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**MEMORANDUM**

To: File - PFR-19

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: Allegation of Sexual Misconduct of a Minor Against Rev. Joseph Kissane (Resigned)

Date: October 20, 2002

**Date of Interview:** October 14, 2002      **Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Present at Interview**

- Joseph Kissane [JK], accused [present via phone]
- Ms. Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
- Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests [VP]
- Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry [VAM]

**Phone Interview**

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PFRA continued by reading the allegations of misconduct made against JK by [REDACTED] JK began his response by stating that, "I don't remember the details, but I did have a relationship with her [REDACTED]" JK stated that he would "take rides and be physically involved with her [REDACTED]"

JK stated that he never did question [REDACTED] as to what she did with her boyfriend, as alleged by [REDACTED] He responded to the allegations of "the video thing and the thing in the church [sacristy], I don't remember." JK stated that he did have "a VCR that came with a camera, but electronically, I'm a klutz." When PFRA attempted to have JK clarify his statements regarding the allegations made by [REDACTED] regarding the video camera in his room and being with [REDACTED] in the sacristy of the church, JK responded by stating, "The problem is, I'm saying, I'm just not sure." PFRA then asked JK if he ever had [REDACTED] in his room with him and his response was, "I don't think so. I just don't remember." In regards to the relationship that he had with [REDACTED] JK stated, "As an adult and an adult priest, I went through my adolescence."

The Review Board process was then explained to JK by VP. JK then asked some legal questions which were answered by VP and VAM.

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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PFRA proceeded by reading to JK the allegation of sexual misconduct made against him by [REDACTED]. JK's initial response to the allegation was that it is "100% false." He also stated, "I am denying whatever he [REDACTED] said—this is insane." JK spent a considerable amount of time describing the layout of the rectory in response to [REDACTED] allegation. JK stated that there were no stairs leading to his room, that there were two stairs outside of the front steps in front of the rectory. Once one would walk into the rectory, the secretary's office was to the left [where there was "a kid" there until 9:00pm] and a door on the right. Inside the door was a stairwell to the basement, a stairwell to the upstairs, and then JK's bedroom and office. Up the stairwell were a landing and two flights of stairs. Each floor upstairs had a bookcase on one side of the landing. JK laid out the following bedroom occupants in the rectory: Fr. Sharpe's room was in the Northwest corner, Fr. Friedl's room was in the Northwest corner, Pastor Schaumburg's room

was in the Southwest corner, and the common area of the rectory was located in the Southeast corner JK added that he had a twin bed and all of the other priests had full beds JK described his quarters as “one large room” where he had “made a divider out of bricks and plywood ”

JK stated that he does remember [REDACTED] and recalls that his father was a [REDACTED] He continued by stating that [REDACTED] As for [REDACTED] JK stated that, “He may have been an altar boy ” JK has a “faint recollection that [REDACTED] may have misbehaved [at school] ” JK believes that there may have been an incident where [REDACTED] was talking while on the altar and that JK gave the minor “two chapters of gospel [to read] as punishment ”

In regards to the allegation by [REDACTED] JK feels that [REDACTED] “may have the years mixed up ” JK stated that he was given a one-year extension at St Cajetan’s due to his health and that he was not assigned to the school during the years noted by [REDACTED] JK left St. Cajetan’s in June of 1976 JK stated that Fr Sharpe had passed away by 1976 and that a new priest “had taken his [Fr Sharpe’s] room ” As per [REDACTED] allegation, JK stated that, “on occasion I would be in front of the school ” JK then stated that he is “still mystified” about [REDACTED] allegation VP then asked JK if he recalled which priest replaced him at St Cajetan JK was unable to recall the priest’s name, but recalled that he was a “redhead with glasses ”

When asked by PFRA and VP, JK stated that he did not bring “a soul” into his room at the rectory He continued by stating that he never brought any young boys into his room and/or into the private section of the rectory JK believes that [REDACTED] may have accompanied his father into JK’s room on [one] occasion. JK suggested that PFRA ask [REDACTED] what he saw outside of the window of the room he was in where the alleged abuse took place When asked by PFRA, JK stated that one could see “the ground, the street, and the front lawn” from his window because he was on the first floor

In regards to [REDACTED] allegation, JK stated, “Trust me, I would really know if I were with another male ” He added, “ I’m heterosexual That’s the reality of who I am ”

Cc Review Board Members  
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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Leah McCluskey  
Rev. Thomas Paprocki  
Review Board Members

FROM: Ralph Bonaccorsi *RB*

RE: [REDACTED] [v. Joseph Kissane]

DATE: September 20, 2002

It is my understanding that [REDACTED] met with Kathleen Leggdas and Michael Bland to report his allegation against Joseph Kissane. Apparently, there is no written record of that interview. At the same time, it is my understanding that the Office of Professional Fitness Review received a detailed letter describing the abuse. The first-hand account letter accompanied a letter of notice that Jeffrey Anderson was representing [REDACTED]

Question: will the Archdiocese accept the letter in lieu of a face-to-face documented interview?

[REDACTED] is "marginal" psychologically. A request that he be interviewed again is not in his best interest given his marginality, in my opinion. I suggest that Michael Bland be consulted since he has met with [REDACTED] and can contribute his professional opinion on my question.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the letter written by Victim BK to Cardinal Bernardin, dated August 12, 1994. In the letter, Victim BK alleged that she was forcibly raped by Rev. Joseph Kissane in the convent at St. Catejan's parish when she was a minor, in or about 1974 or 1975. Victim BK also reported that Fr. Kissane showed interest in and spent money on young girls in the parish, and regularly invited them to his room in the rectory in the evenings. Victim BK also reported that she recalls that Fr. Kissane was transferred from St. Catejan parish around the time that rumors began circulating about him and other young girls.

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October 13, 1994

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Sister Mary Brian Costello, Chief of Staff to Cardinal Bernardin, forwarded us your letter of August 12, 1994 as well as her letter to you dated October 4, 1994.

In Sr. Brian's letter she mentioned that I would be contacting you to explore with you how the Office of Assistance Ministry might be able to assist you.

[Redacted] the office is staffed by myself, Rev. Michael J. Bland, O.S.M. and Mrs. Mayra Flores. The office was established by the Cardinal to help those who, as minors, may have been abused by an Archdiocesan priest. We offer the help, at least, on a preliminary basis in response to the pains, hurts and/or other emotions or feelings expressed by the person making an allegation. We offer our help even prior to any formal inquiry into the allegation.

The assistance we offer includes pastoral outreach, spiritual direction, and counseling. The counseling includes psychotherapy by independent therapists at the expense of the Archdiocese.

In addition [Redacted] if you choose to formalize your allegation we can be of assistance to you in doing that as well. We would be happy to explain the procedures and then to help and support you through the next steps.

[Redacted] the purpose of this note, as you can see, is to extend our offer of assistance to you. We invite you, whenever you see fit or need, to be in contact with us. We are usually in the office between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; our phone number here is (312) 751-8267 or 8256 (feel comfortable to call collect). Mrs. Flores will answer the phone. You can be comfortable and confident in speaking with her in the event I am not in.

All of God's good graces.

Sincerely,

*Ralph*

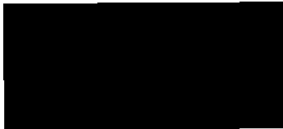
(Mr.) Ralph Bonaccorsi

*We hope to hear from you [Redacted] but take as much time as you need  
We will be here - when ever - D.S.S.*

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

DATE: November 19, 1994

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:



OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Paprocki

Steve Sidlowski

- \* The Review Board formally approved the Meeting Minutes for the Board meeting of October 15, 1994.

Matter of 



Article 4.7(c) Report on 





[REDACTED]

Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Matter of PFR-19 - Resigned Archdiocesan Priest J.K.:

1) The Vicar for Priests presented to the Board what is

[REDACTED]

2) The Board resolved in that J.K. is a resigned priest [REDACTED] that the Administrator should not write/attempt to contact [REDACTED], the most recent alleged victim of sexual misconduct as a minor by J.K., to request a meeting for her to detail her allegation; however, if [REDACTED] contacts Assistance Minister Ralph Bonaccorsi or the Administrator with the desire/intent of detailing her allegation, then the Administrator should invite her to so detail the allegation to him.

Article 4.7(c) Report on [REDACTED]

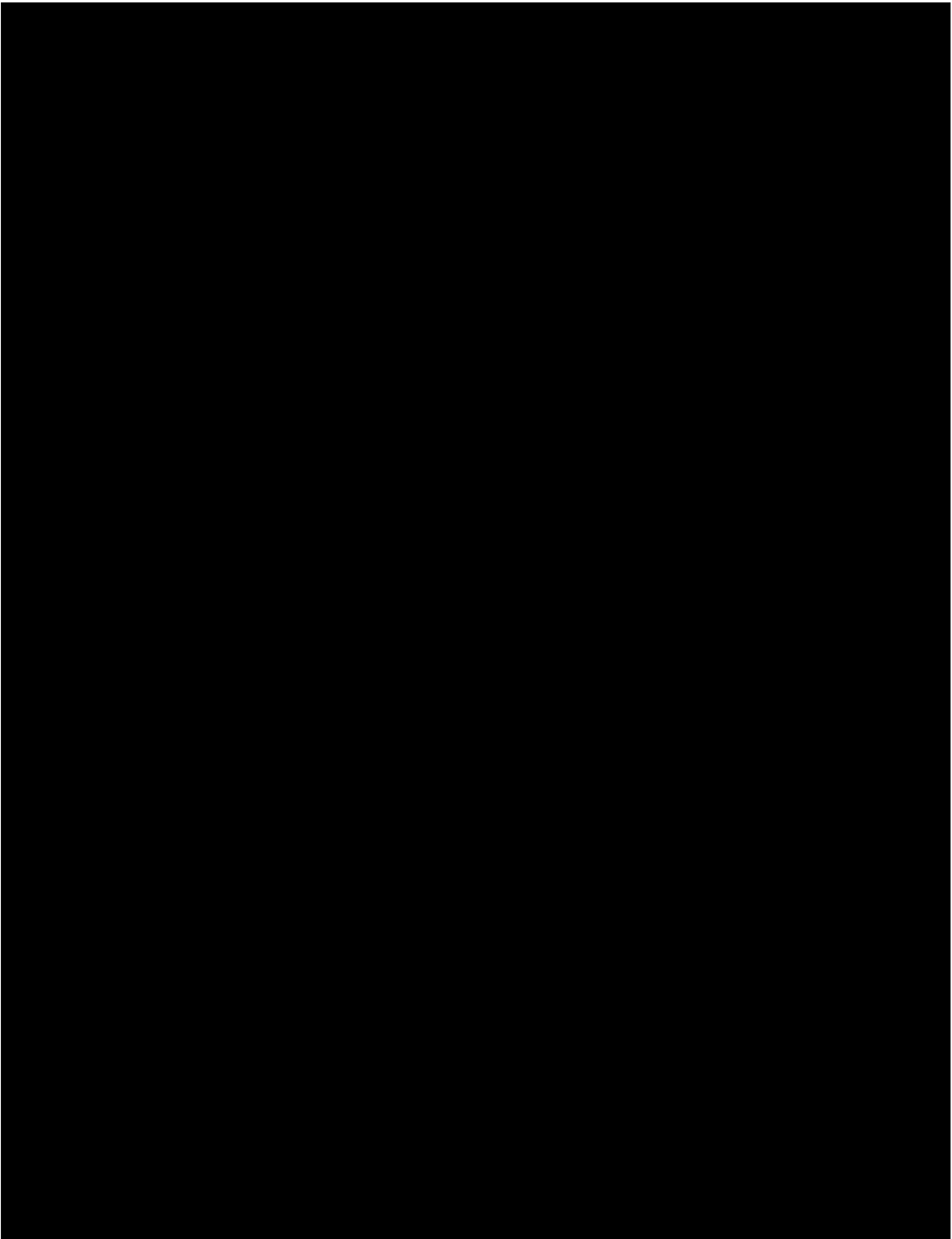
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Update On

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski -  
Administrator

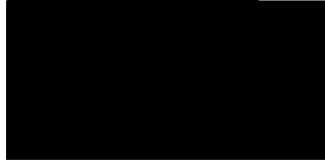


These Minutes Unanimously  
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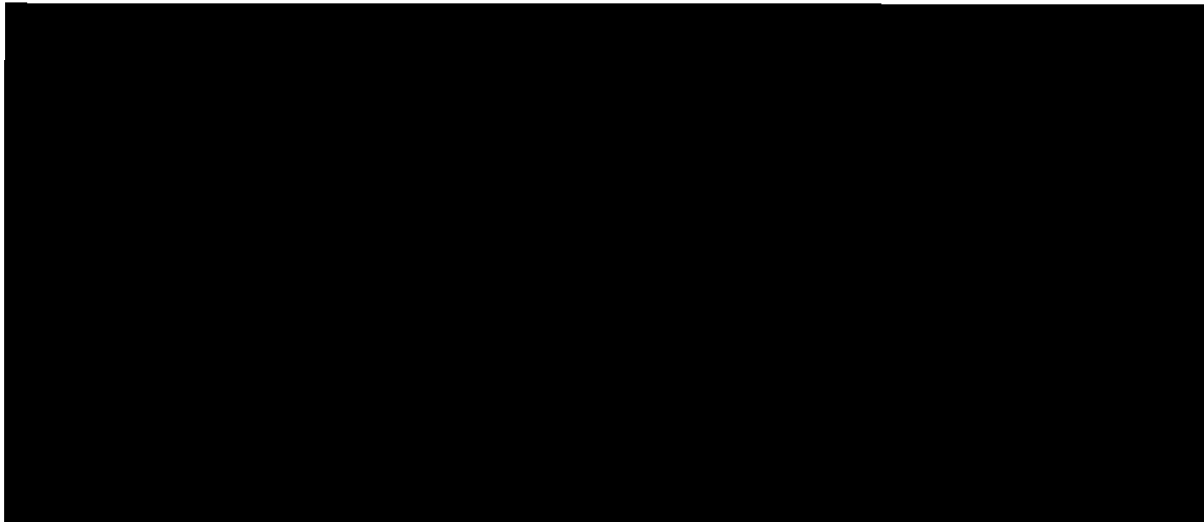
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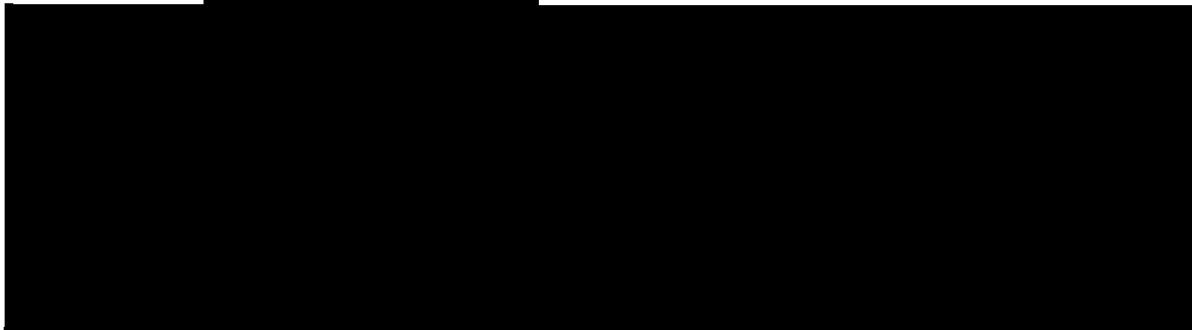
Steve Sidlowski

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Matter of 



Matter of 



[REDACTED]

Discussion Between Victim Assistance Ministry's Rev. Michael Bland and Review Board:

- Rev. Michael Bland of Victim Assistance Ministry was introduced to the Review Board and discussed with the Board the general guidelines and approached which VAM takes in its work. Michael Bland answered all of the Board's questions as part of the ongoing dialogue between the Board and that ministry.

Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Matter of PFR-19 (J.K.):

1. Pursuant to Article 4.7(c) of the policy, at the least, the Administrator informed the Board of a situation which had just come to his attention involving a letter referring to sexual misconduct as a minor against now-resigned former Archdiocesan priest J.K. by a [REDACTED]. The Administrator informed the Board he'd just received a copy of the letter [REDACTED] wrote Cardinal Bernardin on 8-12-94 and which had been referred to the Victim Assistance Minister, who subsequently wrote to [REDACTED]. The Administrator further informed the Board that the Office of Professional Fitness Review had [REDACTED]. Also, the Administrator stated that the Victim Assistance Minister and Vicar for Priests did confirm formally that J.K. was an "old" case of an Archdiocesan priest with prior allegation(s) of sexual misconduct with minors lodged against him in the past; however, the Administrator noted that he had received no further details from the Vicar for Priests about the prior allegations. The Administrator then informed the Board of the various ways it could proceed in this situation.

2. The Board learned through the Archbishop's Delegate to the Board that J.K. had indeed left the priesthood [REDACTED]. As such, the Board directed the Administrator to attempt to discover the conditions placed upon J.K., such as therapy he may have been required to attend [REDACTED], and whether J.K. had complied with such terms, so as to ensure that minors are not at risk even though J.K. is no longer a priest. The Board again concluded that the Executive Sub-Committee should further discuss how the Board wants to handle resigned priests' cases in general in the future and that the Sub-Committee will get back to the entire Board about that after it meets.

- Other Miscellaneous Information: The Administrator returned to the Board copies of comments from the Vicar for Priests regarding the two, new proposed Questionnaires regarding assessments and therapy. The Board resolved to take the comments home with them and to defer discussion on it until the next Board Meeting.

- The Board also decided to defer discussion on the housing/supervision proposed changes' materials for its comments/input to the next Board meeting.

- The Administrator reminded the Board that its next Board meeting was scheduled for 11-19-94.

Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski -  
Administrator

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**Professional Fitness Review Board**  
**Saturday, April 26, 2003**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Members absent:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members present:**

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]   
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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**I. Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2003**

**II. Case Reviews**

**Second Stage Reviews**

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]



C. In the Matter of Joseph Kissane [Resigned] – PFR-19

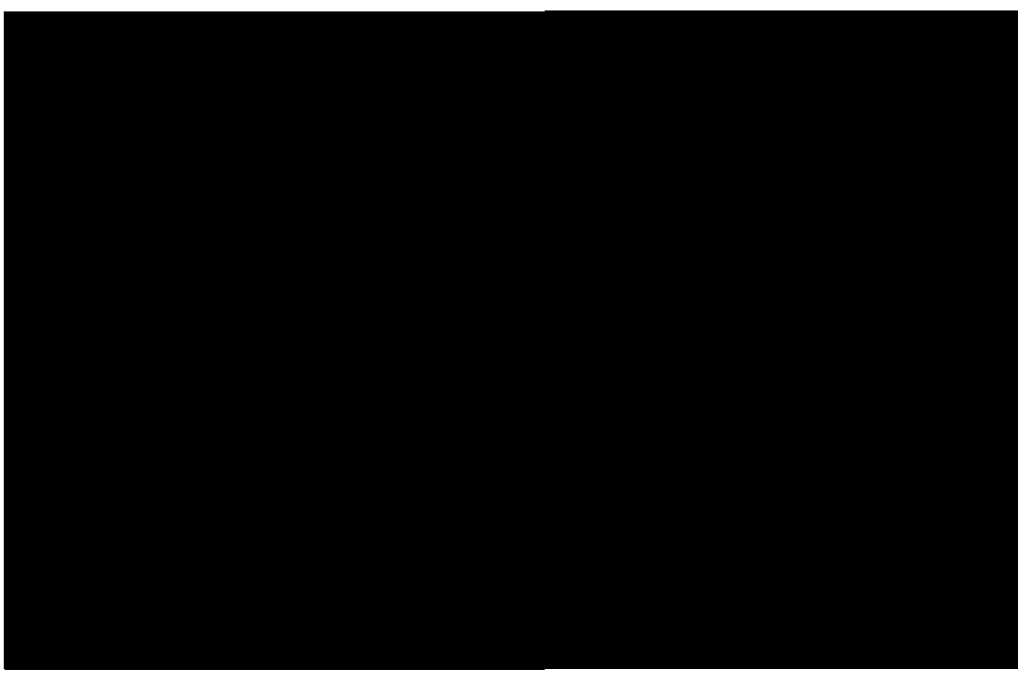
The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: kissing, fondling of [REDACTED] by JK without any clothes on, anal sex.

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur.

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: kissing, masturbation by JK, video of [REDACTED] and JK in his bed.

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur.

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]



**III. Other Matters**

1. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Next scheduled meeting is May 17, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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## Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, November 16, 2002

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Michael C. Just, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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#### I. Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2002

#### II. Case Reviews

##### First Stage Reviews

##### A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

##### B. In the Matter of Joseph Kissane [JK](Resigned) – PFR-19

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: kissing, JK masturbating in front of [REDACTED] JK

ejaculated; JK took [REDACTED] to his room where video camera was on, JK and [REDACTED] nude on his bed.

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Joseph Kissane (Resigned) engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0 decision reasonable cause to suspect; Review Board upholds previous Review Board recommendations.

C. In the Matter of Joseph Kissane [JK](Resigned) – PFR-19

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: raped on more than one occasion by JK.

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Joseph Kissane (Resigned) engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0 decision reasonable cause to suspect; Review Board upholds previous Review Board recommendations.

Second Stage Review

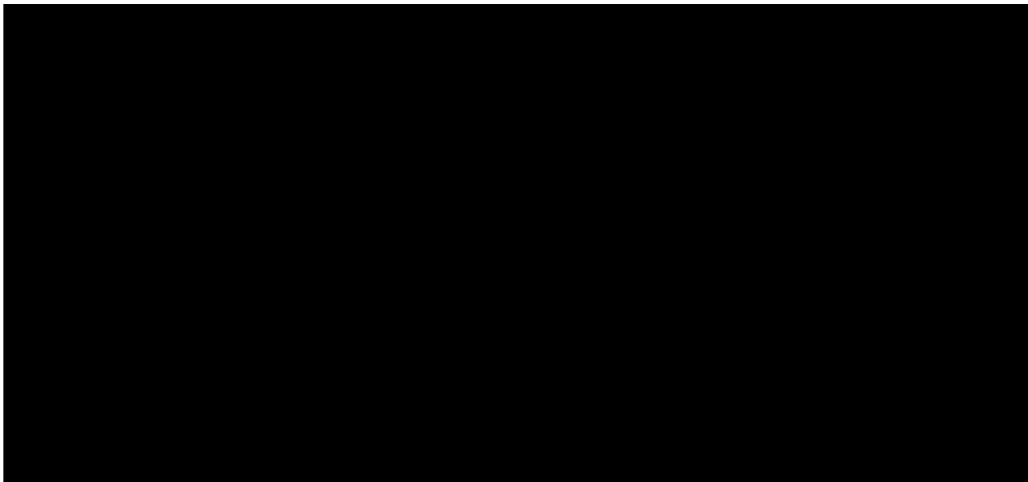
D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

F. In the matter of [REDACTED]



**Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 21, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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## MINUTES

### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

### Review Board Members Present via Phone:

[REDACTED]

### Non-members present:

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

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

#### Initial Review

##### A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

**E. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**F. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

Review for Cause

**G. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

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

**I. In the Matter of Rev. Joseph Patrick Kissane [Resigned 1991] – PFR 19**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of the allegation made by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The allegation is as follows: inappropriate touching, kissing, rape.

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the sexual abuse of a minor did occur. However, the Board did not reach a determination with respect to the rape allegation. Further, the Board recommended that no further action be taken due to the fact that Mr. Kissane is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

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

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



**III. Other Matters**

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

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

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

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

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

**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]

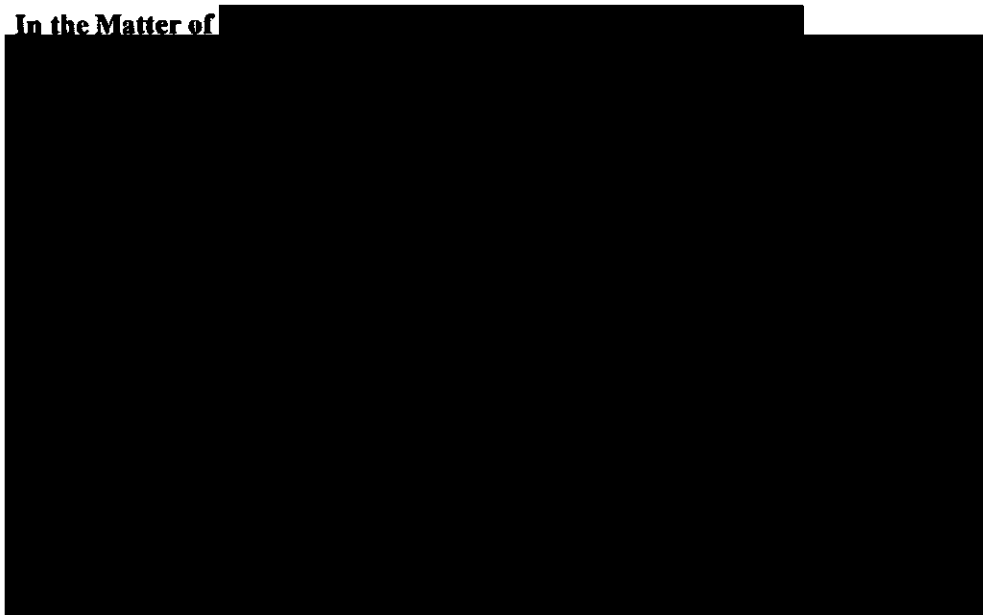
**B. In the Matter of Rev. Joseph Kissane [Resigned 1991] – PFR 19**

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

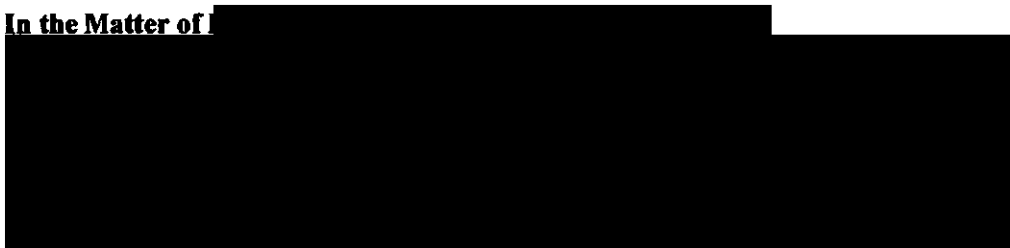
[REDACTED] The allegation is as follows: inappropriate touching, kissing, and rape.

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

**C. In the Matter of**

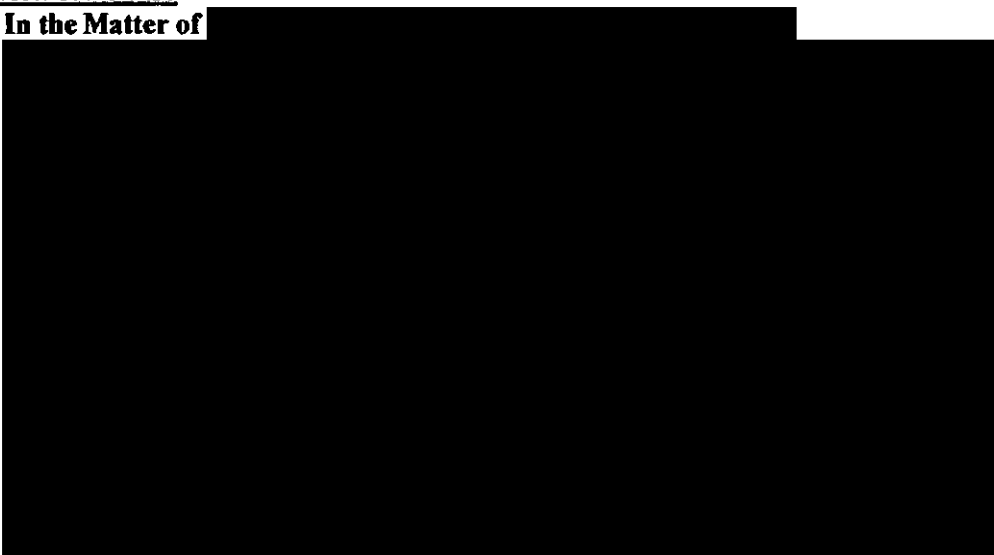


**D. In the Matter of**



**Review for Cause**

**E. In the Matter of**



**In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

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

**In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

**In the Matter of** [REDACTED]



**G. In the Matter of**



**III. Other Matters for Advice**

**H. In the Matter of**



**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.*

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Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the written statement provided by Victim BL to the Archdiocese of Chicago on or about October 25, 2004. In the statement, Victim BL stated that she was sexually abused by Rev. Joseph Kissane when she was in her 20's between approximately 1985 and 1988, and in the course of counseling with Fr. Kissane. The alleged abuse consisted of fondling and digital penetration. The alleged abuse occurred at Most Holy Redeemer parish, in Fr. Kissane's car, and at the homes of Fr. Kissane's relatives.



**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 8/19/04 9:13AM  
**Subject:** Re: Joseph Kissane

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for your e-mail and for sharing all that you have regarding Fr. Kissane.

In terms of Fr. Kissane's status, he resigned as a priest of this diocese in 1991. In accordance with our policies and procedures, I can share with you that the former Fr. Joseph Kissane has a least one substantiated allegation of sexual abuse against him

I apologize in advance if I am not answering all of your questions and concerns with this short and informal e-mail. I do understand from your e-mail that you do not have any interest in joining the fray, but if you are interested, I would like to provide you with additional information about my office and procedures in regards to reporting the sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric.

[REDACTED] if you would like, please feel free to contact me by whatever means is most comfortable for you [the information is listed below]. Thank you again for your e-mail, and I look forward to hearing from you again.

Peace,

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Professional Responsibility Administrator  
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>>> [REDACTED] 08/19/04 05:20AM >>>

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the e-mail sent by Victim BM to Leah McCluskey on August 19, 2004 regarding her allegation of abuse against Rev. Joseph Kissane. The alleged abuse consisted of unwanted advances when Victim BM was 17 years old. Further specific information regarding the nature of the advances was not provided by Victim BM.

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To: File -PFR-19  
From: Professional Fitness Review Board Minutes  
Re: Kissane, Joseph (Resigned) [REDACTED]  
Date: April 26, 2003

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on April 26, 2003:

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The claim is as follows: kissing, masturbation by JK, video of [REDACTED] and JK in his bed.

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur.

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MEMORANDUM

(312) 751-5205  
Fax: (312) 751-5279

To: File -PFR-19  
From: Professional Fitness Review Board Minutes  
Re: **Kissane, Joseph (Resigned)**, [REDACTED]  
Date: April 26, 2003

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on April 26, 2003:

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]  
The claim is as follows: kissing, fondling of [REDACTED] by JK without any clothes on, anal sex.

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur.

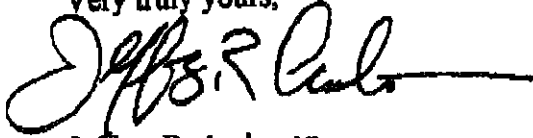
### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim BN's statement, given to Ms. Leggdas on May 14, 2002, formalizing her allegation of abuse against Rev. Joseph Kissane. The alleged abuse consisted of kissing, fondling, simulated intercourse, and Fr. Kissane masturbating in front of Victim BN. The alleged abuse occurred between 1980 and 1981, when Victim BN was 15 and 16 years old. The alleged abuse took place in the rectory and church at St. Catherine of Genoa parish, as well as in Fr. Kissane's car.



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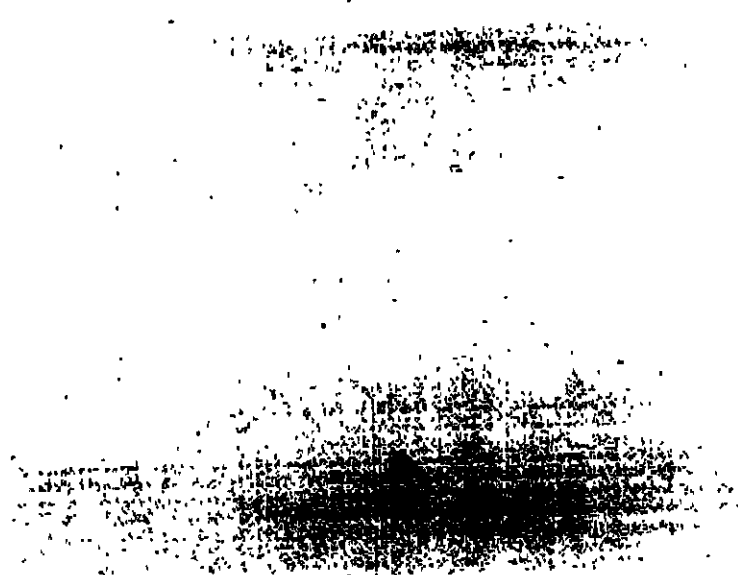
Very truly yours,



Jeffrey R. Anderson  
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cc: Michael Bland  
Kathleen Leggdas



### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the letter written by Victim BO to Jeffrey Anderson dated April 23, 2002. In the letter, Victim BO alleged that he was molested and raped by Rev. Joseph Kissane when he was 12 year old student at St. Cajetan in approximately 1975. The alleged abuse consisted of one incident of fondling and two incidents of anal penetration. The alleged abuse occurred at St. Cajetan's parish. Victim BO reported that on one occasion a parish secretary or housekeeper saw him come into the rectory with Fr. Kissane prior to being escorted to Fr. Kissane's room.





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VICAR FOR PRIESTS

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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Jan. 5, 1990

RE: Joseph Kissane

2. I called Jim Hardiman. Jim said that when he went to St. Catherine's, John Kane was the pastor. This was 1977 and John retired the following year. George McKenna became the pastor and it was just George, Joe Kissane and himself. Joe was already at St. Catherine's when Jim arrived. Jim left St. Catherine's in 1981.

3. I briefly told Jim what the situation was. He said that John Kane never said anything at all that would indicate that he had any knowledge of what was going on. Neither did George McKenna. But Jim said that George was always in a world of his own and had enough difficulties with the parishioners, etc.

4. With regard to his own knowledge, Jim said that he had no clue whatever that there was any sexual misconduct going on. Jim did recall that there would always be several grade school girls hanging around, like they so often do with young priests. They become attached and from time to time they would be up in Joe's room or Joe would take them for a ride in his car. Jim noticed this and he told Joe on one occasion that he thought Joe was making a mistake to have the kids around. Jim didn't say this because he suspected Joe was guilty of anything, but rather from his own experience of knowing how kids can behave, he thought Joe was being imprudent, because who knows what these kids might say about him later on, etc. So Jim never suspected any misconduct on Joe's part. He just thought it wasn't a prudent thing to have young girls hanging around the rectory so much. Jim mentioned this only once to Joe and to Jim's recollection, Joe took the advice seriously and Jim does not recall young kids hanging around after that.

5. Jim said that Sr. Muriel, the principal, happened to mention something to Jim right around the same time that he himself made the comment to Joe. Sister had said that she was concerned about the young girls paying so much attention to Joe and being at the rectory so much. The fact that Sr. Muriel brought it up around the same time Jim was becoming conscious of it probably prompted him to say something to Joe. Sr. Muriel is now deceased.

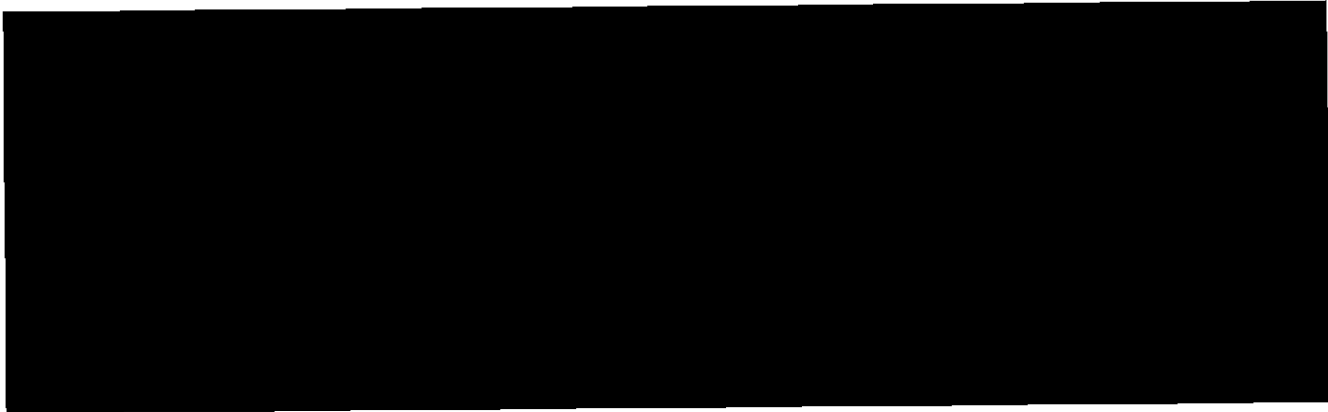
6. Jim said that if he had suspected anything of a sexual nature, he would have certainly told Joe off in no uncertain terms. But he just thought it was a case of imprudence. Joe would let the girls see his fire engines. That was a hobby

with Joe. He would spend his days off building fire engines. Jim never suspected anything beyond that.

7. I asked Jim if he was aware of any other girls besides [REDACTED] hanging around. Actually, Jim did not seem to recollect [REDACTED] but he did remember a girl by the name of [REDACTED]. Evidently she used to hang around Joe's room a lot and her parents found out about it and they came over to tell Joe in no uncertain terms that they did not want their daughter to have anything to do with him. They did not talk to Jim about this, but Joe himself mentioned it to Jim.

8. Jim said that he and Joe were always on friendly terms and they used to get together about once a month for lunch. In fact, he was just getting ready to call Joe, as he said that Joe took him to the hospital four years ago today when Jim had surgery.

9. I asked Jim to keep all of this under his hat and that he should not let on to anyone any knowledge of the situation. I did say, however, that if the matter were to go to litigation, it could very well be that Jim would be contacted as a witness.



LAKISSANE, Rev. Joseph Patrick		Date of birth	Ordained
		[REDACTED]	5/14/69
Nationality Irish - American			
Date Appointed	Assignment	Charge	Date Left
6/4/69	Our Lady of Loretto (Hometown)	Assist.	6/5/70
6/5/70	St. Cajetan	Assistant	6/76
6/10/76	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Oak Lawn "	"	6/81
6/8/81	St. Adrian	"	6-10-86
6-10-86	<i>Holy Redeemer Co. PA</i>	<i>Associate</i>	
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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: July 13, 1989

RE: Joseph Kissane

1. I returned a phone call to [REDACTED] the attorney for [REDACTED]. I told [REDACTED] that I had discussed her letter with our diocesan attorneys on Tuesday, July 11. I gave her Jim Serritella's name and number and suggested that he contact him to work out negotiations.

2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] made a comment which she has made several times before to the effect that [REDACTED] looks fine on the outside, but inside she isn't all that well put together. I somehow am beginning to get the impression that they are setting us up for our being responsible for her condition and therefore liable for heavy damages, etc.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 26, 1989

RE: Joseph Kissane

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26. I explained the procedure to [REDACTED] that we usually follow -- namely, after my interview with the priest involved, the diocesan attorneys will interview him and then he will be sent to a psychiatrist at Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital for a psychological evaluation. She and her attorney both seemed satisfied with our procedures. [REDACTED] again said that her primary concern was that there not be any other children involved.

27. [REDACTED]

28. [REDACTED]

29. I thanked both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and assured them that I would get in touch with them as soon as I have something definite to report.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 19, 1989

RE: Joseph Kissane

1. I was away on June 15 - 16. When I returned to the office on June 17, Saturday, there were two messages from a [REDACTED] and one message from her attorney, [REDACTED]. I tried to return both calls, but their answering machines were on and I left messages. I did not receive any return call that Saturday, though I was in the office until 5 PM.

2. I then called [REDACTED] on Monday morning at 9:20. Her answering machine was on again and I left a message. I then called [REDACTED] at 9:25 and spoke to her.

3. [REDACTED]

4. Both [REDACTED] and my schedules were quite filled for this week and [REDACTED] readily agreed to an appointment at 10 AM at my office on Monday, June 26. [REDACTED] phone number is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

mail 5/12/89

**Most Holy Redeemer Parish School Board**

9525 S. Lawndale Avenue  
Evergreen Park, IL 60642

Rectory Telephone: 425-5354

School Telephone: 422-8280

May 8, 1989

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**  
**P 837 659 960**

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago  
1555 North State Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Dear Cardinal Bernardin:

We are confident that you share our concerns regarding the need to restore the faith community here at Most Holy Redeemer. As you well know, our parish has been faced with many difficult problems during the past three years. As members of the Most Holy Redeemer School Board, we continue to be most concerned over the behavior of Fr. Joseph Kissane. While we are grateful to Fr. McBrady's attempts to conciliate our situation, we feel our problems continue to escalate.

Fr. Kissane's responsibilities include the supervision of the maintenance of the parish facilities. His inability to administer his responsibilities has resulted in a school building and parish hall that is, in our opinion, a health hazard. Our children must attend a school that is dirty and unsafe. Our school lavatories have not been supplied properly with soap, toilet tissue, hand towels and sidewalk ice removable products have been unavailable. Over the past three years, our school budget has allotted \$145,000.00 for maintenance, supplies, custodial salaries and building repairs. We have not seen evidence that these funds have been allocated appropriately.

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin,  
Archbishop of Chicago  
May 8, 1989  
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Fr. Kissane has openly encouraged us to become security minded. Yet fourth grade children are assigned to open the school doors to all visitors against the advice of the School Board. We have on numerous occasions advised installation of security doors. In addition, our parish hall is regularly entered by unauthorized youth. This problem has significantly increased over the past year. When confronted with these concerns, Fr. Kissane has either denied their existence or at times he has exaggerated the situation, placing the blame on the community. Father has been quoted as saying, "People in this parish just don't care."

Cardinal Bernardin, the people of this parish do care. We have hundreds of good parishioners who collectively have volunteered thousands of hours toward the various fund raising events that take place annually. This is done out of love for our parish and community.

It disturbs us when these caring people are insulted from the pulpit. On one occasion Fr. Kissane, in his homily, accused the people of Most Holy Redeemer of being "un-Christian." We wonder if the significant and sustained decrease in our Sunday collection is a direct result of Fr. Kissane's insults and negativism.

As elected representatives of our parish, the School Board has tried very hard to "wipe the slate clean" and work effectively with Fr. Kissane. We have consulted with Father on several projects. One of these has been the renovation of a classroom to provide our community with a preschool. Fr. Kissane responded to our efforts positively, while giving others the impression that "The School Board is trying to shove this preschool down everyone's throats." We are frustrated and saddened by the divisiveness this behavior causes in our community.

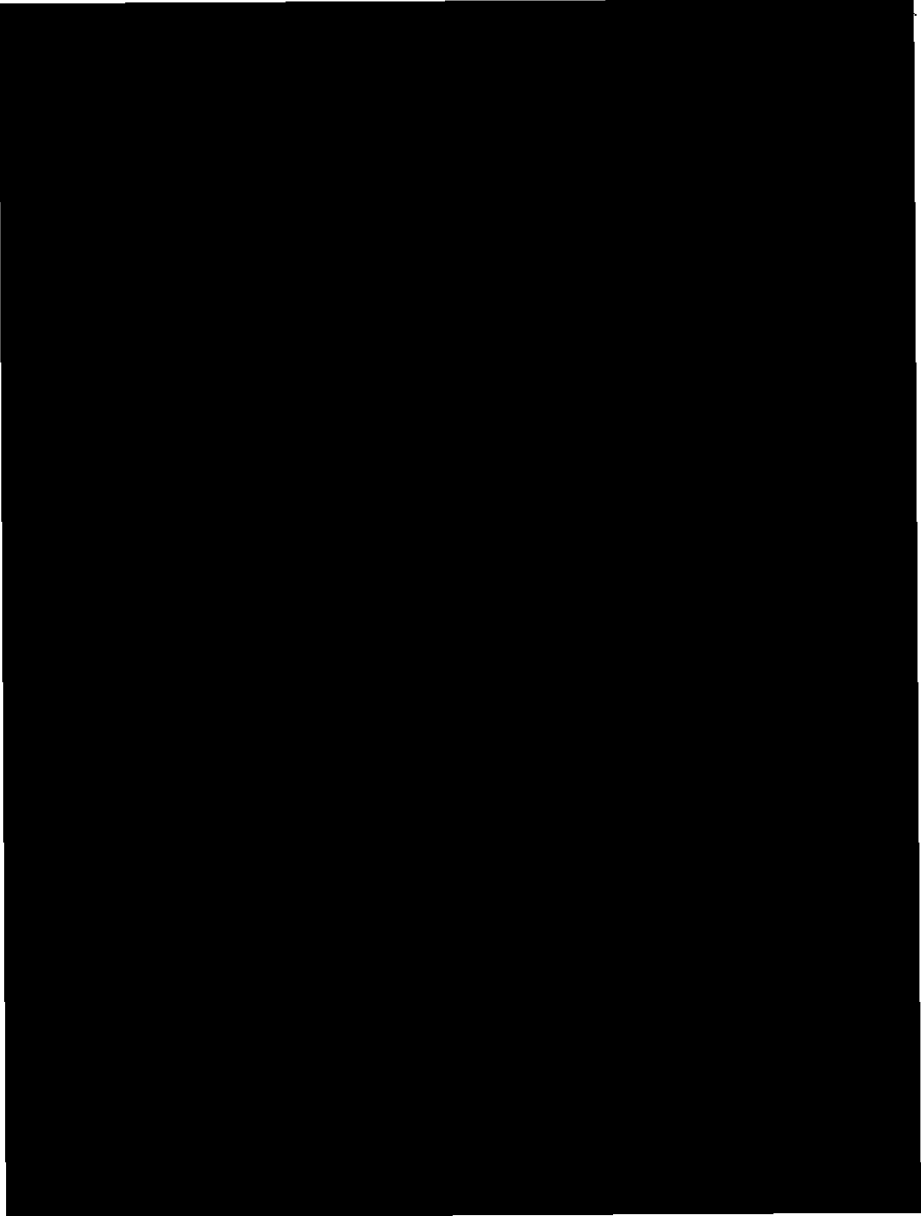
As time passes, we look to you to help us in this matter. We are confident that you will not abandon the people of Most Holy Redeemer. We look now beyond conciliation to resolution.

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Archbishop of Chicago  
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We look for your response and guidance in this matter.

Respectively,

THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL BOARD





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Office of the Archbishop

June 5, 1991

Dear Joe:

I have received your letter of May 10, 1991 and accede to your request to withdraw from the active ministry. This resignation will become effective immediately.

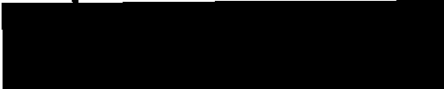
This was undoubtedly a very difficult decision for you, Joe, and I can assure you I am prepared to do whatever I can to help you to make the transition to the lay state. I have asked Father Goedert to develop an adequate program of therapy and financial assistance. He has already discussed this matter with Mr. Serritella and is presently arranging to meet with representatives of the Isacc Ray Center. I am sure Father Goedert will work closely with you until these issues are satisfactorily resolved.

Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, Joe. I sincerely hope that you will find peace and happiness in whatever direction your life now takes you.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Joseph P. Kissane  


cc: Reverend Raymond Goedert ✓

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### CLERGY SUFFERING FROM SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS

Reverend Robert L. Kealy, S.T.L., J.D., J.C.D.

#### A. DEALING WITH CLERICS SUFFERING FROM SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.

When a cleric has committed pedophilia or some other form of abnormal behavior, he is often suffering from some deeply-rooted psychological illness. Canon 1321 provides that: "No one is to be punished unless the external violation of a law or precept committed by the person is seriously imputable to that person by reason of malice or culpability." In such cases, instead of invoking penal procedures, the Ordinary should consider invoking canon 1044.2, n.2.

A cleric who is afflicted with insanity or some other form of psychic defect which makes him incapable of rightly carrying out the ministry, is impeded from the exercise of orders (c. 1044.2, n. 2). The determination of this is made by the Ordinary, after consulting with experts (c. 1041.1) and is expressed in the form of a decree, duly notarized. The cleric has the right of recourse against such a decree to the Congregation for the Clergy.

A cleric decreed to be suffering from such a condition is forbidden to carry on the ministry until such time as the Ordinary, after consultation with an expert, decides that he is capable of rightly exercising the ministry.

Where it is foreseen that such a condition is likely to be perpetual, the Ordinary would be prudent to try to induce the cleric to resign.

#### B. CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED.

In considering the severity of a cleric's psychological problems the Ordinary will consider psychological evaluations and the behavior of the cleric. The Ordinary's primary concern will be for the good of the Church and the sacred ministry. Specific factors he would do well to consider include:

NATURE OF THE PROBLEM: What is the psychological nature of the cleric's problem? What is its duration and intensity? Possible treatment and prognosis?

BEHAVIOR: Did the cleric engage in objectively immoral or criminal behavior? Of what gravity? How often? Over what period of time? For someone in another profession, would such behavior be grounds for removal of one's license? Did the person's behavior create liability for civil damages?

VICTIMS: Was someone victimized or injured by the cleric's behavior? How many people? How often? In what manner? What were the effects? Was the injured person a minor or someone with a diminished ability to protect himself? Are people at risk if the cleric continued to function?

THE CLERIC: Does the cleric show a sense of guilt or shame for misconduct? Remorse or contrition? Is he uncooperative or hostile? Is the cleric capable of controlling his behavior? What type of treatment or supervision would be necessary in order to be certain that the cleric could minister fruitfully without being a danger to anyone?

THE PUBLIC GOOD: If the cleric's behavior were known to the public, would reasonable people be shocked or scandalized? To what degree? If this cleric were allowed to function and people knew of his condition, would reasonable people have diminished respect for the Church and the sacred ministry?

#### C. INDUCEMENT TO RESIGN

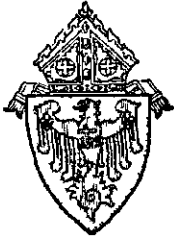
Where there is no likelihood that the cleric will recover his ability to minister fruitfully, the Ordinary would be wise to offer an inducement to the cleric to resign. Such an inducement should be large enough to elicit the cleric's cooperation.

To avoid continuing legal entanglements, the payment should be made in one lump sum or in the form of an annuity to be paid over time. It should enable the cleric to make the transition to secular life and to provide for continuing medical and psychological therapy.

In exchange for this severance payment the individual should sign a prepared letter of unconditional resignation from the priesthood. He should also be encouraged to seek laicization.

If the cleric is resistant to resignation he should be informed that if he doesn't resign the Ordinary would have to inform the presbyterate and other Ordinaries of the decree. If he is still uncooperative, he could be ordered to reside at an ecclesiastical treatment center in a remote location, away from population centers, so that risk to the public would be minimalized. If he refuses, penal sanctions could be invoked for that disobedience.





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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Jan. 12, 1991

RE: Joseph Kissane

1. On the occasion of a meeting with the Cardinal today, I discussed the case of Joe Kissane. [REDACTED]

2. The Cardinal, in no uncertain terms, said that he definitely does not intend to allow Joe ever to minister again in this archdiocese. The Cardinal has no doubt about this, thinks it would be scandalous for us to allow him to minister, etc. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] That has always been his intention and the only reason he didn't state it bluntly and clearly to Joe when we met with him on Dec. 13 was my concern that Joe may lose any reason [REDACTED]



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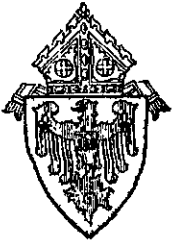
DATE: Sept. 13, 1990

RE: Joseph Kissane

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

3. Joe Kissane called himself today. He is staying at his parents' home. I told Joe that he was in deep trouble and that he should have no contact whatever with this [REDACTED]. I asked him how he explained continuing such a contact when her claim is that he has done such devastating damage to her. He said that they were trying to explore whether or not it would be possible to maintain some sort of friendship. Joe asked if he could see me. We set up an appointment for Monday.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Aug. 25, 1990

RE: Joseph Kissane

1. The Cardinal called late tonight to discuss several matters before leaving for Europe. I thought that I should fill him in on the latest development in the Kissane case. I told him about the new claim by [REDACTED]

2. The Cardinal said that if the charges are true, then there is no way in which we can allow Kissane to ever function again. We will have to persuade Kissane to seek laicization or subject him to a canonical trial, if he should decline.

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## MEMORANDUM

# DRAFT

To: File -- PFR-19

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: **RESPONSE TO [REDACTED] ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL ABUSE BY REV. JOSEPH KISSANE [RESIGNED]**

Date: July 11, 2005

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**Date of Meeting: June 16, 2005**

**Time of Meeting: 9:30 am**

### **Present at Meeting**

Mr. Joseph Kissane  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

### **Conference Call**

This meeting took place entirely via conference call. PRA arrived at the Vicar for Priests' Office for the 9:30 am scheduled meeting. PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski then contacted Mr. Joseph Kissane via phone.

Once introductions were made, PRA asked Mr. Kissane if he had any questions or concerns regarding the Review Board process. Mr. Kissane stated that he did not have any initial questions or concerns prior to hearing the allegation.

PRA then read [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Joseph Kissane without interruption.

Upon the conclusion of the allegation being read to him, Mr. Kissane stated that he does remember [REDACTED] name and that his memory connects her to a [REDACTED] at St. Cajetan's [at the time of the alleged abuse].

Mr. Kissane then stated that he "...definitely knows there was no rape." He also does not think that he [REDACTED] in the rectory as alleged by [REDACTED]

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Mr. Kissane confirmed that his room was located on the first floor of the rectory and that “90%” of the time the door was open. He stated that he usually closed the door after dinner. Mr. Kissane also confirmed that he and all of the other priests had men and women over at the rectory.

[REDACTED]

Mr. Kissane stated that [REDACTED]. He continued by stating that he did not “...rape, attack, or hurt this girl on any level.” Mr. Kissane mentioned that he would like to know who [REDACTED] is [the [REDACTED] refers to in her allegation]. He then stated, “...this [the abuse alleged by [REDACTED] did not happen...” Mr. Kissane mentioned another individual who brought forward an allegation against him as well. He referred to this individual by name and stated that the abuse alleged by the other person did not happen either.

Mr. Kissane stated that, “...nothing happened with any of the girls [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He again stated that he did not attack anyone [as alleged].

Referring to [REDACTED] allegation, Fr. Kaczorowski asked Mr. Kissane if he ever [REDACTED] raped her. Mr. Kissane responded, “I don’t know why she’d say that—the rape... [I am] 190% sure that the rape didn’t take place.”

Referring to [REDACTED] allegation, Mr. Kissane stated, “I am not a candle person.” Mr. Kissane also stated, “I think I may have kissed her...I don’t think that I put my hand under her shirt and on her breast.”

[REDACTED]

Fr. Kaczorowski and Mr. Kissane then identified the other priests assigned to St. Cajetan’s at the time of the alleged abuse. Fr. Schaumburg was the pastor and Rev. Martin O’Donovan was also assigned there. Fr. Kaczorowski agreed with Mr. Kissane that Fr. O’Donovan is not a person who would have “...let this [alleged abuse of a minor] go.” Both also agreed that Fr. Schaumburg would have reacted/acted in a similar manner as Fr. O’Donovan. Mr. Kissane expressed his feeling that Fr. Schaumburg “...would have said something...” had he known that a priest was abusing a child.

Mr. Kissane then stated, “I guess quite frankly, I have done really dumb, stupid things...” which eventually removed him from the priesthood. He stated that he was/has never been attracted to males [referring to the other allegation against him]. Mr. Kissane

expressed that he is having “...problems...” with the last two allegations made against him.

[REDACTED]

At this point in the June 16, 2005 meeting, Fr. Kaczorowski suggested that Mr. Kissane participate in Spiritual Direction [REDACTED] Mr. Kissane verbalized his agreement with Fr. Kaczorowski’s suggestion.

[REDACTED] At the time of the alleged abuse, St. Cajetan’s was a newer rectory. Mr. Kissane described the first floor as complete at the time and stated that the second floor was “...not ready yet.” He was the first to move into the rectory and described his room on the first floor as “...one long room.” [REDACTED]

When asked by PRA, Mr. Kissane stated that, “...it could have happened...” that he kissed [REDACTED] in his room. PRA then commented to Mr. Kissane that the act of him kissing a minor in his room would still have been an abusive act. Mr. Kissane responded by stating that he knows that such an act is wrong and agrees that it is abusive.

Mr. Kissane then stated, “...I feel I’ll get nailed by the Archdiocese [as a result of [REDACTED] allegation]...[and] I feel badly about it.”

Mr. Kissane declined PRA’s offer to provide him with contact information. Prior to ending the phone call, it was agreed that Mr. Kissane would contact PRA or Fr. Kaczorowski with any questions or concerns.

Both PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski thanked Mr. Kissane for his time. It was agreed that PRA would send Mr. Kissane a copy of the draft report of his responses to [REDACTED] allegation for his review. Mr. Kissane will then return the draft report to PRA with his additions and/or corrections.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Kissane

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
Leah McCluskey, Administrator

8/8/05  
Date

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

Phone Discussion With Victim Assistance Minister Ralph Bonaccorsi  
Regarding [REDACTED] 11-17-94

- "I did speak with her (since he sent her long letter) - we had a long conversation as a result of my letter. She said she's fine at this time, doesn't need any help." (i.e. regarding therapy, pastoral counseling, etc.)

- She did want to know were the SA's contacted. Ralph B. did tell her he was no longer a priest/had resigned. [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- She did express to Ralph that Kissane did physically/sexually assault her, although perhaps she was using the term in a more generic state - it wasn't detailed much beyond that.

- Ralph said he understood [REDACTED] purpose in talking to Ralph was to convey that she was okay. She only said in terms of detail that Joe Kissane threw her down on the ground, ripped-off her clothing and he was upon her. It was rough and mean apparently, per [REDACTED] Ralph said, but she did not actually use to Ralph's recollection, the term "rape."



ARTICLE 4.7(c) REPORT TO REVIEW BOARD FROM PFRA S.S.;

10-13-94

Pursuant to Article 4.7(c) of the Policies, I am informing the Board of a situation which just within the past week has come to my attention. It involves an allegation of sexual misconduct as a minor by a (currently) 32 year old woman who alleged she was sexually abused by Rev. Joseph Kissane during approximately 1974 and 1975 (you may read the attached letters should you so desire).

[REDACTED]

immediately called Ralph Bonaccorsi and Ralph noted that he had received a copy of a letter which [REDACTED] of Chicago had written to Cardinal Bernardin dated 8-12-94. Ralph noted that the Cardinal's Office sent it to him and asked him to respond to [REDACTED]. On 10-6-94 Ralph said he intended to write [REDACTED] and would likely mention me as the Administrator in these matters if she decides to formalize/further detail any such allegations. At that point, Ralph did not note the priest's name or further details, but noted it was an "old" case of a priest with prior allegations.

I concluded that the Review Board should be apprised of this situation, at least what I know about it to date, in its 10-94 meeting. As such, I later contacted Ralph's Office and requested a copy of the letter from [REDACTED] to Cardinal Bernardin. Ralph also faxed copies of letters both Sr. Costello (the Cardinal's Chief of Staff) and Ralph recently mailed to [REDACTED].

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It is my understanding that Rev. Kissane has left the priesthood, although I do not have formal information in my file to that effect. (Presumably Rev. Pat O'Malley or Rev. Tom Paprocki will know for a fact and I will try to get a hold of Pat before the 10-15 meeting). *\* P.O.M. confirmed that (Rev.) Kissane did resign - made official 12-93. SS*

There is no set precedent as to how to deal with these types of situations (i.e. situations where alleged priest perpetrators have left the priesthood or are deceased). Overall, they have been in general treated as Article 4.7(c) situations. In some instances, I have been advised not to proceed obtaining further details to such allegations. In other situations, I have been advised that I should attempt to gather further information. In any event, the Victim Assistance Ministry is reaching out to [REDACTED] as of now, and I would be more than happy to discuss her allegation in greater detail with her should the Board so direct. Also, I could

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either directly contact her in writing (she did not leave a phone number) to explain who the Board and I am, or the Board might direct me to wait and see if [REDACTED] chooses to contact me eventually as Ralph Bonaccorsi has inferred might be appropriate eventually. Another possibility would be to simply allow Victim Assistance Ministry to work with [REDACTED] and for myself and/or the Board not to get further involved with this situation, as both the Board and PCAC have sometimes advised me in different situations in the past.