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Re: *Rudofski vs Diocese of Joliet*

*Father Formusa Records*

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As per a Court Order, I am enclosing Diocesan records of Father Formusa consisting of the following:

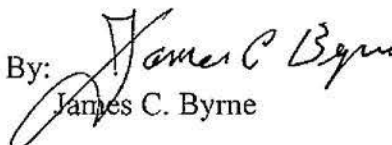
- 1.) **Priest file of Father Formusa** (total pages 406)  
(A Privilege Log relating to this priest file)
- 2.) **The Secret Archive** file of Father Formusa (total pages 108)  
(A Privilege Log relating to this archive file.)

**Names of Accusers**

The names of all those individuals who have made accusations have never been made public and the existing Protective Order prohibits their disclosure.

My Best Regards,

SPESIA & AYERS

By:   
James C. Byrne

JCB/skm

cc: The Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon, JCD  
The Honorable Michael Powers  
Mr. Patrick Bradley, Esq.  
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Mr. Stuart L. Bressler, Esq.

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ORDERS		DATE CONFERRED	ORDAINING BISHOP	PLACE	DATE CONFERRED	EXTRAORDINARY APPOINTMENTS	DATE RELIEVED
TONSURE						<i>Counselor - Catholic Charities</i>	
FIRST MINORS							
SEC. MINORS							
SUB-DIACONATE							
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Formusa, Salvator Vincent

FORMUSA, Rev.  
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FR. FORMUSA SCAN FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET NO. 5



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*Immaculate Conception Church*  
*Braidwood, Illinois*

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May 31, 1964

Rt. Rev. Msgr. R. Blanchette, V.G.  
310 Bridge Street  
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Monsignor Blanchette:

I hereby resign as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Braidwood, as requested by the Vicar General.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Sal Formusa*

Rev. Sal Formusa

*I hereby accept your resignation, effective immediately, from the Pastorate of Immaculate Conception Parish, Braidwood, Illinois.*

*Joliet, Ill. - June 1, 1964,*

*Msgr. Romeo Blanchette*  
*Vicar General*  
*By Special mandate of Bishop*



**FR FORMUSA SCAN FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET NO. 53**

*Mr. Formosa has the above description of the signature.*

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*He read this in my presence on June 1, 1964, at the Joliet  
Chancery offices. - Raimo Blomduth  
V. General.*

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September 19, 1964

Rev. Salvatore Formusa  
151 LaMoyn  
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Father Formusa:

Would you be kind enough to come to see me some morning at the Chancery Office so that we can discuss the question of your proposed parish work.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Romeo Blanchette  
Vicar General

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FATHER SALVATORE FORMUSA

See the letter of November 20, 1964, from Msgr. Blanchette to Msgr. V. Cloos concerning Father Formusa's salary. The letter is filed in St. John the Baptist Parish file, Winfield.



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November 30, 1964

The Rev. Salvatore Formusa  
St. John the Baptist Church  
298 Church Road  
Winfield, Illinois 60190

Dear Father Formusa:

In order that it would be possible to have you entitled to remuneration at St. John the Baptist Parish in Winfield, effective immediately I hereby assign you as assistant to Monsignor Vincent Gloos, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Winfield, Illinois. This will enable you to take care of various parochial duties. You, the pastor, and I are acquainted with the restriction placed on your parochial work on the doctor's advice.

I hereby grant you general delegation for marriages at St. John the Baptist Parish, Winfield, Illinois.

Wishing you God's blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Renee Blanchette  
Vicar General  
By Special Mandate

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November 10, 1967

Reverend Salvatore Formusa  
St. John the Baptist Church  
298 Church Street  
Winfield, Illinois 60190

Dear Father Formusa:

Effective November 15, 1967, I hereby appoint you as Catholic Chaplain at Central DuPage Hospital. I also hereby appoint you, effective November 15, 1967, as Assistant at St. Luke Parish, Carol Stream, Illinois, with residence at St. Luke Rectory, thereby transferring you as Assistant at St. John the Baptist Parish, Winfield, Illinois. Effective, November 15, 1967, I hereby grant you general delegation to assist at marriages at St. Luke Parish in Carol Stream.

Wishing you God's blessing in your new assignments, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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July 2, 1968

The Rev. Salvatore Formusa  
151 LeMoynes Avenue  
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Father Formusa:

This letter will confirm the termination of your appointment as Catholic Chaplain to Central DuPage Hospital, Winfield, and the termination of your residence at St. Luke's Parish, Carol Stream, effective Monday, 1 July 1968. This termination of your appointment and residence was communicated to you by the phone call of the Chancellor, Father Daniel Ryan, on Saturday, 29 June 1968.

You are granted herewith a leave of absence from the Diocese of Joliet.

Asking God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Raymond J. Venech  
Vicar General  
by Special Mandate of the Bishop of Joliet

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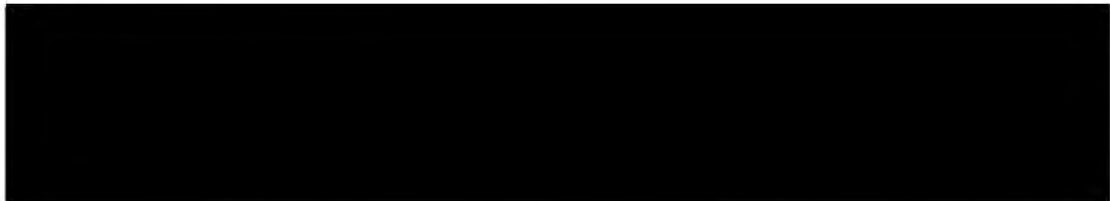
*Fr. Formusa*

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August 11, 1970

Rev. Sal Formusa  
151 East LeMoyne Parkway  
Oak Park, Illinois 60304

Dear Father Formusa:



With reference to coming to the Chancery Office occasionally for work, I have checked with Father Murray, and Father Murray does admit that quite often he did not have work lined up for you. As you know, the work here is specialized work, and so that would explain some of the difficulty.

Since you will be going to school, we will not be expecting you to come to the Chancery Office.

While you indicated that you would not be expecting any money, I have instructed our bookkeeper to continue to send a monthly check of \$100.00. In this fashion, I do hope that we are showing paternal concern for your welfare. Kindly keep in touch with us also.

Wishing you God's blessings, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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*Fr. Formusa*

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May 25, 1972

Rev. William Ryan  
Chaplain  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
2900 N. Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60657

Dear Father Ryan:

Our Father Ryan, Chancellor of the Joliet Diocese, indicated that you wish to receive a letter concerning employing Father Formusa, priest of the Diocese of Joliet, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Father Formusa took some special courses at Loyola University which has qualified him for some work in mental health. The doctor with whom Father Formusa has been in contact at my request has indicated to me and to Father Formusa that he could seek employment at certain mental health clinics.

Confidentially, the doctor told me that he knows that at these clinics Father Formusa would be under supervision. Wherefore, if at St. Joseph Hospital he will be supervised, and if this work is in line with what I have mentioned above, then I do give my permission. I would add another confidential reservation (again at the suggestion of the doctor) that Father Formusa's work not be with children. Naturally, I know that you will observe this confidence.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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*Sal Formusa*

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June 14, 1971

The Reverend Sal Formusa  
151 East LeMoyne Parkway  
Oak Park, Illinois 60304

Dear Father Sal:

You must think that I have really forgotten about you, having promised to call the other day. After I spoke to you, I managed to land in the hospital for a couple of days with a rather severe nosebleed, but I am back to work now. By this time, I think you have received Bishop Blanchette's letter, outlining the possibilities for your work. I think that you will agree, after reading his letter, that the jobssat Lewis and/or St. Procopius would be quite out of the question in terms of the ideas expressed by the Dr. and Bishop Blanchette. I am confident, with your good offices, that you will be able to find something more in keeping with your training and with the recommendations of Doctor and Bishop Blanchette.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Reverend Daniel L. Ryan  
Chancellor

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*Father Formusa*

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August 20, 1971

Memorandum:

On August 19, 1971, in answer to a request from Father Formusa, I told him that in view of the restrictions placed upon him by the doctor, I did not see how I could in conscience give him a parish assignment. I urged him to see if the degree that he has in counseling could be put to use with the Mental Health Clinic, as suggested by the doctor. I also told him that I would see if there would be occasional work here at the Office.

I promised also to send him Low Mass stipends. He says Mass at home and helps out on Sundays at St. Charles Borromeo in Bensenville.

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Bishop of Joliet

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*Fr. Formusa -*

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August 13, 1973

Rev. Sal Formusa  
Apt. 1B  
6770 N. Sauganash  
Chicago, Illinois 60646

Dear Father Formusa:

First of all, let me tell you that the time I suggested to you to see if Catholic Charities would have some work for you, I had no specific recommendation that your work would be with pre-marital counseling. I guess that when we had our guidelines promulgated and the Catholic Charities had to step into the picture on a quick notice, they undoubtedly thought it rather convenient to assign these cases to you. Had I been consulted ahead of time, I would have told them what I have recently told them after consultation with my advisors; namely, that I do not believe that priests or religious should be involved in this particular phase of following our guidelines. First of all, the young couple are in contact with the parish priest, they also know that eventually the final decision is made by the Bishop, and if the person at the Catholic Charities Office is also a priest, it seems to me that they will have an unbalanced view of the situation. Moreover, I as the Bishop would like to have the layman's professional view on this matter.

Consequently, while I admit that our Office (not I directly) did receive some complaints -- and these complaints were not always dealing with cases that you were involved in, -- this was the occasion of our reviewing our policy. We came to the conclusion that we did not want to alienate the young couple, and that it would be good for the couple to have the interview with a qualified lay person and that it would be good for the Bishop before making his final decision, that he would have the parish priest's view and then the view of the lay person.

I trust that the above will in some way remove the doubt that exists in your mind that there is a particular complaint from a particular young couple in this case, and I hope that it also indicates to you that the presence of other priests or religious at the Catholic Charities Office does not mean that they are the ones to interview the young couples in the future.

Wishing you God's blessings I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

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August 9, 1973  
6770 N. Sauganash Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60646

Most Rev. Romeo Blanchette  
425 Summit Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

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Dear Bishop Blanchette:

I was surprised the other day when the secretary at Catholic Charities informed me that I was relieved of my duties as counselor of pre-marital cases.

I am sure it was not because of my poor work, for I gave my best efforts these last six months. I have tried to be thorough and conscientious both in my personal interviews and in my written reports. I surmise it must have been some complaint you received from one of the young couples and/or my brother priest. I don't know who they are nor do I wish to know.

Without consulting my files I do recall a case I had without remembering the names. I remember this case as I remember others which present special problems. This couple from the outset seemed uncooperative, as if resenting the interview and unwilling to communicate freely. There was something phony about his attitude which was not hard to detect.

I ask almost all the young couples toward the end of the interview some routine questions pertaining to sex, such as, their attitude toward birth control, toward pre-marital sex, the relationship of sex and love in married life, etc. I never ask these questions in a suggestive or lascivious way nor do I have any intent to stir prurient interests.

I asked this young gentleman whether he thought sex was important in married life. He displayed a hurt look and, in his feigned naivete, answered that sex was not important to him and he wasn't getting married for that reason. When I asked his girl friend the same question, she was more honest and open, admitting that sex was important but not of prime importance. Thereupon I made a general reflection (and I based this reflection on my previous interviews) that young men before marriage are reluctant to admit the importance of sex whereas young women are more frank. I was not offensive when I made that remark, nor did I ask him any personal questions, such as, if he had engaged in pre-marital sex, etc. But he took offense at my remark and perhaps similar ones, and told me about it afterwards. I told him that I was sorry if he took offense at my questions but they were not meant to be offensive, and it was not my fault if he was offended. As I say, these are routine questions I put to most couples. Why did he take offense at them, and the other couples did not?

The only explanation I can see is that he was on the defensive. I ask these questions to test a person's genuinity and honesty. If he is evasive and tries to hide, then, to my mind he is a phony. And a phony person uses defensive maneuvers to justify his position and even accuses and complains against the investigator for invasion of privacy.

If I had said something wrong I would be the first to admit it, but here is a case where I am guilty before I can prove my innocence. Everybody has a right to voice a complaint if he deems he is right, but the accused should have an equal right to a hearing.

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DIOCESE OF JOLIET

*Chancery Office*

425 SUMMIT STREET  
JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60435

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June 28, 1976

The Reverend Salvatore Formusa  
6770 Sauganash Street  
Apartment 1 B  
Chicago, Illinois 60646

Dear Father Formusa:

I hereby appoint you in residence at St. Anthony's Parish, Frankfort, Illinois, effective on July 1 or at a time convenient for you and Father Frederick. It is understood that you will continue to do the work you are now doing at Catholic Charities.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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cc: The Reverend James Frederick





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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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January 4, 1985

Reverend Salvatore Formusa  
St. Anthony's Parish  
R.R. 1  
Frankfort, Il 60423

Dear Sal,

I received your recent letter clarifying your present situation. It is certainly confusing and I am not certain about how all of those arrangements were worked out.

First of all, let me answer some of the questions you raised in your letter and then I want to make a proposal to you. My understanding is that you are a resident at St. Anthony's in Frankfort and are not assigned there. Presumably when you were asked to go to Mokena as chaplain of the residence, that was considered some kind of an assignment. Since St. Anthony's has paid half of your salary each month, they should continue doing that as long as you are a resident.

I cannot determine why you did not get the amount of money which you should have gotten for the last half of this year. I wish you had brought that to my attention earlier, but I do not think anything can be done about that.

I would think that because you worked for Catholic Charities during this calendar year they would be responsible for paying your entire retirement costs and one-half of any yearly benefits that are due you. I will leave it up to you to clarify this with Catholic Charities.

One question I have is concerning your duties at Mokena. Do you receive a Mass stipend from them for Masses that are offered there? Do you receive any money from them for the services you provide for them? It certainly seems to me that somewhere along the line an arrangement should have been worked out with Mokena to pay for part of your salary.

Your celebration of your golden jubilee will certainly take place at St. Anthony's, no matter where you might be assigned.

Now, for my proposal. I would like you to become

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Reverend Salvatore Formusa

administrator of St. Mark's parish in Wheaton for three months beginning on January 18th and continuing until April 21st. Father Art Maher will be taking a sabbatical at St. Patrick's Seminary in California and will be gone during that time. You would have full responsibility for administering the parish. There is a seminarian deacon, [REDACTED], in residence who would be familiar with most of the practices at the parish. While you are there I would expect you to serve the people of the parish as though you were assigned there on a regular basis, providing sacramental ministry as well as being present for their various meetings and programs. There is a Benedictine priest, Father [REDACTED], who provides weekend assistance.

I am not sure how long [REDACTED] will be on vacation, but there are two possible resolutions if he is not back by January 18th. You could either find someone to celebrate Eucharist at the Sisters' Residence. (I would expect the Sisters to compensate that priest for his service.) or we could get someone to take care of St. Mark's for a few days, at least. I would much prefer that you go to St. Mark's on January 18th, since your ministry there will be full-time compared to only celebrating the Eucharist at the infirmary.

I would appreciate it if you would contact me, preferably by phone, to discuss this matter if you have any questions. You might also have questions about some of the other comments I made in this letter, please do not hesitate to ask me about them.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch  
Bishop of Joliet

bc-REverend James Frederick



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## DIOCESE OF JOLIET

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 10, 1985

Reverend Salvatore Formusa  
St. Anthony's Parish  
R.R. #1, Sauk Trail  
Frankfort, IL 60423

Dear Sal,

Effective January 19, 1985, I am appointing you as temporary parochial administrator (Canons 539 - 540) of St. Mark's Parish in Wheaton.

I want to thank you, Sal, for accepting this assignment and I apologize for you having to cancel your vacation plans. I did not intend for you to do that. While Father Maher is pursuing his sabbatical studies you will have complete responsibility for the administration of the parish. Naturally, during that time, the normal routine that has been established in the parish should be followed. Should there be any unusual circumstances or if you have any questions, please feel free to call Father Donnelly or myself.

Since you will be acting as parochial administrator for three months, I would urge you to participate in the Cluster meetings of the priests of your area. Father Maher has been deacon supervisor for [REDACTED] a seminarian from Sacred Heart School of Theology. I would ask you to continue this supervision, in so far as that is possible, during Father Maher's absence. I

[REDACTED] be observed and reflected upon by an older priest. I would like you to assume that responsibility.

I am sure there is no need for me to continue on with a long list of what is to be expected of you. Let me put it very simply and say that you will be responsible for everything in the parish just as a pastor would.



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Reverend Salvatore Formusa

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Again, I want to thank you for your willingness to accept this assignment and I assure you of my prayerful blessing as you begin this ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch  
Bishop of Joliet

cc-Reverend Arthur Maher

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February 19, 1985

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

This office has been retained by [REDACTED] to represent her in the matter of a claim against Catholic Charities, Father Formusa and yourself, as a result of the injuries she has suffered when Father Formusa became sexually involved with her while he was her therapist.

As we understand it, you have been made aware of the specifics of this situation during several meetings in 1983 and 1984 with our client, Father Formusa and others when an attempt was made to resolve the matter.

As you can imagine, this type of case is always a difficult and sensitive one for all parties involved. As a result, it is often in everyone's best interest to attempt a settlement prior to filing a suit. We would like to discuss this option with you and Father Formusa prior to initiating a suit on behalf of our client. If you are interested in exploring this option, please contact this office within 10 days.

We look forward to hearing from you.

[REDACTED]

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 21, 1988

Reverend Salvatore Formusa  
P.O.Box 46010  
Chicago, IL 60646

Dear Sal,

Many thanks for your note and the copy of the letter which you sent to Mr. Byrne. I did see you at Mundelein, but regret also, that I did not have a chance to talk to you. I had to leave dinner early for some reason or other. You continue to look well. Keep it up.

I found your letter to Mr. Byrne quite interesting. I know that his statement for services might seem large to you, but I am certain that his charges would be significantly below what any other lawyer might charge you. In addition, I have a great deal of confidence in Mr. Byrne's competence. I have no doubt that in this instance he was responsible for saving you an awful lot of money, despite what you might think about the outcome. There is no doubt in my mind that had the plaintiff or the lawyer for the plaintiff been more aggressive, there would have been a much higher settlement. Not only do I think you should pay Mr. Byrne's entire bill, but I would even think that you should light a vigil light for him!

Maybe we will get a chance to see each other when we have our diocesan jubilarian celebration on the evening of November 10th. I hope you can come.

Prayers and best wishes to you. Keep well.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch  
Bishop of Joliet

bc-Mr. James C. Byrne





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*Formosa*

St. Joseph, the Worker  
P.O. Box 46010  
Chicago, IL 60646

Most Rev. Joseph L. Imesch  
425 Summit Street  
Joliet, IL 60435

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Dear Bishop:

I thank you for your kind words on my 67th anniversary of the priesthood. I don't deserve your praise, but I appreciate it - it makes me feel good. I marvel how you find time to remember anniversaries when you are pressed with so many other matters.

[REDACTED]

I agree with you that the priesthood is a gift from God ("you have not chosen me, I have chosen you"), and "our gift to the Lord." Every day I thank God that I am alive and that I am a priest.

I'm not good or lucky at winning prizes, so I can't help you with "the gift that continues to give and give"... And I can't call myself a prophet of Vatican II. But I totally agree with you that "many people do not appreciate everything that a priest is and does." You hit the nail on the head.

I'm reading a book by Conrad W. Baars, M.D. on "Healing the Unaffirmed." He claims that many people (including priests) suffer from a deprivation neurosis because they have not received affirmation or appreciation from others starting from childhood and through the growth stages of life. Lacking emotional support from others, they "find it impossible to establish normal emotional rapport with others." "In a group they feel like strangers, and to make conversation is extremely difficult for them." "Usually they become so fearful that they withdraw from the rest of the group and stay by themselves"..... "Deprivation neurotics may be capable of establishing superficial contacts with acquaintances, but these never develop into emotionally satisfying friendships..... it is not surprising that they feel lonely." (I include myself among these neurotics)

When the Cardinals of the U.S. met with the Pope, the Holy Father deplored the tragic crime of some priests, but then expressed his thanks to the many priests for their labors in God's vineyard. I was glad to hear that because that's what we priests really need.

We live in a sinful world, a world that tolerates sin but does not tolerate the sinner. Our Lord did not tolerate sin, but He tolerated the sinner. He forgave many of them, even some close to Him.

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The world does not understand the fragility of human nature and is unwilling to forgive. The Church is the body of Christ, and this body has a human element, a nature prone to sin by reason of original sin. The world does not accept the redemptive work of Christ and condemns the sinner. The Church accepts the redemption of Christ ("I did not come to condemn the world but to save it") and is willing to forgive repentant sinners.

The liberal press splashed its derogatory articles against erring priests and complacent bishops and cardinals not only to tell the truth but to malign the Church and its founder who shed the light of the gospel on a world mired in the darkness of sin.

Excuse my lengthy letter, I was angry and had a bone to pick with the press. Forgive me if you do not agree with my thoughts and feelings.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Sal Formusa



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November 30, 2002

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Sister Judith Davies  
Chancery Office  
425 Summit Street  
Joliet, IL 60435-7193

Re: Clergy Abuse by Father Salvatore Formusa

Dear Sister Judith:

I recently found your name on the Diocese of Joliet website as the contact person for reporting cases of clergy abuse. For many years I have wanted to report a case of adult clergy abuse that happened to me in 1977. 25 years is much too long to carry this around unresolved, but it has taken me that long just to get to the point where I can talk about it. Now I just need to get it out. I am glad that these cases are now being acknowledged, and am especially encouraged to see that the person to whom to report these cases is a woman. Perhaps you can imagine how you would feel if this person did these things to you. I hope you will feel, as I do, that this behavior was very improper. The perpetrator's name is Father Salvatore Formusa, and no matter how old he is now, or even whether or not he is still alive, I need to report it.

I first met Father Formusa in late 1975, when I was 29 and living in Joliet. I had gone to the Catholic Charities (back when it was on Bridge Street in Joliet) for marriage counseling, with my husband at the time. Father Formusa was the counselor there. Both the marriage and the counseling were off-and-on, and then on the first of the year of 1977, my husband moved out of the house, demanding a divorce. Shortly afterwards, I talked to Father Formusa alone a few times at the Catholic Charities office, and the abuse began. After I stopped going to the Catholic Charities because of his behavior, he showed up at my home on several occasions, unexpected and uninvited. All the abuse happened from about January until September of 1977, growing progressively worse.

**My main complaints** about Father Formusa's behavior are:

*At the Catholic Charities office:*

- **Sitting in my lap**
- **Grabbing me and hugging me tightly, pressing up against me, then saying, "Why are you so cold?" when I tried to pull away**

*At my home:*

- **Sitting in my lap (this happened many times)**
- **Pulling me up against him and hugging me tightly so I couldn't get away**
- **Pressing up hard enough so I could feel his heart pounding**
- **Pulling me into his lap and wrapping his arms tightly around me**
- **Putting his arm around my waist, then moving his hand upwards**
- **Tickling me under my arms, on the ribs, midriff, and stomach**
- **Running his hands up and down my ribs**



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- Grabbing and jiggling a handful of flesh on my midriff
- Pulling me down on my couch, then sitting right next to me, putting his arm around me so tight that I couldn't get away
- Leaning his head against mine
- Trying to put his face up close to mine
- Heavy breathing in my ear
- Telling off-color jokes
- Telling me about his prostate trouble
- Whispering remarks with explicit sexual content in my ear, including "When's the last time you had a good orgasm?"
- Saying things like, "It might do you some good to have an affair," and "When you get your divorce, we can get married."
- Stretching out on my couch and resting his head in my lap

These actions were too repeated and too persistent to leave any chance for misinterpretation. The sexual content in his talk was very obvious. I consider Father Formusa guilty of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, assault and battery, unlawful restraint, invasion of privacy, psychological abuse, abuse of power, and infliction of emotional distress. His taunting remarks like "Why are you so cold?" and "What's the matter?" made it sound like there was something wrong with me instead of with him. If he was at all qualified to be a counselor, he had to know the damaging effects on me.

Below is a Timeline with a history of Father Formusa's behavior, and more detailed back-up information as best I can remember, with my best estimates of when they happened. It shows a pattern of repeated and escalating misconduct. The events in 1975 and 1976 are mainly background information, with the real problems from roughly January – September, 1977, beginning after he had known me a little over a year.

*Late 1975: I began going to Father Formusa at the Catholic Charities for marriage counseling with my then-husband. My husband attended sessions for a while, then stopped coming.*

*April, 1976: My husband moved out of the house.*

*May, 1976: I took a job at [REDACTED] and made the mistake of telling Father Formusa about it. One day he showed up in my department, where he had no business, asking for me. This annoyed and embarrassed me. I was new on the job, and visitors were not allowed. He got away with it just because he was a priest.*

*Around July, 1976: I quit my [REDACTED] job, which wasn't working out well. Around that same time, Father Formusa suddenly showed up at my house, saying, "I can't find [REDACTED]" I was shocked. I had no idea that he knew where I lived. He must have gotten the address from the Catholic Charities records. He couldn't have come there by accident. I told him how to get to Spencer Road, but he just stood there smiling smugly, making no move to leave. Just to be polite, and because he was a priest, I let him in the house, but I resented this intrusion. He made some small talk and then left. He did not make any physical advances at this time. He stopped at the house again a few more times*



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*after that, still not making any physical advances. I thought these visits were inappropriate and embarrassing, and certainly an invasion of my privacy.*

*August or September, 1976: My husband had moved back into the house. Father Formusa showed up at the house once while my husband was there, and then didn't come to the house again for quite some time after that.*

*December, 1976: Father Formusa called me and asked how things were going, and asked if he should close the case. I told him he might as well close it. But the worst of it was to come in just a matter of weeks.*

*January, 1977: I talked to Father Formusa again on the phone. On the first of the year my husband had moved out of the house again, demanding a divorce. I went alone to an appointment with Father Formusa at his office at the Catholic Charities. I knew by then that the marriage was never going to work out, and wanted the church's point of view on the situation, and information on how to get an annulment. Since Father Formusa already knew my husband, I thought he may have some helpful information. I think I went to his office for three or four appointments. I don't remember exactly.*

*When I was getting my coat on to leave at the end of an appointment, Father Formusa started to help me with it, then suddenly grabbed me and hugged me tightly, pressing up against me, saying, "This is what you need." When I pulled away, he said, "Oh, why are you so cold?"*

*I went for another appointment, thinking this wouldn't happen again. During this session, his phone rang, and he answered it. He then left the room for a few minutes. When he returned, he stood by the door for a minute, staring at me, with a peculiar smile that made me feel uneasy. Keeping his eyes fixed on me, like an animal does as he circles his prey, he walked toward his chair, started to sit down, then suddenly came over and sat on my lap. I was stunned. I said something like "What are you doing?" and tried to push him away. He laughed, and then leaned back harder, pressing back against me. I kept trying to push him away, but he stayed on my lap until my legs went numb from his hard bones pressing into my thighs. I thought of yelling to get someone's attention, but was too embarrassed. I was afraid the people in the office downstairs wouldn't believe me if I told them what happened, that they would believe a priest before they would believe me. When he finally let me go, I was debating whether to tell the ladies in the office what had happened, but when I went downstairs, the people were gone and the lights were off. I realize now that he had probably set the appointment for a time when he knew the office people would be leaving early.*

*I made the mistake of going for another appointment, and he sat in my lap again. I stopped going to the Catholic Charities after that.*

*February or March, 1977: Some time after my last appointment at the Catholic Charities, Father Formusa showed up unexpectedly at my home. I was taken aback, even though he had done this a few times the previous summer. I didn't think he would do anything in front of my kids, and I thought that he would respect my wishes in my own home. I didn't want him there, but I had a lot of trouble asserting myself, which was one*



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of the reasons I had gone for counseling in the first place. I don't think anything happened at my house for the first couple of visits. But then he started touching me again, putting his arm around me and sitting in my lap. As time went on, he became more and more aggressive and insistent during his visits. There was more sexual content in his talk, first innuendoes, then becoming more specific and overt. At least my children were too young to understand the things he said, but they saw a lot of the things he did.

Once, in desperation, I even told my ex-husband about it, hoping against hope for some kind of support from him, but he only said, "I doubt that he was making a pass at you. He's a priest." I didn't tell anyone else after that, for fear of the same reaction.

[REDACTED]

May, 1977: I found a lawyer and filed for a divorce. [REDACTED]

Father Formusa still showed up at my house, once under the pretext of giving me a copy of an article about annulments. I showed him a copy of the divorce papers I had filed, and told him I didn't need marriage counseling anymore. Instead of staying away from my house, he showed up several more times, becoming more aggressive and insistent with the unwanted touching. Perhaps it was because he knew that the marriage was over, and I hadn't yet built myself a good support system.

July, 1977: The divorce was final. Father Formusa continued showing up the house at times, his behavior becoming even more aggressive. As his aggressiveness grew, so did my anger. [REDACTED]

Fall, 1977: I would guess there were around 8 or 10 visits to my home, between around January or February 1977 to around September of 1977. I had never once invited him to my home. The visits always caught me off-guard. I always felt put "on the spot," wanting to be polite, unable to bring myself to tell him to go away, even though I didn't want him there. There were just enough times that nothing happened to make me think that the misconduct had stopped, but then it started up again. Just when I thought he wouldn't come to the house anymore, he would show up again. I didn't want him around, but I had a mental block about defying a priest. I couldn't find a solution to it.

Once, maybe around September, I'm not sure, I actually managed to pull away from his grasp and yell at him after he whispered a particularly offensive remark to me. I was finally becoming convinced that, priest or not, he had no right to treat me like this. Nobody would expect me to put up with such offensive behavior from anyone else. My anger at him was finally getting stronger than my fear. My capacity for embarrassment was diminishing somewhat. This may have been the last time he came to my house, but I'm not sure. I don't remember when was the last time, but I think it was sometime in early fall of 1977.



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*Some months after he had last been at my home, I thought I saw him driving toward my house as I was driving away. I just kept going. I realized then that, whether or not it was him, I would not have let him in the house again. I got away from him before anything worse happened, but I often wonder if he moved on to someone else even more vulnerable and unable to fight back.*

*For several months afterwards, the memories would float up and catch me off-guard at odd times. For instance, at one point, while shopping, I had been thinking about his behavior, and became so angry that I almost passed out. Other times I tensed up if I saw someone who looked like him, or a tall man dressed in black, or even a car similar to his copper-colored Plymouth Volare. For many years afterward I felt stigmatized and angry. I hated him for doing this to me, and hated myself for not knowing how to handle it.*

**It doesn't matter to me whether or not any of this is legally actionable.** I'm more concerned with the moral aspect than the legal aspect. The statute of limitations does not make the facts go away, nor does it make the impact on me go away. It doesn't reset my belief system, or restore my faith in the church. If Canon Law considers a priest "home free" just because the victim has been too afraid to come forward, it only protects priests who prey on those who are the most vulnerable.

If there had been only a single incident of misconduct, I probably could have worked through it and let it go. But this behavior was repeated and increasingly aggressive over a period of several months.



**All of this behavior was unwanted by me.** There is no way Father Formusa could have thought otherwise. I told him to stop. I tried to push him away. I tried to pull away from his grasp. Other times I just froze in fear, trying to think how I could get him away without risking him coming back at me. He would say I shouldn't be so cold, that this is what I needed, and grab me so tightly that I couldn't get away. When I would try to push him away, he would become even more aggressive, and restrain my movements more forcibly. I was afraid to provoke him, because he was bigger and stronger than I was. He even seemed to enjoy my discomfort and embarrassment. I was afraid the situation would get even more out of hand. I was also afraid to tell anyone about it. I didn't think anyone would believe that a priest would do such things. I wouldn't have believed it myself, until it happened to me.

**I don't want to make any of this sound worse than it was.** There was no sex, and no touching of intimate body parts, other than pressing up against me. I know that many



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people have had far worse experiences than mine, but that does not trivialize mine. It was unwanted touching, which is legally **assault and battery**. All the specific sexual content of his talk made me very uncomfortable, especially coming from a priest. He was blocking and restraining my movements. This is **unlawful restraint**. My intimidation did not give him an excuse for what he did.

The impact on me from Father Formusa's behavior was stress, anger, emotional trauma, insomnia, and depression. I felt degraded, humiliated, embarrassed, and concerned about gossip and damage to my reputation because of him showing up at my home. I felt almost like I was being stalked. The only feeling I can think of to compare it to, and I can only imagine it, would be as a victim of rape or incest—something unthinkable, unspeakable, dirty, too shameful to talk about. I just didn't want anyone to know about it, and I felt like a fool for not knowing how to handle it. Besides, in spite of my objections, I wondered if I had done something to invite the behavior of this old, repulsive, obnoxious creature. Intrusive thoughts still surface sometimes, especially during times of stress, or whenever there is a news story about clergy abuse. This whole memory is like a low-grade infection that flares up from time to time, and then goes back into remission for a while.

I don't see how the church could have allowed this to happen. I would think they would know somebody better before they would let them do counseling. He did not seem to be accountable to anyone, but seemed free to do whatever he wanted. I wish I had reported this sooner, but didn't know where to report it, and was afraid of not being believed, or of being blamed for it. At the time I thought I was the only one he had done these things to. It never occurred to me that there may have been others.

Father Formusa has taken the church away from me. His assaults on me were not only physical, but spiritual. He has robbed me of the solace I used to get from the church. I am unable to trust priests. I can't tell which ones can be trusted, and can't afford to take a chance on being alone with one. I never register in any parish, because they ask your name, address, and telephone number, and I don't want any surprise visits at my home. I wanted an annulment, and felt that Father Formusa had information that could help to get it, but gave up on the idea. I didn't want anyone contacting him, for fear that it would trigger him trying to contact me. Keeping him away was more important than getting the annulment. If I were sick, I would be too afraid to let a priest visit me, either at home or in the hospital. As I get older, this is an increasing concern.

My purpose in writing this letter is not just to vent, but to find an end to this story. I need for this unfinished business to be finished. For many years I've done nothing about it, hoping that time would heal these wounds, but doing nothing has accomplished nothing. Time has not made these ugly memories go away. Once I've done all that I can,



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even if that is just reporting it, then maybe this memory will at least stop festering. I can only come to terms with this if some kind of justice is done, if Father Formusa is punished, or at the very least, reprimanded. This is the only way I can feel that it is really over. If he retires or dies with no consequences to his behavior, then no justice will be done. I also want to warn others that these things do happen. Reporting my experiences may also help to corroborate other possible complaints about him. I don't want this to happen to anyone else.

**I am looking for** validation of my belief that Father Formusa's behavior was wrong. This may help me free myself of it. If anyone is going to make excuses for him, or trivialize what happened, I need to know that, too, so I can find a way to deal with it.

**I am not looking for** an apology from Father Formusa—it would mean nothing to me. I would doubt its sincerity. Nor am I looking for sympathy or pity from anyone. All I want is justice, and protection for other people from predators like that.

**A priest should not be exempt** from the behavior standards that apply to everyone else. If anything, he should be held to a higher standard, since he is in a special position of trust. His status as a priest does not excuse his outrageous behavior. Most workplaces have policies against this kind of behavior. I have seen people lose their jobs on grounds of sexual harassment for much less offensive behavior than this. I have even seen men removed from bars for similar behavior. Yet Father Formusa got away with behavior that would not be acceptable in any other situation or by anyone else. The fact that he was a priest got in the way of the fact that he was a pervert. At the very least, he should be expected to meet conduct standards required in the workplace.

**Please tell anyone who does counseling** not to touch their clients, not to sit in their laps, not to go to their homes or workplaces, but to keep a professional distance and objectivity. I hope you will consider some of my suggestions, if they are not already in place: posting in the waiting room a code of conduct, as well as a place to report misconduct; a system for client input (anonymous, if desired), such as comment cards similar to those used in restaurants, or evaluation questionnaires similar to those used in colleges; a spot check on suspect counselors, such as opening the door momentarily under some pretext.

**In retrospect,** I think Father Formusa has very likely done the same things, or worse, to others. In fact, I now think he may have been dangerous, that he could have hurt me, or worse yet, my children. I always felt threatened when he was there, afraid to make him angry. I think I can now understand more about how it happened. He had probably been setting me up for a long time, gradually and intermittently building up more contact. By the time he started coming on to me, he had known me for a little over a year, and knew a lot about me. I was a good target. He knew that I was not a confrontational person by nature, that I tried to avoid conflict; that I was a "people pleaser" who tried to maintain harmony. He knew my tendency to defer to authority, and my view of a priest as some kind of ultimate authority. My life experience back then was too limited for me to be able to assert myself. I had been raised in a very strict, traditional, even scrupulous, Catholic environment, where people over-idealized priests. They made excuses for them, thought that whatever a priest did must be all right, that he must have a good




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reason for doing what he did. I couldn't be a match for this professional predator. In my mind, he was bigger than life. Hindsight tells me that I should have never let him in my home, and that I should have called the police, no matter how embarrassing that would have been. If this happened today, I would be able to handle the situation very differently.

**Marriage counseling was a perfect set-up for a pervert like this.** It made him privy to all kinds of personal information about people, such as their backgrounds, their weaknesses, their reactions to things, as well as where they lived, and whether they were alone. He knew which people were too naïve and inexperienced and intimidated to know how to handle unexpected situations. He used all that information for his own personal agenda. It provided him with a pool of victims. I think I was carefully selected from that pool. He knew my weaknesses, and took advantage of them: my inability to stand up for myself, my tendency to freeze when frightened, my embarrassment. He knew what he was doing. He probably knew I would be afraid to say anything about what happened.



Writing this letter has been difficult and embarrassing, but I hope I can at least accomplish something by it. If nothing else, it has helped me define some of the issues. If it had been anyone but a priest, it would not have haunted me for so long, and I would have managed to come to terms with it many years ago. Only someone who is Catholic can understand the tremendous power that a priest has over people, particularly when it is combined with a counseling relationship. This man is a disgrace to the church.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would appreciate an acknowledgement of this letter, and your reaction to it. I hope there is at least something you can do about this, because I really need some closure. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to use the contact information below.

Sincerely,

# Formusa Victim 2





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## Diocese of Joliet

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### MEMORANDUM

April 3, 2006

TO: Salvatore Formusa  
St. Benedict Nursing & Rehab  
6930 West Touhy  
Niles, IL 60714

FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

RE: Diocesan Website

The Diocese will be listing on its website ([www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org)) the names, ordination dates and status of all diocesan priests who have had a credible/substantiated allegation made against them while they were serving in the Joliet Diocese. I realize this action may be disturbing to you but it is being taken primarily to facilitate healing and bring closure to those who have been abused.

Your listing will be as follows:

**Salvatore Formusa      4/27/35      Retired 1985**

My prayers are for you and for all of those who have suffered because of sexual abuse and who still need healing.

May God bless you.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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concerned about parents' marital difficulties.  
 - Visit: Took her on lap in the chair; repeated the procedure

- 9 years old -

(2) "People are not supposed to do this."

- 4th grade -  
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- sitting on lap < her  
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- kissed 3 times

- rubbed nose

- explained about babies; asked questions about whether she had ever seen her brother.

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- something hard in pants

- asked questions re handbook and safe in bed family

Told her not to tell her mother about her sitting on each other's lap. "I'm not supposed to tell."

"It's our secret; we're going to be real good friends."

[Indecent exposure. She handled him.]

## Parents of Formusa Victim 3

Downs Grove

(niece) were in Westmont before.

(Story of Mrs. [redacted])

## Neighbor of Formusa Victim 3

Westmont, Ill. - divorced person.

- neighbor

- "Join a parish club." Went to rectory.

Talk about vacation. Beautiful women and their daughters.

- Call - to "socialize" - re TV programs; offered a ride to see subdivision.

- One night she went to rectory:

- went to room

- took off collar, coat, offered beer, kept getting closer;

- Talked sex ...; Frank Sinatra - not invited for this woman. Not well.



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- Daughter didn't want to be alone with F

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— 5 or 6 mos. later = father and daughter came to Lee.

- "improper advances to daughter" = F.

Nothing done by police, but now feel they must mention this. They feel F. F. must be sick.

Polia asked what  
after

After  
Final discussion: Notify police - e.g. value, date  
- see that child is not punished.

K. F. → Oct. 11, 1962

- He admitted the child's story. Does not

know what came over him. (Has been highly nervous for the last two weeks; has suffered from gastritis. Did not try to deny his guilt.

Express sorrow for having caused this trouble

willing to express sorrow to parents of girl

I told him not to say anything, nor to

communicate with young girls - because we did not want her punished.

He did not deny the two other allegations, nor did he admit them.

I told him there were 2 alternatives: (1) resign or (2) take a leave of absence. With both there would be

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psychological tests and therapy (if needed). If not needed and if there was no psychological defect, then it would be weakness and he would do penance.

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The second step will be to decide his fate when he leaves Oshkosh.

He wondered how effective he would be in his parish, and that is when I told him that I was asking him to leave right away and mentioned the 2 alternatives above.

I told him one of the complainants would be calling for an appointment and I could ask her not to talk to anyone about this, so that there would be no widespread scandal.

I called Oshkosh and asked the Brothers if they could take a person who was nervous and emotionally upset, and who needed psychological tests. They said yes; so I told them he would go to-morrow.

I told Fr. Formosa I would tell no one that he had gone to Oshkosh. I mentioned Guest House, but told him that I could not guarantee secrecy, because some of our priests lived there.

- R. Blanchette



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October 12, 1962

Chief Charles Klaren  
Westmont Police Department  
Westmont, Illinois

Dear Chief:

I wish to inform you that the individual whose case you discussed with me will be hospitalized for the tests which we mentioned.

Trusting that this is satisfactory and thanking you for your kind interest, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Romeo Blanchette  
Vicar General

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Oct. 12, 1962

Brother Bede  
Alban. Brothers Home  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin,  
Dear Brother Bede,

It was most kind of the Alban Brothers to receive Fr. Formusa on such a short notice. I am most interested in seeing that Fr. Formusa sees a good Catholic psychologist, undergoes psychological testing, and receives whatever therapy is indicated.

Please ask the psychologist to send me a complete report before Fr. Formusa leaves your Home. I am writing to Fr. Formusa to tell him that he is to remain there until we approve of his return.

I am truly grateful to the Brothers for their many past favors. Bro. Benedict, with whom I had previous correspondence and conversation, was always most helpful and considerate.

With an assurance of prayers for you and your Community, I remain,

Cordially yours in Christ,

Rome Blanchette, V.C.

In the absence of the Bishop



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October 25, 1962

Brother Bado Guyan, C.F.A.  
Superior - Alexian Brothers  
1129 Jackson Street  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Dear Brother Bado:

I am grateful to you for your letter of October 16th, in which you give me a progress report on Father Formosa. Needless to say, I am most grateful to you for your kindness in taking care of Father Father Formosa and your kindness in sending me a report.

Assuring you of our prayers for the welfare of your community, I am

Cordially yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Romeo Blanchette  
Vicar General

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Nov. 6, 1962

Dear Brother,

Enclosed you will find a check in payment of Fr. Formusa's bill up to Oct. 31, 1962. We are advancing this money, which Fr. Formusa can back back when he returns.

I would be pleased to get a report concerning the progress that he is making.

I was going to call you tomorrow to find out if you have room for one of our priests. I would like him to be out of the State by Saturday, for unfortunately he has been imprudent in getting involved in some oil well transaction, and there is question of a civil suit. Our attorney feels it would be helpful if he were out of the State.

At the same time it might be a place where he could pray at meditation and even get some psychological help, for he has had a series of imprudent actions and difficulties which make us wonder about him. If he can't be changed, at least he could do no further harm by his imprudent ventures.

Please call me collect - Area Code 815 -  
SA - Rutaga - 2-6613 on Thursday morning between



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 (whether you get this letter Wednesday). 0-10-13

With best wishes and assurance of  
 prayers for your return, I am,

Cordially yours in Christ,

Fr. Blanchett  
 St. Mary's Hospital

Brother Bede Guyan  
 Adm.  
 Abbeian Bros. Home  
 Oshkosh, Wis.



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**ALEXIAN BROTHERS**1129 JACKSON STREET • BEVERLY 1-4300  
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December 6, 1962

Dear Monsignor Blanchette,

This morning I received Bishop Doonan's letter. I am grateful for his consoling words and his trust in me but grieve over his decision to remove me from Westmont. I am writing this letter in the hope that I may induce him to change his mind.

When you sent me here, you asked me to get psychiatric treatments, and to tell the doctor the whole truth.

The Saturday after I arrived, the doctor called me to his office and asked me many questions. I told him the whole truth and nothing but the truth, as you had requested. Among other things, he asked me whether I had done this thing before. I told him in all sincerity that it was the first time in my life. It had never happened before. I told him all my eye's history in the time allotted.

That was the first time and the last time I spoke to the doctor. He has not called me back to his office. I told him at that time that you had requested a report. My impression was that he was going to forward you a report. I was surprised to learn later from you that you had not received any report from him.

After receiving your letter last week,



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**ALEXIAN BROTHERS**1129 JACKSON STREET • BEVERLY 1-4300  
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I spoke to Brother Bede. He informed me that there was no need for me to see the doctor, that I did not need psychiatric care and that, if the doctor had slipped up on his report (the doctor was ill for a while, he said), he was going to remind him of it as soon as the Brother got back. (Brother Bede is on retreat this week)

Furthermore he told me that if the doctor neglected this report, he himself was going to send you a favorable report soon. Hence the (impression that I am sick (given you by the people who spoke to you) is not substantiated.

The Bishop mentions about possible talk in the parish. In my humble opinion, I think that the matter is not publicly known. The family involved has moved out of the parish, and the police, I may presume, will not manifest the matter publicly.

For eighteen years I was assistant in four different parishes in the Chicago and Joliet dioceses. My record in these parishes has always been above reproach, as my former Pastors can testify. (I say this without boasting). I have always tried to do my best in all these parishes.



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**ALEXIAN BROTHERS**

1129 JACKSON STREET • BEVERLY 1-4300

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Notwithstanding my faults and shortcomings,  
But never have I given public scandal.

Now I am involved in a case which has  
provoked the displeasure of our Bishop, and  
rightly so. But I ask him to consider my  
past record as a priest, and before I became a  
priest, or a seminarian.

I would not want to leave Westmont  
because I love my people. You remember how  
difficult were the first months in settling  
the problems of the parish. And you can verify  
too that I have worked very hard to keep up  
with the expanding needs of Holy Trinity. I would  
not like to see the floor suddenly drop from  
under me.

I am willing to stay here as long as you  
deem necessary and to do whatever penance you  
ask, but please ask the Bishop to reconsider his  
decision to remove me from Westmont. I can assure  
you that this thing will never happen again,  
with the help of God's grace, and that I will make  
reparation in the future by my exemplary conduct.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Sal Formosa



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## ALEXIAN BROTHERS

1129 JACKSON STREET • Beverly 1-4300

OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

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December 8, 1962

Most Rev. Martin J. McManus  
310 Bridge Street  
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Bishop McManus:

This morning I had a chance to see the psychiatrist. I asked him why he had not sent in his report. He said that he had given a report to Brother Bede several weeks ago. Monsignor Blanchette confirmed this favorable report in his letter of November 16. I asked him if he thought I was sick and needed special treatments. He told me that I am not sick and do not need any psychiatric care. He repeated your admonition that I must get along with my fellow priests. Since your talk I have gotten along nicely with my new assistants. He promised to talk with Brother Bede and to send you a report soon.

You ask, "Why did I do it?" I humbly confess (and I told this to the psychiatrist) that I feel that there was a breakdown in my spiritual life, that I was not aware of. I had neglected my spiritual exercises, my spiritual reading, meditation, visits, frequent confession, spiritual advice and reliance on God's grace through prayer. Now I have had time to think things over and have proposed to begin a new spiritual life. Believe me, this sin was the result of a moment of weakness. I tell you truthfully that I did not premeditate it or plan it. Since then I have regretted it and will regret it for the rest of my life.

The other day I wrote to Monsignor Blanchette to ask you to reconsider your decision to remove me from my parish. I beg you again, to give me another chance. I can swear to Almighty God that I have never committed such a sin before in my life. God alone knows how many tears of repentance I shed.



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**ALEXIAN BROTHERS**

1129 JACKSON STREET • BEVERLY 1-4300

OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

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You remind me of the possible talk in the parish. In my humble opinion, I believe that my action has not caused public scandal. Nobody in my household knows about it, either the priest, the sisters, the teachers or the school children. The family involved was moving out of the parish the next day. There could be no time to spread gossip. The police chief who was informed, I may presume, will keep the matter confidential because I know his reputation. The Mayor, who is a fallen-away Catholic, is a Taciturn man. I am sure he will not talk because he is not against the Church. The neighbor next door is a good Catholic and I know that she will keep the matter secret. For these reasons, I am ~~almost~~ morally certain that my parishioners are not aware of the scandal.

I promised my confessor and I promise you that it will not happen again. With all my heart, I beg you, please give me another chance to prove my sincerity. Please do not remove me from Holy Trinity where I have spent almost five happy years of my life, and where I have grown to love and respect my people. They in turn have grown to trust and respect me. Give me a chance to regain my self-respect in your eyes, give me a chance to prove that I can still do effective work in Westmont.

I will stay here as long as you deem necessary and do whatever penance you impose. On bended knees and with a tearful heart I beg your mercy, dear Bishop, please do not take me away from my beloved parish.

Your humble and loyal servant,  
Sal Formusa



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Dec. 11, 1962.

Dear Fr. Formusa,

your recent letter reached me, and I showed it to the Bishop, who also received a letter from you. Actually, in all frankness I must tell you that the mayor of a village, its Police Chief and its Chief investigator are not ordinary citizens. A pastor should be the leader in his community and he should participate in civic affairs. How could you do this in Westmont without embarrassment and without diminishing your influence when these leading citizens would know of your unfortunate actions. Then, too, you must remember that the family involved has moved only to the next parish, St. Mary, Clarendon Hills, and your presence in Westmont would be a constant reminder to them of your actions. And undoubtedly they have kept up their contacts with their friends in Westmont. And the neighbor who knew of this, and who herself had talked of her contacts with you — surprisingly, to say the least — has she talked of this? Would she in the future? And what of the case where the father of a delinquent young girl complained to the Chief of Police regarding you?

All this makes me of the opinion that your ministry would be more fruitful elsewhere. This is not a matter of vindictiveness but of the greater good for the Church.



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I, therefore, advise you to write to the Bishop and ~~ask~~ <sup>0124-13-</sup> your resignation as pastor of Holy Trinity parish, Westport; and ask if he would appoint you pastor of a smaller parish outside DuPage County. The fact that when you came to see me, you stated that you had been emotionally upset, and the fact that people probably are of the opinion that you are in a hospital (which you are), would give you a pretext for this change in the eyes of the public. I need not tell you that there are precedents in our Diocese of pastors seeking a change from a larger parish - e.g. Fr. Buttrick, Fr. Doyle, Fr. Rausch did this and they were not under a cloud. They felt that this was what they wanted.

While you are awaiting a response from the Bishop to your letter (suggested above), you might make a private 3-day retreat - since I cancelled your regular retreat in November.

Assuring you of my prayers and with best wishes,

I remain,

Cordially yours in Christ,

Rose Blancheth

V. 6.



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Dec. 11, 1962.

Dear Brother Bede,

I was surprised recently to find out that Fr. Formusa had not been seeing a psychologist, as I had assumed. He also states that he had seen a psychiatrist only once at the beginning. Under the circumstances I wonder if you can tell me if his stay at Alexian Brothers Home was therapeutic in any way. I would also like to know if his stay could be terminated at any time that our office wished — without any detriment to Fr. Formusa. Since I thought that your letters referred to "improvement" and "getting along nicely" in a therapeutic sense, I have not broached the subject of his return.

It would be very useful to me also to find out how Fr. Jameson is coming along. I know that you are very busy, but I am sure that you can see that we are concerned. Just a few words would be satisfactory.

The enclosed check is for Fr. Formusa<sup>and</sup> Jameson's<sup>bills</sup>. The enclosed check for Dr. Peterik is for Oct. 1962 (Fr. Formusa); there was another enclosed without date; is it a duplicate? If not,



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**ALEXIAN BROTHERS**

1129 JACKSON STREET • BEVERLY 1-4300

OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

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December 15, 1962

Dear Monsignor Blanchette

I will submit my resignation to the Bishop in writing if you ask me to, but first I would like to correct a couple of false impressions you got from the testimony you heard on the first day.

I plead guilty on one count, but not on three. The neighbor you claim knew of my action and talked of her contacts with me - "unpleasant to say the least" - is not true. This was the impression you got through a panel of your own, but it is not based on the truth.

I can truthfully say to you that I only saw her once by appointment after Novena. Before making the appointment, I spoke to her parents. I never, sinned with her in thought, word or deed. My sole purpose in speaking to her was to ask her to join the Legion of Mary. She told me that she wanted to think about it and that if she joined, she would bring another member. I did not touch her once. You can verify this for yourself. I took her upstairs because the office downstairs must have been occupied.

With regard to the delinquent girl, she was in trouble when she saw me and asked for advice. She wanted to do extreme things and I talked her out of it. Since she is a little feeble-minded, I could not get the whole truth from her. Some time later the police picked her up on another case and called me about it. I told them that I had an office call and was busy to go to



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you can verify this for yourself, my secretary was there at the time of her two visits. I did not see her any other time. This is the truth of the matter. People in trouble sometimes do not tell the truth and she has been caught telling lies several times.

I told you I was guilty in the case of the child. I asked for a second chance in view of the fact that it was my first offense and in view of my past record. I told you in my humble opinion I did not think public scandal was involved. Not more than two or three people in Westmont would know about it. The Police Chief and the Mayor and I have always been in friendly terms. If there is any doubt in your mind about scandal, perhaps you can verify it from them.

If you would review this case with the Bishop I would be most grateful. Assuring you of my devotion and obedience,  
I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Sal Formusa



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Jan- 10, 1963

Dear Fr. Formusa,

It is my hope that you benefited from your stay at your sister's home for the holidays. Now that you are back I trust that you will try to get all the benefit possible from your contacts with the doctor.

In your last letters there seemed to be a tendency to minimize the incidents which led to your going to Oshkosh. Your conscience should tell you whether these were isolated cases or if there is evidence of serious difficulties in hypersexuality. Just as the alcoholic cannot become better unless he admits that he needs help, so, too, in your case it may be that you will benefit from professional advice only if you convince yourself that you need help to cope with your problems.

You may, if you wish, show this letter to the doctor, and see if in his opinion there is anything that he can do to help you further.

In the meantime please rest assured



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of our prayers for your welfare

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rose Blanchette  
V.G.



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Mr. Petersik —

Mr. E. Formusa :

April 3, 19

"He'll go anywhere we want him  
to go."

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No cause for worry about him.  
Better alone in a small parish  
Ready to be discharged.



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5-28-64

CHANCERY OFFICE  
310 Bridge Street  
Joliet, Illinois

Fr. Formusa

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A Mrs. [Mother V4] called over phone to state that at catechism class Fr. Formusa had asked for a volunteer to pick up a scrap-book (album).

**Formusa Victim 4** was chosen. "Get someone else". He insisted.

May 21 (Wed.) she went to rectory - He took [Formusa V4] to kitchen and offered her a bottle of beer. She refused. He had one. [Formusa V4] is 15.

He sat on her knee - picked up sex book,

"I want to learn to dance" - he took her by the arm.

"Right girl for me"

Picked her up in air. Put her on doorknob.

Talked of "first night of marriage".

Sat on her knee

"Promise to come back at 7:30 learn to dance"

He called at 7:30.

Mother answered phone: "You don't need a 15 year old girl."

She wanted to call V.C., and if she were not successful she was to call Police.

R. Blawie



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310 Bridge Street  
Joliet, Illinois

- re Fr. Formusa

Fr. Formusa was summoned to Chancery Office and gave  
the foll. explanations:

He offered her a beer; a soda.

**FORMUSA Victim 4**

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she = ~~unemployed~~ came to work on album  
 he ~~showed her~~ a book on anthropology  
 to read book, sitting on her lap.  
 (stroked over, accidentally hit on her leg - but  
 STAYED there)

she said  
 being told  
 a course on  
 marriage

took book on "marriage counselling" =  
 asked if teacher talked of birth control  
 - talked about it.

she's interested in music.

he put on record.

"This is dance music; do you know how to  
 dance? I've often wished I could dance."  
 He twirled her around once.

- Mother hates priests.

- Envelopes: Wmn. Prshnr 1 [redacted] and 2 others = Now don't  
 come anywhere, He doesn't know why.

- 2 girls for instructions: Woman Parishoner 2 [redacted] (bapt.)  
 (going to Kenya, will continue instructions)  
 Others instructed

R.B. told him he would Consult Bishop  
 and - Follow his recommendations.



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May 29, 1964.

Rev. Salvatore Formusa  
Immaculate Conception Rectory  
Braidwood, Illinois.

Dear Father Formusa,

I have discussed with Bishop McNamara the complaints that I recently received about you, and also the explanations which you gave me yesterday. It is our opinion that the most charitable judgment of your actions is that they were highly imprudent. We are both concerned about the whole picture. We feel that there is a grave risk involved.

Since the Ordinary must safeguard his priests and his people, we wish to give you the following decision in your case:

1) On Sunday, May 31, please announce to your people that you have not been well and that you are scheduled to see the Doctor during the week. This is the truth, for you mentioned your appointment with the doctor when you saw me yesterday. (This will prepare your people so that there will already be explanation in their minds if someone else takes your place.) Do not mention anything else.

2) On Monday morning at eleven o'clock (June 1, 1964), please come to the Chancey Office to see me. Bring with you a letter of resignation.

3) You are to proceed with your plans to see the doctor, etc..

While the above is difficult for you, let me assure you that it is also very painful for us.

Assuring you of my prayers for your welfare,  
I remain,

Cordially Yours in Christ,

Vicar General



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Formusa told me that it was all right for [REDACTED] to give us whatever information he had obtained regarding him (Fr. F.).

I told Father F. that this would indicate that he had strong impulses re sexuality. I told him that after the episode in Westmont we'd expect him to be on his guard much more than a normal person. For this reason his sitting on the lap of a 15-year old girl was extremely impudent, and could easily have led to more serious actions. The risk is great, and so considering the whole picture, we could not for his good and the good of the Church chance his remaining in Draidwood. I asked for his letter of resignation, which he gave me, dated and signed the day before.

I told him that he should not be in a rectory alone, that the presence of other priests was a help, although it was not an absolute deterrent - as shown by the Westmont episode.

I told him to go to hospital as planned and then to go see [REDACTED]. I suggested staying with the Oblation Bros. He begged



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... because it was like a  
 The grounds were rough, etc. - 056-B  
 of then mentioned Sacred Heart San, in  
 Milwaukee to reupstate, while these he  
 can go to see [REDACTED], explain everything,  
 and ask for guidance. I asked that [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] send me a report.

With tears he accepted the decision,  
 and asked for his successor to come  
 ahead of time to receive explanations re  
 parish books, etc. -

He stated that he had been very careful,  
 (but he had given instructions to young  
 girls alone, and that nothing had happened  
 except this last episode of the 15 yr. old  
 girls - referring to sitting on lap (with no  
 premeditation). He denied that he acted on  
 impulse.



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September 10, 1964

C.T. Glatte, M.D.  
7905 North Calumet  
Munster, Indiana 46321

Dear Doctor Glatte:

Before assigning Father Formusa to help out in a parish, as he has requested, I would very much like to hear from you concerning the type of work that he would be able to do and which would be safe for him to do. There is one parish where the pastor has indicated his willingness to have him help. In this parish there is a hospital and several nursing homes.

I know that Father had various tests taken. Have these been analyzed sufficiently by you to permit you to give an opinion concerning the above-mentioned work? I am not trying to rush you in this matter; it is only that I received a letter from Father in which, among other things, he did mention finding out whether it was agreeable on our part that he do some parish work.

With best wishes and sincere thanks, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Romeo Blanchette  
Vicar General

RRB/cc

Dr. Glatte:

1. [REDACTED] is giving the tests and therapy
2. Fr. F. can do parish work, but should avoid consulting young girls.
3. Fr. F. should definitely continue therapy

- P.B. -



000069

July 18, 1964

The Rev. Salvatore Formusa  
Sacred Heart Sanatorium  
1545 S. Layton Blvd.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Father Formusa:

[REDACTED] has written to me. He is of the opinion that you need extended treatment, and that this treatment should be from a good Catholic specialist who is in reasonable distance from your home. It is evident from this that the present arrangement should not be continued indefinitely. In fact, it seems to me that the sooner you get in the hands of the specialist who will take your case, the better it would be.

I know of someone in the Dyer area, and there are others in the Chicago area. Could you stay with some of your family for a while until such time as the new doctor felt that you could return to some limited work? If so, I suggest that you make immediate plans to return, contact me, and we shall make arrangements for you to see the specialist mentioned above.

If it is not possible to find lodging with someone in your family, I would appreciate some suggestions from you concerning what might be done.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Magr. Romeo Blanchette  
Vicar General

RRB/bl







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DIOCESE OF JOLIET  
Chancery Office  
423 SUMMIT STREET  
JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60438

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Parents of Victim 5



24<sup>th</sup> June - 1968 - 3 girls, one boy - for a note.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and down.

One note - 9 yrs.

Fr. Galardi





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STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF DU PAGE ) SS

000079

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18th  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS )

VS

NO. 68-1515-G

SAL FORMUSA,  
Defendant )

## I N F O R M A T I O N

William V. Hopf, State's Attorney in and for the County of DuPage, Illinois by ANTHONY M. PECCARELLI, Assistant State's Attorney, now appears before the Circuit Court of the 18th Judicial Circuit, and in the name and by the authority of The People of the State of Illinois states that

SAL FORMUSA did on the 26th day of June, 1968, at and within DuPage County, Illinois, commit the offense of INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH A CHILD

IN THAT he, SAL FORMUSA, a male person of the age of 17 years and upwards, with intent to arouse his sexual desires, lewdly fondled and touched Victim 5, a female child under the age of 16 years, to with: 9 years, in violation of Chapter 38, Section 11-4 (a)(3), Illinois Revised Statutes 1967, and against the peace and dignity of the same People of the State of Illinois.

WILLIAM V. HOPF, State's Atty.

BY:

ANTHONY M. PECCARELLI  
1st Assistant States Attorney

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF DU PAGE ) SS

ANTHONY M. PECCARELLI, 1st, Assistant State's Attorney, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Information by him subscribed, and the same is true.

1st Assistant State's Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 1st day of July, 1968

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Notary Public



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I have examined the above Information and the person presenting the same and have heard evidence thereon, and am satisfied that there is probable cause for filing same. Leave is given to file said Information, and the Clerk of this Court shall immediately issue capias for arrest of defendants named herein.

Bail fixed at \$ 5,000.00.

\_\_\_\_\_  
J U D G E

WITNESSES:

Filed this \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk



STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 Released April 2014 ) SS  
 COUNTY OF DU PAGE )

000081

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL  
 CIRCUIT, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
 Plaintiff )

VS

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SAL FORMUSA,

Defendant. )

O R D E R

This cause coming on for hearing, and the State's Attorney representing to the Court that the basis of the charge herein is a sexual assault against a child under the age of thirteen years, and the State's Attorney moving for examination of the defendant by two qualified psychiatrists pursuant to Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 23, Section 2401 et seq., and preliminary interview of defendant by a psychiatric case worker, the Court having jurisdiction and being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that defendant, SAL FORMUSA, and/or persons to whom the defendant is known, shall be interviewed by psychiatric case worker,                     , who shall submit a written social history of said defendant to each examining psychiatrist,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendant, SAL FORMUSA, shall be personally examined by                     , M.D., and                     , M.D., qualified psychiatrists, who shall each submit a written report of such examination to this Court on or before

August 5, 1968

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 J U D G E

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STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF DU PAGE ) SS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
vs. )  
SAL FORMUSA, )  
Defendant )

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SAL FORMUSA, the above  
named defendant, is accused of \_\_\_\_\_

INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH A CHILD,

being advised of the nature of the charge and of his  
rights, hereby waives in open Court prosecution by indictment  
and consents that the proceeding may be by information instead  
of by indictment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counsel for Defendant



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DIOCESE OF JOLIET

*Chancery Office*

425 SUMMIT STREET  
JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60435

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July 2, 1968

The Rev. Salvatore Formusa  
151 LeMoyné Avenue  
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Father Formusa:

This letter will confirm the termination of your appointment as Catholic Chaplain to Central DuPage Hospital, Winfield, and the termination of your residence at St. Luke's Parish, Carol Stream, effective Monday, 1 July 1968. This termination of your appointment and residence was communicated to you by the phone call of the Chancellor, Father Daniel Ryan, on Saturday, 29 June 1968.

You are granted herewith a leave of absence from the Diocese of Joliet.

Asking God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *R. J. Vonesh*

The Most Reverend R. J. Vonesh  
Vicar General  
by Special Mandate of the Bishop  
of Joliet

RJV:lrn



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Jan. 15 - I withdrew his  
 faculties to hear confessions  
 of children,  
 + R. B.

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ENGAGEMENTS

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F. Formosa

JANUARY

MEMORANDA

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April 16, 1971  
151 Le Moyné Parkway  
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Most Rev. Romeo Blanchette  
425 Summit Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

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Dear Bishop Blanchette:

Two years ago Loyola University initiated a program in Counseling Psychology for Professionals in Religion. I was fortunate to join this program at its inception and to satisfy all its requirements (several prerequisite courses that I had to take). Now our group will be the first to get our M.A. in counseling psychology this June. After due deliberation, Loyola has decided to continue this program in the future and will seek special funding for it. There is a growing interest for this program among candidates, as well as a need to apply and implement it in the local community.

I would like to put to use my knowledge in this field in the Joliet diocese either in the educational area on the college level or in some community counseling service. I think that I am qualified to teach general psychology in college and/or to initiate a student counseling program. If there is no such opening for next fall, then perhaps I could help do counseling work through some agency or community service. I need not do individual counseling (there are others better qualified than myself), but rather I could be a resource and consultant to the pastoral needs of the community.

This May I shall have finished sixteen courses and forty-eight semester hours. I did a practicum in psychotherapy with student volunteers under supervision, and also a practicum in a city mental health clinic.

Because of my interest in the educational and counseling fields, where I can do more effective work, I do not wish to return to parochial life, though I am still helping out at St. Charles Borromeo's on Sundays. After I finish my comprehensive examination the first week of May, I shall confer with Sr. Ciatteo and get his advice.

[REDACTED]

I hope that you will kindly consider my suggestions and plans for the future and help me to achieve my goal. Abiding by your decision, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Sal Formusa*  
Rev. Sal Formusa



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Fr. Formusa

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June 7, 1971

Rev. Sal Formusa  
151 East LeMoyne Parkway  
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Dear Father Formusa:

[REDACTED] was kind enough to call me recently and to tell me that you had seen him and wanted him to contact me.

Since [REDACTED] approves of your employment to give psycho-therapy to adults, provided there is no family therapy and no contact with children, I hereby grant you permission. Doctor indicated to me that you would be a beginning therapist and would be under supervision as a beginner. He indicated that you should have no difficulty in finding a position at a community mental health clinic. He also indicated that for the time being you are going to live with your brother. He further stated that while you did not wish to be involved in parish work, you would be willing to say Mass.

Consequently I do grant you permission to continue the present living arrangement, to get a position, and if you wish to help with Mass in a parish on the eastern end of Du Page County - for example, Bensenville - you have my permission to do this.

I would hope that you would drop in to see me some time during the summer to talk matters over.

Wishing you God's blessings, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

RRB/sma



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F. Formusa — 151 Le Moyne Parkway  
Oak Park, Ill.

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psycho-therapy to adults = OK, provided

no family therapy  
and no  
contact  
with children

brother = Oak Park

(live with him)

= Community mental health  
(under supervision) clinic

(beginning therapist)

(drop in during summer)



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Sgt. Wiley called me from the DuPage Sheriff(?) Police to ask if Fr. Formusa was still in the DuPage area.

I told him no, that he lived in Oak Park, but that he helped out on Sundays in Bensenville.

The reason for the call was the abduction of a 12 year old girl in a Cook Co. suburb a few days ago. A composite picture seemed to fit Fr. Formusa, although the abductor was described as weighing 200 lbs. and being 6 feet tall. The Cook Co. Police asked DuPage Police if they knew of anyone, who might be involved.

I gave the Sgt. the address of Fr. Formusa, and mentioned how in the past years he had gone to school and obtained a Master's Degree in Counselling in Mental Health. I asked if they had checked the car involved.

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FR. FORMUSA SCAN FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET NO. 508

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Dear Msgr Murray:

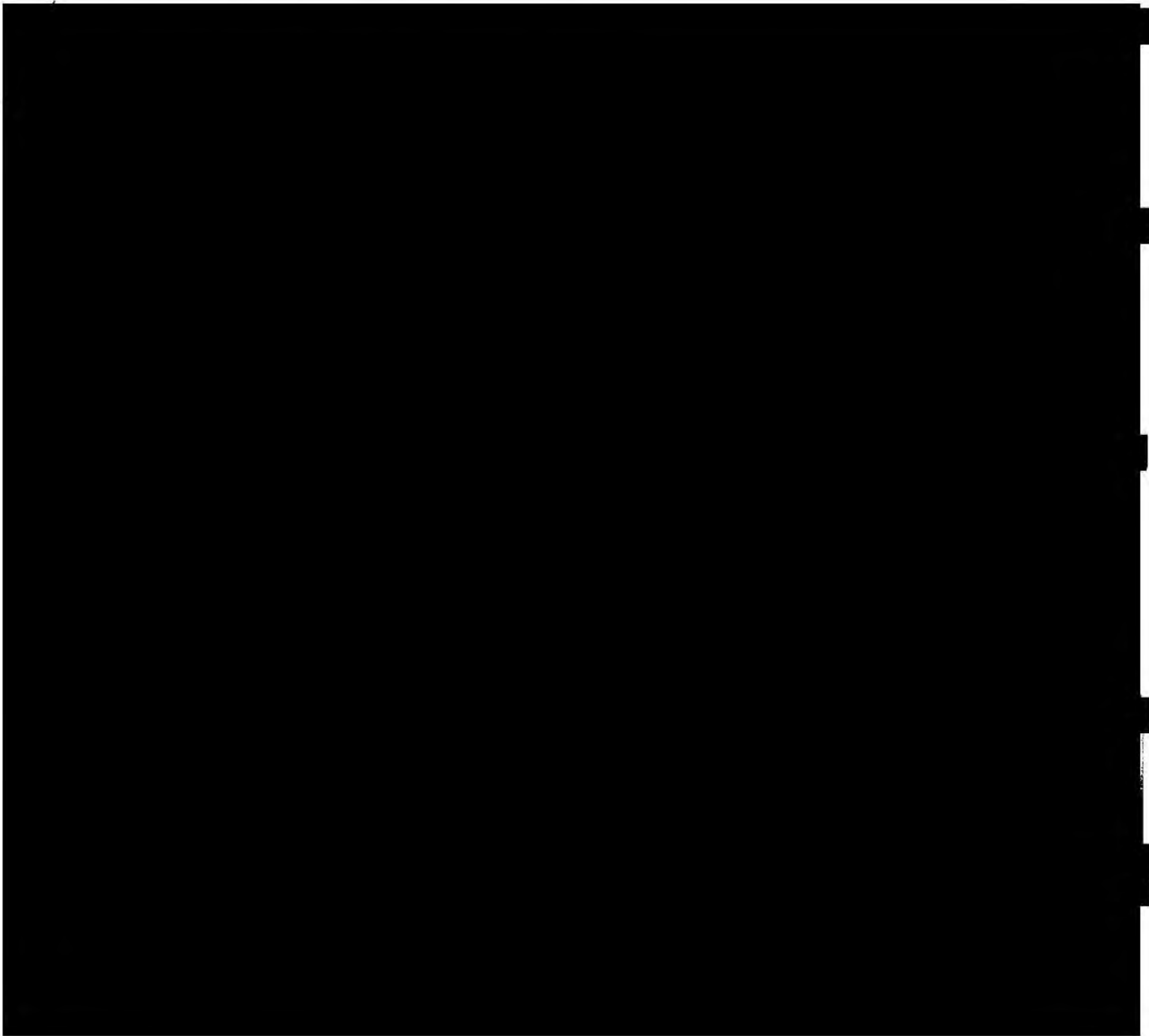
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This has nothing to do with the marriages papers enclosed in this letter.

I wonder if you know the 2 scandals that have poisoned this whole neighborhood: first the old one of about 100 years ago with Father Shinique, the Canadian Catholic priest that brought the French settlers from Canada to this neighborhood and broke with the Catholic Church and took most the french people around here along.

Bishop Blanchette knows all about it and knows the money trouble we have especially with the French.

I wonder if even the Bishop knows about the second of recent years.





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Here all the people know about the case and joke about it and about the "Watergate" in the Kankakee.

Does Father Formusa know that he sits on a time bomb which may blow up if he makes the slightest mistake or does or says something - that may be perfectly innocent but maybe misunderstood.

I for one shall never send a girl alone to that Charity Office — only when her husband or somebody is with her.

I wonder if the Bishop knows the case.

If you or the Bishop want the advice of an old man:

Take Father Formusa out of KANKAKEE and leave the whole marriage business with the Pastors.

" YOU ARE MAKING THE LUTHERANS OF THESE DEANERIES VERY, VERY HAPPY ."

Yours sincerely

