, finally, once I arrived last August, with me. Along the way you and Father Somerville have aired your differences before Monsignor Jack Gorman, acting as facilitator at the request of the Personnel Board, and before Father Bob Festle, your Urban Vicar, acting as conciliator at my request. [redacted]

Much like the process itself, you must be personally exhausted!

What is abundantly clear, however, is that, when all is said and done, there is still a festering sore that simply will not be healed, no matter how many remedies are applied.

This is not so surprising, since the issue is not a question of guilt or misconduct, justice or injustice. It is purely a question of personalities. It is a question of the chemistry of co-workers that creates tension and resentment rather than unity and collaboration.

I have wanted to be especially careful and fair-minded in this particular dispute. The fact that this process has been protracted has tested the patience of some. But greater that the virtue of patience is the absolute need to judge what is best for the mission of the church, for the priesthood, and ultimately, what is best for you, Bob, and your continued effectiveness as a priest.

You have indeed been effective. God has given you many gifts, and you have utilized many of them in a strong and dynamic manner. I need you and your many talents for our future work together in this great Archdiocese.

What am I asking you to do? I am asking you to rise above yourself, to rise above this passing episode, to rise to an uncommon level servanthood, the servanthood that you and I share in our commitment to souls the length and breadth of this Archdiocese. I am asking you, as your brother servant in the Lord, to seek a transfer from the Personnel Board, one which ~~might~~ take effect before February 1.

Since there is no question of wrong-doing, there is absolutely no need of excuses, explanations, or recriminations. I sense that you have the stuff to rise above even that sort of thing.

Because of this deep priestly challenge in your life, by God's grace, I have come to know you and respect you in a very special and personal way. That is why I trust before God in your strength and courage.

Your brother in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

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MEMO TO FILE - SEPTEMBER 28, 1982

RE: REV. ROBERT E. MAYER

Today, I telephoned first Father Walter F. Somerville, Pastor of St. Edna parish, and then [redacted], attorney, and reported the following:

1) Two examiners, namely, Father Velo and I, reviewed in detail the evidence submitted by [redacted] on behalf of her clients. Our judgment is that the evidence is insufficient to warrant a forced removal of Fr. Mayer from his position as Associate Pastor at St. Edna.

2) If Father Mayer is transferred in the near future, it must be construed that he personally requested the transfer.

3) In light of the allegations, I met with Father Mayer here at the Chancery on September 10, 1982, and discussed the entire situation with him.

4) In light of the recent petition, I have directed Father Mayer (and he has completely consented) to begin consultation with a priest-counsellor, Fr. Andrew McDonagh.

I have spoken with Father McDonagh on the telephone about the case and he has kindly consented to ~~consult~~ counsel Father Mayer. I had indicated to Father Mayer that it was my personal opinion that, without any implication of guilt whatsoever, it would be preferable for his own apostolate to seek a transfer. Without prompting, Father McDonagh volunteered the fact that he also would counsel in that direction.

The major difficulty at this point is that if he should choose to leave St. Edna, he will be convinced that the parish will believe that whatever charges made were true and that a group of antagonists succeeded in removing him.

It should be noted that [redacted], upon hearing our conclusions today, intimated that her clients would seek a remedy through the State's Attorney's Office.

Today, I have discussed the entire case with the Archbishop, who concurs with the judgment that, while not forced from office, Father Mayer would do well to choose to be transferred. This in no way would imply any guilt whatsoever as charged by [redacted]'s clients.

J. R. K.

JRK:cfb

ST. EDNA DISPUTE - CHRONOLOGY

MARCH 1, 1981

Father Walter F. Somerville appointed Pastor of St. Edna.

JUNE, 1981

Father Robert E. Mayer assigned to Father S at St. Edna.

FEBRUARY 2, 1982

Fr. S. and members of pastoral staff come to the Personnel Board and relay grievances against Father M to Fathers Heidenreich and Gubbins.

FEBRUARY 10, 1982

Father S writes a letter to Father M: "I ask you to contact the Personnel Board this week for immediate re-assignment."

FEBRUARY 22, 1982

Fathers H and G have Father M to the Personnel Board and relay the oral objections made of him by St. Edna pastoral staff.

APRIL 7, 1982

Pastoral staff prepares a letter for Cardinal Cody, listing twenty-five heresay reports of Father M's behavior, but do not sign or mail the letter to the Cardinal.

MAY, 1982

The Personnel Board arranges for a conciliator, Msgr. John Gorman, to meet with Fathers S and M.

JULY 21, 1982

Father S calls Chancery (Father Keating) to introduce new reason for M's removal (July 13-14 incidents).

JULY 22, 1982

Father Velo begins dealing with parents regarding July 13-14 incidents.

AUGUST 27, 1982

[redacted], attorney for six parishioners, sends five affidavits to Archbishop Bernardin regarding July 13-14 incidents. Implied demand to remove Father M or "we will be forced to pursue our legal remedies outside."

SEPTEMBER 10, 1982

Father K meets with Father M regarding allegations in affidavits.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1982

Father K informs Father S and [redacted] of judgment regarding evidence contained in the five affidavits, of itself, insufficient to force removal. Also, I informed them of my meeting with Father M, and my directive that he consult with a priest-counsellor.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1982

Seven members of pastoral staff write to Archbishop expressing outrage that evidence of affidavits has not forced Father M's removal. Request meeting with Archbishop.

OCTOBER 4, 1982

Father S meets with Archbishop.

JRK:cfb

ROBERT E. MAYER

Seminarian protegee: [redacted]

Dec. '82 - Lawsuit: Doe vs. CBC/Re July 13-14, 1982
Alleges that 4 altarboys went w/ him to his cottage. (13 yrs. old). He gave them alcohol, asked them about their sexual experiences, exposed himself to them. While naked, jumped off boat and swam to two boys; pulled trunks off of one; tried to pull trunks off of other, he resisted and feared drowning.

OCT 84 - TV saw him about allegations

JAN '86 - Concerns of Fr. Mezzullo

(over)

Robert E. Mayer

Ordained 1964

Inappropriate activity
No proof of actual pedophelia

April, 1982 - Complaint by Fr. Somerville of alcohol being served to teens, nudity in front of teens, foul language, serving pot to teens, showing porno movies to teens. Reports of similar experiences in Lk. Forest
JULY 13-14, 1982 - Incident w/ resulted in lawsuit
Sept, 1982 - Ordered to see Andy McDonagh.

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DATE: JUNE 14, 1991

RE: ROBERT MAYER

1. [redacted] called. She said that she was in the school on Tuesday, June 11, and Bob came over and asked her to stop in at the principal's office. In the presence of [redacted] and Kim Dunleavy, Bob proceeded to tell them he had received a call a week or so ago from the Vicar and Bob said his first reaction was: "for God's sake, Kim , I thought maybe you were molesting second graders". He claimed that he had no idea why he was being called down to the Vicar's office. All he said was that they are raising questions because about ten years ago "a" hysterical woman accused her of molesting her son". Mayer then proceeded to list a number of things that he will not be doing next year e.g., not going into the school at all, not teaching any classes, not having kids at the rectory, etc. [redacted] said that by the time the conversation was ended, she thought that maybe she was nuts. Mayer did mention that he had not heard anything further from the Vicar or anyone else.

2. [redacted] said she is absolutely confidence that her son, [redacted], was telling the truth in the allegations that he made against Bob regarding the pornographic movie and magazines and Bob rubbing himself. Also, regarding the things that Bob told [redacted] about group sex, etc. [redacted] said she cannot imagine [redacted] making up any of this.

3. [redacted] is very anxious that we delay confronting Bob until after school is officially out for her and Kim. This will be June 28. I agreed that we would not contact Bob until after that date.

4. [redacted] lives at [redacted] in Berwyn. [redacted] is [redacted] west of [redacted]

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 6, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I interviewed Kim Dunleavy, the principal at St. Odilo's. I had previously tried to meet with him on Friday, May 31, but that was graduation day. We then arranged for an appointment at 3:00 on Monday, June 3. Monday morning I received a message that Kim cancelled, because of the school picnic. This surprised me because when we set the date, he told me all about the picnic but didn't think it would be any problem for him to break away and get down here by 3:00. I therefore, called him at home later that night. It was obvious from our conversation that Kim was reluctant to come down to see me. He didn't quite know what position this would put him in in regard to Fr. Mayer. Kim obviously is concerned about his job, as he said that the relationship between a pastor and the principal is crucial. I convinced Kim that he had to come in, as it is his duty as a principal, to cooperate with me in a very serious investigation which could lead to the dismissal of the pastor, etc. Having put it this way, Kim then agreed to see me.

2. Kim became principal at St. Odilo's on July 1, 1989. He was with Fr. Skatch as pastor for 1 year and then with Fr. Mayer.

3. I asked Kim if he had ever known Fr. Mayer prior to his arrival at St. Odilo. Kim responded in the negative. He said: "I never knew or even heard of Bob Mayer before I came to St. Odilo. During the interim between Fr. Skatch and him, I did hear the names of two or three possible pastors and Mayer's was one of them. But I never really heard anything at all other than Mayer was the one who had been sent to St. Dionysius to close it down and this made me a little nervous. But I had no preconceived notions."

4. I asked Kim to go through the situation chronologically and let me know all of his concerns and what he did about them. He said that Mayer was appointed in September 1990. His wife teaches at [redacted] school in Oak Lawn. When he told his wife about Bob Mayer becoming the pastor, she mentioned it at her own school and within a matter of days she came home and said that Marilyn Steffel, whom they both knew, and who was a friend of [redacted] had written a book about priests who had had problems relating to children and Marilyn had a whole chapter on Bob Mayer. Kim said he didn't really pay that much attention, as he wanted to keep an open mind towards Mayer. He didn't really check anything out and he let the matter drop.

5. Sometime after that, during September, Kim heard from a school parent. This parent asked him if Mayer was the same one who had trouble with kids at St. Mary's in Lake Forest. Again, Kim said he really knew nothing at all about this and the woman just said she was wondering and didn't pursue the matter with him.

6. Kim said he began to be more concerned when [redacted] told him that she had heard something about trouble that Mayer had when he was at St. Steven's in Des Plaines. Evidently a school parent had talked to [redacted] Kim said that everyone talks to [redacted]. She has been around a long time and is a very well-liked and respected woman. She is a parishioner and has been [redacted] for 10 or 11 years. His conversation with [redacted] was very early on, still in September. They had just recently met Bob Mayer. Kim said that Mayer flies into the school like a tornado and they were just commenting on how over-whelmed they were by his approach, particularly in contrast to the previous pastor who never came around the school at all.

7. Kim's concerns were heightened when one of the teachers who used to take care of the altar boys was told that Mayer was going to take them over. This didn't bother Kim and Mayer appointed two eighth grade boys to be in charge, to make the schedules, etc. Kim could see that Mayer had developed a close relationship with these boys very quickly. One boy especially stood out in Kim's mind, and this was [redacted] [redacted] just graduated. Kim said that [redacted] and Mayer were very close. When [redacted] was in trouble, Mayer defended him. [redacted] was doing very poorly in school, getting straight D's. Kim told Fr. Mayer that he ought to slacken up a bit on the work he was giving to [redacted] so that he could do his school work better. Mayer accepted the suggestion and subsequently decided to appoint two kids each quarter. It was at this time that Kim began to put together the rumors that he had been hearing and this particular relationship with [redacted] He said that he began to get nervous, didn't do anything, but did keep his eyes on things much more closely. This was probably around November.

8. Kim then said that he was getting ahead of himself. He said that in October, [redacted] came to him with the story of her own son's involvement with Mayer. She said that when Fr. Mayer mentioned a guitar group, [redacted] told Mayer that her son, [redacted] [redacted], because Odilo's had no [redacted] So Fr. Mayer invited [redacted] to come and talk about it. She said that [redacted] met with Fr. Mayer twice. The first time it was just a discussion and Kim said that he guesses that everything was O.K. But the second time, [redacted] said that the atmosphere was different. [redacted] said Mayer made overtures toward [redacted] The one phrase that stuck in Kim's head from his conversation with [redacted] was that Mayer was talking about families and that sometimes families aren't always supportive enough and you need someone else. And also, in talking about the future, Mayer said something to the effect that "The best way to share your dreams is to sleep with the other person." Also, [redacted] told [redacted]im that there were porno magazines on the table in Mayer's room. And when [redacted] was going to leave, Mayer put a pornographic movie into the video. [redacted] left at that point. Kim said that that was the extent of his knowledge, though [redacted] has subsequently told him more details. This all happened between [redacted] and Mayer in October, just a month after Mayer arrived. [redacted] told his mother that the pornography was the "hard stuff".

9. I asked Kim if he trusted [redacted] judgement. He said: "I would trust [redacted] and her judgement greatly." He said he himself was confused because [redacted] was a grown man, 20 or 21, not a little boy or a 13 or 14 year old. He said [redacted] was very angry. She never confronted Mayer on it, as Kim thinks she was concerned about the impact it would have [redacted], and probably also because evidently no damage was done to [redacted]

10. Kim said that he kept putting all of this in the context of the school. His bottom line was that he didn't want the children in the school to be hurt. Things did quiet down, according to Kim, and the winter passed uneventfully. Kim said that [redacted] would talk to him off and on about this and that and that her son, [redacted], just ignored Mayer, even though in the beginning Mayer used to ask from time to time why [redacted] didn't contact him.

11. The next cause of concern was in February when Mayer visited the eighth grade. Kim said that Mayer made arrangements with him and the eighth grade teacher, Chris Zalinski, to teach a course each Thursday. He said that he had a series that he wanted to teach and Chris would not be able to stay in the room. Kim said he wasn't comfortable with that arrangement.

12. Somewhere in February or March, Kim heard from another school parent who asked whether or not Fr. Mayer had been in trouble with kids at a previous assignment. Kim didn't know and they didn't go into specifics and the subject was dropped.

13. Around April, Fr. Mayer told Chris and Kim that he had a sex talk that he usually gives to eighth graders, but only to the boys. Chris Zalinski agreed to give the talk to the girls. Kim became concerned when Fr. Mayer talked to him about the matters that he was going to teach. For example, he said that he was going to talk about masturbation, but he wasn't going to push the Church's position. He wasn't interested in putting more guilt on the kids, etc. He also said that he was going to use street language, because that's the only way to get across to the kids. And then on the day that he was going to meet with the boys, he told [redacted] to send them to the rectory. All 22 went. Later that afternoon, Kim's [redacted], who also has a boy in the eighth grade, said that her son came home and told her that they had been brain-storming to find out how many names they had for penis.

14. Fr. Mayer told Kim that he needed another session with the boys. Kim agreed. At that time, however, a CCD student or parent evidently came to [redacted] and told her that Fr. Mayer had also been asking the kids whether or not they masturbated, how often, how they felt about it, etc.

15. I asked Kim if there were any other reasons for his concern. He said he just remembered that Fr. Mayer had a magazine about AIDS and he came into the school one day and told Kim that every eighth grader should read it. Fr. Mayer gave the magazine to Chris Zalinski and told her to make copies for all the kids. Chris said that it was written in comic book style and she showed it to Kim. Kim said that the book was gross. It was not appropriate at all, especially in a Catholic school. In Kim's mind, it was smut, with pictures of boys sleeping with each other, etc. Kim said it was terrible. Kim told Fr. Mayer and told him that he wasn't going to let the children read it. Fr. Mayer said that one of the eighth grade boys gave it to him. Kim checked this out and it was true and he gave the book back to that boy. Kim said he didn't ask Mayer if he himself had read it, but Kim said that he presumes that he would have. Kim said he himself read it from cover to cover and was apalled. This spread around the school, as all the teachers were talking about it. This happened around April, Kim thinks.

16. Kim said that Mayer asked him in the spring to plan a trip for the altar servers. There are about 60 of them, 20 of whom are girls. Kim said that he suggested Great America, but Mayer said it was too expensive. Mayer decided that he would take the altar servers in smaller groups to his own cottage.

Mayer didn't tell Kim this, but Kim heard it through the grape vine and doesn't remember from whom. The next thing he heard was that Mayer had taken five boys to the cottage. Kim heard that it was an overnight and that at least three of the boys he knew for sure were [redacted] Kim never heard anything negative about this trip, but he did notice that Mayer had a big scrape on his forhead and when Kim asked him what happened, Mayer didn't respond.

17. I asked Kim if any parents or other adults were present at this overnight. Kim said he did not know. He just did not have any knowledge of it.

18. Another incident that more or less broke Kim's back was the dance which Mayer said he wanted to have for the eighth grade CCD for the three parishes in Berwyn. Mayer wanted it for May 17, but Kim said that it would be impossible because the school people were swamped with activities at that time and Kim told Mayer "to count him out". Mayer said that he would take care of the dance himself. This was on a Friday night. When Kim came into school on Monday, he was told that there had been no chaperones, no refreshments, and no lights. When people went to pick up their kids, they were very upset. Mayer claimed that a 15-year-old was in charge. The kids were there from 7 to 10 and Mayer didn't show up until 8:45. They had a DJ and no one paid the DJ. Mayer refused, because he claimed that it was a school dance. This really upset Kim.

[redacted] mother had the money that was collected at the dance and took it to Fr. Mayer and told him that she was very upset that no adults were around. Mayer told her that her son, [redacted], was in charge. Mayer would not accept the money. [redacted] mother then told [redacted], who also has an eighth grade boy, [redacted]. That's how Kim heard about the dance. The dance is what triggered Kim into speaking to Sal Gucione, the School Consultant. Kim said he was really angry. The kids could have been hurt badly. Kim decided that he would simply follow the chain of command and report to Sal. He knew that Sal was going to be there the next day for the end of the year luncheon for the Principals' Council. He told Sal the problem, pretty much of what he just got through telling me today. Sal got real upset. The next day, Kim was on a conference call with Ralph Bonacoursi, Sal Gucione and myself and then eventually with [redacted], and Ralph Bonacoursi and myself.

19. Kim added another incident that he just recalled. A school parent reported to him that she had seen Mayer sun-bathing in a swimming suit on the rectory patio with [redacted] an eighth grader, who was also in a swim suit.

20. I asked Kim if he knew [redacted]s personally. He said that he did. He has known [redacted] for the two years that he has been at St. Odilo's school. [redacted]is his [redacted] I asked Kim if he would have any reason at all to question [redacted] veracity. He said: "No. [redacted] has integrity. Whatever the [redacted] did in raising their children, they certainly did it right. I see [redacted] at least once a week. I have no doubt that whatever he told you was the truth."

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Bishop Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests, of Victim DY's statement, given to Bishop Goedert on May 30, 1991, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Mayer. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Mayer rubbing Victim DY's leg, kissing Victim DY, and showing Victim DY pornography. Fr. Mayer masturbated himself in front of Victim DY while looking at the pornography. Fr. Mayer also had sexually explicit discussions with DY regarding orgies that Fr. Mayer had participated in. Victim DY was an adult at the time of the alleged abuse. Victim DY said his family had heard that Fr. Mayer was in trouble in another parish and that there had been a lawsuit prior to Victim DY meeting Fr. Mayer.

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TO: CARDINAL BERNARDIN

FROM: REV. RAY GOEDERT

DATE: JUNE 24, 1991

RE: REV. ROBERT MAYER

1. I am enclosing the revised drafts of:
   A. The statement for you to make in confronting Bob on July 1;
   B. The letter to be read at the weekend Masses if Bob cooperates (i.e. resigns and agrees to go for treatment)
   C. The letter to be read at the weekend Masses if Bob refused to resign or to go for treatment.

2. I am also attaching the following:
   A. A copy of the two Canons (1041 and 1044) upon which your decision to withdraw his faculties is based;
   B. A copy of the agreement Bob signed on 6/2/87 giving the canonical mandate to avoid all unsupervised contact with persons under the age of 21.

3. As it stands now, the meeting with Bob will be on Monday, July 1 at 4:30 p.m. He will be asked to resign effective immediately. If he refuses to resign, he should be informed that the canonical process for his removal will begin immediately.

4. Bob should be directed to remove all of his belongings within the next 24 or 48 hours, whichever you think is more reasonable, and take up his residence either at his cottage, at Little Flower, or at any rectory approved by you. Bob Banzen is a classmate and close friend, so Bob Mayer might very well choose St. John Brebeuf.

5. Bob should be informed that he [redacted] on Wednesday, July 10. The Vicar for Priests will arrange to get the plane ticket.

6. With regard to a replacement, the Personnel Board will initiate its process immediately if Bob resigns; otherwise, as soon as the parish is declared vacant. In the meantime, a retired pastor would be named administrator. We agreed that [redacted] would be our first choice. I think it is important that you call [redacted] personally to make the request. (I spoke to [redacted] today 6/24/91 and gave him the background).

7. With regard to the confrontation itself on July 1, I would suggest that the following elements be included:
   A. The meeting would begin with a clear statement from yourself of the decision that has already been made - namely, that Bob has violated the trust you put in him and that you are now

asking for his resignation.

B. Only after you have completed your statement would Bob be given the opportunity to respond. However, you should make it clear to him that this is not a fact finding session and that even if Bob denies the present charge, you nevertheless are convinced that he has violated the mandate, that he has acted quite inappropriately, that his conduct has been such that you believe that he is laboring under a psychic defect so serious that you judge him incapable of rightly carrying out the pastoral ministry (Canons 1041 and 1044), and for this reason his faculties are removed and he may not exercise any Sacred Orders whatever.

C. Bob should be told that a decision will eventually be made, [redacted] as to whether or not he will be allowed to return to ministry in any capacity.

D. Bob should be told that if he cooperates (i.e. resigns and agrees to enter treatment), a more benign statement will be read at all the weekend Masses, a statement that will simply say that Bob has decided to resign the parish for personal reasons, etc. However, if Bob refuses to cooperate, a more severe statement will be read giving the nature of the charge against him, etc.

8. With regard to the statement to the parishioners, we agreed it should be:

A. In the form of a letter from you to the people

B. Read by Bishop Jakubowski at all the Masses the weekend of July 6-7.

9. A major concern remains - what will be the fallout, especially in connection with the [redacted] case and with those at St. Edna who brought the law suit against Bob some ten years ago?

I honestly have no answer. The fallout could very well be serious, and I think the only thing we can do is to tell the truth - namely, that until this incident, we were never able to substantiate any of the allegations made against him.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Aug. 21, 1990

RE: Robert Mayer

1. Cardinal Bernardin called. He said that he had discussed the entire matter of Bob's appointment with the six vicars. He filled them in on all the details. The vicars voted five to one in support of appointing Bob to the pastorate. However, the vicars did raise the question as to a missing piece in our investigation. While we obtained testimonial letters from staff members at St. Steven's and St. Dionysius, and also brought up to date [redacted], there was nothing in our material which would indicate how the staff at St. Edna's might feel. The vicars felt that it was important for us to check out John Hurley, the current pastor at St. Edna's, to see what his reaction would be.

2. I did talk to John for a half hour or more this afternoon. John said that if I just asked him out of the blue, without explaining all that Bob has been through in the past three years by way of rehabilitation, etc., John's reaction would be negative. In other words, if he just read it in the New World, Bob Mayer had been named pastor, he would have wondered whether the diocese had gone crazy. On the other hand, in the light of all that I told John Bob had gone through since 1987, he would certainly have far less reason to oppose such an appointment. However, John said that he still has an uneasy feeling. His main reservation is that he wonders if Bob is continuing the same behavior which got him into trouble at St. Edna's. John said that he is not suggesting that there is anything evil with regard to Bob and his dealing with young boys. It just strikes him as strange, as it did with many of the parishioners, that a grown man would spend so much time with young boys in their teens. In the early days at St. Edna's, when John was first named pastor, he would see that Bob would shut off his phone early in the evening and spend the rest of the hours with the young men who would gather around like disciples at the feet of their Master. Again, John emphasized that he never had reason to believe that Bob was guilty of pedophilia, as some of the parishioners seemed to think. But it just strikes John as being immature and it certainly does not project a good image to the adult parishioners. John has not heard anything about Bob in the last three or four years, but he just wonders whether or not this same pattern has continued. John did hear from parishioners at St. Edna's several years back that their children, now teenagers, were still hanging around Bob at St. Steven's. Again, John emphasized that these people weren't telling him this because they were upset. On the contrary, many of them were fans of Bob Mayer and they were not suggesting that anything evil was going on.

3. John Hurley further stated that when people did talk about Bob Mayer, the comments would be mostly positive. In fact, John said that the favorable comments would be 10 to every 1 that might be negative.

4. John Hurley also thought it was a good idea when Bob was named as Administrator of St. Dionysius, rather than Pastor. John saw it as a manner in which Bob could be well controlled. In other words, if he got out of line at all, he could easily be removed.

5. John Hurley wanted to know if he could check with other members of the staff. I told him not to go into any detail about what Bob has had to undergo the last three years, and not to say anything about the particular pastorate involved, but just to simply ask what the reaction would be if Bob were to be named Pastor.

6. John Hurley subsequently reported that Sr. [redacted], who was at St. Edna's when Bob was there, said she would be concerned, but again it was for the same reason that John Hurley himself was concerned. In other words, if Bob is still meeting with young men every night, then she doesn't think he ought to be appointed as Pastor. Sr. [redacted] did say that she had heard, probably two years or so ago, from people in St. Edna's that Bob had continued the pattern at St. Steven's.

7. Then John Hurley then put the associate pastor on the phone, Kurt Boras. Kurt was not assigned to St. Edna's at the time Bob Mayer was there. Kurt admitted that his first reaction to the thought of Bob becoming a pastor was very negative. Like John Hurley, he presumes Bob has not changed his pattern of behavior at all. In fact, there was a funeral at St. Edna's just two weeks ago and some of the old timers were back and they were just reminiscing at the table. One of them had seen Bob on T.V. in connection with the St. Dionysius closure and this is what triggered the conversation about Bob. There was no strong negative feelings expressed, nor were any of the people antagonistic. They just raised the question as to why anyone would spend that much time with young people. If it was just one night or two on occasion, it would be no problem, but these people couldn't understand why an adult would do this night after night. I asked Kurt if he had any factual information about Bob in his assignment at St. Dionysius, and he did not.

8. In summary, therefore, John Hurley and the staff feel that Bob has put himself in the past into a compromising way of behavior in his dealing with young men and it causes people to raise questions. If he is still into that same kind of behavior, then naming him Pastor could create enormous problems.

9. After speaking to John Hurley and Kurt Boras, I then called the Cardinal to relate this information to him. I suggested that the Cardinal confront Bob personally on this issue. He should ask Bob point-blank whether or not he has continued to have young, minor boys either in his room at the rectory or at the cottage without another adult being present, as required by the mandate imposed on him by Tom Ventura and confirmed by myself. The Cardinal agreed that he would confront Bob on this before making his decision.

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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Aug. 25, 1990

RE: Robert Mayer

In a conversation with Bishop Gorman today, he mentioned a number of cases which the Cardinal brought to his attention, one of which was Bob Mayer. In view of the fact that Bob's deposition is supposed to come up some time in September, Jack's advice to the Cardinal was that he hold off the appointment to St. Odilo until we see the results of that deposition. If nothing happens, well and good. On the other hand, if it causes some sort of public situation, then it would be much better that Bob not be in the position of pastor when things erupt.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Aug. 25, 1990

RE: Robert Mayer

1. The Cardinal called late tonight. He said that he had just finished speaking to Bob Mayer. He confronted Bob head on about whether or not he had continued to have young people in his room without other adults present. Bob insisted that he has not done that either at St. Steven's or at St. Dionysius. He insisted that he has observed the mandate imposed upon him by Tom Ventura and reconfirmed by me.

2. In the light of this, the Cardinal has decided to go ahead with the appointment. Ken Velo will get in touch with Bob next week and let him know that he has been named pastor.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 10, 1991

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I spoke to Dave Mulvihill today. Dave is a resident at St. Odilo. He is working in the Tribunal, so his knowledge of what goes on at St. Odilo is limited by the fact that he is usually not around during the day time except for weekends. Ordinarily he would get back to the rectory around 6 P.M.

2. I asked Dave whether or not he was aware of any inappropriate behavior on Bob's part. He said that he did feel that Bob lacked good judgement. When I asked him to what he was referring, he responded that anyone who had the problem that he had would be expected to use much greater discretion. But Bob continues to have kids of grammar school and high school age in the rectory. In fact, Dave used the phrase that "kids are all over the place". I asked Dave how he knew this. Was it first-hand information or hearsay. Dave responded that in view of the fact that he is ordinarily at the Tribunal during the day, it is only when he would come home early that he would see kids in Bob's room. I asked Dave approximately how often this has happened and he said that he thought it was twice. I asked if the kids were definitely minors, and Dave said that they were. I asked if any other adults were present at the time and Dave said "no".

3. I asked Dave if there were any other concerns being expressed by either staff or parishioners. He said that Bob gets mixed reviews. His homilies are usually about 12 minutes, but the rest of the Sunday Mass is quite quick. A Sunday Mass probably lasts about 35 minutes. Some people like this, but others complain. Some people enjoy his homilies, while others say it is just pop psychology, and not religious as such. Just what they mean by that, Dave doesn't know. Dave did comment that the people from St. Dionysius who came over to St. Odilo's really do think that Bob is a wonderful priest. They look upon him as "God".

4. I asked Dave if he had ever seen any pornography in Bob's room. He responded that he has not. I asked whether he would be in Bob's room at different times and he responded that usually they all congregate in Bob's room Saturday evening after the 5:00 Mass. They have a drink before dinner. On those occasions, Bob's room is always very neat. He will usually have just one book out that he is reading at a time and everything else is put away. Dave said that it is just the opposite of his own room. Dave said that he has never seen any pornography, either magazines or video tape, and never heard anything about such in Bob's room.

5. I asked Dave what he thought about the appointment of Bob to the pastorate. Dave said that his own vision is rather myopic in that he only sees what happens after 6 P.M. and on weekends. From what Dave can gather, he doesn't see Bob working that closely with the people. And any of the staff members that were here when Bob came are no longer here. Dave didn't want to make a big thing out of this, as many pastors change staff when they arrive. But Dave finds Bob

to be somewhat inconsistent in the sense that to your face everything will be great, but behind your back he will demean a person. Dave cited as an example both the Youth Minister and the Business Manager who are recently hired by Bob and yet he claims he doesn't really like them. Dave doesn't understand that mentality.

6. I again asked Dave if he had any concern himself about any type of immorality at St. Odilo since Bob's coming and he responded in the negative.

7. I then asked Dave what Bob's usual pattern would be in the evenings. In other words, would he be occupied as most pastors with all sorts of parish meetings, events, etc.? I was trying to determine whether Bob was continuing the pattern he established at St. Edna's, whereby he seemed to turn his phone off and spend most of the evenings entertaining young people. Dave said that St. Odilo's is not like other parishes. They simply never have had evening meetings, primarily because the bulk of the parish consists of senior citizens. For that reason, the meetings are all held during the day. However, a Parish Council is now being formed, so that may change things. I asked Dave if they had a Finance Committee and he said there were one or two people on it, but just what their responsibilities are is not clear. Dave said that they usually have dinner at 6 P.M., end around 7:15 P.M. and that's about it for the evening. As far as Dave knows, there is no congregating of kids in Bob's rooms in the evenings.

CONFIDENTIAL

May 13, 1987

TO: CARDINAL BERNARDIN

FROM: JIM ROACHE

RE: BOB MAYER: TOM VENTURA MEMO 5/13/87

Alternate Scenario Proposed by Jim Roache

In light of what appears to be a certain "softness" of data, another approach might be envisioned. The reasons for this more conservative approach are:

a) Information arrived at through an unsolicited phone call from Rich Daley that would indicate the Police Captain was operating merely on an anonymous telephone call. There did not appear to be a "stake-out." Furthermore, the Police Captain is not held in high esteem by the State's Attorney's Office. More information on this is available through Daley's associate, Ken Maltesta.

b) The directive given Bob may have been ambiguous. It was not clearly communicated whether he should not have young people below the age of 18 or below the age of 21 in his room. He maintains the only visitors are three 17-year-old juniors from Maine Township High School.

In light of this, the alternate scenario would have:

a) Jim Serritella getting more information from Ken Maltesta;

b) putting Bob under a 3-month supervisory situation with
(1) Ray Goedert having weekly or bi-monthly sessions with him;
(2) requiring a total examination by Dr. James Cavanaugh;

and then, one of the major pieces:

c) having Tom Ventura and Bob Kealy meet with the Police Captain to advise him:

- that we are making further internal investigations (e.g., with the Pastor, Business Manager, etc.);

- that we are putting him under direct supervision of a priest/spiritual director, and having a thorough physical/psychological testing done;

- and that we are requesting of him (the Police Captain) any specific data that the Police Department has over and above the anonymous telephone call. If that data is of a damning nature, obviously we would fall back on the Ventura scenario.

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Supervisory Report - June, 1987

There have been attempts on the part of Bob & myself to normalize the situation as much as possible. Though one can feel that there is a tension in the rectory. This is understandable, if you take into consideration the paper signed in the Vicar's office and the confrontation that took place at that time.

Late afternoon after that confrontation Bob came to my quarters and said that at the advice of his freinds he will remain in St. Stephen's. But at the same time he accused me of getting two messages from the answering service from lieutenants of the Des Plaines Police Dept adding a question whether I knew anything about the police surveilance of the rectory. He said it was the Des Plaines Police dept, that

left messages for me when I asked if they were from our suburb or from Chicago. Since I never received any messages from the Des Plaines Police Dept., I denied ever knowing of the surveilance.

The following night there was a vented movie already in his quarters and people in his quarters. I never went upstairs to check who was there.

The young one 21 yrs. of age never park their cars in an obvious place anymore. But my walks around the parish grounds and my going to parish meetings have taken me to other areas where the cars are parked.

Bob practically never works in the evenings. Perhaps there is not the motivation that should be there since he knows he is leaving in June. Also, being

supervised may have something to do with a lack of motivation.

I still feel that no one under 21 yrs of age should be in his quarters. Of course I can see exceptions to the rule. But I do abide by the rule in the paper that was signed by all of us.

Leonard O. Meydle

P.S. Excuse the writing. I don't want anyone to see these reports.

Ken Malatesta 7/6/87

Police Chief informed NW Dist. Supervision

Recent police chiefs mtg.
Korzeniewski asked Asst States Atty what they are doing about investigation.

Malatesta: "We evaluate the information the same way you do."

"Former recreg employee made comments about Mayer in a Des Plaines gin mill where a number of police men hang out. This person made allegations about Mayer. The States Atty's office doesn't consider this reliable information."

He will let us know if there is any evidence which

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July 24, 1987

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Res: (312) 528-0540

TO: File

FROM: Ray Goedert

RE: Robert Meyer

I met with Bob today. He seems to be handling things pretty well. [redacted]

Bob said his relationship with Len Mezydlo is OK. They are friendly and communicative. There has been no further charges made, nor is he aware of any activity on the part of the local police. However, Bob is aware that they may still be keeping him under surveillance. He would like very much to get out from under this cloud so that he is not always having to live with the fear that someone will bring it all up again. He finds it hard to defend himself against anonymous people and vague charges.

Bob said [redacted] coming in soon. We scheduled another appointment for August 20, at 10 AM. [redacted] I will be in touch with Bob.

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TO: File

DATE: August 20, 1987

RE: Robert Mayer

I met with Bob today. Things are still going quite well. There are no problems with regard to the Des Plaines police. Things in the rectory are fine. Bob is having no trouble with Len. Bob himself feels pretty good.

So far, we have heard nothing from [redacted] I told Bob that I would bring it up to them when I meet with them next Friday. I did not set a future appointment with Bob, as there is no point in meeting with him until we have [redacted].

[redacted]

With regard to becoming a pastor, he feels no strong need for this and would have no problem accepting another assignment as an associate pastor next year, as long as it was a place where he could work, etc.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

JOHN DOE, Plaintiff, v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO and ROBERT D. MILLER, Defendants.	]	No. 82 L 24923

Transcript of a telephone conversation had between Judge Thomas J. O'Brien and a woman identified as [redacted] recorded in the chambers of Judge O'Brien, 2306 Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, October 14, 1987, at approximately 1:40 P.M.

Alberta R.Buster
Official Court Reporter
Circuit Court of Cook County
Chancery Division

OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
DALEY CENTER #304
CHICAGO, ILL. 60602
443-5500

THE COURT: Q. What is your name?

[redacted]: [redacted] and I was one of the Plaintiffs in the case of John Doe v. the Archdiocese of Chicago and [redacted] which was a 1982 case. The number is 82-L-24923.

Q 24923?

A Right. It was heard in your chamers, the settlement conference was in your chambers on March 12th, I believe, 1984.

Q Were you present?

A Yes.

Q March what, 12th?

A 12th, of 1984.

Q 1984. Go ahead.

A The reason I am calling is for no other reason other than I need a transcript of that conference on March 12th of 1984. I am having a little bit of difficulty getti it. What has come up, and I am only telling you this becaus I thought perhaps you could help me, because I am not an attorney, is that the priest was transferred to another parish, and I vowed to myself at the time that the settlement nearly settled for money, half of the attorney's fees and a conference with the Bishop, that if, in fact, this man ever hurt anyone, any child again, I would turn

over whatever records --they were not sealed records -- to whomever these victims may be.

It turns out that I have been down to check out our records.The file seems to be quite barren as far as documentation.

Q Yes.

A And I found out that a Mark Thompson from the Secretary of State's office has taken the file out, copied what was there, as attorney for the DesPlaines Police Department, where he is now a priest in a parish.

Q Well, wait a minute now. I am somewhat confused.. A Mark Thompson, who is an attorney for the Secretary of State's office?

A No, he is an Administrative Assistant or something like that for the Secretary of State's office, signed out the records as attorney for the DesPlaines Police Department

Q I see.

A I have talked to Mark Thompson. He has not told me why he signed those out, but I have talked to a Marge Olson in the DesPlaines Police Department. Evidently, this priest is continuing to do this to children and there is some kind of investigation on him.

Q You claim that he has been --

A There seems to be several complaints that have

come into the DesPlaines Police Department where they allege he has, in fact, continued to serve alcohol and drugs and molest young people.

Q Now before I get too involved in this, what is it that you are calling me about?

A Okay. I am calling you because of this, because of my vow to myself, that if this man ever touched another child, I would be there with the records, and since the public record is barren, that I need a transcript of the settlement agreement.

That is one of the things that I need that evidently was not typed, and I am having a problem getting it because I am not an attorney.

Q My question is, and there are hundreds if not thousands of cases I have handled since then, ordinarily, a transcript by a court reporter would not be made of a settlement conference. Was one made in this case?

A I am not aware that one was ever typed. It is not in the record.

Q What makes you, since you were personally there, as you claim you were, do you recall a court reporter being present?

A Yes, there absolutely was.

Q I see. All right. And she was recording it down?

A He was recording it, and I don't know who it was.

Q That would have been on March 12, 1984?

A Yes.

Q Do you happen to recall the time of day?

A It was in the morning, I believe it was either a nine or ten o'clock call.

Q Now I remember the case. I don't remember whether I personally participated in the settlement. Do you know that for a fact, or was it a judge --

A You heard the settlement in chambers.

Q But it was me as opposed to some other judge?

A Yes.

Q Give me your phone number.

A It's [redacted]

Q Can you give me your address, also?

A Yes. [redacted]

Q This is what I will do. First of all, I think I am obligated to convey this message to the opposing counsel. I would not automatically release the trasncript, if one exists or if one can be typed up, until I am satisfied, one, that there would be no objection from the other side, or if there is an objection from the other side, whether as a condition of the settlement the transcript would never be revealed.

That doesn't mean that you may not be or someone may not be entitled to this information. I really have no opinion on it now.

But it is not that I am insensitive to this problem, you understand. It is that I have to follow the rules. So it is going to take me a day or two to see if a reporter, who the reporter was and whether I had imposed any conditions on the reporting in terms of expunging it from the record or not allowing it to be transcribed.

Ordinarily, I don't recall ever doing that, but I may have done it in this situation.

Now I interrupted you. You were going to say something.

A Personally, what I was going to say is that, you know, again, I was extremely displeased at the settlement, but we were at our wit's end and our children had to go on with their lives, and we settled.

Q Did you not agree to it?

A Would I not agree to what?

Q No, did you not agree to the settlement?

A We agreed to half of the attorney's fees that we had spent. We were finaicially and emotionally drained. We were pushed against the wall.

I think you wrote into the record, I know you

wrote into the record as contingent to the settlement that the Cardinal see us because he had not seen us during the entire course.

Q Did he?

A He saw us for one hour and told us to forgive and forget and go on with our lives. That was the basic essence of the hour that we spent with him, and we asked him what he intended to do with this man to keep him, restrict him from young people,and he said, "Trust us."

And now I have some interest. The Chief of DesPlaines wants to talk to me because the open file, the file that is supposed to be open is missing several things, and there have been several reports, and evidently some sort of --

Q A question. Your attorney that represented you?

A Yes. [redacted] and [redacted], who died.

Q Have you contacted [redacted]?

A [redacted] is now an attorney for the Park District in Chicago.

Q Well, what difference does that make?

A I don't know. I mean, my thought is that she certainly can't -- I know that she does not have a transcript in her file.

Q Have you talked to her about it?

A Yes, I worked for her for a while, my attorney's fees.

Q Spell her last name, will you, please?

A [redacted]

Q [redacted]

A [redacted]

Q [redacted] All right. Fine. Do you happen to recall the Defendant counsel?

A It was Reuben & Proctor, and [redacted].

Q [redacted]?

A Yes.

Q All right. I will get back to you within the week, which means before the end of Friday. Whether or not I will have what you want, I don't know, but I will give you an answer and I will follow it up.

A Thank you very much.

THE COURT: You are welcome.

MS. [redacted] Good-bye.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

I, Alberta R. Buster, an Official Court Reporter for the Circuit Court of Cook County, County Department, Chancery Division, do hereby certify that I reported in stenotype the above telephone conversation had in the chambers of Judge Thomas J. O'Brien and that I thereafter transcribed this conversation into typewriting as shown above, which I hereby certify to be a true and accurate transcript of that discussion between Judge Thomas J. O'Brien and a woman who identified herself as [redacted]

Official Court Reporter

Dated this 19th day
of October, 1987.

AOC 001153

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

MICHAEL DOE, a minor, et al.,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
-vs-	)	No. 82 L 24923
THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF CHICAGO, et al.,	)	
Defendants.	)	

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the hearing of the above-entitled cause, before the Honorable THOMAS J. O'BRIEN, Judge of said Court, on the 12th day of March, 1984, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

[redacted]
appeared for the plaintiff;

[redacted]
appeared for the Catholic Bishop of Chicago.

ALSO PRESENT:

[redacted]

Gregory L. Armstrong
Official Court Reporter
Law Division
Circuit Court of Cook County

THE COURT: Do you have a matter here that someone called about this morning?

[redacted]: [redacted] for the plaintiffs in Doe versus Catholic Bishop of Chicago. My clients are here and the attorney for one of the defendants is here and we have reached a settlement in this matter and we would like to present it to you for your approval.

Do you have a copy of the order?

[redacted]: Yes.

THE COURT: Just a minute. Be seated ladies and gentlemen, be seated.

May I see the --

[redacted]: [redacted] Last name [redacted] here for the Catholic Bishop of Chicago.

[redacted]: [redacted]

THE COURT: Off the record.

(A discussion was had off the record between Court and counsel after which the following proceedings were had in open Court:)

THE COURT: Back on the record. This is a settlement agreement and general release executed by [redacted]

and [redacted] is that correct?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Um-hum.

THE COURT: You acknowledge that to be your signature?

[redacted] Yes.

[redacted] Yes.

THE COURT: And [redacted]

[redacted] (Nodding)

THE COURT: And Robert Meyer who apparently is not here today, correct?

[redacted] Right.

THE COURT: In regard to a certain cause of action named Michael Doe versus Catholic Bishop of Chicago, 82 L 24923 --

Off the record.

(A discussion was had off the record between Court and counsel after which the following proceedings were had in open Court:

THE COURT: Back on the record.

The Court has read over the settlement agreement and general release on behalf of the minors involved. It's my understanding that there was an oral promise made by the Cardinal Bernadin, that in addition

to this consideration he would meet personally with you and discuss this matter, is that correct?

[redacted] Yes.

THE COURT: And is that agreeable to all of you?

[redacted] (Nodding)

[redacted] (Nodding)

[redacted] (Nodding)

THE COURT: Is that also a condition for this release? In other words, you insist upon the meeting as well as the consideration?

[redacted] Yes.

THE COURT: All right. The Court will sign, approve the settlement and sign the order.

Thank you all.

(Which were all the proceedings had in the above-entitled cause.)

AOC 001157

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

I, Gregory L. Armstrong, an Official Court Reporter for the Circuit Court of Cook County, County Department-LAW DIVISION, do hereby certify that I reported in stenotype the proceedings had at the hearing of the aforementioned cause; that I thereafter caused the foregoing to be transcribed into typewriting, which I hereby certify to be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings had before the Honorable THOMAS J. O'BRIEN, Judge of said Court.

Official Court Reporter

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

I, the Honorable THOMAS J. O'BRIEN, Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Presiding Judge at the hearing of the aforementioned cause, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct Report of Proceedings had at the said hearing.

AND, FORASMUCH, THEREFORE, as the matters and things hereinbefore set forth do not otherwise fully appear of record, the attorney for the _____ tenders this Report of Proceedings and prays that the same may be signed and sealed by the judge of this Court pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

WHICH IS ACCORDINGLY DONE this _____ day of _____, 19_____.

_____
JUDGE
Circuit Court of Cook County,
Illinois

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TO: File

DATE: Nov. 10, 1987

RE: Robert Mayer

I called [redacted] today. She was very reasonable and very pleasant on the phone. We discussed the situation of pedophilia and she mentioned that this is a national problem and that her only concern in the Mayer case at this point is that she had heard about Bob starting up the same behavior at St. Stephen's and she was determined not to let this happen. She said that her experience at St. Edna convinced her that should he ever do this again, she would definitely be in touch with the families involved and let them know everything. She feels that the element missing in the Church's approach is the family's view point, the pastoral care of the children and their families. She said that in the whole St. Edna experience the only cleric who acted pastorally was Tom Ventura. She said that he was the first priest who asked, "How are the children?"

I asked [redacted] if it would be helpful if I were to meet with her just to discuss this more at length. She said that she would really appreciate that. We made arrangements to meet at 2:00, Saturday, Nov. 14 at [redacted]. This is a condo and it is the [redacted] apartment on the second floor. The telephone number is [redacted]

[redacted]

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TO: File

DATE: Nov. 14, 1987

RE: Bob Mayer

I met with [redacted] today from 2 to 5 PM. She was very pleasant and I was favorably impressed by her and the story. Some of the points she made were:

1. She went through the history of hurt and mentioned that the most serious atrocity of all was how Church officials dealt with them.

2. Jim Seritella was very good and reasonable, but apparently he got no backing from his superiors.

3. Tom Ventura was the first one who acted in a pastoral manner and who seemed genuinely concerned about the children and their families.

I then reviewed with [redacted] how we handle cases today. I admitted that Mayer's behavior was not appropriate and that I think we learned a lot from that case. I also mentioned to her that Bob Mayer has not been let off the hook. I mentioned that he has been required to [redacted] that a mandate about unsupervised activity has been imposed on him, and that he was sent to St. Stephen's because the pastor was a priest psychologist.

All in all, the conversation was very friendly and she was quite willing to hear from me again, should I wish to call her.

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TO: File

DATE: March 2, 1988

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I met with Bob today at the retreat house. [redacted]

2. With regard to his next assignment, I explained that I would like it to be a place that would be both physically and psychologically distant from the three parishes where difficulties have arisen. Bob is kind of sensitive about saying that there have been problems at St. Stephen's, as he really thinks that things have gone very well there. The only problem was the anonymous phone calls to the TV station and Bob honestly thinks that that was perpetrated by the group at St. Edna's. Bob wants a place that really wants him and where he can work. He would like to stay north of Madison, if possible, as all of his support group, family, etc. are north rather than south. Ken Velo is Bob's contact man on the Personnel Board. I will have to check with the Board to see if St. Stephen's is on Open Listing. Bob said that the staff is very supportive of him, including the pastor. While he thinks Lenny has problems of his own, nevertheless, Lenny has been supportive of him. Bob feels that St. Stephen's is a very workable place. The [redacted] is very good. [redacted] She was formerly [redacted]. I am free to consult with any of them.

3. I talked to Bob about the mandate not to have youngsters under 18 in the rectory, cottage, or anywhere else without another adult being present. This is no problem for Bob. He has made up his mind long ago not to have anything to do with that age group. I told him the reason for the mandate was simply that we want to eliminate as much as possible anything which could lead people to complain about Bob. Since this has been the source of complaint in the past, even though there seems to be no truth to the charges of pedophilia, for Bob's own sake, the mandate remains. Bob accepted this.

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TO: File

DATE: April 1, 1988

RE: Robert Mayer

1. Bob Mayer called. [redacted]

2. With regard to potential associate pastor assignments, Bob has called Bob Oldershaw, Tom Powers, and George Klein, none of whom returned his call. Bob is interpreting that as a way of telling him that they didn't really want him. Bob had a good interview with Joe McDonnell at St. John of the Cross, but Joe reported back to him that they chose two others. Bob was very interested in St. Cletus, but he was told that there was a lot of trouble there. Bob is very interested in St. Celestine's and he thinks he could get along fine with Pat O'Malley, as he admires him very much. Unfortunately, however, Rich Yanos, who is there, dislikes Matt Thibeau and Rich knows that Bob is a close friend of Matt's, so that would be an unhappy situation. In fact, Rich absented himself from the meeting when Bob met with the staff as he was angry that Pat would even consider Bob Mayer.

3. Bob also had a good interview with Frank Zadlo at St. Pascal. Frank is running out of gas because of his health problems, and said he would be happy to have Bob kind of take over the place. Bob will put this on his list. Bob is also very interested in going with Bob Banzin at St. John Brebeuf, but the only draw-back is that they vacation together and this would leave the place un-manned except for one other associate. I did not think that this would be a major problem, if we could get someone to fill in while they were on vacation. Ken Velo, who is Bob's contact man on the Personnel Board, seemed very enthused about St. John Brebeuf for Bob. Bob also is interested in St. Raymond's in Mt. Prospect. But he said that Ken Velo seemed a little down on Bob Loftus, as there seems to be a swinging door there. But Bob Mayer admires Loftus and thinks they could work well together. Bob's concern, however, was the proximity to both St. Edna's and St. Stephen's. He wondered if I would accept this as being sufficiently "physically and psychologically distant". I told him that all things considered, I would be willing to argue the point with the Review Board. My reason for doing this is simply that I think that there are some trade-offs involved. If Bob Loftus, a psychologist, can help Bob Mayer, so much the better. If the pastor was any one else, I would probably say "no". Bob said he would set up an appointment with Bob Loftus and let me know what the results are.

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TO: File

DATE: May 4, 1988

RE: Bob Mayer

Art Krueger approached me today at the Presbyteral meeting. He wanted to know what I thought about Bob Mayer. Apparently the Personnel Board had suggested Bob Mayer as an associate to Art and Ken Velo told him to get in touch with me. I filled in Art as best I could.

Subsequent to my meeting with Art, Bishop Jakubowski approached me. [redacted] I also suggested that maybe Bob Mayer would be better at St. Pascal's than St. Bartholomew's in view of [redacted] condition and the fact that Bob is highly organized, etc. And that was one of the parishes that Bob was going to put on his list. I told Bishop Jakubowski that the Personnel Board had already been looking at St. Bartholomew's for Bob, but if he tought he ought to push Bob's appointment to St. Pascal's, I would talk to the Board about it.

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TO: File

DATE: May 23, 1988

RE: Bob Mayer

I received a call from Bob today. He is getting very discouraged. He had been talking to Ken Velo and three parishes came up, namely, Sacred Heart in Hubbard Woods, St. Cletus and Immaculate Conception in Highland Park. I told Bob I would discuss these with Ken.

I then talked to Ken. He said the Cardinal had not yet decided whether to permit Weston to take the assignment in Michigan. With regard to St. Cletus, he said that five years ago when they asked Charlie to accept Bob there, Charlie refused, because he didn't want to deal with that kind of a problem. He had already had Tom Job there. Besides, the Board is concerned because of all the troubles going on at St. Cletus. With regard to Steve Mangan, that's still a possibility, but Ken wondered if maybe it was more on Bob's part than Steve's as far as Bob's going to that parish.

Ken asked what I thought about Bob Mayer going to St. Agnes as a temporary administrator. He said that Bill Quinn can only stay until May 31. He wondered if I thought Bob could handle it. I told him I would have to check that out with Andy McDonagh. I will do this and get back to Ken on it. In one way it would be good to give Bob something that would be somewhat of a challenge to him and at the same time show him that the diocese is not totally rejecting him. On the other hand, if any publicity was given to the appointment, it could trigger a reaction from some of those who are still very vindictive against Bob.

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TO: File

DATE: August 18, 1988

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I received a phone call from [redacted] Her home number is [redacted] and her work phone number is [redacted] She is a member of St. Mary's parish in Lake Forest.

2. [redacted] called to register her strong protest to the reassignment of Bob Mayer in the area. St. Mary's and Immaculate Conception in Highland Park are much too close to each other and [redacted] already has felt her concern rise significantly. When Bob was at Lake Forest, one of [redacted] sons used to go to the rectory regularly. [redacted] This lasted four or five years. [redacted] knows that her son received liquor in the rectory. He was only in high school at the time. [redacted] states that she talked to the pastor at that time, but to no avail. [redacted]

3. I told [redacted] that as a matter of fact, we had a meeting scheduled for August 19 with Bob Mayer, Steve Mangan, a representative of the Personnel Board (Ken Velo) and myself to discuss this very matter. I told her I would try to get back to her once things are settled. But I also told her the extreme difficulty we have had in placing Bob. I further stated that the issues which most of the people have been focusing on do not seem to be the real problem. I told [redacted] that we had put Bob through a considerable amount [redacted] and [redacted] was not the issue. Admittedly, Bob does have [redacted] that get in the way of his being effective in parishes.

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TO: File

DATE: Oct. 6, 1988

RE: Robert Mayer

1. John Hurley, the pastor of St. Edna, called today. He was talking to Jack Gorman on the occasion of Jack's visitation to the parish and Jack suggested that he communicate certain information to me. John wanted to let me know that a novel had been written about the situation at St. Edna. The novel is "Assault on Innocence". I told John that I was aware of the book.

2. John said that the author is [redacted] and Marilyn apparently were working together on some kind of project and that is how they came to know the attorney whom they hired when they decided to press charges against Bob Mayer.

3. John said that he had picked up through the rumor mill that a movie was supposed to be coming out based on the book. John emphasized the fact that this is just a rumor and not a well-founded one. But two different people mentioned this to him about a year ago and he didn't pay much attention to it. But when he told Jack Gorman about it, Jack advised him to let me know.

4. One of the people who told John about this got the information because she is a friend of [redacted] and she mentioned to [redacted] on a particular occasion that [redacted] looked tired. [redacted] reply was something to the effect that she was tired, that she had just gotten back from California where she was working on a movie. A second person said something similar.

5. [redacted]

6. John said that the maintenance man also mentioned to him that word is going around the parish about the book. The maintenance man said that he was going to try to get it at the library. Apparently there is a lot of conversation in the parish about the book and everyone is well aware that it is about Bob Mayer and St. Edna's.

7. John was not aware that I had met with [redacted] When he spoke to Jack, he thought that it might be good if Jack were to pay her a visit just to initiate a healing process. I told John that I met with her for three hours on Nov. 14, 1987. John was happy to hear this. At first he thought it might be good if I were to meet with her again or at least phone her, but on second thought, he

thought that she might think it related to the rumors going around now or to the possible movie and she could very well react in a very negative way, thinking that we are trying to someway stop all of this.

8. John said that if he hears anything further about the movie he will get back in touch with me.

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TO: File [redacted]

DATE: Nov. 11, 1988

RE: Robert Mayer

1. The committee was informed by Ray Goedert that Bob Mayer is going to go to St. Dionysius in Cicero as an administrator. This has positive and negative points. The positive is that Bob will be given another chance to prove himself. Also, it will give us another year or so to sit out the possible threat of the book or TV movie coming out. The negative side is that Dionysius is the place where the lay person got in trouble with pedophilia and there is a criminal case pending against that person. Thus far, there are no law suits against the Church. However, if people who want to do harm to Bob decide to spread gossip out in Cicero, it could become a can of worms inasmuch as the people would be saying first they put up with this lay person who was quite active in the parish, and now they send us a pedophile pastor.

2. It was agreed that Bob Mayer should be notified of the situation of this lay person in case he is not aware of it. It would probably be better if [redacted] would fill him in on this, as [redacted] is Bob's contact man and made the arrangements with him to go to St. Dionysius.

3. It was also suggested that Ray Goedert discuss Bob Mayer with the current DRE, who used to be the principal. The school is now closed and at the time of this lay person's arrest, the principal was by far the best person on the scene. The pastor felt overwhelmed by the whole situation. Because the former principal is now the DRE, I should fill her in on Bob's situation.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Dec. 3, 1988

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I called [redacted]. She was the former principal at St. Dionysius during the time when the lay volunteer was arrested.

2. [redacted] said that Fr. Mayer arrived Dec. 1 and is staying temporarily at St. Mary of Chestowich. Fr. Kozien hasn't moved out yet. He did not begin to pack until Fr. Mayer arrived. Fr. Mayer intends to turn the convent into a parish center and eventually the Sisters will go to live in the present rectory.

3. I explained to [redacted] the nature of my call. I wanted to put her at ease in the event she should hear anything at all about Bob in connection with children, etc. She was grateful for the call. I assured her that if she were to hear anything at all that she wanted to check with me about she should feel free to call.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 20, 1989

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I called John Hurley today. I wanted to see whether he had heard anything new recently about the case. I mentioned to him the substance of my phone conversation with Frank Cimarrusti.

2. John said that he has heard absolutely nothing for the last six months or so. He suspects that whatever information was given to me is just new rumors about old things. There has been no talk whatever out there.

3. John did say that more priests are becoming aware of the book. John has given a book to Willard Jabusch because he helps out there on Sunday. Willard, in turn let several of the faculty at Mundelein read it. So more people are becoming aware of the situation.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Dec. 26, 1989

RE: Robert Mayer

1. John Hurley called. John just wanted to let me know that he has seen Andy Greeley's article in the Sun-Time and that the reference to a TV film is not just talk. [redacted]

2. [redacted] John doesn't think her son was actually molested, but she just doesn't want her son to be in the limelight, which is a good thing.

3. I asked John if there was anything to the Baltimore Sun comment to the effect that [redacted] said her own son was molested and she knew of two others who were molested before him who had subsequently committed suicide. John said that he doesn't know anything factually. [redacted]

John does recall that [redacted] mentioned to him in those early days around 1983, 1984, something to the effect that she would get calls from all sorts of people from St. Mary's parish in Lake Forest. And one of the callers was a grieving mother whose son subsequently committed suicide as a result of Mayer's molestation. Whether or not this is true, John just doesn't know. But he does recall her mentioning at least one suicide.

4. John asked whether or not the court settlement didn't require silence on the part of [redacted] and all others concerned. I told him that I really did not know, but ordinarily in settlements they do include a confidentiality-type clause. [redacted]

5. [redacted] John commented upon the amount of damage one person can do to so many lives. [redacted] He suspects that we will be swamped with law suits [redacted] on behalf of those who have been mistreated by priests.

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 22, 1990

RE: Robert Mayer

1. I was asked by Ray Cusack as to whether or not I had any objections to Bob Mayer becoming a pastor. Bob had applied for the pastorate at St. Odillo and the Board looked rather favorably on it. Also, Bishop Jakubowski is strongly supporting Bob.

2. I told Ray that basically I had no problem with it other than the risk that is involved. However, since the diocese was willing to accept that risk when they appointed him as administrator at St. Dionysius, perhaps the diocese is still willing to run the risk. To my knowledge, nothing untoward happened in the period that Bob was at St. Dionysius and my own leaning would be to run with this and see what happens.

3. I told ~~Bob~~ Ray that I would talk with the Cardinal about this, particularly since the members of the Board do not have a great deal of information about Bob. Whatever Ray Cusack has he learned either from me or from someone, but the current members of the Board probably are not familiar with all of the details.

4. [redacted]

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TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert RG

DATE: June 23, 1990

RE: Rev. Robert Mayer

1. As you are probably aware, Bob Mayer has applied for the pastorate of St. Odilo. I was asked by Ray Cusack if I had any objections, in the light of all that has happened over the last 8 or 9 years. My response to Ray was somewhat noncommittal, as I really am not sure just what ought to be done. Part of me would welcome Bob being named a pastor, but there is also the concerns I have for the risks involved. Ultimately, the decision to appoint Bob a pastor or not will be yours, but I thought I should offer some input.

2. As you well know, Bob is a very talented but controversial person. I do think that he has been humbled a bit by all that he has gone through with the litigation and subsequent investigations. I have no doubt that he would be a very dynamic pastor, and were he to be named to St. Odilo, you can be sure Berwyn would never be the same again.

3. As I see it, the risks involved can be reduced to three, all somewhat related:

A. The orginal allegations against Bob were that he was guilty of inappropriate sexual behavior toward minors. [redacted] As Tom Ventura used to say, "There has always been a lot of smoke surrounding Bob, and there is no guarantee that the allegations of sexual misconduct won't surface again."

B. Bob does have a history, and unfortunately this history has been recorded, whether truthfully or not, in the book "Assault on Innocence" by Hilary Styles, supposedly the pseudonym used by [redacted] the mother of one of the boys involved with Bob. [redacted] has a real vendetta against Bob, and rumor has it that Hollywood is producing a movie based on her book.

C. This same [redacted], according to John Hurley, the pastor at St. Edna, is currently working towards a law degree. John is convinced that once she passes the bar, she will offer her legal services to anyone who has been mistreated by priests. This same woman is supposed to be connected with the

[redacted] and was quoted in the Baltimore Sun article at the time of the Bishops' meeting in 1989. So obviously, she is not adverse to going to the press with her crusade.

4. Having said the above, I am not thereby opposed to Bob's appointment. Bishop Jakubowski strongly supports it, and I presume his judgement is based on the very successful way in which Bob handled his role as administrator at St. Dionysius and in the manner in which he prepared the people for the closing of that parish. Moreover, I don't think it is fair to hold him hostage, as it were, to what this woman or others may or may not do. And if someone does go public and digs up the past, the possibility of scandal can be minimized if we are able to counter such an attack with the data revealed in [redacted]

5. In all honesty, I am ambivalent on just what you ought to do. But I do think the time has come to decide whether or not Bob will ever be a pastor. In fairness to him, we cannot let him dangle indefinitely. He has to know once and for all whether or not he will ever be permitted to become a pastor in this Archdiocese.

6. Perhaps it would be worth having a staffing of sorts on this before you make a final decision. If this seems advisable, I would suggest Tom Ventura, Jim Roache, Jim Serritella and I be included in the discussion.

John Hurley

12-19-83.

Re: Mayer case.

- Will send letter re: [redacted] one of parents pursuing Bob Mayer case -- H. says she is a fine person -- H. will send informal memo also.
- Her concern: - feels "abandoned" by Diocese in this entire case
  - [redacted]
  - undoubtedly the legal costs have panicked them.
- Confidential: Hurley discovered that Somerville paid $3,000.00 of his own inheritance for legal costs as an attempt to have the case dropped so Mayer could be transferred
- Future action A. TV get letter & request to meet Cardinal.
  B. Discuss w. Cardinal
  C. Probably TV meet [redacted].
  D. Report on meeting to Cardinal
  E. Response from Cardinal via TV.

PRIVATE LETTER (background)

St. Edna's Parish

2525 North Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
392-9700

[redacted]

December 20, 1983

Dear Tom,

I have thought a great deal about my meeting with [redacted] I am convinced she believes Bob Mayer hurt her son badly. She did not seem in any way dishonest or desirous of being financially enriched at the expense of the Archdiocese.

[redacted] seems to be hurting quite badly. She has always been a faithful Catholic ([redacted]), and her faith seems threatened by an Archdiocese which she fears might be doing nothing but taking a business-like approach to a problem that has dimensions other than business. Her son charged Bob Mayer with sexual indiscretions, and she believes her son to have been hurt badly by the experience. [redacted] made the charges known to several representatives of the Archdiocese, but observed no action taken. They thus felt a moral obligation to take legal action. They felt Bob Mayer had to be stopped from hurting other young men.

Moreover, [redacted] feels the law firm of the Archdiocese is steamrolling over her and her husband and [redacted] The tactics of Reuben & Proctor, she charges, are designed to cost the plaintiffs money, and thus dry up their finances and end the lawsuit. Moreover, the idea of being followed by a Private Investigator hired by the law firm representing the Archdiocese is appaling to her.

It seems to me that [redacted] perceives the Archdiocese in two ways: as the organization with which she is involved in litigation, and also as her "mother". The double perception complecates the matter. Vis-a-vis the large organization she feels powerless; in conflict with her "mother", she feels hurt and sad and rejected.

There really are three issues that seem to be present:

1) The validity or invalidity of the charges against Bob Mayer. This is a legal question being decided by the courts and lawyers.
2) The money the suit is costing the plaintiffs. A considerable amount has been spent. Perhaps this is the hidden agenda of the meeting requested with Cardinal Bernardin.
3) The pastoral issue of the Archdiocese's relationship with several of its faithful members.

A meeting with Cardinal Bernardin and the plaintiffs will not settle point # 1. Perhaps point # 2 also is better left to the lawyers; on the other hand, perhaps the Archdiocese might benefit if Cardinal Bernardin, as a mediator, learned the amount for which they are willing to settle. A meeting between the Cardinal and the plaintiffs would certainly help in attaining point # 3. It might well be a healing experience if the plaintiffs met a warm human being heading the Archdiocese. So far the plaintiffs have been dealt with only in terms of legal issues.

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In conclusion, I recommend that the plaintiffs be allowed to meet with the Cardinal, although I know this might involve risks for the Archdiocese. Perhaps you and I might be present at the meeting: you as a trusted vicar and I as the plaintiff's pastor concerned about their well-being.

With best wishes to you for a happy Christmas, and with thanks for your time, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Hurley

Reverend John J. Hurley

FORMAL LETTER.

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Reverend Thomas Ventura
800 N. Clark # 311
Chicago, Illinois

December 20, 1983

Dear Tom,

[redacted] a plaintiff in the suit against Bob Mayer came to see me on December 16th. She asked me to try to arrange a meeting between Cardinal Bernardin and the three plaintiffs in the case: [redacted]

They are seeking a meeting with the Cardinal for only a few minutes. They do not wish to bully him, they say. They have attempted to contact the Cardinal personally by letter, but they have not received a response. They feel a sense of urgency to see him, because they have been told over and over again that he is the ultimate decision-maker in this case. They feel that he is the only one who can straighten out the matter in any but a purely business fashion. Moreover, because the Cardinal met with a group having the opposite view, they feel he should meet with them because "we are the ones with the children who are hurt."

[redacted] questioned some of the tactics of Reuben & Proctor. She has been hurt through being followed by a Private Investigator who, she assumes, was hired by Reuben & Proctor. He identified himself as representing the "Michael Doe vs. the Archdiocese of Chicago" case. The investigator followed [redacted] to the store and to a restaurant, and he has contacted three school principals in the [redacted] local School District.

[redacted] wish the case to be settled. They do not want to go to court. However, [redacted] stated that Bob Mayer has said he will sue them for libel if they do drop the case.

[redacted] also said that both the [redacted] would sign, if they are able to meet with Cardinal Bernardin, a document of confidentiality that what is said would not be used against the Archdiocese in any fashion. They suggest the meeting be held without attorneys present.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

With best wishes for a happy Christmas, I am

Sincerely yours,

Reverend John J. Hurley

cc: [redacted]

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January 1, 1987

TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Tom Ventura

RE: Interview with litigants in law suit against Bob Mayer & the Archdiocese.

1. Please excuse this handwritten report. My secretary is still recovering from a back injury.

2. Yesterday, December 31, I saw [redacted] and [redacted], originally [redacted] requested a meeting with the Cardinal through her pastor, John Hurley, of St. Klara. You instructed me to see them and submit a report. [redacted]

3. What do they want?
   - They want you to see for yourself that they are good people and faithful Catholics who are sincere and who have gone through a great deal. They are not out to make money from the Archdiocese. They are not part of a plot.
   - The law suit is at a key point. If it continues towards a trial, it will be much more expensive; it will get much more publicity; it will be much more messy.
   - They would like to find a mutually acceptable way of concluding it. They feel that the Cardinal is the ultimate decision maker.
   - They would like to focus on the pastoral dimension of this experience rather than on the legal aspect.
   - They would like to share their concern about some of the "unfair tactics" used by the lawyers representing the Archdiocese. (cf. the enclosed affidavits from [redacted], one of the four boys involved in the incident.)

4. Concerning the [redacted] affidavits:

They stated that they have submitted all documents involving names in a confidential manner. By contrast, this affidavit which involves their attorney [redacted], was submitted as part of the public record. It cost them one thousand dollars in legal fees to have it removed from public record. They feel this is an instance of how a big organization wears down an advocacy by draining their resources.

[redacted]

5. I asked "How did this case get escalated to lawyers in the first place?"

[redacted] answered that in her first conversation with Bob Mayer shortly after the original incident, he complained that she was spreading ugly rumors about him. She denied this. Bob responded that, if it did not stop, he would contact his family attorney and sue her for defamation of character. That scared her and, thereafter, she and her colleagues sought legal advice to insure that their actions were proper legally. However, it was only after repeated frustrations in dealing with Church officials that they actually initiated a law suit.

6. Concerning the "pastoral" dimension.

In the course of our conversation, I asked "How are the boys, your sons, doing now?" They responded and then said, "That's the first time any Church representative expressed concern about the boys."

7. <u>What is the bottom line?</u> I asked, "What do you want in order to settle this case at this point?"

A. A guarantee of no countersuit by Fr. Mayer or by the Archdiocese.

B. An improved process for dealing with concerns such as this in the future.

C. Get some help for Fr. Bob Mayer.

D. That the Archdiocese share the financial responsibility for their attorney's fees.

8. <u>My comments about these four issues:</u>

A. The Cardinal could guarantee that for the Archdiocese. He could discuss that with Bob Mayer. They asked, "Couldn't he order him under obedience?" I said yes, and probably Bob would comply, but there is always a possibility he would not. But the matter could certainly be pursued.

B. I stated that we had already discussed ways of improving our process. My own position as well as the new organization of the Archdiocese with regional bishops is evidence of that fact.

C. I stated that our dealings with priests are confidential so I can't comment on how Fr. Mayer has been dealt with. However in general we make serious efforts to help priests about whom we have concerns in as effective a manner as is possible.

D. I asked them to be more specific on this point. Their attorney's fees are $30,000. They emphasized that this is not a debt. They have already paid the bill, they said, by selling off some of their possessions. I observed that that amount seemed very high for such a case. [redacted] They said that they had had to do a lot of investigating of Fr. Mayer during the past 20 years, something the Archdiocese should have done.

I asked what percentage of their expenses did they seek the Archdiocese to pay. They were evasive and finally, when pushed, said jokingly, "Well, let's start with 100% and work down."

I said that people sometimes see the Archdiocese as a big organization with lots of money. But that money comes from the Sunday donations of many ordinary people. They agreed. I continued that the Cardinal is very careful how these funds are used. He didn't initiate these legal proceedings so I'm not at all sure how willing he would be to assume a large share of the cost.

I also said that I'm sure the Cardinal, like themselves, would like to conclude this case without going to court with all the expense and publicity which that entails. However, the Church has been in such cases in the past and will probably be in such cases in the future so, while it would be regrettable, if it comes to that, so be it.

9. <u>We parted amicably.</u> I said I would report to you as soon as possible, but that I would be out of town the first half of January, so there would probably

be no response until later in January. (I do feel that a prompt response would be valuable since it is my opinion that delays have been destructive in this case.)

10. [redacted]

11. General reflections and recommendation.

- I think these are sincere people who got caught up in something that snowballed. Now they would like to get out of it without losing face or feeling they were defeated.
- Although Bob Mayer is the focus, it is my impression that the process has become more important than the product. They seem to have experienced the Church as a large, impersonal bureaucracy that has avoided the issue, given them the runaround, has not been concerned about the persons involved, and now is using legal delaying tactics to wear them down.

- They see the Cardinal as a skilful, compassionate, pastoral person. They may also have some unrealistic high expectations that you can say the magic words that no one else could say, and find a solution that no one else has found.
- I'd recommend that you communicate your willingness to see them, but only after they have presented some specific proposals about the financial aspect of the proposed settlement.
- If you do see them I'd also recommend:
  A) That you express concern (as I'm sure you would do anyhow) about their boys and about themselves.
  B) That you ask John Hurley, their pastor, and myself to be with you. I think they have basically good feelings towards the two of us.

12. One final note:

- There were ~~two~~ four boys involved in the original incident. [redacted] and [redacted] are parents of two of the boys. Another boy, [redacted], has been an active supporter of Bob Mayer in the case. The fourth boy's mother is from [redacted] and from the very first day has stated that she would have absolutely nothing to do with any accusations against a priest. So he has not figured at all in the case.
- [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM

TO: [redacted]
Rev. John Hurley

FROM: Father Tom Ventura

DATE: March 14, 1984

SUBJECT: Meeting with Cardinal Bernardin

1. On Monday, March 13, 1984, final disposition of the legal case was concluded to the satisfaction of all parties involved. One of the conditions of the settlement was that [redacted] and [redacted] would have a personal meeting with the Cardinal to discuss the pastoral aspects of the case.

2. The meeting with the Cardinal will be at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 at his office which is located on the 4th floor of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 155 East Superior Street, Chicago.

3. The Cardinal has set aside one hour for the meeting. He has asked that Father Hurley and Father Ventura be present also.

If any of you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [redacted].

Finally, I wish to express my personal thanks to each of you for your cooperation in the resolution of this matter.

copy: Cardinal Bernardin

NEGOTIATIONS

In the weeks following the incident, [redacted] started telling their parents about what had happened on the ski outing. On July 20, 1982 [redacted] went to see Father Somerville to tell him of her concerns over [redacted] reports. He urged [redacted] to call [redacted] after she told him that of all the boys on the trip [redacted] is the only parent she knew. [redacted] were aquainted through the teen program at St. Edna's (they are [redacted]).

That evening [redacted] and told him of her concerns and what [redacted] had said about the outing. [redacted] said he'd get back to [redacted] after he had a chance to speak with his wife, [redacted]

On the morning of July 22, 1982 [redacted] went to St. Edna's to see [redacted] to share her concerns with a staff member of the parish. [redacted] was really angry with [redacted] when [redacted] explained that similar reports had been made to them and that they had been working with the archdiocese to correct the situation. [redacted] was angry that [redacted] had heard similar reports in the past and despite the fact that [redacted] and [redacted] speak regularly [redacted] had never warned the [redacted] about reports made to her. [redacted] said she would have never allowed [redacted] to attend the ski outing if she had suspected anything was awry. [redacted] apologized saying that the staff was trying to maintain confidentiality for the sake of the families involved and Fr. Mayer's reputation.

On the evening of July 22, 1982 [redacted] met to talk about what each of their sons had said about the outing. Of the [redacted] boys who had gone on the outing, none had attended the same schools together nor lived in the same neighborhoods. None of the boys had been in communication with each other except for the outing itself. Yet, each of our sons were relaying identical recollections of the events of the outing. We became especially alarmed when it came up in conversation that Father Mayer told [redacted] in his phone call from Fox Lake on July 13 that he had [redacted] scheduled to pick up the boys after the day but that she had had car trouble so the boys would have to spend the night at the cottage. In fact, [redacted] had been scheduled to pick up the boys at 7:00 on the evening of July 13 and had picked up directions to the cottage from Fr. Mayer that morning. [redacted] had been asked to pick up the boys because [redacted] and Fr. Mayer were planning to spend the night at the cottage and, therefore, would not be able to drive the others home at the end of the day. [redacted] had been the first boy to call home to ask permission to spend the night. [redacted] spoke with Fr. Mayer and said she had her keys in her hand and was on her way out the door to pick them up. Later, we asked [redacted] about [redacted] call home that evening. [redacted] said that Fr. Mayer told his wife that [redacted] was scheduled to pick up but had car trouble and the boys would have to spend the night and go home with him the next day.

Fr. Somerville had called Fr. John Keating to tell him about [redacted] visit to him. Fr. Somerville said that Fr. Keating suggested we call Fr. Kenneth Velo at the Chancery office to discuss our concerns with him. [redacted]

On July 23, [redacted] placed a conference call to Fr. Velo. [redacted] We explained what the boys had revealed up to that point in time. We asked if Fr. Velo had ever heard any of this type of thing concerning Fr. Mayer. Fr. Velo said the only thing he had heard was what Fr. Mayer himself had told him recently during some gathering about how he (Fr. Mayer) was having difficulties being accepted by the parish and the staff. Fr. Velo said our call was not a surprise to him; that Fr. Keating had told him to expect a phone call or letter from us. We expressed urgency for Fr. Velo and the archdiocese to investigate this and past similar reports of Fr. Mayer's conduct. We told Fr. Velo that we felt Fr. Mayer was "messing with kids minds." We expressed our concern that Fr. Mayer had released these young people to go beyond the parameters of our parental restrictions, as well as the law itself. Fr. Velo said he wanted to call us back after he checked some things. He mentioned calling Fr. Mayer.

We expected Fr. Velo to return a conference call (he said his phone had this capability). Instead, that afternoon,

Fr. Velo called [redacted] back alone. He said he had a problem with the conference calling because he couldn't discern who was saying what. Therefore, he planned to call us back individually. Fr. Velo told [redacted] he would like us to bring the boys to his parish rectory so that he could speak with them and us. [redacted] told him that the boys were scared because of the threats and that she didn't think they'd be willing to do that. Fr. Velo said he felt that most of what [redacted] had relayed to him was supposition and that we were acting solely from our "motherly instincts." Fr. Velo said "You have to understand that Fr. Mayer thrives on controversy." He said he would like to treat this "pastorally." [redacted] told Fr. Velo she would love to treat this pastorally and as quietly as possible, but that the "pastoral" care had to include the boys as well as Fr. Mayer. Fr. Velo suggested that [redacted] talk over the idea of getting together with her husband and get back to him. [redacted] said that was unacceptable because she had already told him she didn't think the boys were in a position to be interviewed at this time. Fr. Velo said "even a court of law would see most of your information as presumptuous." He further said that it would make a big differnece in any legal action whether or not we had an attorney who was prolific in Canon Law. [redacted] asked Fr. Velo what he had "checked" in the morning. He said he mostly just tried to write down what was said and who said what. [redacted] asked if he'd looked up to see if anyone had communicated with the archdiocese about Fr. Mayer. He said no. [redacted] asked if he had talked with Fr. Mayer. He said no. Fr. Velo said that if he couldn't interview the boys, it would be a good idea to put the boys' stories and our complaint in writing.

[redacted]

On Monday morning, July 26 Fr. Mayer called [redacted] at home around 9:00 A.M. He was angry and said [redacted] had spread rumors all over about him being homosexual. He said that [redacted] had spred rumors all over Summerfest saying he got [redacted] drunk and has sex with him. [redacted] told Fr. Mayer that was impossible because [redacted] had been out of town all weekend. Fr. Mayer insisted that [redacted] had spread lies and rumors and said that he'd been "on pins and needles"all weekend. In fact, he said, he'd been so upset about [redacted] libelous rumors that he had called his family's attorney this morning before calling her and was planning to file a lawsuit. Fr. Mayer told [redacted] that he was good friends with [redacted] family and that they were all so upset over this that they had decided to get together this morning at [redacted] home and straighten some things out. [redacted] said that [redacted] had some definite concerns about the outing, but that she never suspected or thought that Fr. Mayer "had gotten [redacted] drunk and had sex with him." [redacted] said she had discussed her concerns only with a few people since the boys' revelations. She told Fr. Mayer these people were Fr. Velo, [redacted] and [redacted] Fr. Mayer was furious. He asked [redacted] how she would like it if he went up and down her block making inuendos about her... How would she like it if he knocked on neighbor's door and said, "I don't want to imply that [redacted] has done anything scandelous, but..." [redacted] said she'd be very upset, but that she hadn't done that to him. Fr. Mayer wanted to know what he had done that was so terrible. [redacted] said, "We have some problems about the ski trip," but "I don't think it's appropriate to talk about it over the phone."

Fr. Mayer asked [redacted] if [redacted] would be entering [redacted] High School this Fall. [redacted] said yes. [redacted] He said he had a lot of friends there, he likes having a lot of friends, but sometimes it has its disadvantages. "Like," he continued, "have you considered what my friends might do to your son when they find out what you're saying about me?"

Fr. Mayer said he would like [redacted] to come over to the rectory right away to tell him what he had supposedly done. [redacted] said she wasn't the only one with concerns. Fr. Mayer told her to call [redacted] and get her to join them this morning - the sooner the better. [redacted] reminded Fr. Mayer he had said he was going over to [redacted] this morning. He said that could wait.

Out of fear of Fr. Mayer's threats and the fact that he had already called his family's attorney, [redacted] called [redacted] attorney [redacted] and explained her conversation with Fr. Mayer. [redacted] revealed to [redacted] that [redacted] had been in touch with her regarding previous similar reports. [redacted] advised [redacted] not to meet with him without his attorney and hers present to protect each of the parties. [redacted] called Fr. Mayer immediately and told him that the parents and she would be happy to meet with him, his attorney, and a representative of the archdiocese at their convenience to discuss the concerns over the waterski outing. [redacted] told Fr. Mayer to arrange such a meeting and he should convey this and other communications to the families through her. For three days successively, [redacted] checked with [redacted] about a meeting, but Fr. Mayer never called [redacted] back.

On July 29, 1982 the parents of all [redacted] boys who attended the outing met at the [redacted] home with [redacted] Father Somerville, and [redacted] (Youth Minister) to discuss their concerns and share the stories the boys had been telling them. [redacted] mentioned to the [redacted] that Father Mayer said he was good friends with their family and that he has had dinner with them in the past and that Monday he had told her the [redacted] were so upset about all of this that they had called and asked him over. [redacted] was shocked. She said she didn't know what Fr. Mayer called having dinner together, but that at [redacted] Fr. Mayer joined [redacted] at their picnic table, took a piece of pizza and the two of them left. She said it was abrupt and that the music was so loud that she didn't even talk to him or meet him. She further said that the first time she formally met Fr. Mayer was when he appeared on her doorstep Monday unannounced. The families agreed together to have [redacted] write a letter to the archdiocese informing them of our concerns.

On Monday, August 2, 1982 each of the parents received a five page typed letter from Fr. Mayer (enclosed). The letter was hand delivered by a youth of the parish.

On August 27, 1982 we sent to the archdiocese nearly 40 pages of signed and sworn statements relating to the Fox Lake incident and specifically including statements by our children verifying the incident as described. In our cover letter, we asked that Fr. Mayer be restricted in his contact with children until such time as the archdiocese is convinced that Fr. Mayer would not engage in similar conduct. She wrote she would call the Archbishop in a week to arrange a meeting.

On September 8, 1982 [redacted] placed a call to Archbishop Bernardin. His secretary assured her he would return the call this morning. When [redacted] opened her mail, she found a letter from Fr. John Keating. Essentially, it was an acknowledgement of our letter and the affadavits. Fr. Keating wrote, "We are looking at them in a step-by-step process." In the early afternoon, Fr. Keating called [redacted] explaining he would intervene for Archbishop Bernardin in this matter. Fr. Keating said that he and Fr. Velo would be working together and would be reviewing the affadavits together that evening. Fr. Keating asked if the parents would be willing to meet with Fr. Mayer. [redacted] said we would and followed up that conversation with a letter to Fr. Keating confirming our willingness to meet with Fr. Mayer. On Friday, September 10 Fr. Keating informed [redacted] that the archdiocese did not think that there was sufficient evidence and did not intend to restrict Fr. Mayer's contact with children. Fr. Keating said he could not take action without further documentation.

Because of our concern for children, we pursued further documentation as encouraged by Fr. Keating. In late October we sent the archdiocese Michael Hugo's (former youth director at St. Mary's in Lake Forest) signed and sworn statement.

On October 21, 1982 [redacted] received a letter from Fr. Mayer saying he was sorry she took offense over the incident, saying she had misconstrued information.

✓ [redacted] He had told the boys several times on the way home from the outing about his friends [redacted] and that would "beat them up if they told their parents" what had occurred on the outing.

In late October, [redacted] was contacted by a psychological counselor for the archdiocese, Fr. Andrew McDonagh. He met with our attorney on November 2, 1982. He said that "Mayer had acted stupidly" and suggested meeting with the parents. On November 3 the [redacted] received a letter from Fr. Mayer similar to the one sent to [redacted] on October 21. On Saturday, November 6, 1982 Fr. McDonagh and Fr. Velo met with [redacted] We shared our concerns over the incident believing that these priest had come to receive some history of the event and report back to the Archbishop so that action would be taken. During the meeting, Fr. McDonagh explained that they had come to "counsel and heal" us, that they had no authority to pursue action. We questioned Fr. Mayer's allowing boys to come to his rectory room at all hours of the day or night. Fr. McDonagh began telling us about Vatican II. [redacted] These parents felt that we might be in contact with someone in the archdiocese who would see and deal with the adverse effect Fr. Mayer was having on their son. [redacted]

At the end of the meeting on November 6, 1982 Fr. McDonagh and Fr. Velo offered future counseling to our families. [redacted] said this offer was belated because their sons had already experienced tremendous suffering and [redacted] for their children was being provided. [redacted] Fr. McDonagh told us he would write a report to Archbishop Bernardin and that we would have an answer about some direction from him by a week from Wednesday.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1982 the [redacted] and their son [redacted] met Fr. Velo at St. James parish in Arlington Heights. Fr. Velo took [redacted] into a private room by himself for about an hour. [redacted] had been interrogated about the incident and his relationship with Fr. Mayer. [redacted]

On Sunday, November 14, 1982 Fr. McDonagh called the [redacted] individually. Basically, the two conversations were similar. He explained he had had "a very good session" with Fr. Mayer on Friday. Essentially, he said that Fr. Mayer and [redacted] had denied all of the allegations. He said Fr. Mayer was under terrific pressure as a result and that he was very hurt. Fr. McDonagh said it must have been extremely difficult for Fr. Mayer to have written us a "reconciliation letter." He said that Fr. Mayer denied providing liquor to the boys, denied remaining nude before the boys, denied attempting to forcibly remove the swim trunks of [redacted] and denied endangering [redacted] life. Fr. McDonagh said that Fr. Mayer admitted his language was awful, "just terrible," and that he would not use bad language in the future. He said that we should really only take this particular incident into consideration and that it was unfair to introduce circumstances and incidents outside the outing and try to make the pieces fit. We explained we thought that the outside stories and events were relevant because they were indicative of a long pattern of some behavior problem that should have been confronted long ago.

Fr. McDonagh said that Fr. Mayer was hurt that we never contacted him personally about our grievances. We corrected him, reminding him what we had told him in our Saturday meeting about [redacted] calling him and offering a meeting with his attorney and a representative of the archdiocese. Fr. McDonagh said that he had since gone back over th letters and communication which our attorney had sent to the archdiocese and in a letter [redacted] said her prople were willing to meet with Fr. Mayer. He said that somehow that letter got overlooked, was miscommunicated, and that Fr. Mayer was never aware of our willingness to meet with him. [redacted] further explained that in a phone conversation with [redacted] on September 8, 1982 Fr. Keating asked [redacted] if we were willing to meet with Fr. Mayer and we agreed verbally and in writing. A couple of days later Fr. Keating called [redacted] back to say there would be no meeting. Instead, he would encourage Fr. Mayer to seek counseling. Fr. McDonagh said that our willingness to meet with Fr. Mayer was never relayed by Fr. Keating to Fr. Mayer. Fr. McDonagh further stated that Fr. Mayer said that he never seriously intended to take legal action against us. We told Fr. McDonagh that there was no way we could have differentiated between what what Fr. Mayer said to us and what he meant. Fr. McDonagh said he asked Fr. Mayer about having boys in his room at all times of the day and night. He agreed with Fr. Mayer's reply that there was no justification for people saying what he could and could not do in the privacy of his own room and life.

Fr. McDonagh said that our situation was "a turn off the road" stating that this was actually a staff problem. We said that ours was certainly a separate issue involving our boys. [redacted] was appalled and told him this was purely a personal and family issue as far as we were concerned. We asked Fr. McDonagh what might be done to remedy our grievances over Fr. Mayer's effect on our children. Fr. McDonagh said it was Fr. Mayer's word against our boys. He asked if we would be willing to meet with Fr. Mayer. We said we would have to think about it.

In our conversation we reminded Fr. McDonagh about his promise that by this upcoming Wednesday we would have some kind of direction from Archbishop Bernardin. Fr. McDonagh replyed curtly, "Well, that's impossible because the Archbishop is out of town. You must know he's in Washington at the Bishop's conference." We said we knew that, but we also knew what we had been promised. He reiterated it was impossible. [redacted] responded, "Well, then, we're on hold again." Fr. McDonagh became extremely upset with [redacted] He told [redacted] that it was unfair for her to say that; that he had put a lot of time into this, that he had written reports, made phonecalls, interviewed and counseled people and it was unfair for her to say that. [redacted] said she was just trying to explain her feelings. After all, he had come to them saying he was counselor and healer and all she was trying to do is relay her frustrations over the delays. Fr. McDonagh explained that we had to understand the system: that originally we had talked with Fr. Velo and it moved from his office into another office; there was the long illness and death of

Cardinal Cody; the dynamics of what's happening in the archdiocese now is that Keating was leader and then he wasn't and that Fr. Velo then moved into that position. [redacted] said she understood all that, but that we are still out here anguishing for a response and some care.

In the days that followed the parents were in close communication about the decision to meet with Fr. Mayer. We pondered our phone conversations with Fr. McDonagh and came to the realization that indeed the archdiocese was denying that anything out of line had happened. We concluded that a meeting with Fr. Mayer would be futile, that the archdiocese saw us, our concerns, and all our submitted information as incredible. Fr. McDonagh called the [redacted] on Wednesday, November 17 to say that Fr. Mayer was willing to meet with us. We informed him that we were no longer interested in a meeting with Fr. Mayer. We said that we thought that legal action was going to be necessary. Fr. McDonagh did not call [redacted] back.

In the weeks that followed the [redacted] met with Youth Officer [redacted] from the Lake County Sheriff's Department. [redacted] interviewed the boys individually. Detective [redacted] then called Fr. Keating, told him that she was conducting an investigation. The way she describes it, Fr. Keating treated her arrogantly and asked her what business she had of investigating this. She said she was calling out of professional courtesy. Fr. Keating told her that the parents were "trying to get Fr. Mayer out of the priesthood."

In late November, we forwarded to the archdiocese a signed and sworn statment by a college student stating that when he was in eighth grade, Fr. Mayer offered and gave him a mixed drink. Still, the archdiocese refused to restrict Fr. Mayer's contact with children. On November 23, 1982 [redacted] sent a letter to Cardinal Bernardin informing him of our intention to file suit on November 29, 1982.

[redacted] contacted [redacted] a few days after we had sent our letter of notification. We decided to delay filing the suit because [redacted] offered to meet with our attorney to discuss possible settlement of our grievances. [redacted] and [redacted] met on November 30, 1982. [redacted] told [redacted] that the archdiocese has an "ancient folk way" and "will never remove a priest under fire by a lay person." The meeting of attorneys was left amicably – [redacted] said he thought our requests for settlement were extremely reasonable and feasible. [redacted] said he would take our offer to the people in the archdiocese and get back to her. [redacted] confirmed this conversation in a letter dated December 3, 1982. In this letter [redacted] explained that [redacted] had to sell her jewelry in order to pay her retainer; and that the [redacted] would have to mortgage their home to pay the balance of the bill. We presumed that the archdiocese would have found compassion for our dilemma.

[redacted]

On December 10, 1982 [redacted] and [redacted] met and verbally agreed to a staged settlement. But, a week later the archdiocese refused to sign the written agreement. Instead, [redacted] offered us $1,500 free and clear to hold off filing a law suit for another two weeks. [redacted] begged us to delay filing the lawsuit, saying that he would lock himself in a jail cell to show goodwill. What the archdiocese did not offer was a concrete expression or promise that they would restrict Fr. Mayer's conduct. It was true that we were struggling with finances, but the offer of money was an insult since money was not our goal. We rejected the offer and filed suit on December 23, 1982.

On January 31, 1983 a private investigator identifying himself as [redacted] and representing himself as working on the case for [redacted] Doe vs. the Archdiocese of Chicago and Robert Mayer" appeared with another gentleman at the [redacted] residence. They interviewed [redacted] extensively, showing him a picture of the other boys that had attended the outing saying that Fr. Mayer had taken the picture. Upon leaving, they announced they were on their way to the [redacted] house.

In February and March a parishioner, [redacted] was in touch with Fr. Keating. Ultimately, [redacted] sought and scheduled a meeting between Fr. Keating, Fr. Festle, [redacted] joined us in this meeting on the evening of March 30, 1983 at the St. Theresa's rectory in Palatine. Though the parlor areas were not occupied, Fr. Keating led us to the rectory basement boiler room where there was a table. We sat around the table discussing the waterski incidents and issues. Fr. Festle was hearing confessions and never joined us for the meeting. After introductions, Fr. Keating said he'd like to begin the course of events from his perspective. Fr. Keating told the following story assertively:

I had received several phone calls from Fr. Somerville after Fr. Mayer moved into the parish conveying parents complaints about Fr. Mayer. I told Fr. Somerville to write a letter specifying those complaints in an A, B, C format. Fr. Somerville never did this. The next thing I knew I received a letter from the staff of St. Edna's instead of a letter from Fr. Somerville - And of course, as you know, the entire staff is made up of women. The letter from the staff had several complaints in it - all from St. Mary's. They wrote, "It is reported that... It is reported that..." We could not take action on reports of something that happened at another parish. Then one day I received another phone call from Fr. Somerville. "Aha," he said, "We've finally got something now!" Fr. Somerville related that [redacted] had come to see him and the concerns over the waterski outing. I directed Fr. Somerville to have the parents call me and I would deal with you directly. I then heard that you had spoken to Fr. Velo. Fr. Velo told me that he had a difficult time speaking with you and arranging a meeting. He said that you wouldn't let your boys meet with us. Well, that tied our hands. I wanted to meet with your boys but you wouldn't have anything to do with that. Also, Fr. Velo said there was nothing more he could do because there was some kind of personality clash with one of you whom he had gone to school with or something. On August 28 I received five affadavits. Some days later I received a phone call from [redacted] demanding that I take immediate action based on the contents of the affadavits. I told her we couldn't take action on something like that without interviewing the people involved and we were not allowed to do that. [redacted] was livid and also quite unprofessional I might add. I received another phone call from [redacted] on September 10 when she threatened that if we do not take action she would file a law suit. I told her we could not act because of the lack of evidence. The next thing I know, I receive a letter of outrage, if you can imagine, a letter of outrage from the staff. Interestingly enough, too, it turns out that you have engaged the same attorney with whom they had already consulted. When we received notice that [redacted] was filing suit on November 29, [redacted] became involved. He met with [redacted] and spoke with her several times. He said she was an unreasonable person to deal with and he couldn't get anywhere with her. That is why I wanted this meeting today away from attorneys in the hopes that we may be able to iron out some things. Then, on December 22 - just two days before Christmas - I was served the litigation papers. The Cardinal was just about to act and [redacted] filed the lawsuit. At that point there was nothing else the Cardinal could do. His hands were tied. The timing of the publicity just before Christmas was in poor taste, as well.

We reviewed all our issues surrounding the lawsuit. We pursued resolution. Fr. Keating said we had tied the Cardinal's hands and that nothing would be done until we dropped the lawsuit. We asked for some appropriate sign of good faith that something would be done for the care and concern of all those involved including Fr. Mayer. Fr. Keating continuously reiterated that there are certain steps and procedures to be followed in such circumstances and they weren't and there was nothing that could be done. He insisted the archdiocese would never agree to any of our requests. When we asked how we could be assured that appropriate action would be taken if we were to drop the lawsuit, Fr. Keating said, "Trust us." Fr. Keating said that the archdiocese gets sued 20 times a day and weren't particularly concerned that we were suing them.

We attempted to dispel some of the rumors that were going around. Reuben and Proctor had written [redacted] a letter stating that what she was interested in was her attorney's fees. We told Fr. Keating that we have paid our fees and kept them up to date. We relayed Fr. Mayer telling parishioners (who personally reported this back) that

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We asked Fr. Keating if he thought it would be helpful to send a letter to Cardinal Bernardin outlining the information we had provided in our discussion. Fr. Keating said it would be useful to do that. We sent Cardinal Bernardin a letter on April 28, 1983. We did not receive a response. Before we left we reiterated the terms necessary for settlement: restriction of Fr. Mayer's contact with children, $21,000 in attorney's fees, and a release in writing from a counter-suit. Fr. Keating said "I'll tell the Cardinal you are sincere, upright, honest, and literate people." On the way home in the car [redacted] told us that in one of his conversations with Fr. Keating, Fr. Keating said, "These people want to be able to take the credit for getting rid of Mayer."

The meeting had been futile. Therefore, we directed our attorney to proceed with requests for discovery documents, interrogatories, and schedule depositions. Reuben and Proctor refused to cooperate with our request to produce documents served them on March 4, 1983 using our meeting with Fr. Keating as justification for delay. No settlement had been offered and Fr. Keating had told us that none would be; that we simply had to trust them and drop the lawsuit. On April 4, 1983 [redacted] wrote to [redacted] saying, "In light of the ongoing settlement discussions in this matter, we will not be responding to plaintiff's document request served on March 4, 1983."

Fr. Keating had told us at the conclusion of our March 20 meeting that he'd be on a two week vacation. He suggested that we might meet sometime again when he returned. We said that he could initiate the meeting if the archdiocese decided to talk settlement. After his return, Fr. Keating and [redacted] were again in communication. Fr. Keating said he wished to discuss settlement. We agreed to meet again at St. Theresa's rectory on May 24, 1983. We were again led to the rectory basement boiler room even though the parlors were not being used. Again we expected Fr. Festle, but he was at church and did not attend our meeting.

? Fr. Mayer produced our letter which we had sent to the Cardinal saying that the two of them had reviewed it and that everything in the letter could be handled. He produced what he referred to as a sample release document, though it carried our names and tailored for our case. Fr. Keating said that transferring Fr. Mayer from St. Edna's was not a problem, but it couldn't be done while the law suit existed. He could NOT tell us when a transfer would take place nor could he promise the imposition of restrictions. Fr. Keating said that there was no way the Cardinal could reimburse us one nickel for attorney's fees. We said that was strange considering that [redacted] had in December offered us $1,500. Fr. Keating said that offer would have come from the archdiocesan "Nuissance Fund." The words and approach had been different, but Fr. Keating was offering us nothing. He said he could offer us a release from counter suit if we dropped the lawsuit. He asked us to take our copies home and think about their offer.

The archdiocese's offer to grant us release in exchange for dropping the lawsuit was inadequate and inappropriate. [redacted] relayed our message in a letter to [redacted] who admonished us in writing for concluding that the release form was an offer.

Time and again in the next several months Reuben and Proctor asked for time extensions offering us hope for settlement. Time and again the extensions expired with no progress in settlement. Twice we presented notice of deposition for Fr. Walter Somerville. We cancelled the first notice given for July 18, 1983 in cooperation with Reuben and Proctor's request because they had promised progress was being made. When settlement offers didn't materialize we rescheduled and sent the second deposition notice scheduling Fr. Brett and Fr. Somerville for December 22, 1983. In his December 16, 1983 letter to [redacted] [redacted] wrote, "For several reasons we cannot produce these individuals on those dates" due to the pressing demands on those priests during the holiday season. In fact, Walter Somerville had never been consulted concerning his availability.

[redacted]

Since July of 1982, the families of the boys who were involved in Father Mayer's waterski trip have not only anguished over their concern for the children and the difficult decisions and choices they had to make. While we maintained confidentiality in respect for Fr. Mayer's reputation and in care and concern for our children, Fr. Mayer openly and freely discussed his verson of "what the families were doing to him," adding his own distorted assumption about who we are.

THE INCIDENT

Part of Mayer's responsibililities at St. Edna's was supervision of altarboys. Father Mayer planned to take altarboys in small groups to various recreational activities. One possibility considered was going to a beach called [redacted] Mayer had taken several groups of boys up to his cottage. On [redacted] he took four boys - [redacted] age 13; [redacted] age 13; [redacted] age 14; and [redacted] age 14 - to his cottage in Fox Lake. [redacted]

They arrived at Father Mayer's cottage and pulled into a driveway. Father Mayer's boat was parked in this driveway. They unloaded the car of groceries and Mayer's video (VHS) tape recorder and took these into the house and into a kitchen area. They went upstairs to an attic to get skis and took them outside. [redacted] Outside, they loaded the skis and hitched the boat to Father Mayer's car. They were all wearing bathing suits and shirts. They all had towels. [redacted]

At the lake they launched the boat. [redacted] got on the skis first and got off right from the dock. By the time they got to the other side of the lake, Father Mayer stopped the boat (he was driving). He told [redacted] to get in the boat and [redacted] should ski. [redacted] had told him that he had never skiied before. Father Mayer explained to [redacted] how to ski. Most of the time [redacted] drove the boat. [redacted] drove the boat a couple of times. [redacted] was successful in his attempt to ski. [redacted] tried to get up on skis, but failed. Father Mayer was getting real angry, saying they were wasting his gas and calling them "fucks". He'd say "God, this guy stinks." At lunch time they drove the boat back to the dock, and tied it up. Father Mayer said that the boys' suits were wet so they couldn't ride back in his car. The boys walked back to the cottage. Father Mayer drove his car.

They had hot dogs for lunch at the cottage. They ate on the picnic table out back. Before they went out, [redacted] opened the refrigerator in the kitchen and asked Mayer if he could have a beer. Mayer said, "No, but

you can steal it." [redacted] took a beer opened it and drank it in front of all of them at the picnic table during lunch. It was a large can of Coors. [redacted] drank a lot that day, maybe three or four beers. Despite the fact that he drank them openly in front of everyone, Mayer never commented on the beer [redacted] was drinking. [redacted] saw Mayer fix himself some sort of mixed drink from his bar. The bar had a lot of liquor in it. Father Mayer drank his drink in a clear glass during lunch. Father Mayer kept saying how good [redacted] was skiing. He couldn't believe [redacted] had never skiied before. Mayer said none of his friends had ever gotten up on skiis their first time out. [redacted] told him he had a [redacted] with a house and a boat on [redacted]. Mayer said he couldn't understand why [redacted] parents had never let [redacted] ski before especially since [redacted] had the opportunity. [redacted] Mayer said other things about parents like "they're fucks" and implied that parents do many things they don't let their kids do. Mayer offered everyone cigars, except [redacted] said "Aren't you going to offer one to me?" Father Mayer said "No, because I know you'd smoke them and these are too expensive." [redacted] swore throughout the lunch. [redacted] Mayer told the boys to call him "Bob". Also, Mayer said a couple of times that after this outting the boys would be "men".

They drove back to the lake for more skiing. Father Mayer said [redacted] should try to slalom ski (one ski) since [redacted] was so good. [redacted] frequently fell. [redacted] thought it was very hard. Father Mayer was mad and began swearing at [redacted] and calling him a "fuck." Mayer was yelling about how [redacted] was wasting his gas. [redacted] wanted to quit and get back in the boat. [redacted] head hurt from falling down and hitting the water. [redacted] arms ached from the tug of the tow line. Father Mayer said [redacted] had to try five times more before he could give up. Finally, [redacted] got up. Father Mayer was delighted.

While [redacted] was skiing both in the morning and in the afternoon, Mayer stood at the back of the boat and pulled his swim suit down beneath his genitals. [redacted] said he kept exposing himself to [redacted] Mayer was generally facing [redacted] but on some occasions turned his back to "moon" him on the skiis. [redacted] thought this was strange. Sometimes [redacted] didn't know if the others saw him. Sometimes Mayer was shouting and jumping up and down and it seemed the others were laughing. The boys did not discuss these incidents with each other.

About 6:00 P.M., they went back to the cottage. [redacted] was supposed to drive up to Fox Lake to pick up [redacted] ([redacted] and Mayer had planned to spend the night.) .They loaded the boat back on Mayer's trailer. Mayer drove it back to the cottage. The boys walked back to the cottage because their suits were wet.

When they got back to the cottage, a discussion started about the possibility of spending the night at the cottage and skiing the next day. Father Mayer said it was a shame they had to go home because they could ski and tube the next day. Pretty soon the boys began to ask Mayer if they could please stay. They said that they knew of the group of altarboys that had spent a night earlier that summer. Mayer told [redacted] that he couldn't stay because his mother had told him he had something to do and therefore was unable to stay. [redacted] told Mayer he wasn't aware of anything that he had to do. Mayer then told the boys that they could call their parents to ask their permission to spend the night. Mayer said it was all right with him if it was okay with their parents. [redacted] called [redacted] who said she was just leaving to pick up the three boys. She said she thought Fr. Mayer was having some company at the cottage that night and she didn't want the boys to intrude on his plans. [redacted] asked to talk with Father Mayer. They talked for a short time and then Father Mayer gave the phone back to [redacted]. [redacted] said that [redacted] could stay the night. She asked if she should pick up the boys the next day. [redacted] asked Father Mayer and he interrupted [redacted] question. He was irritated and said loudly, "Of course I'm going to drive you home." [redacted] told [redacted] that Father Mayer would drive them all home. Then [redacted] called home. Father Mayer told [redacted] that [redacted] was to pick up the boys, but had car trouble and, therefore, the boys would have to spend the night. [redacted] remembers thinking that she would have offered to pick them up for [redacted] but didn't know her to call and offer her assistance. [redacted] called home and spoke with his mother. Father Mayer got on the phone and told [redacted] that [redacted] was supposed to have driven the boys home, but had car trouble and, therefore, the boys would have to spend the night and he would drive them home the next afternoon.

That night, the boys all cooked chicken for dinner, which was one of the groceries they had stopped to buy at the store on the way up. Mayer fixed himself a mixed drink in a clear glass again. [redacted] took another Coors beer and drank it during dinner. No one said anything about the drinks. They were consumed during dinner with everyone there. The boys sat at a low round table in the screen porch area. Everyone pulled chairs around and leaned over the low table to eat. They ate without any silverware because Father Mayer had told them they should "eat like men." to toast before eating at the table - everyone raised glasses (including Mayer's drink and [redacted] beer, now in a glass). Every five or ten minutes Mayer picked someone to say a short prayer of thanksgiving. Mostly, they thanked God for their day of skiing.

[redacted] A conversation about sports started. Mayer was asking each of the boys if they were going to take up sports in high school. If the boys weren't, Mayer called them "fucks." [redacted] said that he was into Scouts - in an Explorer Post. Father Mayer started to poke sarcastic fun at [redacted]. He said things like, "Whew! We have a boyscout among us! Whew-ee!" [redacted] and [redacted] jumped in and said they had been scouts too and didn't see anything wrong with that. [redacted] thought it was "pretty neat" that [redacted] had gone on to an Explorer Post.

Then they watched the movie "Thief" on the VHS recorder. [redacted] smoked cigarettes during the movie. No one said anything about [redacted] smoking. [redacted] disappeared into the kitchen for a little while. Unknown to the others, [redacted] had called his mother to ask if she could pick him up. [redacted] [redacted] told [redacted] that "things were really strange here." [redacted] couldn't pick him up, but told him to come home with Mayer. During the movie, Mayer was laying on the floor. [redacted] noticed that he kept looking at him and smiling. [redacted] felt strange and uncomfortable about it, but thought Mayer was just real happy about how well [redacted] had skiied.

When the movie was over, Father Mayer went to his room and began working at his desk. He was typing something. He left the boys all to find their own place to sleep. [redacted] went to the beds in the second bedroom. [redacted] chose the couch in the TV room. [redacted] slept on a couch out in the screened-in porch. The next morning the boys woke with a start! Some young children had come up to the screened-in porch, pressed their noses against the screen and were staring at [redacted] still sleeping there. [redacted] screamed when these little kids woke him. The boys all woke to the noises and laughed when they saw what had happened. [redacted] noticed Father Mayer was just finishing breakfast in the kitchen.

After breakfast, they hooked up the boat to the car and took it down to the lake and launched it. The boys went skiing in the morning. [redacted] tried to slalom again but was having problems getting up. Father Mayer commented that [redacted] had a "gut." Father Mayer told [redacted] that he had on the wrong kind of swim trunks to slalom ski. Mayer said that boxer trunks had a "drag" to them and that's why [redacted] should have a swim suit like his. Fr. Mayer was in the boat and removed his swim trunks. [redacted] was in the water. Mayer told [redacted] to take off his suit and throw it into the boat. Mayer removed his suit and threw it to [redacted] [redacted] changed suits in the water and threw his suit into the boat. Mayer's suit was big on [redacted] Mayer took [redacted] suit and joked around, showing everyone how he was trying to fit into it. Everyone laughed. Mayer stayed naked while [redacted] skiied. Mayer watched [redacted] from the back of the boat while [redacted] drove. When [redacted] got up, Mayer was delighted and started jumping up and down. Everyone was cheering. Mayer seemed a lot more comfortable with the boys the second day. [redacted] had told [redacted] how he and Fr. Mayer had carefully selected the groups of boys and scheduled them for the individual outtings. [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] and Fr. Mayer had thought that [redacted] and [redacted] were the kind who would "go home and tell mommy." [redacted] said that was why they saved them for the last and originally hadn't planned for them to spend the night. [redacted] and Fr. Mayer said that this group had proven to them that they had been wrong about this.

Sometime during the second day, Mayer had also let [redacted] use his ski gloves. When [redacted] removed them and tried to throw them back into the boat, [redacted] missed the boat and one of the gloves sank. Mayer was real angry. He swore and screamed and said [redacted] was stupid and a "fuck." [redacted] said he never saw anyone get so angry. When [redacted] finished on the slalom, [redacted] changed back into his suit in the water. Then, Mayer went skiing. Mayer is an excellent skier and can ski with one hand on the tow and whip in and out of the wake of the boat. While he was

skiing one-handed, Mayer took his free hand and pulled down his suit. He skied with his genitals exposed. Mayer was laughing. The boys did not say anything to him about this. Other times on Wednesday, Mayer exposed his genitals and "mooned" the boys as they skied.

At lunchtime, they docked the boat at the pier. Mayer drove back to the cottage, the boys walked. Mayer told the boys that they could have anything they could find for lunch. When [redacted] were at the refrigerator, [redacted] asked [redacted] if he should take a beer. [redacted] shrugged. Both of them took beers and brought theirs to the picnic table where they all were and drank the beers in front of everyone. Mayer joined them at the picnic table with a mixed drink. No one said anything about the alcohol.

After lunch, [redacted] looked out the kitchen window. Mayer and [redacted] were out by the car. Mayer was putting a gas can into the trunk of his car. [redacted] saw Mayer hand the car keys to [redacted] [redacted] got in the driver's seat and started the car. [redacted] yelled to [redacted] to come into the kitchen to see this. [redacted] watched [redacted] drive the car away with Mayer in the passenger seat.

When Mayer and [redacted] returned, they went back to the boat and spent the afternoon tubing. Everyone wore their swim suits and no one (including Mayer) brought any other clothes on board the boat with them. All anyone carried onto the boat was their towels. Toward the end of the afternoon, [redacted] was on the tube when they pulled into a bay area. They anchored the boat so they could go for a last swim. The way the boat pulled into the bay area, the tube and [redacted] ended up on the opposite side of the boat from the laddar. Mayer removed his swim suit in the boat, jumped into the water, and swam toward [redacted] in the tube. Mayer tugged at [redacted] [redacted] removed his swim trunks and threw them to [redacted] in the boat. [redacted] jumped into the water on the laddar side more toward the bow of the boat, away from the view of where [redacted] was still floating on the tube. [redacted] started into the water down the laddar. [redacted] shouted to Mayer, "You're Gay!" At that point Mayer started swimming toward [redacted] still out-front of the boat. When [redacted] noticed Mayer was tugging at [redacted] swim suit, [redacted] got out of the water and climbed back on the laddar into the boat. [redacted] didn't want that to happen to him. [redacted] saw [redacted] head going under the water and Mayer tugging at him. [redacted] was yelling he was drowning. Finally, Mayer started looking scared. He dragged [redacted] to the bow of the boat and left him there. [redacted] were saying "C'mon, [redacted], you can make it" as they helped him around the side of the boat to the laddar and back onto the boat. Mayer then swam over to [redacted] [redacted] still naked on the tube. [redacted] was sitting up out of the water on the tube with his feet dangling through the center of the tube. Mayer was sitting up out of the water opposite [redacted] on the tube with his feet dangling through the center of the tube. They were "teetering" the tube rocking it and them back and forth and laughing. Neither Mayer nor [redacted] had a swim suit or anthing on. They were both naked. After a little while they left and loaded the boat onto Mayer's trailer. Mayer drove the boat back to the cottage. The boys walked back to the cottage.

Rev. Thomas Ventura
St. Sebastian's Rectory
824 W. Wellington
Chicago, IL

April 12, 1984

Dear Father Ventura:

In our previous discussions you stated that Cardinal Bernardin and you pondered the question of how the Robert Mayer issue could have escalated to such an extent. Enclosed is a brief history of events which explicates why legal counsel was introduced and retained, and how our repeated attempts at seeking remedial action through the archdiocese were thwarted. We hope you will see what became apparent to us - that only after exhausting every alternative, our final recourse was to pursue legal remedies.

We look forward to our meeting with Cardinal Bernardin, Fr. Hurley and you on this Tuesday, April 17. In an effort to assure a productive meeting, we have sent you the enclosed information so that our time is spent on projections of healing rather than on past events and data. We wish to concentrate on our existing pastoral concerns:

1) That measures be taken to insure that Father Mayer will not engage in future abuse of children.

2) That a policy or procedure within the archdiocese be developed, or the existing policy or procedure be reformed, to insure that these kinds of complaints in the future be dealt with in an all-encompassing pastoral way.

3) That a healing hand be extended to the families and children who have been effected by Father Mayer's conduct in a diligent effort to identify their needs and rectify their injuries.

We wish to respectfully address each of these concerns so that, we pray, some healing resolutions will emerge.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

AFFIDAVIT OF SISTER JANE SCHLOSSER

SISTER JANE SCHLOSSER on oath deposes and says as follows:

1. I reside at [redacted] and work as Pastoral Minister at St. Damian Catholic Church at 5300 West 155th Street, Oak Forest, Illinois.

2. Prior to working at St. Damian, I worked for nine years at St. Edna's Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois. I worked primarily with adults.

3. In June 1981, Father Robert Mayer became the associate pastor at St. Edna's.

4. In August and early September 1981, the youth ministers at St. Edna's (Kathleen Paul, ~~Sister Jane Martin~~ JOANNE WALZNICK and Michael Hutchins) told me that they were getting reports from children that children were getting liquor and drugs from Fr. Mayer at the St. Edna's rectory. The youth ministers also heard that Fr. Mayer removed his clothes while he was socializing with the

children.

5. On September 9, 1981, the staff had a meeting with Fr. Mayer and presented him with these reports. Fr. Mayer denied the reports.

6. We continued to receive similar reports. In October, Sister Jane Martin, one of the staff members, telephoned Father John Keating, Chancellor of the Archdiocese. Fr. Keating returned Sister Jane's call. She was out, so I spoke with Fr. Keating.

7. I told Fr. Keating about the reports we were receiving. He told me to keep a diary and suggested that it was appropriate protocol to call our vicar, Msgr. McEnroe.

8. The staff met with Msgr. McEnroe for a 2 hour lunch meeting. We told Msgr. McEnroe about our reports. He told us that there was nothing he could do about it.

9. In February 1983, the staff and Father Somerville met with representatives of the Personnel Board. We met for ~~about~~ several hours. We told them about the reports. They said that

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they did not have the power to remove Fr. Mayer. Only the Bishop had that power.

10. In March 1983, we sent a letter to Cardinal Cody explaining all of our reports. We never received a response.

Sister Jane Schlosser

SISTER JANE SCHLOSSER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
before me this 28 day
of February, 1983.

[redacted]

St. Edna's Parish

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January 24, 1983

Dear [redacted],

With reference to the situation at St. Ednas, Rev. Robert E. Mayer came to St. Ednas in June, 1981. The Staff made every effort to welcome him, work with him and listen to his suggestions about parish life. This proved very difficult, in fact, impossible. As time went on nothing we were doing or had done met with his approval. He critized the appearance of the church, the rectory, parish life and everything in between.

In September of 1981, he began to push for my removal as he wanted to take over liturgy and adult education which were my responsibilities. Other staff members were put down and their programs were spoken of as fluff or un-Christian. The staff as a group finally agreed to speak with him at a staff meeting in September about these individual attacks on our ministry. It did not improve the situation.

In October of 1981 rumors of his contacts with youth were surfacing and parents were expressing concern. We spoke with him about this but again got no where. Fr. Keating of the downtown office was contacted about the situation in October and advised us to meet with our Vicar, Very Rev. John McEnroe. We did meet with Msgr. McEnroe on Nov. 16, 1981. He was very supportive but could not help us. He said it was up to Fr. Somerville, our pastor, to ask Fr. Mayer to leave.

In January, 1982, the Personnel Board was contacted and arranged to meet with us in early February. Rev. Wm. Gubbins and Rev. Robert Heidenreich were present. They listened to our reports, but said they could do nothing. They advised Fr. Somerville to ask him to withdraw from the parish which Fr. Somerville did in a letter written in February, 1982. Fr. Mayer refused to leave. Fr. Somerville acting upon advice from the Diocese asked a facilitator to come and dialog with the Staff and Fr. Mayer.

Msgr. John Gorman, the facilitator who is a Psychologist, met with us on Thursday, May 20, 1982. A lengthy meeting was held but no solution was reached.

In June a letter of report was sent to the Archdiocese. During all this time Cardinal Cody was very ill and consequently we never contacted him directly.

In July the events which are now part of the lawsuit occurred. In August the new Bishop Bernardin arrived and Fr. Somerville went to see him sometime after that.

The Staff wrote to Archbishop Bernardin on September 29, 1982, protesting the entire situation. He responded on October 1, 1982 assuring us of his concern and promising to make a full review of the case upon Fr.Mayer's return from vacation. Since then we have not heard from the ArchBishop.

Thank you very much for all your time and effort on behalf of our families and your concern for the Staff.

Sincerely,

S. Jane Martin

S. Jane Martin
Director of Adult Education
St.Edna Parish

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January 25, 1983

September 1981	I was contacted by parents about rumors connected to Bob Mayer. Rumors were beer, pot and pornographic material available for any "friends" of Bob. Also rumors of strange behavior at Bob's summer cottage in Fox Lake.
September 1981	I called [redacted] (Skokie Detective) and asked his help. Decided to meet with Fr. Somerville.
October 1981	Called St. Mary's and talked to Mike Hugo (Youth Minister) Asked if there were any problems at St. Mary's with Fr. Mayer. Mike said many of the same problems we are now having at St. Edna's did, in fact, happen at St. Mary's.
October 1981	Went to Fr. Mayer with the rumors I was hearing. Told me that rumors were not harmful and if you ignore them they will die. I told him I felt he was taking this problem much too lightly and rumor can, in fact, hurt your reputation. He then dashed out at me saying there are rumors about me and the other two youth ministers. Rumors were that I was gay, Mike was gay and Joanne was having an affair with him. I gave up trying to talk any further.
November 1981	Went to Msgr. McEnroe with rest of staff to seek his aid. We were told very little could be done and maybe we could live with it.

This ended any further action for 1981. All the actions from this point on my part were with Fr. Somerville, Marilyn, Jane Schlosser, Jane Martin, Mike, Joanne. If I can further help you in any way please call.

Kathleen Paul

[redacted]

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January 20,1983

During the Summer months of July, August, and early September 1981, as a Staff member of St. Edna's, I began hearing reports from other Staff members and parishioners concerning Fr. Mayers behavior.

Report of Fr. Mayers abrupt style with parishioners, such as a woman wishing to speak with him after Mass one Sunday about her marriage difficulities was told just to read that Sunday's bulletin article.

Report from a Staff member that Fr. Mayer remarked to a woman going through divorce, that men can't be expected to be faithful, and implying that he himself was not celebate.

Report from parishioners and Staff members that 6 men from the parish approached Fr. Mayer in July 81 regarding his effect in action and attitude on the parish.

Reports from Staff observance and parishioners that teens and young men come and go to the Rectory quite regularly at various hours of the day and night.

Reports of beer cans and dirty wine glasses after teens and young men leave Rectory.

Reports of other than St. Edna parishioners speaking about Fr. Mayers attitudes, and young people getting alcohol and pot at the Rectory.

Report of use of vulgar language with young people by Fr. Mayer.

Prior to our July 81 parish picnic I spoke with Fr. Richard Creagh, a former associate, and said that I knew he'd been talking about some of these reports with some parishioners, and that if he in his prior knowledge knew these reports to be fact not fiction, then we should do something about it; if not, they should not be jested about at the picnic. At that conversation Fr. Creagh did not lead me to believe there was evidence to substantiate the reports.

At the September 81 Cluster Meeting Fr. Mayer approached me saying the work I did in the parish was good and that I could be put in charge of all the education of the parish, the Youth Ministers programs were "fluff", Sr. Jane Martin's job he would have by January. He said I could be paid a few thousand more than I was paid, and be in charge and have lots of good press in the bulletin in affirmation of me and what I was doing.

Upon talkin with staff members within the week we noted similar conversations where Fr. Mayer tried to manipulate us by telling us this staff member said this or that to him about each other. We then decided to confront him with this at the next staff meeting in September 81. The Pastor concured. When confronting Fr. Mayer he became angry with us individually and as a group, denying everything, and twisting and turning our conversations around. He said controversy follows him wherever he goes, and controversy was good. He thought things

were resolved with us in [illegible]ving this meeting.

During October the staff received a report from a parent, [redacted] that from his teens he heard that teens were receiving alcohol from Fr. Mayer and that an incident occured at a Summer place concerning the measuring of penises with a group of teens.

Again in October and November the staff confronted Fr. Mayer about his ways and the reports, and all he would do is obfuscate the issues. He had a great way of turning things onto others, trying to make it their problem, not his.

In October our Youth Ministers went to see Michael Hugo from St. Mary's who was the Youth Minister at that time.

During the Fall 81 report from Mr. [redacted] he did contact the Archdiocese. On November 16, 1981 the staff met with Msgr. McEnroe the Vicar where we shared the above report from Mr. [redacted] and the various difficulties concerning Fr. Mayer. Msgr. McEnroe stated he knew of Fr. Mayers history and that ours was a difficult situation and we should just ignore it and do the best we could. The Pastor could encourage him to leave.

In December 81 I spoke with Fr. Somerville about Fr. Mayer and he said he was going to write Fr. Mayer a letter stating the reasons why he felt he should leave.

In January 82 the Staff realized we needed to try seeing the Priests Personnel Board with Fr. Somerville. Msgr. McEnroe had gotten very ill with cancer and Card. Cody was very ill. Who should we turn to for help? Fr. Somerville got us a February 2, 1982 appointment with the Board. We met with Frs. Heidenreich and Gubbins for over 3 hours. They stated:

1. There's no procedure to remove an Associate at this time-----that they are working on it.
2. The Pastor and Associate could come in with 3 Board Members and negotiate through the Personnel Board.
3. The Pastor could assert his rightful role and write a letter to ask Fr. Mayer to leave and send a copy to the Personnel Board.
4. The Cardinal, upon recommendation could remove Fr. Mayer.
5. The Staff could get a professional facilitator to facilitate a session.

On February 10, 1982 Fr. Somerville gave a letter to Fr. Mayer asking him to seek another parish and terminate with St. Edna's.

In March 82 [redacted], a parishioner, called to tell me that her older daughter told her that her younger daughter and friends received beer from Fr. Mayer at the Rectory before a High School dance.

During the time from our meeting with the Personnel Board the staff was waiting for names of facilitators. We finally received word and

choose Msgr. Gorman. He could not be with us due to schedule and vacation until May.

On May 20th Msgr. Gorman facilitated a Staff meeting with all St. Edna's Staff members. The Staff members stated the grievences before Fr. Mayer and stated that under the present circumstances it would be difficult to continue to try to work with Fr. Mayer, and that we did not possess the skills that could help him to change his behavior; that we had sincerely and honestly tried our best to assist him in the past, but found it impossible to do so any further.

During the Spring a letter was formulated and sent to the Archdiocese from the Staff. I beleive the letter was addressed to the Cardinal.

On July 21, 1982 I received a visit from [redacted], a parent. She stated she needed to speak with me right away, she looked as if something tragic had happened, so I said yes, eventhough I was in the middle of overseeing our new Summer children's program. She said something had happened and she just wanted to know from myself as a staff member if she was on the right track. She told me of the July 13-14 incident. She wanted to know if as a Staff member I thought she should proceed with their personal investigation and I stated I believed so. As the reports unfolded the Staff discussed the matter at several Staff meetings and were in support of the families involved.

On September 29, 1982 the staff sent a letter to Archbishop Bernardin. (Letter enclosed).

On October 1, 1982 the Staff received a letter from Archbishop Bernardin addressed to myself. (Letter enclosed).

On December 14, 1982 the Staff sent another letter to the Archbishop but a written reply was not received. (Letter enclosed).

To the best of my ability these reports and facts are accurate and exact.

Marilyn C. Steffel, Dir. of Religious Education
January 20, 1983

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AFFIDAVIT OF BARBARA COWAN

BARBARA COWAN on oath deposes and says as follows:

1. I am 51 years old and live at [redacted] My educational background is in the field of pastoral studies. I have my Masters Degree from Loyola University of Chicago. From 1975-1979, I was employed at St. Mary of the Lake, a Catholic parish in Lake Forest. I was the coordinator for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), a religious education program for children attending public schools.

2. Father Robert Mayer was an associate pastor at St. Mary's while I was working there.

3. There were many occasions while I was working at St. Mary's that children would tell me that they obtained liquor from Father Mayer in the rectory. Another staff member at St. Mary's told me that he received similar reports.

4. Father Mayer socialized with 7th and 8th grade children and high school children on a daily basis. The children would

frequently be with him in his room at the rectory. The door was generally closed. He socialized with them even on important holidays, like Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

5. Several senior high students told me that Father Mayer let them use his cottage in Fox Lake for a party.

6. Father Mayer primarily socialized with a nucleus of about 15 children. I knew most of the students who participated in the group. In 1977, I was contacted by parents regarding the difficulty they were experiencing because of their child's contact with Father Mayer. These parents and others told me that Father Mayer encouraged children to break off their relationships with their parents.

8. In 1977, I went to a deacon assigned to St. Mary's to relay to him my concern about the effect Father Mayer was having on the children. A deacon is an ordained minister of the Church who assumes parish responsibilities and reports to the pastor. I told the deacon about Father Mayer providing liquor to the children. Sometime later, the deacon told me that he confronted

Father Mayer with this information. He said Father Mayer vehemently denied the truth of the reports. To the best of my knowledge, the deacon did not investigate the matter any further and took no further action.

Barbara K. Cowan
BARBARA COWAN

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before me this 16 day
of ~~February~~ MARCH, 1983.

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AFFIDAVIT OF [redacted]

[redacted] on oath deposes and says as follows:

1. I am 20 years old and in my sophomore year at Boston University. I live at [redacted]

2. My permanent home address is my parents' home at [redacted]

3. I went to grade school at St. Mary's Catholic Scool in Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois.

4. In 1976, I was 14 years old and in eighth grade at St. Mary's. I was the head of altarboys at the parish.

5. One day after school, I went over to the rectory to meet with Reverend Robert Mayer, one of the priests at St.

Mary's. Fr. Mayer suggested that we order some Chinese food. When we sat down to eat dinner, Fr. Mayer asked me if I would like a cocktail. I said "Sure." He mixed me a drink.

6. There was a refrigerator on the second floor of the rectory not far from Fr. Mayer's rooms. It was common knowledge among the boys at the school that Fr. Mayer kept beer in that refrigerator and knew that the boys took beer from there. Fr. Mayer did not object to boys taking the beer.

7. One time I was walking over to the rectory and saw two of my boyfriends outside the rectory. My friends told me that they were caught taking beer out of the rectory. Mrs. Cowen, the CCD Director, caught them and said she was going to try to have them suspended.

8. The boys went to Fr. Mayer who in the past had said that he would help the boys out if they ever got in trouble. Fr.

Mayer said that he would not help the boys. I thought that he was being very hypocritical.

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AFFIDAVIT OF [redacted]

[redacted] on oath deposes and says that

1. I am 47 years old and currently reside at [redacted]

2. I moved with my family to Pennsylvania in January of 1983. Prior to moving, we resided in Arlington Heights, Illinois and were members of St. Edna's Catholic Church.

3. I was very active at St. Edna's, serving on the parish activities and the parish picnic committees.

4. In 1982, the St. Edna's parish picnic was held the last weekend in July. Prior to the picnic, I was working in the parish garage on picnic preparations with another man who was active in the parish.

5. Three high school age boys parked their car in the driveway near the garage. They came up to me and asked where they could find Father Robert Mayer, one of the priests at St. Edna's. I told them to try looking for Father Mayer at the rectory. They were in the rectory for about a half an hour. While they were in the rectory, I looked at the city vehicle sticker on their car. I recall that it was a North Shore suburban sticker, possibly Lake Forest. When the boys returned to the rectory, they were carrying open cans of beer.

[redacted]

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before me this 25th day
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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL HUGO

MICHAEL HUGO on oath deposes and says as follows:

1. I live in Highwood, Illinois and am currently a graduate student in the University of Chicago Social Service Program. Prior to studying at the University of Chicago, I was employed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lake Forest, Illinois. I worked at St. Mary's from 1978 to August of 1982 as the Youth Director. My educational background is in pastoral studies at Loyola University.

2. I was hired at St. Mary's while Fr. Robert Mayer was the associate priest in the parish. As Youth Director, I was responsible for directing program activities for high school students in Lake Forest and conducting outreach activities at Lake Forest High School. Our program and outreach activities included things like camping trips, dances, hayrides, roller skating, peer counseling groups, religious education programs,

trips to the inner city, informal and formal counseling offered by myself and a "drop-in" youth center on Friday evening.

3. In July of 1978 prior to my contract beginning, I visited Fr. Mayer to talk about some preliminary matters of the job. I went to his lounge/bedroom area, where he seemed to usually meet with people for casual matters such as this. He had two rooms. The room you walked into first was the bedroom. Next to the bedroom was a lounge containing a couch, chairs, television and radio. After I entered his room, he told me to have a seat in the lounge. There were several youths who were already there. Fr. Mayer took a shower in a room adjacent to the lounge. Upon coming out of the shower, he walked into the lounge nude where he proceeded to dry himself. He then put a towel around his waist and sat down. Five or ten minutes later, a high school girl knocked on the door of his room. He invited her in. She sat down and chatted a while with Fr. Mayer while he was still only wearing a wrap-around towel. She got up to leave and Fr. Mayer asked for a parting kiss. She leaned over his chair

and kissed him. After she left, Fr. Mayer made some cracks about "keeping it down" while she was there.

4. In September, 1978, I was conducting a youth program at the youth center on the parish grounds when a high school student that I knew walked into the room holding a can of beer. I told him that beer was not allowed. He said that he got the beer from "Bob's" at the rectory. This same type of incident repeated itself at least twice with another student in the following year.

5. In October, 1978, I again went up to Fr. Mayer's room. I found Fr. Mayer in the lounge with several high school boys that I knew. There were beer and pop cans in several places of the room. I left immediately because I felt it was a private gathering.

6. During my first few months at St. Mary's, Fr. Mayer talked with me about an affair he was having with a married teacher in the community. Apparently this information was also shared with high school kids he knew because they also mentioned to me her name and what they imagined going on with her and Fr.

Mayer. When I questioned Fr. Mayer about telling the kids, he always countered by saying it was not public information or only a few close friends knew. I disagreed.

7. Sometime later in about September or October of 1980, I went up to Fr. Mayer's rooms. I tapped on his door and opened it. I looked into the lounge. I was taken aback and felt embarrassed. I saw Fr. Mayer sitting on the couch watching television sitting next to a young high school age boy. Their legs were next to each other. Fr. Mayer had his arm around and resting on the boy's shoulders. I left immediately.

8. In February of 1981, I met with Fr. Mayer at a staff meeting/dinner. I asked him why he was providing liquor to the high school students. He said he didn't give it to them and that they just took it out of a refrigerator near his rooms. He said adults are just being hypocritical when they don't allow kids to drink.

9. In my years as Youth Director at St. Mary's, I had many opportunities to watch Fr. Mayer with the young boys of the parish. I felt that he exerted a strange control over them. It

reminds me of the kind of control I heard Charles Manson had over his followers. He would get kids into his group of followers by giving them freedom to do things like drink. He would require the boys to come to his room frequently. If they didn't come regularly, he would tell them that they were not wanted when they did show up.

10. Recently, a college age boy and one of Fr. Mayer's former followers told me that when he was in high school, Fr. Mayer made sexual advances towards him.

Michael Hugo
MICHAEL HUGO

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before me this 18th day
of October, 1982.

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AFFIDAVIT OF [redacted]

[redacted] on oath deposes and says as follows:

1. I am 19 years old and will be 20 in February. I am a student at [redacted] in [redacted] My permanent home address is [redacted] in Lake Forest, Illinois.

2. I attended grade school at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic School in Lake Forest, Illinois. When I was a student there, one of the parish priests at St. Mary's was Father Robert E. Mayer.

3. Many times when I was in 8th grade I went up to visit Father Mayer in his room in St. Mary's rectory. I first went up to the rectory after Father Mayer asked me to plan our 8th grade graduation Mass. When I went up to the rectory, I frequently found other grade school and high school children in Father Mayer's room. They were opening drinking liquor, generally mixed drinks. Father Mayer was in the room socializing with them and providing them the liquor.

4. Some of the 8th grade boys would play basketball with Father Mayer. I played with them several times. I disliked playing basketball with Father Mayer because on several occasions he touched my genitals. I became angry and upset when he would touch me that way and told him to stop, yet he continued. I felt he purposely touched me that way.

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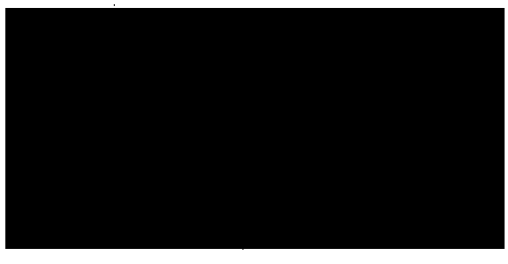
of January 1983.



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AFFIDAVIT OF [redacted]

[redacted] on oath deposes and says:

1. I live at [redacted] From August, 1971 until August, 1979, my wife and I were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lake Forest, Illinois. I was active at St. Mary's having served the on the [redacted]

2. I have [redacted] children whose names are [redacted] My children also were active at St. Mary's. They were students at St. Mary's and active in extra-curricular activities including cheerleading, basketball, football, etc.

3. Father Robert Mayer was a priest at St. Mary's for a time while we were members. In the fall of 1978, my wife, [redacted] and I were having dinner at the home of our friends who live in

in Lake Bluff.

4. These friends have a daughter who was attending a 7th and 8th grade dance at St. Mary's gymnasium. My friend and I drove to St. Mary's and parked in the church parking lot. We found two boys leaning over a third boy lying on the ground. The boy on the ground was obviously intoxicated. He smelled of liquor. He was what people call "falling-down drunk."

5. My friend and I went to the gym to see if we could find out who was in charge of the dance. The only adult in charge appeared to be Fr. Mayer. He was dancing with a young girl. He was holding her very close to himself. It was closer than a parent would dance with a teenager. I interrupted Fr. Mayer and asked him to come out to the parking lot.

6. When we arrived at the lot and saw the intoxicated boy, Fr. Mayer said that the boy was just a lush and berated him by saying that the boy drinks all the time and always hangs around the parish looking for drinks.

7. On another occasion, I happened to be talking with my

son, [redacted] who was about 15 years old at the time. [redacted] told me that many times when he was at St. Mary's rectory other parish boys would go to the kitchen refrigerator located on the 1st floor and take beers. [redacted] told me that Fr. Mayer knows that high school students take beer from the refrigerator because the beer was placed there for that purpose. Fr. Mayer was a scotch drinker and didn't drink beer.

[redacted]

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before me this 29th day
of December, 1982.

[redacted]

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COUNTY OF COOK)

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AFFIDAVIT OF [redacted]

[redacted], on oath deposes and says as follows:

1. I live at [redacted] My family has been a member of St. Edna's Catholic Church in Arlington Heights for the last 14 years. Together with my [redacted] children, I have been very active in the youth program at St. Edna's. [redacted].

2. In the summer of 1981, Father Robert Mayer was appointed associate pastor of St. Edna's. In the fall of 1981, I noticed that high school boys were regularly going in and out of the rectory. Usually they would arrive at the rectory after the end of the school day.

3. About that time, I heard from several high school children that children were obtaining liquor from Fr. Mayer at the rectory. Other staff members at St. Edna's heard similar

reports.

4. In January, 1982, the parents of a high school boy who spent time with Fr. Mayer told me that their son had a very serious drinking problem.

5. In early 1982, I attended a meeting between the St. Edna's staff and Msgr. John McEnroe, our vicar. The staff told Msgr. McEnroe about the reports that Fr. Mayer was giving liquor to the children. Msgr. McEnroe told us that we should try to ignore the problem and to pray.

6. A month or two later, I attended another meeting regarding Fr. Mayer. The staff met with two representatives of the Personnel Board. We told them about the reports we were receiving about Fr. Mayer giving liquor to children. We sat around a large round table and spoke for several hours. The Personnel Board representatives appeared to take detailed notes of our conversation. At the end of the meeting, they told us that they did not have the authority to remove Fr. Mayer. They did say that certain activities of Fr. Mayer violated the

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authority of Father Walter Somerville, our pastor.

[redacted]

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before me this ____ day

of March, 1983.

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Notary Public

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Vicar for Priests
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Tom Ventura TV

DATE: May 21, 1984

SUBJECT: Bob Mayer

1. I met with Bob today to follow-up on our decision that he should [redacted]. I mentioned that this had two purposes: a) for his own good [redacted] b) to protect the Archdiocese against any possible accusations of malfeasance or irresponsibile handling of his case should any new problems arise in the future.

2. [redacted]

3. Bob reacted reasonably well. He was disappointed to know that it was still unresolved, at least on this level. He said that the entire thing really took a lot out of him, that he felt the complaintants had distorted a basically

innocent situation, that in his current assignment he was always thinking twice lest he do anything that someone might use against him. [redacted]

I explained that you appreciated his cooperation up to this point, and that this was very painful, and that he was innocent until proven guilty. However, I added that you felt you and the Archdiocese had backed him up as fully as possible, that you were concerned about his operating at a fully healthy level, that you were concerned at the intensity and the widespread sources of accusations, and that you wanted to deal with this in as professional and responsible a manner as possible for his sake, the sake of the people and youths involved, and in view of any future difficulties.

4. [redacted]

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Department of Personnel Services

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fr. Ken Velo
Fr. Tom Ventura
FROM: Fr. Clete Kiley
DATE: October 17, 1984
SUBJECT: Fr. Robert Mayer
[redacted]

Today Mr. [redacted], the youth minister at St. Mary's Parish in Des Plaines ([redacted]) called to alert us about some activities of Fr. Mayer, who is currently working at the neighboring parish, St. Stephen's. [redacted]

1. Mr. [redacted] met Fr. Mayer approximately a year ago. He had been called by a lady at St. Stephen's who was trying to start up the youth ministry program there. She invited Mr. [redacted] to come to a meeting at St. Stephen's at which Fr. Mayer was in attendance. Fr. Mayer invited him for drinks after the meeting back in his room in the rectory, where there was a teenage boy waiting. Fr. Mayer acted somewhat strangely, rubbing Mr. [redacted]'s hand. When he had a puzzled look on his face, the teenager commented, "Oh, he does that all of the time."

In a later dinner conversation, Fr. Mayer turned to Mr. [redacted] and said, "Tell us something about you that your friends know but no one else does." He also told Mr. [redacted] about the charges that had been leveled against him in his previous parishes. Mr. [redacted]'s comment was that this whole first encounter was at least somewhat bizarre.

2. Later on during this past year, one of the teens in Mr. [redacted]'s program told Mr. [redacted] that there was a real cool priest in the neighboring parish He was a lot of fun and they could have drinks in his room. The teenager told Mr. [redacted] that in one of the conversations with Fr. Mayer that this teen had, Fr. Mayer said things like "when someone is your friend you should be able to tell your friend that you love him." According to Mr. [redacted] there was other solicitous-type conversation referring to masturbation.

She were happy that he had linked up with a priest.

3. About three weeks ago, a [redacted], a parishioner at St. Mary's, came in to talk with Mr. [redacted]. [redacted] She was somewhat upset about what direction her son was taking lately. She asked Mr. [redacted] to speak with her son. Mr. [redacted] then spoke with

4. [redacted] who is 14 years old. In the course of the conversation, [redacted] told Mr. [redacted] about this priest he knew.

[redacted] asked Mr. [redacted] if it was OK for priests to have girlfriends and if it was OK for priests to drink. Then [redacted] told Mr. [redacted] about being in Fr. Mayer's room with another friend from school. They were drinking and the friend passed out on the couch. Fr. Mayer then went and got a bottle of Jack Daniels and a cigar, put them in the hands of the passed out teen, and took a Polaroid picture. [redacted] related to Mr. [redacted] that Fr. Mayer had an album of pictures of kids like this with the Jack Daniels bottle and the cigar. [redacted]

Finally, [redacted] related to Mr. [redacted] that Fr. Mayer had a great VCR library. Apparently he has what Fr. Mayer calls his "regular" library and then what he calls his "private" library, which is kept hidden away. Mr. [redacted] said this was of pornographic nature. (X rated) [redacted]

5. Mr. [redacted] has a friend who is a sargeant in the Des Plaines Police Department, and in a conversation he expressed some concern about the situation without getting into too much detail. The policeman said to him that he thought he knew what the situation was and that they were watching it. Finally Mr. [redacted] said to me that this seems to be an accident waiting to happen.

Mr. [redacted] gave me permission to use his name in this memorandum and he would be happy to discuss any further details with you. I am not completely familiar with the many details of Fr. Mayer's previous situations, but I am aware of the accusations that are lodged against him. This situation does seem to warrant immediate investigation for the people's sake, for Fr. Mayer's sake, and for our sake. Please feel free to call Mr. [redacted]. If I may be of any further help, let me know.

JCK/tl
cc: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

FOLLOW UP ON KILEY MEMO OF 10-17-84

[redacted]

No permission to use [redacted]'s name in dealing with Mayer

10-19-84

A. 83 — one of our kids told me about this "really cool" priest, he cusses. His outlook on life. "If you have a friend you should be free to tell him you love him." Oh but a further example "If your friend is picking off in a corner you shouldn't be bothered." The boy worked at [redacted].

NOV. 83 — Meeting on youth ministry. Dr. Mayer struck me as pathological. He was telling the people what they wanted to hear. But in a later private meeting he said just the obvious. He invited me to his place to talk over youth ministry.

At Mayer's place, there was a kid there on the couch. He served me a drink. After dinner, some strange things happened. eg. 1) palm reading - no response to "What does it say?" 2) at dinner, some probing questions. "What's one thing only your friends would know about you?" My answer, "Workaholic." 3) Asked me to be his racquetball partner.

[redacted]

- Age 23. 1 year in the job. I had been a custodian at [redacted]. Before that was in management at [redacted]. I replaced my sister on a youth retreat to Appalachia. It was a conversion experience for me. I grew up in St Mary, went to public school, CCD at St. Mary.

  I helped [redacted]

  I had negative experiences myself in high school.

  I promised to be here for 3 years, and then did like to go back to school.

- ~~[illegible]~~ Sergeant [redacted] had never had prior concern about Bob Mayer.

"a faceshifter"
"cunning"
"Satanic"

[redacted] Concerns.

[redacted] used the adjective

1. Why is Mayer a priest? He can do so much damage.
2. Serves liquor to minors? Very irresponsible.
   But lets kids bike home alone.
3. VCR + pornographic films?
4. Some hints of homosexuality? I got the impression I was being fished out.

Basic gut feeling: ~~[illegible]~~ Mayer is a bad influence. I know kids can blow things out of perspective, but there has to be some basis.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Tom Ventura TV

DATE: October 30, 1984

SUBJECT: Bob Mayer

1. Joe Kinane, the local Dean, and I met with Bob for 1½ hours on October 29, 1984, at St. Stephen's Rectory in Des Plaines to discuss the complaints in Clete Kiley's memo. In preparation for the meeting I had a long phone conversation with [redacted], the complaintant. As a result I concluded that the complaints were not as well substantiated as they originally appeared in Clete's memo. Moreover, [redacted] decided that he did not want his name used. However, because of the background of Bob Mayer, it seemed wise to pursue the matter.

   Upon arriving, Bob asked us if it would be OK to have two other people at the meeting: his pastor, Len Mezydlo, and the parish [redacted], [redacted], who has been in that position for five years. We asked why. He responded that they knew about his background at St. Edna's, that they worked as a team, and that they would know whether he had young people in his room, etc. We agreed to their participation.

2. I opened the meeting by saying the ordinarily we would not pursue what was, in effect, an anonymous accusation, but in this case, both because it involved possible harm to young people and because of the background of similar difficulties at St. Edna and St. Mary in Lake Forest, it seemed wise both for his good and the responsibility of the Archdiocese to pursue the matter as effectively as possible. Bob expressed his dismay that these same old accusations were arising again in this new parish where he had been "walking on eggs" to avoid them.

3. I summarized the concerns as follows:

   a. That he was serving liquor to minors in his room.

   b. That he had X-rated videotapes which he showed to young people.

c. That he had not responsibly cared for teens under the influence of alcohol to see to it that they arrived home safely. (Dram shop law)

d. That he had a photo album with pictures of sleeping or unconscious teens which features a common "Jack Daniels and a cigar" motif.

e. That his language, values, and lifestyle were detrimental to young people.

I also mentioned that the complaintant mentioned two names of young people who liked Father Mayer, but who had described the above incidents. These names were [redacted] and [redacted]

4. [redacted]

As for [redacted] none of them had ever heard of him before.

5. Concerning the other issues, Bob responded as follows:

a. He has very severely limited his ministry to young people in St. Stephen's Parish. In fact, many parents are complaining to him about this, urging him to do more. He teaches the 8th grade religion class each week. Sometimes some of those kids will come to the Rectory, but the secretary sends them away. Bob also has a Senior CCD class six times a semester. This is a new program which currently only has three students, two boys and one girl. This is held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in his room because of a shortage of meeting places. He has refused to go on any altar boy outings or picnics. About sixteen young people from St. Edna's come to see him from time to time. Twelve are under 21. Four or five are over 21. He never serves beer or liquor to those who are minors. Also at holiday breaks, a number of college-age students from Lake Forest come to visit him. He said that only two young people from St. Stephen's have been in his room, and they are from families which are close personal friends. He also has two raquetball partners, ages 20 and 22, one of whom is a member of the Parish Council.

[redacted] said that her work causes her to be around the Rectory a great deal and she would support what Father Mayer said. In fact, she said, the Rectory is so open and so many people pass through it that a person would have a difficult time doing anything amiss without people stumbling across it. She mentioned that the only unusual thing she could remember was one time when Father Mayer was on vacation, a

boy came and said that Father Mayer gave him permission to use his room. The secretary let him go up. When [redacted] returned and learned of it, she confronted the boy and had him leave because Father Mayer had told her he did not want anyone in his room. She said kids are funny that way sometimes.

b. Concerning the "Dram Shop issue," the only incident that Bob remembers that even remotely resembles that happened about four weeks ago at the end of September, 1984. He returned from the Parish Mission at around 9:00 p.m. and found three or four boys, young teens, at the back steps of the Rectory. One kid was really sick, either high or drunk. He had threatened to put himself on the railroad tracks and his friends came to the Rectory for help. Bob brought him and the other boys into the kitchen and gave him some Pepto-Bismol. Bob was going to phone his parents, but the boy pleaded with him not to call because his Dad would beat him. The other boys wanted Bob to drive the boy home. Bob refused saying that he had already had enough trouble with things like this and he did not want to be blamed for the boy's condition. So one of the other boys took the lad home on his bicycle.

c. Concerning the other matters, Bob made these points: He has a VCR, but he has no X-rated tapes and would not show them to teens if he did have them. He has photo albums with all kinds of pictures, but nothing features Jack Daniels and a cigar. He agreed that he uses "rough language" and that he should improve on that. He denied that he has anything resembling a "Playboy lifestyle." He said that if his values or lifestyle are so detrimental to young people, how would his critics explain the fact that six kids he has worked with over the years since St. Barnabas, have gone to the Seminary. One is [redacted] who will be ordained next May. In fact, we could check with [redacted] on what kind of person he thinks Bob Mayer is.

6. [redacted] and Len Mezydlo added these observations:

[redacted]: St. Stephen's Parish has always been very factonalized. Some people idolize a priest. Others dislike the same priest intensely. It becomes overly personalized. Moreover, throughout the years a number of men have left the priesthood from that rectory. Also there is currently a parishioner who has been writing a great many letters of complaint to the rectory. She wondered if he might be the complaintant.

Len: There has been a pattern of progress in the parish since Bob came. Many exciting new things have started. Bob is a very capable priest, a very hard worker. We have disagreed on some things, but Bob backs down if I push a thing hard enough. Bob is different and unusual in his style, but very effective. If he is criticized, he invites the person in and they talk it out. His style is confrontative, but so was Jesus'. Len likes Bob very much.

Both people agree that Bob has an unusual sense of humor which some people find delightful but which causes some people consternation. If you take it

the wrong way, you could be turned off. Also if someone is mad at him, they could use some of the things he says in jest against him. (Joe and I recommended that, under the circumstances, Bob might be well advised to modify some of that.)

7. After the meeting I asked Joe Kinane for his impression. He made the following points:

   a. There did not seem to be anything substantive to the charges made.

   b. The Rectory staff (Bob, Len, [redacted]) seemed to get along very well.

   c. Bob has an abrasive style. He has an odd sense of humor. I wouldn't be surprised if, in the future, more people get upset about him. I'm bothered by the way people tend to choose up sides about him.

   I agree with those points. I would add this information: Bob has been cooperative with our directives for follow-up to the St. Edna case. He had [redacted] followed by a meeting with [redacted], [redacted]

Since Clete Kiley's memo was sent to Father Velo, Father Kinane, and [redacted] as well as to the Cardinal and myself, copies of this report will be sent to those people for their information only.

If there are any additional questions, please let me know.

dmk

copies: Father Kiley
Father Velo
Father Kinane
[redacted]

12-11-84

[redacted] wife of [redacted]
[redacted] W
[redacted] H.
at St Stephens, Des Plaines.

St Stevens parish

- 13 year old son [redacted] [redacted]
- his service project
preparing for Confirmation: 100 hours ~~per week~~ total
- [redacted] gets the key from Bob Mayer.
- [redacted] spends time with Bob in his room.
- Bob Mayer tells [redacted] dirty jokes, very inappropriate & irresponsible. SEXUAL IN NATURE.
- Mother spoke to Fr. Meyzello. He said that he will look into it, and that he has heard similar stories.
- Jen said he has had no complaints

"I asked "do I have never to any dirty jokes" give them a call that's it."

[redacted] is my [redacted] 13 year old. [redacted] SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE. "laughs it off."
He feels Fr. Mayer is his friend. I think Fr. Mayer is a bad influence on [redacted]
Did not talked to Bob Mayer. Why?

- [redacted]

Solution? STEP BY STEP
(1) How [redacted] change his Confirmation project. [redacted] were worried about the logistics.

[[redacted] seem to get along well.]

(2) She talk to Fr. Mayer.
(3) I'll talk to Fr. Mayer.

Call Meyzello & call her back.

St. Edna's Parish

2525 North Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

April 7, 1982

John Cardinal Cody
Archbishop of Chicago
Chancery Office
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Your Eminence:

This letter serves to inform you of our situation with Fr. Robert E. Mayer since his coming to St. Edna's Parish in June of 1981.

During this time the 7 Staff Members have tried to work with Fr. Mayer but have on almost every occasion found it difficult due to his manipulative, and uncooperative manner. Enclosed is a copy of a letter Fr. Somerville wrote to Fr. Mayer which depicts the differences that we see exist. We further wish to report to you some of the things that have been spoken to us over these past 10 months.

REPORTS: ST. EDNA'S

1. Reports of his abrupt style to parishioners such as, a woman wishing to speak with him about her marriage difficulties was told to read that particular Sunday's bulletin article and simply walked away from her.

2. Report of telling a woman going through divorce that men can't be expected to be faithful, and implied that he himself was not celibate.

3. Report that in July six men of the parish approached him regarding the effect his attitude and actions are having on the parish. They felt this did little good.

4. Reports from parents that young teens were said to be receiving alcohol from Fr. Mayer and that an incident occured at a summer place concerning the measuring of genitals with a group of teens.

5. Report from a parent that a young teen stated Fr. Mayer was seen wearing a poncho garment with nothing else on in the presence of other teens.

6. Report from a parent that alcohol was stored for some young teens by Fr. Mayer and given to them on their way to a dance at school.

8. Report that teens and young men come and go to the Rectory quite regularly at all hours of the day and night, as a result Fr. Mayer does very little Parish work.

9. Report of many beer cans in the garbage and wine glasses to be cleaned from the Rectory.

10. A report of seeing smoke and wine glasses filled with smoke on one occasion about his room while he was with older teens.

11. Report of use of foul language used.

12. Report by parents concerning the amount of time young teens spend at the Rectory.

13. Report by parents of concern for their son who was having difficulties that Fr. Mayer knew of, as to why he did not contact them to appraise them of this situation.

14. Report from parents that teens say you can get pot at St. Edna's.

15. Report of pornographic films shown by Fr. Mayer.

16. Report of widespread talk throughout the teens and adult communities.

REPORTS: ST. MARY'S PARISH
LAKE FOREST

1. Reports from St. Mary's of Fr. Mayer allowing teens to have alcohol from the Rectory. Parents confronted him with such information and he stated it was there and they drank it.

2. Reports of seeing kids in Fr. Mayer's room noting beer cans on counter tops.

3. Reports of noticing one of the young teens coming to the parish youth group drinking a can of beer stating he got it at "Bob's".

4. Report of teens coming out of the Rectory with alcohol on their breath.

5. Report of a party which took place in the basement of the Rectory where alcohol was served.

6. Reports of frequently speaking with teens about his personal life, especially in the area of sexuality.

7. Report of Fr. Mayer showering in his room and coming out before whoever was there and dress in front of them.

8. Report of a sexual advance to a teen.

9. Report of Fr. Mayer in his room watching television with a young man sitting with their arms around each others shoulders.

We report these findings to you with the hope that you will be able to guide us in this situation. Some of the above we can substantiate through specific individuals and some are reports that have come to one of the staff members from parishioners in general. We are greatly concerned about any divisions that might occur at St. Edna's because of this. We implore your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

The Staff of St. Edna's Parish

Rev. Walter F. Somerville, Pastor

Mr. Michael Hutchins, Youth Minister

Sr. Jane Martin, Adult Education and Liturgy

Mrs. Kathy Paul, Youth Minister

Sr. Jane Schlosser, Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments

Ms. Marilyn Steffel, Director of Child Programming

Mrs. JoAnn Walczynski, Youth Minister

Mr. [redacted], Parishioner and Police Investigator

[redacted]

JUL 22 1982 A.M.

Fr. Keating mentioned that he received a call from Fr. Walt Somerville concerning a complaint on the conduct of Father Bob Mayer at St. Edna's in A.H. J.R.K told W.S. that I would handle it and told him to have the women contact me.

P.M.

Call received by me from [redacted], and [redacted] - "Conference" call.

Complaint Bob Mayer takes Altar Boys on reward trips - younger ones go as a group older 8th Graders to his cottage.

4 boys a few days ago to cottage. Boys first told only for day - one of mothers asked to pick them up at night - late in day a call to let them stay over for night. Boy called and asked if he could go picked up earlier in Am. somewhat nervous.

Problem: call him "Bob"

Legion - I can give you any - you can take some if you want "steal" driving into town - Boys were "punished" in water

Mother told that I could not do much over the phone - told to call back and set up an appointment at Q. A. S. for me to interview boys and get things in writing if they wanted to pursue this. Explained seriousness of this; also explained importance of handling this in best way.

No call.

July 23 Friday.
Parents want to do this fast and quick - hard on boys. Mayer called - parent - he will get lawyer. They will get a lawyer.

July 27
W.S. called meeting on Thurs. W/lawyer I explained problem to them again - can't do much without it being in writing. Should be quiet

July 30 - Friday
Received a call from
[redacted] Lawyer [redacted] -
She is going to write a written report
for this - She interviewed boy.
Meeting held - W.S. There. Parents and
lawyer. She spoke with boy.

Later today W.S. called wants Mayer out -
hard time for him. No sleep etc.
Faced him two separate situations.

August 5 Thursday [redacted]
I returned a phone call to [redacted],
deeply upset over the issue - calls from people
saying what are we doing about it. I added we
can do nothing about it unless in writing

August 30 -
Received packet from attorney. [redacted]

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

To: Father Keating

From: Archbishop Bernardin

Re: Father Robert E. Mayer

Date: October 5, 1982

When you return, we will need to decide how we are going to handle the Father Mayer situation. Basically, we have agreed that we will review the matter. Our goal will be to arrange for a transfer, but on grounds other than those brought by those who have complained.

The next question is this: Do we simply permit him to be assigned elsewhere, or must there be some evaluation of the difficulty? If there is really a problem with him, it will not be long for a crises to develop elsewhere.

Should there be some contact with the Personnel Board about this?

Many thanks,

+JL Bernardin

10/15/82 Spoke with the Archbishop today.
Suggested procedure:
- M sees Fr. McDonagh
- JLB - JRK - + " confer + decide.
JRK

Notes on: Concerning Father Mayer

Meeting November 6, 1982 - 10:00 A.M. til Noon - [redacted] house in Prospect
Present: [redacted]
Attorney, [redacted] Fr. McDonagh, Fr. Mayer

1. I tried to establish in the beginning, that I asked for this meeting in order to convey the concern of the A.B., and myself, for them, their children and Fr. Mayer. Asked Fr. Velo to be present because he was involved in early part of the case. We are not attorneys representing Fr. Mayer.

2. They, [redacted] - talked for first half hour about their involvement - their non-vindictiveness - their concern that Fr. Mayer get some help. How they felt forced to get attorney after Fr. Mayer, in a phone call, said they had been talking about him giving kids booze and having sex. They disclaimed this totally, and decided to retain counsel.

3. [redacted]

4. The attorneys' fees are already $5200.00, evidently being picked up by the [redacted] "We want action now" - disappointed that Diocese did nothing - Appreciate what my effort is, but don't want to wait.

5. In the beginning [redacted] seemed to indicate that they were not pressing for Father's transfer, but in the end they wanted some action. I told them I would talk to you and Fr. Mayer and talk to them next week. They feel they might have to go ahead with the litigations.

6. Fr. Velo and I feel I should tell Fr. Mayer no more kids in his room or in the cottage for now at least.

7. [redacted]: "if there had been property damage, the priest would have been out right away - but in the case of these kids, [redacted] nothing is done". [redacted] kid is afriad that some of Fr. Mayer's young friends at [redacted] Hi might retaliate as they claim Fr. Mayer alleged.

8. The Attorney has taken a statement from a former youth director at St. Mary's, Lake Forest, damaging to Fr. Mayer, and is interviewing other people from that parish. I can't see how we can keep her from doing that unless we get counsel.

9. Fr. Mayer sent a note of apology this past week to [redacted]

   What to do:
   1. I'll see Fr. Mayer and tell him to stop seeing boys in his room for the time being so I can say something has been done. Maybe he is changing his position. I don't know if he is ready to.
   2. I feel evidence is inconclusive in this case of homosexuality, but conduct is inappropriate - and he has to change. I can't see him continuing there because of the year long effort for Pastor and Staff to remove him.
   3. They feel their children have been hurt and they want to protect them, and all other kids.

10. Fr. Velo to talk to [redacted]

Nov. 9 - N.B. [redacted]. Conference call with Fr. Velo, [redacted] Fr. McDonagh in morning. Fr. McDonagh to see Fr. Mayer on Friday. [redacted]

[redacted]

December 13, 1982

Archbishop Joseph Bernardin
155 East Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Your Excellency,

As per our telephone conversation with your office on Tuesday, December 7th, we are submitting our written request for an appointment with you. We are both Lay Ministers from St. Edna's Parish in Arlington Heights, who have been aware of the situation concerning Fr. Somerville, Fr. Mayer and some of the other staff members. We are also aware of the pending litigation against Fr. Mayer.

We would like to have the opportunity to offer our perspective of the situation in hope that it might help in bringing about a just and loving resolution for all concerned. We feel there are some issues here which may not be readily apparent to someone who has not experienced this first hand.

When this situation arose last year, the two of us barely knew one another, having worked together on a retreat, and having belonged to the same Bible Study Group. About a year ago, by chance, we discovered that we both had just had similar conversations with Marilyn Steffel, our Director of Religious Education. We felt that those conversations had in effect summed up a lot of the negative feelings we had each been receiving from some staff members in regard to Fr. Mayer. Basically, what Marilyn had conveyed to us individually was her feeling that Fr. Mayer was having a deleterious effect on some young people; that she had in her possession "evidence" to that effect; that she was looking for more evidence and witnesses; and that "there are going to be some changes made around here". We also discovered that we experienced similar reactions to the conversations. We had been informed by some staff members that Fr. Mayer was very critical and outspoken in challenging the staff about the programs at St. Edna's when he first came to our parish; and also that (whether or not it was justified) some of the staff had felt threatened and abused by him. However, we felt the direction the staff should be taking toward this situation should be one of love and reconciliation, and not one of removal. We asked that of Marilyn, and were told it couldn't work.

At the time we began to be involved in this, our knowledge of Fr. Mayer was very minimal, coming only through our Bible Study Group, liturgy, and word of mouth. We both had some sense of Fr. Somerville, although we did not know him well. We had both had a close working and personal relationship with Marilyn Steffel for some time. Within the past year, both individually and together, we have talked with each of the above people about this situation. While Fr. Somerville has never refused to talk about this situation with us (like some staff members have), Fr. Mayer has been the only one on staff that we have found to be really open and easily approachable on the subject. Because of this we have spent much time discussing the problem with Fr. Mayer. We realize that this has caused some talk among certain staff members that we are on Fr. Mayer's "side". The fact is that we are on the side of Jesus Christ and his Gospel message which calls for love, truth, compassion and forgiveness.

We have admittedly spent a great deal of time over this past year in attempting to understand this problem, the people behind it, and working at reconciliation. Our families (God love them for their patience and understanding) can testify to this. We realize that the removal of either or both of our priests would possibly seem to be the easy way out. But as Christians we are not called to expediency, but to love and reconciliation.

It would seem to us that the removal of any individual who is willing to try to work out this situation would have to be considered a failure for Christianity. We are still hopeful that somehow, by the grace of God, the staff will be able to reconcile themselves and no one will be forced to leave St. Edna's under these circumstances. We would like you to know that you have our full support in any attempt at reconciliation.

We are each attaching a brief resume about ourselves so that you may have a better sense of who we are and what we are about. As you will see, we are both working on a parish directory and an anticipated needs assessment and census. In our work in these areas, we have talked over the last seven or eight months with literally dozens of parishioners, many of whom have expressed their thoughts on parish life to us. In the course of these conversations, many have told us of their frustration at the lack of openness and parish development at St. Edna's. Many people, including ourselves, seem to sense the potential in our parish for growth under the leadership of our two priests if they were only to affirm the goodness and talents in each other. We are aware that Fr. Mayer has suggested implementing a mini-parish system and parish council and has met with opposition from Fr. Somerville and some other staff members. Admittedly, we are not aware of all of their reasons for opposing this. However, Fr. Somerville has stated to one of us that one of his reasons for not wanting a parish council is that he feels it might be difficult for him to work with that type of structure, which obviously could at times present a considerable amount of conflict of ideas and personalities. However, we feel that if we all pull together in the spirit of Christian love -- building bridges instead of walls -- we can come to a fuller realization of our individual gifts and experience and exemplify a vibrant Christian Faith Community.

We realize that you have an extremely busy and tight schedule, but we would really like to be able to convey to you the full story of St. Edna's as we see it. With our hope and prayer that the Spirit may move us all to know and live the truth, we remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Enclosures

CC: Marilyn Steffel
Fr. Somerville
Fr. Mayer

draft

Dear Bob:

I have read and re-read your letter of December 15, reflecting carefully on each of the ten observations you make in reply to Father Somerville's petition. I enjoyed our meeting on December th and I appreciate this written follow-up to add to the long and exhausting church process.

Indeed the process has been long and exhausting. The appeal was first lodged with the Clergy Personnel Board last February, then with the office of the Chancellor, finally, once I arrived last August, with me. Along the way you and Father Somerville have aired your differences before Monsignor Jack Gorman, acting as facilitator at the request of the Personnel Board, and before Father Bob Festle, your Urban Vicar, acting as conciliator at my request. In addition to this, you followed Father Keating's direction and sought counsel from Father Andy McDonagh.

Much like the process itself, you must be personally exhausted!

What is abundantly clear, however, is that, when all is said and done, there is still a festering sore that simply will not be healed, no matter how many remedies are applied.

This is not so surprising, since the issue is not a question of guilt or misconduct, justice or injustice. It is purely a question of personalities. It is a question of the chemistry of co-workers that creates tension and resentment rather than unity and collaboration.

I have wanted to be especially careful and fair-minded in this particular dispute. The fact that this process has been protracted has tested the patience of some. But greater than the virtue of patience is the absolute need to judge what is best for the mission of the church, for the priesthood, and ultimately, what is best for you, Bob, and your continued effectiveness as a priest.

You have indeed been effective. God has given you many gifts, and you have utilized many of them in a strong and dynamic manner. I need you and your many talents for our future work together in this great Archdiocese.

What am I asking you to do? I am asking you to rise above yourself, to rise above this passing episode, to rise to an uncommon level of servanthood, the servanthood that you and I share in our commitment to souls the length and breadth of this Archdiocese. I am asking you, as your brother servant in the Lord, to seek a transfer from the Personnel Board, one which ~~might~~ will take effect before February 1.

Since there is no question of wrong-doing, there is absolutely no need of excuses, explanations, or recriminations. I sense that you have the stuff to rise above even that sort of thing.

Because of this deep priestly challenge in your life, by God's grace, I have come to know you and respect you in a very special and personal way. That is why I trust before God in your strength and courage.

Your brother in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

[redacted]

Attached is the letter that I mentioned from some of the young men who are friends of Fr. Mayer. They have never received an acknowledgment from the Cardinal. [redacted] told me his return address was on the envelope. (I have written in their addresses)

I am concerned about these young men and their families and the others who have endured almost two years of 'investigation' abuse and publicity. Think of the implication for them and their sons (some are not even Catholic). They are disappointed, sad, angry and disillusioned at the injustice they have seen. They have stood by Fr. Mayer and courageously followed his example of Christian behavior. I have great love and admiration for all of them.

I can personally say of the young men that I know who are his friends, that they are idealistic, independent, 'individual', resourceful, intelligent, fun-loving, 'together', healthy, beautiful, loving young men. Most of them come from healthy 'above average' loving families that nurture these qualities.

I am sad -- one of them told me last week that he was considering becoming a priest - but if this is the way you're treated... Knowing him, I am sure of his strong belief in God and that he will continue to give and care in his own life, but I personally consider him a loss for the priesthood and our Church. Fr. Mayer has also inspired vocations in other young men, as a matter of fact, one is at St, Mary's now. I understand he too, has corresponded with the Cardinal.

I would seriously doubt if any of these people would appraoch our new pastor for ministry. Some of them have already approached Fr. Somerville and the CArdinal. Unfortunately, although they have tremendous admiration for Fr. Mayer, the man, for most of them it is not for the Catholic Church or the priesthood.

If the Cardinal has any doubts about Fr. Mayer, perhaps he could look for the truth by judging the fruits of his influence. If you should decide to pursue any contact with these families, I would suggest the following (or any of them for that matter):

[redacted]

Father, if you or the Cardinal do approach any of these families or young men at this time, please do not use a simple 'thank you for your letter'. After what they have experienced, a superficial effort would be more harmful than helpful.

I sincerely respect and appreciate your concern and thank you for even considering such an effort.

February 17, 1983

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

We are writing in regards to Reverend Robert E. Mayer, associate pastor of St. Edna's Parish in Arlington Heights. Because of our friendship with Fr. Mayer, we feel compelled to write and express our opinion of him. We write this letter without any assistance or instigation by an adult figure.

[redacted]

We have all known Fr. Mayer for at least one and a half years. We are aware of the allegations against Fr. Mayer and categorically deny everything that has appeared in the newspaper articles concerning his character. Under no circumstances did Fr. Mayer ever expose himself, offer liquor, drugs, or any pornographic materials. We also have all traveled to visit Fr. Mayer at his cottage, never using it for party purposes. We have never witnessed any improper, immoral, or illegal behavior on Fr. Mayer's part.

On the contrary, we view Fr. Mayer as a positive influence on our lives. We have all asked for and received guidance from Fr. Mayer in many areas of our lives. He helped us with our term papers and college essays. Through our discussions with Fr. Mayer, we feel he ignites within us a mature thought process. We all profit from his knowledgeable background and excellent rapport with young adults.

Cardinal Bernardin, we all believe Fr. Mayer enriches our lives every time we come in contact with him. We hope your decision will be to have Fr. Mayer remain at St. Edna.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

REV. ROBERT MAYER 7-29-83

1. Discouraged that his predictions came true... newspapers have gotten the story... law case is as vitriolic as ever... [redacted] is waffling... reporter's assumption is that the action is punitive...

2. Conversation w. Dick Keating about St Louise de Marillac...
Dick said Boris is very withdrawn, uncommunicative... strong CCD coordinator, strong principal... Dick would make living in the house a necessity... It made a shot in the arm... Bob is cool to it... People are wonderful...

3. Bob would like to be a pastor... one man place?...

8-16-83: Ken Velo.
Sat Aug. 20, 12 midnight - deadline - if Mayer assignment is not set thru ordinary channels we will approach the Cardinal to participate directly in the process of talking to pastors: St Clement, Cathedral etc.

8-16-83: Bob Mayer.
- re: tonight's meeting: listen well; appreciate their concerns.
- people are concerned about their kids.
- mentioned St. Ita as a parish that's a possibility... St. Francis Xavier, Wilsonville...
- it was the Cardinal's decision to move Bob; he obeyed, but he did not agree with the decision.
- money concerns: living expenses. no stole fees.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Tom Ventura

DATE: August 1, 1983

SUBJECT: Bob Mayer and St. Edna

1. Both Sommerville and Mayer report the farewell weekend went well. Some parishioners circulated a petition for retaining Mayer. He said he did not want that done.

2. Heidenreich phoned. He and Hurley are moving in today. Heidenreich was concerned about signs that Mayer didn't intend to move out until he got an assignment. I phoned Mayer reminding him that he and Sommerville should both leave at the same time. I advised him to stay either at his parents' home, his family cottage, or another Rectory until he is reassigned and that he should inform me where he would be. He asked if the Cardinal had an extra room. I told him to see if he could work out something with Hurley about storing his furnishings until he is reassigned.

3. Mayer asked, "Is the Cardinal aware that the three things I predicted would happen have happened: a) solution to the case is not imminent; b) newspapers and individuals have linked his transfer and the case; c) it has been very difficult to get him a new assignment." I replied that I would inform you but that the case will probably settle down after the flurry of the last two weekends, as will the public interest in it, and probably be settled when it becomes "stale news." As for the reassignment, Velo continues to work very hard on it

and that once Mayer has time after moving temporarily out of St. Edna's, he and Velo and I should meet to discuss the entire matter in person. At that time I hope we can educate Bob to some of the aspects of his behavior which make him undesirable to many parishes and what, if anything, he can do to modify them.

4. I also expressed my appreciation for his cooperation during what must be an extremely painful time for him.

5. Bob Heidenreich also asked about the possibility of your coming to the aprish to install John Hurley as pastor. I said you'd mentioned the possibility of coming to the parish and that it would probably be good to schedule that a month or so from now when things have shaped up a bit. He agreed.

dmk

Bob Mayer. (Background information) 8-8-83.

Lerley: a powerful man with people. Touches them deeply. Has brought many back to church. Smart. Shrewd. Knows people well... other side. does things without informing the pastor eg. Aramenville went on a week's vacation. Upon his return Mayer had redecorated the entire first floor without a word to him --- It would be easier for me to be his associate than to be his pastor. You can only have one pastor in a parish but episcopatically Bob can't accept that...

Chas. Meyer: Mayer is very talented. Excellent homilies and bulletin articles. However even there you have a problem. His style is confrontative, challenging. Some people like that and respond well to it. But others get tired of it and dislike it, and dislike Mayer for lodging them. ... Also Bob touches many people, but he tends to exaggerate his effect. There is a genuine intellectual nourishing, but not so much at an emotional level... Bob is a rather self-centered individual. He has a way of doing things and you either fit in or not. But he doesn't accommodate or adjust to you... He is a strong leader, but he is also very manipulative. It's so much a part of him that it seems he is not even aware that it is going on... He has had a big effect on some young people, but again there is a doubleness to it. Not so much an exchange of ideas as a kind of discipleship.. I have a plan. You follow it...

(over)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Tom Ventura TV

DATE: August 9, 1983

SUBJECT: St. Edna (Petition by parishioners)

1. Your letter arrived this afternoon and one of the parishioners who signed the petition ([redacted]) called, asking me to meet with a group of twenty to discuss their concerns. It's set for August 16 at 7:45 p.m. at St. Edna's School Hall.

2. With regard to the six points, here's my approach to a response:

   1) Why remove Fr. Mayer? To avoid continuation of a divisive situation.

   2) Why no dialogue on the decision? To avoid deepening and broadening the controversy.

   3) Response to the petition? The decision is final. We appreciate their concern.

   4) Lack of response to petition on December 29, 1982? I know nothing about that petition. – apology from cardinal of letter.

   5) Initiation of Parish Council? Knowing Fr. Hurley and Fr. Heidenreich, I would be sure they will initiate structures of participation and shared decision making.

6) Far-reaching, harmful effect of this decision? Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. The Cardinal's judgment was that this was the least harmful course to follow. Time will tell if that was accurate.

3. I feel one of the major concerns is Fr. Mayer's well being. If he has an assignment before this meeting, that concern should be considerably alleviated. Otherwise, I'm sure that will be the focal point of the discussion and I'll do my best to deal with it. But it's not easy to explain why a man they have experienced as a great resource is so hard to place.

4. I'd appreciate any corrections or suggestions you'd have to this general approach.

dmk

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TO: Cardinal Bernardin
FROM: Tom Ventura
RE: St. Edna, Arlington Hts.

1. I met for 2½ hours on Aug. 16. at St. Edna with the representatives of the petition signers who now number 900 they tell me. The tone of the meeting was cordial, but it really was and remains an impasse.

2. Their main points seem to be:
   A) They strongly feel you made a bad decision when you removed Bob Mayer from St. Edna.
   B) They feel the parish staff was the villan in the past controversy and they came out of it unscathed.
   C) They are concerned about the court case being unresolved, the bad publicity for Mayer, the harm to his reputation, the difficulty in getting an assignment for him.
   D) They want Mayer reassigned to St. Edna.

3. They made 2 formal requests which I said I would pass on to you:
   A) THAT ONE OR TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 900 SIGNERS BE ALLOWED TO HAVE A 10 MINUTE MEETING WITH THE CARDINAL BEFORE OR AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF FR. HURLEY THIS SATURDAY

   I would recommend that you meet with one person and keep to the time limit. It would be a sign of good will and I think it would help diffuse the situation

   The person they designated as their representative is [redacted]

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If you decide to meet with her, I'd recommend you contact her thru John Hurley and set a definite time and place. She is the key person in all of this in my opinion.

B) THAT THE DIOCESE NOT PAY ANY MONEY TO THE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT THE LAW SUIT AGAINST FR. MAYER.

I think this is the kind of decision that is best left up to the lawyers.

4. The main points I made were:

- The main reason for the decision was to avoid further divisiveness and damage to the parish and the individuals.
- That only time will tell if the decision was a good one.
- That they are not infallible in their judgement of the situation.
- That if the seeds Fr. Mayer planted are healthy, they will continue to grow.
- That what's needed now is an end to the divisiveness and united efforts with the new priests.

Tom Ventura

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-25

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Mayer, Rev. Robert [Resigned]/[redacted]

Date: July 21, 2004

PRA spoke with Bishop Raymond Goedert today via phone regarding [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Robert Mayer. Mr. [redacted] provided PRA with written consent to speak with Bishop Goedert regarding the aforementioned matter.

Bishop Goedert informed PRA that he met the [redacted] Family when he was assigned to St. Barnabas. He spoke highly of the [redacted] Family and stated that [redacted] had disclosed to him that Fr. Mayer had abused him.

Bishop Goedert stated that in the past he pleaded with [redacted] to disclose the abuse to his parents. He explained that he reasoned with [redacted] that such a disclosure would assist his parents in helping to understanding his troubles [throughout life]. Bishop Goedert described the [redacted] as a good family and that he knows them well.

Bishop Goedert informed PRA that he has written information based upon his past conversations with [redacted] concerning the abuse by Fr. Mayer. He also informed PRA that he urged [redacted] to speak with Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Director of Assistance Ministry regarding the abuse.

PRA informed Bishop Goedert that [redacted] has come forward to the Archdiocese of Chicago with his formal allegation and is represented by an attorney. Bishop Goedert expressed his happiness with [redacted] progress in disclosure. He stated that Mr. [redacted] attempts to address the abuse has gone on for a long time. Bishop Goedert spoke of his knowledge of [redacted] Referring to Mr. [redacted] initial disclosure of being abused by Fr. Mayer, Bishop Goedert stated that the allegation did not surprise him.

Bishop Goedert stated that over the past few years, he has met with [redacted] in person and also corresponded with him via e-mail. He informed PRA that he would copy his notes pertaining to [redacted] allegation against Fr. Mayer and forward them to PRA. Prior to ending the phone call, Bishop Goedert read from his notes that Mr. [redacted] disclosed to him that he was abused by Fr. Mayer when he was in seventh grade and an altar boy. [redacted] also informed Bishop Goedert that he was very afraid of Fr. Mayer.

PRA thanked Bishop Goedert for his assistance with this matter. Bishop Goedert suggested that PRA also speak with Mr. Bonaccorsi regarding his conversations with Mr. [redacted] PRA informed Bishop Goedert that [redacted] had provided consent for such a conversation to take place.

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-25

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator RBMB

Re: Mayer, Rev. Robert [Resigned] [redacted]

Date: June 29, 2006

PRA received a phone call today from Mr. Brett Starr of Jack Burke & Associates, Ltd. Mr. Starr was calling to provide PRA an update concerning his investigation into the matter of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Robert Mayer.

Mr. Starr expressed his thought to speak with [redacted] parents as well as his older brother about the alleged "golden elephant" that Fr. Mayer left on the porch of Mr. [redacted] parents' home [see file]. PRA informed Mr. Starr that this request has been made of [redacted] via his civil attorney, Jeff Anderson. Mr. Starr was also informed that Mr. Anderson had responded to the written request from PRA by stating that she [PRA] could not speak to [redacted] brother or parents. PRA informed Mr. Starr that Archdiocesan attorneys have been in discussion with Mr. Anderson about obtaining the requested information.

PRA reiterated to Mr. Starr that it was requested that he view the gym and locker room area of St. Mary's in Lake Forest as per the allegation of Fr. Mayer having [redacted] and other boys play basketball in the nude [see allegation]. Mr. Starr stated that he has made contacts with St. Mary's and is continuing to gather information on the matter. He informed PRA that once he has concluded his investigation/gathering of information he would type up a report and forward it to PRA.

Mr. Starr may be reached at [redacted].

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim DZ's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on August 24, 2006, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Mayer. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Mayer making sexually explicit and inappropriate comments, providing Victim DZ with alcohol and marijuana, as well as Fr. Mayer kissing and fondling Victim DZ, performing oral sex on Victim DZ, and showing Victim DZ and other minors pornography while Fr. Mayer and the minors, including Victim DZ, masturbated. One incident involved Fr. Mayer fondling Victim DZ's and another boy's penis at the same time. Victim DZ also recalls giving and receiving naked back rubs with Fr. Mayer. The alleged abuse began when Victim DZ was in seventh grade and ended when he was a sophomore in high school (approximately 1978 to 1981). The alleged abuse took place at St. Mary's parish rectory, St. Edna's parish rectory, at Victim DZ's home, and at Fr. Mayer's home in Fox Lake. Victim DZ states that there were at least 50 incidents of abuse at the St. Mary's rectory, and less than 20 incidents of abuse at the St. Edna's rectory.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the letter written by Victim DZ to Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, on or about September 15, 2006, clarifying several items contained in Ms. McCluskey's summary of Victim DZ's allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Mayer. Victim DZ's letter clarified that Fr. Mayer kissed Victim DZ with his tongue every time he greeted or said goodbye to Victim DZ, and that there were approximately 100 incidents of this kissing as abuse.

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July 25, 2006

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator
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Re: Allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, [redacted] against Fr. Mayer

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

On April 13, 2006 Jack Burke & Associates (the reporting investigator or "R/I") was engaged by the Office of Professional Responsibility to investigate allegations of sexual misconduct of a minor made by [redacted] against the former Reverend Robert Mayer. We were asked to speak with the current pastor at St. Mary's in Lake Forest, conduct an on-site visit of the gymnasium and identify and speak with any clerics who were assigned with Father Mayer at the time of the alleged abuse. What follows is a summary of our efforts to date.

FINDINGS

After reading the file material and being furnished with background information by the PRA, the R/I took investigative steps that the R/I believes were appropriate and prudent under the circumstances known/learned to date in order to establish the facts. As in any investigative assignment, particularly where the goal is to establish if an event occurred or did not occur, if additional interviews had been conducted or if additional leads had been known/developed, these investigative findings could have been different.

Facts have not been developed to support the proposition that Father Mayer sexually abused [redacted] However, in the R/I's opinion there is reason to believe the accused engaged in inappropriate sexual behavior and probably sexual abuse of minors, if not with [redacted] at least with other youth at St. Mary's.

ALLEGATION BACKGROUND

The allegation was made in August 2005 to the PRA of the Office of Professional Responsibility by [redacted] an [redacted] is the third of four children of [redacted] whom is a [redacted] and was [redacted] parents still reside in the parish.

[redacted] stated that he attended St. Mary's from first through eighth grades and graduated in 1980. Furthermore, he stated that he attended [redacted] from 1980 through 1982. [redacted] purported that he was an altar boy beginning in fourth or fifth grade

and that his older brother had been head altar boy until he was dismissed by Father Mayer. [redacted] alleges that mental and physical abuse by Father Mayer began when he was eleven and ended when he was thirteen. The allegations include wrestling and attempted anal sex, Father Mayer playing basketball in the nude, Father Mayer nude in the rectory, Father Mayer providing alcohol to [redacted] and other minor boys and "twisted confession" and unpriest-like behavior.

St. Mary's records do confirm that [redacted] graduated from St. Mary's in [redacted]. Archdiocese archive records show that former Father Robert Mayer was assigned to St. Mary's in Lake Forest from June 1975 through June 1981.

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

What follows is merely a brief summary of investigative steps taken and is not intended to be all inclusive of all steps.

On May 3, the R/I met with St. Mary's current pastor Michael McGovern at the rectory in Lake Forest. Father McGovern could not provide any direct or anecdotal information as he was not assigned to St. Mary's at or near the time of alleged abuse.

Father McGovern took the R/I to the gymnasium, which was occupied by school aged children at the time of the on-site visit. The R/I noted that the gymnasium was rectangular shaped and exited to the cafeteria and a hallway on the east side. The west side contained several windows with closed curtains in front of the windows. The north side of the gymnasium contained double doors at each corner with six small diamond shaped windows near the doors. The south side of the gymnasium was equipped with a temporary stage and in back of the temporary stage is a permanent stage. The permanent stage has storage rooms on either side that are now used as an athletic equipment room. At the corners at the side of the stage are entrances to stairs to the boys' and girls' locker rooms. The stairs to the boys' locker room is at the southwest corner of the gymnasium The boy's locker room contains three showers, two toilet stalls, a sink, lockers and a closet. There are two small flights of stairs descending into the locker room. After the first flight of a few stairs there are 10 stairs ascending west to a door to the outside of the gymnasium. There is also a window present above the second flight of steps descending into the locker room. Father McGovern stated that this locker room was present in 1977.

Father McGovern then brought the R/I back to the rectory and provided a tour of the first and second floors of the rectory. The second floor contains two bedrooms, a bathroom, stairs to the attic, a sitting room and a porch. The north stairs of the rectory lead down to the office area and a second set of stairs are present at the south end. Father McGovern speculated that the stairs at the south end would be less visible to individuals in the offices on the first floor.

Discussion with Father McGovern revealed that during the late 1970's and early 1980's the St. Mary's parish was very small and almost shut down. Father McGovern stated that it would not have been unusual to have boys as young as fifth grade who were being trained as altar servers. Father McGovern also stated that it would not have been uncommon to have a captain of the altar boys or a head altar server.

The R/I asked if there were any clerics who were assigned to St. Mary's at the time of the alleged abuse whom were still residing in the parish. Father McGovern informed me that the pastor at the time, Father James Brett died in 2000. He also informed the R/I that Reverend [redacted] and Reverend Michael Conroy were assigned elsewhere. Father McGovern gave the name of Vernon Malley who helped out on the weekends at St. Mary's and was now assigned in Arizona. Furthermore, Father McGovern informed the R/I that the principal from 1976 to 1978, [redacted], is now deceased. Father McGovern did provide the R/I with phone numbers for Deacon [redacted] and Deacon [redacted] who served at the time of the alleged abuse and continue to serve as Deacons today.

On July 6 the R/I spoke with current Deacon [redacted] by telephone whom was affiliated with St. Mary's at the time of the alleged abuse. Deacon [redacted] stated that he did not spend a great deal of time at the rectory during the time frame in question and was often traveling. Furthermore, Deacon [redacted] stated that he had a high regard for Father Mayer and that he never personally witnessed any inappropriate behavior by Mayer, but there were "innuendos" of inappropriate behavior. He recalled conversations with then pastor Jim Brett regarding Father Mayer frequently having grade school boys present in the rectory late at night. Pastor Brett spoke of loud noises during these time periods and was uncomfortable with Father Mayer's behavior. Deacon [redacted] did not specifically recall [redacted] and did not have knowledge of basketball games in which Father Mayer participated. Deacon [redacted] stated that he had sons of similar age at St. Mary's during this time period ([redacted] graduated from St. Mary's in 1981) whom were not friends with Father Mayer and would never be present in the rectory late at night.

On July 11 the R/I reached out for Vernon Malley at Priory Carmelite in Tucson, AZ. The SD was informed that Father Malley was in Boston, MA and would be out of town until October. The R/I was provided with a phone number for Father Malley in Boston. Phone calls to said number were answered by a voicemail for a woman. It is believed that this is an incorrect phone number.

On July 12 the R/I spoke with current Deacon [redacted] by telephone. Deacon [redacted] stated that he was affiliated with St. Mary's at the time of the alleged abuse and recalled Father Mayer. Deacon [redacted] described Father Mayer as a gifted guy with some major problems. Deacon [redacted] recalled that he would see kids during the day going up and down the stairs to the second floor of the rectory. Deacon [redacted] stated that he was very close to pastor Jim Brett whom would often complain of Father Mayer's behavior and was uncomfortable with the presence of school age children on the second floor of the rectory and the presence of alcohol. Deacon [redacted] also stated that after a couple of years at St. Mary, Father Mayer became looser and "let his hair down". On at least one occasion, Father Mayer told Deacon [redacted] that he "took the vow of celibacy, but didn't make a vow to chastity". Deacon [redacted] also recalled that following a tropical vacation Father Mayer took with other priests, Father Mayer bragged about sunbathing in the nude. He pulled down his pants over his hip to display that he had no tan lines. Deacon [redacted] also recalled that Father Mayer would take groups of students out on his powerboat in Wisconsin and on one occasion a boy almost lost his leg from the propeller on the boat. He mentioned the name of a widow, [redacted] who still

lives in the parish. He suggested that her son had been an altar server and was present on this boat. Deacon [redacted] did not specifically recall [redacted] and did not have knowledge of basketball games in which Father Mayer participated.

On July 12 the R/I spoke by telephone with Reverend Michael Conroy whom is assigned to St. Patrick Fathers on Granville in Chicago. Father Conroy stated that he was assigned to St. Mary's from 1977 to 1982 and recalled Father Mayer. He stated that he had been fairly friendly with the [redacted] family and was familiar with some allegations against Father Mayer. Father Conroy recalled that [redacted] older brother had been dismissed as an altar boy by Father Mayer. Father Conroy recollected that Bob Mayer would play basketball with young people that were in seventh and eight grade as well as high school. In addition, Father Conroy recalls that he would see teenagers at all times of the day and night going to the second floor of the rectory. He recalled seeing children with alcohol (beer cans) in their hands. In addition, Father Conroy recalled that there were several occasions that Father Mayer would be scantily dressed in a Speedo while sitting on the veranda on the second floor of the rectory. Father Conroy also recalled that Father Mayer had been involved in some kind of boating accident and that there had been allegations that Father Mayer would be nude while on his boat with children. Father Conroy suggested that Father Mayer had been close with two other priests whom were not assigned to St. Mary's. He gave the names Jim Holbert and John Molder.

On July 18 the R/I spoke by telephone with [redacted] who lived in the rectory at St. Mary's from the Summer of 1976 to the middle of May of 1977. [redacted] was a doctoral student at Northwestern and had been hired by the adult education department. [redacted] recalled Father Mayer and stated that he shared the second floor with Father Mayer and a sitting room. [redacted] recalled that Father Mayer would have grade school children hanging out in his room in the late afternoon. [redacted] also recalled that there was a back porch with a little refrigerator filled with beer and pop. He recalls that on two occasions he saw kids with cans that he thought to be beer in their hands. [redacted] recalls that he objected to this behavior and told pastor Jim Brett. [redacted] stated that he never saw any inappropriate contact and does not recall smelling cigarette smoke at any time. He recalled a housekeeper [redacted] who cooked and was present on most weekdays. [redacted] thought she would have some additional knowledge of Father Mayer's activities, but he could not remember her last name. [redacted] did not recall [redacted] and did not have knowledge of basketball games Father Mayer coordinated with students.

Contact was also made by telephone with Reverend Victor Ivers now assigned to St. Joseph's in Libertyville. Father Ivers stated that he came to St. Mary's in 1980 or 1981. He claims that he never met Father Mayer, but that he was familiar with the charges against Father Mayer. He recalls meeting a boy whom was allegedly molested on a boat on Fox Lake by Father Mayer. He stated that when the boy's mother introduced him to Father Ivers, the boy became hostile and left the room.

Contact was also made by telephone with former principal and nun [redacted], now residing in [redacted]. [redacted] did not arrive at St. Mary's until 1983, but recalled that the basketball coaches at St. Mary's were always parent volunteers. Several unsuccessful attempts were also made to contact former

principal [redacted] (1979-1982) and former associate pastor Thomas Bishop (1981-1986).

CONCLUSION

The report by [redacted] does not have the particulars to support his allegations that he was sexually abused by Father Mayer. This could be remedied by interviewing the [redacted] family including [redacted] father and brothers [redacted] and [redacted] At this time, the R/I has been advised that the [redacted] family is not to be interviewed due to [redacted] representation by counsel. In addition, following interviews of the [redacted] family the R/I believes that interviews of classmates and other students would help in confirming or refuting [redacted] claims. These interviews, however, are beyond the scope of the investigative steps the PRA has requested to date.

[redacted] allegations of changing in the gym and the presence of a locker room are only confirmed in so far as to the existence of a boy's locker room. No clerics interviewed were able to substantiate the claims of nude basketball playing, other than confirmation that Mayer would play basketball with children as young as 7th or 8th grade.

No facts supporting/corroborating twisted confession, or wrestling and attempted anal sex were developed. In addition, [redacted] allegations do contain an inconsistency. [redacted] purports that the abuse by Father Mayer began when he was eleven years old and ended when he was thirteen, but also alleges that the abuse by father Mayer continued when he was a freshman and sophomore at [redacted] and came back to "hang out" with Father Mayer and younger kids. This inconsistency should be flushed out as it requires further explanation.

Evidence of inappropriate behavior by Father Mayer has been confirmed by the R/I through telephone interviews. It appears that Father Mayer provided alcohol to students on at least a few occasions and often had grade school and teenage boys in the rectory at all times of day and night. There is also confirmation that Father Mayer was at times scantily clad while in the rectory.

This concludes the R/I's efforts to date in this matter. If you have any further instructions or requests, please feel free to contact me at extension 37.

Sincerely,

Brett K. Starr
Reporting Investigator to the Office of Professional Responsibility

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Date: February 5, 1992

Fr. Patrick J. O'Malley
Vicar for Priests
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Chicago, IL 60610

RE: Investigation of Sexual Abuse
Allegations of a Catholic School

Dear Fr. O'Malley:

Under the provisions of Senate Bill 1941, effective January 1, 1987, our Department has initiated a formal investigation of the following:

SCR# 451300 A Date of Report 10/22/91 Fac./Sch. Name St. Odilos
Facility Add. 6617 W. 23rd St. ,City and State Berwyn, IL
Principal Name _____ Phone# (708) 484-7966

Involved Child(ren)	Parents Name	Address	Phone#
[redacted]	[redacted]		

Alleged Perpetrator: Father Robert Mayer
Position with School Pastor
Nature of Allegation: Fondling

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Based on our investigation of the above allegations, we find this case to be indicated. This means that credible evidence does exist to support this allegation.

To receive information involving this confidential report, please direct your inquiries to:

The Department of Children and Family Services
Division of Child Protection
2033 South Indiana Ave.
Chicago, IL 60616

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (312)808-4050

Sincerely,

Robert B. O'Connor

Investigator

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VIA MESSENGER

November 29, 2011

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[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

I hope that this letter finds you well.

I want to thank you again for allowing Mrs. Ruth Robinson and me to meet with you and Mr. Eugene Hollander on November 9, 2011. Enclosed with this letter you will find a typed report of the audio recording of our meeting where you formalized your allegation of sexual abuse against Robert Mayer, a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I ask that you please review the report and return it to me with any additions and/or clarifications. Any additional information you provide will be included within the enclosed document as the final report of your allegation against Robert Mayer.

[redacted] in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return any additions or clarifications to me by December 13, 2011. Please know that you may also respond by December 13th with a written request for a two-week extension to review the enclosed report, to then be returned by December 27, 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or lmccluskey@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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Del. via Diamond
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@ 2 pm
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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the transcript of Victim EB's statement, given to Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, on November 9, 2011, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Mayer. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Mayer providing Victim EB and other minors with alcohol and cigarettes, as well as showing Victim EB and other minors pornography while Fr. Mayer and the minors, including Victim EB, masturbated. This would happen up to 5 times a week where the boys would all go to Fr. Mayer's quarters at the rectory, and Fr. Mayer would often take off his clothes. The alleged abuse also consisted of kissing and fondling, laying down in bed together, and Fr. Mayer showing Victim EB how to masturbate. Fr. Mayer also would buy all the boys bikini style underwear, and separately take pictures of the boys in the rectory and make photo albums. The alleged abuse took place at the St. Edna's parish rectory, the St. Mary's parish rectory, and at Fr. Mayer's house in Fox Lake. The alleged abuse occurred when Victim EB was a freshman in high school, and again when Victim EB was between 16 and 20 years old.

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VIA FACIMILIE AND MAIL

July 30, 2009

[redacted]
C/o David Argay
Kerns, Frost & Pearlman
3 First National Plaza
70 W. Madison, Suite 5350
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear [redacted]

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Robert Mayer. Thank you so much for your additions and corrections.

[redacted] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by August 13, 2009. Once all parties sign the report, I will return a final copy to you through Mr. David Argay. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by August 13th, I will present the enclosed document as the final report to the Review Board in order to continue to proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or lmccluskey@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, of Victim EC's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on June 30, 2009, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Mayer. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Mayer providing Victim EC with alcohol, showing Victim EC pornography, and fondling Victim EC over his clothing. The alleged abuse occurred at the St. Mary's parish rectory and school. Victim EC was in eighth and ninth grade at the time of the alleged abuse. Victim EC was an altar boy and Fr. Mayer would invite him and other altar boys to his quarters in the rectory to drink alcohol and watch pornography. Fr. Mayer would sometimes walk around his room nude or only in a jock strap, and would change in front of and shower with other altar boys, although not with Victim EC. Victim EC stated that Fr. Mayer would also grab his chest and rear and that this happened at least 20 times.

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August 24, 2009

Mr. Robert Mayer
[redacted]

Dear Mr. Mayer,

Thank you again for agreeing to speak with Rev. John Collins and me last week.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft report written based upon our phone conversation that took place on August 18, 2009 concerning [redacted] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against you. Please make any changes necessary to ensure the accuracy of the report and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you feel that the report is accurate as written, please sign and date the report on the appropriate lines and return it to me in the same manner.

Mr. Mayer, I ask that you return the report to me by September 14, 2009 so that I may continue to move this matter forward. Once I have a final copy of the report as indicated by the appropriate signatures, I will return a copy to you for your records.

Please know that you may contact me at (312) 534-5205 or lmccluskey@archchicago.org with any questions or concerns. Also know that Fr. Collins, Vicar for Priests, continues to be available to you and may be reached at (312) 534-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR- 25

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

Re: **RESPONSE OF REV. ROBERT MAYER (RESIGNED) TO THE ALLEGATION OF THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR MADE BY** [redacted]

Date: September 11, 2009

Date of Conference Call: **August 18, 2009** **Time of Conference Call**: **9:00 am**

Participants in Conference Call
Mr. Robert Mayer
Rev. John Collins, Vicar for Priests
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Conference Call
Please note that all corrections and additions that Mr. Robert Mayer made to the August 24, 2009 draft report are reflected in italicized and bold print.

Rev. John Collins made arrangements to call the former Rev. Robert Mayer at 9:00 am on August 18, 2009.

As the phone conversation began, I asked Mr. Mayer if he had any questions or concerns prior to me reading the entire report of [redacted] allegation to him. Mr. Mayer stated that he did not. I proceeded by reading the July 30, 2009 report of [redacted] allegation in its entirety.

When I finished reading the report, I asked Mr. Mayer if he had any comments that he wished to make. Mr. Mayer began by stating that he has no memory or recollection of ***a*** [redacted] "much less any abuse."

Referring to the allegation, Mr. Mayer stated that there was no privacy in the rectory at St. Mary's and that as a result, Fr. Brett could see everything that was going on (in the rectory). He continued by noting that he did not have a china cabinet as described by [redacted].

Mr. Mayer said that there was no ashtray for people to put quarters in when they took beers as described by [redacted]. When asked, Mr. Mayer said that there was a refrigerator in the rectory where beer ***and soft drinks were*** kept to give to various adults who were in the rectory for meetings. Also when asked, Mr. Mayer said that he was "pretty sure" that the refrigerator was in the basement of the rectory where the meetings were held. When asked for clarification, Mr. Mayer said that ***he does not recall a*** refrigerator on ***a*** screen porch as described by [redacted].

When asked, Mr. Mayer said that he does not remember a teacher from St. Mary's named [redacted]. [redacted] nor does he remember sitting in classrooms and listening to reports as described by [redacted]

Acknowledging Mr. Mayer's statement that he does not remember a [redacted] I asked Mr. Mayer if he walked around his quarters in his robe, in just a jock strap, and/or naked. Mr. Mayer denied each of the allegations by responding, "No way." He again noted that the rectory was "so open" and that three priests lived ***immediately adjacent to each other*** on the same floor. Mr. Mayer added that the doors to the priests' quarters were never closed except for when they went to bed. He said that Fr. Brett had "an open door policy" at the rectory. When asked, Mr. Mayer said that the other priest assigned to St. Mary's with him and Fr. Brett was Fr. (Richard) Douaire.

I asked Mr. Mayer if he had keys to the weight room and gym at St. Mary's. Mr. Mayer said that he is not even certain if the school/parish had a weight room. As for the gym, Mr. Mayer said that he did not have a key and that it was open ***by teachers, coaches or volunteers.*** When asked, Mr. Mayer said that he does not remember ***their*** names. Also when asked, Mr. Mayer said that he would not have had boys meet at his room prior to going over to the gym. According to Mr. Mayer, high school aged boys ***and college men*** played basketball in the gym as well as the fathers of some of the boys. When asked, Mr. Mayer said that he does not remember the names of these fathers. As per Mr. Mayer, there were always other adults ***present*** when he was in the gym playing basketball with the high school ***minors***.

I asked Mr. Mayer if he remembered/knew any of the other boys whom [redacted] named in his allegation. Mr. Mayer said that he knows the [redacted] and still ***remains friends with*** [redacted] He noted that he knows [redacted] and referenced the allegation that [redacted] brought against him in the past.

When asked, Mr. Mayer said that he does not remember having a conversation about streaking with anyone as described by [redacted]. Also when asked, Mr. Mayer said that he did not ever provide boys with alcohol. With regard to the beer in the refrigerator in the rectory, Mr. Mayer noted that the refrigerator ***was available to adult as guests or attending meetings.***

When asked, Mr. Mayer acknowledged knowing [redacted] and her husband.

Prior to the end of the August 18th phone call, Mr. Mayer repeated that he does not ***remember*** a person named [redacted] and said that he never grabbed [redacted] penis as described ***by*** [redacted]

When asked, Mr. Mayer stated that he would like a copy of the report of [redacted] allegation sent to him. Mr. Mayer was also agreeable to me sending him a copy of the draft report of our August 18th meeting for his review and any future letters related to the Review Board consideration of this matter.

Fr. Collins and I again thanked Mr. Mayer for his time. We asked Mr. Mayer to contact either of us if he had any questions or concerns.

Robert Mayer	Date 9/17/09
Leah McCluskey	Date 9/23/09
Rev. John Collins	Date 9/25/09

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VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL

July 8, 2009

[redacted]
C/o David Argay
Kerns, Frost & Pearlman
3 First National Plaza
70 W. Madison, Suite 5350
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear [redacted]

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

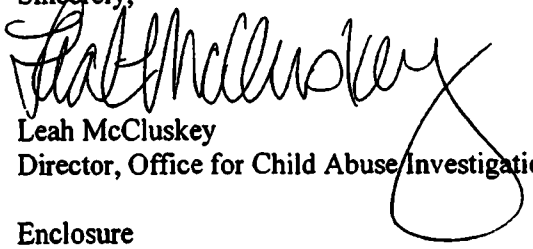
Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Robert Mayer. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on June 30, 2009. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Mr. Matt Hunnicutt and me.

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

[redacted] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes by July 22, 2009. Please know that you may also respond by July 22nd with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by August 5, 2009. I have noted this time frame so that this matter may continue forward with the Review Board process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or lmccluskey@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Ms. Shauna Boliker
Assistant State's Attorney
State's Attorney of Cook County
2650 South California, Room 11D10
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE: [redacted]
Our File #09 SC 012
Date of Birth: Unknown
Date of Incident: Unknown
Location of Incident: Unknown

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago has received notice from attorney Jeffrey Anderson that he is representing [redacted] in his claim of sexual abuse of a minor against the Archdiocese of Chicago and Fr. Robert Mayer. We have not been provided with any further information from Mr. Anderson with the details of the allegation. Fr. Mayer is an Archdiocesan priest that is resigned from ministry.

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

Very truly yours,

John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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

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August 14, 2009

[redacted]
C/o: David Argay
Kerns, Frost & Pearlman
3 First National Plaza
70 W. Madison Suite 5350
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear [redacted]

Enclosed you will find a final report, with signatures, of the Allegations Of The Sexual Abuse Of A Minor Against Rev. Robert Mayer (Resigned) Made By [redacted] for your file.

Please contact Leah McCluskey at (312) 534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Santa Garcia

Santa Garcia
Secretary

Attachment

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SCHOOL OF ST. MARY

To Learn, To Serve, To Lead

July 22, 2009

Leah McCuskey, Director
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
737 N. Michigan Avenue
Suite 900
Chicago, Illinois 60611

RE: School of St. Mary records for [redacted], DOB [redacted]

In answer to your inquiry about whether [redacted] attended the School of St. Mary in Lake Forest, Illinois, from grade 5th through 8th. We have a picture of the [redacted] 8th Grade Graduating class. [redacted] is present in that picture. We also have the Sacramental record of [redacted] [redacted] being confirmed here at the Church of St. Mary on [redacted] As for [redacted] actual records, they were sent to the High School that he would have attended in the Fall of [redacted]

Sincerely,

Dr. Venette Biancalana / A. Fitzgerald
Principal School of St. Mary

Rev. Michael McCarthy
Pastor 24 July 2009

Primary Grade Center
900 West Everett Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045
phone (847) 283-9800, fax (847) 283-0742

Upper Grade Center
186 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60046
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March 8, 2010

[redacted]
C/o Jeff Anderson
Jeff Anderson & Associates
366 Jackson Street, Suite 100
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear [redacted]

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on February 20, 2010 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Robert Mayer pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. As you may know, Mr. Mayer is a resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At the Review for Cause, after considering all information presented to it, the Review Board determines whether there is reason to suspect that the accused cleric has engaged in the sexual abuse of a minor.

Based upon the information obtained concerning your allegation against the former Fr. Mayer, the Review Board determined that there is reason to suspect that Fr. Mayer did sexually abuse you when you were a minor. Cardinal George has accepted this determination. Due to the fact that Mr. Mayer is resigned and no longer a priest, there is no further action that the Review Board is able to take.

[redacted] if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at (312) 534-5205 or lmccluskey@archchicago.org. Also, please know that Matt Hunnicutt of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at (312) 534-8267 or mhunnicutt@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

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February 10, 2011

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[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

I want to thank you again for allowing Mrs. Ruth Robinson and me to meet with you and Mr. [redacted] on February 4, 2011. Enclosed with this letter you will find a typed report of the audio recording of our February 4th meeting where you formalized your allegation of sexual abuse against Robert Mayer, a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I ask that you please review the report and return to me in the envelope provided any additions and/or clarifications that you would like to make to the information that you shared with Mrs. Robinson and me. Any additional information you provide will be included with the enclosed document as a final report of your allegation against Robert Mayer.

[redacted], in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return any additions or clarifications to me by February 25, 2011. Please know that you may also respond by February 25th with a written request for a two-week extension to review the enclosed report, which I would then ask that you return it to me by March 11, 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or lmccluskey@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Del. Diamond Service
2-11-2011
9:37 a.m.
Signed by:
[redacted]

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the transcript of Victim ED's statement, given to Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, on February 4, 2011, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Mayer. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Mayer exposing himself and masturbating in front of Victim ED while in the church. Victim ED believes this occurred 60 or more times. The alleged abuse also occurred after Victim ED became an altar boy and consisted of Fr. Mayer putting Victim ED and other altar boys in his lap while Fr. Mayer had an erection, and also fondling Victim ED over his clothing. Victim ED believes this occurred more than 10 times. Victim ED stated that Fr. Mayer would also leave wine out for the altar boys to drink. The alleged abuse occurred at St. Mary's parish when Victim ED was between seven and nine years old.

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February 10, 2011

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[redacted]

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or lmccluskey@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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Del. - Diamond Service
On - 2-11-11
9:37 a.m.
Signed by —
[redacted]

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the transcript of Victim EE's statement, given to Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, on February 4, 2011, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Mayer. The alleged abuse consisted Fr. Mayer holding Victim EE in his lap, fondling Victim EE, having Victim EE fondle Fr. Mayer, Fr. Mayer performing oral sex on Victim EE, and Fr. Mayer making Victim EE perform oral sex on Fr. Mayer. The alleged abuse occurred at St. Mary's parish. Victim EE was an altar boy and approximately 8 years old at the time of the alleged abuse. Victim EE also states that Fr. Mayer would come up behind him and other altar boys and rub himself against the altar boys while Fr. Mayer had an erection. Victim EE states that the rubbing incidents occurred maybe 10-12 times, and that Fr. Mayer would also offer the altar boys wine.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, of Victim EF's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on October 27, 2007, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Mayer. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Mayer providing Victim EF with alcohol and pornography, as well as Fr. Mayer fondling and masturbating Victim EF. Fr. Mayer also masturbated himself in front of Victim EF, fondled Victim EF after massaging him, and asked Victim EF to fondle Fr. Mayer after massaging Mayer. The alleged abuse occurred at the St. Mary's parish rectory, at Fr. Mayer's cabin in Fox Lake, and at another parish in Cicero, Illinois. The alleged abuse occurred between the time Victim EF was in eighth grade and a freshman in college. Victim EF was an altar boy and Fr. Mayer would have him and the other altar boys over to the rectory where he would give them alcohol and pornography and the group would all masturbate. During these times, Victim EF saw Fr. Mayer take several of the other altar boys into his bedroom, and Fr. Mayer once took Victim EF into his bedroom to fondle Victim EF's genitals. Victim believes that another priest at St. Mary's knew what was going on with Fr. Mayer because he would lock the rectory door to keep the altar boys out.

[redacted]

Cardinal Francis George
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Dear Cardinal George:

I wish to write to you now for two reasons. First, I want to thank you for the services that the archdiocese of Chicago has provided to me as a clergy sexual abuse victim. I have been blessed to meet some of the most qualified, caring and professional people that I could ever imagine. [redacted] and others have helped me change my life for the better. [redacted] All of these opportunities and more have been provided to me by the archdiocese of Chicago. Thank you again.

The second reason for me to write to you now is a little harder to explain, so please follow me. I believe the process of first telling my wife my stories of clergy sexual abuse, then my priest, then the archdiocese of Chicago and going through the Review Board process [redacted] telling a few key friends, mediation with the archdiocese attorneys, then telling my sister, brother and finally my parents, has ALL been healing to me. A substantial burden has been lifted from my shoulders. Make no mistake, the pain and sadness is still there, but I do feel better. The act of sharing the painful details of my story to key people in my life has helped me grow as an individual, and helped deepen my relationships.

So my question to you is this: Is there a place for a clergy sexual abuse survivor to speak to a priest or deacon group, or seminarians at Mundelien, or any other Catholic setting? I would talk about the process that I went through of telling people in my life my story of sexual abuse as a child. I would never focus on the acts of abuse, but on the healing process of telling others a terrible sad story.

I appreciate your understanding and guidance,

Regards,

[redacted]

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February 4, 2008

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

I hope that this letter finds you, [redacted] and your families doing well.

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

[redacted] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by February 18, 2008. I do believe that all of the changes that you returned to me are reflected in the enclosed report. However, I could not make out the name of a parish that you indicated in your changes on page 5, the second to last paragraph. You will find that I typed WORD in capital letters to indicate that I could not make out the name of the parish that you had written. If you could please add the name of the parish on the enclosed copy and return to me, I would appreciate it. I will then return a copy of the report to you once those parties indicated on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by February 18th, I will use the enclosed report and continue to proceed forward with this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 25

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

Re: Mayer, Rev. Robert (Resigned) [redacted]

Date: January 28, 2010

In connection with an investigation related to allegations of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Robert Mayer, Hillard Heintze investigator Richard Lapinski spoke with [redacted] via phone on December 17, 2009. As per Investigator Lapinski's report, [redacted] attended St. Mary of Lake Forest grammar school from first through eighth grade, graduating in [redacted].

The following are excerpts from the notes of Investigator Lapinski's conversation with [redacted]

- [redacted] said that he had access to the rectory with Robert Mayer. When Lapinski asked [redacted] if he had access to alcohol at the rectory, [redacted] said 'I can't deny it.' When Lapinski asked [redacted] if he had access to pornography at the rectory, [redacted] said 'I didn't refuse it.'

  Investigator Lapinski asked [redacted] if he observed any sexual behavior and [redacted] said 'I can't deny that anything happened' and 'I saw things.' [redacted] also said that 'nobody was forced' and that he 'could name 15 or 20 people that were involved but it wasn't all with Bob.'

  [redacted] asked Lapinski who was making the complaint against Robert Mayer but Lapinski told him that he could not give [redacted] that information. At this point in the interview, [redacted] became more abrupt and did not describe any specific sexual acts that he may have taken part in or witnessed but he repeated that nobody was forced to do anything. [redacted] again said that there were sexual acts between fellow students."

- [redacted] stated he understood that a sexual act between an adult and a child is illegal but he repeated that nobody was forced into anything and since he chose to do things on 'his own free will,' he could live with any consequences."

- Investigator Lapinski gave [redacted] my name and contact information when [redacted] asked for a reference

As a result of this information reported to Investigator Lapinski by [redacted], a file has been opened in this office of the alleged sexual abuse of [redacted] by Fr. Mayer. In accordance with archdiocesan procedures, I will not contact [redacted] about his alleged abuse by Fr. Mayer. The status of this matter is "awaiting response from victim."

Corrected Memorandum

MEMORANDUM

TO: File PFR-~~07~~ 25 (P2)
LM 65

FROM: Patty Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (P2)

DATE: May 21, 2008

RE: **[PFR-~~07~~ 25 (P2)] [redacted] Mayer, Fr. Robert (resigned) / [redacted]**
(LM-65) [redacted]

Fr. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests contacted me last week regarding his conversation with Fr. [redacted] about a recent contact made by [redacted] to the Diocese of [redacted] Fr. Costello said that [redacted] had two allegations of sexual abuse of a minor against adults within the Archdiocese of Chicago. One of his allegations is against [redacted] **resigned priest, Fr. Mayer**. The second allegation is against [redacted]. Fr. Costello asked me to call Fr. [redacted] regarding the allegation against [redacted] as they had also contacted the [redacted] Police Department about the allegation.

I checked Lay Case Manager and noted that the CAIR office received the allegation in 2004. It was noted that [redacted] was processing the allegation.

I contacted [redacted] of the [redacted] for advisement regarding the [redacted] case. She said that [redacted] is operated independently of her congregation and allegations should go directly to their President who is [redacted].

I contacted Fr. [redacted] and left a voice mail message asking if [redacted] wanted to be contacted directly by [redacted] or if he would like to contact them. Fr. [redacted] left me a voice mail message and asked me to contact [redacted] directly at [redacted]

I called [redacted] and he said that the only reason he contacted the Diocese of [redacted] was to ask for [redacted] referrals. He said he has an attorney who is assisting him with the allegation against [redacted] and [redacted] He also shared that it is his understanding that [redacted] is currently working at [redacted], but that he has been told that [redacted] is on leave from his job. I asked if he has, through his

attorney, asked for help with [redacted] from [redacted]. It sounded like he was unsure if he had or had not.

As it is my understanding he has also made an allegation against Fr. [redacted] Mayer, ~~although~~ **which** according to RADAR, ~~it~~ has ~~not~~ been formalized, I asked if he would like for me to contact our Office of Assistance Ministry to see if they could help him in some way. He asked if Mayra Flores was still there and I said yes and also gave him the names of Matt Hunnicutt and Kathleen Leggdas. I said I would ask for one of them to contact him, but also explained they are out of the office this afternoon.

He said it would be fine for someone from Assistance Ministry to call him at the [redacted] and it is ok to leave him a message if he is not available. He said he is seeking a spiritual not secular counselor.

After [redacted] and I ended the call, I located the website for [redacted] and found a listing for a [redacted] under their [redacted] section. As [redacted] had also referenced the contact with the [redacted] Police Department, it appears he gave them this information as well.

Cc: Mayra Flores, Office of Assistance Ministry
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

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MEMORANDUM

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

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

Re: PFR-025 Mayer, Robert/Unidentified

Date: February 17, 2012

A third party allegation was received by this office on January 9, 2012.

- Accused is Robert Mayer
  - Laicized
  - Alleged abuse occurred when Mayer was assigned to St. Mary in Lake Forest
  - As per Vitae, Mayer was an associate at St. Mary in Lake Forest from 6/11/75 - 6/81
- Alleged victim is Unidentified
  - Third party reporter identified herself as [redacted], sister of the alleged victim
  - [redacted] left a voice mail message that included the following information:
    - She has not seen her brother in [redacted] years because of the alleged abuse by Mayer
    - She said, "He was also abusing me"; need to clarify this statement with [redacted]
    - She spoke of either writing a letter or talking to Mayer "for closure"
- Any other important actions taken
  - I called and left a voice mail message for [redacted] on 1/9/12
  - To date, I have not received a return call from [redacted]

Please review your files and forward any and all information/documentation that may be relevant to this matter to my attention within five business days of receipt of this memo.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (312) 534-5205 or lmccluskey@archchicago.org.

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services

SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
Name:	Robert Mayer	[redacted]
Address:	[redacted]	[redacted]
Date of Birth:	[redacted]	[redacted]
Current age:	71	40
Name of civil attorney:	N/A	[redacted]

Date of Ordination (of accused): 4/30/64

Location: Mundelein

Age at ordination: 25

Assignment location of accused: N/A

Status of accused: Laicized

Name of canonical advocate: N/A

Date allegation received: 1/4/11

Date allegation formalized: 2/4/11

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: late 1970s

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: late 1970s

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: at least 60

Brief summary of alleged abuse: [redacted] alleges that Mayer exposed himself to him and masturbated in front of him while in the church; estimated at least 60 incidents over the summers he was in third and 4th grades; one incident where Mayer masturbated while in confessional and [redacted] was saying his confession; [redacted] also spoke of incident where Mayer had him and other altar boys sit on his lap and say prayers as a test necessary to pass to become an altar boy--said that Mayer touched him over clothing on butt and genital area; [redacted] stated that Mayer would "help" him and other altar boys get altar boy garb on prior to serving mass and that Mayer would touch over clothing from behind and had an erection pressed into his back

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 3/11/11; Mr. Mayer denied the entire allegation, including denying knowing [redacted]

Stage of disposition by Review Board: N/A

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Age: 40

Name of civil attorney: [redacted]

Date allegation received: 1/4/11

Date allegation formalized: 2/4/11

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: late 1970s

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: late 1970s

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: several

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Mayer took [redacted] to rectory basement, had [redacted] sit on his lap, asked [redacted] to unzip pants, mutual fondling and mutual oral sex as directed by Mayer; while an altar boy, Mayer would help [redacted] (and other servers) put on altar server robes and would rub himself against [redacted]'s back--Mayer had an erection (approximately 10 -12 different times); Mayer offered [redacted] and other altar boys wine; incidents took place when [redacted] was about 8 years old

Brief summary of response: 3/11/11; Mr. Mayer denied the entire allegation, including denying knowing [redacted]

Stage of disposition by Review Board: N/A

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Age: [redacted]

Name of civil attorney: Jeff Anderson

Date allegation received: 5/18/02

Date allegation formalized: 6/7/04

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1973

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Despite sporadic contacts made by [redacted] and responses from Archdiocese, he has not yet discussed specifics of alleged abuse; at interview on June 7, 2004 [redacted] still did not go into specifics about alleged sexual abuse except to say there was one specific incident where he says Mayer, "grabbed him by the neck and slammed his head against a wall."

Brief summary of response: 9/29/04; Mr. Mayer stated that he did not know who [redacted] was and he denied the entire allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: 5/05; reasonable cause to suspect

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Additional allegations made by accuser: none

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Age: 44

Name of civil attorney: Jeff Anderson

Date allegation received: 2/17/04

Date allegation formalized: 8/11/05

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: about 1977

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: about 1979

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: several

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Allegation received by Archdiocese in 1996; uncertain as to who first contacted Archdiocese with allegation; specifics of alleged abuse unknown at the time as [redacted] did not formalize his allegation; 8/11/05: wrestling and attempted anal sex; Mayer playing basketball in the nude and being nude in the rectory with [redacted] and other altar boys; Mayer providing alcohol to [redacted] and other minor boys; Mayer kissing a high school girl (with a "deep, wet kiss") in front of [redacted] and other minor boys; "twisted confession," other "unpriest-like behavior"

Brief summary of response: 11/21/05; Mr. Mayer said that he remembered the [redacted] family, but not [redacted] specifically; denied the allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: 11/06; reasonable cause to suspect

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Additional allegations made by accuser: none

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney:

Date allegation received: 7/19/93

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: summer of 1991

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: [redacted] attorney sent letter to the Archdiocese initially reporting allegation; specifics of alleged abuse not known

Brief summary of response:

Stage of disposition by Review Board: this matter was substantiated by an Administrative Review and therefore never before the Review Board

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Additional allegations made by accuser: none

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney:

Date allegation received: 11/7/91

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: allegation out of St. Odilo parish; no additional information in the file

Brief summary of response:

Stage of disposition by Review Board: substantiated by Administrative Review; therefore this matter was not presented to the Review Board for its consideration

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Additional allegations made by accused: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney:

Date allegation received: 2/17/04

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1990

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1991

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: allegation out of St. Odilo parish; communicated to this office by Legal Services; facial kissing, hugging, and massaging shoulders, back and chest

Brief summary of response:

Stage of disposition by Review Board: this matter was not presented to the Review Board for its consideration

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Additional allegations made by accused: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Age: 34

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 3/11/04

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1992

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: [redacted] stated that Mayer sexually abused her when she was in eighth grade (she graduated from 8th grade in 1992); [redacted] made an appointment to formalize her allegation, cancelled, and has yet to reschedule

Brief summary of response:

Stage of disposition by Review Board: not presented to Review Board as [redacted] did not formalize her allegation

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Additional allegations made by accuser: none

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney:

Date allegation received: 11/7/91

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: allegation out of St. Odilo

Brief summary of response:

Stage of disposition by Review Board: this matter has not been presented to the Review Board for its consideration

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Additional allegations made by accuser: none

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Age: 43

Name of civil attorney: Jeff Anderson

Date allegation received: 4/28/04

Date allegation formalized: 8/12/04

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1980

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1991

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: several

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Mayer provided beer, cigarettes, marijuana, pornography; Mayer masturbated in front of [redacted] and the other boys, as well as had all participate in group masturbation (circle jerks); Mayer kissed [redacted] on the lips numerous times and other abuse included oral sex, digital (finger) penetration; conservative estimate by [redacted] is that abuse took place 3-4 times per week from the time he was 13-24 years old

Brief summary of response: 6/10/05; Mr. Mayer acknowledged knowing [redacted]. [redacted] denied the allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: 8/05; reasonable cause to suspect

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Additional allegations made by accuser: none

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ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Age: 47

Name of civil attorney: Jeff Anderson

Date allegation received: 8/1/04

Date allegation formalized: 7/19/05

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1978

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: between four and six

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Mayer masturbated [redacted] over and under his clothing; Mayer also performed oral sex on [redacted] approximately 4-6 incidents with all but first incident where [redacted] and Mayer's clothing was removed

Brief summary of response: 11/21/05; Mr. Mayer denied the allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: 4/06; reasonable cause to suspect

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Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Age: 46

Name of civil attorney: [redacted]

Date allegation received: 8/4/06

Date allegation formalized: 8/24/06

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1970s/1980s

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1970s/1980s

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: about 70 total

Brief summary of alleged abuse: 50 incidents of sexual abuse in Mayer's quarters in St. Mary's rectory which included group masturbation, pornography, distribution of alcohol, naked backrubs (both given and received), one incident of oral sex by Mayer; less than 20 incidents of the same described abuse in Mayer's personal quarters at subsequent assignment at St. Edna's

Brief summary of response: 10/16/06; Mr. Mayer acknowledged knowing [redacted] denied the allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: 1/07; reasonable cause to suspect

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Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 8/24/06; third party allegation made by [redacted]

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: group masturbation, exposure to pornography and access to alcohol

Brief summary of response: not presented to Mr. Mayer as [redacted] has not come forward to formalize an allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: not presented to Review Board; see "Brief summary of response"

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 8/24/06; third party allegation made by [redacted]

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: group masturbation, exposure to pornography and access to alcohol

Brief summary of response: not presented to Mr. Mayer as [redacted] has not come forward to formalize an allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: not presented to Review Board; see "Brief summary of response"

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 8/24/06; third party allegation made by [redacted]

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: group masturbation, exposure to pornography and access to alcohol

Brief summary of response: not presented to Mr. Mayer as [redacted] has not come forward to formalize an allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: not presented to Review Board; see "Brief summary of response"

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 8/24/06; third party allegation made by [redacted]

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: group masturbation, exposure to pornography and access to alcohol

Brief summary of response: not presented to Mr. Mayer as [redacted] has not come forward to formalize an allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: not presented to Review Board; see "Brief summary of response"

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 8/24/06; third party allegation made by [redacted]

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: group masturbation, exposure to pornography and access to alcohol

Brief summary of response: not presented to Mr. Mayer as [redacted] has not come forward to formalize an allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: not presented to Review Board; see "Brief summary of response"

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 8/24/06; third party allegation made by [redacted]

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: group masturbation, exposure to pornography and access to alcohol

Brief summary of response: not presented to Mr. Mayer as [redacted] has not come forward to formalize an allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: not presented to Review Board; see "Brief summary of response"

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 1/19/07

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1975/1976

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1975/1976

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Phone call from [redacted] to Ralph Bonaccorsi of Assistance Ministry; stated that when he was in seventh and eighth grade (graduated in [redacted]) Mayer would invite a group of boys (including [redacted]) to the rectory where on occasion there was group sexual activity; [redacted] states that for him the abuse "was mild"

Brief summary of response: not presented to Mr. Mayer as [redacted] has not come forward to formalize an allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: not presented to Review Board; see "Brief summary of response"

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Age: 49

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 10/2/07

Date allegation formalized: 10/27/07

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1974/1975

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1974/1975

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: numerous

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Mayer masturbated himself in front of [redacted] and then masturbated [redacted] bare back massage by Mayer on [redacted] Mayer made [redacted] promise he would not tell anyone what happened at the rectory; viewed pornography (Penthouse magazine) with Mayer; witnessed circle jerks that Mayer participated in with other boys in Mayer's quarters in the rectory; mutual fondling of genitals initiated by Mayer; Mayer provided alcohol to [redacted] and other minors

Brief summary of response: 3/7/08; Mr. Mayer denied the allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: 6/08; reasonable cause to suspect

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Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Age: 43

Name of civil attorney: Jeff Anderson

Date allegation received: 1/20/09

Date allegation formalized: 6/30/09

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1979

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1980

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: at least 20

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Mayer grabbing [redacted] chest and rear end while [redacted] was lifting weights (approx. 20 different incidents); Mayer grabbed [redacted] penis through his clothing two times during the same basketball game; Mayer walking around his quarters in front of [redacted] and his friends sometimes in a robe, jock strap, or naked; Mayer provided [redacted] and his friends with alcohol

Brief summary of response: 8/18/09; Mr. Mayer denied the entire allegation, including denying knowing anyone by the name of [redacted]

Stage of disposition by Review Board: 2/10; reasonable cause to suspect

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Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of Birth:

Age:

Name of civil attorney:

Date allegation received: 1/28/10

Date allegation formalized:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Hillard Heintze (investigative firm) spoke with [redacted] in the scope of an investigation concerning Mayer; [redacted] disclosed to Hillard Heintze investigator that Mayer provided alcohol and pornography to [redacted] and others; Hillard Heintze provided [redacted] with contact information for Leah McCluskey of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review; to date [redacted] has not chosen to contact Ms. McCluskey to pursue matter

Brief summary of response: this matter has not been presented to Mr. Mayer due to the fact that [redacted] has not chosen to formalize allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board:

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

Signature of Director: Pat McCluskey **Date:** 4/6/11

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CASE NO. PFR-25

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January 27, 2010

Ms. Leah R. McCluskey
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Hillard Heintze has completed the investigation requested for the November 25, 2009 case referral in the matter of Rev. Robert Mayer, a resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Attached you will find our investigative report which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago, Professional Review Board. With this transmittal, one (1) original hardbound copy and one (1) electronic version of our report are being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

During the course of this investigation, Hillard Heintze reviewed the documentation provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and conducted a limited background investigation of the accuser, [redacted], as well as multiple interviews and a site visit to the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest, where the alleged abuse took place. Investigators Richard Lapinski and James Molloy conducted interviews with [redacted] Fr. Thomas Bishop, Fr. Karl Longsdorf, [redacted] and Fr. Michael Conroy, as well as the site visit to the Church of St. Mary.

[redacted]

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

Sincerely,
HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC

Arnette F. Heintze

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Partner and CEO

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 25, 2009, Hillard Heintze received a request from the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for investigative assistance in the matter of Rev. Robert Mayer, a resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Specifically, we were asked to assist in learning more about the background of the accuser [redacted] a 44-year-old male subject, who alleges he was sexually abused by Rev. Mayer when he [redacted] was approximately 13 years old at the St. Mary school gym. Specifically, [redacted] alleges that Rev. Mayer touched [redacted] penis two separate times on the same day while [redacted] was playing basketball in the St. Mary school gym with his friends. Additionally, [redacted] alleges that Rev. Mayer touched [redacted] and his friends inappropriately when they would work out in the school weight room.

In the scope of this investigation, Hillard Heintze gathered relevant information on [redacted] which included, but was not limited to his current life situation, personal identifiers, social security number, business affiliations, professional licenses, real property ownership, criminal history checks, arrest records, court records query, financial records, media records and U.S. Military records. With this insight, we then assessed the investigative findings to provide you information regarding the subject's character, integrity, ethics, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living.

Hillard Heintze conducted the requested limited background investigation of [redacted] This investigation found [redacted]

Investigators Richard Lapinski and James Molloy conducted interviews with [redacted] Fr. Thomas Bishop, Fr. Karl Langsdorf, [redacted] and Fr. Michael Conroy, as well as a site visit to the Church of St. Mary.

Following a careful analysis of the statements made by [redacted] in his allegation and the information uncovered through the various interviews and site visit, certain key findings have been made and are contained in the Key Findings section of this report.

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CASE REFERRAL TO HILLARD HEINTZE

On November 25, 2009, Director Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, referred the matter of Rev. Mayer to Hillard Heintze for further investigation. Specifically, we were requested to:

- Conduct a site visit to the church, school and rectory of St. Mary in Lake Forest to determine the accuracy of [redacted] physical description of the buildings.
- Locate and interview former St. Mary School staff to determine the existence of a weight room at St. Mary and the availability of keys for the weight room and the gymnasium during the time period in question. Staff members should also be questioned regarding the conduct at, frequency of and attendance at basketball games held after school.
- If possible, locate and interview [redacted] identified as [redacted] teacher when he was first approached by Fr. Mayer.
- If still living, locate and interview Frs. James Brett and [redacted]
- Determine the identity of [redacted] or [redacted] by researching school records and if possible, interview him regarding the statements made by [redacted]
- If possible, locate and interview [redacted] to determine when [redacted] first told [redacted] of the alleged abuse and to verify other statements made by [redacted] of which [redacted] may have knowledge and be able to confirm or refute.
- If possible, interviews should be conducted with [redacted] parents, brother and wife to determine when he first told them about the alleged abuse.

On November 25, Hillard Heintze Senior VP Harvey Radney assigned Investigator Richard Lapinski the primary responsibility of conducting the follow up investigation.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

CASE REVIEW

Beginning on November 25, 2009, Hillard Heintze CEO Arnette Heintze, Radney and Investigative Associate James Molloy initiated a comprehensive case review of Rev. Mayer's investigative file provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review. This file included [redacted] allegations.

Specifically, [redacted] alleges that Rev. Mayer touched [redacted]'s penis two separate times on the same day while [redacted] was playing basketball in the St. Mary

school gym with his friends. Additionally, [redacted] alleges that Rev. Mayer touched [redacted] and his friends inappropriately when they would work out in the school weight room.

INTERVIEWS

DECEMBER 15, 2009 – INTERVIEW OF [redacted]

[redacted] stated that while she was a teacher at St. Mary of Lake Forest in 1980, Robert Mayer was assigned to the parish. She said that on occasion, Mayer would lecture in her classroom but said that she never left the classroom while Mayer was present. [redacted] said that it was common knowledge in the parish that Mayer did not like girls. She also said that she witnessed school boys eat lunch and spend time on the patio of the rectory with Mayer, but could not recall their names or how many were usually there. Regarding the layout of the school gym, [redacted] did not recall a weight room being in existence when she worked at the school nor now. She said that the gym was remodeled about two years ago. [redacted] said that she did not mix socially with Mayer and only saw him at school and in church.

DECEMBER 17, 2009 – INTERVIEW OF [redacted]

[redacted] was a parishioner of St. Mary from 1963 until 1994, when she moved to [redacted]. She stated that she did not see boys in the rectory of the parish and did not see Robert Mayer give beer or pornography to boys of the school or parish. She did not recall a weight room in the school. [redacted] said that she believed some of Mayer's behavior was inappropriate, such as when he would hold his dog and wear cut-off shorts behind the altar at the church. She said that she considered Mayer an intelligent, progressive and open-minded man.

DECEMBER 17, 2009 – INTERVIEW OF [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had access to the rectory with Robert Mayer and that he could not deny that he had access to alcohol at the rectory. When asked if he had access to pornography at the rectory, [redacted] said that he did not refuse it. When asked if he observed any sexual behavior at the rectory, he said that he "saw things" and that he couldn't "deny that anything happened." [redacted] also said that no one was forced and that he could name 15 or 20 people who were involved and that some sexual acts took place between fellow students. [redacted] said that Mayer took groups of students on skiing trips to Lake Michigan. He did not recall weights being used in the gym.

DECEMBER 17, 2009 – INTERVIEW OF [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she was a parishioner of St. Mary Parish in 1980, when the alleged incident took place. She said that Mayer was a friend and that he would come to her house to have dinner with her and her husband. [redacted] recalled seeing eighth grade or high school boys in the rectory on a few occasions, but did not recall their names or how many there were. [redacted]

stated that she never saw Mayer do anything inappropriate and never saw Mayer give the boys beer or pornography. She did not recall a weight room or who had access to keys to the parish. [redacted] said she believed that Mayer was "intelligent" and "well-meaning," but that he was immature and lacked "real world experience." She said that this "lack of experience with people" perhaps led to this incident and his "prior problems."

DECEMBER 18, 2009 – INTERVIEW OF [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he and the other altar servers had access to the rectory almost anytime through Mayer and that beer was available in a refrigerator down the hall. He said that kids would put 25 cents in a can and take a beer. [redacted] recalled pornography being available and that Mayer kept Playboy Magazines on the coffee table in his room. He had no specific memory of Mayer walking around his rectory room naked, but said that it was the kind of thing Mayer would have done. He stated that Mayer was very affectionate and would give kids long hugs and kiss them on the neck. He also said that Mayer would "grab guys' nuts" over their clothes, but that [redacted] interpreted that as playing around and never saw Mayer try to stimulate anyone with skin-on-skin contact. [redacted] said that as he looks back now, he believes that Mayer was "absolutely wrong" for acting in that manner. [redacted] stated that he heard of other people making allegations against Mayer. He recalled Mayer taking some of the altar boys to Chain of Lakes to water ski, but stated that he did not go with them. [redacted] did not recall weights or a weight room at the parish. [redacted]

DECEMBER 18, 2009 – NOTIFICATION TO MS. LEAH MCCLUSKEY

Investigator Lapinski notified Ms. Leah McCluskey at the Archdiocese of Chicago about the claims made by [redacted] during his interview.

JANUARY 4, 2010 – INTERVIEW OF FR. THOMAS BISHOP

Fr. Bishop was assigned to the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest as Robert Mayer's replacement. He stated that he moved into Mayer's rooms in the rectory of St. Mary. Fr. Bishop said that he is sure that Mayer was supplying the young male students with beer because after he moved in, some boys let themselves into the rectory, went to a refrigerator and then asked where the beer was. He cannot recall the names of the boys. Fr. Bishop also said that he is certain that Mayer took young boys from the parish to Mayer's parents' cottage lake on weekends by the fact that he heard so many stories from many different sources. Fr. Bishop said that Mayer would take it upon himself to authorize things that he was not supposed to authorize, such as a $30,000 contract at the parish while the church pastor, Fr. Jim Brett, was on vacation. Fr. Bishop found it surprising that Mayer was dismissed because of his behavior with a girl and that he felt that Mayer

usually preferred boys. Fr. Bishop said that he would not be surprised at any claim made against Mayer's behavior in the 1970s and 1980s.

JANUARY 8, 2010 – INTERVIEW OF FR. KARL LANGSDORF
When Investigator Molloy called the Chicago Office of the St. Patrick Missionary Society in order to contact Fr. Michael Conroy, he spoke with Fr. Langsdorf. Fr. Langsdorf stated that Fr. Conroy is no longer assigned to Chicago and that he is currently assigned to the Society's main office in Ireland. Molloy received the office telephone number as well as Fr. Conroy's email address from Fr. Langsdorf.

JANUARY 8, 2010 – INTERVIEW OF [redacted] stated that she has been married to [redacted] since [redacted] 1989. She said that her husband only recently told her of the abuse during February or March of 2009. [redacted]

JANUARY 11, 2010 – INTERVIEW OF [redacted] stated that [redacted] told him about the abuse [redacted] suffered about three months prior to this interview, around October of 2009, but that he was not sure of the exact date. [redacted] said that [redacted] had not told him anything about the matter until then. [redacted] stated that [redacted] told him the abuse took place at St. Mary in Lake Forest and that Robert Mayer had been the one abusing him.

JANUARY 12, 2010 – INTERVIEW OF [redacted]
When investigator Molloy told [redacted] mother, that he was conducting an investigation for the Archdiocese of Chicago, she stated that her son hadn't gone to church since high school and that [redacted] would not have anything to do with the Archdiocese. She then told Molloy that he "must have the wrong [redacted] Molloy asked [redacted] if she had lived in [redacted] Illinois, to which she said that she had. But she again stated that Molloy must have the wrong [redacted] After realizing that [redacted] was unaware of the investigation, Molloy concluded the interview.

JANUARY 24, 2010 – INTERVIEW OF FR. MICHAEL CONROY
Investigator Molloy contacted Fr. Conroy via email and on January 20, 2010, Fr. Conroy declined to respond to Molloy's questions regarding the investigation of Mayer. However, on January 24, Molloy received an email message from Fr. Conroy, in which he stated that he had changed his mind and decided to answer Molloy's questions. Fr. Conroy stated that teenage boys were in Mayer's room all the time and they just came in through the back door as they pleased, without ringing the bell or knocking on the door. Fr. Conroy said that he cannot say for sure if beer was kept in the refrigerator on the screened-in porch, but said that he knew the young men consumed beer in Mayer's room, as they would leave the empty cans by their chairs. Fr. Conroy stated that Mayer

regularly wore a robe and that he would wear it at night when the young men were in his room. Fr. Conroy also described a situation in which Mayer 'assaulted' him by putting his hands around Fr. Conroy's throat. He said that Mayer's room was regularly locked, especially when the young men were in there. On one occasion, Fr. Conroy said that he knocked on Mayer's door in the afternoon and when the door was opened, saw that Mayer was lying in his bed under the covers and thought it strange due to the time of day and the fact that Mayer was entertaining teenage boys at the time. Fr. Conroy said he did not have direct evidence that Mayer had been naked with teenagers, but said that he did hear of Mayer playing basketball in the nude with teenage boys and the assumption was that the boys were also nude. Fr. Conroy said that he was 'troubled' by Mayer's actions, especially the fact that Mayer would sit on the patio of the rectory in a "speedo" type of garment with an inch of pubic hair showing above the waist-line. Fr. Conroy said that Mayer was once dressed this way during a meeting with eighth graders. Fr. Conroy passed on names of other people who might have information relevant to the case. In the last line of his email, he stated, "It was a terrible time."

SURVEILLANCE

None conducted during this investigation.

SITE VISITS

DECEMBER 19, 2009 – SITE VISIT OF CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Investigator Lapinski conducted a site visit to the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest and received a guided tour from Fr. Michael McGovern. Most of the observations made in [redacted] statement were accurate, except for the description of where the screened-in porch is located with respect to Mayer's room. [redacted] stated that one turns right from Mayer's room to arrive at the screened-in porch. However, Lapinski observed that the screened-in porch is located to the left when leaving Mayer's room.

RESEARCH

Research conducted through the Vicar for Priests Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, determined that Frs. James Brett and [redacted] who were both assigned to St. Mary Parish during the period in question, are deceased.

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LIMITED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

As of January 27, 2010

SUBJECT IDENTIFIERS

Name: [redacted]
Last Known Address:
Most Recent Phone:
Date of Birth:
SSN:

ASSOCIATED ADDRESSES (PREVIOUS TEN YEARS)

[redacted]

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[redacted]

NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

A search of sex offender public registries indicates the subject is not registered as a national or state sex offender.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Public records databases identified the following additional records in association with [redacted]

[redacted]

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KEY FINDINGS

As a result of our limited background investigation, interviews, surveillance and site visits in relation to AOC case PFR-25, the following key findings have been prepared:

- [redacted] is a retired teacher from St. Mary's and recalls Mayer and the times he came into her classroom to teach religion. She was impressed with his knowledge but stated that everyone knew he didn't like girls. She often saw boys in the rectory and on the porch of the rectory. [redacted] didn't have any information about a weight room or who possessed keys to various rooms of the school and parish, although she had the impression that access was available to everyone.
- [redacted] taught CCD at the parish and was friendly with Mayer. She recalls seeing boys in the rectory and says that Mayer was immature and didn't have enough experience to be an effective priest.
- [redacted] was an altar boy with [redacted] and admitted that he had access to the rectory and that Mayer provided beer and pornography to him and other boys. [redacted] admitted having knowledge of sexual behavior involving him and other boys who went water skiing with Robert Mayer. He said he knows sexual contact between a child and an adult is illegal but repeatedly said that "nobody was forced" and he did things "of his own free will."
- [redacted] was also an altar boy and confirmed the unlimited access to the rectory and the fact that Mayer supplied boys with beer and pornography. [redacted] remembers Mayer grabbing "boys' nuts" over their clothes and long affectionate kisses when he would leave, including kisses on the neck. He was uncomfortable about it at the time and now believes that Mayer was grooming the boys and was absolutely wrong. [redacted] confirmed that [redacted] told him about a year ago that Mayer "grabbed him [redacted] by the nuts." [redacted] visited Mayer with [redacted] when Mayer was in jail. [redacted]
- The layout of St. Mary in Lake Forest was mostly similar to that described by [redacted] There is a room on the side of the gym that may have been used as a weight room, but nobody interviewed has any specific memories of that room.
- Fr. Thomas Bishop was Mayer's replacement in Lake Forest and is sure that Mayer was giving the boys beer, as some of them came looking for it in the rectory

refrigerator after Mayer left. Fr. Bishop repainted Mayer's room from black to white and stopped the boys' unlimited access to the rectory.

- No person interviewed recalled a weight room near the gymnasium or who had keys to the various buildings in the parish. However, all agree that access was open to everyone.
- The two contemporaries (altar boys) agree with [redacted] descriptions of Mayer's behavior. [redacted] gave specific information about sexual behavior with Mayer at St. Mary in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Mayer apparently "held court" in the rectory and took boys on weekend trips.
- Investigator Lapinski provided [redacted] with Leah McCluskey's contact information.
- In his statement to the Archdiocese, [redacted] "had recently told his wife and parents a little bit about the alleged incidents of abuse by Fr. Mayer. [redacted] said that he told [redacted] about the abuse about five years ago and added that he recently told [redacted] of the abuse by Fr. Mayer." [redacted] said that [redacted] told him about Mayer grabbing his nuts about a year ago. [redacted] said [redacted] told him about the abuse in late 2009, possibly in October. [redacted] said that [redacted] told her about the abuse in either February or March in 2009. [redacted] seemed to be unaware that an investigation was being conducted on the behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago that involved her son [redacted]
- Fr. Conroy relayed via email that some of Mayer's actions made him uncomfortable. Fr. Conroy described the regular entry of teenage boys into the rectory as well as the company they regularly kept in Mayer's room with the door locked. Fr. Conroy verified that Mayer regularly wore a robe at night and added that he witnessed Mayer conduct a meeting with eighth graders in a "speedo" with his pubic hair visible above the waistline. Fr. Conroy witnessed Mayer in his bed under the covers while teenage boys were in his room during the afternoon. Fr. Conroy also relayed that he heard of Mayer playing basketball in the nude with teenage boys who may have also been nude. Fr. Conroy also witnessed a young man take a shower in Mayer's shower stall with the door to Mayer's room wide open.

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APPENDIX A – INTERVIEWS & SITE VISITS

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: [redacted]

Date: December 15, 2009

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer/[redacted]

Investigator: Richard Lapinski

On December 15, 2009, Investigator Lapinski interviewed [redacted] regarding the complaint made against former priest Robert E. Mayer. [redacted] stated she was a school teacher at St. Mary Parish of Lake Forest and in [redacted] she taught [redacted] to her home room class of 8th graders. [redacted] is now retired and volunteered to answer questions via a telephone interview.

> [redacted] said that when she was teaching religion in 1980, Robert Mayer was assigned to St. Mary. [redacted] said that he would often come into the classroom and speak to the students. [redacted] was impressed with Mayer's knowledge and she sometimes sat in the rear of the class as he lectured about religion. She said that she never left the classroom when Mayer was present. [redacted] said this happened more than once. She said that it was common knowledge in the parish that Mayer did not like girls. [redacted] said she witnessed school boys on the patio of the rectory with Mayer. She said that anyone in the school parking lot could see the people on the patio and occasionally the boys ate their lunch there. [redacted] said she could not recall how many boys were usually there or what their names were. [redacted] said she does not remember Mayer ever inviting any of the boys in her class to come and see him at a later time. [redacted] stated that the gym at the school is basically the same configuration now as it was in [redacted] She said she did not think there was a weight room at the school back then or now. [redacted] said the gym has separate boys' and girls' locker rooms attached and did not recall other rooms that could have been used as a weight room. [redacted] said the gym was remodeled about two years ago.
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> [redacted] stated that she did not mix socially with Mayer and she only saw him at school and when he said mass. [redacted] agreed to contact Investigator Lapinski if she could recall any unusual incidents regarding Mayer.

Investigator Lapinski thanked [redacted] for her time and concluded the interview.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: [redacted]

Date: December 17, 2009

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer/[redacted]

Investigator: Richard Lapinski

On December 16, 2009, Investigator Lapinski interviewed [redacted] via the telephone from her home in [redacted] regarding the complaint made against former priest Robert E. Mayer. [redacted] was contacted during the course of this investigation in an attempt to find the "[redacted] named by the accuser in his statement. [redacted] stated that she was a member of St. Mary Parish in Lake Forest in 1980 and taught [redacted] The person named in the victim's statement however is [redacted] Because [redacted] stated that she was parishioner in 1980, Lapinski requested to ask her questions about the allegation. She agreed to be interviewed.

> [redacted] said she did not see any boys in the rectory and never saw Mayer give them beer or pornography. [redacted] also said she does not remember a weight room in the school and does not know who had the keys to the various rooms in the school. [redacted] said she did not like what she considered to be Mayer's inappropriate behavior in that he would hold his dog and wear cut-off shorts behind the altar at the church.
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> [redacted] said she was a member at St. Mary from 1963 until they went to [redacted] in 1994. She said she considered Mayer to be an intelligent, progressive and open-minded man who "got things going." [redacted] said one example of this was that Mayer was instrumental in starting home masses at St. Mary.
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> [redacted] agreed to contact Investigator Lapinski if she recalled any incidents involving Mayer that may have relevance to this allegation.

Investigator Lapinski thanked [redacted] for her time and concluded the interview.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: [redacted]

Date: December 17, 2009

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer, [redacted]

Investigator: Richard Lapinski

On December 17, 2009, Investigator Lapinski interviewed [redacted] regarding the complaint made against former priest Robert E. Mayer. [redacted] stated that he attended St. Mary of Lake Forest grammar school from first through eighth grade, from [redacted] until [redacted] when he graduated. [redacted] said he was an altar server and served mass with Mayer. [redacted] said he was making dinner for his kids and could talk for a couple of minutes.

> [redacted] said that he had access to the rectory with Robert Mayer. When Lapinski asked [redacted] if he had access to alcohol at the rectory, [redacted] said "I can't deny it."
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> When Lapinski asked [redacted] if he had access to pornography at the rectory, [redacted] said "I didn't refuse it."
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> Investigator Lapinski asked [redacted] if he observed any sexual behavior and [redacted] said "I can't deny that anything happened" and "I saw things." [redacted] also said that "nobody was forced" and that he "could name 15 or 20 people that were involved but it wasn't all with Bob."
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> [redacted] asked Lapinski who was making the complaint against Robert Mayer but Lapinski told him that he could not give [redacted] that information. At this point in the interview, [redacted] became more abrupt and did not describe any specific sexual acts that he may have taken part in or witnessed but he repeated that nobody was forced to do anything. [redacted] again said that there were sexual acts between fellow students.
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> [redacted] stated that "not much happened at the rectory" and that he and a group of students took skiing trips to Lake Michigan with Robert Mayer. [redacted] said he does not remember any weights being used in the gym.

[redacted] stated he understood that a sexual act between an adult and a child is illegal but he repeated that nobody was forced into anything and since he chose to do things on "his own free will," he could live with any consequences.

Investigator Lapinski asked if he could re-contact [redacted] for further questioning and [redacted] said that he was usually home in the evenings and Lapinski could call then. [redacted] asked for a reference and Lapinski gave him Ms. Leah McCluskey's information with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Investigator Lapinski thanked [redacted] for his time and told [redacted] that he may call him again. Then he concluded the interview.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: [redacted]

Date: December 17, 2009

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer [redacted]

Investigator: Richard Lapinski

On December 17, 2009, Investigator Lapinski interviewed [redacted] regarding the complaint made against former priest Robert E. Mayer. [redacted] stated that she was a [redacted] teacher at [redacted] for 34 years and is now retired. In 1980, she was married to [redacted] who was not a Catholic. [redacted] said she had contacted St. Mary Parish in Lake Forest and Robert Mayer helped her get back into the church. Linda said she was a parishioner at St. Mary in 1980, when this alleged incident took place. [redacted]

> [redacted] said Mayer was a friend and that he came to her home and had dinner with her and her husband. [redacted] stated that she was in the rectory once after mass and was sitting on the porch with Mayer. [redacted] said she remembered that there were boys (eighth graders or maybe high school boys) that she saw in the rectory on a few occasions. [redacted] said she does not remember how many boys or their names. [redacted] said that she never saw Mayer do anything inappropriate and never saw him give the boys beer or pornography. She said she doesn't know anything about a weight room or who had access to the keys in the parish, saying that she was not around the school and the gym much.
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> [redacted] said she believed that Robert Mayer was an intelligent, well-meaning man but was immature and didn't have enough real world experience to be an effective priest. She said she believed that Mayer's lack of experience with people may have led to this and his prior "problems." [redacted] said she would contact Investigator Lapinski if she recalled any incidents involving Mayer that may have relevance.

Investigator Lapinski thanked [redacted] for her time and concluded the interview.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: [redacted]

Date: December 18, 2009

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer/[redacted]

Investigator: Richard Lapinski

On December 18, 2009, Investigator Lapinski interviewed [redacted] via the telephone from [redacted] home in [redacted] Illinois regarding the complaint made against former priest Robert E. Mayer. [redacted] stated that he attended St. Mary of Lake Forest grammar school from kindergarten through eighth grade, graduating in [redacted] [redacted] said he was an altar boy in grades five through seven, but not in the eighth grade. He also said that he was trained by and served masses with Robert Mayer and knew him well.

> [redacted] said he and the other altar servers had access to the rectory almost anytime through Mayer. [redacted] said that there was beer available in a fridge down the hall and the kids put 25 cents in a can when they took a beer. [redacted] said he recalled that pornography was available and that Playboy magazines were on the coffee table in Mayer's room, but he doesn't remember anything "really hard core." When Lapinski asked [redacted] if he saw Mayer walk around his rectory room naked, [redacted] replied, "It wouldn't surprise me." [redacted] then explained this by relating that he has no specific memory of Mayer walking around naked in front of him but it was the kind of thing that Mayer would have done.
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> When asked about specific sexual behavior, [redacted] said that Mayer was a very affectionate person and that each time he or the other kids would leave, Mayer would give them a long affectionate hug and kissed them on the neck. [redacted] also said that Mayer would "grab guys' nuts," but over their clothes, and [redacted] interpreted that as "playing around." [redacted] went on to say that he thought Mayer's behavior was weird and it made him feel uncomfortable but he didn't think of it as sexual abuse at the time. [redacted] said that now, as he looks back, he believes Mayer was absolutely wrong and he knows what Mayer was trying to do. [redacted] said he never saw Mayer try to stimulate anyone with skin-on-skin contact but the pornographic magazines were usually available in his room at the rectory.
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> [redacted] said he does not remember any weights or a weight room at the parish [redacted] also said that other boys went to the gym to play

basketball but he didn't. He said that he assumed that Mayer had keys to the various buildings in the parish but has no specific memory of Mayer carrying keys or opening doors.

[redacted] said that [redacted] told him about a year ago that Robert Mayer had "grabbed his nuts" when they were kids at St. Mary. [redacted] said he has also heard from his folks back in [redacted] that [redacted] has made allegations about Mayer to the Archdiocese. [redacted] said he has seen [redacted] off and on over the years but doesn't recall seeing [redacted] since high school. He said he remembered Mayer taking some of the altar boys to the Chain of Lakes to water ski but he never went with them.

[redacted] said that [redacted], [redacted] also went to St. Mary and was about two years ahead of [redacted] in school. He said that [redacted] was much closer to Mayer than he was. [redacted] said he and [redacted] went to see Robert Mayer once when Mayer was in prison. [redacted]

Investigator Lapinski asked for [redacted] contact information but [redacted] said he would give his brother Lapinski's phone number and if he wanted to talk with Lapinski he would call. Investigator Lapinski gave Ms. Leah McCluskey's contact information at the Archdiocese to [redacted] as a way to verify his identity and to supply a reference.

[redacted] was thanked for his time and agreed he would speak again if it was necessary. At this point, Lapinski concluded the interview.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF NOTIFICATION: LEAH MCCLUSKEY

Date: December 18, 2009

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer/[redacted]

Investigator: Richard Lapinski

On Dec 18, 2009, Investigator Lapinski notified Ms. Leah McCluskey at the Archdiocese of Chicago about the claims made by [redacted] during his interview. Ms. McCluskey thanked Lapinski for the "heads up" and the conversation ended.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF SITE VISIT: CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Date: December 19, 2009

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer, [redacted]

Investigator: Richard Lapinski

Investigator Lapinski visited the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest and, with the assistance of Fr. Michael McGovern, viewed the areas of the parish described in the allegation made by John Doherty to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

> The rectory is located east of the church and there is a walkway from the church to a side entrance of the rectory. Entering the rectory, you walk up one flight of stairs and then turn to your left and walk up a second flight of stairs to the second floor and the priests' quarters. The rooms that were believed to have been used by Mayer were pointed out by Fr. McGovern. They consisted of two small rooms, one a bedroom with a bathroom to the side and a TV room, or sitting room. Both rooms had a door to the hallway that runs down the center of the rectory. The screened-in room is at the south end of the rectory and you turn left as you leave Mayer's old rooms to get there. The hallway has access to utility rooms and the other priest's quarters. There is enough room in the hallway and the ante rooms for a refrigerator or cooler to have been stored in the past. At the south end on the first floor of the rectory is a large, open-air, concrete balcony that was mentioned in earlier statements. In the rectory basement is a bar and recreation area that, according to Fr. McGovern, was used for meals and meetings in the past. It is no longer used for that purpose and is now used for storage. Lapinski visited the school gym and observed one room on the east wall of the gym that is now used for storage and the coach's office. This room was large enough for weight sets and had wooden doors that closed with a lock. Fr. McGovern did not know if this room was ever used for weights and no one else interviewed during the course of this investigation recalled a weight room. At the south end of the gym are the boys and girls locker rooms.
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> Fr. McGovern had a blueprint of the rectory in a frame on the wall and will take it out of the frame and have it copied and sent to Hillard Heintze. The only discrepancy Investigator Lapinski found with the given statement is that one turns **left** to arrive at the screened-in porch when leaving Mayer's room, not **right** as given in [redacted] statement. However, Lapinski's other observations fit the general description given by the complainant.

Fr. McGovern was thanked for his time and the interview and visit were concluded.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: FR. THOMAS BISHOP

Date: January 4, 2010

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer/[redacted]

Investigator: Richard H. Lapinski

On January 4, 2010 Investigator Lapinski interviewed Fr. Thomas Bishop, the priest assigned to St. Anne Parish in Barrington. Fr. Bishop was informed that the reason for this interview was to investigate an allegation made against former priest Robert Mayer. Fr. Bishop agreed to the interview and stated that he was not assigned to the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest with Mayer but that he was his replacement and arrived in Lake Forest in July of 1981 or 1982.

Fr. Thomas Bishop said that he moved into Mayer's rooms at the rectory and had to use three coats of white paint to cover the flat black that Mayer had painted the rooms. Fr. Bishop said he is sure that Mayer was supplying young male students with beer. After Fr. Bishop moved into the rectory, some boys let themselves into the rectory, went to a refrigerator looking for beer and then asked Fr. Bishop where the beer was. Fr. Tom Bishop told the boys that they were not to let themselves into the rectory again and nobody was going to be supplying them with beer. Fr. Tom Bishop said he cannot recall the names of any of the boys after 30 years.

Fr. Bishop again said that he was not at St. Mary's with Mayer but is certain that Mayer took young boys from the parish to Mayer's parents' cottage at a lake up north on the weekends. Bishop said he heard too many stories about this from many different sources.

Fr. Bishop stated that Mayer had a huge ego and always thought that he was the smartest, most intellectual person in the room. As an example, Fr. Bishop said he recalled that the pastor at St. Mary's was Fr. Jim Brett and when Fr. Brett took a week off, Mayer spent $30,000 on an unauthorized contract at the parish without Fr. Brett's knowledge.

Fr. Bishop said he found it surprising that Robert Mayer was dismissed because of his behavior with a girl; he feels that Mayer usually preferred boys. Fr. Bishop said he would not be surprised at any claim made against Robert Mayer about his behavior in the late 1970s and 1980s. Fr. Bishop said he remembered another priest, Fr. Michael Conroy, who was assigned with Robert Mayer. Fr. Bishop said that Conroy may be able to provide

additional details but Fr. Bishop didn't know where Conroy is assigned, as he is not listed in the Archdiocese's directory.

Fr. Bishop said he could not recall any more relevant information.

Investigator Lapinski thanked Fr. Bishop for his time and concluded the interview.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: FR. KARL LANGSDORF

Date: January 8, 2010

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer/[redacted]

Investigator: James Molloy

Investigator Molloy called the Chicago office of the St. Patrick Missionary Society in an attempt to interview Fr. Michael Conroy, a member of the Society. Fr. Conroy had been mentioned by Fr. Thomas Bishop as a person who might have some knowledge about the behavior of Robert Mayer. Molloy spoke to Fr. Karl Langsdorf and learned that Fr. Conroy is no longer assigned to Chicago. Molloy explained the reason for his attempt to contact Fr. Conroy and stressed that Fr. Conroy has not been accused of any improper behavior.

> Fr. Langsdorf said that Fr. Conroy is currently assigned to the Society's main office in Ireland. Fr. Langsdorf provided the telephone number to the general office: [redacted]
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> Fr. Langsdorf also provided a current email address for Fr. Conroy, [redacted] Molloy asked if Fr. Langsdorf could send an email to Fr. Conroy to let him know that Molloy would be contacting him via email in regard to this investigation.

Molloy thanked Fr. Langsdorf for his time and concluded the interview.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: [redacted]

Date: January 8, 2010

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer, [redacted]

Investigator: James Molloy

Investigator Molloy telephoned [redacted] and spoke to [redacted] wife, on January 8, 2010 at 1:55 P.M. The telephone number had been provided to Ms. Leah McCluskey by [redacted] Molloy introduced himself to [redacted] and explained the reason he was calling. [redacted] said that she was expecting the call and agreed to be interviewed.

[redacted] said that her proper name was [redacted] and that she was born on [redacted] said that she has been married to [redacted] since [redacted] said that she resides in [redacted]

[redacted] said that her husband had told her about the abuse he suffered as a child during February or March of 2009. [redacted] said that [redacted] had told her he had to go to Chicago at that time, and when she asked why, he told what had happened at St. Mary Parish.

[redacted]

[redacted] said she had nothing further to add.

Investigator Molloy thanked [redacted] for her time and concluded the interview.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: [redacted]

Date: January 11, 2010

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer/[redacted]

Investigator: James Molloy

Investigator Molloy called [redacted] the number provided by [redacted] on January 7, 2010 at 2:18 P.M. The call was made in an attempt to interview [redacted] as to when [redacted] had told him of the abuse he claims to have suffered. [redacted] wife, [redacted] answered the phone. [redacted] said that her husband was not home, but agreed to give him a message asking him to call Molloy. [redacted] returned Molloy's call on January 11, 2010 at 11:19 A.M. from telephone number [redacted] Molloy explained why he had attempted to contact [redacted] and [redacted] agreed to be interviewed.

> [redacted] said that [redacted] had told him about the abuse he said he suffered. [redacted] said that this conversation took place about three months ago, probably in October of 2009, but that he was not sure of the exact date. [redacted] did say that [redacted] had never spoken to him about the matter until that particular time.
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> [redacted] said that he was told the abuse took place at the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest while [redacted] went to school there. [redacted] said that [redacted] told him that it was Fr. Mayer that abused him. [redacted] said that the family was living in [redacted] at the time, and that unlike [redacted] he had not attended the school at St. Mary. [redacted] said he nothing further to add.

Investigator Molloy thanked [redacted] for his time and concluded the interview.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: [redacted]

Date: January 12, 2010

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer/[redacted]

Investigator: James Molloy

Investigator Molloy placed a telephone call to [redacted] the number provided by [redacted] as his parents' telephone number, on January 12, 2010 at 12:56 P.M. The phone was answered by a woman who said she was [redacted] when Molloy asked. Molloy identified himself to [redacted] and explained that he was calling as part of an investigation he was conducting for the Archdiocese of Chicago involving her son [redacted]

> At that point, [redacted] said that her son hadn't gone to church since high school and that he did not have anything to do with the Archdiocese. [redacted] then said, "You must have the wrong [redacted]
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> Molloy then asked [redacted] if she had ever lived in [redacted] Illinois and she said yes, she had lived there. [redacted] again said that Molloy must be talking about the wrong [redacted]

Investigator Molloy apologized to [redacted] for bothering her, as it was obvious to him that she was unaware of the investigation he was conducting. He then concluded the interview.

HILLARD HEINTZE

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: FR. MICHAEL CONROY

Date: January 24, 2010

Reference: PFR 25 – Mayer/[redacted]

Investigator: James Molloy

Investigator Molloy received an email from Fr. Michael Conroy on January 24, 2010 at 10:13 A.M. Molloy had sent an email to Fr. Conroy on January 8, 2010 at 3:09 P.M., in which Molloy introduced himself to Fr. Conroy and explained why Molloy had contacted him. Molloy also sent a list of questions to Fr. Conroy in regard to the investigation into the conduct of Robert Mayer as it related to [redacted] The January 24, 2010 email contained Fr. Conroy's response to the questions sent by Molloy. It should be noted that Fr. Conroy had sent an earlier email on January 20, 2010 in which he said he had opted not to cooperate in the investigation. The question and answer emails are reproduced in the following paragraphs. *These are emails sent and received by Investigator Molloy and are verbatim.*

> January 8, 2010
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> Hello Father Conroy,
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> I hope that Father Karl Langsdorf has contacted you to let you know I would be reaching out to you.
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> My name is Jim Molloy and I am employed as an investigator by Hillard Heintze LLC in Chicago, Illinois. We are under contract to the Archdiocese of Chicago to conduct investigations into allegations of sexual abuse by members of the clergy that are beyond the Statute of Limitations. Our contact at the Archdiocese is Leah McCluskey from the Office of Protection of Children.
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> We are currently investigating a claim of abuse stemming from 1979 - 1980 school year against Robert Mayer while he was assigned to St. Mary Parish in Lake Forest, Illinois. Father Thomas Bishop was interviewed and mentioned that you might have some insight into Mayer's behavior as you lived at St. Mary with Mayer while you obtained an advanced degree.
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> I would ask that you answer the following questions.
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> Did you ever see young boys in Robert Mayer's room in the rectory?

HILLARD HEINTZE

Did you ever see young boys walk into the rectory and proceed directly to Mayer's rooms?

Was there a refrigerator on the screen porch down the hall from Mayer's room at the rectory?

Was there beer in that refrigerator?

Do you have any knowledge of Mayer giving beer to any young boys?

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Jim Molloy

Hillard Heintze LLC

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HILLARD HEINTZE

Sun. Jan 17, 2010
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Investigator Molloy sent a reply email to Fr. Conroy thanking him for his time and participation.

HILLARD HEINTZE

APPENDIX B – EMAIL FROM FR. MICHAEL CONROY

[redacted]

From: "michael conroy" <[redacted]>
To: "Jim%20Molloy" <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2010 10:13:47 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Re: Investigation into Robert Mayer's Conduct

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Did you just try to call me? I was unable to reach my cell phone in time as I was otherwise occupied. It is now 9:47 A.M. in Chicago, 3:47 P.M..by you.

Jim Molloy

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

From: "michael conroy" <[redacted]>
To: "Jim%20Molloy" <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 4:38:22 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Re: Investigation into Robert Mayer's Conduct

Jan 11, 10. Jim, I just opened your email to me and am absorbing it. I will be back in touch with you - Mike Conroy

On Fri, Jan 8, 2010 at 9:09 PM, Jim%20Molloy <[redacted]> wrote:
Hello Father Conroy,

I hope that Father Karl Langsdorf has contacted you to let you know I would be reaching out to you.

My name is Jim Molloy and I am employed as an investigator by Hillard Heintze LLC in Chicago, Illinois. We are under contract to the Archdiocese of Chicago to conduct investigations into allegations of sexual abuse by members of the clergy that are beyond the Statute of Limitations. Our contact at the Archdiocese is Leah McCluskey from the Office of Protection of Children.

We are currently investigating a claim of abuse stemming from 1979 -1980 school year against Robert Mayer while he was assigned to St. Mary Parish in Lake Forest, Illinois. Father Thomas Bishop was interviewed and mentioned that you might have some insight into Mayer's behavior as you lived at St. Mary with Mayer while you obtained an advanced degree.

I would ask that you answer the following questions.

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Did you ever see young boys walk into the rectory and proceed directly to Mayer's rooms?

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Hillard Heintze LLC
[redacted]

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 25

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

Re: Mayer, Rev. Robert (Resigned)

Date: July 10, 2009

Attached are altar server records from St. Mary in Lake Forest from 1975 through 1980. The request was made as a result of [redacted] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Robert Mayer. Fr. Mayer was assigned to St. Mary from June 11, 1975 through June 1981.

Upon reviewing the aforementioned records, the following individuals who have either come forward to formalize an allegation against Fr. Mayer and/or have been identified by third parties as alleged victims of Fr. Mayer were listed as altar servers at some point during the identified time period:

[redacted] (according to files in this office, spelled [redacted]

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

MEMORANDUM

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

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

DATE: September 28, 2006

RE: **[PFR-25] Mayer, Rev. Robert (Resigned)/[redacted]**
THIRD-PARTY ALLEGATION

Attached is a new allegation received by this office on 8/24/06.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Mayer, Rev. Robert/[redacted]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

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

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August 2, 2006

Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690
Attention: Legal

Re: Robert Mayer, et al

Gentlemen:

I am writing to inform you that I have been retained by a man who was abused by former priest Robert Mayer in the 1970's and 1980's. My client wishes to maintain his privacy at this time, and will be referred to in any public documents as John Doe.

We have reviewed the Complaint filed by [redacted] and others against Robert Mayer and the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, and find that my client has personal knowledge of the acts described therein, as well as others not set forth by those Plaintiffs.

In an effort to resolve this matter short of litigation and publicity, I would appreciate hearing from an authorized representative of the Archdiocese or its attorneys to discuss this unfortunate and painful situation. I will be in a position to disclose all pertinent facts and information at the appropriate juncture, with consideration to confidentiality.

My client has agreed to compensate me at the rate of one-third of any recovery, and I therefore assert my Attorney's Lien, on his behalf.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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John O'Malley, Esq.
Director of Legal Services
Archdiocese of Chicago
155 East Superior
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: [redacted] v. Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

Our firm represents [redacted] who was sexually assaulted by Father Robert Mayer of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The sexual abuse occurred while [redacted] was on "spiritual retreats" organized by Father James T. Burtchaell, a Provost at the University of Notre Dame.

In approximately 1973, [redacted] and several other students accompanied Father Burtchaell on a spiritual retreat to Chicago. At dinner, they met up with Father Mayer, as well as Father [redacted] of the Diocese of Joliet. The priests plied [redacted] and the other students with alcohol. Later that evening after [redacted] returned to his room, the two priests entered his room and sodomized and had oral sex with [redacted] In order to ensure [redacted] cooperation, Father Mayer and Father [redacted] threatened [redacted] that they would [redacted] if he did not cooperate. [redacted] A similar pattern of abuse occurred with the same priests and a Father Hollihan when [redacted] accompanied Father Burtchaell for spiritual retreats to Niles, Michigan.

In the years since this horrific abuse, my client has suffered [redacted] Worst of all, he has lost his faith and trust in the Catholic Church.

We are confident that under Illinois law we can avoid the statute of limitations by relying on a theory of traumatic amnesia and/or fraudulent concealment. If you would like to discuss this case further prior to our filing a civil lawsuit, please contact me or [redacted] at my office on or before August 1, 2006.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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July 10,2004

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is [redacted] and I am 37 years old and now live in [redacted]. While I was a student at St. Marys Grade School in Lake Forest and [redacted] I was emotionally/sexually abused(assaulted) by those who were entrusted with my care as either the guidance of a priest or a counselor. Those who were specifically involved were Fr. Robert Mayer(St. Marys) and [redacted]). Fr. Mayer has a long history of documented public abuse and even made Channel 7 news last time he was in court. [redacted]
I recall one of my peers [redacted] bringing it up in religion class with [redacted] (teacher) yet it fell upon deaf ears. As a child/adolescent on the north shore I was an attractive introvert who's shouts of abuse also were ignored by those in charge. Luckily, now , I love the Catholic Church and all that it stands for. However, since the abuse I've experienced problems with others in authority as well as a loss of innocence.
From junior high at St. Marys to high school [redacted] I can chart for you the decline of my self. From Bob Mayer's emotional abuse, playing basketball in the nude, forced wrestling sessions and thwarted attempts at anal sex I was put into precarious positions just because I was an altar boy. [redacted]
So, #1. my concern is that these two evil men be prosecuted for there abusive, pedophilia. Are they stilll on the streets working with the youth of America able to continue their wrath?
#2 That I hear some kind of response from the Archdiocese in terms of helping me with these issues, if I receive no response, validation, and ideas of compensation for my loss/abuse, I will pursue full legal recourse swiftly and justly.
#3 This information is confidential and 100% valid (honest). I would never defame the characters of others.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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7/12/04

Dear Jeah,

Just wanted to add a few more pieces of info for you (for reference). 1. I have informed both St. Mary's & [redacted] of the incidents that occurred @ their facilities. 2. I enclosed a photo of Fr. Mayer for further validation, I found it on the Lake Co. Sheriff's website [redacted] (W.)

St. Mary's 78-79 & 79-80

I have my photo I.Ds from that time if you need them. 4. I also used some language (see #2 on my written allegations) that may come off as being threatening I'm not addressing this towards you directly, yet I want to ensure this issue is taken seriously. (by all parties involved) I'm in the process of contacting a lawyer so I guess there are some pieces of the puzzle that need to be connected (?) (are missing) However, your words of compassion & help were very comforting for me the other day & I truly appreciate that from the bottom of my heart. I'm confident in you that you will be there to assist me in finding the truth, healing & solution to this awful mess that has been hanging over my head & soul for over 20yrs. Let me know if you need any further info. Thanks again God Bless, [redacted]

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

DATE: April 28, 2004

RE: **[PFR-25] Mayer, Robert E. (Retired)** [redacted]

A new allegation was received by this office on 4/28/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [redacted] Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding [redacted]

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Thank you.

cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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

DATE: March 12, 2004

RE: **[PFR-25]Mayer, Robert (Resigned)/**[redacted]

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From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Mayer, Robert [Resigned]/[redacted]

Date: March 11, 2004

PRA received a phone call today from [redacted] who stated that Robert Mayer sexually abused her at St. Odilo when she was in eighth grade. When asked by PRA, [redacted] stated that she graduated from eighth grade in [redacted].

[redacted] informed PRA that she is a 27-year-old [redacted] She stated that her family is religious and that she has never told her grandparents, her parents, or her fiancé of the alleged abuse by [the former] Fr. Mayer. [redacted]. PRA explained to [redacted] that Mr. Mayer is resigned from the priesthood and that his laicization is in process. When asked by [redacted] PRA informed her that Mr. Mayer was criminally charged for a charge related to sexual abuse of a minor, that he was incarcerated, and has since been released. [redacted] asked if her coming forward would have an affect upon Mr. Mayer being criminally charged. PRA explained a basic understanding of the statute of limitations and that all allegations brought to the Office of Professional Responsibility are forwarded to the State's Attorney.

[redacted] agreed to PRA's explanation of the Office of Professional Responsibility. A meeting for [redacted] to formalize her allegation was then scheduled for 3:00pm on Monday, March 15, 2004.

When asked by PRA, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted]

McCluskey, Leah

MAYER

From: McCluskey, Leah
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 4:55 PM
To: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

My name is Leah McCluskey and I am the Professional Fitness Review Administrator at the Archdiocese of Chicago. As you may know, all allegations of sexual misconduct against priests and deacons are forwarded to this office.

I know that you have spoken with Ralph Bonaccorsi and Dr. Michael Bland of the office of Assistance Ministry regarding your allegation of misconduct against Robert Mayer. I just wanted to introduce myself to you and would be interested in speaking with you if and whenever you so choose. I understand that this is an extremely sensitive and difficult matter and I am available if you would like to correspond [or talk] beyond this e-mail.

Please feel free to contact me at any time--either through e-mail or phone at 312.751.5206.

Sincerely,

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Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the PFRB
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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

DATE: January 9, 2003

RE: **[PFR-25] Mayer, Robert/**[redacted]

Attached is a copy of an allegation received by this office on 5/13/02. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [redacted]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Mayer, Robert/[redacted]

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

A:/PCAC Notification Memo

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop

Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

January 10, 1994

Dear Bob:

In light of your letter of December 30, 1993, I hereby accept your resignation from the active ministry, effective immediately.

I ask that you be in contact with Father Patrick O'Malley as necessary regarding arrangements. Also, Father David Hynous stands ready to assist you in the process leading to laicization. Father Hynous can be reached at [redacted].

Bob, I know this decision has been made with much thought and prayer. I hope that you will find peace through this time and want you to know of my prayers for you during your transition.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Robert J. Slein, S.V.D.
Ecclesiastical Notary

Robert E. Mayer
[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [redacted]

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley
Reverend David M. Hynous

Mayer loan (as of 8/19/93)
$44,011.46

LAW OFFICES

[redacted]

[redacted]

July 19, 1993

[redacted]

Fr. Roberto Mayer
c/o St. Odilo Catholic Church
2244 East Avenue
Berwyn, IL

St. Odilo Catholic Church
2244 East Avenue
Berwyn, IL

Archdiocesan of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

RE: [redacted], a minor v. Fr. Roberto Mayer,
St. Odilo Catholic Church and Archdiocesan of Chicago
Date of Occurrence: Summer of 1991
Our File No. 19873

Gentlemen:

By this letter I wish to advise you that our office has been retained by the above-named individual to prosecute a claim against you for personal injuries sustained as a result of an incident of sexual advancement which occurred during the summer of 1991 involving Fr. Roberto Mayer.

I have enclosed a Notice of Attorney's Lien, which I trust you will find self-explanatory, indicating a one-third (1/3) interest in any amount recovered by suit, settlement or otherwise.

Please forward this letter and Attorney's Lien to your insurance carrier so you will be protected under the terms of your insurance policy. Please call my office or advise me by return mail as to the name of your adjuster so that we may deal directly with him rather than trouble you with additional correspondence.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Enclosure

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY'S LIEN
UNDER THE LAW OF 1909, AS AMENDED

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF C O O K)

[redacted] a minor, by his father and next friend, [redacted]

v.

July 19, 1993

FR. ROBERTO MAYER
ST. ODILO CATHOLIC CHURCH
ARTHDIOCESAN OF CHICAGO

TO: Fr. Roberto Mayer
c/o St. Odilo Catholic Church
2244 East Avenue
Berwyn, IL

St. Odilo Catholic Church
2244 East Avenue
Berwyn, IL

Archdiocesan of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that [redacted], a minor, by his father and next friend, [redacted] has placed in our hands as their attorneys, for suit or collection, a claim, demand or cause of action against you growing out of an incident of sexual advancement which occurred during the summer of 1991, and has agreed to pay us for our services as a fee a sum equal to one-third (1/3) of whatever amount may be recovered therefrom by suit, settlement or otherwise and that I claim a lien upon said claim, demand or cause of action for such fee.

[redacted]

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and state that I served the above Notice upon the named individual(s) by placing same in a properly stamped, sealed and addressed envelope and depositing in the U.S. Mail depository located at 180 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60601 on the 21 day of July, 1993.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 1993.

NOTARY PUBLIC

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Chancellor

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Chicago, Illinois 60690

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May 5, 1993

Reverend Robert E. Mayer
[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [redacted]

Dear Father Mayer:

In his letter to you dated April 21, 1993, Cardinal Bernardin directed you to reside [redacted] no later than May 7, 1993. Acting on behalf of Cardinal Bernardin, I have extended this date until we meet on May 17, 1993.

This meeting will take place at the Office of the Vicar for Priests, 645 N. Michigan Ave., Suite #543, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas J. Paprocki

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

bc: Cardinal Bernardin
Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley
Vicar for Priests
Mr. James Serritella
Archdiocesan Attorney

TJP/cfb

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop

Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

CONFIDENTIAL

April 21, 1993

Dear Father Mayer:

As explained to you in conversations with Fathers Thomas Paprocki and Patrick O'Malley, in light of your conviction and sentencing for aggravated criminal sexual assault, I regret that it is necessary for me to notify you of certain canonical implications under these circumstances.

As provided in canons 1717-1718, I must now consider whether to initiate a canonical process to determine whether a penalty is warranted for possible sexual misconduct with a minor (canon 1395, §2) and violation of clerical chastity (canon 277). If it should become necessary to proceed with a formal canonical process, you will be given ample opportunity to defend yourself, with representation by canonical counsel.

In the meantime, your faculties as a priest continue to be withdrawn as indicated in my letter to you of July 3, 1991. In addition, I am now directing you as a matter of obedience (c. 273) [redacted] no later than May 7, 1993. You will be required to cooperate with their [redacted]
You should contact Fr. Richard Brown at 314-285-5226 to make arrangements.

Bob, I truly regret the necessity for these restrictions. Nevertheless, I believe that they are necessary for your own good and the good of the Church.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

Reverend Robert E. Mayer
[redacted]
Chicago, IL [redacted]

bc: Mr. James Serritella
Reverend Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests

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DECREE

At this time, I have received information which appears indicative of the fact that serious offenses against the Church may have been committed by Reverend Robert E. Mayer. On the basis of this information, it appears that Father Mayer has been accused of sexual misconduct with a minor, (c. 1395,§2) and violation of clerical chastity (c.277).

Due to the seriousness of this information and by virtue of canon 1717, I hereby decree that the prior investigation of a penal process be opened and that a cautious investigation be undertaken concerning these allegations and Father Mayer's imputability in order to determine whether it is necessary to take further action.

In addition, I hereby appoint Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki to serve as auditor; and I direct him to conduct on my behalf an appropriate investigation into the facts and circumstances of this matter and the related question of Father Mayer's imputability in accord with the norm of law.

Given at the Chancery on this 29th of April, 1993.

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Robert J. Dolan, S.V.D.
Vice-Chancellor

NEO MOTION PICTURES, INC

12, March 1993

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is to serve as notice that Neo Motion Pictures has secured an option agreement with Robert Mayer and at this time is actively developing Mayer's story pertaining to his recent conviction. The development is for the production of a motion picture. If a motion picture is produced by NEO about Mayer, NEO will fulfill its option agreement and purchase Mayer's story rights. This letter is in no way a guarantee that NEO will produce a motion picture based on Mayer's life, only that NEO is engaging in development activities. NEO Motion Pictures can be contacted for additional information regarding this project.

Sincerely

[redacted]

NEO Motion Pictures

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Payroll Authorization Form

FILE

Please Complete Applicable Sections. Incomplete Forms Delay Processing

Employee	Rev. Robert Mayer	Current Position	Administrative leave
Current Department	Vicar for Priests Office	Department Account #	[redacted]
		Current Salary Grade	Associate Pastor

A	**Salary Change** (Lay & Religious Employees only) Indicate hourly rate for part-time employees and annual rate for full time employees			
	Salary ~~Increase~~ Decrease of ------ %		Effective Date 2/28/93	
	From $ 16,600.08	Per Year	To $ 6,600.00	Per Year
B	**New Hire** (F/T or P/T)		Effective Date	
	Salary	Per	Salary Grade	
C	**Transfer**		_____Promotion/To New Position	
	New Department		Department Account #	
	Effective		Salary	Per
	Salary Grade			
D	**Transfer From (F/T or P/T)**		TO (F/T or P/T)	
	New Salary			
	If part-time, hours worked per week		Per	Effective
E	1 **Terminate** ☐ Effective			
	2 **Leave of Absence** ☐ Effective			
	3 **Return from Leave of Absence** ☐ Effective			

Signature is required by each of the following offices before this payroll action will be executed

☐ Agency Director Rev. Patrick O'Malley	Date 2/26/93
☐ Department Director Carol Fowler	Date 3-3-93
☐ Vicar for Administration [illegible]	Date
☐ Reviewed by Director of Employee Services	Date

Please Obtain Authorized Signatures and Return To Employee Services

Distribution:
☐ White: Employee Services ☐ Yellow: Department Director ☐ Pink: Vicar for Administration ☐ Gold: Agency Director

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki TJP
Chancellor

Date: February 24, 1993

Re: Reverend Robert E. Mayer

This afternoon at 3:45 PM, Father Patrick J. O'Malley and I met with Father Mayer and his attorney, Mr. John Gottlick. At this meeting, I informed Father Mayer that, following up on our previous conversations, the Archdiocese would be moving Father Mayer from his current residence at [redacted] to another setting. Father O'Malley then explained the option which the Archdiocese was proposing for residence at the [redacted] near St. Louis, Missouri.

I then clarified with Father Mayer that the Archdiocese would not be providing a loan in order to finance the cost of his appeal in any way. Moreover, the Archdiocese would be reducing his compensation from a full salary to a basic support amount of $550.00 per month. Father Mayer indicated that he would have to take these matters to [redacted] his family to discuss them with them.

Mr. Gottlick then raised the possibility of a second option, which would involve separating Father Mayer from the Archdiocese. He indicated a scenario where the Archdiocese would provide an exit package that would be based on the amount of compensation that the Archdiocese would be expected to pay Father Mayer until his age of retirement, as well as the cost of his room and board for that period of time. I indicated that this would not necessarily be an accurate basis for computing such figures, since the Archdiocese has not ruled out the possibility of severing the relationship through an involuntary laicization. I also indicated that even if Father Mayer resigned from the active ministry voluntarily, we would insist that any exit agreement be contingent upon Father Mayer voluntarily asking for and receiving a voluntary laicization from the Holy See.

Father Mayer and Mr. Gottlick will take these options under consideration. We scheduled another meeting for March 16, 1993. However, if they should decide to move more quickly towards the second option, that is, separation from priesthood, then Father Mayer or Mr. Gottlick would call Father O'Malley to set up a meeting with our attorneys, Mr. John O'Malley and/or Mr. James Serritella.

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley
Vicar for Priests

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January 28, 1992

Dear Father Mayer:

At your request, I am sending this letter to indicate officially that you are currently restricted from all exercise of the sacred ministry (c. 1044.2.2) and that you are to live at the [redacted] Chicago, [redacted] the direction of the staff. You are to observe the protocol which has been established (copy attached). The protocol will be reviewed from time to time.

Be assured that you are remembered in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Robert L. Kealy

Reverend Robert L. Kealy
Chancellor

Concetta F. Bruno

Concetta F. Bruno
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Robert E. Mayer
[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois 60607

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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

To: File

cc: Vicar for Priests' Office

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki TJP
Chancellor

Date: December 30, 1992

Re: Reverend Robert E. Mayer

On Wednesday, December 30, 1992, I met with Father Robert Mayer at the Vicar for Priest's Office. Also present at this meeting were Fathers Patrick J. O'Malley and John F. Canary (Co-Vicars for Priests), Mr. John O'Malley (Director of Legal Services), and Mr. John Gottlick (Attorney/Friend of Father Mayer).

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the future status of Father Mayer in light of his conviction for sexual misconduct with a minor and to plan for his future relationship with the Archdiocese of Chicago in anticipation of his sentencing scheduled for January 8, 1993.

Father Paprocki started by indicating that the purpose of this meeting was not to arrive at any final decisions, but to discuss what the Archdiocese is contemplating and to hear what Father Mayer has in mind. Accordingly, Father Paprocki said that the Archdiocese was contemplating the following changes if Father Mayer remains in the priesthood:

1. Regardless of the outcome of sentencing or appeal, the Cardinal has made it clear that Father Mayer will not receive a ministerial assignment. The public scandal that has arisen in this case makes that impossible.

2. If there is probation or if Fr. Mayer is free pending appeal, the Archdiocese will move Father Mayer from his current location to a new residence under close supervision. A possible location would be the facility at Cherry Valley, California.

3. Regardless of the outcome of sentencing or if there is an appeal, the Archdiocese will provide Father Mayer with the minimum due to him. This means supervised room and board, but would also entail a reduction in his income. He would no longer receive full salary, since salary is compensation for ministry, which he is not and will not be doing; however, he will receive a reduced amount

to provide him with basic support.

Father Mayer responded that he would not remain a priest under those conditions and would, therefore, submit his resignation if such circumstances were imposed.

Mr. Gottlick asked that nothing be decided or announced until after sentencing, and Father Paprocki agreed. Mr. Gottlick inquired about the Archdiocese's feeling concerning an appeal and hinted about the question of Archdiocesan financial support. No direct response was offered at the meeting, but we will need to decide whether or not we will provide a loan for the costs of an appeal.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
VICAR FOR PRIESTS
645 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 543
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

Off: (312) 642-1837
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DEC 30 1992
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Memo
To: Rev. Thomas Paprocki
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 12/23/92
Re: Robert Mayer

In a telephone conversation on 12/23/92, Thomas Paprocki, John Canary and I spoke about a meeting we will have with Robert Mayer on Dec. 30 to discuss the future. Mayer at first said he wouldn't go along with this and then upon a call from Paprocki, who explained that we needed to bring these questions up and would like him to be a participant, he did say he would be there. He has the option of bringing someone as counsel.

These are some of the issues that may arise.

1. If Mayer is immediately sentenced and sent off to jail or assigned to work release, how do we deal with that in terms of his remaining a priest, his benefits, his salary, his room and board?

2. If Mayer is put on some kind of probation, what is the role of the Archdiocese in that probation? Will we be the ones on to watch over him? If so, will we keep him at his present place or find another spot for him?

3. If Mayer is given probation but it is not necessary for us to watch over him, how should we handle that?

4. No matter what happens to him on the civil level, when should we institute some kind of canonical proceeding and how should that begin? Is there an alternative to a canonical process - e.g. voluntary resignation?

These are some of the questions that pop into mind as we move towards this meeting on Wednesday. One of the things we were also speaking about was the possibility of working up an arrangement in which, in return for Mayer's voluntary resignation from priesthood, we might help him in some way. Should we open this particular aspect of the dialogue or should we encourage Mayer to be the first to broach resignation

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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September 8, 1992

Reverend Robert E. Mayer
[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois [redacted]

Dear Father Mayer:

Thank you for returning the signed Promissory Note, agreeing to repay the Archdiocese of Chicago for funds advanced as a loan to you for reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

Contrary to the assertion in your cover letter "that these 'loans' are more in the nature of pseudo-loans for purposes of public relations considerations and not true loans of debt," please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago does, indeed, consider the payment of these funds to be in the nature of a legally binding loan and your signed statement as an enforceable promissory note. Accordingly, as indicated in the agreement, reasonable terms for repayment of the loan will be established at the conclusion of the legal proceedings relating to your pending indictment.

Also, as indicated in number (2) of the agreement, you are required to promptly furnish the Archdiocese of Chicago a written report fully disclosing your finances.

Your cooperation in these matters will be very much appreciated. Please be assured of my continued prayers as your court date approaches.

With every best wish, I remain

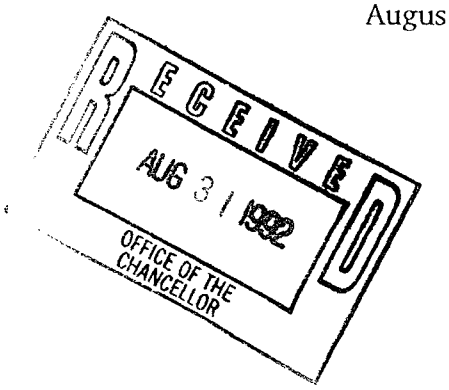
Fraternally yours in Christ,

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

bc: Cardinal Bernardin
Rev. Patrick J. O'Malley
Mr. John O'Malley
Mr. James Serritella

TJP/cfb

August 30, 1992



Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Father Paprocki:

After consultation with my support group, I am persuaded to sign the loan agreement you have mandated.

As you well know from previous correspondence, this would not be my first course of action, especially in view of the fact that initial agreements and understandings with the Archdiocese concerning the payment of my legal defense were not kept.

In view of the trial date being set for two weeks hence, and in respect of Mr. Tuite's written affirmation that he will withdraw from the case, if payment is not in his office by trial time, it appears that my best interests, in psychologically preparing for trial, and winning my vindication, would not met, at this late date and time, by being forced to change attorneys, or prolonging the trial date because of financial considerations. The sufferings and damage to my physical health, resulting from decisions and mandates of the Archdiocese have been unimaginable. I cannot endure further jeopardy to my well-being.

However, I have been led to believe by the attorney hired by you on my behalf in consultation with corporate counsel for the Archdiocese ([redacted]) that these "loans" are more in the nature of pseudo-loans for purposes of public relations considerations and not true loans of debt.

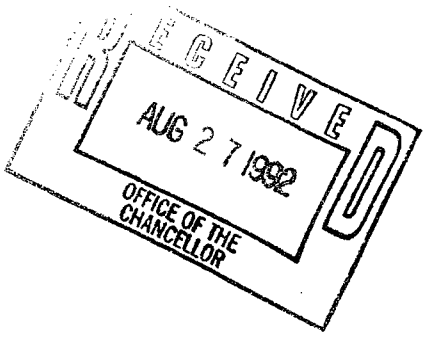
Finally, I accept the terms of Pat O'Malley's letter to me concerning the requests for certain freedoms that I made.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Mayer

Rev. Robert E. Mayer

August 25, 1992



Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60609

Dear Father Paprocki:

Over the past month of correspondence with your office, several issues surrounding the position of the Archdiocese concerning the subject of your letter to me of August 18, 1992, have come into focus, to wit:

1) The Archdiocese gave me a list of presumably "recommended" attorneys, and I was told to make a selection from that list. In a previous incident some years ago, and under somewhat similar circumstances, I selected Pat Tuite. I did the same on this occasion. In the previous case, there was never a question of attorney's fees/costs, and in the present case that issue was not raised until the matters of representation and investigation were well underway. Anyone familiar with the American legal system, as is the Archdiocese of Chicago, is certainly aware of the fact that once a sophisticated legal defence is underway, changing horses in midstream is an inefficient process, especially when the true client is not apprised from the offset of all the agendas that are at play. Of course, that was the situation that awaited me. Public relations considerations and matters of internal corporate policy-making are not normally on the table in the order of a criminal defense case. But I preceded to cooperate with my religious superiors in good faith and on the basis of previous experience: i.e.: "good faith reliance".

Having stated the obvious, it is now time to state the obvious corollary: it is of equal importance to both the employer and employee in this case that a finding of not guilty be achieved in the pending matter. It is clear that conviction would virtually invite and conceivably enhance a subsequent civil suit and in such a scenario the most likely target would be the party with the "deepest pockets". This is one of the unfortunate realities of the current state of American tort law and has been enhanced by recent regrettable publicity surrounding other fellow employees of the Archdiocese. Certainly, in such a situation, cooperation from all defendant parties would be an absolutely indispensable element to a defensive strategy which had any hope for success. It is hard to imagine how that sense of mutual trust could be enhanced by the terms set forth in your August 18th letter.

Furthermore, if I am forced to take on a financial liability of this magnitude, whether to pay for all or even a significant portion of Mr. Tuite's fees/ costs, it is likely that I would have to employ someone of lesser talent and/or experience in this

case and with commensurately lesser chances of success. This is a mutual risk that, less than month before trial, seems mutually imprudent and unilaterally self-defeating from the standpoint of good press relations, in which we both presumable share an interest.

2) In my long standing employment relationship with the Archdiocese, an Illinois corporation, I have and continue to follow faithfully the dictates of its officers and officials. I have accepted the present housing and [redacted] protocols "mandated" by it, and the responsible parties, including me, have kept the Archdiocese updated on the results thereof. [redacted] This seems especially inconsistent given the fact that it has been professionally recommended to me that the current close confinement that I am restricted to is harmful to my total well-being and that it need not be so if only I sign your most recent letter. (c. Rev. Pat O' Malley letter to me of July 3, 1992 wherein is stated inter alia: "the requests [relief from virtually total confinement] that you make in your letter are both certainly negotiable, but that letter is necessary before we can negotiate any further."). (emphasis added) How can a good faith regime be "negotiated"? One would think that terms like "negotiation" are more appropriate in a forum where a wronged employee suffering from work-related stress and physical injury resulting from job-mandated orders was seeking recovery from his employer on a Workers Compensation claim. Surely this is not the case.

In any event, it has been reported to me orally by officials of the Church that this "loan agreement" is solely for purposes of maintaining a strong defensive posture for the Archdiocese vis-a-vis the press in these very difficult times. If this is so, then any acceptance by me of the terms set forth in your August 18 letter must have this clearly understood between us and arrangements concerning my treatment and residentially-related confinement restrictions "negotiated" to reflect more accurately what is a more healthful program.

Time is very much of the essence here given the rapidly approaching trail date. Therefore, a resolution of this matter by the end of this week appears highly desireable. I await your reply.

Yours truly,

Robert E. Mayer

[redacted]

Chicago, Il.

[redacted]

February 3, 1992

Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Bishop Goedert:

Thank you for your presence and participation at the "staff" meeting at St. Edna's; it was very much appreciated, I'm sure, by everyone gathered on January 24.

I have thought a great deal about the meeting and in particular, about your outreach to me in my continuing recovery resulting from the evil and unjust experiences as a staff person at St. Edna's, and the time period following my removal as D.R.E. there, up until now. My reflection process brings me to the following conclusions and requests.

Conclusion: The Cardinal played a significant role during the time of the Fr. Mayer situation at St. Edna's.

Request: That I have the opportunity to meet with the Cardinal to offer the insights I have gleaned from the experience and to discuss with him, from the professional minister's point of view, ways and means that could be utilized in handling other situations in the future.

Conclusion: That my vocation up until 1985 had been in ministry to the people of God and service to the Church. I had spent 15 years developing and enhancing my person and skills to offer standards of excellence in religious education in the parishes that I served, as well as to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Request: That a formal letter of apology be written by the Cardinal to be shared with the pastors of the Archdiocese, for the purpose of restoring and recognizing the reputation I earned, and to honor the value of the standard of work in the field of religious education that I achieved and shared with the parishes that I served and the archdiocese.

Conclusion: It is important that Fr. Hurley and Fr. Heidenreich take the responsibility that they shared in their "assumptions" about the staff, particularly me, upon coming to St. Edna's regarding the Mayer situation. They participated in an inquisition of all staff, made false accusations of impropriety about me, and systematically removed me from my position at St. Edna's, while at the same time, defamed my name and reputation amongst other clergy in the archdiocese.

Request: That a formal letter of apology be written by Frs. Hurley and Heidenriech to me, which letter would be read to the people of St. Edna's Parish at all liturgies on a weekend during the forthcoming Lenten Season. This letter would also recognize and give honor to the eight years of commitment and service I offered to the people.

Conclusion: The situation that began when the staff of St. Edna's attempted to inform the churh hierarchy, with information and evidence regarding Fr. Mayer's activities, and the ensuing ongoing "battle", has taken a tremendous emotional, psychological and physical toll on all persons involved: the children, their families, staff members, and the folks in the pews, not just at St. Edna's, but the places Mayer was appointed to before and since. The Archdiocese has culpability in the pain and suffering of many.

Request: [redacted]

Conclusion: Due to the defamation of my name and reputation, which was perpetrated by a number of clergy personnel along with Frs. Hurley and Heidenreich, I was unable to attain a ministry position in the Archdiocese. The one place that offered me a contract, did so at a reduction in pay of $10,000.00 per year. In addition, I was out of work for four months until I found my current position with the Walgreen Company. Because of my lack of experience in the corporate world, I had to take an "entry level" position again, at a reduction in salary of $5,000.00 per year.

Request: That the Archdiocese of Chicago make a lump sum settlement regarding work and salary issues, in the amount of $10,000.00, which will represent a token of recognition of damage done to my person and professionalism through no fault of my own, at the same time understanding that there is no monetary value that can be placed upon the loss of one's vocation and ministry.

I also ask that I receive an update on my pension program with the Archdiocese. I had fifteen years of service and contribution thereto. I have, in the past, on at least two occasions requested this information, and it was never sent to me. A statement regarding this status is in order.

My final reflection, that I wish to share with you, is the overwhelming sense of sadness I have carried in my being for so many years, for the Church that I loved for so long. The actions that the Cardinal has taken in recent months are important and should be taken seriously. However, perhaps it is too little, too late. It is very difficult for so many to get beyond the systematic cover-up that has been perpetrated for many years. It is my personal hope that in this new day the truth will be embraced and actions will be taken that will be beneficial to all concerned.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

August 4, 1992

Most Rev. Raymond Goedert
Auxiliary Bishop
Holy Cross Church
724 Elder Lane
Deerfield, Il. 60015

Dear Bishop Goedert:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from Carol Fowler, Director of Personnel Services. I sincerely hope that this is not indicative of your pastoral response. The issues that I raised in my letter (copy enclosed) were not addressed, with the exception of the pension benefits, yet that was incorrect. The information stated I had served 13 years, in actuality I served 15. The parishes are as follows:

• St. Victor, Calumet City	4 years	70-74
• St. Linus, Oak Lawn	3 years	74-77
• St. Edna, Arlington Heights	8 years	77-85

Secondly, I do not appreciate a letter from someone who does not know me, giving me incorrect information, and thanking me for my years of service with the hope that my healing comes quickly. After the dedication with which I served in the Archdiocese of Chicago those remarks are diminishing and dismissing.

The night of our staff discussion with you, you stated that I should let you know if there was something you could do. Well I have let you know, and I would appreciate hearing from you in regard to the issues I have raised in my original letter.

Thank you in advance for assisting me with these concerns.

Sincerely,

*Note address change.

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MINUTES OF MEETINGS AT ST. EDNA'S PARISH
NOVEMBER 24, 1991
by
Father Robert L. Kealy

On Saturday, November 23, and Sunday, November 24, a team of people from the Archdiocese went to St. Edna's, the former parish of Father Bob Mayer, to talk with parishioners after all the Masses. Father O'Malley, Bishop Goedert, and Father McDonagh were present on Saturday. On Sunday, the team consisted of Father O'Malley, Dr. Carrol Craddock, and myself. After the meetings with the parishioners, we met with the staff in the rectory.

After the earlier Masses and the last Mass about ten people came in to talk. After the 11:00 Mass there were about twenty people. The pattern that seemed to emerge is that (1) initially the people challenged us, (2) when they realized the Archdiocese is dealing seriously with this problem they began to dialogue with us and each other, and (3) finally the discussion began to focus on where we go from here.

People challenged us about:

-- why a more thorough investigation was not done. <At an earlier Mass, [redacted] said that her son had been at Mayer's cottage with two friends, that he had observed improper behavior, that he had been damaged as a result, and that he had not been interviewed. I arranged for him to come over later in the morning to meet with me and his testimony is recorded in a separate memorandum>.

-- why Father Somerville was not supported by the Archdiocese and was allowed to become a victim himself. <People felt that Mayer's personality overpowered Somerville and when he tried to protect the people he was treated as though he were part of the problem.>

-- why no information was given to the parish; why the Archdiocese operated so secretively. Somerville and Mayer just left with no explanation from the Archdiocese. Even now, almost ten years later the people are still arguing over whether there was misconduct or not.

-- why Father Mayer was promoted by being appointed pastor.

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People stated:

-- "We need information to defend the Church. We can deal with the facts. Have faith in us. Give us the information we need to get back on our feet. we want to help. It's not just up to the priests to fix it."

-- "How can we repair the damage done to the faith of the kids involved in this and their families?"

Some information given:

-- "Mayer's room at the rectory looked like something Hugh Heffner would have. He had Playboy magazines lying around. He furnished alcohol to the older high school kids. People say he gave kids marijuana."

-- "My daughter was working at the local video store and Mayer came in with some kids to get some x-rated movies. A co-worker, who didn't know Mayer was a priest, said, 'Here comes the local pervert.'"

-- "He entertained kids with nothing on but a poncho."

-- At his cottage he allowed an underage boy to drive a car. he hit a tree and was told,"Don't worry. We'll take care of it so you don't get into any trouble."

-- "Mayer threatened the boys who came forward and told then that his friends on the football team would get them."

-- "Mayer used to argue with the elderly housekeeper about minding her own business. When she died suddenly, some people suspected foul play."

People recommended:

-- That there be a public airing in some way. "You can't have forgiveness without resolution. People are still arguing over whether misconduct occurred or not." Those who came forward feel betrayed by the Church. There is a need to explain somehow what did happen, without going into all the details. One suggestion was to do this at Mass. After some discussion, people moved away from that idea and suggested that the parish bulletin might be the vehicle.

-- There was a consensus that it would be a good idea for the Cardinal to send a personal letter to each of the young men involved. This letter would apologize for the hurt done to them, tell them we are here to help them and offer them counseling assistance either now or if they feel they need it later on, and invite their comments and suggestions on how to see that such situations and dealt with better in the future (Dr. Craddock said this last point would be very important because people need to feel they have some impact on how

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things will be done. [redacted] will get us the names and addresses of the boys>.

-- There was a strong feeling expressed that something needs to be done to thank and acknowledge Father Somerville>.

-- Several people mentioned that they felt strongly that the [redacted] family should be "made whole" and compensated for their expenses.

[redacted]:

The [redacted] were present with the group after the 11:00 Mass. The discussion was candid but productive. They appreciated the recent steps the Archdiocese has taken. [redacted] expressed the feeling that they were not hostile to the Church, that they didn't want to cause embarassment to the Church. They just wanted to see the problems dealt with. They felt betrayed for having taken the risk of coming forward. We assured her that we wanted to work together. We told her that we would like to be in contact with her and her group, VOCAL, about how to provide assistance to victims of abuse. She mentioned that VOCAl has counselors to whom they can refer people.

At one point [redacted] said, "What hurts so much is that during all of this no one asked how my son was doing." Bishop Goedert got choked up and with deep emotion expressed his sorrow to the [redacted] for what they and their son had suffered and he apologized for how the Archdiocese handled this. He went to them and embraced them and they hugged him in return. Afterwards [redacted] expressed to Sr. Janice his feeling that this was the apology that they had been waiting for all along and that now they could put closure on this. [redacted] expressed appreciation for what happened, but felt follow-up was necessary. She said she realized that we want to have her "on our side."

Project Benjamin:

After the last Mass, Mary Kay Balchunas was present. She is the head of Project Benjamin, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's program for counseling for victims of abuse by church personel. She is a friend of Father Hurley. She came down to offer her help. She provided me with materials and information.

Meeting with Parish Staff:

After the meetings with the people, Bishop Goedert, Dr. Cradock and I met for about an hour with Father John Hurley, Sr. [redacted] (the Pastoral Associate), and Father Gene Dyer. Sister [redacted] was at the parish one year with Bob Mayer.

We talked about the need for the kind of follow-up suggested by the people and even the possibility of some kind of reconcilation service, involving the Cardinal.

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We talked about what should be said, if there is a statement in the bulletin: "Mayer betrayed the trust of young people and this has a profound effect on how they view adults. We betrayed the people by not listening to what they had to say. The people who came forward have a right to be vindicated. We didn't properly support Father Somerville. We have learned the hard way and are now doing things differently. A reconciliation is needed and we would like to invite you to a prayer service of reconciliation with the Cardinal."

The staff mentioned the importance of our making personal contact with several key people who had been hurt in this whole affair, but who had not come to the meetings. They will provide us with the names. One in particular is [redacted]

The parish staff will be putting their suggestions and recommendations in writing.

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Rev. Robert L. Kealy, of Victim EA's statement, given to Rev. Kealy on November 24, 1991, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Mayer. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Mayer making inappropriate sexual comments to Victim EA and other minors and "mooning" Victim EA and other minors. Fr. Mayer also wore bikini briefs in front of the minors, and provided them with alcohol. Victim EA remembers Fr. Mayer constantly touching his genitals while watching the boys swim. The alleged abuse occurred during a trip to Fr. Mayer's cabin when Victim EA was between eighth and ninth grade.

Saint Mary of the Woods PARISH

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November 17, 1982

Most Reverend Joseph L. Bernadin
Archbishop of Chicago
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Your Excellency:

This is an attempt to let you know about the following priests to date since we last talked on November 10th.

1. Father Robert Mayer: I talked to him on November 12th for over an hour at St. Mary of the Woods rectory. I reported to him about the November 6th meeting with 3 sets of parents of boys involved. I also told him of Father Velo's interview with the [redacted] family on November 8th. I recommended to him not to have any adolescents in his quarters or the cottage. He feels that only the [redacted] and [redacted] are demanding this restriction - that many boys and families come to his room and would be shocked if told not to come. I also told him because of his many gifts it is necessary for him not to engage in any inappropriate or ambiguous behavior - because those who do not like him will be very zealous in their criticism. I told him I thought his behavior on that occasion was inappropriate. I urged him to leave the assignment - reflect on places he told Personnel Board he preferred and a more suitable appointment could be arranged. He says the people love him and he would like to stay. I told him that I was pretty sure that you would see him soon.

[redacted]

I also talked to the [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] on Nov. 14th by phone. The are frustrated by what they perceive as a lack of solution after 4 months. I told them that we are doing all we can to resolve the situation - keeping them informed, visiting with [redacted] etc. and suggested a meeting with Father Mayer. They are to get back to me.

a) November 15th - 5:00 P.M. talked by phone to Father Mayer. He is more than willing to meet with the parents.

He apologized to them in a meeting. "I want to reconcile these people, I want to take my punishment."

Father Mayer: "I have reflected a lot on my lifestyle. I don't wish to be a stodgy minister. I have ulcers but I might give some. I should modify my lifestyle."

These are approximate quotes. A.J.M.

b) Father Velo met with [redacted] family Monday night for 2 hours. The mother is concerned that her son is still seeing Father Mayer despite the fact she drops her son off at the Rectory. She is worried and it seems that she does not understand this oldest child's desire for independence. She is confused and has ambivalent feelings about Father Mayer.

2. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

4. [redacted]

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Professional Responsibility Review Board
Saturday, November 20, 2004 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES Correction

Review Board Members Present:
[redacted]

Members absent:
[redacted]

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

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I. New Board Members Introduced
- [redacted] fulfilling the role of attorney on the Board
- [redacted] fulfilling the role of social worker on the Board
- Newly appointed Chair of the Board, [redacted] provided background information on the Review Board and it's process

II. Approval of Minutes - October 16, 2004
- Unanimously approved [6-0]

III. **Case Reviews**

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of Robert E. Mayer [Resigned 1994] - PFR - 25
The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation made by [redacted] The claim is as follows: physical and sexual abuse.

In a 6-0 vote, in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation. Upon PRA providing information regarding a second recent allegation against Mr. Mayer made by [redacted], it was agreed that this matter would be on the Board agenda for a Review for Cause concurrently with the Initial Review of [redacted] allegation against the accused.

B. In the Matter of [redacted]

[redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

C. In the Matter of [redacted]

[redacted]

Review for Cause

A. **In the Matter of** [redacted]

B. **In the Matter of** [redacted]

IV. Other Matters

- Arrival of Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. to swear in new Board members [redacted]

Next scheduled meeting is December 4, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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Saturday, November 19, 2005 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:
[redacted]

Review Board Members Absent:
[redacted]

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

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I. Approval of Minutes – October 15, 2005

- No objections or proposed changes to the agenda

II. Other Matters

- [redacted]

III. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

Review for Cause

B. In the Matter of Rev. Robert Mayer [Resigned 1994] – PFR - 25

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of the allegation made by [redacted] The allegation is as follows: Fr. Mayer provided beer, cigarettes, marijuana, pornography; Fr. Mayer masturbated in front of [redacted] and the other boys, as well as had all participate in group masturbation [circle jerks]; Fr. Mayer kissed [redacted] on the lips numerous times and other abuse included oral sex, digital [finger] penetration; conservative estimate by [redacted] is that abuse took place 3-4 times per week from the time he was 13-24 years old.

In a 5-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommended that no further action be taken due to the fact that Mr. Mayer is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

Supplementary Review

C. In the Matter of [redacted]

D. [redacted]

IV. Other Matters cont'd

- [redacted]
- Agreed that "Criteria for Monitors" would be a topic discussed at the scheduled February 11, 2006 In-Service
- The 2006 Review Board Meeting dates were discussed and finalized [see enclosed]
- [redacted]
- PRA informed the Review Board that Cardinal George has approved that the following information is to be shared with the Mundelein Police Department on each man who is withdrawn from ministry, under monitoring protocols, and residing at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, Illinois:
  - Name, DOB, date withdrawn from ministry, date of most recent substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct of a minor, photograph

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, December 3, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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Saturday, August 20, 2005 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[redacted]

Members absent:

[redacted]

Non-members present:

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

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I. Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2005

- No objections or proposed changes to the agenda
- [redacted]

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of [redacted]

B. In the Matter of [redacted]

C. In the Matter of Rev. Robert Mayer [Resigned 1994] – PFR 25

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

- That PRA determine from a review of the Vicar for Priest file if Fr. Mayer ever participated in a psychological/psychiatric evaluation and/or if he ever participated in therapy.
- That PRA ask Archdiocesan Legal Services if there is any other information in their files on [redacted] testimony concerning past case[s] against Fr. Mayer.

D. In the Matter of [redacted]

<u>Review for Cause</u>

E. In the Matter of [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

F. In the Matter of [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

[redacted]

G. In the Matter of [redacted]

III. Other Matters for Advice

H. In the Matter of [redacted]

IV. Other Matters

- There will be no Review Board meeting in September 2005 as there will not be a quorum of Board members available to meet.

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, October 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
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Professional Responsibility Review Board
Saturday, May 21, 2005 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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Review Board Members Present:

[redacted]

Members absent:

[redacted]

Non-members present:

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

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I. Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2005

- Unanimously approved 5-0

II. Other Matters

- [redacted]

[redacted]

III. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

[redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

[redacted]

Review for Cause

A. In the Matter of [redacted]

B. In the Matter of [redacted]

C. In the Matter of Rev. Robert Mayer [Resigned 1994] PFR-25

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause regarding the allegation made by [redacted] The allegation is as follows: physical and sexual abuse.

In a 5-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further the Board determined that no further action be taken because the former Fr. Mayer is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

D. In the Matter of [redacted]

E. In the Matter of [redacted]

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 18, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
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Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
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Professional Responsibility Review Board
Saturday, November 18, 2006 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[redacted]

Review Board Members Absent:

[redacted]

Non-members present:

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

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I. **Approval of Minutes – October 21, 2006 and October 25, 2006**

- October 21, 2006 Minutes approved
- Changes made to October 25, 2006 Minutes [clarification on page 2, fourth bullet point]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of [redacted]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Robert E. Mayer [Resigned] – PFR 25

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Robert E. Mayer. A summary of the allegation is as follows: 50 incidents of sexual abuse in Fr. Mayer's quarters in St. Mary's rectory which included group masturbation, pornography, distribution of alcohol, naked backrubs [both given and received], one incident of oral sex by Fr. Mayer; less than 20 incidents of the same described abuse in Fr. Mayer's personal quarters at subsequent assignment at St. Edna's.

In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that the matter warrants additional investigation.

C. In the Matter of [redacted]

D. In the Matter of [redacted]

[redacted]

III. Review for Cause

E. In the Matter of [redacted]

F. In the Matter of [redacted]

IV. Supplementary Review

G. In the Matter of [redacted]

V. For Discussion

H. In the Matter of [redacted]

[redacted]

Other Matters

- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- Discussion concerning receipt of anonymous allegations against identified clerics; concerns expressed with recording and reporting of such allegations, as the accused cleric is identified, but there is no name/identity of the accuser
- Cardinal George swore in new Board member, [redacted]
- 2007 Schedule: all meetings scheduled for the third Saturday of every month except for December, which the meeting will be on 12/8/07

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, January 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
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[redacted]

Non-members present:
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- [redacted] introduced as new member of the Review Board, fulfilling the deacon position on the Board; due to accepting Cardinal George's appointment to the Review Board on Friday, October 20, 2006, [redacted] did not vote on any matters presented during the October 21, 2006 meeting

I. **Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2006**
- Minutes approved 6-0 [[redacted] was not yet present]
- [redacted]

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of [redacted]

B. In the Matter of [redacted]

III. Review for Cause

C. In the Matter of [redacted]

D. In the Matter of Rev. Robert Mayer [Resigned 1994] – PFR - 25

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [redacted] allegation against the former Rev. Robert Mayer. A summary of the allegation is as follows: [redacted] was masturbated over and under clothing by Fr. Mayer. Fr. Mayer also performed oral sex on [redacted] Approximately 4-6 incidents with all but first incident where [redacted] and Fr. Mayer's clothing was removed.

In a 6-1 vote, in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

In the Matter of Rev. Robert Mayer [Resigned 1994] – PFR - 25
The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [redacted] allegation against the former Rev. Robert Mayer. A summary of the allegation is as follows: allegation first received by Archdiocese in 1996; uncertain as to who first contacted Archdiocese will allegation. At the time, specifics of alleged abuse unknown--victim did not formalize allegation. 8/11/05: wrestling and attempted anal sex; Fr. Mayer playing basketball in the nude and being nude in the rectory with [redacted] and other altar boys; Fr. Mayer providing alcohol to [redacted] and other minor boys; Fr. Mayer kissing a high school girl [with a "deep, wet kiss"] in front of [redacted] and other minor boys; "twisted confession," other "unpriest-like behavior"

In a 7-0 vote, in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

E. In the Matter of [redacted]

F. In the Matter of [redacted]

G. **In the Matter of** [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

V. **Other Matters**
- 2007 Review Board schedule

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, November 18, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
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MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[redacted]

Non-members present:

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

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I. Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2006 and November 11, 2006

- October 25, 2006 Minutes approved
- November 18, 2006 Minutes approved
- [redacted] announced that the February 17, 2007 Review Board meeting is cancelled due to scheduling conflicts
- [redacted]

- [redacted]

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of [redacted]

B. In the Matter of [redacted]

C. In the Matter of [redacted]

[redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

D. In the Matter of [redacted]

III. Review for Cause

E. In the Matter of [redacted]

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Mary's rectory which included group masturbation, pornography, distribution of alcohol, naked backrubs [both given and received], one incident of oral sex by Fr. Mayer; less than 20 incidents of the same described abuse in Fr. Mayer's personal quarters at subsequent assignment at St. Edna's.

In a 9-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

G. In the Matter of [redacted]

IV. Request for Supplementary Review

H. In the Matter of [redacted]

I. In the Matter of [redacted]

Other Matters

- The next Review Board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2007
- The Review Board meeting in April will be on April 14, 2007
- [redacted] and Fr. Smilanic provided a brief overview of the committee working on updating the *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*; close to a final draft which will be circulated to all Board members for their review; comments to the draft to be directed towards [redacted] or Fr. Smilanic
- [redacted]

- [redacted]

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
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Review Board
Saturday, March 15, 2008 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[redacted]

Review Board Members Not Present:

[redacted]

Non-members Present:

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

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I. **Approval of Minutes** – February 16, 2008

- Minutes approved
- By 9:30am, there were only five members present and it was determined that discussions of the following cases would proceed with the understanding that there would not be a quorum and therefore, no votes could be taken on any of the matters
- [redacted]
- Noted that the next Review Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2008
- Noted that the May 2008 Review Board meeting is cancelled

- [redacted] will not be present at the June 14, 2008 or September 13, 2008 scheduled Review Board meetings

II. Case Reviews

<u>Initial Review</u>

A. In the Matter of [redacted]

B. In the Matter of [redacted]

C. In the Matter of [redacted]

D. In the Matter of Rev. Robert E. Mayer [Resigned 1994] – PFR - 25

The Review Board was to conduct an Initial Review of [redacted] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by the former Rev. Robert Mayer. A summary of the allegation is as follows: Fr. Mayer masturbated himself in front of [redacted] and then masturbated him; Fr. Mayer massaged [redacted] bare back; Fr. Mayer made [redacted] promise he would not tell anyone what happened at the rectory; viewed pornography [Penthouse magazine] with Fr. Mayer; witnessed circle jerks that Fr. Mayer participated in with other boys in his quarters in the rectory; mutual fondling of genitals initiated by Fr. Mayer; Fr. Mayer provided alcohol to [redacted] and other minors.

Ms. McCluskey informed the Review Board that [redacted] allegation was read to Mr. Mayer via phone on March 7, 2008. She then read Mr. Mayer's response to

the Board. Mr. Mayer denied the allegation, but stated that he knows [redacted] and was friends with his parents [during the time of the alleged abuse].

When asked, Ms. McCluskey informed the Review Board that the [redacted] that [redacted] referred to in his allegation is [redacted]. [redacted] is alive, residing in Chicago, and is a member of the [redacted].

Fr. Smilanic shared with the Review Board that he knows from [redacted] friends that Fr. Mayer gave them alcohol and seduced them and showed them pornography.

Due to the fact that there was not a quorum, the Board could not render a vote. However, the members present discussed the matter and the consensus was that it bears further investigation. The Board members present suggested that if this matter proceeded forward, that Ms. McCluskey do the following:

- Ask [redacted] if she could speak with his classmates from high school and/or his friendship group at the time; it was suggested that Ms. McCluskey inform [redacted] that the identities of some of these people are known and that there is an intention to speak with them about Fr. Mayer
- Determine if the St. Mary's rectory floor plan described and drawn by [redacted] is accurate

E. In the Matter of [redacted]

[redacted]

Review for Cause

F. In the Matter of [redacted]

In the Matter of [redacted]

III. **Request for Supplementary Review**

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

IV. **Other Matters**

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

Updates

- [redacted]

- Ms. McCluskey informed the Review Board that the professional investigation firm of Hillard Heintze will be working with the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review; discussion continued with advice that Ms. McCluskey and/or Ms. Zacharias need to give the investigators more direction and specifics for information requested on each investigation
- Ms. McCluskey asked the Board members their opinions on having an investigator present at an initial meeting with an alleged victim where they would be formalizing his/her allegation against a cleric; discussion led to feelings that having an investigator present at such meetings would be intimidating to the alleged victim; also discussed that information received at such meetings from alleged victims represented by civil attorneys would be diminished if an investigator was present; suggestion that civil attorneys may not allow their clients to meet to formalize his/her allegation if informed that an investigator would be present; possibility suggested that investigator introduced to alleged victim after meeting [when allegation is formalized] to say that the investigator may ask to speak with him/her as the investigation continues; opinion expressed that alleged victims may have already told "their story [of alleged abuse]" to spouses, therapists, attorneys, etc. prior to meeting with Ms. McCluskey or Ms. Zacharias – response related to Ms. McCluskey's stated understanding that the investigation firm had suggested that an investigator be present at the initial meeting in order to be able to make initial observations of alleged victim as well as hear the individual's story told for the "first time"
- When asked of the Board members, negative overall response to question of having a court reporter present at initial meeting with alleged victim; discussion included talk of this process being pastoral and not legal; some feelings expressed that having a court reporter present may limit some information given by alleged victim, especially if individual was represented by civil attorney

- At the end of the March 15th meeting, it was suggested that a Conference Call be scheduled for March 27, 2008 at 12p with the proposal to have further discussion of the Initial Reviews and the Review for Causes on the March 15th agenda; a quorum would be necessary for the Conference Call to take place; it was requested that Ms. McCluskey type a summary of the March 15th meeting and have copies sent out in packets to all Review Board members to be read in preparation for the suggested Conference Call

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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DECLARATION

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. AMEN

(1) Whereas Robert E. Mayer, born on [redacted], was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on April 30, 1964 at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois, and

(2) Whereas he left the active ministry in 1993 and , because of violations against Canon 1395 § 2 ,would never be permitted to return,

I, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., by the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See, Archbishop of Chicago, do hereby declare:

a) That Robert E. Mayer has no authorization whatsoever to act as an agent of this Archdiocese;
b) that he is no longer affiliated as a priest in any way with the Archdiocese of Chicago;
c) that he is not to represent himself as a Roman Catholic priest with canonical faculties, nor is he to present himself as a 'Catholic priest in good standing';
d) that the Archdiocese does not consider itself in any way responsible for the activities of Robert E. Mayer, and
e) that the Archdiocese is not to be held liable for any scandal or harm to souls for which he has been or is responsible.

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

+Raymond Goedert
Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert
Ecclesiastical Notary

May 28, 2005

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
POST OFFICE BOX 1979
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

July 3, 1991

Dear Father Mayer:

Our meeting on Monday, July 1 was difficult for both of us, but salutary. I appreciate your cooperation which was expressed in your resignation and agreement to [redacted] I am confident that such cooperation will help us resolve the problem which has arisen.

It is necessary for me to put into writing what I expressed to you orally in our meeting, namely, that I have determined that you have a serious psychological problem which prevents you from rightly carrying out your ministry at this time. I have, therefore, withdrawn your priestly faculties in virtue of Canon 1044, #2, n.2. For this reason you are no longer empowered to engage in any ministry.

Bob, I pray that [redacted] be beneficial to you. I am confident that if you fully take advantage of the help which is being offered, you will benefit greatly. Father Ray Goedert is prepared to assist you in every way possible. I will give you a daily rememberance at Mass.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Witness:

Robert L. Kealy
Reverend Robert L. Kealy
Chancellor

The Reverend Robert E. Mayer
St. Odilo Parish
2244 S. East Ave.
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ray Ranas

FROM: Father Velo KV

DATE: September 7, 1990

RE: Reverend Robert E. Mayer

Ray,

After The August check, please do not send salary to Father Mayer at Saint Dionysius. He is now the pastor of Saint Odilo Parish, Berwyn.

Thanks.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
POST OFFICE BOX 1979
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

September 7, 1990

Dear Father Mayer:

It is my pleasure to appoint you to be Pastor of Saint Odilo Parish, Berwyn. This appointment is made in consultation with the Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board and is effective September 1, 1990. Your term of office will be for six years.

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

Bob, thank you for all you did during your administration of Saint Dionysius Parish. I am deeply appreciative for the care you gave the people and for the leadership you exhibited during the difficult period of closure.

I am confident that the parish community at Saint Odilo will receive you and respond wholeheartedly to your pastoral leadership. Know that as you begin your new pastoral charge you have my prayerful support and encouragement. 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,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Kenneth Velo.
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Robert E. Mayer
Saint Odilo Parish
2244 S. East Avenue
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

cc: Most Reverend Thad J. Jakubowski, Episcopal Vicar
Reverend Joseph E. Corrigan, Acting Dean
Reverend Charles J. Skach
Reverend Edward S. Gunia
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board
Office of Appraisal and Evaluation
Office of Research and Planning
Center for Development in Ministry

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
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Office of the Archbishop

November 28, 1988

Dear Father Mayer:

Due to the transfer of Reverend Casimir Kozien, Saint Dionysius Parish has become vacant and is in need of an administrator. I hereby appoint you to serve as Administrator of this parish effective December 1, 1988.

I know that you have been in contact with Bishop Jakubowski and Father Dan Coughlin, the Vicar and Dean of this area. I would ask that you continue to remain in contact with them in the future. The parameters of this appointment have been spelled out in a special mandate which was drawn up by the Planning Coordinating Committee in consultation with Bishop Jakubowski and Father Coughlin. It is my understanding that you already have been given a copy of this mandate.

Bob, I know the people of Saint Dionysius will be well served as you provide leadership for them. It is my hope that you, too, will find this experience a good one -- both satisfying and rewarding for you personally.

Know of my continued support and prayers as you take on this new responsibility.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

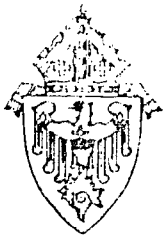
Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Kenneth Velo
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Robert E. Mayer
Immaculate Conception Parish
1590 Green Bay Road
Highland Park, Illinois 60035

cc: Most Reverend Thad J. Jakubowski, Episcopal Vicar
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Dean, Deanery 9
Reverend Casimir J. Kozien
Reverend Stephen J. Mangan
Office of Research, Planning & Evaluation
Clergy Personnel Board

MAYER, Rev. Robert E.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop

November 2, 1983

Dear Bob:

When I returned from Rome and the Synod of Bishops, I discovered a memorandum from the Clergy Personnel Board recommending your appointment as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Leonard Mezydlo, pastor of St. Stephen Protomartyr parish in Des Plaines, Illinois. I am pleased to officially appoint you to this parish. This appointment is effective immediately.

I have heard of the fine work that you have done during the past months at St. Stephen's. I thank you for your assistance to Father Mezydlo during his period of recuperation. It is my hope that you will find continued effectiveness as you proclaim the Lord's Gospel to the people of St. Stephen's.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Robert E. Mayer
St. Stephen Protomartyr Church
1267 Everett St.
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

cc: Rev. Leonard Mezydlo
Rev. John Hurley
Clergy Personnel Board

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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I authorize this. JB

Vicar for Priests
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Off: (312) 642-1837
Res: (312) 528-0540

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Tom Ventura TV

DATE: August 31, 1983

SUBJECT: Bob Mayer

1. Enclosed is a letter from Bob which results from a recent phone conversation concerning finances. He felt that because he had no assignment for most of August and because he left St. Edna in obedience, he should be compensated for living expenses and stipends.

2. Once things settle down for Bob, either at St. Stephen's or elsewhere (if that does not become a permanent assignment), Ken Velo and I plan to meet with him to share insights about possible improvement in his functioning as a priest and a colleague to those with whom he works.

dmk
Enclosure

M I N U T E S

Meeting: #44 - Twelfth Board

Date: July 13, 1990

Place: Priests' Personnel Board

Present: Reverends: John W. Calicott, Raymond L. Cusack, Edward R. Fialkowski, James P. Finno, George J. Kane (Arriv. 12:30), Donald J. Nevins (arriv. 10:45), Michael W. O'Connell, Victor J. Sivore, Kenneth J. Velo.

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Edward R. Fialkowski 10:40 A.M.

II. Minutes: Accepted 7 - 0

III. Reports:

[redacted]

AOC 003799

[redacted]

[redacted]

IV. Acceptance of Agenda: 8 - 0

V. Business:

A. [redacted]

B. [redacted]

C. [redacted]

D. First Readings:

1. St. Odilo: The Board postponed the first reading until a report was received from Ray Goedert [Vicar for Priests] regarding the evaluation of Robert Mayer's '64 pastorability.

2. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

E. [redacted]

F. [redacted]

G. [redacted]

VI. Old Business: None discussed.

VII. New Business: None discussed.

VIII. Adjournment:
MOTION: 9 - 0 2:40 P.M.

[redacted]

[redacted]

M I N U T E S

Meeting: #43 - Twelfth Board

Date: July 6, 1990

Place: Priests' Personnel Board

Present: Reverends: Raymond L. Cusack, Edward R. Fialkowski, James P. Finno, George J. Kane, Donald J. Nevins(arriv. 10:35), Michael W. O'Connell(arriv. 12:00 Noon), Victor J. Sivore, Kenneth J. Velo.

Absent: Rev. John W. Calicott

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Raymond L. Cusack 10:30 A.M.

II. Minutes: Accepted 5-0-1

III. Reports:

[redacted]

AOC 003805

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

IV. Acceptance of Agenda: Accepted 7 - 0 with additions

[redacted]

V. Business:

A. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

B. [redacted]

[redacted]

C.

D.

E.

[redacted]

F. Interview:

1. Ray Goedert [Vicar] & Andrew McDonagh [Associate Vicar]:

a. Robert Mayer '64: The Board inquires of Ray and Andy that since Bob has applied for a pastorate, is the Board able to recommend him to the Cardinal. Ray Goedert responds that he will check with the people who evaluated Bob a few years ago. All reports at this time from fellow priests and from Bishop Thad Jakubowski [Vicar] and Dan Coughlin [Dean] indicates that Bob has made great strides over the last several years.

b. [redacted]

c.

d.

e. [redacted]

f. [redacted]

g. [redacted]

VI. Old Business: None discussed.

VII. New Business: None discussed.

VIII. Adjournment:

MOTION: 6 - 2 To extend the meeting to 3:15.
MOTION: 8 - 0 To adjourn 3:30 P.M.

[redacted]

[redacted]

CARDINAL'S MEETING
Date: August 17, 1990 - 10:30 A.M.
Place: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

I. Opening Prayer: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

II. Reports and Agenda Items of Cardinal Bernardin:

III. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

V. PARISHES:

1. [redacted]

2.

3.

4. St. Odilo: The Cardinal agrees with the Board's recommendation of Robert Mayer '64 for the pastorate. Thad Jakubowski [Vicar] also supports Bob. The Cardinal is concerned because Bob has had some difficulties in previous parishes as an Associate. The Cardinal however, does not want Bob's past to prevent him from being a pastor since Bob has grown tremendously in the last few years. The Cardinal's concerns for Bob are:

1) If he is the best recommendation for the pastorate of St. Odilo's then justice must be done and he must be appointed to that position.
2) The Board, the Cardinal, the Vicar, and the Dean wish to make sure that all goes well for Bob as he accepts this pastorate.
3) Past difficulties may come out and be made public but Bob is very willing to justify himself and answer all inquiries.

VI. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

VII. [redacted]

M I N U T E S

Meeting: #48 - Twelfth Board

Date: August 24, 1990

Place: Priests' Personnel Board

Present: Reverends: John W. Calicott(arriv 1:40), Raymond L. Cusack, James P. Finno, George J. Kane, Michael W. O'Connell, Victor J. Sivore(arriv. 12:00), Kenneth J. Velo.

Absent: Revs. Edward R. Fialkowski, Donald J. Nevins

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Michael W. O'Connell 10:35 A.M.

II. Minutes: Accepted 5 - 0

III. Reports:

[redacted]

AOC 003818

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

IV. Acceptance of Agenda: Accepted 5 - 0

V. Business:

A. [redacted]

[redacted]

B. Parishes:

1. [redacted]

2.

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4.

5. St. Odilo: The Cardinal will be speaking with Bob Mayer about the pastorate. The Vicars met with the Cardinal and voted to support Bob for the pastorate given all the information the Cardinal shared with them regarding this case.

6. [redacted]

C.

D.

E.

F.

G.

[redacted]

H. [redacted]

I. [redacted]

VI. Old Business: None discussed.

VII. New Business: [redacted]

VIII. Adjournment: 2:10 P.M.

[redacted]

[redacted]

REPORTS: (08/31/90)

1. [redacted]

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7. Robert Mayer '64: The Cardinal has appointed Bob Mayer Pastor of St. Odilo in Berwyn.

8. [redacted]

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14. [redacted]

15. [redacted]

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 2 - The Ninth Board
Time: 10:15 a.m.
Place: Clergy Personnel Board
Date: August 19, 1983

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Vincent F. Costello

2. Acceptance of Minutes:

3. Reports:

- [redacted]

- [redacted] (St. Stephen, DesPlaines) is in Hinsdale Hospital with a kidney problem. They discovered an undiagnosed heart attack and [redacted] will be transferred to Mercy Hospital. [redacted] and some of the Niles Faculty are caretakers for the parish at present. Tom Ventura asks if Bob Mayer could be a possible administrator to "prove himself". (See Agenda)

- [redacted]

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- [redacted]

4. Acceptance of Agenda:

5. Business:

   a) Oath of Office - Reverend Joseph P. Grembla

   b) Priests:

      [redacted]

      Bob Mayer

      [redacted]

   c) [redacted]

   d)

   e)

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f) [redacted]

g) [redacted]

6. Old Business:

7. New Business:

8. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

9. Adjournment:

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S
Meeting No. 2 - The Ninth Board

Date: Friday, August 19, 1983

Present: Reverends: Vincent F. Costello, John P. Finnegan, William B. Gubbins, Lawrence P. McBrady, Robert E. McLaughlin, Richard F. Schroeder, Kenneth J. Velo, John G. Vlazny, Joseph P. Grembla

Place: Clergy Personnel Board

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Vincent F. Costello

2. Acceptance of Minutes: 8-0 [redacted]

3. Reports:

- [redacted]

4. Acceptance of Agenda: 9-0

ADD: [redacted]

Minutes, Meeting #2, The Ninth Board, Friday, August 19, 1983, CPB Office

5. Business:

a) Oath of Office of Reverend Joseph P. Grembla

b) Priests:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Minutes, Meeting #2, The Ninth Board, Friday, August 19, 1983, CPB Office

b) Priests: (continued)

Bob Mayer:

Bob Festle (St. Theresa, Palatine) told Ken there was no room. Tom Ventura felt that going to another diocese might appear as an indictment of Mayer. One possibility would be to have him administer St. Stephen, DesPlaines. (See below)

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

c) [redacted]

Minutes, Meeting #2, The Ninth Board, Friday, August 19, 1983, CPB Office

d) [redacted]

e) [redacted]

f) [redacted]

g) [redacted]

6. Old Business:

7. New Business:

8. [redacted]

9. Adjournment: 3:00 P.M.

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 36 - The Eighth Board
Time: 3:30 P.M.
Date: July 9, 1982
Place: The Archbishop's Residence

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Robert J. Heidenreich

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Reports:

a) [redacted]

b) [redacted]

c) [redacted]

d) [redacted]

e) Walt Somerville has written Dick Keating about Bob Mayer's removal. Dick responded that he will be "in consultation with the CPB regarding this serious matter". Dick is waiting for a new opening to ask Bob to go to a place of "urgent need".

f) [redacted]

g) [redacted]

h) [redacted]

i) [redacted]

j) [redacted]

Agenda No. 36, The Eighth Board, The Archbishop's Residence, Friday, July 9, 1982

Reports (contd)

k) [redacted]

l)

m) [redacted]

n)

4. Acceptance of the Agenda

5. [redacted]

6. [redacted]

7. [redacted]

8. [redacted]

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Adjournment.

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 73 - The Fifth Board
Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office
Time: 10:30 A. M.
Date: Friday, March 4, 1977

1. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 72

2. Reports:

   A. Jim Brett spoke with McNamara and Adams about his problems with Bob Mayer. If he wants to confront the situation, he was advised to structure a meeting with the Vicar, a member or two of the CPB and Mayer.

   B. [redacted]

   C. [redacted]

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. [redacted]

5. [redacted]

6. [redacted]

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ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 37 - The Eighth Board
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Date: July 23, 1982
Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend William B. Gubbins

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Reports:

a. [redacted]

b.

c.

d. Walt Somerville called to report that there are more accusations being directed against Bob Mayer.

e. [redacted]

f.

g.

h.

i.

j.

[redacted]

[redacted],

4. Acceptance of Agenda

5. [redacted]

6. [redacted]

7. [redacted]

8. [redacted]

9. [redacted]

10. [redacted]

Agenda, Meeting No. 37, The Eighth Board, CPB Office, Friday, July 23, 1982

11- [redacted]

12. Old Business.

13. New Business - next meeting August 6th.

14. Adjournment.

AOC 003841

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 75 - The Eighth Board
Time: 10:15 A.M.
Place: Clergy Personnel Board
Date: Friday, July 8, 1983

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Richard F. Schroeder

2. Acceptance of Minutes:

3. Reports:

[redacted]

Agenda, Meeting No. 75, The Eighth Board, Friday, July 8, 1983, CPB Office

- [redacted]

- The Cardinal and Ventura saw Bob Mayer on July 1st. The meeting went well; Bob will accept a transfer from St. Edna's and will do all he can to make it a smooth transition. The Cardinal said it will become effective on August 1st and he would like the Board to proceed with a new assignment for Bob as soon as possible. The Cardinal is also concerned about Bob's entry into the new parish - i.e. his reputation and his relationship with the new pastor and staff - that his entry be as smooth as possible. The Cardinal asked that Tom work with the Board and Bob during the period of transfer and entry - to support and challenge him. (See Agenda)

- [redacted]

Agenda, Meeting No. 75, The Eighth Board, Friday, July 8, 1983, CPB Office

- [redacted]

4. Acceptance of Agenda:

5. Business:

[redacted]

[redacted]

6. [redacted]

Agenda, Meeting No. 75, The Eighth Board, Friday, July 8, 1983, CPB Office

7. Old Business:

8. New Business:

9. [redacted]

10. Adjournment:

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S
Meeting No. 76 - The Eighth Board

Date: Friday, July 15, 1983

Present: Reverends: Vincent F. Costello, John J. Grace, William B. Gubbins, Thaddeus J. Makuch, Kenneth J. Velo, Michael J. Nallen, Richard F. Schroeder, Robert J. Heidenreich, John G. Vlazny

Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Kenneth J. Velo

2. Acceptance of Minutes: 8-0

3. Reports:

[redacted]

4. Acceptance of Agenda: 8-0

Add: [redacted]

5. Business:

a) Priests:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Minutes, The Eighth Board, Meeting No. 76, Friday, July 15, 1983, CPB Office

a) Priests: (continued)

[redacted] (continued) [redacted]

[redacted]

Bob Mayer: Ken talked to Mayer about being his contact. Mayer was in favor.Ken talked to John Fahey, a friend of Mayers from St. Barnabas days. He was open to taking Bob, but Oldershaw had some negative sentiments. Ken also talked to Tom Fitzgerald. Tom, too, was open to accepting Bob, but the associate had some reservations.

Ken will talk to Phil Dressler about taking Bob. If not, Ken will talk to Fahey and/or Fitzgerald about a conditional assignment for 9 months.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

b) [redacted]

c) [redacted]

d) St. Edna: The Board agrees that we do not have to wait until Mayer gets a new appointment to announce the appointment of Hurley and Heidenreich. Ken will talk to the Cardinal about when to announce.

6. [redacted]

[redacted]

Minutes, Meeting No. 76, The Eighth Board, Friday, July 15, 1983, CPB Office

[redacted]

7. Old Business:

8. New Business: [redacted]

9. [redacted]

10. Adjournment: 4.00 p.m.

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S

Meeting No. 77 - The Eighth Board

Date: Thursday, July 21, 1983

Present: Reverends: Vincent F. Costello, John J. Grace, William B. Gubbins, Thaddeus J. Makuch, Kenneth J. Velo, Michael J. Nallen, Richard F. Schroeder, Robert J. Heidenreich, John G. Vlazny

Place: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend John G. Vlazny

2. Acceptance of Minutes: 9-0

3. Reports:

- [redacted]

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- [redacted]

4. Acceptance of Agenda: 9-0

   Add: [redacted]

5. Business:

   a) [redacted]

[redacted]

b) Priests:

[redacted]

Bob Mayer: Phil Dressler expressed a willingness to take Bob, but the parish is very small. Ventura was not in favor. John Fahey said no and so did Joe O'Brien because of the recent stormy history of the parish and because of a possible incompatibility between Mayer and Dave Byrne. Bob Clark was somewhat negative because of potential danger to staff unity. Other possible sites mentioned included: St. Mary of the Woods, St. Louise de Marillac, St. Cletus, St. John Brebeuf, St. Issac Jogues, St. Nicholas and Holy Name Cathedral. Ken will continue to negotiate and we will authorize him to make a authoritative decision in this matter.

[redacted]

d) [redacted]

[redacted]

6. [redacted]

7. Adjournment: 5:30 p.m.

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A G E N D A

Meeting #35 - The Eighth Board
Time: 10:30
Date: June 18, 1982
Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend John J. Grace

2. Reading and Approval of Minutes

3. Reports:

a) [redacted]

b) Walt Somerville (St. Edna) has written a formal request to Dick Keating to have Bob Mayer transferred.

c) [redacted]

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

i)

j)

4. Acceptance of Agenda

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5. [redacted]

6. [redacted]

7. [redacted]

8. [redacted]

9. [redacted]

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Adjournment

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S
Special Meeting with the Cardinal

Meeting: Monday, March 28, 1983

Present: Reverends: William B. Gubbins, Thaddeus J. Makuch, John G. Vlazny, Michael J. Nallen, Kenneth J. Velo, Robert J. Heidenreich, Richard F. Schroeder, John J. Grace

Place: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

1. Opening Prayer: Cardinal Bernardin

2. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

4. Problem Situations:

St. Edna - The Cardinal explained the necessity of saying yes to Wally Somerville. If the Cardinal refused his request to resign, he would have suffered a breakdown.

The Cardinal added that the civil case might be dropped in a week or so. If that were to happen, the pastoral situation could then be addressed. In that instance, the Cardinal would ask Bob Mayer to leave as well as Somerville.

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4. [redacted]

5. Retirement Requests:

[redacted]

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[redacted]

6. [redacted]

7. [redacted]

8. [redacted]

8. [redacted]

A HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S

Special Meeting With Cardinal Bernardin

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 1983

Present: Reverends: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Vincent F. Costello, John J. Grace, William B. Gubbins, Thaddeus J. Makuch, Kenneth J. Velo, Robert J. Heidenreich, John G. Vlazny, Michael J. Nallen

Place: Archdiocesan Ministry Center

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend John G. Vlazny

2. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

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4. [redacted]

5. Early Retirements and Resignations:

Walt Somerville's resignation will not be announced until the legal problems are settled. (They are trying to get the people to drop the civil suit). When Somerville goes, Mayer will also go.

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9. [redacted]

10. [redacted]

11. Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S
Meeting No. 6 - The Ninth Board

Date: Friday, September 23, 1983

Present: Reverends: John P. Finnegan, Vincent F. Costello, William B. Gubbins, Joseph P. Grembla, Lawrence P. McBrady, Robert E. McLaughlin, Richard F. Schroeder, Kenneth J. Velo, John G. Vlazny

Place: Clergy Personnel Board

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Robert E. McLaughlin

2. Acceptance of Minutes: 7-0

3. Reports:

- [redacted]

- [redacted]

- John Finnegan reported that the opposition to Bob Mayer's appointment to St. Stephen's continues. He talked to several priests during the past week.

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- [redacted]

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- [redacted]

4. Acceptance of Agenda: 9-0 ADD: [redacted] Bob Mayer [redacted]

5. Business:

a) [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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a) [redacted]

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[redacted]

Bob Mayer:

Ken reports that Bob Mayer is very happy at St. Stephen's and feels he is very able to communicate with Mezydlo. He says there is a great deal to be done in the parish and he is working on it. Sept. 25th is the termination date as temporary administrator. What now? Mezydlo says he has gotten nothing but good feedback on Bob. His only concern is the status of the civil case. Larry Dunn (Niles College) also reports good feedback. The good feedback comes from both parishioners and staff. MOTION: That Bob be appointed as associate pastor for the rest of this school year. This matter should be reviewed in January with an eye to putting Bob on open-listings in the spring - if there is any sign of deterioration. Tom Ventura should be included in this process. 9-0

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b) [redacted]

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c) [redacted]

d) [redacted]

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6. [redacted]

7. New Business:

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8. [redacted]

9. [redacted]

10. Adjournment: 3:44 p.m.