



P. O. Box 10

Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025 (505) 829-3586

Most Rev. Donald Pelotte, S.S.S., D.D.
Bishop of Gallup
P. O. Box 1338
Gallup, NM 87301

December 1, 1993

For the care of Rev. James Burns
at Albuquerque Villa September 15 - October 20, 1993
UNBILLED EXPENSES

PSYCHIATRIST	0.00
PSYCHOLOGIST	269.84
BASIC RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM /\$80.00 / DAY	0.00
TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION	0.00
MERCHANDISE / CASH ADVANCES	0.00
TELEPHONE	11.31
BOOKS/CLASS MATERIALS	0.00
OTHER: MASSAGE THERAPY	0.00
TOTAL:	281.15
LESS GIFT OF THE SERVANTS OF THE PARACLETE.	-281.15
TOTAL DUE:	0.00

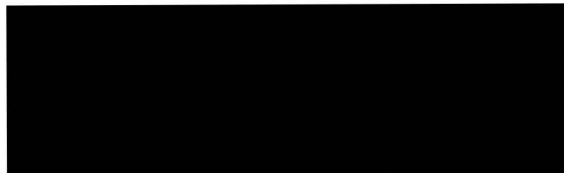
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RELIGIOUS & LITURGICAL PRACTICE & DIRECTION
CARDIO-VASCULAR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION

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[REDACTED], Administrative Assistant

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Insurance Copy - attach this statement to your Insurance Claim Form
Complete the personal information requested on the form. This statement contains all the information the doctor is required to supply. It is not necessary for this office to fill out the insurance claim form.

Patient Name Jim Burns	Birthdate	Insured's Name
Insurance Company	Relationship to Insured	Insured's Address
Other Insurance	Group No.	Insured's I.D. Number

Diagnosis: **ADJUSTMENT DISORDER / DEPRESSED 309.00**

Illness connected to Employment

DESCRIPTION	CPT-4	FEE	(NOT FOR INSURANCE REPORT)		FEE
Interpret/Explain Results	90887		Legal Consultation		
Preparation of Report	90889		Deposition		
Phone Consult w/or about Patient	90831		Preparation for Deposition		
Conference with or about Patient	99156		Court Appearance		
Psychotherapy - Time Spec.	90841		Preparation for Testimony		
Psychotherapy - 25-30 Minutes	90843		Travel for Aftercare		
Psychotherapy - 45-50 Minutes 0/4	90844	100.52	Correspondence		
Group Psychotherapy	90853		Mediation		
Consultation	90804		Custody Evaluation		
Diagnostic Interview	90801		Telephone Consultation		
Parent Conference	90848		Research for Litigation		
Neuropsychological Testing	99109		Review of Records		
Cognitive Testing	95882		School Consultation		
Personality Testing	95882		MULTIPLE VISITS (CONT)		
Psycho-Educational Testing	95881		DATE	PROCEDURE	FEE
MULTIPLE VISITS:					
DATE	PROCEDURE	FEE			
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10/18	"	"	TOTAL FEES		269.84

This form has been adopted to keep paper work costs down. If any additional forms or itemized bills are required, they will be forwarded upon receipt of \$15.00.

I hereby authorize the undersigned doctor to release any information acquired in the course of my examination or treatment. And I am financially responsible for non-covered services.

(Signature of responsible party)

I authorize payment of Healthcare benefits to under-signed supplier of services described.

RETAIN FOR TAX INFORMATION. NO OTHER STATEMENT WILL BE FURNISHED.

Psychotherapist Providing Service:



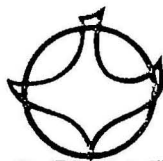
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, Ph.D.

THIS BILL HAS BEEN PAID BY THE SERVANTS OF THE PARACLETE AND IS INCLUDED IN THE ATTACHED INVOICE

THIS COPY IS FOR YOUR USE IN FILING FOR INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT.

PAID NOV 04 1993



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— Burns, James 1994-1999 —

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June 4, 1997

Rev. James Burns
PO Box 2155
Wickenburg, AZ 85378-2155

1997

Dear Jim:

I trust you are well and surviving the now very hot weather of Wickenburg.

I'm sorry about having to write this letter. However, on May 23, 1997 Brother Duane received a phone call and a faxed letter from Father Michael Diskin, assistant chancellor of the Diocese of Phoenix. He was informing us that he had been in contact with Father Faustina and that Father John had admitted that you had been helping with the ministry in his two missions over the past year. In a later conversation with Father Diskin, Father Faustina said it happened only "four or five times." At the urging of Bishop O'Brien Father Diskin was contacting us to inquire, once again about your current status as a priest in the Diocese of Gallup.

Needless to say, I was very disappointed to learn that you have been deliberately acting contrary to the decision we had to make about your priestly faculties, following the very strong recommendation from Father Peter Lechner and the Servants of the Paracletes. You are personally and fully aware of what prompted this recommendation. And so, for you to act contrary to that decision is to put yourself, the Diocese of Phoenix and the Diocese of Gallup at a very great risk. I am very disappointed.

I believe I need to remind you once again that one of the individuals who accused you of sexual abuse and who is himself an attorney has continued to warn us that should he hear that you are ministering as a priest anywhere in the State of Arizona he would turn you in to the state officials. You have been aware of this over the years and yet you deliberately act contrary to what we agreed.

Over the last few days, I have had occasion to discuss this matter with Bishop O'Brien. He too is very unhappy about this and insists that you

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cannot do priestly ministry in his diocese. I have also discussed this matter with our personnel board and they too concur.

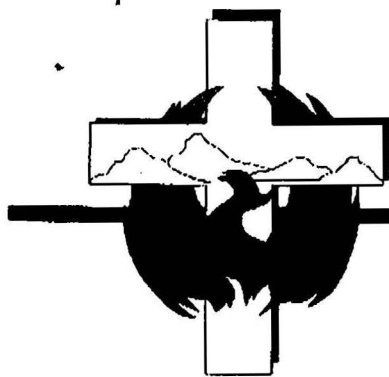
I plead with you to abide by the decision we had to make when you left Blanco, New Mexico. Should you continue to disregard our decision this will have serious implications for you and probably Father Faustina.

Jim, I am sorry that I have had to write this difficult letter. You served many, many years as a good, hard-working priest of the Diocese and we are grateful for that. You know how I admired you and your ministry from the moment of my arrival in Gallup in 1986. Unfortunately, some very sad and tragic things occurred in the early years of your ministry and now you are being held accountable for these actions. I wish it was otherwise. But because of the very serious implications involved I have to insist once again that you live up to the agreement we made when you left Blanco.

I know how painful this will be for you and so I sincerely assure you of a regular remembrance in my prayer and at my Eucharist.

Fraternally in Christ,

**Most Rev. Donald E. Pelotte, SSS, Ph.D.
Bishop of Gallup**



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
church of phoenix

400 EAST MONROE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85004-2376
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May 23, 1997

Bro. Duane A Torisky, O.F.M.
Diocese of Gallup
P. O. Box 1338
Gallup, NM 87305

Dear Bro. Duane:

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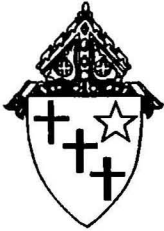
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Yours in Christ,

Rev. Michael L. Diskin
Assistant Chancellor

MLD/slr

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May 29, 1997

**Rev. Michael L. Diskin
Asst. Chancellor
Diocese of Phoenix
400 East Monroe
Phoenix, AZ 85004-2376**

Dear Father Michael:

Just a brief response to your fax of last week and the follow up letter which arrived in today's mail. Following the presbyteral council meeting several days ago, the personnel committee had a short meeting afterwards at which time Bishop Pelotte shared your letter and his concerns regarding Father Burns. At some point the bishop will write or call Father Burns and reiterate the agreement they came to several years ago when Father Burns moved back to Arizona.

Let me use the opportunity to thank you for your picking up on the matter. Otherwise we would not have known of the arrangements Father Burns had hoped to secure.

If there is any way that we can be of further assistance to you or if you should happen upon any other pertinent facts in this regard, don't hesitate to call, write or fax our office.

Sincerely,

**Bro. Duane, O.F.M.
for the Diocese of Gallup**



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Date: 5/23/97To: Bro. Duane Torisky, OFMFax #: [REDACTED]Company: Diocese of Gallup

NOTE: Letter will follow in the Mail.

From: Rev. Michael L. DiskinFax #: [REDACTED]

Catholic Diocese of Phoenix

Phone: [REDACTED] or direct line [REDACTED] 93

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MEMO

from
BROTHER DUANE
O.F.M.

To: File

Called to clarify the status of Fr. James Burns.

It seems that Burns' sister who also lives in Wickenburg is periodically on Vogt's case about not letting her brother say Mass.

I explained to Fr. Vogt that Fr. Burns has not been in active priestly ministry for the past several years and that if he wishes to celebrate a public liturgy, he must seek permission each and every instance.

This is all the info that Vogt wanted or needed. Said he didn't need any of the details and that he would now be able to deal with Burns' sister more readily.

bdt
02.06.97
8:10 AM

To Br. Duane ☐ URGENT

Date 1-16-97 Time 9:45 ☒ A.M. ☐ P.M.

WHILE YOU WERE OUT


From Fr. John Vogt
of St. Anthony's in Wickenburg

Phone 520-684-2096
Area Code Number Ext.

Fax _____
Area Code Number

Telephoned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please call	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Came to see you	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wants to see you	<input type="checkbox"/>
Returned your call	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will call again	<input type="checkbox"/>

Message Call back
Tuesday, 1-21-97
Re: Father James
Burns.

Signed 

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Russell H. Burdick, Jr.

Apache County Attorney

P. O. Box 637, St. Johns, AZ 85936 (928)337-7560 Fax (928)337-2427



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Deputy

Henry R. Thompson
Victim Assistance Coordinator

May 30, 2002

Most Reverend Donald E. Pelotte
Diocese of Gallup
P.O. Box 1317
Gallup, NM 87305

Dear Bishop Pelotte:

I have enclosed materials forwarded to our Office from the Arizona Attorney General's Office concerning possibly criminally charging a priest who allegedly committed a sexual offense in the summer of 1974.

We are forwarding this to you because the victim has attempted to contact the diocese where he believed the priest was assigned. It appears to our office that he may have been assigned to your diocese.

I have also reviewed the materials and determined that the alleged crime occurred in Navajo County, Arizona and therefore the materials have been forwarded to Melvin Bowers, Navajo County Attorney for his consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Apache County Attorney.

Apache County Attorney

RHB/rmm
Encl.



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APACHE COUNTY
ATTORNEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

JANET NAPOLITANO
ATTORNEY GENERAL

1275 WEST WASHINGTON, PHOENIX, AZ. 85007-2926

MAIN PHONE: (602) 542-5025
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April 26, 2002

Apache County Attorney
Honorable Stephen Udall
P.O. Box 637
St. Johns, AZ 85936

To Whom it May Concern:

Please find enclosed a letter that our office received from [REDACTED] requesting help with filing procedures on a Priest.

The issues presented are not under the jurisdiction of our office, therefore, I am referring this letter to you for your review and any action you deem necessary.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

Constituency Services Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General, State of Arizona

Enclosures

March 16th, 2002

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Az State Attorney General Office
[REDACTED] Attorney General
1275 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Attorney General:

I am sending this in writing on a past experience involving a Priest who at that time did say his assignment was in Thatcher, Arizona of an incident involving him in the summer of 1974.

I have contacted the Diocese of Tucson and have received a response back from the office of the Diocese Chancellor.

I have since responded back and would like to pursue a lawsuit in this individual, known as Father Burns who was also previously assigned to the parish of St. Peter's Catholic Church located in Springerille, Arizona.

Please find enclosed correspondences in regards to this matter.

I would like ^{to} receive more information, forms,
etc. on filing and proceeding with these charges,

Sincerely Yours,



CC: Mrs. June Kellen, Chancellor
Diocese of Tucson
P.O. Box 31
Tucson, AZ 85702-0031

Personel File



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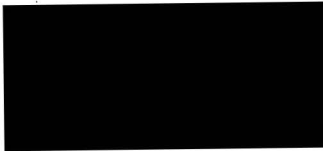
192 SOUTH STONE AVENUE

P.O. Box 31 • Tucson, Arizona 85702-0031

520-792-3410 FAX 520-792-0291

MRS. JUNE KELLEN
CHANCELLOR

March 8, 2002



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your call late this afternoon informing me of the inappropriate sexual behavior toward you in the summer of 1974, by a priest that you knew as Father Burns. You had stated that the priest you had known as Father Burns had been the pastor at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Springerville, Arizona in 1974, but went to Thatcher, Arizona in the summer of 1974.

I informed you that we did not have a Father Burns listed in Thatcher, which is a mission church of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish, Safford, Arizona, during the period of time in question nor had we shown a Father Burns at any time being assigned in the Safford area.

During our telephone conversation, I assured you that we would make every attempt to find out who this Father Burns could be.

I had asked you to document your experiences with this Father Burns and what had occurred in the summer of 1974. I await your documentation.

[REDACTED] I want you to know how truly sorry we are for what you have gone through and pray that our Lord will be with you and help you in your healing and recovery process.

Please be assured that we are looking into this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Mrs. June Kellen
Chancellor

cc: Rev. Van A. Wagner, Vicar General
Deacon Tim Lujan, Chancellor, Diocese of Gallup
Mr. Thomas Murphy, Esq.

March 16, 2002

Mrs. June Kellen, Chancellor
Diocese of Tucson
P.O. Box 31
Tucson, Az. 85702-0031

Dear Mrs. Kellen:

This is in response to letter received on 03-15-02 dated 03-08-02 in regards to a sexual experience confronted by Father Burns in the Summer of 1974.

I am a past resident of St. Johns, Arizona, graduating from St. Johns High School on May, 1974.

Apparently Father Burns contacted someone in St. Johns as to where I was working my summer job. He did find the work site I was at and asked if he could see me after work inviting me to dinner and a movie in Show Low, Az. and to discuss about attending Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher, Az. and about the possibility of working at his parish. I agreed and he picked me up about 6:00 p.m. and we went to Show Low for dinner and then to a movie at a movie (drive-in) theater.

of some foul language and at times showing breasts of women. He did make remarks ~~as~~ to such I would never expect from a priest, I being an alter boy under Father Alfred Tachias and Father Lawrence O'Keefe for many years till about June, 1974 when we celebrated our annual fiestas under Father O'Keefe, serving as MC as a special honor for the many years I served as an alter boy and for the invited priests and bishop from the Diocese of Gallup for a special mass for our fiestas celebration, having so much respect for priests.

During the movie, he began fondling me causing me to have an erection and at that time began giving me oral sex after unzipping my pants.

I felt VERY NERVOUS, which went on for about 5 to 10 minutes and zipped my pants back up.

After the movie, we left back toward St. Johns and after leaving the city limits of Show Low, he pulled over to a rest area. I told him I didn't want to do anything and felt very uncomfortable and then began our drive back to St. Johns. When we arrived in St. Johns, he drove through the back street of our home and asked me if I would like to go to his motel room located at Trail Riders Inn in St. Johns.

I was very confused by the actions by a priest and knew that this just can't be true and did feel very uneasy about his behavior.

I told him that I couldn't because my mother would be upset about me getting home late having to get up at 6:00 a.m. in the morning the next day for work using that as an excuse not to go with him.

Ever since, I lived with the vivid memory of my past, especially hearing about situations of this type happening through out the nation and feel I do need to somewhat release my past experience to someone.

I have regular appointments with a therapist, [REDACTED] located at Southeast, Inc. Recovery and Mental Health Care Services since the latter part of year 2000 and constantly there after which is located at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His phone number is [REDACTED] if you need to contact him. I also have had several appointments with a Psychiatrist with [REDACTED] and do have appointments scheduled with [REDACTED] and another Psychiatrist by the name of [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] has left the agency, both appointments on March 26th, 2002. I have been diagnosed as having Major Depressive Disorder and Posttraumatic Stress disorder and have not been employed since September 17th, 2000, along with other complications

and have been placed on long term disability from [REDACTED]

I believe this is something that I will be living with ~~this~~ for the rest of my life. This will never leave my mind. I have been diagnosed as physical / sexual abuse survivor and other chronic health issues I have to deal with on a daily basis.

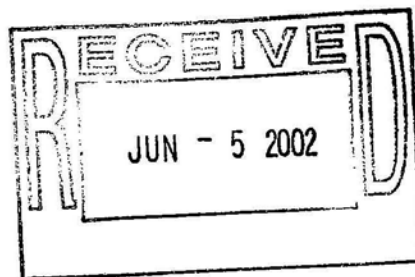
Mrs. Kellen, I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to write this letter to you. I will also give a copy of this letter to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I feel that I did have to let you know about this situation and at the time of writing it gave me time to release a little stress built within.

You do have my permission to contact [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and I have my phone number and address if you do need to contact me for any more information.

I am still a practicing devout Catholic attending St. Johns Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church and St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Columbus.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]

SAINT JOHN'S
JUN-3 '82
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Most Reverend Donald E. Pelotte
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