

Office of Professional Fitness Review  
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
Chicago, IL 60611  
312-751-5205

**INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL**  
For

**Fr. R. Peter Bowman**

The Individual Specific Protocol (ISP) reflects the primary goal of protecting minors and the integrity of the Church. Additionally, the ISP serves as a safeguard for the individual priest/deacon with regard to the possibility of subsequent allegations.

Professional Fitness Review clients will be subject to appropriate restrictions and monitoring by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator (PFRA) throughout the life of the individual as a priest/deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The ISP for \_\_\_\_\_ includes but is not limited to the following (PFRA to initial all that apply):

1. \_\_\_ Restricted from being alone with minors (anyone under the age of 18) without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. \_\_\_ Therapy with the suggested frequency of \_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance to therapy is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms
3. \_\_\_ Continued regular Spiritual Direction with the suggested frequency of \_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance to recommended Spiritual Direction is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
4. \_\_\_ The completion of "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed and signed by the on-site monitor. On-site monitor will then review, sign, and submit "Clergy Daily Log" forms at the end of each month to PFRA.
5. \_\_\_ No inappropriate use of computers, software, internet capabilities, communications tools or technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* will apply.
6. \_\_\_ Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement" to PFRA prior to scheduled departure.
7. \_\_\_ Attendance to recommended support group (please indicate specific support group \_\_\_\_\_). Recommended frequency of \_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance to recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.

8. \_\_\_ The right of defense should not involve the public life of the Church.

9. \_\_\_ On-site visits by PFRA annually to include meeting with PFRA and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

10. \_\_\_ On-site visits by Vicar for Priests (VP) annually to include a meeting with VP and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

11. \_\_\_ This ISP is to be reviewed annually with PFRA, VP, and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

12. Any change or alteration in this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PFRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PFRA, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, and at the discretion of any of the parties, his legal and/or canonical counsel may be involved.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

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

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

Signature of PFRA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rev. 6/6/03

**A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in Professional Fitness Review and Vicar for Priests Offices.**

**TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT**

Permission to go on vacation to \_\_\_\_\_ from/to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Destination) (Dates)

this year has been granted to \_\_\_\_\_ provided the following conditions  
(Client name)

will be met by him and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Companion/s)

*(See attached correspondence)*

1. The designated companion agrees to accompany the client at all his activities. Client is not allowed to be by himself.
2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
3. Client is required to call in \_\_\_\_\_, to keep a daily log: proofs/  
(Frequency) tickets, receipts, etc., regarding resident's activities are to be submitted to PFR Administrator for verification.
4. If any of the above conditions are violated both the client and the travel companion(s) will be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
5. The date of return to the residence has been set for \_\_\_\_\_, however due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date can be changed. Approval from the PFR Administrator must be granted for any changes in this statement.

Signature(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.**

Revised 6/6/03

Language tells me - St. James "George Mauer"

Conjecture - [redacted] mid 20s

- post college? meet for breakfast  
once a month - are all there
- He came to me as father figure

wanted to volunteer - reference  
in [redacted] - at quarter

- if - inappropriate - embrace & kiss him  
seemed appropriate

- gets he was dating - but was faithful
- such a marriage can happen - children  
talk to couple at St. J or Old St. Paul!

- faith very important

"to deflect anger over the district then to me"

Last seen [redacted] - 1 year  
Saw sister's church wedding - cancelled [redacted]  
Saw parents at "gift gathering" at auction [redacted]



### Check List When Informing A Priest About An Allegation

1. Name of priest accused: R. Peter Bowman
2. Contacted by: V. Costello
3. Date of contact: 6/15/10
4. Contact made by:  a) Telephone Call  
b) In person  
c) Other: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of accuser: [REDACTED]
6. Name of accuser shared with accused:  a) Yes    b) No
7. Explanation of external forum role of Vicar for Priests: No
8. Advice to procure civil and canonical counsel: Yes
9. Informed accused of restrictions or interim action: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Any other remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

I presume that after all this time Peter understands that a Vicar for Priests has an external Forum role.

## CLERGY DAILY LOG

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

The Individual Specific Protocol for: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cleric Name)

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

<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u> <small>(If appropriate)</small>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
7:00 – 8:00 A.M.			
8:00 – 9:00			
9:00 – 10:00			
10:00 – 11:00			
11:00 – 12:00			
12:00 – 1:00 P.M.			
1:00 – 2:00			
2:00 – 3:00			
3:00 – 4:00			
4:00 – 5:00			
5:00 – 6:00			
6:00 – 7:00			
7:00 – 8:00			
8:00 – 9:00			
9:00 – 10:00			
10:00 – 11:00			
11:00 – 7:00 A.M.			

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

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

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

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

Revised 4/5/07

**TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ [name of traveling cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to \_\_\_\_\_ [destination address and contact phone number] from \_\_\_\_\_ [departure date] through \_\_\_\_\_ [return date]. The traveling cleric will be chaperoned by \_\_\_\_\_ [name of chaperone]. The Director may contact the chaperone at the following phone number

prior to departure \_\_\_\_\_. The identified chaperone has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of the traveling cleric during the aforementioned time frame, as well as assuring that the traveling cleric will be spending the identified overnights in the same residence as him/her.

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

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

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

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

Revised 2/12/07

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**  
**INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS**

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**DO NOT COPY**

For  
Rev. R. Peter Bowman

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

This ISP for R. Peter Bowman is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~9/15/04~~ Peter Bowman, ①

Medical concern ???

x [redacted] ?

Clotting -

[redacted]

x Print up website

x What to do w/ PB's staff?  
What do others do?

Will  
revisit

-- Room available when relevant?

x What about PB's furniture  
2 - recliners - leather  
book case  
lunch for carpenter  
drawers for clotting  
1 - chair

x Telephone contact - Can <sup>see</sup> they  
call in/out?

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\* Roling les visiteurs.





Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim LN to Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, enclosing a letter Victim LN wrote to his family, disclosing his alleged abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. In the enclosed letter, Victim LN stated the alleged abuse occurred in 1966 and included kissing and a single incident of genital fondling.



A. J. Ventour

13 or 14 favorite kissing +

hugging -



Home -

don't call. !

Hello Julie,

I hope that all is well with you.

When you have a chance, could you please provide me with a list of priests assigned to St. Denis from 1965 through 1967?

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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— FEG Letters - Victim/Accused Letters; —  
— Review Bd. Responses & FEG Responses —

*No paperwork.*

Thursday morning

Dear Friends,

That does seem a little impersonal, but with the kind help of not a few good people I am able to get some message to many to whom I have neither written nor spoken for even two years. Last year, just before I was to take pen in hand, I copped out and spent a very quiet Christmas in the hospital. Was pleasant but very unlike any I can remember. Come to think of it, today is my anniversary. (Don't think I'll celebrate, however.)

After rest, relaxation, and surgery to remove my gall bladder, I am happily back at work again. This has been a very full year and a happy one mostly because of people like yourselves. As I went through names before I started writing, it did give me much joy to remember how each fits into the fabric of my life. And since friendship is the substance of faith when we turn to God, it makes friends so very important. Through them we will find Him living, loving, influencing our lives. So as I think of you, I can thank God for you all. I think that I can have a strong faith in days which have tension because of the richness of the friendship which has been offered me. Not originally, I would like to use Sacred Scripture to speak my Christmas wish to you... in a passage from Saint Paul.

I want you to be happy,  
Always happy in the Lord;  
I repeat,  
What I want is your happiness.  
Let your tolerance be evident to everyone:  
The Lord is very near.  
There is no need to worry;  
But if there is anything you need,  
Pray for it.  
Asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,  
And that peace of God,  
Which is so much greater than we can understand,  
Will guard your hearts and thoughts,  
In Christ Jesus.  
Finally, fill your minds with everything that is true,  
Everything that is noble,  
Everything that is good and pure,  
Everything that we love and honor,  
And everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy  
of praise....  
Then the God of peace will be with you.

Sincerely,



Dear Family and Friends, (guess that about includes all...)

Seems like just yesterday that I wrote to you instead of a year ago as it has been for so many. Guess that I should strike for the longer day. Now that I have begun to grow at the mature age of forty, I thought that life would begin to slow apace. But instead it still goes at a great rate. There have been changes for me since I last wrote to many of you. In June I was asked to go into the Office of Religious Education, the Archdiocesan C.C.D. Although it was hard to leave Our Lady of Victory and the wonderful people whom I have know there, I had to feel that the hierarchy of values would have me accept. So here I am. I am particularly involved with the religion program for children attending the public elementary schools, but it involves a lot of adult education-speaking to parents and faculties. Needless to say, since I have more opportunities of captive audiences instead of just one parish, I really enjoy that part of the work. It is a real joy-and a privilege- to be able to speak to persons and to try to help them see some of the beauty of our faith as it is revealed today.

I have been fortunate to be assigned as a resident to St. Timothy Church on the north side (Devon and California area). It is a small parish. A full time associate was moved and so I am allowed to do what I can in the parish. Fr. Frank West, the pastor, has been great to me and I have really felt at home again with the people. Now in four parishes I see the generosity and the goodness of people - St. Denis, St. Lawrence O'Toole, Our Lady of Victory, St. Timothy.

The staff with whom I work at the Center is a great group to be with and they have put up with my bad jokes and puns nobly. I really feel at this Christmas that they in particular have been a real gift to me.

I guess that I could just go on expanding compliments, but it is good to be able to tell you of the joy that is in me. This has been another happy year.

Just to bring yourselves up to date, my home address is St. Timothy Rectory, 6326 North Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, 60645. The phone in my room is [REDACTED] the rectory is [REDACTED] The office address is Archdiocesan Center for C.C.D., 1025 West Fry Street, Chicago, 60622. The phone is [REDACTED] (This is the best to call during the day.)

If I can borrow from St. Paul, I think these words of his say what I would want to say:

I thank my God whenever I think of you; and every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped me spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. It is only natural that I should feel like this towards you all since you have shared the privileges which have been mine. You have a permanent place in my heart, and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop so that you can always recognize what is best.

'nuff said.

In Him,



Fr. R. Peter Bowman

## Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

Robert Peter Bowman    Born: [REDACTED]    Ordained: 05/03/1955    Died: 04/16/2011    Ethnicity: Irish, English, German

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No Image  
Attached

Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. Denis Parish (St. Louis Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	07/07/1955	07/05/1961
St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish (Matteson)	Assistant Pastor	07/05/1961	05/16/1966
Our Lady of Victory Parish (Agatite Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	05/16/1966	06/20/1969
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine	Assistant Director	06/20/1969	10/01/1978
St. Timothy Parish (Washentaw Ave.)	Resident	06/20/1969	10/01/1978
St. James Parish (Arlington Heights)	Pastor	10/09/1978	08/15/1995
Deanery I-B	Dean	04/01/1984	06/30/1995
Moderator of the Curia		07/21/1995	07/01/2000
St. Teresa of Avila Parish (Armitage Ave.)	Resident	08/15/1995	03/01/2001
St. Teresa of Avila Parish (Armitage Ave.)	Administrator	08/01/2000	12/15/2000
Deanery II-D	Dean	08/01/2000	06/30/2001
St. James Parish (Arlington Heights)	Pastor Emeritus	03/20/2001	04/16/2011

**Extraordinary Appointments:** Priest Moderator for the Christian Family Movement (CFM) Chicago Federation -- 7/1/1995 - 6/30/1998  
 Liaison to Consultative Bodies -- 2/4/1998 - 2/4/2003  
 Temporary Vicar General -- 5/24/1998 - 6/1/1998  
 Interim Director of the Department of Specialized Ministries -- 7/1/2000

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June 29, 1955

My dear Father Bowman:

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of  
St. Denis Church, Chicago, Illinois.

You will kindly report for duty to Father Doyle  
on July 7th.

With blessing,

Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Robt. P. Bowman  
721 S. Elmwood Avenue  
Oak Park, Illinois



June 22, 1961

My dear Father Bowman:

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor  
of Saint Laurence O'Toole Church, Matteson, Illinois,  
transferring you from assistant to the pastor of St. Denis  
Church, Chicago.

You will kindly report for duty on Wednesday,  
July 5th, to Father Doran, the pastor.

With blessing, I remain,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend R. Peter Bowman

St. Denis Church

3420 West 83rd Place

Chicago Illinois

*Priest File*



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POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

May 10, 1966

C

Reverend Robert P. Bowman  
St. Lawrence O'Toole Rectory  
214th and Governor's Highway  
Matteson, Illinois

O

Dear Father Bowman:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Assistant to the Right Reverend Monsignor Raymond J. Zock, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, Chicago, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

P

This appointment is effective May 16, 1966, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you assume your new duties.

Y

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. Zock

AOC 007251

*Priest file*



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Office of the Archbishop

June 9, 1969

C

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Our Lady of Victory Rectory  
5212 Agatite  
Chicago, Illinois 60630

Dear Father Bowman:

O

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Assistant Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, 1025 West Fry Street, Chicago, Illinois. You will report to the Reverend Theodore C. Stone, Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, who will apprise you of your new duties.

P

You will reside at St. Timothy Parish, 6326 North Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It is understood that you will render every priestly assistance, in conformity with your administrative duties, to the Pastor of the parish. It will be feasible, I am certain, for you to hear confessions and to assist with Masses on the weekend, and to take whatever other assignment would render your priestly service helpful to the parish.

Y

This appointment is effective Friday, June 20, 1969, but I would ask you to make arrangements with Father Stone about the exact date when you assume your new duties.

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Theodore C. Stone  
Rev. Francis A. West

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*Pas. Priest file*



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

June 25, 1975

Office of the Vicar General

C

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
St. Timothy Rectory  
6326 N. Washtenaw  
Chicago, Illinois 60659

O

Dear Father Bowman,

P

Due to the serious illness of the Reverend Francis A. West, Pastor of St. Timothy Parish, Chicago, Illinois, by special mandate of His Eminence, Cardinal Cody, and in accordance with Canons 472 and 473 of the Code of Canon Law, I am pleased to appoint you Administrator or Vicar Econome of St. Timothy Parish. As Vicar Econome you will have all the obligations of the Pastoral office, particularly that of celebrating the Mass for the people (Canon 473, 1), just as if you were the pastor of that parish.

Y

This appointment is effective immediately and will remain in effect until a new pastor is appointed.

Wishing you every blessing, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Brackin  
Vicar General

cc: Rev. Msgr. Eugene Mulcahey, Vicar Delegate, Region II  
Rev. Thomas J. Hastings, Associate Pastor  
Archdiocesan Clergy Personnel Board



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Dr. Bowman*

Office of the Archbishop

October 2, 1978

C

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
St. Timothy Rectory  
6326 N. Washtenaw  
Chicago, Illinois 60659

Dear Father Bowman:

O

Due to the retirement of the Reverend Edward J. Laramie, Pastor of St. James Parish, Arlington Heights, that parish has become vacant.

In accordance with Canon 455 of the Code of Canon Law and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, we are pleased to appoint you herewith as Pastor of St. James Parish, Arlington Heights, with full spiritual and temporal administrative powers, and we heartily commend you to the good people there.

P

This appointment is effective immediately and, in accord with Archdiocesan policy, is valid for a term of six years, that is, to October 2, 1984. We wish you to take canonical possession of this parish as soon as possible.

Y

You will assume canonical possession and jurisdiction of the above-mentioned parish as soon as the Profession of Faith is taken before the Urban Vicar, the Very Reverend John T. McEnroe, acting as our Delegate according to the provisions of Canon Law.

Wishing you every blessing in this pastoral office, we remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

*+ John Cardinal Cody*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

bcc: ~~Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board~~



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Office of the Vicar General

## ATTESTATION OF THE ACT OF INSTALLATION

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, AMEN

His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody, being Archbishop of Chicago, I do hereby attest that the

REVEREND R. PETER BOWMAN

duly appointed pastor whose letter of appointment bears the date of **October 2,** 1978, has on this date in accordance with Canon Law (Canon 461) and the statutes of The Archdiocese of Chicago taken canonical possession of the parish of

St. James  
841 North Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

*Very Rev. John G. McEwen*  
URBAN VICAR

DATE *Oct. 9, 1978*

AOC 007255

BOWMAN, REV. R. PETER



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

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Office of the Archbishop

November 22, 1982

C

Dear Father Bowman:

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I am pleased to notify you officially of your appointment as Deputy to your Urban Vicar, Reverend Robert H. Festle.

This appointment is effective immediately, and remains in effect for the duration of Fr. Festle's term of office as Urban Vicar.

P

I am very grateful to you for accepting this added ministry of Deputy Vicar. Be assured, too, of my own prayers and support.

With deep appreciation for your valuable priestly collaboration, and with cordial good wishes, I remain

Y

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph L. Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. R. Peter Bowman, Pastor  
St. James Church  
841 N. Arlington Heights Rd.  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

cc - Rev. Robert H. Festle  
Urban Vicar, Vicariate II

JKK:cfb

AOC 007256



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop

March 29, 1984

C

Dear Father Bowman:

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In light of the needs of the Archdiocese and in accordance with Canon 553 of the Code of Canon Law, it gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Dean of Deanery No. 2 of Vicariate I. The Episcopal Vicar for this Vicariate is The Most Reverend John Vlazny, whom I will ask to receive your Profession of Faith.

This appointment is effective April 1, 1984, and will be for a term of three years, which is renewable.

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May I take this opportunity to express my own appreciation for your willingness to serve the Church of Chicago and in particular the people of God of your Deanery in this capacity. In this work you will be assisting me and the Episcopal Vicars as we minister to this vast and complex Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my hope that these new duties will not conflict exceedingly with your present work at Saint James Church.

Y

Know that I stand with you and support you in this ministry. I am sure that the priests and people of your area will warmly receive you as you minister to their needs and proclaim the message of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ through your life.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Archbishop of Chicago

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Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Saint James Church  
841 North Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

cc: The Most Reverend John Vlazny  
Reverend Robert H. Festle





# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

August 6, 1984

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Dear Peter:

Your six-year term as Pastor of Saint James Parish will soon be coming to conclusion.

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In light of the recommendation of the Clergy Personnel Board, which reflects the endorsement of your Episcopal Vicar, Bishop John G. Vlazny, I am pleased to extend your appointment as Pastor of Saint James Parish for an additional six years, that is to October 6, 1990.

P

The support you have received for this is an indication of the fine priestly service that you have rendered to the people of Saint James Parish as you have proclaimed the Gospel there through your word and deed. It is my hope that this reappointment will be a renewal not only of a term of office, but also for you personally as you continue to share your priestly gifts with the people of God.

Y

May I also take this opportunity to thank you for taking on the responsibility of being Dean for your area. I know the priests and people of the northwest suburbs appreciate you very much. I share in this.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Saint James Church  
841 North Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60040

cc: Most Reverend John G. Vlazny  
Clergy Personnel Board

AOC 007258

April 14, 1987

Dear Father Bowman:

I am pleased to reappoint you as dean. In this capacity you will be serving Deanery 2 Northwest Suburban of Vicariate I. You will continue to serve with Bishop Vlazny, the Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate I.

Your term of office is effective May 1, 1987, and will be for a term of three years, which is renewable.

Peter, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for all that you have done during your service as dean. At times your work has been of personal sacrifice to you and I am deeply grateful for your willingness to accept another term of office. The priests and people of your deanery deeply respect your judgement and hold you in high regard. On a very personal note, I have enjoyed working with you in the past and look forward to a continued opportunity to do so in the future.

Hopefully, these duties will not interfere exceedingly with your pastoral duties at Saint James Parish.

Be assured of my continued prayers and support. I hope that this reappointment will also be a time of renewal for you personally in your important work of ministering to the needs of the priests and people of your deanery.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Saint James Church  
841 N. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60040  
cc: Most Reverend John G. Vlazny



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Office of the Archbishop*

April 6, 1990

Dear Father Bowman:

In light of the present needs of the Archdiocese, and in keeping with my announcement to the Presbyteral Senate, I hereby extend your term of office for an additional year, that is, until May 1, 1991.

I am grateful for all you have done and are doing to serve the Church in this capacity. I realize that at times there are sacrifices you must make and I want you to know of my appreciation for your ministry to this local church.

Peter, be assured of my prayers and support, as well as my gratitude and priestly affection.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Kenneth Vels*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Saint James Church  
820 N. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

cc: Most Reverend John R. Gorman, Episcopal Vicar  
Reverend James P. Roache, Vicar General  
Reverend Thomas M. Dore, Chairman, Presbyteral Senate  
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board ✓

AOC 007260



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Office of the Archbishop*

May 7, 1990

Dear Peter:

In light of the excellent recommendation you have received from the Priests' Personnel Board, I am very pleased to appoint you to another term as pastor of Saint James Parish, Arlington Heights.

Peter, you are an exemplary pastor and have given so much of yourself to Saint James Parish. Your people are indeed fortunate to have you as their shepherd. In a special way I would like to express my deep gratitude for all you have done, not only at the parish, but in the deanery. You are greatly admired and respected by your priests and staffs of the parishes of your deanery...and rightly so.

Many thanks for all you do for this local Church in collaboration with Bishop Gorman, Father Zavaski and the other deans. May the Lord reward you for the pastoral leadership, guidance and compassion you have shown to those entrusted to your care.

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

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Carl Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Kenneth Vels.*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Saint James Parish  
820 N. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

cc: Most Reverend John R. Gorman, Episcopal Vicar  
Office of Research, Planning & Evaluation  
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board ✓

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AOC 007261



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

1-1-91

September 14, 1990

Office of the Archbishop

Dear Peter,

In light of the recommendation of the Sabbatical Board, I am pleased to grant your request for a sabbatical beginning January 1, 1991, through July 1, 1991. Please inform Fr. Ken Velo and Fr. Wayne Prist of your address(es) during this time.

This appointment is made with the understanding that you will return to St. James in Arlington Heights.

Following Archdiocesan and Sabbatical Board Policy, St. James will pay your salary for the period of the 6-month sabbatical. The Center for Development in Ministry will pay tuition, room and board expenses.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your fine work at St. James as well as for your thirty-five years of service to the Archdiocese.

As you look forward to this important transition in your priesthood, please know that you have my support and prayers. Please pray for me as well.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Card. Bernardin".

Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Peter Bowman  
St. James  
820 N. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

cc: Rev. Kenneth Velo ✓  
Rev. Wayne F. Prist  
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board  
Most Rev. John Gorman

AOC 007262



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

August 29, 1991

Dear Father Bowman:

After extensive consultation and in accord with canon 553 of the Code of Canon Law, I am pleased to re-appoint you as Dean of Deanery 2 (Northwest Suburban) of Vicariate I. I will ask your Episcopal Vicar, Bishop Raymond Goedert, to receive your Profession of Faith. This appointment is effective September 1, 1991 and will be for a term of three years, which is renewable.

I am grateful for your continued willingness to serve the Archdiocese and, in particular, the people of God in your Deanery through the office of Dean. As Dean, you will be assisting me, the Vicar for Regional Services and your Episcopal Vicar to better provide for the pastoral governance of this local church.

The office of Dean is described in canons 554 and 555. In general, it is the Dean's responsibility to promote and coordinate common pastoral activity within the Deanery, to see to it that the priests and deacons in the Deanery diligently perform their proper roles and duties, and to ascertain that the parishes in the Deanery are being administered properly in accord with liturgical norms and canon law, as well as Archdiocesan policies and procedures. Among your particular duties, the Dean is responsible to inspect and verify that parish sacramental records are correctly inscribed and being kept in good condition. In addition to these provisions, your role as Dean will be more fully explained and discussed in future meetings with the Episcopal Vicars and other Deans.

Peter, please know of my personal support and prayers for you in this ministry. I am sure that the priests and people of the Deanery will welcome your leadership and unique contribution of Christian service.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Thomas J. Paprocki*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Saint James Parish  
820 North Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

cc: Most Reverend John Gorman, Vicar General/Vicar for Regional Services  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate I



## Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Formula for making the profession of faith in those cases where it is required by law)

I, the Reverend R. Peter Bowman, with firm faith believe and profess everything that is contained in the symbol of faith, namely:

I (\*We) believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

With firm faith I also believe everything contained in God's word, written or handed down in tradition and proposed by the Church, whether by way of solemn judgment or through the ordinary and universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith.

I also firmly accept and hold each and every thing that is proposed definitively by the Church regarding teaching on faith and morals.

Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the college of bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium, even if they proclaim those teachings by an act that is not definitive.

(\*At a public liturgical ceremony, e.g. the installation of a Pastor, this paragraph may be recited in the plural together with the other members of the assembly.)

**OATH OF FIDELITY ON ASSUMING AN OFFICE TO BE EXERCISED  
IN THE NAME OF THE CHURCH**

(In the Archdiocese of Chicago this form applies to those assuming the office mentioned in the canon 833, nn. 5-6, i.e. vicars general, episcopal vicars, judicial vicars, pastors, seminary rectors, professors of theology and philosophy in seminaries, and those to be ordained deacons.)

I, the Reverend R. Peter Bowman, in assuming the office of Dean, promise that both in my words and in my conduct I shall always preserve communion with the Catholic Church.

I shall carry out with the greatest care and fidelity the duties incumbent on me toward both the universal Church and the particular Church in which, according to the provisions of the law, I have been called to exercise my service.

In fulfilling the charge entrusted to me in the name of the Church, I shall hold fast to the deposit of faith in its entirety, I shall faithfully hand it on and explain it, and I shall avoid any teachings opposed to that faith.

I shall follow and foster the common discipline of the whole Church and I shall observe all ecclesiastical laws, especially those which are contained in the Code of Canon Law.

In Christian obedience I shall unite myself with what is declared by the bishops as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith or established by them as those responsible for the governance of the Church; I shall also faithfully assist the diocesan bishops, in order that the apostolic activity exercised in the name and by mandate of the Church may be carried out in the communion of the same Church.

So help me God, and God's holy Gospels, on which I place my hand.

Witnessed by:

Raymond E. Gaedert  
Name  
Episcopal Vicar  
Title

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Signature

Dated at Deerfield, Illinois

On the Tenth Day of the Month of September

In the Year of Our Lord 1991



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

(312) 751-8230  
Fax (312) 337-6379

June 6, 1994

Dear Father Bowman:

In light of the present needs of the Archdiocese, and in keeping with my announcement to the Presbyteral Council, I hereby extend your term of office for an additional year, that is, until June 30, 1995.

I am grateful for all you have done and are doing to serve the Church in this capacity. I realize that at times there are sacrifices you must make and I want you to know of my appreciation for your ministry to this local church.

Pete, be assured of my prayers and support, as well as my gratitude and priestly affection.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

*Thomas J. Paprocki*  
Chancellor

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Dean, Deanery 2  
820 N. Arlington Heights Rd.  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate I  
Most Rev. John R. Gorman, Vicar General/Vicar for Regional Services  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Chairman, Presbyteral Council  
Rev. Kenneth Velo, Archdiocesan Priests' Placement Board

AOC 007266

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

May 31, 1995

Dear Father Bowman:

In light of our discussion and the needs of the Archdiocese at the present time, I am pleased to appoint you Vicar for Administration and Moderator of the Curia. This appointment is effective July 21, 1995 and will be for a term of four years which, of course, is subject to renewal.

During this period of transition, you will be meeting with Father Kevin Spiess regarding pending issues and matters that need to be addressed at the present time. Also, the Priests' Placement Board has begun the selection process to determine a successor for pastor at Saint James Parish.

Peter, I am most grateful for your cooperation and willingness to serve the Church in this capacity. Given your past experiences in agency work, as a dean, and, in particular, as pastor of one of our largest and spiritually thriving parishes, you bring much talent and expertise to this new responsibility. Please know of my deep appreciation for all you have done at Saint James through these nearly seventeen years as pastor and for your leadership as dean of Deanery 2 Northwest Suburbs through these past eleven years. You have given outstanding service to the Archdiocese of Chicago and you are admired and held in high esteem by your brother priests.

As you take up your new duties, be assured of my encouragement and support, as well as my gratitude.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Thomas J. Paprocki*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Saint James Parish  
820 N. Arlington Heights Rd.  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, Episcopal Vicar  
Reverend Kevin J. Spiess, Vicar for Administration  
Sister Mary Brian Costello, Chief of Staff  
Brother Dennis Dunne, F.M.S., Exec. Assistant to Cardinal  
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board ✓

AOC 007267

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690



Dear Father Bowman:

In accord with the recommendation of the Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, I am pleased to appoint you as resident of Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, Chicago. This appointment is effective August 15, 1995.

Please speak with Father John Hoffman regarding the necessary arrangements. To facilitate your efforts at the parish, I hereby grant you the necessary sacramental faculties for the duration of your residency. No doubt, the staff and parishioners will appreciate your presence and participation in parish life insofar as you are able, given your full-time responsibilities as Vicar for Administration/Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Peter, many thanks again for all you have done and continue to do for the Church of Chicago and, in particular, for your willingness and generosity in accepting the ministry of Vicar for Administration for the Archdiocese.

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

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*David M. Heymans, O.P.*

Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Saint James Parish  
820 N. Arlington Hts. Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

cc: Reverend John R. Hoffman  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board ✓

AOC 007268

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

November 15, 1996

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Moderator of the Curia  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
155 East Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Father Bowman:


As you know, yesterday in his capacity as Senior Auxiliary Bishop Jakubowski convoked a meeting of the College of Consultors as required by canon law for the election of the Diocesan Administrator, following the death of His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago. As a result of that election, I have been elected Diocesan Administrator to govern the Archdiocese until the Holy See appoints a new Archbishop.

With the death of the Cardinal, your office and powers of governance as Vicar for Administration cease (cf. canons 409 and 481). However, in order to provide for the continued handling of your important responsibilities, I hereby appoint you Delegate for Administration in accord with canon 137, §1. Moreover, your office and powers of governance as Moderator of the Curia continue. I know that I will be able to count on your capable pastoral care of the diocesan Curia and wise leadership in the administration of the Pastoral Center.

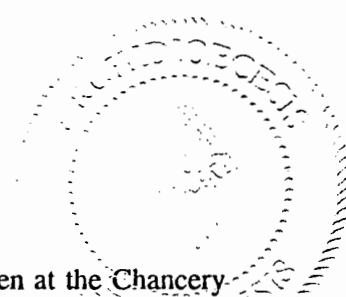
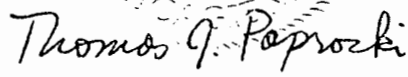
Please pray for the repose of the soul of our brother, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ

  
Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Diocesan Administrator

Given at the Chancery

  
  
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor and  
Secretary, College of Consultors

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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May 8, 1997  
Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Moderator of the Curia  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
155 East Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Father Bowman:

As I begin my pastoral ministry as Archbishop of Chicago, I am most grateful for all that you have done to carry on your ministry at the Pastoral Center since the death of His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin. Your capable leadership has helped provide stability for this local Church during this interim period.

Because of your knowledge and experience, your ministry is very valuable and needed in providing for the pastoral care of this large Archdiocese. Since so much will be new to me, I will need to rely on you to provide the same capable and devoted leadership you gave to Cardinal Bernardin. Accordingly, I am pleased to appoint you Vicar for Administration, in accord with canons 476-481, effective immediately. In addition, I ask that you continue as Moderator of the Curia. This appointment will be for an indefinite term, but I would like to review this with you in one year so that we could mutually assess our working relationship.

I look forward to working closely with you in the years ahead. Let us pray for each other as together we serve the people of God.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

Given at the Chancery

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

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

A handwritten note in cursive script, reading "Thank you for all your help".

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

February 4, 1998

Dear Father Bowman:

I am pleased to appoint you as my liaison to the Consultative Bodies. This appointment is effective immediately, and is for a term of five years. I am grateful for your willingness to accept this position in light of your many other responsibilities as Moderator of the Curia.

Peter, your experience and perspective will be invaluable in regard to my relationship to the Consultative Bodies. It is essential that I have a positive and effective working relationship with the Presbyteral Council and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. This position also requires that you serve as my liaison to the Priest Convocation and the Women's Commission.

Thanks again for all that you do.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis E. George".

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Jeremiah Boland".

Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Moderator of the Curia  
155 East Superior  
Chicago, IL 60611

cc: Most Rev. Raymond Goedert/Vicar General  
Sister Anita Baird, DHM  
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
✓ Diocesan Priest Placement Board  
Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Chairman, Presbyteral Council  
Mr. David Sherman, Chairman, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council  
Rev. Thomas Ventura, Chairman, Priest Convocation  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

AOC 007271

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

May 22, 1998

Dear Father Bowman,

As you know, the Auxiliary Bishops and I will be in Rome for the ad limina visit from May 24th through June 1st. I am appointing you as the acting Vicar General during this period.

With thanks for all that you do on my behalf, Peter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Cardinal George".

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

Given at the Chancery

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

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Pastoral Center  
155 East Superior St  
Chicago IL 60611

AOC 007272

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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June 17, 2000

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Father Bowman:

As we discussed, I am transferring you in accord with canon 190 from your current office as Moderator of the Curia and am pleased to appoint you in accord with canon 470 as Interim Director of the Department of Specialized Ministries. This appointment, which becomes effective July 1, 2000, will remain in effect until a permanent replacement is found.

Peter, you served well in fulfilling your mandate from Cardinal Bernardin to be a pastor to the staff of the Pastoral Center. I appreciate all that you have done in service to the Church so far and I am grateful to you for your cooperation in this reorganization, especially your willingness to continue past the normal retirement age for diocesan priests. May God bless you in your ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

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

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

A handwritten note in black ink that says "Thank you continued help -".

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Mr. Jimmy M. Lago, Chancellor-Designate  
✓ Reverend Jeremiah Boland, Executive Secretary, Priests' Placement Board

AOC 007273



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Cardinal



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

July 17, 2000

Dear Father Bowman:

In accord with canon 553 of the code of Canon Law, I am pleased to appoint you as Acting Dean of Deanery II-D while the current Dean, Father John Hoffman, is on sabbatical. Your term is from August 1, 2000 to December 15, 2000.

I am grateful for your willingness to serve the Archdiocese during this time. As dean, you will be assisting me, the Vicar General and your Episcopal Vicar to better provide for the pastoral governance of this local church.

The office of Dean is described in canons 554 and 555. In general, it is the Dean's responsibility to promote and coordinate common pastoral activity within the Deanery, to see to it that the priests and deacons in the Deanery diligently perform their proper roles and duties, that the parishes in the Deanery are being administered properly in accord with liturgical norms and canon law, as well as Archdiocesan policies and procedures, and that parish sacramental records are correctly inscribed and kept in good condition.

Peter, thank you for your willingness to help Bishop Conway while Father Hoffman is on sabbatical.



Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.", with a flourish at the end.

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

*Rev. Richard Acordia*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Peter Bowman  
St. Teresa of Avila  
1037 West Armitage Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Most Reverend Edwin Conway, Episcopal Vicar,  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

AOC 007274

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

July 17, 2000

Dear Father Bowman,

Due to the sabbatical of Reverend John Hoffman, pastor of St. Teresa of Avila, the parish is in need of an administrator. I am pleased to appoint you as temporary administrator. This appointment is effective August 1, 2000, and will remain in effect until Fr. Hoffman returns from his sabbatical on December 15, 2000. Attached are our Archdiocesan guidelines for administrators of parishes.

Peter, thank you very much for your generosity and cooperation in accepting this responsibility. I am confident you will fulfill this office with competence and compassion and that the staff and parishioners will support you in your responsibility.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Cardinal George".

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Jeremiah Byland".

Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
St. Teresa of Avila  
1037 W Armitage Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60614

cc: Most Reverend Raymond Goedert, Vicar General  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Reverend Lawrence McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
Most Reverend Edwin Conway, Vicar  
Reverend John Hoffman, Dean/Pastor  
✓ Diocesan Priests' Placement Board

Enclosure

AOC 007275

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from the Archdiocese of Chicago, Office of Professional Fitness Review, dated August 11, 2000, comprising a telephone log of those calls related to Victim LR's allegation of abuse. The memorandum reflects that the Professional Fitness Review Administrator (PFRA) spoke to Victim LR's relative concerning her relative's allegations of abuse. According to the telephone log, the fact of Victim LR's allegation was shared with the Vicar for Priests, Bishop Raymond Goedert and Cardinal George. Victim LR's relative scheduled an appointment with PFRA for Victim LR to formalize his allegation with PFRA.

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*St Theresa / Amity*

[REDACTED]

- *Against Peter Gorman*  
*16 yr old boy at [REDACTED]*  
[REDACTED]

*grabbed / exposed himself.*

[REDACTED]

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review  
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
Chicago, IL 60611



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

Memorandum

Memo to File: [REDACTED] Bowman  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*  
Re: Response to Allegation of Sexual Misconduct With a Minor  
Date: August 12, 2000

Father Peter Bowman, Father James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests, and Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator met at St. Teresa of Avila Rectory at 8:00 p.m.

PFRA presented details of allegation made by [REDACTED]. Father Bowman was unable to remember any specific incident [REDACTED] as described by [REDACTED]. He stated unequivocally that he has never [REDACTED]

The incident [REDACTED] was "horseplay" and had no sexual undertones. [REDACTED]

Father Bowman expressed deep embarrassment and asked PFRA to apologize most sincerely to [REDACTED] if anything he did had been painful to [REDACTED]

Recommendation made for Michael Bland to facilitate communication among parties involved.

Father Bowman agreed to stay away from rectory office until meeting can be scheduled with [REDACTED] and family members.

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

AOC 007278

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, to file, dated August 12, 2000, summarizing Victim LR's allegation of abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the memorandum, Victim LR reported inappropriate behavior by Bowman, including uncomfortable touching and poking LR's buttocks. This alleged abuse occurred at the St. Teresa of Avila rectory between 1999 and 2000.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

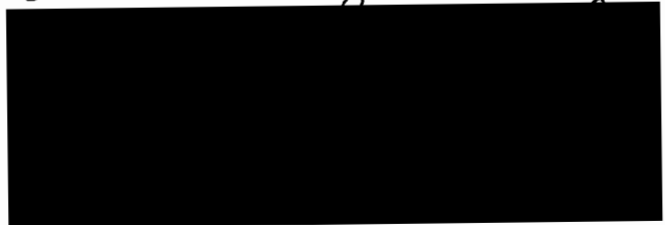
You have a right to report accusations of child abuse to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (The Department of Children and Family Services "hotline" telephone number is 1-800-252-2873). You also have a right to report such accusations to the State's Attorney's Office or other law enforcement agencies. (The Cook County State's Attorney's telephone number is (312) 443-5440; the Lake County State's Attorney's telephone number is (708) 360-6644). If you have any questions as to how to make such a report you may refer those questions to the Department of Children and Family Services or the State's Attorney's Office.

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I have read and understood the above notice. A representative of the Archdiocese has given me a copy of the Department of Children and Family Services brochure describing the child abuse reporting laws. The representative of the Archdiocese whose name appears below has not discouraged me in any way from reporting to the authorities.

8/12/00

Date



I presented a copy of this "Important Notice" and a copy of the Department of Children and Family Services brochure describing the child abuse reporting laws to the person whose printed name and signature appears above, on the date indicated in this document.

8/12/00

Date

Michael J. Bland

Signature

Michael J. Bland

Print Name

Kathleen Leggard

Kathleen Leggard

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**Memorandum**

To: File

From: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate  
to the Professional Fitness Review Board

Re: **Review Board Meeting – Rev. R. Peter Bowman**

Date: August 19, 2000

The Review Board considered the report by a minor of Fr. Peter Bowman's alleged behavior and determined that this behavior did not constitute sexual misconduct with a minor or even inappropriate behavior, but rather "foolish horseplay."

Accordingly, the Board confirmed the Professional Fitness Review Administrator's decision not to recommend Father Bowman's withdrawal from the parish.

*8/19/00 - per report that recommended*



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**Professional Fitness Review Board**

**MINUTES**

**August 19, 2000**

I. Approval of June 17, 2000 Minutes

II. Case reviews

A. In the matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. In the matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C. In the matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. In the matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

E. In the matter of Rev. Peter Bowman

The Review Board considered the report by a minor of Fr. Peter Bowman's alleged behavior and determined that this behavior did not constitute sexual misconduct with a minor or even inappropriate behavior, but rather "foolish horseplay."

Accordingly, the Board confirmed the Professional Fitness Review Administrator's decision not to recommend Father Bowman's withdrawal from the parish.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is September 16, 2000**

## Memorandum

Memo to File:

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

Re: Rev. R. Peter Bowman

Date: September 19, 2000

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Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting August 19, 2000:

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September 26, 2000

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
St. Teresa of Avila  
1037 W. Armitage Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Father Bowman,

On August 19, 2000, the Review Board conducted a First Stage Review into the allegation of misconduct with the minor [REDACTED] pursuant to Article 1104.8 of the Policies and Procedures of Fitness for Ministry.

The Board Members considered all oral and written information available and determined that the alleged behavior did not constitute sexual misconduct with a minor or even inappropriate behavior, but rather "foolish horseplay."

Accordingly, the Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation that no further action be taken and that the file be closed.

Thank you for your cooperation during what must have been a difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Leggdas".

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

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

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September 26, 2000

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board conducted a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.8 of the Policies and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry for Father Peter Bowman on August 19, 2000.

The Board Members considered all oral and written information available and determined that the alleged behavior did not constitute sexual misconduct with a minor or even inappropriate behavior, but rather, "foolish horseplay."

Accordingly, the Board recommends no further action be taken and that the file be closed.

If you have questions, please call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Leggdas".

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Cc: Members of the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim's Assistance Ministry

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September 27, 2000

Ms. Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing for the record in response to your letter of September 26, 2000 regarding the matter of **Reverend R. Peter Bowman**, following the First Stage Review by the Review Board concluded on August 19, 2000.

I accept the Board's determination that Father Bowman's alleged behavior did not constitute sexual misconduct with a minor or even inappropriate behavior, but rather, "foolish horseplay." Accordingly, I agree that no further action be taken and the file be closed.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Cardinal George".

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

Given at the Chancery

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Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Ecclesiastical Notary

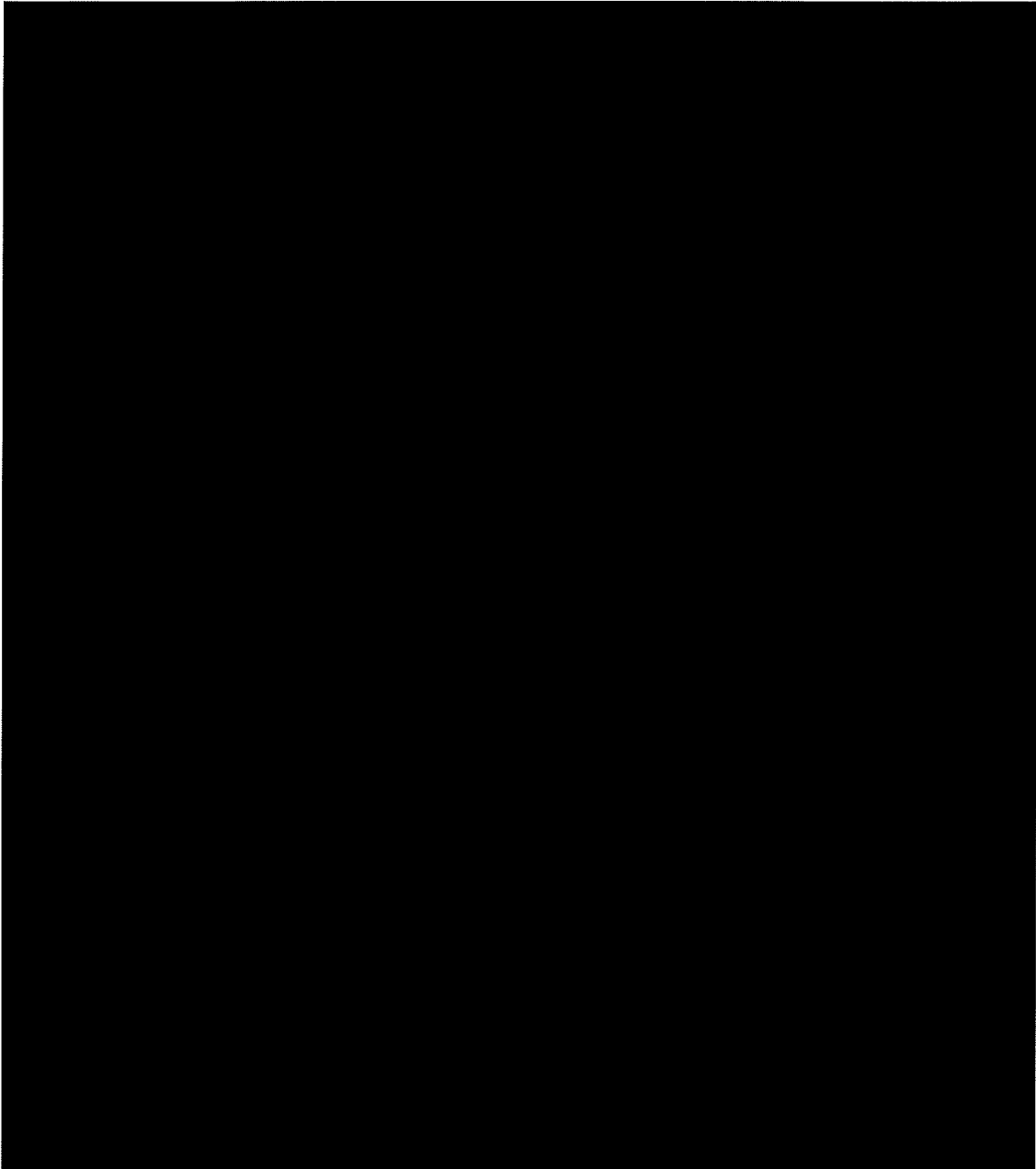
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Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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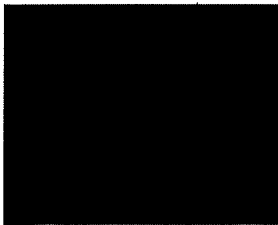
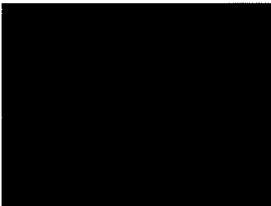
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Recommendations for Candidates for Seminary Positions:

Peter Bowman '55



DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Retirement form**  
meet with PASTOR

DATE: Jan 12 2001

Dear Fr Peter Bowman

Fr. Jerry Boland

Met on Jan 12, 2001

Agreed retire on \_\_\_\_\_ *(effective when his department is merged - up of)*

Pastor Emeritus of which parish please check - I found St. Mary's & St. Vincent's

(Sometimes they have been pastor of several parishes)

Will be living at St. Theresa

\_\_\_\_\_ years of priesthood

(Please speak with Father Charles Kelly of the Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association regarding your pension benefits and other necessary arrangements.)

Fr. Jerry

Reverend \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parish) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
(C/S/Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Fr. Bowman will remain a Dean  
He will stay on the Finance Council



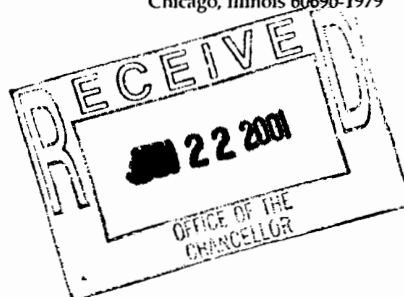
# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Cardinal



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January 22, 2001



Dear Father Bowman:

In accord with canon 553 of the code of Canon Law, I am pleased to appoint you as Dean of Deanery II-D. Your term of office, which is renewable, is effective January 22, 2001 and will conclude on June 30, 2001.

I am grateful for your willingness to serve the Archdiocese and, in particular, the people of God in your Deanery through the office of Dean. As dean, you will be assisting me, the Vicar General and your Episcopal Vicar to better provide for the pastoral governance of this local church.

The office of Dean is described in canons 554 and 555. In general, it is the Dean's responsibility to promote and coordinate common pastoral activity within the Deanery, to see to it that the priests and deacons in the Deanery diligently perform their proper roles and duties, that the parishes in the Deanery are being administered properly in accord with liturgical norms and canon law, as well as Archdiocesan policies and procedures, and that parish sacramental records are correctly inscribed and kept in good condition. In addition to these provisions, your role as Dean will be more fully explained and discussed in future meetings with the Episcopal Vicars and other Deans.

Peter, you have my personal support and prayers for you in this ministry. I am sure that the priests and people of the Deanery will welcome your leadership.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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



*Res. Richard Sander*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Peter Bowman  
St. Teresa of Avila  
1037 West Armitage Avenue  
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*Keep us posted!*

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Most Reverend Edwin Conway, Episcopal Vicar  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

AOC 007290

January 25, 2001

Dear Father Bowman,

It was good to meet with you on Friday, January 12th. As I mentioned at our meeting, I am writing to you as a follow-up to our discussion. We agreed your retirement would be effective once your department is merged with the Chancellor's office. It was also agreed that you would remain Dean of Vicariate II D and a member of the Finance Council.

As the time draws near, I will be writing a more formal letter to name you Pastor Emeritus of St. James in Arlington Heights.

Please speak with Father Charles Kelly of the Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association regarding your pension benefits and other necessary arrangements.

Peter, I wish to thank you for all you have done during your 46 years of priesthood and especially for your leadership and service as Moderator of the Curia and Director of Specialized Ministries. Know of my continued prayers and support, as well as my gratitude.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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

Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
St. Teresa of Avila Parish  
1037 W Armitage Ave

AOC 007291

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
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cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert/Vicar General  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Reverend Lawrence McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
Reverend James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Most Reverend Timothy J. Lyne, Vicar for Senior Priests  
Most Rev. Edwin Conway, Vicar  
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Reverend Charles F. Kelly, PRMAA  
Mr. Alex Becker, PRMAA

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January 31, 2001

Dear Father Bowman,

It was good to meet with you on Friday, January 12th. As I mentioned at our meeting, I am writing to you as a follow-up to our discussion. We agreed your retirement would be March 1, 2001. It was also agreed that you would remain Dean of Vicariate II D and a member of the Finance Council.

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

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Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
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Reverend Charles F. Kelly, PRMAA  
Mr. Alex Becker, PRMAA

A G E N D A

**Meeting:** #51<sup>st</sup> - Seventeenth Board  
**Date:** February 2, 2001  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Priests' Placement Board

**Present:** Rev.: Jeremiah M. Boland, Kurt D. Boras, John W. Clemens,  
Joseph P. Grembla, Robert G. Mair, Daniel P. McCarthy,  
Martin E. O'Donovan, Michael J. Shanahan

**Absent:** Rev. David A. Jones

**I Opening Prayer:** Rev. John Clemens *TIME:* \_\_\_\_\_

**II Acceptance of Minutes:** VOTE:

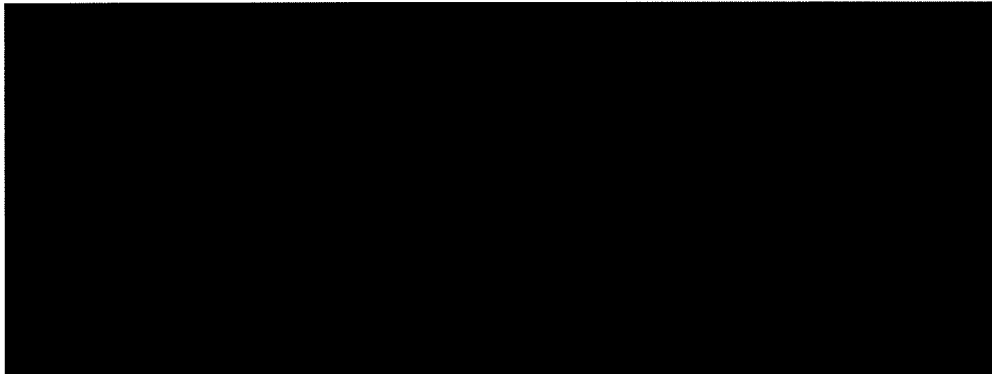
**III Reports:**

1. **Peter Bowman '55:** The Cardinal met with Peter and they agreed his retirement date would be 3/1/01. The Cardinal asked him to remain dean of Vicariate II-D and a member of the Finance Council and he agreed.

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**IV Acceptance of Agenda:** VOTE:

**V Business:**

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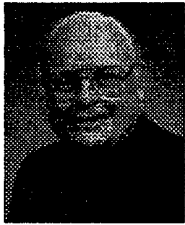
# WEEKLY UPDATE

Volume IV, Issue 26

February 28, 2001

## Good Luck Fr. Bowman

Today is Fr. Peter Bowman's last day at the Pastoral Center before he goes on a month-long retreat and then to St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Lincoln Park as Pastor Emeritus.



Fr. Bowman came to work at the Pastoral Center five years ago at Cardinal Bernardin's request. Fr. Bowman served as Moderator of the Curia until the restructuring in the Pastoral Center this past June. Since that time, Fr. Bowman has led the new Department of Specialized Ministries.

A letter from Fr. Bowman is on page two of this issue of Weekly Update.

## No Rate Change for Humana Health Plan

An audit that was conducted of insurance premium charges has determined that the rate increase for the Humana HMO health plan was over rated. Therefore, the monthly premium for dependent coverage in the Humana HMO will not change in 2001. The employee co-pay for dependent coverage will remain \$130.01 per month.

For more information contact Lupe Hernandez, benefits specialist, at 751-8209.

## Optional Anniversary-Based Performance Reviews

Department Directors have approved the optional use of an anniversary-

based performance management cycle. In an anniversary-based cycle, formal annual performance reviews are scheduled according to the date a person was hired. In the past, the Archdiocese has been using a focal date system for performance reviews.

Agency and department directors have received information from Personnel Services regarding this new

option. Directors will select the cycle that their agency or department will use and will inform their staff.

Implementing the optional anniversary-based cycle will involve some transition procedures.

Staff from Human Resources and the Office of Ministerial Evaluation will offer in-service workshops on transition procedures, as well as on other facets of performance management, including: an overview of performance management, giving and receiving feedback, and setting performance goals.

In-service sessions on each of these topics are planned for March 29, March 30, April 5 and April 6. On each of these days, four sessions will be offered on each of the topics. Sessions will last about an hour.

Sessions with satellite agencies will be scheduled as necessary or upon request.

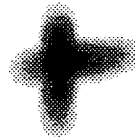
## Attend the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Jerusalem Lecture

The annual Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Jerusalem Lecture will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, 618 S. Michigan Ave.

Dr. Robert Wilken, professor of the History of Christianity at the University of Virginia, will speak on *Early Christians on Jews: the Period of the Church Fathers*.

Admission is free, but reservations are required. To reserve a place, or for more information, call 312-222-1769 by March 12.

## Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 28



Today is the beginning of the Lenten fast. The Forty Days of Lent begin on the Sunday after Ash Wednesday. The 40th and final day of Lent is Holy Thursday.

"The season of Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. The liturgy prepares the catechumens for the celebration of the paschal mystery by the several stages of Christian initiation: it also prepares the faithful, who recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for Easter," (General Norms for the Liturgical Year, 27).

If you missed the prayer service and distribution of ashes in the Pastoral Center today, there are several more opportunities at Holy Name Cathedral this afternoon.

Ashes will be distributed at the 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses and at short prayer services beginning at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m.

## A Message from Fr. Peter Bowman

Today I will conclude my ministry here at the Pastoral Center. The work and colleagues with whom I have been associated and the people that I have served have made it a very rich and fulfilling time for me. I have loved working at the Pastoral Center. I now feel that I have completed the tasks that Cardinal Bernardin asked of me when I arrived here at 155 five years ago.



Because I am retired, I want to return to parish ministry and to parish life where I began my ministry. To prepare for that I will make a 30-day retreat at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, Louisiana, beginning on March 1.

Following my retreat I will be located at St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Lincoln Park. Reverend John Hoffman, the pastor, was an associate for me at St. James and has asked that I come and live there as Pastor Emeritus. I look forward to my new home.

I thank you all for your friendship and I will pray for you and ask that you pray for me. Peace.

## March Calendar

- 2-3 Racial and Ethnic Sensitivity Workshop
- 3 Hispanic Lenten Retreat - OFC
- 6-7 Third Age Workshop - CDM
- 9 DRE Professional Day - OFC
- 10 Bereavement Ministry Conference
- 13-15 *Wily as Serpents: Pastoring the Business Function* Workshop - CDM
- 14 New Principals Training  
Catechetical Text Selection Process
- 17 Haitian Catholic Mission Annual Dinner  
Annulment Process Day - Family Ministries
- 18 Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Jerusalem Lecture - EIA
- 19 Called and Gifted Information Session
- 20-22 Superintendent's Vicariate Days for Principals
- 21 ACTA Workshop - OFC
- 23 Lenten Evening of Reflection for Women in Ministry - CDM
- 25 Annulment Support Ministry  
Spring Fiesta and Open House - Casa Jesus
- 27 Called and Gifted Information Session
- 28-29 St. Joseph Seminary Readers Theater
- 29 Mass for College Students - Ministry in Higher Education
- 30 Parent Sacrament Meetings Workshop - OFC
- 31 Essential Catholicism - OFC

## Lenten Prayer

God, rich in mercy,  
whose presence fills us with awe  
whose word gives us unshakable hope:  
you await the sinner's return  
and spread a feast to welcome home the lost

Throughout these forty days, we beg you,  
unseal for us the wellspring of your grace.  
Cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy,  
and bring your gift of new life to flourish  
within us once again, so that, with the elect,  
we may serve you alone.

Grant this through the Risen Christ,  
our liberator from sin,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
holy and mighty God for ever and ever.



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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March 20, 2001

Dear Peter,

In light of our discussion and previous correspondence, I am pleased to hereby name you Pastor Emeritus of St. James in Arlington Heights. This is effective immediately.

I take this occasion to express my gratitude for all you have done through your 46 years of service to the Archdiocese and for all you have done recently at St. Teresa of Avila parish and as Moderator of the Curia and Director of Specialized Ministries. The Church of Chicago is deeply appreciative for your faithful and devoted care of God's people.

Peter, may you enjoy your years of retirement and know of our appreciation and gratitude for all you have given of yourself to minister to those entrusted to your care.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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

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Ecclesiastical Notary

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*Please keep in touch —*

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
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Reverend Charles F. Kelly, PRMAA  
Mr. Alex Becker, PRMAA  
Reverend John Hoffman  
Reverend William Zavaski

## Fox, Maryann

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**From:** Burns, Linda  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2001 10:10 AM  
**To:** Alex Becker; Amy Budzynski; Ann Supplitt; Betty Gritzanis; Carol Fowler; David Schwartz; Genevieve Zelman; Jacquelyn Watt; Janice Bailey; Jeremiah Boland; John Clemens; Karina De La Torre; Lou Merlihan; Lupe Hernandez; Maryann Fox; Matthew Kaminski; Patricia Vanderplow; Raymond Goedert; Wendy Budzynski; Yolanda Benard  
**Subject:** Mistake

I had the wrong address for the pastor emeritus position on Fr. Bowman.

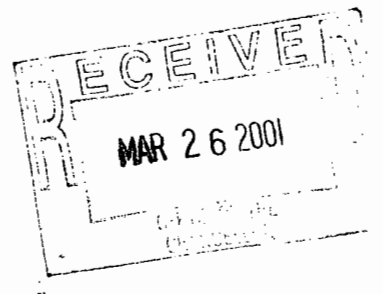
**Rev. R. Peter Bowman**  
Ordination Yr. 55

Current address/position  
Dir. Of Specialized Ministries 155 E Superior Chicago, IL 60611

New address/position  
Pastor Emeritus  
St. James Parish #72050  
820 N Arlington Hts Rd  
Arlington Hts IL 60004

**Comments: Fr. Bowman will remain dean of Vicariate II-D and will reside at St. Teresa of Avila Parish** **DONE BY LJBURNS #5290**

Sorry for the confusion.



A G E N D A

**Meeting:** #56<sup>th</sup> - Seventeenth Board  
**Date:** March 23, 2001  
**Place:** Priests' Placement Board

**Present:** Rev.: Jeremiah M. Boland, Kurt D. Boras, John W. Clemens,  
Joseph P. Grembla, David A. Jones, Robert G. Mair,  
Daniel P. McCarthy, Martin E. O'Donovan, Michael J. Shanahan

**Absent:** Rev.

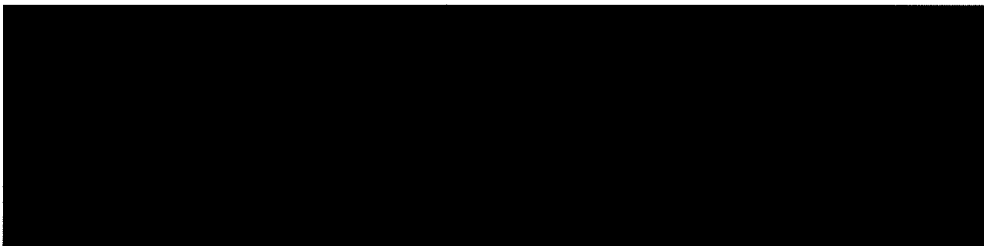
**I Opening Prayer:** Rev. Mair *TIME:* \_\_\_\_\_

**II Acceptance of Minutes:** *VOTE:*

**III Reports:**

1. **Peter Bowman '55:** The Cardinal has written to Peter naming him Pastor Emeritus of St. James in Arlington Hts. commencing 03/20/01.

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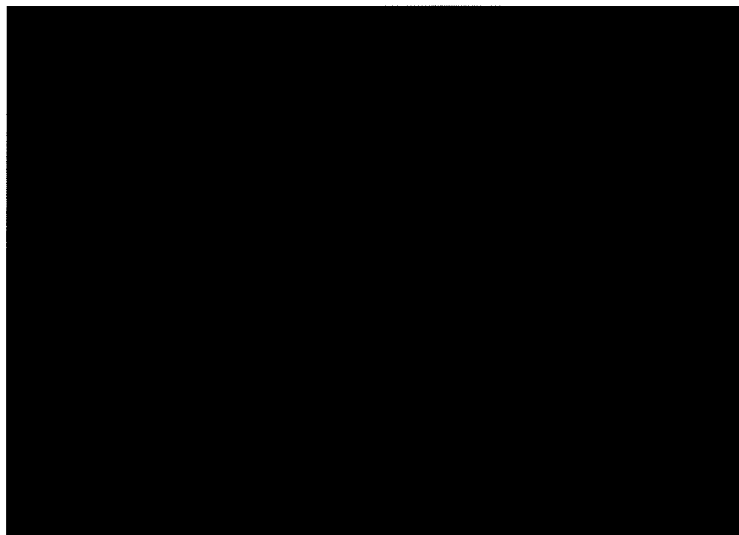


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**IV Acceptance of Agenda:** *VOTE:*

**V Business:**

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MINUTES

Meeting: #56<sup>th</sup> - Seventeenth Board

Date: March 23, 2001

Place: Priests' Placement Board

Present: Rev.: Jeremiah M. Boland, Kurt D. Boras, John W. Clemens,  
Joseph P. Grembla (arriv 10:14), David A. Jones, Robert G. Mair,  
Daniel P. McCarthy, Martin E. O'Donovan (arriv. 10:13), Michael J. Shanahan

I Opening Prayer: Rev. Mair 10:09 am

II Acceptance of Minutes: 7 - 0 - 0

III Reports:

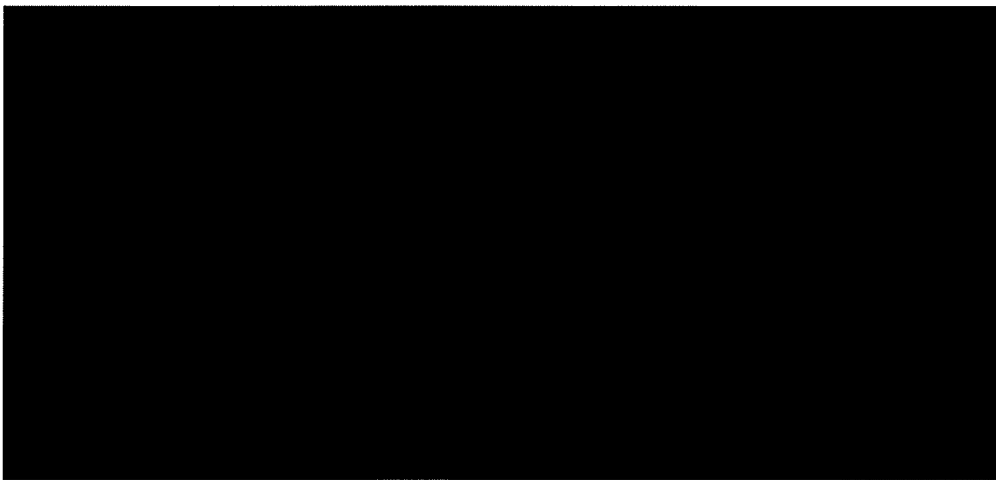
1. Peter Bowman '55: The Cardinal has written to Peter naming him Pastor Emeritus of St. James in Arlington Hts. commencing 03/20/01.

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IV Acceptance of Agenda: 7 - 0 - 0

V Business:

A.



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Requests the pleasure of your company  
at a reception honoring  
Reverend Peter Bowman  
Former Moderator of the Curia and  
Pastor Emeritus of Saint James  
Sunday, April 29, 2001  
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
The Cardinal's Residence  
1555 North State Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois

Valet Parking

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
**From:** Rev. Jim Kaczorowski  
**Date:** June 15, 2001  
**Re:** Rev. Peter Bowman

Last Monday, June 11, 2001 I received a call from Father John Hoffman, pastor at St. Teresa of Avila, regarding the conduct of Father Peter Bowman who resides at that parish. Father Hoffman was concerned about Peter's obvious boundary violations at the Amate awards dinner where Peter was honored. John advised me that Peter inappropriately touched [REDACTED] in the crotch area three times. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has hopes of becoming part of this diocese. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

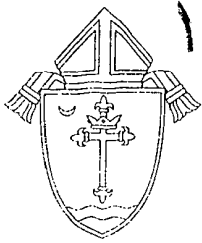
I also interviewed [REDACTED] who indicated [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I met with Peter and John Hoffman at our office on June 14, 2001 concerning the above boundary violations. Peter admitted, that if he had an intimate relationship with someone, he saw nothing wrong with kissing on the lips. Having talked with Peter and John, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Fr. James Kaczorowski to Cardinal Francis George, dated June 15, 2001, regarding Fr. Peter Bowman. In the memorandum, Kaczorowski summarizes a call he received from Fr. John Hoffman, regarding Bowman's conduct with Victim LS at St. Teresa of Avila parish. According to the memorandum, Victim LS's allegation included kissing and groping of Victim LS's buttocks.





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July 10, 2001

Reverend Peter Bowman  
Saint Joan of Arc Parish  
5800 Oleatha Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63139

Dear Father Bowman,

Based upon the recommendation of Father James T. Kaczorowski [REDACTED] and in accordance with Canon Law and the Statutes of the Tenth Archdiocesan Synod, I am happy to grant you the faculties of the Archdiocese of St. Louis while you are in residence at Saint Joan of Arc Parish.

With my best wishes and prayers for you and for your ministry here in the St. Louis Archdiocese, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]  
Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis

Copy: [REDACTED]  
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski

AOC 007306



O. New Deans: (Linda has new charts for Board)

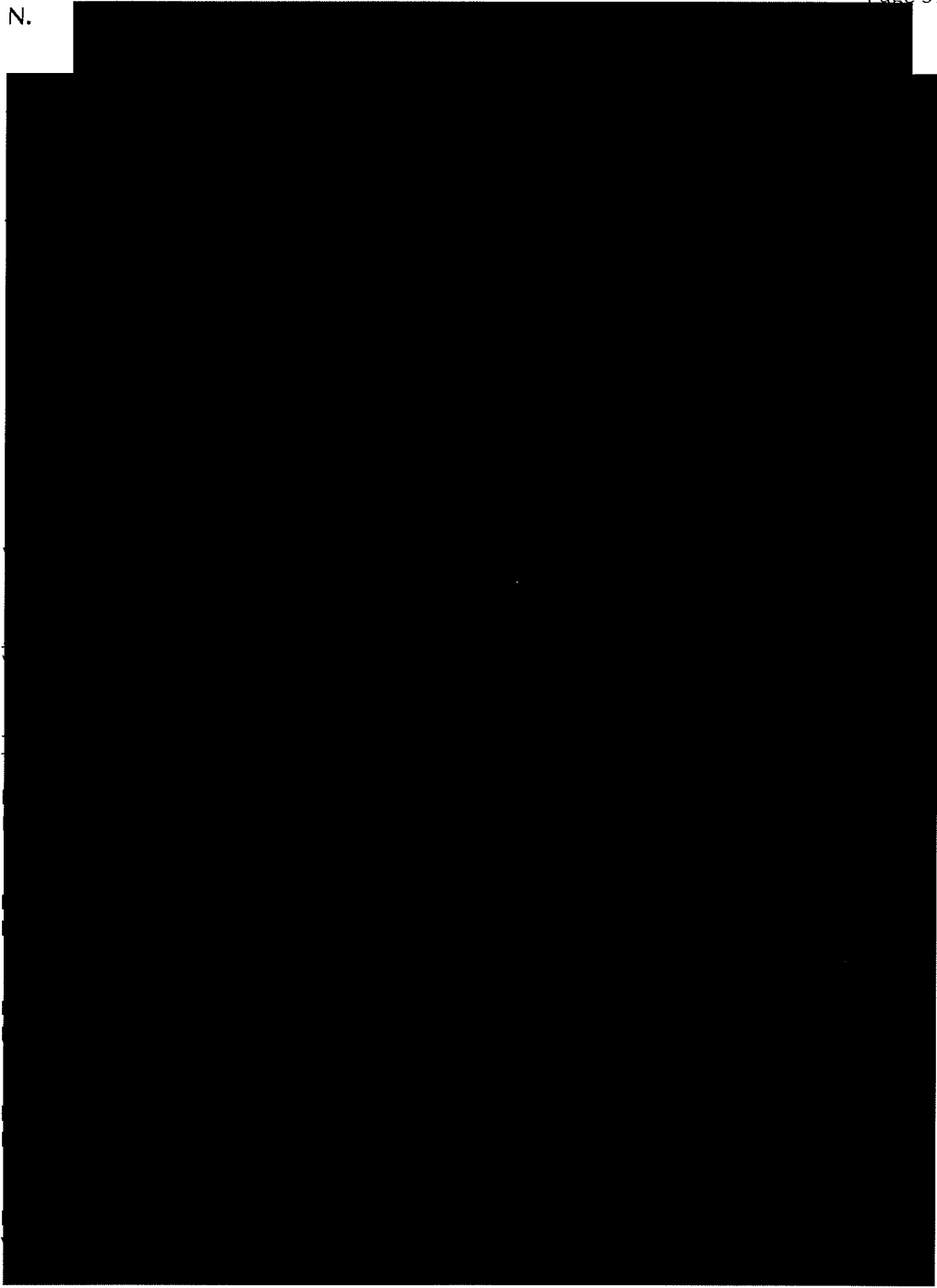
II / D Peter Bowman [redacted]



P. [redacted]

Q. [redacted]

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O. New Deans: (Linda has new charts for Board)

II / D Peter Bowman [773] 528/6650



Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim LS to Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated December 18, 2001, regarding Fr. Peter Bowman's sexually inappropriate behavior. In his letter, Victim LS expressed a concern that Bowman did not understand the ramifications his actions, and inappropriate behavior, have on those around him.

COPY

Re: Allegations of Sexual Misconduct  
With a Minor Against  
Rev. R. Peter Bowman

File - PFR-77

### **Petition to Postpone**

On behalf of Father R. Peter Bowman, I respectfully request the Review Board postpone any further proceeding in this case for the following reasons:

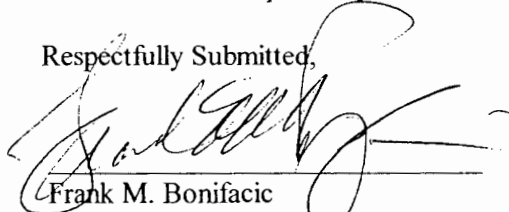
1. The allegations of [REDACTED] potentially involve at least three areas of law: Canonical, criminal, and civil damages. The impact of the proceedings or actions taken before this Board in defense of Father Bowman is unclear at this time in connection with each of those other areas of law. Without proper consideration actions taken by Father Bowman here could inure to his detriment in those areas or harm the position of the Archdiocese in any money damage lawsuits that might be instituted. Furthermore, only yesterday, Friday, October 18, 2002 the Vatican apparently published written comments questioning the validity of the procedures that this Board followed and the American Bishops instituted in June of this year in Dallas. As an attorney for Father Bowman, I cannot advise him as to what actions to take regarding this Board's jurisdiction, or how to mount a defense to the charges until the I have had an opportunity to study the Dallas document, this Boards compliance with those procedures, and above all the Vatican's pronouncements.
2. No harm can come about by a delay of these proceedings for at least another 120 days. Father Bowman is abiding by the restrictions imposed on him in May of this year by the Cardinal. He has been removed from the parish where he was serving and is not acting in any priestly or public function for the Church. He is residing out of state with his sister in semi-retirement. [REDACTED] and is reporting to a supervising Priest. He has no contact with young people or parish activities.
3. The interplay between the procedures of this Board, acting under the auspices of the Archdiocese, and Canonical law, which contains a Statute of Limitations (long since expired in the instant cases- 48 & 36 years - and other due process protection for the accused priest, is quite unclear, at this time.
4. The investigation into these two allegations has been hampered by the unclear rules of procedure and the immense publicity accompanying charges since May of this year. No opportunity to cross-examine or simply interview the complainants has been made available. And, the full statement of [REDACTED] has not been reviewed and the fact that there was a letter written by [REDACTED] was just revealed to me in the last week. That was never disclosed to Father Bowman

or me, even though the Professional Review Administrator has known since late May that I am representing Father Bowman and that I should be notified of all information regarding these allegations or his status or the activities of this Board regarding his status. Apparently this Board was convened to undertake some kind of action regarding Father Bowman two weeks ago. Neither I nor Father Bowman received notice and Father Kaczarowski, who is appointed to assist Father Bowman, was not notified, either. So we had no opportunity to make any type of presentation at that time on his behalf. I do wish to clarify that I had indicated to Ms. McClusky that I would probably not appear, but basic due process dictates that I still be notified.

5. Once the procedures of the Church are clarified and the question of the applicability of the correct statute of limitations is addressed, and we have clarification as to the status of the alleged complaints in other legal forums, I would like to make a presentation before this Board on behalf of Father Bowman. And he would like to testify before you.

Therefor I respectfully request that you grant Father Bowman's Petition to set aside and postpone any further proceedings on these matters until some time after February 17, 2003 or to some reasonable time after the Holy See and the American Bishops clarify the rules.

Respectfully Submitted,



Frank M. Bonifacic

Frank M. Bonifacic  
Attorney for Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
111 West Washington Street  
Suite 1850  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
312/ 673-8870

Anoniem, Admiraal Victoor, 1643 gouache  
Tulpenboek 17e eeuw  
Frans Halsmuseum Haarlem

*De opbrengst van door de Vrienden van het  
Frans Halsmuseum verkochte artikelen maakt  
het de vereniging mogelijk het museum  
financieel te steunen bij aankoop van  
kunstwerken of bij de uitvoering van  
restauraties.*

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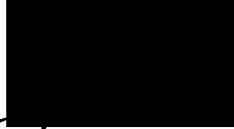


Dear Jim -

I'm not sure if I need  
a permission, but if so, I  
request permission to celebrate  
the wedding of my nephew, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] or August 15 at Our  
Lady of the Wayside  
Parish.

Sincerely  
Peter Downer





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Rev. R Peter Bowman

Rev. James Kaczorowski  
Vicar For Priests  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
675 North Michigan Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski

In the past, information has passed freely between yourself, myself, Fr. John Hoffman, and Frank Bonifacic.

Mr. Frank Bonifacic has requested that all communication about my case be directed only to him or to me. I ask you to do so in the future. This will relieve John of some of the pressure.

Sincerely,

Rev. R. Peter Bowman *RPB*

c: Fr. John Hoffman  
Frank Bonifacic

**MEMO**

**To: File**  
**From: Jim Kaczorowski**  
**Date: January 17, 2002**  
**Re: Peter Bowman**

Peter Bowman [REDACTED] and will resume his ministerial duties as associate pastor at St. Teresa Parish on Armitage Ave. Peter, Father John Hoffman and I will meet on Friday, January 18, 2002, at St. Teresa to discuss the guidelines that Peter needs to follow so that he can function as a healthy, effective priest at the parish.

Peter agreed to the following structure regarding his future at St. Teresa:

- Focus on healthy care of himself first and then devote service to the parish.
- Resign from the Archdiocesan Finance Council as well as Dean in his Deanery.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Refrain from intimate social support with parishioners at this time.
- Cease any counseling with males.
- Demonstrate absolute transparency in his relationships with John Hoffman and other priests with whom he works.
- Commit to regular meetings with Jim Kaczorowski to determine how life is progressing.
- Do a follow-up meeting with John Hoffman, [REDACTED] and Jim Kaczorowski after six months.

Address as of June 25, 2001:

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
St. Joan of Arc  
5800 Oleatha St.  
St. Louis, MO 63139  
314-832-2838

This address is effective while Fr. Bowman is at the St. Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute, approximately four month.

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**Memorandum**

To: File – PFR-77

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*

Re: Father Peter Bowman Response to Allegation  
of Sexual Misconduct With a Minor by [REDACTED]

Date: April 19, 2002

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Allegation was presented to Peter Bowman [PB] over the telephone on April 19, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

Father Peter Bowman [PB] said that he was at St. Denis Parish from 1955 – 1961 and that at that Parish he had only a single bed and doubted that he would have invited [REDACTED] to stay. He believed it might have been between 1961 – 1966 when he was at St. Lawrence O’Toole. PB did say that he had male teens stay overnight there on occasion. He does not specifically remember [REDACTED] staying but added that it was highly possible.

When presented with the specifics of [REDACTED] allegation he said he could “accept the allegation of hugging and that the other could have happened but he had no recollection.”

In 2000 the Board reviewed an allegation of a [REDACTED] from St. Theresa Parish. The determination was made that there was no sexual misconduct but that behavior was “foolish horseplay.” Recommendation was made to close the file.

[REDACTED]

PB said he remains on good terms with the family and was surprised to hear of the allegation since this had never been discussed.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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

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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, April 20, 2002

### MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:



Absent:



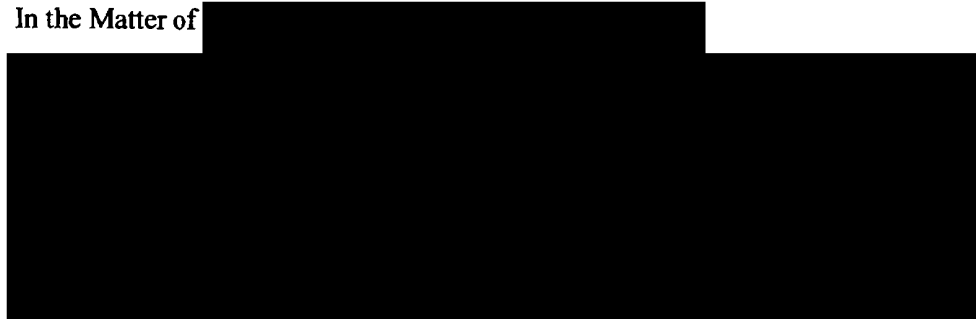
Non-members present:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

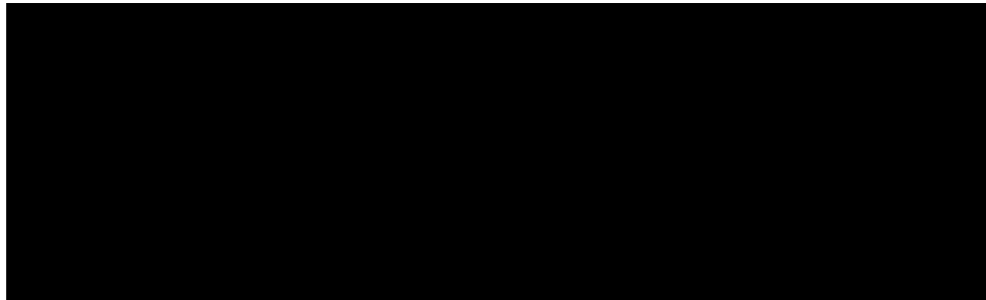
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### I. Case Reviews

A. In the Matter of



B. In the Matter of



C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of Rev. Peter Bowman – PFR-77

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There was a previous allegation of inappropriate conduct a couple of years ago and Father Bowman [REDACTED]

The Board asked for additional information [REDACTED] and recommended a monitoring protocol, i.e., inform the pastor, Father John Hoffman, and request that he serve as a monitor. Father Bowman is not to be alone with a minor, etc.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 18, 2002, 10:00 a.m.**

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



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## Memorandum

To: File - PFR-77

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re: Rev. Peter Bowman  
Review Board Meeting – First Stage Review

Date: April 20, 2002

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW  
CLIENT INFORMATION SHEET

(Revised 5/30/02)  
Client.Info/LNP

**FILE #:** PFR-77

**REVIEW STATUS: (DATE)**

**Opened Date:** 4/20/02

**1st Stage:** 4/20/02

**Closed Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Stage:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Supplementary:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Name:** Rev. R. Peter Bowman

**Date Ordained:** 5/3/55

**Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current S/S #:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Current Residence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ WI \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 5/13/02

**Telephone: Home:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pager:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Ministry:** Retired

**Status (Check one)** **Date:** 5/3/02

**Active:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deceased:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Resigned:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Withdrawn:**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Allegation(s):**

**Date:** 4/19/02 **Date of the Offense(s):** 1961-66

**Sex/Age:** M/10-11

**Credibility:**  
**Yes**  **No** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **General Nature of Allegation(s):**

Hugging, touching genitals over clothing

6. **Protocol:** 4/29/02

**Original Date:** 4/29/02

**Review Dates:**  
5/28/02

**Review Dates:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. **Assessment(s):**  
**Source:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Report on File: (?)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. **Therapy:**  
**Source:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Quarterly Report:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. **Education:**  
STB, STL M. Rel Ed – St. Mary of the Lake  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. **Ministerial Assignments:**  
St. Denis – 1955-1961 \_\_\_\_\_ St. James – 1978-1995 \_\_\_\_\_  
Our Lady of Victory – 1961-1964 \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator of Curia – 1995-2001 \_\_\_\_\_  
St. Timothy – 1964-1978 \_\_\_\_\_ St. Teresa of Avila \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of Religious Education – 1964-1978 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. **Family Composition:**  
Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Monitors:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. **Emergency Contacts:**  
**1st** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** Sister \_\_\_\_\_ **Home #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**2nd** Rev. John Hoffman \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ **Home #:** 773-528-6650 \_\_\_\_\_ **Work #:** Same \_\_\_\_\_

14. **Other Concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Michael Bland, Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Victim Assistance Ministry, to file, with a copy to Kathleen Leggdas, Office of Professional Responsibility, dated April 23, 2002, concerning Bland's phone conversation with Victim LI. According to the memorandum, Victim LI made an allegation of alleged abuse against Fr. Peter Bowman. However, Victim LI chose not to pursue formalization of his allegation with the Office of Professional Responsibility. Victim LI indicated that he was pleased with the response of the Archdiocese and happy to know that Bowman had already been removed from ministry and is not around children any longer.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, to file, dated April 24, 2002, summarizing Victim LI's allegation of abuse against Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the summary, the alleged abuse occurred at St. Denis parish between 1953 and 1954 and consisted of various methods of grooming by Bowman and at least one incident of genital fondling.

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL  
For  
Father Peter Bowman

The Individual Specific Protocol (ISP) reflects the primary goal of protecting minors and the integrity of the Church. Additionally, the ISP serves as a safeguard for the individual priest/deacon with regard to the possibility of subsequent allegations.

Professional Fitness Review clients will be subject to appropriate restrictions and monitoring by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator (PFRA) throughout the life of the individual as a priest/deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The ISP for **Fr. Peter Bowman** includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. On-site monitor to complete monthly reports and submit to PFRA.
5. Meet with PFRA twice annually.
6. Submit monthly report of sites visited on Internet to PFRA.
7. This is a working document which can be changed, altered or superceded when there is an indicated need to do so.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed: Rev. P. Peter Bowman Date: 4-29-02

Printed Name: Rev. P. Peter Bowman

Signature of PFRA: Kathleen Legzdans Date: 4-29-02

A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in Professional Fitness Review and Vicar for Priests Offices.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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May 16, 2002

Dear Peter:

I wish to express my deep appreciation to you for your dedicated service as Dean. Your willingness to accept the responsibilities of a Dean has been a great benefit to me and to the parishes and educational institutions in your Vicariate. Deans are crucial to the ministry of the Archdiocese in achieving effective communication and planning with the many parishes and schools.

Be assured of my gratitude for your work and ministry and of my prayers and best wishes as you continue to serve the Lord. Please remember me in your prayers, too.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis George".

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

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
St. Teresa of Avila  
1037 West Armitage Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

A handwritten note in cursive script that reads "AO = always good to be with you".

AOC 007328

AGENDA

Meeting: # 34<sup>th</sup> - Eighteenth Board  
Date: May 17, 2002  
Place: Priests' Placement Board

Present: Rev.: Kurt D. Boras, John W. Clemens, Joseph P. Grembla,  
David A. Jones, Robert G. Mair, Daniel P. McCarthy,  
Martin E. O'Donovan, Michael J. Shanahan

Absent: Rev.

I Opening Prayer: Rev \_\_\_\_\_

II Acceptance of Minutes: Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

III Reports:

1. [REDACTED] The Cardinal has appointed [REDACTED] [Pastor of Holy Name  
Cathedral] as Dean of Vicariate II-D effective 06/01/02 to 06/30/04 to replace Peter  
Bowman '55/retired.

2. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IV Acceptance of Agenda: Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

V Business:

A. [REDACTED]  
B. [REDACTED]  
C. [REDACTED]



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## Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, May 18, 2002

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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### I. Case Reviews

#### A. In the Matter of Rev. Peter Bowman – PFR-77

The Review Board concluded a First Stage Review in the matter of Rev. Peter Bowman, regarding the allegation brought by [REDACTED]

The Board reviewed all oral and written information pertinent to the case including [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Board subsequently found reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur. The vote was five to withdraw him from ministry and one abstention out of six members present.

Protocol should include standard items plus the following:

- If time is spent at the cottage with his sister, she should be fully informed of status and must agree to serve as on-site monitor.
- No public celebrations of the sacraments unless pre-approved by the PFRA and Vicars for Priests.
- Pre-approval required for social engagements with past parishioners

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

F. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

**Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 15, 2002, 10:00 a.m.**

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

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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, May 18, 2002  
10:00 – 2:00

### AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2002
  
- II. Case Reviews
  - A. In the Matter of Rev. Peter Bowman, PFR-77
  
  - B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
  
  - C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
  
  - D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

**NOTE: I am scheduled to take 5 allegations the week of May 13, 2002.  
Information will be available at the meeting.**

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Office of Assistance Ministry



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May 22, 2002

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on May 18, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman. A First Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article 1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Five members made a determination of reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred. The sixth member abstained.

Five members recommended that Rev. R. Peter Bowman be removed from parish ministry; the sixth abstained.

If you have any questions concerning this recommendation, please call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Leggdas".

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR - 77

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator (PFRA)

Re: Salary for Rev. Peter Bowman *KL*

Date: May 23, 2002

Rev. Peter Bowman, ordained in 1955

Pay to PB \$23,475 annually  
Less 10% for PFR expenses (\$2,347) = \$21,128  
\$21,128 divided by 12 = \$1,760 per month

cc: Rev. Peter Bowman  
Rev. J. Kaczorowski

*retired*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR – 77

Fr: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator (PREFER)

Re: **Rev. Peter Bowman**

Date: May 23, 2002

The Review Board concluded a First Stage Review in the matter of Rev. Peter Bowman, regarding the allegation brought by [REDACTED]

The Board reviewed all oral and written information pertinent to the case in [REDACTED]. The Board subsequently found reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur. The vote was five to withdraw him from ministry and one abstention out of six members present.

Protocol should include standard items plus the following:

- If time is spent at cottage with sister, she should be fully informed of status and must agree to serve as on-site monitor.
- No public celebrations of the sacraments unless pre-approved by PFRA and Vicars for Priests.
- Clear social activities with past parishioners.

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May 24, 2002

Ms. Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing in response to your letter of May 22, 2002 regarding the matter of Father R. Peter Bowman, following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on May 18, 2002.

In light of the facts and circumstances as presented to me, I have accepted the Board's recommendation that Father Bowman be withdrawn from ministry.

I am grateful to the members of the Review Board and yourself for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jimmy M. Lago".

Jimmy M. Lago  
Chancellor

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Reverend Lawrence McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
✓ Reverend James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Service

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL  
for  
Father Peter Bowman

The Individual Specific Protocol (ISP) reflects the primary goal of protecting minors and the integrity of the Church. Additionally, the ISP serves as a safeguard for the individual priest/deacon with regard to the possibility of subsequent allegations.

Professional Fitness Review clients will be subject to appropriate restrictions and monitoring by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator (PFRA) throughout the life of the individual as a priest/deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The ISP for **Fr. Bowman** includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. Prior approval required from PFRA for vacations and nights spent away from residence. Approved monitor must accompany for any overnight travel.
3. Call in to PFRA once daily between 9:00AM and 4:45PM.
- ✓ 4. Pre-approval of Vicar and PFRA required for any public celebrations of Sacraments of Mass.
5. Meet with PFRA twice annually.
6. Completion of daily log submitted monthly.
7. 
8. Provide Administrator with monthly printout of Internet sites visited.
9. This is a working document which can be changed, altered or superceded when there is an indicated need to do so.
10. On-site monitor to complete monthly monitor report and submit to PFRA.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed Fr. Peter Bowman Date: 5-28-02

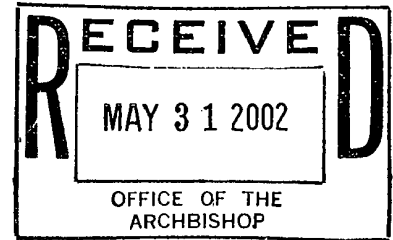
Printed Name: Rev. P. PETER BOWMAN

Signature of PFRA: Kathleen Legg Date: 5-28-02

A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in Professional Fitness Review and Vicar for Priests Office.

Cardinal Francis George  
Archbishop Of Chicago  
155 Superior St.  
Chicago,Il. 60611

May 28,2002



Dear Cardinal George,

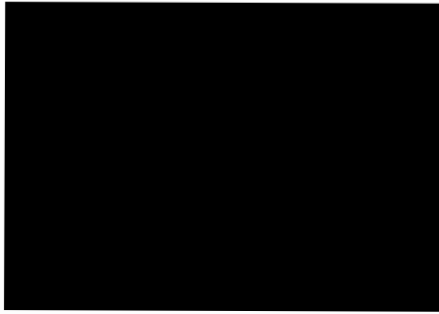
I have been deeply disturbed by the recent charges of sexual abuse against Fr. Pete Bowman. From the years of 1956 through 1962, I was an active member of the St. Denis parish and had many contacts with Fr. Bowman. As the original president of the teen club of St. Denis, I worked closely with Fr. Bowman and knew most of the teens in the parish. He was a wonderful role model and never, ever did anything inappropriate or suggestive occur. There was a whole group of teens who hung around Fr. Bowman, many of whom I still socialize with today. No one has ever mentioned any abuse by Fr. Bowman, or has ever heard of any abuse. I personally spent many hours alone with Fr. Bowman. I was invited by Fr. Bowman to attend his family's Christmas party, we went for ice cream together and had many other social contacts. He was like a mentor to me. Our conversations revolved around morality, getting along in everyday life and the importance of family. I have nothing but the greatest respect for Fr. Bowman. I feel very lucky that he was part of my teen years. My group of high school friends were the leaders of the neighborhood. I cannot imagine that Fr. Bowman could have been abusing someone in the neighborhood

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and us not finding out about it. I've talked to a few of my "Old St. Denis" friends and we all agree that the allegations made against Fr. Bowman are unfounded. If further dialogue is needed please contact me at: [REDACTED] or write to the above address.

Sincerely,

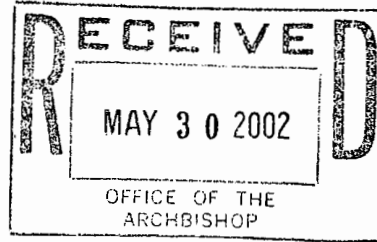
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*Vincent P. ...  
Call*

May 28, 2002

Francis Cardinal George  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
155 E. Superior  
Chicago, IL 60611



Dear Cardinal George:

I am responding to the article, which appeared in the Chicago Tribune today in reference to Father Peter Bowman and to offer my support for him at these very troubling times in the Catholic Church.

With all the media blitz concerning sex-abuse in the Catholic Church, it is difficult to be objective and non judgmental; however, as a teen I knew Fr. Bowman while he was at St. Dennis heavily involved with teens, and I can state unequivocally there was never any inappropriate behavior toward me or anyone I knew to the best of my knowledge.

Times have changed much in the last 45 years. What might have been "horseplay" at that time might be considered inappropriate during this present time. Personally, and I spent a lot of time with Fr. Bowman, I never felt threatened or intimidated. Before and after starting college, I was invited to Fr. Bowman's residence. I was alone with him many times and we discussed my thoughts on college, girl friends and my vocation toward the priesthood. There was always fun, joking and conversation. I had problems as a teen and Fr. Bowman was always there for me, supporting and counseling me.

Fr. Bowman officiated at my marriage on July 9, 1960, and my wife [redacted] and I are looking forward to celebrating 42 years of marriage this year.

✓ Please advise if I can be of any help to support Fr. Bowman. I have contacted Fr. Larry Dowling at St. Dennis Parish, left a message for Fr. Bill Zavaski at St. James Parish and talked to Monica Davey, staff report at Chicago Tribune who wrote the article.

Cordially,



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May 28, 2002

Dear Pastoral Center Family:

It is with sadness that I confirm now what many of you may already have learned: Father Peter Bowman, the former Moderator of the Curia, was removed this past week from his residence and ministry at St. Teresa of Avila Parish resulting from an allegation received by the Archdiocese of Chicago that he engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor more than 45 years ago when he served as an associate pastor at St. Denis Parish on Chicago's south side.

Upon review of the allegation, the independent Professional Fitness Review Board recommended that Fr. Bowman be removed from parish ministry and placed on administrative leave. Cardinal George concurred with these recommendations. Fr. Bowman is residing in a private residence, and in accord with archdiocesan policies and procedures, will be monitored under the supervision of the Professional Fitness Review Board. This allegation has been reported to the Cook County State's Attorney.

Please know that, though we would have preferred to share this news with you last week, we were bound by our own policy to honor first the rights of the parishioners at Fr. Bowman's present parish to hear this first from their vicar during this past weekend Masses.

Because many of us worked with Fr. Peter at the Pastoral Center and were frequently also his "parishioners," and our shock and grief at this news is real. I have asked Ralph Bonaccorsi and the staff of the Assistance Ministry Office to work with our Personnel Advisory Council to respond to the concerns of employees who knew Fr. Peter and who may appreciate the opportunity to further discuss this issue.

Please join me in praying for God's healing for all affected by this difficult news.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Lago".

Jimmy Lago  
Chancellor

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June 6, 2002

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
645 N. Michigan Ave. #543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski,

I am enclosing a copy of an article that will be printed in our parish's bulletin on the weekend of June 8-9, 2002.

Fr. Peter Bowman's removal from ministry has had a very sad and painful effect on our parish community, and I wanted to provide some "personal" printed communication as pastor of St. James.

We will continue to address the topic of sexual misconduct in the coming weeks, both by printed venue and within our homilies.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bill'.

Fr. Bill Zavaski

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This has been a very painful and stress-filled time for many of us here at St. James and that is the haunting question so many people are asking themselves. I have a few suggestions on what we can do right now as we deal with the sad news of Fr. Bowman's removal from parish ministry.

- 1) Be honest with your feelings and try to share them with someone you love and trust. The feelings that may be hitting you from time to time and not in any particular order are: shock, denial, anger, depression, bargaining, and acceptance.
- 2) Pray for the Church more than ever and remember that whenever you use the word - Church - we need to be able to substitute the word with - WE. We are the Church, the body of Christ, and in our humanness and woundedness we need to first and foremost pray for each other. Certainly in these last few months many people have experienced a myriad of feelings in regard to the leadership in the Church today. The best way to deal with our humanness and woundedness is to pray. Pray that the Risen Lord give us all the strength and wisdom and courage we need.
- 3) Pray for all victims of sexual misconduct. There are so many people in our community who have been hurt in one way or another and they need our prayers and support. Solidarity with those suffering any kind of difficulty can best be done through prayer.
- 4) Pray for Fr. Peter Bowman. Your letters of love and support are being hand delivered to him, so keep them coming. Peter is a man who is admired and respected because of so many years of good priestly ministry to many of us. Now is the time we need to minister to him.
- 5) Most difficult of all, we need to recognize and realize that the priestly review board dealing with sexual misconduct has rendered a final decision and that Peter has been removed from active ministry. This was an intense process that went on for several weeks and the decision is now final.
- 6) We will have a follow-up meeting after the Bishops meet in Dallas this coming week. Bishop ListECKI has promised to come back and tell us what the protocols will be for all priests who have been involved in sexual misconduct. Unfortunately, the date and time for our follow-up meeting has not yet been set. In the meantime, please be patient and prayerful.

Also a word of thanks to all of you, who are sending letters, cards, and notes of support to Fr. Tim and me. This is a difficult time for all priests as we share in the pain and stress of our brothers. Peter is a very special brother to us and like any family member we are going through the same feelings as all of you.

Let us pray for one another,

*Fr. Bill Zavadin*

**McCahill, Ann**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2002 5:01 PM  
**To:** amccahill@archdiocese-chgo.org  
**Subject:** email address was incorrect/mah[Fwd: Returned mail: see transcript for details]



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Please forward this message to Cardinal George Francis Cardinal George, O.S.B.  
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Dear Cardinal George:

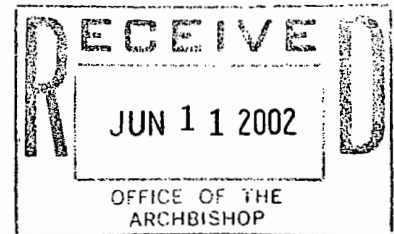
I am Fr. Peter Bowman's [REDACTED] I need to write to you first to thank you for your efforts on Peter's behalf in this matter of the accusation which the Chicago Priests Review Board have accepted as "credible." Your kindness in contacting Peter has been sincerely appreciated. I am certain that, knowing Peter as you do, it was difficult for you to have to impose the punishment he is enduring now.

For myself I am counting on the Bishops' decisions at this present meeting to humanize the "zero-tolerance" policy as a first step in changing the dreadful circumstance which has been imposed on Peter. For him, an innocent person, to be excluded from priestly ministry is a fearsome burden and more than he should have to bear.

During these deliberations your wisdom and counsel is so weighty with the other bishops, especially ones who may not have had to undergo this same experience with one of their priests. ( Peter's situation might be Exhibit A of a policy gone wrong....he had answered "no" to the Review Board's question when asked if he (Peter) thought that the accuser would lie.) and probably the Review Board had little to support his innocence more than his priestly life that so many have attested to and his no memory of the incident.

Surely the Church's desire and public demand for protection of the victims (while this is a first concern) cannot not be the only consideration. Justice, mercy, charity and peace are needed desperately for an accused. I do know that the bishops have not foregone forgiveness though that seems lacking in this policy; they may be boxed into a position which they probably abhor; trying to resolve the legitimate victim's redress and needs, while still being compassionate to the accused, innocent or guilty.

I am praying for you and our Bishops, that the Holy Spirit will inspire you in these difficult deliberations, and that adverse publicity from interested groups will not overawe your cooperation in God's work. I have trust He will bring about a more holy, loving, responsive clergy and hierarchy as you endure this purgatory the church is going through.






Dear Jim,

By ~~my~~ writing this letter, I authorize you to release the contents of my personnel file to Mr. Frank Bonifacio. I ask you to contact him and to establish a time convenient to both of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. R. Peter Bowman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rev. R. Peter Bowman

June 13, 2002

**TO BE FILLED IN BY AGENCY HOLDING RECORDS**

Name of Priest File: PETER BOWMAN	
Record of Agency/Office: VICAR FOR PRIESTS	
Address: 645 N. MICHIGAN	
City/State: CHgo, ILL	Zip: 60611
Phone: 312-642-1837	

Person Requesting File: PETER BOWMAN	Date of Request: 6-13-2000
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Person Authorizing Access: JIM KARZOROWSKI	Date Records Accessed:
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	

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Requester's Signature Acknowledging Receipt of File: R. R. Peter Bowman
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Requester's Comments:
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**PRIEST PERSONNEL FILE ACCESS REQUEST RECORD**  
Archdiocese of Chicago

This form documents an individual priests request for access to his records. It must be filled out completely and signed by all appropriate parties.

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Phone: 312 - 642 - 1837	

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Person Authorizing Access: JIM KAEZOROWSKI	Date Records Accessed:
Signature: <i>Jim Kaesorowski</i>	

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June 20, 2002



Dear 

Please be advised that the Review Board conducted a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.8 of the Review Process For Continuation of Ministry. Archbishop George has accepted the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Rev. Peter Bowman engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

As a result, Archbishop George accepted the Board's recommendation that Father Bowman be withdrawn from parish ministry, that a protocol for supervision and restriction be put into place, and that he not be alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult. Further recommendations will be made as needed, based on continued follow-up by the Review Board.

Please know that our Assistance Ministry (312.751.8267) continues to be available to you.

Sincerely,

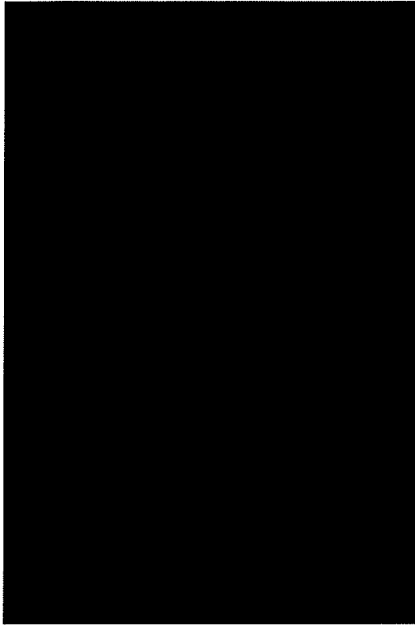
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Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

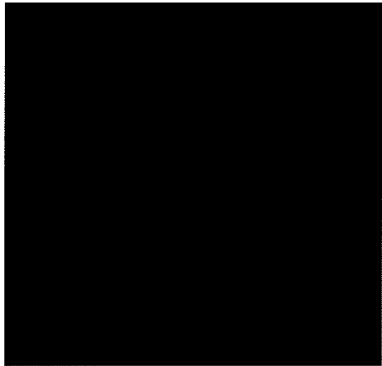
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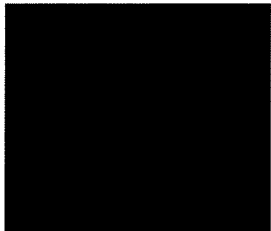
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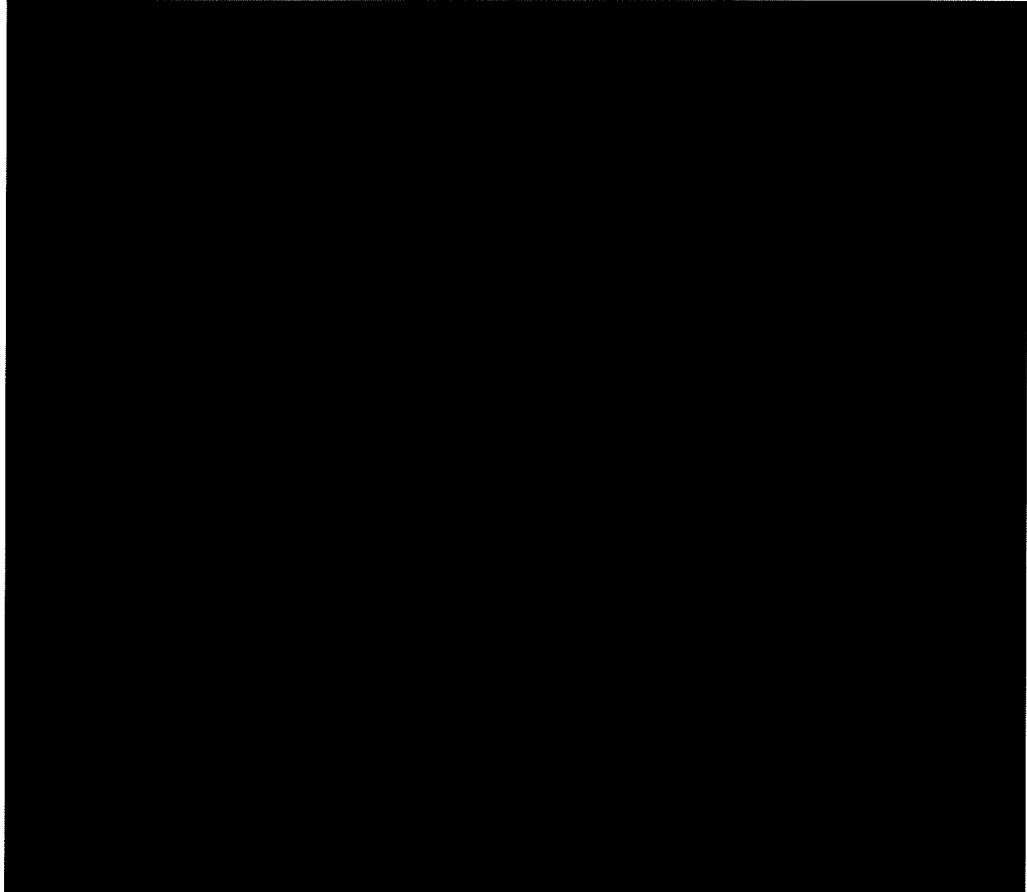
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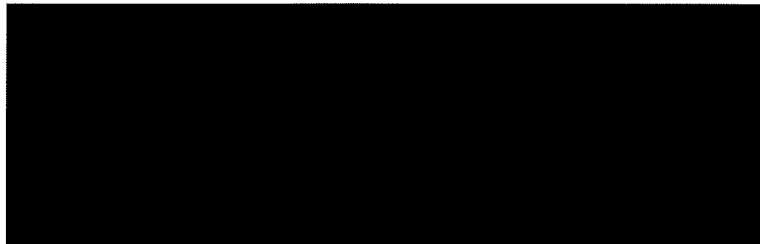
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Peter Bowman '55: Peter is retired and in the monitoring program.

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## MEMORANDUM



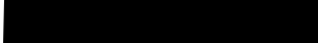
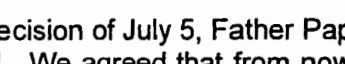
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**DATE:** JULY 11, 2002  
**TO:** REVEREND PATRICK LAGGES, OFFICE FOR CANONICAL SERVICES  
**FROM:** BISHOP RAYMOND GOEDERT   
**RE:** REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS

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Enclosed are copies of decisions rendered by the Review Board and its recommendations to the Cardinal. These determinations are in reference to the following priests:

- (1) May 22, 2002 
- (2) May 22, 2002 – Reverend Peter Bowman
- (3) June 20, 2002 – 
- (4) June 20, 2002 – 
- (5) June 20, 2002 – 

In accord with our decision of July 5, Father Paprocki will no longer prepare the letters of response from the Cardinal. We agreed that from now on, you or your delegate will prepare a draft for the Cardinal's signature to the determinations and recommendations of the Review Board.

cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

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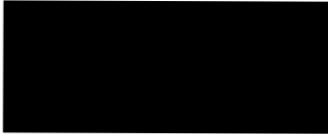
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Cardinal



Post Office Box 1979  
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July 19, 2002



Dear 

Father Kaczorowski has shared with me the letter that you wrote to your brothers and sisters and the cover letter that you wrote to him. I am very grateful that you have written to your family and also allowed Father Kaczorowski and myself to know your story.

It is a matter of great regret to me that anyone would be abused by a priest, particularly a priest of the Archdiocese. I will add your name to the list of those I pray for daily, that the Lord may comfort you and give you healing and strength.

I thank you for your courage in helping us come to a knowledge of the truth, and I ask for your prayers for me and for the Archdiocese. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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## Time to support the church

Sunday, June 9, 2002 *Johnson*

Satan is dancing with about as much joy and vigor as one can imagine. He's got the Catholic Church in a dither. He knows when and where to attack. The pope is dealing with his own health problems along with trying to find the right answer to the church's problems. I admire him for his courage to press on despite his infirmities.

I see people on the television news who recommend holding back their tithing or not giving their share of financial support to the church until the church cleans up its act. The devil is smiling even more. This is what makes his day — to see people turn on the church just when they need the true support of its members.

Each day, in some part of the world, especially the United States, some new priest or priests are being removed because of a charge of sexual misconduct of one sort or another.

A leading cardinal misspoke about a gender issue and was instantly criticized for his statements. The cardinal apologized immediately upon recognizing what he had said, but the media and the public only want to hear what he said that was not right. His apology seemed as a whisper. The devil is having even more fun. He dances on and on.

He has the pope, the cardinals, the local priests all playing defense. But what is the true body of believers doing about it? Nothing that is noteworthy except more criticism.

Well, it is time to tell Satan to go to hell. Really, that is the only way he understands your feelings. Tell him to get out of your life as well as the Catholic Church. When you ask God to help out with this mess, Satan does not like it. He knows that God can overpower him with the power of the people's prayers and the full support of the church's people joining together to rid the church of its ugly sins of sexual misconduct and other problems.

The story is told that when a rabbi was asked, "Where was God when the Jews were in the concentration camps?" The rabbi responded, "God was with His people in those camps." The next question asked was, "Where was God when they were exterminated?" The rabbi responded, "Where were you and what did you do about it?"

Maybe it is time that we ask, what can we do to help the Catholic Church's problem. We can do several things. The body of believers of the Christian faith can pray for the church's healing, and that, only God can give. God wants to know from the church and its family of believers, do you really want this church to be healthy and well again? Then ask him for that healing power for the church — God wants to hear from you.

I would request that all God-fearing people, whether they be Muslim, Jew or whatever religion that believes in the sovereign God, should pray for our brothers and sisters going through this dilemma at this time. I truly believe that the church leaders know they have to clean house.

The Catholic Church is at an all-time low right now. Let's turn that around by showing true support. Ask your local priest where you can be of some help. Write a check for the local church; they need your financial help now more than ever before. Show Satan that you are fed up with his antics and get involved with the healing process. Most of all, ask God for his help on a daily basis.

He's got the whole wide world in his hands.

Dean Koldenhoven  
Palos Heights

## Zero tolerance for all

I am very saddened to learn that the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops ("Bishops' plan includes zero tolerance of abuse," June 5) is proposing that priests who have against them a single, substantiated, past allegation of sexual abuse of a minor be allowed to remain in the priesthood. No one knows for sure that there were no other incidents of abuse. Victims who have gone on with their lives may be very reluctant to come forward. No one knows for sure that these priests will not abuse again. There must be no question that the safety of children is now the main priority of the church.

*SM/MS Anita Weilt-Jung, Niles*

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Recalling the good deeds of Catholic Church *TRB/6/9*

In response to Louis G. Hector's critical comment of the Tribune's "Catholic bias" in news articles (Voice of the people, June 1), let me say the following: Newspapers, as he probably well knows, rarely sell papers on the basis of good news. When was the last time a Pulitzer Prize was awarded for a series on good news?

Because of the inclination of the public to buy the bad news as opposed to the good news, I believe it is incumbent on those who have benefited from the good the Catholic Church has done to publicly respond and provide some balance to the very bad

news of recent months about the Catholic Church.

I was educated in Catholic Schools through the 12th grade. During that time, I spent a short time in St. Joseph's Home for the Friendless in Chicago and four years of high school in Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, both charity institutions.

While in the schools and institutions, I was under the care of many priests and seminarians. At no time was I sexually abused by any of them nor, as far as I know, were the hundreds of other children who came under their care.

What we received was de-

cent care, and I commend the Catholic Church for what those clerics did for me and thousands of others.

I am no longer a member of the Catholic Church, nor any other religious institution, but I have not forgotten the good the Catholic Church did for our family and thousands like us in our time of need.

Thanks to Hector for reminding me to speak out in support of the good things the Catholic Church has done. And let's hear from others out there who have benefited from the good works of the Catholic Church.

*Michael Dunne Healy  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa*

## A PARISHIONER'S PAIN

# Priest sex scandals scar everyone in the church community

*TRB/6/9*  
By Karen Ann Cullotta

During my distinguished tenure as a smug suburban teenager, my *curriculum vitae* included an affinity for hurling daggers at my parents' values—their patriotism, their ethnic pride, and my favorite target, the Catholic Church.

So it should come as no surprise that 25 years later, I'm flying Old Glory, hand-cutting

*Karen Ann Cullotta teaches journalism at Northwestern University and is a freelance writer.*

homemade pasta and, most recently, defending my former pastor at St. James Church in Arlington Heights, Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

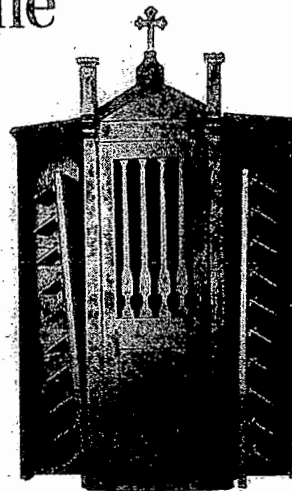
Bowman, 73, was accused last month of sexual misconduct with a boy, an incident that allegedly took place 45 years ago. While Bowman officially retired in 2000, he is now banned from performing priestly duties at his neighborhood parish.

I must confess that, when the accusation was revealed to St. James parishioners on May 26, I had skipped mass, and instead

spent my morning worshipping the glorious flats ofimpatiens, geraniums and petunias at the local Home Depot. By noon, the allegations facing Bowman had reached my back-yard garden, which sprouts up behind the St. James Church parking lot and a boxy, beige brick gymnasium named the Bowman Center.

Before long the neighborly chitchat spilling over picket fences, front porches and sidewalks centered on "the announcement." As longtime parishioners shared their

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# PRIESTS: Crisis among Catholics hits close to home

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stunned disbelief, my 15-year-old daughter and her friends reacted to the news with a mixture of sadness and sarcasm.

One teen was troubled that the announcement had made her usually stoic father cry. Others, like my daughter, erupted in a storm of self-righteous teenage indignation—a fury spawned by fear when the delicate veil of childhood innocence is snagged and torn, revealing a dark world without absolutes.

As reporters and photographers captured my neighbors' reactions to the allegations juxtaposed against a Norman Rockwell palate of lilac bushes and front porch swings, the words and images seemed oddly surreal.

"Isn't that woman in the newspaper one of your neighbors across the street?" my mother asked. Yes, and another "source" is a father of two who lives down the block.

Indeed, the crisis facing the U.S. Roman Catholic Church hits way too close to home when the voices in the news are your neighbors and parish priests. When the latest priest who stands accused is not a stranger from Boston or Milwaukee but a man who presided over your daughter's First Communion and comforted a close friend who was depressed after losing his job; a man whose sermons were infused with intelligence, whose charisma, warmth and wit captured my attention when I was a self-absorbed twenty-something, torn between my ambitions as a writer and my responsibilities as the mother of a toddler.

## **Bowman was different**

Bowman was not like the bearded, sandal-clad priests I encountered during my childhood, a post-Vatican II era that ushered in a mantra of "Kumbaya," bad folk singing at the 10 a.m. guitar mass, and other tiedyed remnants of fast-food Catholicism. Instead, Bowman reminded me of my father's friends from the South Side



*'Calling [Rev. R. Peter] Bowman "father" was not a stretch, as he displayed many of the qualities I admire in my own dad.'*

union hall, minus the beer and cigarettes. He had integrity and commanded respect. Calling Bowman "father" was not a stretch, as he displayed many of the qualities I admire in my own dad, including humor and sensitivity.

Sure, priests are celibate, unmarried, and with no children of their own, but none of this seemed to matter with Bowman. Though I had tormented my parents in the past by calling the church rules archaic and misogynistic, meeting Bowman silenced my earlier criticisms. As I lined up for Communion on Sundays, I'd often discreetly change lines, no offense to the lay ministers, but feeling somehow that the host had more significance when it was passed from Bowman's hands.

## **Making sense of allegations**

And now, I struggle to make sense of an accusation that has rocked my already precarious spirituality. I've concluded that amid the torrent of sexual abuse allegations devastating the Catholic Church, there are monsters who committed horrible crimes against children, there are manipulative men of the cloth who preyed on vulnerable adults, and there are those who, in a moment of weakness, used poor judgment.

There are also sure to be priests who are innocent of the allegations, noble men such as

the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, whose accuser later recanted his story.

Of course, I have deep compassion for the countless real victims of sexual abuse. Some of them are my friends who remain tormented by their nightmares, trying to numb their pain with alcohol, drugs and decades of therapy. But I can't help feeling that many of the priests facing this latest rush of allegations, perhaps Bowman himself, are also victims.

Still, in our zeal to root out sexual predators and punish church officials who looked the other way, it might be wise to look back at the foundation of the Bible itself, where forgiveness of our sins is the undeniable cornerstone. Yes, the Bible can help light the way out of this darkness, with its warnings of living in glass houses and casting stones. But at the risk of sounding blasphemous, I've also found wisdom in a battered old copy of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible."

"The witch-hunt was not, however, a mere repression," writes Miller in a commentary explaining his 1952 masterpiece. "It was also, and as importantly, a long overdue opportunity for everyone so inclined to express publicly his guilt and sins, under the cover of accusations against victims."

## **Priests are only human**

As church leaders huddle at a national meeting of bishops this week, they face an impossible task: To ensure that the underbelly of human nature will never again surface, that the demons will be cast out, that the stinking heap of sins committed by some of today's priests will be shoveled into the history books, alongside the dusty chapters detailing the deeds of that young upstart, Martin Luther.

Yes, new church rules are long overdue, but I pray that in our quest to root out the weeds choking our faith, we realize that whether a leader is a prince, a president or a priest, they are first and foremost, human. Men whose complicated lives cannot be summed up as simply "good" or "evil," but more than likely, a little bit of both.

*Karen Ann Cullotta teaches journalism at Northwestern University and is a freelance writer.*

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim LN's relative to Fr. James Kaczorowski, Archdiocese of Chicago's Vicar for Priests, dated July 20, 2002. In her letter, Victim LN's relative provided additional information concerning the circumstances Victim LN was dealing with when Fr. Peter Bowman entered his life and allegedly sexually abused him, as well as the impact her relative's abuse has had on her faith life.

# Banished priest puts faith in comeback

By Jodi Wilgoren  
New York Times News Service

NEW BUFFALO, Mich.—Rev. Thomas DeVita had planned his departure from public ministry Wednesday morning in exquisite detail.

He would wear the vestments he bought last Christmas. The choir would sing "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place." And he would walk through the pews of St. Mary of the Lake, blessing the congregation before leaving.

But parishioner Peggy Jachim, 70, had a heart attack Tuesday night. So after mass Wednesday, DeVita drove to St. Anthony's Hospital in Michigan City, Ind., to see her.

"You have a lot of people praying for you, so don't be surprised if you feel good in a matter of days, if not hours," he told Jachim.

"And I'm going to keep you in my prayers," Jachim said. "That you get



DeVita

reinstated."

DeVita, 55, then returned to the rectory in Michigan and took off his Roman collar—perhaps for good—just before noon.

Twenty-four years ago he engaged in sexual misconduct with a teenage boy on Long Island, and under the zero-tolerance policy adopted by the nation's Roman Catholic bishops in June, he is barred from publicly administering the sacraments, working in the church or calling himself "Father."

Nearly 300 priests nationwide have been removed from their duties since January as a result of the sexual abuse scandals that have engulfed the church. DeVita, who spent three months in psychiatric care and publicly repented four years ago, is among about a dozen priests appealing to the Vatican through a secretive canonical process.

Though his devoted flock is devastated by his dismissal, DeVita's detractors, many of whom left the parish after his past surfaced, are relieved.

Mary Lou Fahrberger, whose son refused to continue with confirmation classes after learning of DeVita's abuse, said the priest's removal stopped short of justice but would let peace return to the parish.

"All those faithful parishioners who are crying over him," she said. "I'd like to ask them if they would send their son or their daughter with him on vacation."

Daniel Lotten, who was 16 when his friendship with DeVita "crossed the line," as the priest has put it, and who later received a \$50,000 settlement from the church, declined to discuss the departure.

"The whole situation just brought so much pain to my family," said Lotten, who had worked with DeVita in Kings Park, N.Y., and now lives in Key West.

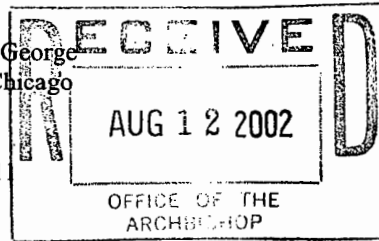
DeVita is on administrative leave, allowed to say mass only for family and friends in the chapel planned for the loft of a home he bought 12 days ago.

"In the last six weeks, I've been praying to know God's will, and to have the strength to do it," he said Sunday after mass.

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August 2, 2002

Francis Cardinal George  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Pastoral Center  
155 E Superior  
Chicago, IL 6061



Your Eminence,

This letter is being written to you on behalf of our dear friend, Rev. Peter Bowman. The disclosure on him was brought to our attention on Memorial Day, May 27th. My husband and I were deeply saddened and immediately wrote and expressed our love, concern and support to him. The respect we both have for Fr. Bowman has never changed and if anything has brought us that much closer to him.

In 1971 we moved into St. Timothy Parish. It is there we met Fr. Bowman. He baptized both our boys. How blessed we were to have this man as our priest. He became a spiritual mentor to so many as we journeyed our way with the Lord. What he preached, he lived. He was an example for all of us to follow. We loved his wit, his charm, his masterful homilies, and his depth as a human being. He was one of us and we all loved him dearly. We moved to Glenview in 1981 and Fr. Bowman became pastor at St. James in Arlington Heights. I never corresponded with him until January 5, 2002. As I sat in my kitchen praying about a problem and what to do about it, his name came to mind. Perhaps he could help us. A friend from St. Tim's gave me his address. Had I known about his [REDACTED], I don't think I would have bothered him. He certainly had enough to deal with. But since I didn't the letter was mailed. As I look back, I am so glad that I did.

[REDACTED] You are left totally helpless in reaching out to others. You lack the physical strength to do the normal everyday tasks and are lucky if you can do the just the bare minimum. That was not the case with Fr. Bowman. Upon receiving my letter he immediately started working on my request.

My son, [REDACTED] was getting married on February 2, 2002. He was marrying a wonderful girl named [REDACTED] who was also Catholic. She had been married before in the Catholic Church. We were all praying that her annulment would come through before February 2nd. Everything had been approved and it was now a time of waiting. Then in late December they were informed of another heartbreaking setback (3 more weeks were added on along with the paperwork. This was to see if anyone would contest the annulment. Time was running out and so was their patience. They were both so angry and frustrated with our church and its rules. We could hear the cynicism in their comments and could see how they were distancing themselves from the church. Both my husband and I were very worried. As I wrote Fr. Bowman, they were meeting with a minister who would marry them.

On Sunday, January 27th, my husband and I along with [REDACTED] had a scheduled appointment with Fr. Bowman. Upon seeing him he told us that the annulment had gone through. We were elated! [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then asked Fr. Bowman if he would marry them at the Alice Millar Chapel in Evanston, IL. His answer was an emphatic NO. This location was not a Catholic Church and furthermore he wouldn't even come to witness it. Instead Fr. Bowman blessed them in the Sacrament of Matrimony at 7:30 AM Saturday morning on Feb. 2, 2002 at St. Teresa's Church. Our prayers had been answered. Fr. Bowman's example of goodness and kindness has left a lasting impression on this young couple. He went to bat for them and they knew it.

As parents we can't begin to express our appreciation to him for making this happen, especially when he was going through such difficult times in his own personal life. He put his own needs on the back burner

and reached out to help us. This is our Fr. Bowman and what he's all about. To our dying breath we will never forget this or the circumstances he had to work under to make this happen.

We thank you for taking the time to read this rather lengthy letter. It was very important to us in our healing process to express in words the feelings we hold in our heart. The Church wants its members to remain loyal and faithful. Our young people like [REDACTED] were struggling with the Church. Because Fr. Bowman reached out and touched them they regained their belief in the Church. Because of Fr. Bowman, their faith in God and His Church were not shaken. And all because Fr. Bowman took the time and went that extra mile.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

*P.S. I'm sure this letter will never reach the Cardinal. Someone will have to read it. It helped me in my healing process.*

*\* This is a separate letter I wrote to the Trib. Voice of the People.*

*\** This letter is written in response to the article "Banished priest puts faith in comeback" by Jodi Wilgoren, New York Times News Service. I felt her article was well written because it was not only candid but also sensitive to the issue at hand. I do take offense at a statement made by Mary Lou Fahrberger in this same article. I quote, "All those faithful parishioners who are crying over him," she said. "I'd like to ask them if they would send their son or their daughter with him on vacation." My answer to her question is, "Yes I would." Saying "yes" would also preclude knowledge of this person and the length of time I've known him. As parents we have all done investigation of where our kids are, whom they hang out with and what they're up to. I am also proud to say that I too have shed tears over a friend of mine who was indicted. Situations with clerical abuse have touched us all differently. I respect Mary Lou' opinion but in return ask her to do likewise. All of us are suffering because of the crisis in the church. We all need to be more forgiving and less judgmental. We all need to pray for our church, the priests and victims and also for each other. Let's leave the outcome of this to the proper authorities who have been appointed by the church to handle all such cases.

[REDACTED]

*This is the first time I have ever written the Cardinal or the Tribune. I must say these letters have left me with a deep inner peace. I needed to express on paper the thoughts of my heart.*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have a right to report accusations of child abuse to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (The Department of Children and Family Services "hotline" telephone number is 1-800-252-2873). You also have a right to report such accusations to the State's Attorney's Office or other law enforcement agencies. (The Cook County State's Attorney's telephone number is 312-603-5440 (direct); the Lake County State's Attorney's telephone number is 847-377-3000 (main #) or 847-360-6644 (direct). If you have any questions as to how to make such a report you may refer those questions to the Department of Children and Family Services or the State's Attorney's Office.

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I have read and understood the above notice. A representative of the Archdiocese has given me a copy of the Department of Children and Family Services brochure describing the child abuse reporting laws. The representative of the Archdiocese whose name appears below has not discouraged me in any way from reporting to the authorities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

I presented a copy of this "Important Notice" and a copy of the Department of Children and Family Services brochure describing the child abuse reporting laws to the person whose printed name and signature appears above, on the date indicated in this document.

8/15/02  
(Date)

Leah McCluskey MSW  
(Signature)

Leah McCluskey MSW  
(Print Name)

TO FR J. KACZOROWSKI - VICAR FOR PRIESTS

Jim - This is a letter that we are planning on sending to our parishioners. Mary McDonough has looked it over and made some changes. Any issues with this please call me at : [REDACTED] I will be at this number until Friday noon.

Hope you are well. Hope you get some rest! My regards to Tom T.

Peace, John



The past six months have been a terrible time for us in our church- here at St. Teresa of Avila and throughout this country. The awful truth of children being sexually abused by ordained and religious has ripped through our faith community(s), only made worse by cover-ups and denials by some of those in authority in the church. After an endless barrage of publicity and more revelations of abuse, an unsettling silence seems to have come over us.

The sexual abuse of pre and post pubescent children is a hideous crime and those who have done this must accept the consequences of their behavior. Our church must do everything in our power to help those abused, hoping the victims becomes survivors.

We are forming a response team, hoping to enable those abused who come forward to report this crime to public and church authorities and learning of resources for possible help for them. In the mean time, and any time, we hope you are able to come to us to address this.

Anyone who has been abused must be cared for and about. Those who have done this abuse must be held accountable and accept the consequences of their behavior, ordained or not. We are having a healing service for those affected in any way by this or any abuse. It will be held on Wednesday evening, Aug 28.

Our own struggle here has been focused on our Fr. Peter, removed because of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor 45 years ago. The Archdiocesan Fitness Review Board found reasons to suspect that abuse had occurred, although Fr. Peter does not remember it. Perhaps more painful than anything is the uncertainty, and our own inability to help make it more clear. We are called to trust in the procedures that are being used now, in the case of Fr. Peter and in relation to the decision of the Bishops in Dallas, being reviewed by the Vatican. This is a very difficult time, waiting for a definitive answer, hoping for clarity.

*But what we have done, we can and must, continue to do – to pray for all of those who have been abused, for those who have abused, and for the leaders of our church. May those abused begin to find courage to confront the abuser, find healing in their lives, and one day be able to forgive those who have abused them, or ignored or rejected them. May those who have abused recognize their sin and sickness accept the consequences and hopefully find a compassionate church which challenges and forgives and aids them in a healing process. May those who have abused the exercise of power in our church accept appropriate consequences, open themselves to the understanding and wisdom of others, and lead with humility and compassion. May we, sisters and brothers of the abused, the abuser and the leader, know our own sins, embrace the Gospel of compassion and justice and pray for God's healing power in all our lives.*

Peace,

Rev. John Hoffman

Sr. Joe Bronzeiter



Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, to file, dated August 19, 2002, summarizing Victim LN's allegations of abuse against Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the statement, the alleged abuse occurred at Our Lady of Victory parish in 1966 and included kissing and, in some instances, genital fondling. Victim LN estimated 5 or 6 incidents of alleged abuse. Bowman also allegedly abused Victim LN during an out of state trip, during which the two shared a hotel room.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Review Board Members

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator 

Re: /Bowman, P.

Date: August 22, 2002

On August 19, 2002, Fr. Kaczorowski and I were to meet with Peter Bowman in order to inform him of the allegations of sexual misconduct brought against him by   At the scheduled 10:00 am meeting, attorney Frank M. Bonifacic, Fr. Kaczorowski and myself were present. Mr. Bonifacic stated that he had advised his client Peter Bowman against being present for the scheduled meeting. After speaking via phone with Fr. Paprocki, it was agreed upon that the allegations would be presented to Peter Bowman via phone in the presence of Mr. Bonifacic, Fr. Kaczorowski and myself. Fr. Kaczorowski requested that Mr. Bonifacic schedule another appointment with the Vicar for Priests so that Peter Bowman may respond to the allegations if he so chooses.

Peter Bowman was contacted via phone and Mr. Bonifacic instructed his client to remain silent and not respond to the allegations as they were read. After the mentioned meeting, I realized that I had inadvertently omitted one part of the allegation. I then contacted Mr. Bonifacic via phone and requested to read Peter Bowman the remainder of the allegation via a three-way phone call. Mr. Bonifacic agreed. He was able to again contact Peter Bowman, where I was able to read the remainder of the allegation.

Cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Members of PCAC

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August 27, 2002

Rev. R. Peter Bowman

Dear Father Bowman,

Please be advised that the Review Board conducted a First Stage Review on May 18, 2002 pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process For Continuation of Ministry. In the matter of [REDACTED] Archbishop George has accepted the Board's determination that you be withdrawn from ministry.

If you have any questions regarding the determination, please contact me at your convenience at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
**FRANK M. BONIFACIO**  
SUITE 1850  
111 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

FAX [REDACTED]

E-MAIL fbonifacio@aol.com

September 13, 2002

Ms. Leah McClusky  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
676 North St. Clair  
Suite 1910  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
My file no. 02006

Dear Ms. McClusky:

As you are aware from our meeting on August 19, 2002, I represent Fr. Peter Bowman. With respect to the allegations made by [REDACTED], as reported by you at that meeting, I have advised Fr. Bowman that he is not to discuss these matters with anyone other than his attorney. The nature of these allegations, potentially, carry such grave consequences that, as his attorney, I cannot properly counsel him otherwise.

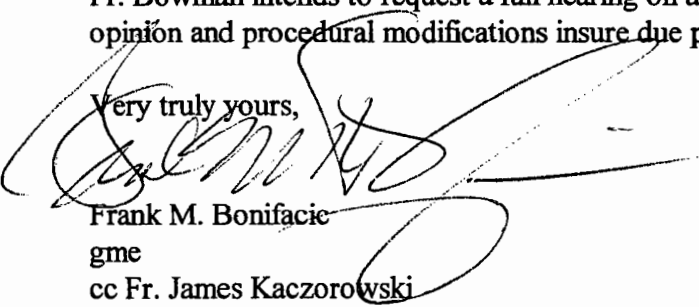
I want you to understand that Fr. Bowman categorically denies any allegations, charges, suggestions or insinuations of wrong-doing or improper conduct with [REDACTED] at any time.

I assume you will make this denial known to the Review Board when you inform them of these allegations. In fact, I would appreciate if you provided them with a copy of this letter. I hope that they understand and take into account that no one, facing allegations such as these, would be allowed to respond in any fashion other than this written response by his attorney. The process of the Diocese would seem quite unfair if it counsels a priest to seek legal counsel and then penalizes him for following the advice given, particularly in these times of media induced lynch-mob mentality.

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Fr. Bowman intends to request a full hearing on any charges against him, when the climate of opinion and procedural modifications insure due process and a fair hearing.

Very truly yours,



Frank M. Bonifacio

gme

cc Fr. James Kaczorowski

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## MEMORANDUM


To: Review Board Members

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: **[PFR-77] Rev. Peter Bowman (Retired) in an Allegation made by**   


Date: September 16, 2002

The PFRA received a letter dated September 13, 2002 from attorney Frank M. Bonifacic regarding Peter Bowman's response to allegations of sexual misconduct made by   


Both PFRA and Fr. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests, have been in contact with Mr. Bonifacic offering his client Peter Bowman an opportunity to respond to the allegations presented to him via phone on August 19, 2002. In the mentioned letter, Mr. Bonifacic states, "I have advised Fr. Bowman that he is not to discuss these matters [allegations of sexual misconduct] with anyone other than his attorney." Further, Mr. Bonifacic writes, "I want you to understand that Fr. Bowman categorically denies any allegations, charges, suggestions or insinuations of wrongdoing or improper conduct with  at any time."

Mr. Bonifacic requested that this information be presented to the Review Board, as well as that all members be presented with a copy of the mentioned letter.

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

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## Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, October 5, 2002

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

#### Members absent:

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]

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#### I. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2002

#### II. Case Reviews

##### First Stage Reviews

##### A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired) – PFR-77

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. The claim is as follows: [REDACTED] alleges kissing, fondling, overnight trip [REDACTED]

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that Rev. R. Peter Bowman be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0; Review Board welcomes any additional information from Fr. Peter Bowman and/or counsel, in forms of assessments (existing) or addressing Review Board.

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

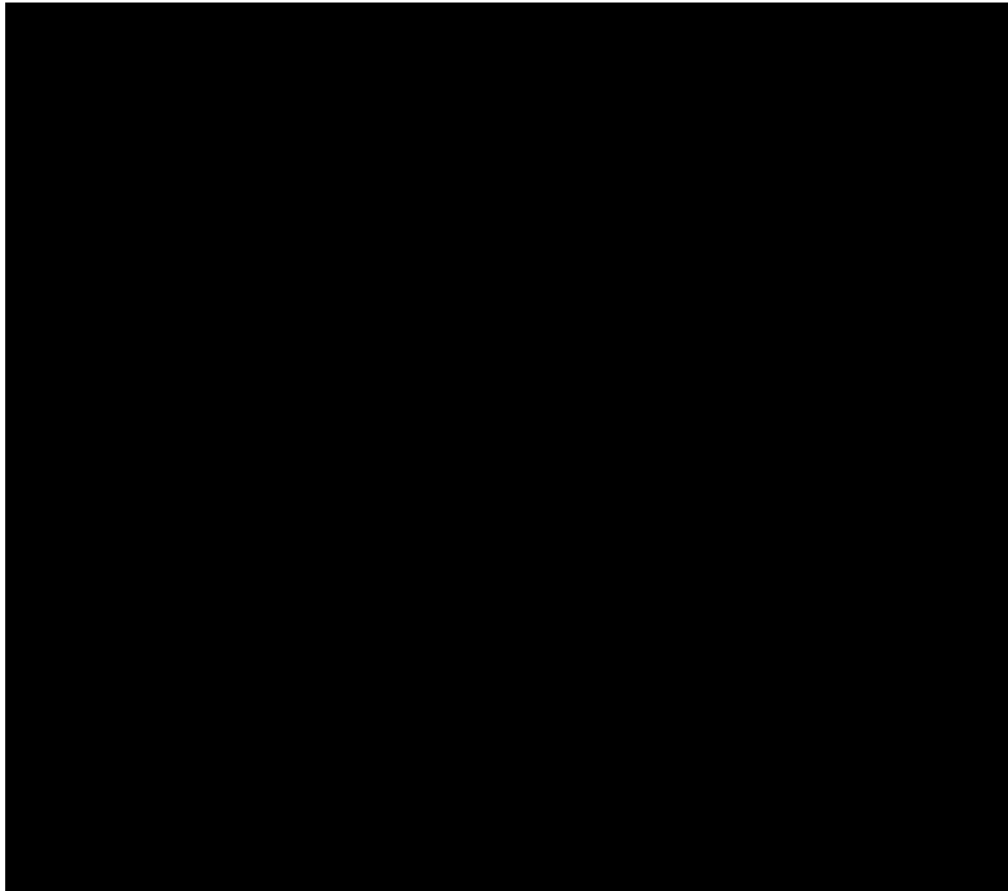
Second Stage Reviews

F. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired) – PFR-77

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]

The Board recommends: unanimous 6-0 to postpone Second Stage Review to October 19, 2002; requested that Professional Fitness Review Administrator contact Fr. Peter Bowman's attorney to request any additional information regarding [REDACTED] allegation.

G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]



**Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, October 5, 2002  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2002

II. Case Reviews  
First Stage Reviews

A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired) – PFR-77

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

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

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

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

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED]

#### Second Stage Reviews

A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired) – PFR-77

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

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

**Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Saturday, October 19, 2002**



### RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 10/5/02 to conduct a  
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:)  First Stage Review  Second Stage Review  Supplementary Review  Status Report

regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Rev. R. Peter Bowman (retired) # 77  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

- (check one:)  a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago  a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago
- an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)
- a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)
- a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)
- a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

- (check one:)  there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
 there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

- (check one:)  the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
 no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0 to postpone 2nd stage to 10/19; requested that PFRA contact PB's attorney to request any additional info. re: [redacted] allegation

1st Stage - reasonable cause

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 10-5-02 to conduct a  
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:)  First Stage Review  Second Stage Review  Supplementary Review  Status Report

regarding the allegation of [Redacted]  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired)  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:)  a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago  a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago

an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)

a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: alleges kissing, fondling overnight  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

trip [Redacted]

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:)  there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
 there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:)  the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
 no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0; RB welcomes any additional info. from PB and/or council, in forms of assessments (existing) or addressing RB

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FAX COVER LETTER

DATE: 10/07/2002

TO: Ms. Leah McClusky

FAX:

FROM: FRANK M. BONIFACIC

RE: Rev. R.. Peter Bowman

PAGES(INCLUDING COVER): 3

COMMENTS: Enclosed is letter regarding the voice mail of this morning.

Very Truly Yours,

Frank M. Bonifacic

*Copies sent  
to Fr. Paprocke  
Fr. Kaczorowski  
John O'Malley  
& Ralph B.*

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October 7, 2002

Ms. Leah McClusky  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
676 North St. Clair  
Suite 1910  
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Re: R. Peter Bowman  
My file no. 02006

Dear Ms. McClusky:

As you are aware from our meeting of August 19, 2002 and my previous correspondence, I represent Fr. Peter Bowman.

Therefore, I was shocked to hear the voice mail you left me on Saturday when I arrived in my office at 8:30 this morning. You stated that you convened a meeting of the Review Board on Saturday, October 5, 2002 and that you made a presentation regarding the allegations of [REDACTED]. You also stated that there was a second stage review regarding the allegations of [REDACTED].

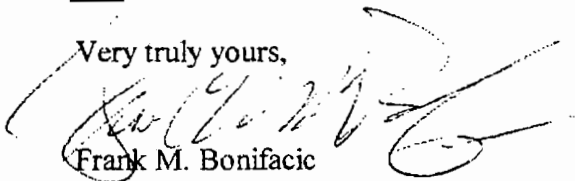
After I heard your message, I telephoned Fr. Kaczorowski, the clerical representative for Peter Bowman. He said that he too was unaware that these proceedings occurred as he also was not notified. Therefore, Fr. Bowman was not represented at either of these hearings on Saturday, October 5, 2002.

We do want to make a presentation in Fr. Bowman's defense in regard these allegations; and I informed your predecessor, Ms. Kathy Leggdas, Fr. Kaczorowski and you by my letter of September 13, 2002.

Therefore, I strenuously object to any findings or conclusions made by the Board of Review on October 5, 2002. And, request that their actions be vacated. The bare minimum of due process requires at least a timely notification of any hearing that will affect the professional standing and life work of a priest. That was not done here!

I would like the opportunity to address the Board myself as soon as possible to advise them of the nature of Fr. Bowman's case and to work out a timetable for a full presentation of his defense. please advise me of what other steps I can take to vacate at least the second stage review of the [REDACTED] case, and set a hearing for the second stage review of both cases.

Very truly yours,

  
Frank M. Bonifacic

cc: Fr. Kaczorowski  
John O'Malley



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October 15,2002

Ms. Leah McClusky  
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FAX: 312/ 751-5279

Re: Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
My file no. 02006

Dear Ms. McClusky:

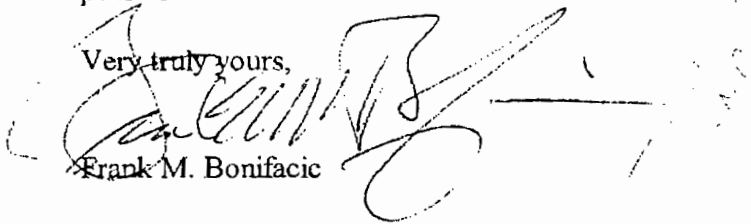
This will confirm that I am scheduled to speak to the Review Board on October 19,2002 and have been allotted the 11:00-11:30 slot.

In that regard, may I please have a copy of the written allegations which were presented to the Board at the last meeting. These would be the allegations of [REDACTED] My only information regarding these allegations consists of the information you conveyed to me orally at our first meeting.

You may fax the written material to me at the above number as I would like to see it as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Frank M. Bonifacio



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October 16, 2002

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on October 5, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired) in the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A Second Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Review Board unanimously (6-0) recommends the following: to postpone Second Stage Review to October 19, 2002; requested that Professional Fitness Review Administrator contact Fr. Peter Bowman's attorney to request any additional information regarding [REDACTED] allegation.

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

- cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
- Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
- Rev. Pat Lagges, Judicial Vicar
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*Accepted this  
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Fr. Paprocki  
Oct 23,  
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Re: Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
My file no. 02006

Dear Ms. Mc Clusky:

With reference to our conversation regarding the prohibition against the removal of any documents from your file, please be advised of the following.

I would like the opportunity to review your entire file on [REDACTED]. This would include:

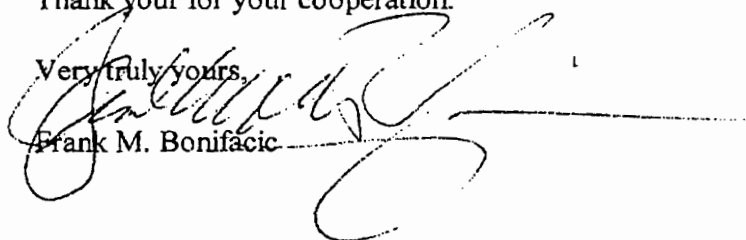
1. any and all correspondence to or from [REDACTED] (such as letter he purportedly wrote) or any correspondence from any source concerning [REDACTED] or his allegations;
2. notes of any interviews (telephone or face to face) with [REDACTED] or with any other individuals relating to said allegations (your notes and /or notes from any other individual contained in your file;
3. any other documents relating to these allegations from any source whatsoever.
4. any correspondence and or communication from an attorney relating to [REDACTED] or any information from an attorney or from [REDACTED] (written or verbal) that [REDACTED] is represented by an attorney.

Please advise if this file would be available for inspection on Thursday, October 17, or Friday, October 18, 2002 as I will be before the Board on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Frank M. Bonifacic



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**FAX COVER LETTER**

DATE: 10/16/2002

TO: Leah McClusky

FAX: 312/751-5279

FROM: FRANK M. BONIFACIC

RE: Rev. R. Peter Bowman

PAGES(INCLUDING COVER): 2

COMMENTS: Enclosed is letter regarding our conversation regarding your file.

Very Truly Yours,

Frank M. Bonifacic

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## Memorandum

To: File -PFR-77

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant <sup>LNP</sup>

Re: **Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired)**

Date: October 16, 2002

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on October 5, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. The claim is as follows: [REDACTED] alleges kissing, fondling, overnight trip [REDACTED]

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that Rev. R. Peter Bowman be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0; Review Board welcomes any additional information from Fr. Peter Bowman and/or counsel, in forms of assessments (existing) or addressing Review Board.

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To: File -PFR-77

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant <sup>LWP</sup>

Re: Rev. R. Peter Bowman

Date: October 17, 2002

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on October 5, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]

The Board recommends: unanimous 6-0 to postpone Second Stage Review to October 19, 2002; requested that Professional Fitness Review Administrator contact Fr. Peter Bowman's attorney to request any additional information regarding [REDACTED] allegation.

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October 18, 2002

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on October 5, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired) in the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A First Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Rev. R. Peter Bowman engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. According to Article §1104.9, Fr. R. Peter Bowman is to be relieved of any ecclesiastical ministry or function.

The Board unanimously (6-0) recommends that they would appreciate any additional information from Fr. Peter Bowman and/or counsel, in forms of assessments (existing) or addressing Review Board.

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

- cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
- Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
- Rev. Pat Lagges, Judicial Vicar
- Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
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*I accept this finding from Fr. George Oct 23, 2002*

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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, October 19, 2002 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

#### I. Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2002

#### II. Case Reviews

##### First Stage Reviews

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

- [REDACTED]

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

- [REDACTED]

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

- [REDACTED]

##### Second Stage Reviews

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

- [REDACTED]

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

- [REDACTED]

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

- [REDACTED]

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

- [REDACTED]

#### III. Other Matters

##### Second Stage Review

In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired) – PFR-77

- Allegation made by: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

**\*\*Rev. R. Peter Bowman and his lawyer, Mr. Frank M. Bonifacic will be allowed to present information to Review Board from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Saturday, November 16, 2002**



Re: Allegations of Sexual Misconduct  
With a Minor Against  
Rev. R. Peter Bowman

File - PFR-77

### **Petition to Postpone**

On behalf of Father R. Peter Bowman, I respectfully request the Review Board postpone any further proceeding in this case for the following reasons:

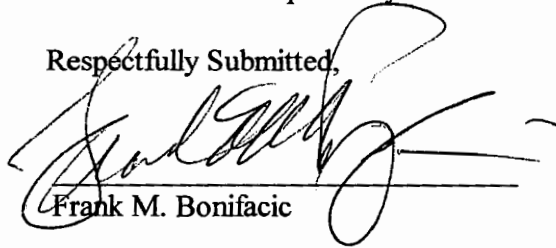
1. The allegations of [REDACTED] potentially involve at least three areas of law: Canonical, criminal, and civil damages. The impact of the proceedings or actions taken before this Board in defense of Father Bowman is unclear at this time in connection with each of those other areas of law. Without proper consideration actions taken by Father Bowman here could inure to his detriment in those areas or harm the position of the Archdiocese in any money damage lawsuits that might be instituted. Furthermore, only yesterday, Friday, October 18, 2002 the Vatican apparently published written comments questioning the validity of the procedures that this Board followed and the American Bishops instituted in June of this year in Dallas. As an attorney for Father Bowman, I cannot advise him as to what actions to take regarding this Board's jurisdiction, or how to mount a defense to the charges until I have had an opportunity to study the Dallas document, this Board's compliance with those procedures, and above all the Vatican's pronouncements.
2. No harm can come about by a delay of these proceedings for at least another 120 days. Father Bowman is abiding by the restrictions imposed on him in May of this year by the Cardinal. He has been removed from the parish where he was serving and is not acting in any priestly or public function for the Church. He is residing out of state with his sister in semi-retirement, is [REDACTED] and is reporting to a supervising Priest. He has no contact with young people or parish activities.
3. The interplay between the procedures of this Board, acting under the auspices of the Archdiocese, and Canonical law, which contains a Statute of Limitations (long since expired in the instant cases- 48 & 36 years - and other due process protection for the accused priest, is quite unclear, at this time.
4. The investigation into these two allegations has been hampered by the unclear rules of procedure and the immense publicity accompanying charges since May of this year. No opportunity to cross-examine or simply interview the complainants has been made available. And, the full statement of [REDACTED] has not been reviewed and the fact that there was a letter written by [REDACTED] was just revealed to me in the last week. That was never disclosed to Father Bowman

or me, even though the Professional Review Administrator has known since late May that I am representing Father Bowman and that I should be notified of all information regarding these allegations or his status or the activities of this Board regarding his status. Apparently this Board was convened to undertake some kind of action regarding Father Bowman two weeks ago. Neither I nor Father Bowman received notice and Father Kaczarowski, who is appointed to assist Father Bowman, was not notified, either. So we had no opportunity to make any type of presentation at that time on his behalf. I do wish to clarify that I had indicated to Ms. McClusky that I would probably not appear, but basic due process dictates that I still be notified.

5. Once the procedures of the Church are clarified and the question of the applicability of the correct statute of limitations is addressed, and we have clarification as to the status of the alleged complaints in other legal forums, I would like to make a presentation before this Board on behalf of Father Bowman. And he would like to testify before you.

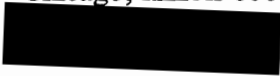
Therefor I respectfully request that you grant Father Bowman's Petition to set aside and postpone any further proceedings on these matters until some time after February 17, 2003 or to some reasonable time after the Holy See and the American Bishops clarify the rules.

Respectfully Submitted,



Frank M. Bonifacic

Frank M. Bonifacic  
Attorney for Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
111 West Washington Street  
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November 7, 2002

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Professional Fitness Review  
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of October 16, 2002, regarding the matter of **Reverend R. Peter Bowman** and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the Second Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on October 5, 2002.

In light of the Board's consideration of the reports received in this matter, I accept the Board's determination to postpone the Second Stage hearing and its direction to the Fitness Review Administrator to contact Fr. Bowman's attorney about the allegation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William H. Neuberger".

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of October 18, 2002, regarding the matter of **Reverend R. Peter Bowman**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on October 5, 2002.

In light of the Board's consideration of the reports received in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect Father Bowman engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. Father Bowman has already been withdrawn from ministry.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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Handwritten signature of William J. Goetz in cursive.

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November 12, 2002

Rev. R. Peter Bowman



Dear Father Bowman,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review on October 5, 2002 pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the Board's consideration of the reports received in this matter, Cardinal George accepts the Board's determination to postpone the Second Stage hearing in the matter of [REDACTED] to no later than December 21, 2002.

If at any time you would like to submit additional information regarding this matter to this office, please contact me. Also, please know Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at (312) 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar  
Mr. Frank M. Bonifacic, Attorney

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November 12, 2002



Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

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If at any time you would like to submit additional information regarding this matter to this office, please contact me. Also, please know that our Assistance Ministry Office continues to be available to you. You can reach them at (312) 751-8267 or by e-mail at [assistmin@archdiocese-chgo.org](mailto:assistmin@archdiocese-chgo.org)

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
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LM:lnp

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November 12, 2002



Dear Mr. 

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a First Stage Review on October 5, 2002 pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the Board's consideration of the reports received in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect Father Bowman engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. Father Bowman has already been withdrawn from ministry.

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In light of the Board's consideration of the reports received in this matter, Cardinal George accepts the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, [REDACTED]

If at any time you would like to submit additional information regarding this matter to this office, please contact me. Also, please know Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at (312) 642-1837.

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November 19, 2002

Leah McCluskey  
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**received**  
11-20-02 LNP

Re: Rev. R. Peter Bowman:

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

I was surprised to receive your letter of November 12, 2002..

The last thing that I was aware of was that my October 19,2002 Petition for Postponement and request to the Board to take no further action was still pending. The Board had informed me that they would take my request under advisement and I would hear of their decision from you. I have yet to hear from you. Was there a decision?

Your letter is disconcerting since I have asked to review the file and to see the exact charges levied against Fr. Bowman by [REDACTED] I have not been granted that opportunity.

Finally, I wish to point out that the anemic investigation, the improper evidence, and the misguided determination of "reasonable cause to suspect" by the Review Board is on a par with finding that a rumor exists and has no weight or credence in Canon or civil law.

Pursuant to my previous request and statement to the Board, please accept this as a request for a Second Stage Review of the [REDACTED] matter, if, after the Revised Norms are adopted, the Review Board still has a relevant function to perform in this case.

Very truly yours,

  
Frank M. Bonifacic

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar  
Rev. R. Peter Bowman

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Letters written & e-mailed to you on 11/7/03. Copies of the letters sent to Fr. Paprocki

## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 12/2/03 (enter date: month/day/year) to conduct a

(check one:)  First Stage Review  Second Stage Review  Supplementary Review  Status Report

regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] (enter name of alleged victim)

against Peter Bowman (enter name of accused priest or deacon)

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- a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago  a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago
  - an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ (enter name of [Arch]diocese)
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  - a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_ (enter name of diocese or religious community)
  - a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_ (enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: PB fondled [REDACTED] over minor's clothing (enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

- (check one:)
- there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
  - there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
  - there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

- (check one:)
- As a result of the PFB's action the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
  - no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: in a unanimous 6-0 decision to reaffirm First Stage Review recommendation.

The Board reaffirms their First stage Review recommendation, ~~and as a result it is recommended that~~ Fr. Bowman's withdrawal from ministry ~~be~~ continue.

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**FAX COVER LETTER**

DATE: 12/04/2002

TO: Jimmy Lago Office of the Chancellor

FAX: 312/751-5381

FROM: FRANK M. BONIFACIC

RE: Rev. R. Peter Bowman

PAGES(INCLUDING COVER): 2

**COMMENTS:** Enclosed is a letter requesting permission to view a file relating to my client.

Very Truly Yours,

Frank M. Bonifacic

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December 4, 2002

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BY FAX:312 /751-5381  
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Re: R.ev. R. Peter Bowman;

Dear Mr. Lago:

As you may know, I represent Fr. Bowman in the matter of the allegations pending before the Board of Review.

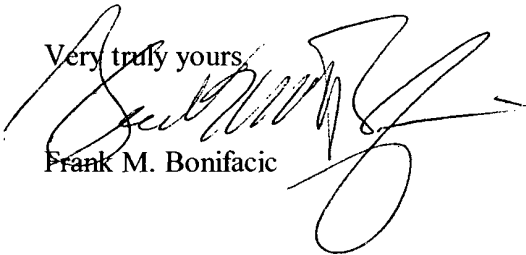
After several requests to Ms. McCluskey to view the file relating to the allegations of [REDACTED], I was informed that I need your permission to see the file and that the request be made in writing. I hope you will accept this fax as such a writing so that I may see the file as soon as possible.

Also, I have been told that I will not be allowed to photocopy the files but must copy them by hand! Please advise as to whether I can bring a court reporter and dictate the material to her.

Please respond as soon as practicable as there is a deadline in this matter that I was not informed about for several weeks.

Very truly yours,

Frank M. Bonifacio



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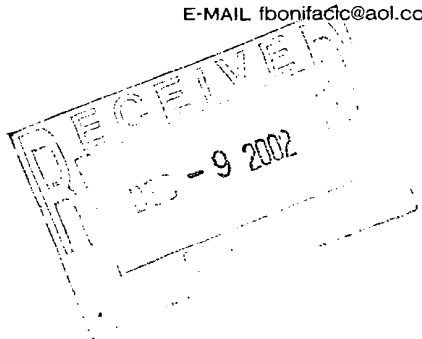
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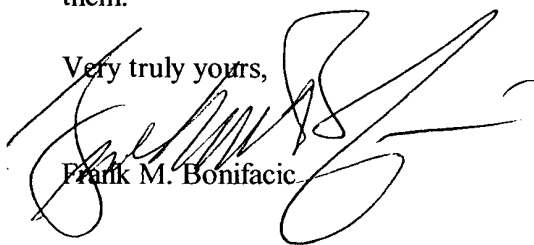
Dear Mr. Lago

May I please have a response to my request to review the file of [REDACTED] against my client. I have been told, on November 19,2002, that the matter is scheduled for the Board on December 21, 2002. I learned on November 19, 2002 even though my request for additional time was made on October 19,2002. Ms. Mc Clusky neglected to convey the information to me.

Also, despite repeated requests to see the above material, I wasn't informed until recently that a written request had to be made to you.

When may I see this file. The procedure before the Board is skewed enough against the priests to have to await permission to see matters pertaining to my client and then not be allowed to copy them.

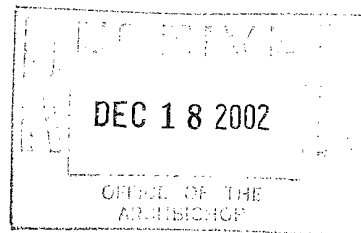
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Reverend R. Peter Bowman

[REDACTED]

December 17, 2002



His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
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Re: allegations of [REDACTED]  
your file: PFR-77

Your Eminence,

I learned that the Essential Norms received approval from Rome this week, affirming procedures for investigating allegations of sexual abuse in accord with canon law. Since there is now more clarity about procedure, I wish to address the allegation that [REDACTED] brought against me in a telephone call to the Archdiocese this past April. He alleges one, single incident to have taken place at some unspecified time, on some unidentified day, in some uncertain year, apparently between 1953 and 1961.

I am now 73 years old. I have served the Church daily for 47 years, in six different parishes and in the administration of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I have been in contact with thousands of children, young people, and their parents. So my memory for events that allegedly transpired at some unidentified time more than 40 years ago, is obviously affected by many thousands of personal interactions of a busy priestly life and the passage of time. However, if I did what [REDACTED] alleges, I would certainly remember, because it is so improper, grave, and contradictory to my nature.

I can say unequivocally that I did not ever touch [REDACTED] on the genitals with a sexual or lustful intent or with any intent to satisfy sexual impulses. And, I deny that I ever consciously touched [REDACTED] in any way, on any part of his body, with any intent, purpose, desire, lust, or motive for sexual gratification, at any time. I can also say that I have never acted with any intent, purpose, desire, lust, or motive for sexual gratification with any child, of either sex.

Although I did nothing improper or sinful, on any occasion with [REDACTED] there is no way I am able now to address his allegations, with more particularity. A few circumstances, that [REDACTED] alleges, I do remember. However, [REDACTED] misinterprets these circumstances.

In addition, over the more than [REDACTED] years I have known [REDACTED] and his family, he never gave me any hint or suggestion that he was troubled by any improper activity on my part. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Had ■ confronted me with his denunciation sooner I would have had an opportunity to question his memory and explain innocent circumstances. But, since neither of us now know what day or year he is referring to, I can not use my memory or documents to establish my presence at another place or with other persons. And, now, I am deprived of the ability to summon important witnesses that are deceased.

Msgr. James Doyle was Pastor at St. Denis, where ■ alleges this occurred. Msgr. Doyle could have verified my whereabouts on any particular day, back then. He also could have testified as to my reputation for truth and chastity and explained our procedures and assignments, placing the circumstances alleged in the proper context. He died in 1985. Rev. Joseph Doyle, an Associate, who served with me at St. Denis at that time, could also have so testified. He died in 1987. In addition, death has claimed more than 30 other persons of stature in our community who had irreplaceable knowledge about my character, habits, and reputation for veracity.

By concealing this allegation for more than 40 years, ■ has also precluded a full investigation of his memory. The passage of time, the input of other traumatic events in a lifetime, and sensational reports of improper conduct by other clerics, in the media, almost daily during the last year, makes a careful, objective, thorough examination of his story difficult, if not impossible. Furthermore, unquestioning, confirmatory affirmation of his allegation, by authority figures in the Church, who failed to conduct an objective, diligent examination of the many possible influences on this 40 year old allegation, lessens the ability to effectively investigate this alleged memory, now.

In addition, at no time did I say, indicate, imply, hint, or admit that I ever touched ■ genitals or any other part of his body with sexual intent or an intent of sexual gratification. In fact, Ms. Leggdas reports that I denied this accusation, when I was confronted with this charge, "But he disputes where this might have happened... and denies any genital touching." (Leggdas Memorandum 4-20-02).

However, rumors to the contrary have apparently circulated. This may be because in another report, Ms. Leggdas makes the ambiguous statement that, "he (PB) could accept the allegation of hugging and that the other could have happened but he had no recollection." (Leggdas Memorandum 4-19-02)

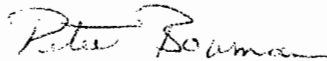
This is an inaccurate quote, if it is meant to attribute these words, in this sequence, to me. It takes out of context and distorts what I said and what I meant. I did acknowledge hugging this young man, because that has been my way of greeting friends for the many years of my ministry. And, I did not ever tell her that "the other could have happened" in any context that could give rise to an implication that I was admitting ■ allegation of sexual misconduct. Some place, during the telephone conversation with Ms. Leggdas, when I was suddenly confronted with this accusation, for the first time in April of this year, I probably did say that I had no recollection of such an event. But that phrase was in a context indicating that this alleged event never happened. And inclusion of the pronoun "he", twice in this supposed quote,

indicates that Ms. Leggdas can not be referring, here, to my exact words, since no native English speaker utilizes such a sentence structure.

The wording of this alleged quote is vague, because of an improper admixture of phrases, improper use of quotation marks, and the use of the nebulous pronoun "other". And, any suggestion that this is some sort of admission is directly contradicted by the statement, "...and denies any genital touching." (Leggdas Memorandum 4-20-02)

With the assurance of my deepest respect and my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend R. Peter Bowman

cc:  
The Archdiocesan Review Board  
Ms. Leah McCluskey

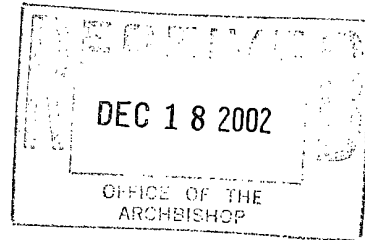
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Re: allegations of [REDACTED]  
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Your Eminence,

I learned that the Essential Norms received approval from Rome this week, affirming procedures for investigating allegations of sexual abuse in accord with canon law. Since there is now more clarity about procedure, I wish to address the allegations that [REDACTED] brought against me in August, 2002. He alleges a series of incidents at unspecified times, on unidentified days, sometime in the year 1966 or 1967.

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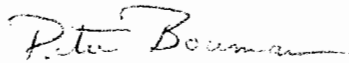
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Msgr. Raymond Zock was pastor at Our Lady of Victory in those years. He could have testified as to my reputation for truth and chastity and about our assignments and procedures, which explain some of the circumstances alleged. And, he could have verified my whereabouts on any particular day, back then. He died in 1982. Rev. Martin Poole also was an Associate at Our Lady of Victory during the period of the allegations of [REDACTED]. He could have also so testified. He died in 1972. Rev. Marion Matlak, was another Associate at Our Lady of Victory during this period, who could have also so testified. He died in 1998. In addition, death has claimed more than 30 other persons of stature in our community who had irreplaceable knowledge about my character, habits, and reputation for veracity.

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Ms. Leah McCluskey

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December 19, 2002

Dear Friends,

I'm writing during this holiday season to tell all how deeply appreciative I am of the greetings, the cards, and the letters of encouragement: too many to number. They have helped a lot to remind me that I am not forgotten. Please keep them coming.

In these past months, I experienced the agony of false accusation, the wound of inaccurate media comments, and the joy of support from friends like you. Obviously, it was painfully difficult to be removed from the parish; it felt much like a death. But, as liturgy tells us, "At death, life is changed, not ended." Honestly, that is my experience. Contemplating the events of these last seven months, I believe that this time is an opportunity for a second spring. My faith is stronger than ever. I am blessed living here at [REDACTED] with my sister [REDACTED], in our home. The changing leaves surrounded us in an autumn kaleidoscope of color; and, now, the trees are covered with white from the recent snow.

To keep active, I have begun a computer course. This e-mail is a test, of sorts, of my ability to use the darn thing. Although, I still long for the old Underwood on which I began typing. We have had more than a little company, here, which keeps us quite busy.

I do not know how this will all end. There seem to be varying canonical procedures, perplexing pronouncements from questionable sources, and legal considerations arising, daily. This is, obviously, an evolving process for the Church. But my trust in God is secure. I have entered a firm denial in my case. And, my attorneys have advised a form of silence about details. They are guiding me in search of fair process, through canon law, to an appeal, if necessary. I am warned it takes time, particularly in a climate so influenced by prejudice and prejudgment. I am not sure that all the misinformed publicity is behind me. But, we deal with misinterpretation, as it arises, while patiently seeking an unbiased decision.

Please continue to remember me in your prayers. I believe so deeply in the power of prayer. And I am convinced that it is your prayers that have buoyed me in these last months. Please, also pray for our Cardinal, who has the difficult responsibility of balancing the many considerations that arise in these cases, and for the Bishops, that they may enable justice to be done.

And, please accept this "electronic transmission" as my holiday greeting. Collecting regular mail addresses for so many friends is impossible; and my e-mail address-list is in its infancy. So, please feel free to "Forward" this to others.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Peter  
[REDACTED]

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December 20, 2002

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Re: in the matter of R. Peter Bowman  
meeting of Review Board of 12-21-02  
Your file: PFR-77

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I appreciate the Review Board granting time to understand the impact of the very new Essential Norms on Father Bowman's case. They were just approved on Monday, December 16, 2002. These norms explicitly state in six (6) different passages that the procedures for investigating and acting upon allegations of sexual abuse must be in accord with canon law, the universal law of the Church.

In light of this restatement of canon law and its specific application, I wish to emphasize, with all due respect, that by submitting materials, we do not accept the authority of this Review Board or the Interim PFRA to investigate, inquire, draw conclusions, or judge, in any fashion, any part of Fr. Bowman's case. Neither the Essential Norms, nor canon law, allow the delegation of the preliminary investigation, inquiry, determination, assessment, evaluation, or any judgmental powers to a Review Board. In addition, a lay Administrator may not be delegated to conduct a preliminary investigation, nor may any investigator exercise an assessment role. "Advise" is one thing. "Assessment", the power to judge, is quite another. Evaluating credibility in the preliminary investigation stage, or at trial, or in any type of legitimate canonical procedure are not delegated to the Administrator or to groups such as this.

However, I am presenting to you, today, along with this hand delivered letter, statements from Fr. Bowman denying the allegations, in order to supplement and complete your files. I hand delivered these statements to the Cardinal earlier in the week. These statements also pertain to the relevancy of the period of prescription in this case and demonstrate that it is not just a mere technicality.

Archbishop Julian Herranz, the President of the Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of

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Legislative Texts, recently explained the rationale behind retaining the period of prescription.

"While there are some who advocated the elimination of any statute of limitations in these cases, such a proposal ignores the virtual impossibility of determining the truth or falsity of allegations concerning conduct that happened in the distant past. Indeed, in the context of ecclesiastical penal proceedings, it would be extremely difficult for the victim and the Promoter of Justice to meet the standard of proof necessary for a finding that a delict had occurred, and equally difficult for the accused cleric to assemble an adequate defense. It is that practical reality, and not any desire to cover up crimes or reward criminals, that has been responsible for the introduction of the concept of statutes of limitations in all modern juridical systems." ( Zenit News Service, November 14, 2002 interview) (Underlines added)

It seems clear from the face of the complaints that the accusations, here, fall outside the period of prescription. Unfortunately, this has apparently not been addressed in this case. For the offense allegedly committed against ██████████ allegedly sometime between 1953 and 1961, the canonical period of prescription was five (5) years after the alleged victim's eighteenth ( 18th) birthday under the legislation that applied at the time. (1917 Code, c. 1703, 2, as modified by 1994 rescript).

██████████ turned twenty-three (23) on ██████████ That was ██████████ years ago.

However, the Church, in 2001, extended the period of prescription in cases involving the sexual abuse of minors to ten (10) years after the 18th birthday of the alleged victim. This extended period of prescription does not apply to either the case of ██████████ because only the law in effect, at the time, applies. But, even if this longer period of prescription were to be applied, imposition of canonical penalties on Fr. Bowman, would also be precluded.

██████████ turned twenty-eight (28) on ██████████ : ██████████ years ago. Therefore, on April 19, 2002, when ██████████ complaint was brought, it was more than 30 (thirty) years too late.

As for the offense allegedly committed against ██████████ in 1966 or 1967, the canonical period of prescription was 5 years after the alleged victim's eighteenth( 18th) birthday, under the legislation that applied at the time. (1917 Code, c. 1703, 2, as modified by 1994 rescript). ██████████ turned twenty-three ( 23) ██████████ : ██████████ years ago. Even if the longer period of prescription, as discussed above, was applied here, any penalty or punishment based on this charge would also be precluded by canon law, since ██████████ turned twenty-eight (28) on ██████████ years ago.

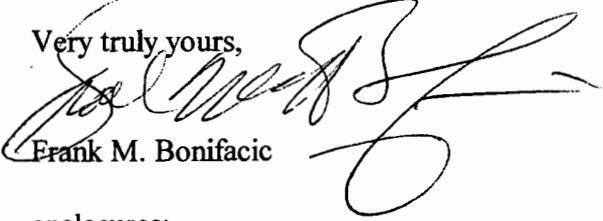
Therefore, on August 15 2002, when ██████████ complaint was brought, it was more than twenty-one (21) years too late.

With all due respect, failure to consider and apply the period of prescription, does not seem to be "consistent with the universal law of the Church." The policies creating this Board, and the office



of the Administrator, mandate consistency with canon law. ( "Introduction" , "Section 1100,  
Sexual Misconduct with Minors: ")

Also, please note that I was not allowed by Archdiocesan officials to review the complete file of  
Father Bowman until Thursday, December 12, 2002. And, I was not allowed to xerox copies of  
any of the documents, although I did make notes; this makes it difficult to properly defend him.

Very truly yours,

  
Frank M. Bonifacio

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December 20, 2002

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Dear Mr. Bonifacic,

This letter is to follow up with our telephone conversation regarding your request to address the Review Board with Fr. Peter Bowman on December 21, 2002.

The Review Board will be prepared to meet with you and your client at 1:00pm on December 21, 2002 for no longer than a 15 minute time period. The meeting will take place at 676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910. Please contact me at 312.751.5206 to confirm this meeting time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry

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In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

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## Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, December 21, 2002

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Michael C. Just, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
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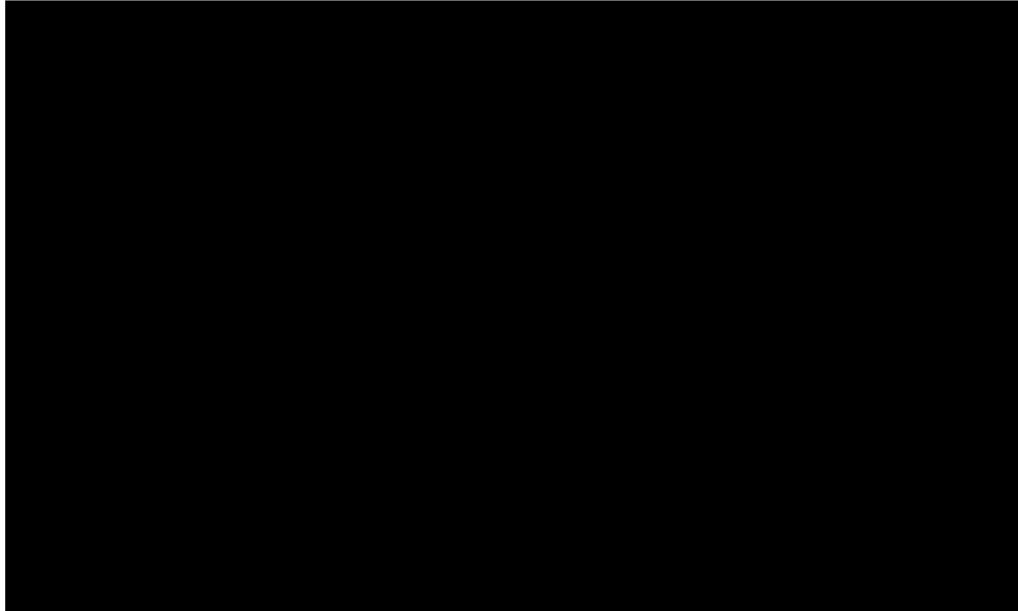
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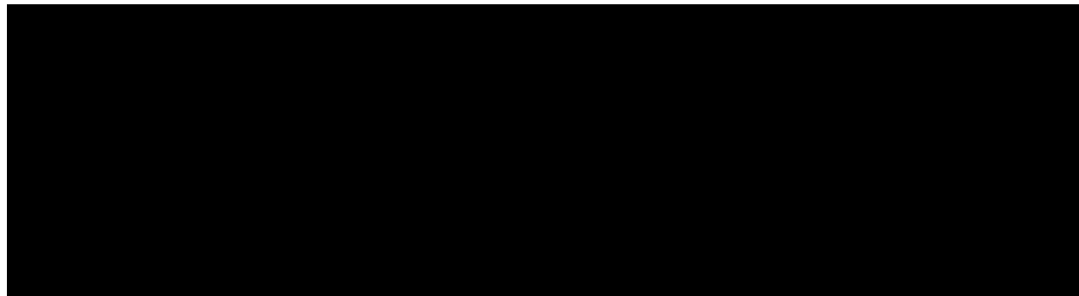
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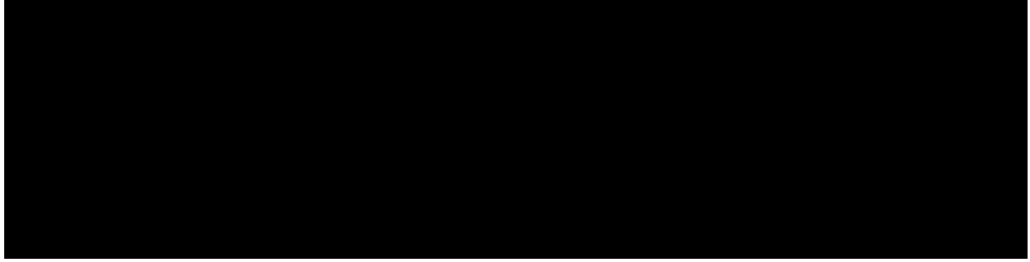
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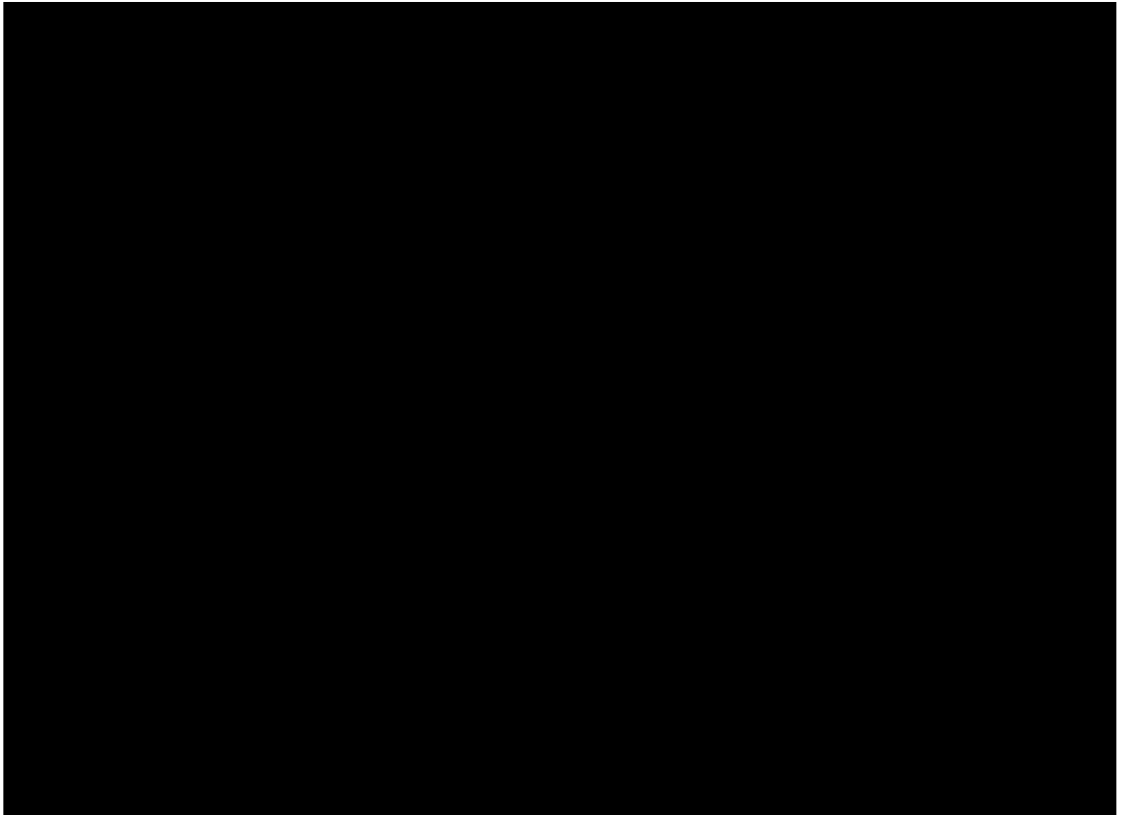
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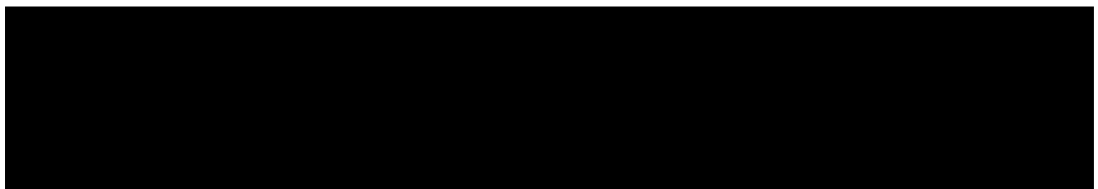
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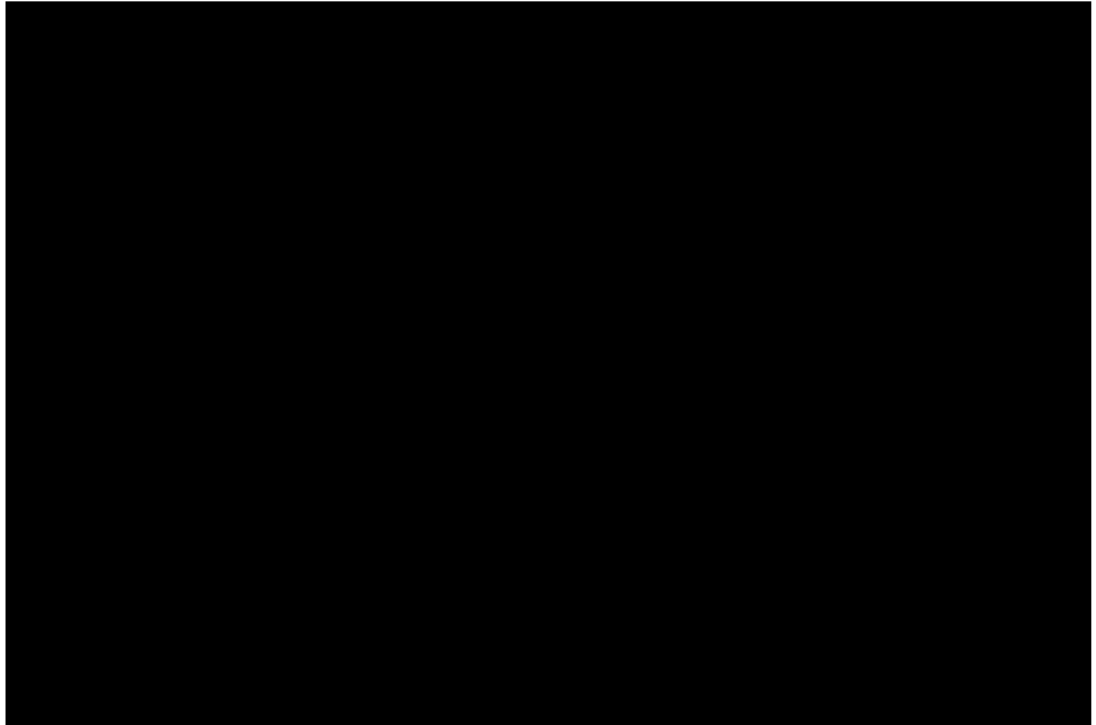


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## MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-77

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **R. Peter Bowman (Retired)**

Date: December 21, 2002

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 12/21/02 to conduct a  
(enter date: month/day/year)  
(check one:)  First Stage Review  Second Stage Review  Supplementary Review  Status Report  
regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)  
against Peter Bowman  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

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 an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)  
 a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
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(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

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 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

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January 6, 2003

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Dear Cardinal George,

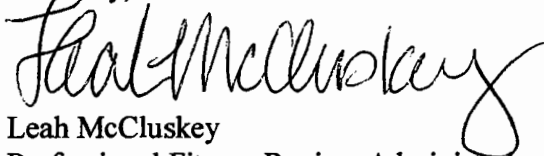
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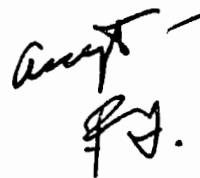
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If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator



Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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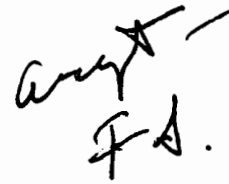
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AOC 007424

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
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January 16, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Professional Fitness Review  
676 N. St. Clair St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of January 6, 2003, regarding the matter of **Reverend R. Peter Bowman**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the Second Review conducted by the Review Board on December 21, 2002.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim LN, dated January 18, 2003, to Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, and Michael Bland and Ralph Bonaccorsi of the Office of Assistance Ministry. In his letter, Victim LN thanked the recipients for their help during the process of formalizing his allegation against Bowman. However, Victim LN said he was eager for the public, specifically the parishes where Bowman served, to be notified of the substantiation of an allegation of abuse against the cleric.

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January 31, 2003

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
C/o Mr. Frank Bonifacic  
Suite 1850  
111 W. Washington Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Fr. Bowman,

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205. Also, please know that Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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**PETITION**

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
February 19, 2003

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**Reverend R. Peter Bowman**



February 19, 2003

His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal George  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

Re: Recourse Petition

Your Eminence:

On Monday, February 10, 2003, my attorney received two letters from Ms. Leah McCluskey dated 1-31-03, and postmarked 2-6-03. These letters said that the Review Board had conducted "Second Stage Reviews" in the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] matters and stated that,

"the Cardinal has accepted the Board's unanimous vote to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. Further, the Cardinal has determined that your withdrawal from ministry continue."

With all due respect, I present this petition asking you to reconsider the decisions which you have made in my case. It is now ten months since the allegation of [REDACTED] against me and almost eight months since the allegation of [REDACTED] against me and the Archdiocese still has not conducted a canonically valid preliminary investigation. The adage "justice delayed is justice denied" definitely applies in my situation. In this petition, I will illustrate how the Archdiocese has failed over these many months to follow the canonical requisites for investigating such allegations. Furthermore, the actions which the Archdiocese *has* taken have so polluted and prejudiced the cases that a canonically valid preliminary process is now impossible.

I realize that during the period from April to December, 2002, there was extensive activity, debate, and discussion involving the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in regard to the norms and procedures to be applied in accusations of sexual abuse of minors. This was not settled until the Congregation for Bishops, on December 8, 2002, granted *recognitio* to the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing With Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons*, which had been approved by the USCCB in November, 2002. Despite this period of uncertainty about possible changes in the procedures or the penalties to be applied in cases of allegations of sexual abuse, the Archdiocese had the obligation to follow the Code of Canon Law in conducting a preliminary investigation of each of the two allegations against me. This has not been done. Now you have announced, in various public statements, that all such cases as mine are to proceed to canonical trials. It is my



contention that this is canonically illegitimate because there has never been a canonically valid preliminary investigation resulting in a finding that there was a probability that the accusations were true and that they were canonically actionable.

In the meantime, I have been publicly maligned by the Archdiocese and deprived of the right to function as a priest. On April 29, 2002, I signed, under duress, an "individual specific protocol". On May 28, 2002 I again signed, under duress, a second, superceding, "individual specific protocol," agreeing to refrain from exercising any public ministry without permission and accepting certain limitations on my freedoms.

Under these protocols, I am not allowed to celebrate any of the sacraments publicly. I am required to live in a restricted, monitored setting and to furnish to my monitor and to the Vicar for Priests a detailed account of my daily activities. I am not allowed to travel out of town without an approved monitor. I am required to submit a monthly report of all movies seen and Internet sites visited. Also, you have requested that I not publicly present myself as a priest; and I have complied with this request. As you know, these restrictions on my ministry meant that I was not allowed to celebrate the funeral Mass of my sister-in-law and I was not allowed to celebrate the wedding of one of my nephews.

When I signed the protocols, I was told that they would be temporary; however ten months have now passed and there does not seem to be any indication that there is any intention of lifting or modifying these restrictions on my ministry and freedoms.

Therefore, I respectfully petition you for the following:

- 1) a declaration that any penal process and the imposition of canonical penalties against me are canonically unwarranted.
- 2) a declaration that I am a priest in good standing of the Archdiocese of Chicago, authorized to engage in the full, active ministry appropriate to a retired priest, and the issuance of a *celebret*.
- 3) the lifting of all of the restrictions which have been placed on my ministry and freedoms.
- 4) an effort by the Archdiocese of Chicago to restore my good name.

## ***I. THE FACTS***

### **A. MY BACKGROUND AND REPUTATION**

I am now 73 years old. I was born on [REDACTED] After studying in the Archdiocesan seminaries, I was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 3, 1955. My first

assignment was as an Associate Pastor at St. Denis Parish from July, 1955 to July, 1961. Thereafter, I served as an Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Victory Parish from 1961 to 1966 and Associate Pastor of St. Timothy Parish from 1966 to 1978. After obtaining a Master's Degree in Religious Education, I was appointed full-time Director of Child Religious Education for the Archdiocese and served in that capacity from 1969 to 1978. During this time, I was also Chairman of the Board of Alvernia High School.

In 1978, I was appointed Pastor of St. James Parish in Arlington Heights, Illinois. St. James is a very active parish of 4,500 families, with approximately 900 children in the parish school and 800 children in the religious education program. While I was pastor of St. James, I also served as the dean of the area parishes from 1981 until 1995. I was also appointed co-ordinator of all of the deans of the Archdiocese. During my years at St. James Parish, I was also member of the Board of St. Viator High School. By all accounts, I was highly respected as a pastor and as a dean. During this time I was given the Pope John XIII Award for outstanding pastoral leadership by the Association of Chicago Priests.

In August of 1995, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, seeking to improve the relationship between the central administration and the parishes, asked me to resign as Pastor and Dean and serve as Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Chicago. I served in this capacity under Cardinal Bernardin and under you until 1998. During that time, I was also a member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council. In 1998, at the age of 69, I was reappointed as a dean and as Associate Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Chicago, where I celebrated Mass and exercised pastoral ministry until I was removed on April 29, 2002.

I would point out that during my many decades of priestly ministry I had contact with thousands of children and adolescents and there was never any hint of impropriety. I enjoyed a reputation as a dedicated, faithful, and beloved priest. Precisely because of my reputation as a priest and my responsibilities in the Archdiocese, the accusations against me created such media interest and caused such shock and disbelief on the part of those who have known me over the years.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In February of 2002, I returned to my duties as a Resident Priest at St. Teresa of Avila parish in Chicago.

**B. ACCUSATION**

On April 19, 2002, I was informed in a telephone call from Kathleen Leggdas of a complaint of [REDACTED], that alleged misconduct occurred with him on some undetermined date on some unspecified year, while I was serving as an Associate Pastor at St. Denis Parish. He said that it occurred about [REDACTED] when he was 10 or 11 years old. However, I was not ordained a priest until 1955, at which time I was assigned to St. Denis Parish.

Ms. Leggdas was apparently acting on the basis of one telephone call from [REDACTED] who now lives in [REDACTED]. This call was received by her at 4:00PM on April 19, 2002. She did not see him, nor interview him under oath, nor take a written statement from him. (Leggdas Memorandum 4-24-02)

In the course of the phone call I received from Ms. Leggdas, I acknowledged that I knew [REDACTED] and I told her that I had been friends with [REDACTED] and many members of his family for many years. (Leggdas Memorandum 4-24-02).

For later discussion, it is important to note that [REDACTED] date of birth is [REDACTED]. His 18th birthday was [REDACTED]. And, five years thereafter he turned 23, on [REDACTED] years ago.

[REDACTED] complaint as described in Ms. Leggdas written report of April 24, 2002 was,

[REDACTED]

**C. MY RESPONSE**

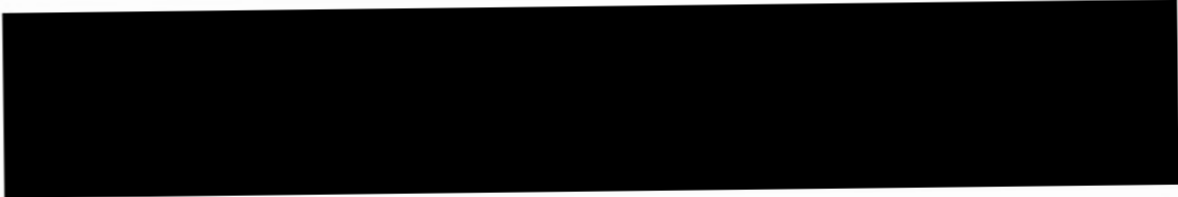
I absolutely deny this accusation and did so in writing. I am now 73 years old. I have served the Church daily for almost 48 years, in five different parishes and in the administration of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I have been in contact with thousands of children, young people, and

their parents. So my memory for events that allegedly transpired at some unidentified time more than 40 years ago, is obviously affected by many thousands of personal interactions of a busy priestly life and the passage of time. However, if I did what ■■■ alleges, I would certainly remember it, because it is so improper, grave, and contradictory to my nature.

I can say unequivocally that I did not ever touch ■■■ on the genitals with a sexual or lustful intent or with any intent to satisfy sexual impulses. And, I deny that I ever consciously touched ■■■ in any way, on any part of his body, with any intent, purpose, desire, lust, or motive for sexual gratification, at any time. I can also say that I have never acted with any intent, purpose, desire, lust, or motive for sexual gratification with any child, of either sex.

Although I did nothing improper or sinful on any occasion with ■■■ there is no way I am able now to address his allegations with more particularity. A few circumstances, that ■■■ alleges, I do remember. However, ■■■ misinterprets these circumstances.

In addition, over the more than ■■■ years I have known ■■■ and his family, he never gave me any hint or suggestion that he was troubled by any improper activity on my part. ■■■ indicated to Ms. Leggdas that there were no requests for secrecy by me nor threats made towards him by me during the intervening 48 or so years. (Leggdas Memorandum 4-24-02 ) That is quite true, because I never knew about this. It seems important to note that I was never given an opportunity to explain circumstances or discuss this matter with ■■■ because he never raised it with me by any hint or suggestion.



Had ■■■ ever confronted me with his denunciation, I would have had an opportunity to question his memory and explain innocent circumstances. But, since neither of us now know what day or year he is referring to, nor what age he was at the time, I can not use my memory or documents to establish my presence at another place or with other persons. And, now, I am deprived of the ability to summon important witnesses that are deceased.

Msgr. ■■■ was Pastor at St. Denis, where ■■■ alleges this occurred. Msgr. ■■■ could have verified my whereabouts on any particular day, back then. He also could have testified as to my reputation for truth and chastity and explained our procedures and assignments, placing the circumstances alleged in the proper context. He died in 1985. Rev. ■■■ an Associate Pastor, who served with me at St. Denis at that time, could also have so testified. He died in 1987.

In addition, death has claimed more than 30 other persons of stature (listed below) in our

community who had irreplaceable knowledge about my character, habits, and reputation for veracity.

By concealing this allegation for more than 45 years, [REDACTED] has also precluded a full investigation of his memory. The passage of time, the input of other traumatic events in his life, prompting suggestions by others, affirmation by authority figures, and sensational media coverage of improper conduct by other clerics, almost daily during the past year, makes a careful, objective, thorough examination of his story difficult, if not impossible.

Furthermore, unquestioning, confirmatory affirmation of his allegation, given by authority figures in the Church, who failed to conduct an objective, diligent examination of the many possible influences on this 45 year-old allegation, lessens the ability to effectively investigate this alleged memory now. Among those who accepted the credibility of the accusation were yourself; the review board; Ms. Leggdas, the Administrator of the Review Board; Father Lawrence McBrady, the Vicar for Priests; and Michael J. Bland, the Victim Assistance Minister.

#### **D. THE INVESTIGATION**

The investigation conducted by the Administrator in this case simply consisted of listening to a long distance phone call from [REDACTED] asking me on the phone about the incident -- misinterpreting and misquoting what I had said; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Review Board received summary reports of this information from Ms. Leggdas and did not have the record of any statements by [REDACTED] or me.

My attorney and his assistant were given an opportunity to read over the files of the Administrator on June 4, 2002 and were given xerox copies of the written Memorandum of Ms. Leggdas by Mr. John O'Malley, the Director of the Office of Legal Services for the Archdiocese. On June 11, 2002 my attorneys met with Father James Kaczarowski, the Vicar for Priests, and Ms. Leggdas, and Mr. O'Malley, again. Ms. Leggdas told my attorneys that she read Father Kaczarowski's files and gave an oral summary to the Review Board and that she also gave the Review Board an oral summary of her own files and they acted on the basis of that information.

It is important to note that at no time did I admit that I ever touched [REDACTED] genitals or any other part of his body with sexual intent or an intent of sexual gratification. In fact, Ms. Leggdas actually reports that I denied this accusation, when I was confronted with this charge, "But he disputes where this might have happened... and denies any genital touching." (Leggdas Memorandum 4-20-02).

However, rumors to the contrary have apparently circulated among Archdiocesan officials. This may be because in another report, Ms. Leggdas makes the ambiguous statement that, "he (PB) could accept the allegation of hugging and that the other could have happened but he had no recollection." (Leggdas Memorandum 4-19-02)

This is an inaccurate quote, if it is meant to attribute these words, in this sequence, to me. It

takes out of context and distorts what I said and what I meant. I did acknowledge hugging this young man, because that has been my way of greeting friends for the many years of my ministry. And, I did not ever tell her that "the other could have happened" in any context that could give rise to an implication that I was admitting [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct. Some place, during the telephone conversation with Ms. Leggdas, when I was suddenly confronted with this accusation for the first time in April of 2002, I probably did say that I had no recollection of such an event. But that phrase was in a context indicating that this alleged event never happened. And inclusion of the pronoun "he", twice in this supposed quote, indicates that Ms. Leggdas can not be referring, here, to my exact words, since no native English speaker utilizes such a sentence structure.

The wording of this alleged quote is vague, because of an improper admixture of phrases, improper use of quotation marks, and the use of the nebulous pronoun "other". And, any suggestion that this is some sort of admission is directly contradicted by the statement, "...and denies any genital touching." (Leggdas Memorandum 4-20-02).

When my attorneys reviewed my file at the Archdiocese, they also found a Memorandum to the File from Michael Bland, the Victim Assistance Minister, dated April 23, 2002. This is a memorandum of a phone conversation which Michael Bland had with [REDACTED]. This memorandum states that "[REDACTED] explained that he sees no point in pursuing his allegations." The memorandum reports that [REDACTED] wanted to keep his allegation "in limbo" since he was satisfied that "Father Pete ... [REDACTED] is being monitored and is not around children any more." This statement that [REDACTED] did not wish to pursue his allegation was disregarded by the Archdiocese in subsequent decisions and actions affecting me.

#### **E. THE FIRST JUDGMENT**

On April 20, 2002, as a result of these charges, the Review Board apparently met and then met again on May 18, 2002, without my knowledge, attendance or opportunity to defend myself. They acted on the conclusion of Leggdas that [REDACTED] was "credible". Ms. Leggdas reported to Your Eminence that "a First Stage Review was conducted ...Five members made a determination of reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred." (Leggdas letter of May 22, 2002)

On May 24, 2002, Your Eminence – without reviewing any first-hand evidence in the case and without any notice to me or opportunity to present directly to you my side of the story and my denial of this charge – wrote me to say that you had "accepted the Board's recommendation that Father Bowman be withdrawn from ministry."

On May 28, 2002 an "individual specific protocol" limiting my activities in the following ways was imposed upon me, effectively excluding me from active ministry. These have remained in place to the present:

- “1. Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another

- responsible adult.
2. Prior approval required from Professional Fitness Review Administrator (PFRA) for vacations and nights spent away from residence...
  3. Call in to PFRA once daily
  4. Pre-approval of Vicar and PFRA required for any public celebrations of Sacraments or Mass.
  5. Meet with PFRA twice annually
  6. Completion of daily log submitted at the end of each month
  7. [REDACTED]
  8. Provide PFRA with a monthly printout of Internet sites visited.
  9. This...can be changed , altered or superceded...
  10. On-site monitor to complete monthly report and submit to PFRA”

Then, immense media coverage of the allegation against me began in the Chicago area, as a result of an announcement by someone at the Archdiocese and this media attention continued for four days over the Memorial Day Weekend. In a letter of May 26, 2002 to the members of the parish of St. Teresa of Avila, Bishop Conway said I had been removed from ministry, pursuant to the recommendation of the Review Board, because of an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor more than 45 years ago. Another letter repeating essentially the same thing was read to the Parishioners of St. James Catholic Church in Arlington Heights on Sunday, May 26, 2002. This same weekend, a similar letter was read at all the Masses at St. Denis Parish.

These resulted in front page newspaper stories, indicating that the charges had been given credence by the officials of the Archdiocese and Your Eminence, because each related that I had been removed as a result of such findings. Among the extensive articles about my removal as a result of an allegation against me were articles in the “Chicago Tribune” on May 28, 2002 (“Ex-deputy to George...” by M.Davey, et al.) and May 29, 2002 (“Priest's Removal Difficult...,” by Monica Davey, et al.) and a front page story in the “Daily Herald” on May 27, 2002 (“Former Pastor of St. James is Removed”, by A. McLaughlin) among others. All the major television news programs carried similar stories suggesting that I had been found guilty.

On May 30, 2002 I retained an attorney, who notified the Archdiocese in writing that he was representing me.

#### **F. ANOTHER ACCUSATION**

Then, in mid-August, 2002, I was told by my attorney that another complaint had been received. He advised me that [REDACTED] had denounced me to the Archdiocese, by a phone call, about events that he alleged occurred in [REDACTED] more than 35 years before, while I was serving as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Victory Parish.

Then [REDACTED] appeared, on August 15, 2002, for an interview by Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Acting Administrator of the Professional Fitness Review Board ([REDACTED])

The improper conduct is apparently alleged to have taken place in the summer of [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] was 14 years of age. (McCluskey Memorandum of 8-19-02) For later discussion, it is important to note that [REDACTED] date of birth was [REDACTED]. His 18th birthday was [REDACTED]. And, five years thereafter, he turned 23 on [REDACTED] years before he brought his accusation.

Apparently, sometime during the Memorial Day weekend of 2002, [REDACTED] was encouraged by his wife to watch the TV news about my removal from ministry. (McCluskey Memorandum 8-19-02). This publicity allegedly induced [REDACTED] to decide to claim that I had improper physical contact with him more than 34 years ago.

He wrote a letter on June 26, 2002 to family members, which apparently he subsequently forwarded to the Archdiocese.. On August 15, 2002, he came to the Archdiocesan offices and repeated his his allegations. In his complaint [REDACTED] alleges that [REDACTED]

#### **G. MY RESPONSE**

After being appraised of the facts surrounding this allegation, I denied these charges in a written response delivered to Your Eminence by my attorney.

I absolutely denied these allegations. My memory for events that allegedly transpired at some unidentified time more than 35 years ago is obviously affected by many thousands of personal interactions of a busy priestly life and the passage of time. However, if I did what [REDACTED] alleges, I would certainly remember, because it is so improper, grave, and contradictory to my nature.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I can also say that I have never acted with any intent, purpose, desire, lust, or motive for sexual gratification with any child, of either sex.

Although I did nothing improper or sinful, on any occasion with [REDACTED] I am unable now to address his allegations with more particularity. A few circumstances that [REDACTED] alleges, I do remember. However, [REDACTED] misinterprets those circumstances.

In the more than [REDACTED] years I have known [REDACTED] and his family, he never gave me any hint or suggestion that he was troubled by an improper activity on my part. In fact, I was requested by [REDACTED] and his wife to marry them.

Had [REDACTED] confronted me with his denunciation sooner, I would have had an opportunity to question his memory and explain innocent circumstances. But, since neither of us now know what day or year he is referring to, I can not use my memory or any documents to establish my



presence at another place or with other persons. And now, I am deprived of the ability to summon important witnesses that are deceased.

Msgr. [REDACTED] was pastor at Our Lady of Victory in those years. He could have testified as to my reputation for truth and chastity and about our assignments and procedures, which explain some of the circumstances alleged. And, he could have verified my whereabouts on any particular day, back then. He died in 1982. Rev. [REDACTED] also was an Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Victory during the period of the allegations of [REDACTED]. He could have also so testified. He died in 1972. Rev. [REDACTED] was another Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Victory during this period, who could have also so testified. He died in 1998.

By concealing this allegation for more than 35 years, [REDACTED] has also precluded a full and fair examination of his memory. The passage of time, the input of other traumatic events in his life, the prompting or suggestions by others, the affirmation by authority figures, and the sensational reports of improper conduct by other clerics, which were in the media almost daily during the last year, makes a careful, objective, thorough investigation of his story difficult, if not impossible.

The Archdiocese, pursuant to its policies, reported both allegations to the States Attorney's Office of Cook County which apparently investigated and apparently has determined that there was no basis for any action. The statute of limitations has long since expired. Moreover, in the opinion of the lawyers whom I consulted, the facts alleged by [REDACTED] do not rise to the level of criminal activity and do not warrant a criminal prosecution.

#### **H. THE INVESTIGATION**

The investigation conducted by the Administrator and the Review Board in this case simply consisted of one interview of [REDACTED] by Ms. McCluskey on August 15, 2002.

Furthermore, unquestioning affirmation of his allegation by authority figures in the Church seriously impaired the ability to effectively investigate his memory now. Statements expressing belief in the accusation of [REDACTED] were made by yourself; the Review Board; Ms. McCluskey, the Administrator of the Review Board; Father Kaczorowski, the Vicar for Priests; and [REDACTED] wife, his siblings, his children, and his extended family.

On about September 14, 2002, my attorneys wrote Ms. McCluskey and entered my denial of these charges.

#### **I. THE SECOND JUDGMENT**

Then on October 10, 2002, Ms. McCluskey notified my attorney that she had convened a meeting of the Review Board on Saturday, October 5, 2002 to conduct a "First Stage Review," at which she presented a summary of the information she had gathered regarding the allegations of [REDACTED]. This meeting of the Review Board was convened without informing my attorney, myself, or the Vicar for Priests about this meeting.

There was apparently a conclusion reached by the Review Board at that time.

Subsequently the report of Ms. McCluskey regarding to [REDACTED] was faxed to my attorney on October 16, 2002, apparently by Ms. McCluskey. The report recounted the accusation of [REDACTED] as recounted above, but garbled the description of what he alleged I did to him.

Then on Saturday October 19, 2002 my attorney appeared before the Review Board and requested postponement of Second Stage Review of both of these matters until after February 17, 2003. A postponement was requested to allow the Archdiocese and my attorneys to receive, research and comprehend the decision of the authorities in Rome as to what were appropriate procedures to follow in cases such as mine.

My attorney wrote Ms. McCluskey on November 19, 2002 and said,

"I was surprised to receive your letter of November 12, 2002. The last thing that I was aware of regarding these proceedings was that my Petition for a Postponement and request to the Board to take no further action was still pending. The Board had informed me that they would take my request under advisement and I would hear of their decision from you. I have yet to hear from you.

Your letter is disconcerting since I have asked to review the file and to see the exact charges levied against Fr. Bowman by [REDACTED]. I have not been granted that opportunity.

Finally, I wish to point out that the anemic investigation, the improper evidence, and the misguided determination of 'reasonable cause to suspect' by the Review Board is on a par with finding that a rumor exists and has no weight or credence in either Canon or civil law.

Pursuant to my previous request, please accept this as a request for a Second Stage Review of the [REDACTED] matter, if, after the Revised Norms are adopted, the Review Board still has a relevant function to perform in this case."

On December 12, 2002, my attorney was allowed to view what were represented to be the complete files of the Archdiocese on these matters; however he was not given, nor permitted to make, any copies. However, he attended with a court reporter, who transcribed portions of the materials contained in the files shown to my attorney.

On December 21, 2002, my attorney appeared before the Review Board and presented them with two letters from me to Your Eminence dated December 17, 2002. One of these letters addressed the allegation of [REDACTED] and denied his accusation. The other letter addressed the allegation of [REDACTED] and denied his accusation. A cover letter from my attorney to the Review Board dated on that date, December 21, 2002, was hand delivered to them at the same time.

## **J. THE THIRD JUDGMENT**

On Monday, February 10, 2003, my attorney received two letters from Ms. McCluskey dated January 31, 2003 and postmarked February 6, 2003. These letters said that the Review Board had conducted "Second Stage Reviews" in both matters and that,

"the Cardinal has accepted the Board's unanimous vote to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. Further, the Cardinal has determined that your withdrawal from ministry continue."

## **K. THE ECCLESIAL AND LEGAL CONTEXT OF MY CASE**

The "Chicago Model" for addressing allegations of clerical sexual abuse of minors was created in the Archdiocesan policies (hereafter referred to as *Chicago Policies*) promulgated by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin on September 21, 2002 as particular law for the Archdiocese of Chicago. The *Chicago Policies* accomplished a restoration of trust among the People of God and the public at large that children were being protected. Unfortunately, they did so by disregarding principles of fundamental fairness and justice and by depriving accused priests of their natural and ecclesial rights. The *Chicago Policies* ignore canonical norms and procedures and substitute disciplinary procedures modeled on those of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the State of Illinois.

In the "Chicago Model," the ordinary abdicates his responsibility as the judge of such accusations (cc. 1717-1719). No canonical decrees of any kind are issued. The ordinary does not appoint a canonical investigator, with the powers and responsibilities of an auditor (c. 1717 §3). A canonical notary is never used.

In the *Chicago Policies*, since 1992, there is a nine-member Review Board and a lay Administrator of the Review Board. This lay Administrator, who has no familiarity with canon law, is given the responsibility to interview the accuser and the accused and to collect "evidence." The Administrator "analyzes" and "summarizes" this information and presents a report, with recommendations, to the Review Board and to the Archbishop. The Review Board itself functions as a tribunal, investigating allegations with the assistance of the Administrator and issuing "findings" or "determinations." The Review Board holds "appearances" at which the accuser and the accused may be invited to appear with attorneys.

In the *Chicago Policies*, since 1992, the standard of proof for restriction of a cleric's ministry or the removal of a cleric from ministry has been whether the Review Board determined that there was "reasonable cause to suspect" that a cleric had engaged in "sexual misconduct" with a minor. There was no operative norm or description for "sexual misconduct." It depended on the subjective judgment of the review board. Although a "reasonable cause to suspect" sexual abuse of a minor would be the minimal determination by an ordinary needed to *begin* a canonical preliminary investigation, it was treated as a finding of guilt sufficient to remove a priest from ministry and no subsequent canonical investigation was conducted.

These procedures are entirely inconsistent with the canonically mandated procedures for conducting a preliminary investigation of an accusation of sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric. They create canonically invalid testimony, which is likely to be tainted and polluted. They eviscerate the role of the ordinary as the exclusive judge of the evidence.

In 1995, Cardinal Bernardin made minor revisions to the *Chicago Policies*. On June 27, 2000, you made other minor modification to the policies, entitled, *Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*. (Sections 1100 -1106.3). These were effective July 1, 2000 and were the operative policies during the investigation of the complaints against me.

During the spring of 2002, the daily media coverage of allegations of sexual abuse by priests was intense. There was severe criticism that some bishops had failed to address such problems appropriately. Certain lawyers were advertising for clients and filing hundreds of lawsuits against dioceses, which then faced potential liabilities in the millions of dollars. Victims advocacy groups demanded a "zero tolerance" policy mandating that any priest who had ever abused a minor be expelled from the priesthood.

On April 19 the [REDACTED] allegation was made.

On April 23-24, 2002, an unprecedented summit meeting on clergy sexual abuse of minors was held in Rome. Pope John Paul II met with 15 U.S. Church leaders --12 of them Cardinals-- and 8 top Vatican officials. Apparently, this meeting was asked for by the U.S. Cardinals in order to express their concerns and to obtain the mind of the Holy See.

On May 30, 2002 I retained civil counsel.

In June, the USCCB met in Dallas, Texas and on June 14, 2002 adopted the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests, Deacons, and Other Church Personnel*. The *Norms* document, popularly known as the *Dallas Norms*, was sent to the Holy See for *recognitio*. The *Norms* and *Charter* required "that for even a single act of sexual abuse of a minor – past, present, or future – the offending priest or deacon will be permanently removed from ministry." (*Charter*, Art. 5). However serious changes were required by Rome and the Dallas Norms were not accepted, obviously because they were not in harmony with canon law.

On August 7, 2002, in an attempt to correlate the *Chicago Policies* with the *Dallas Norms* and *Charter*, the Archdiocese issued another version of its policies, *Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*, (8-7-02 edition) Sections 1100 -1106.3. These policies were never announced or properly promulgated; they simply replaced the former policies on the Archdiocesan website.

On August 15, 2002 the [REDACTED] allegation was made.

On October 14, 2002, Cardinal Re, the Prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, issued an announcement stating:

"...the application of the policies adopted at the Plenary Assembly in Dallas can be the source of confusion and ambiguity, because the "Norms" and the "Charter" contain provisions which in some aspects are difficult to reconcile with the universal law of the Church. Moreover, the experience of the last few months has shown that the terminology of these documents is at times vague or imprecise and therefore difficult to interpret. Questions also remain concerning the concrete manner in which the procedures outlined in the "Norms" and "Charter" are to be applied in conjunction with the requirements of the Code of Canon Law and the Motu proprio *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*.

"For these reasons, it has been judged appropriate that before the recognitio can be granted, a further reflection on and revision of the "Norms" and the "Charter" are necessary. In order to facilitate this work, the Holy See proposes that a Mixed Commission be established, composed of four bishops chosen from the Episcopal Conference of the United States, and four representatives from those dicasteries of the Holy See which have direct competence in the matter..."

The Mixed Commission met in Rome on October 28-29, 2002. On October 29th it issued a set of *Revised Norms*. These were approved by the USCCB on November 13, 2002 as the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing With Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests and Deacons* (hereafter referred to as *Essential Norms*). They received *recognitio* from the Holy See on December 8, 2002. The President of the USCCB promulgated them on December 12, 2002 and announced that they would take effect March 1, 2003.

On December 16, 2002 in an attempt to now correlate the *Chicago Policies* with the *Essential Norms*, the Chicago Archdiocese issued yet another version of its *Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* (Draft Revision 12-19-2002; effective 3-1-2003). These policies have not yet been promulgated.

On January 16, 2003, the Archdiocese released to the public a document entitled *Ten Year Report on Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors in the Archdiocese of Chicago*. This report stated:

"Since January 1, 1993, the Archdiocese of Chicago's independent Review Board has determined that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual abuse of a minor occurred in 55 matters dating back 40 years involving 36 Archdiocesan priests."

The two allegations against me were included in this number. The report also referred to these allegations as "founded" (pp. 2, 6) and "substantiated" (p. 2). In the cover memorandum of this

report, the Chancellor of the Archdiocese stated:

“...the underlying sad fact remains: three dozen priests have abused children (in some cases more than one), betrayed their vocations, damaged the mission of this local church, and caused many individuals to question the ministry of priesthood and bishop.”

On page 3 of the report, the Chancellor stated that there would be canonical trials “to discover the truth” about these allegations, but from what he wrote, the allegations have already been proven true. I might point out that eight of these accused priests were dead when they were accused.

Although the Archdiocese did not release the names of the priests covered by these findings, it did indicate to the media that their names had been announced at the time they were removed from ministry. Thus, the newspapers reviewed their files and printed a list of the priests, including me.

It is hard to see how I could now have a fair trial when I have already been declared guilty and vilified by the Archdiocese.

## ***II. THE LAW***

### **A. CANONICAL DUE PROCESS**

#### **1. Basic Principle of Canonical Due Process**

It is undisputed that all procedures employed in any canonical investigation and judgment leading up to the imposition of canonical penalties must be congruent with the procedures envisioned by and explicated in the 1983 Code of Canon Law. (Hereafter cited as the 1983 Code)

"The Christian faithful have the right not to be punished with canonical penalties except according to the norm of law" (c. 221 §3).

Deploring the recent failure by many dioceses to honor and effectively apply the right of canonical due process, one canonist states:

“These actions certainly appear to ignore the basic right expressed in c. 221 § 3, which provides that the Christian faithful have the right not to be punished with canonical penalties except in accord with the norm of canon law. According to accepted jurisprudence, this right is an application of the natural law which does not admit of dispensation.” (Ingels, G., "Dismissal from the Clerical State: An Examination of the Penal Process," *Studia canonica* (1999), p. 170).

#### **2. Application of the Principle of Canonical Due Process**

Because the Catholic life is manifest socially in the context of community, Church and society, it requires structure and order. The application of canon law is the long established methodology by which the Catholic community structures and orders itself, to facilitate living the Catholic Christian life. The Church fulfills its mission to protect the rights of all the faithful by complying with its own procedures and by the proper exercise of canonical offices. The Code of Canon Law indicates quite clearly what canonical procedures must be followed by what canonical officers in addressing an accusation of clerical sexual abuse of a minor.

This right to canonical due process includes the right to be judged according to the law applied with equity (c. 221 §2). This right applies to both judicial and administrative processes. (Canon Law Society of America, "New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law," New York: Paulist Press (2000), p. 281; hereafter referred to as *CLSA Commentary*) This right results from an application of the natural law, which does "not admit of dispensation." (Ingels, *supra*, p. 170). Indeed canon 87 §1 states that the diocesan bishop "is not able to dispense, however, from procedural or penal laws nor from those whose dispensation is specifically reserved to the Apostolic See or some other authority." Therefore, judgments and penalties inflicted pursuant to local procedures unknown to canonical law, in cases quite similar to mine, have been overturned by the Holy See (cf. Congregation for the Clergy, Prot. Nos. 2000.1201, 2001.1099, and 2001.0081). Furthermore, there is a duty to use canon law even if it seems "cumbersome, arcane and outdated" to those ignorant of the mechanisms and balances effectuated therein over centuries. One canonist recently wrote, "... it is incumbent upon all of us in the Church to try to use this (canonical penal) process properly and effectively." (Ingels, *supra*, pp. 170, 169-212).

Another canonist noted in an article criticizing local procedures quite similar to those used in my case, that, unfortunately, canonical procedures have been ignored recently in the United States. He points out that the duty to act legally must be observed for the benefit of the whole church.

"Unless the church's hierarchy is willing to honor so fundamental and uncontroversial a right as the right to what we Americans call 'due process of law', other and more contentious rights will continue to be treated summarily or even trampled on." (Beals, J.P., "Hiding in the thickets of the Law", *America* 15 (October 7, 2002), p.18.).

The *Essential Norms*, cited above, contain six (6) explicit statements that the universal law of the Church still applies to a case such as mine and all national and diocesan procedures must be "in accord" with the Code of Canon Law. These six explicit references emphasize the intent that canonical procedures be properly applied and canonical offices be properly exercised in cases such as mine:

- The Preamble to the Essential Norms states: "These norms are complementary to the universal law of the Church..." (par. 3).
- Norm 2, dealing with the written policy of each diocese, states: "This policy is to comply fully with, and is to specify in more detail, the steps to be taken in



implementing the requirements of canon law..."

- Norm 6 deals with the preliminary investigation, and as pointed out above, states: "When an allegation ...is received, a preliminary investigation in harmony with canon law will be initiated and conducted...objectively (c. 1717)."
- Norm 8 states that penalties can only be inflicted: "...after an appropriate process in accord with canon law..."
- Norm 8A states: "In every case involving canonical penalties, the processes provided for in canon law must be observed and the various provisions of canon law must be considered."
- And, Norm 9 states that administrative acts in cases such as these should be consistent with and observant of "the provisions of canon law." (Underlines added).

The explicit reference or citation in Norm 6 to canon 1717 as a whole is significant because, when read as a whole, canon 1717 clearly indicates and mandates the specific canonical procedures to be followed in a case such as mine as well as the canonical offices that are to carry out the canonical preliminary investigation prescribed there.

The affirmation of the need for canonical due process in any action against one of the faithful is further bolstered in the *Essential Norms* by the explicit, articulated provision of the right to "civil counsel" for an accused (Norm 6, sentence 3). This right is repeated again in Norm 8A (sentence 4). Therefore, if a lawyer is to be involved, by logical extension some legitimate body of law is to be followed.

Again, consistent with the principle that canonical due process must be followed by the diocese, is the fact that the *Essential Norms* twice specifically refer to an accused's right to "canonical counsel" (Norm 6, sentence 3; and Norm 8A, sentences 4). And, the *Essential Norms* are so concerned with the implementation of this right that they even provide for using diocesan funds or resources to "supply canonical counsel" to the accused (Norm 8A, sentence 5). Obviously, again by logical extension a canon lawyer would be of no use unless canon law was supposed to be followed.

Therefore, it seems clear and beyond any doubt that incorporated into, and guiding all proceedings under, any diocesan procedures are the principles, authority, precedent, traditions, procedures and offices of Canon Law.

"Incidents of sexual abuse by the clergy have become one of the most distressing issues which the church has had to confront in recent decades.... While a canonical penal trial is among the most difficult...procedures that we have to deal with as canonists, this



process does stand as a testament to the Church's commitment to provide a means which will effectively investigate and resolve issues as stressful as these in a just and equitable manner. The responsibility of assuring that such procedures succeed falls to each of us." (Ingels, *supra*, pp. 207-208) (Underlines added).

### **3. Corollaries to Principle of Canonical Due Process**

The universal law of the Church must be interpreted in such a manner as to "be linked to authentic values" underlying the norms. And, a norm is only validly interpreted when it promotes, supports, and protects a the underlying value; otherwise it would not serve the common good. (*CLSA Commentary*, p. 3) The values protected by c. 221 §3 are the inviolable dignity of the human person, an individual's natural right to his good name, the presumption of innocence, the right of every accused to a defense, the right of a cleric to the exercise of his ministry unless legitimately restricted, the right of privacy, the right to fundamental fairness and canonical due process.

Canon 1321 §1 establishes that no one is punished unless the external violation of a law or precept, committed by the person, is gravely imputable by reason of malice or negligence." Sometimes an accusation alleges that a cleric engaged in behavior which would have been inappropriate, foolish, or offensive, but which would not be an external, objectively grave violation of the sixth commandment, even if the allegation were true. The canonical norm of sexual abuse, "an external, objectively grave violation of the sixth commandment" (*Essential Norms*, Preamble, Par. 4), requires lustful intent. This can presumed from certain behaviors; but in the case of ambiguous touching, for example, lustful intent must be proven.

In addition, "laws which establish a penalty...are subject to strict interpretation." (c.18 of the 1983 Code and c. 19 of the 1917 Code). "Strict interpretation of penal laws is necessary to protect the rights of persons, including those who have...been accused of a crime." (*CLSA Commentary*, p. 76)

A prime example of this concept is canon 1313 §1 which states: "If a law is changed after a delict has been committed, the law more favorable to the accused is to be applied." It is illegitimate to attempt to apply to an alleged delict of 35 or 45 years ago, a more severe penalty which may be contained in the *Essential Norms*. It is also illegitimate to apply particular law contained in the *Chicago Policies* which ignores established canonical protections for the accused.

Moreover, canon 135 §2 states: "A lower level legislator cannot validly issue a law contrary to a higher law." The *recognitio* which the *Essential Norms* received from the Congregation for Bishops does not constitute a derogation from the law. Only the Holy Father can grant a derogation from the law. Rather, the *recognitio* is a judgment that the *Essential Norms* can be interpreted in such a way as to be consistent with the universal law of the Church. Any interpretation of the *Essential Norms* which is not consistent with the universal law of the Church is invalid. Therefore all of the local diocesan policies and procedures and officers used to

investigate and judge my case should have strictly complied with the procedures and offices prescribed by the 1983 Code.

Canon 1717 §2 provides that: “Care must be taken so that the good name of anyone is not endangered from this investigation.” This is a corollary of canon 220:

“No one is permitted to harm illegitimately the good reputation which a person possesses nor to injure the right of any person to protect his or her own privacy.”

Last and most important, by natural law and canon law, the accused is to be presumed innocent until proven guilty (cf. cc. 221 §§2, 3 and Congregation for the Clergy, Prot. N. 2002.1201). The burden of proof is on the accuser/Promoter of Justice (c. 1526 §1). This burden of proof has three essential elements: (a) the burden of providing or collecting sufficient evidence to prove the accusation; (b) the burden of moving the case forward to a final judgment; and (c) the burden of proving the alleged delict with moral certitude.

Therefore the application of canonical procedure must be consistent with the presumption of innocence, which mandates that the burden of proof should never be shifted. Interpreting legislation or creating processes which accomplish the result of requiring the accused to prove himself innocent violate this principle. The local diocesan policies, procedures, and officers unknown to canon law used to investigate and judge my case violated this in ways which will be shown below.

## **B. CANONICAL OFFICES REQUIRED FOR THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION**

Canon 145 describes the concept of “ecclesiastical office”. These offices carry powers attached by canon law (c. 131) together with specific qualifications and specific duties unique to and created by canon law. In a canonical preliminary investigation there are three essential ecclesiastical offices: the ordinary (exercising his role as judge), the investigator (exercising the role of auditor), and the notary. To properly conduct a canonical preliminary investigation, these three officers must exercise their offices as defined and directed by the Code of Canon Law.

### **1. The Ordinary-as- Judge.**

In canon law, the ordinary exercises a multitude of roles. Canon 381 §1 describes the ordinary’s overall role as pastor:

“A diocesan bishop in the diocese entrusted to him has all ordinary, proper, and immediate power which is required for the exercise of *his pastoral function* except for cases which the law or a decree of the Supreme Pontiff reserves to the supreme authority or to another ecclesiastical authority.”(Italics added).

In exercising his pastoral role, the ordinary exercises distinct legislative, executive, and judicial functions: “It is for the diocesan bishop to govern the particular church entrusted to him with

*legislative, executive, and judicial power* according to the norm of law.”(c.391 §1) (Italics added). Canon 1419 §1 says that in the diocese “the judge of first instance is the diocesan bishop...”

In dealing with an accusation of clerical sexual abuse of a minor, the ordinary’s role as judge is paramount. (Thus, this role is hereafter referred to as “ordinary-as-judge,” in order to distinguish it from the other roles of the ordinary). It is important to distinguish the proper exercise of the various roles of the ordinary, because in the investigation of an accusation of clerical sexual abuse of a minor, an ordinary may be involved in some way and yet not be exercising his canonically mandated role as judge.

**a. Initial judgment**

Pursuant to canon 1717 §1, the ordinary-as-judge has the responsibility, first of all, to determine whether an accusation of a delict allegedly committed by a cleric “at least seems true.” “(H)e is carefully to inquire personally or through another suitable person about the facts, circumstances, and imputability, unless such inquiry seems entirely superfluous.” (c. 1717 §1). This standard of proof is rather low and could be equated with the “reasonable cause to suspect” standard used in the *Chicago Policies*. However, this is a judgment which can be made rather easily and quickly by the ordinary. Usually, this decision should be able to be made with a few days; whereas the Chicago Review Board can take months to come to such a decision.

**b. Judge conducting or presiding over the preliminary investigation**

If the ordinary decides that a preliminary investigation is to be conducted, he must first issue a decree opening the investigation (c. 1719) and either conduct the investigation himself or, by decree, appoint a “suitable person” as the investigator (c. 1717 §1). This investigator has the powers and obligations of an auditor (c. 1717. §3). Canon 1428 §3 points out: “It is for the auditor, according to the mandate of the judge, only to collect the proofs and hand them over to the judge.” Thus the ordinary retains his judicial role; he is not able to delegate it to anyone else, even the investigator-auditor, and he may not abdicate it. His role as judge requires that he view the canonically obtained evidence personally (c. 1428 §3).

The ordinary-as-judge has to decide based on the Acts of the case (what is known as the “Record” in American Common Law courts) and not on any “off-the-record” information of whatever kind. Canon 1604 §1 says: “It is absolutely forbidden for information given to the judge by the parties, advocates, or even other persons to remain outside the Acts of the case.” Also, canon 1608 §2 says that the judge must base his judgment “from the Acts and the proofs.”

In order to be included in the Acts of the case, testimony must be taken in a canonically valid manner. This requires that the accuser be interviewed alone (c. 1560), in person (c. 1558), and under oath (c. 1530) . An oath, however, is never to be administered to the accused (c. 1728 §2). The judge (or the auditor) is to establish the identity of the witness (c. 1563). He is to ask the witness “the source of his or her knowledge and the precise time when the witness learned what he or she asserts” (c. 1563).

Canon 1548 §2 grants an exemption from testifying to “clerics regarding what has been made known to them by reason of sacred ministry ... and others bound by professional secrecy.” In his November 14, 2002 interview with Zenit News Service, Archbishop Julian Herranz, the President of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, pointed out that this exemption also applies to bishops themselves. The reason for these exemptions is that the special nature of these professional and ecclesial relationships requires the ability to speak with candor, with the assurance of confidentiality.

In determining the trustworthiness of testimonies, the judge, “after having requested testimonial letters if necessary is to consider the following:

- 1° what the condition or reputation of the person is;
- 2° whether the testimony derives from personal knowledge, especially from what has been seen or heard personally, or whether from opinion, rumor, or hearsay;
- 3° whether the witness is reliable and firmly consistent or inconsistent, uncertain, or vacillating;
- 4° whether the witness has co-witnesses to the testimony or is supported or not by other elements of proof.” (c. 1572).

Canon 1573 says: “The testimony of one witness cannot produce full proof ... unless the circumstances of things and persons suggest otherwise.”

Canon 1574 says: “The assistance of experts must be used whenever the prescript of a law or of the judge requires their examination and opinion based on the precepts of art or science in order to establish some fact or to discern the true nature of some matter.” In case in which the validity of the memories of the accuser or the accused may be at issue, expert testimony would be very valuable.

Documentary proof is covered in canons 1539-1546. Documentary proof is necessary to establish the age of the accuser. It also may be helpful to establish other facts.

Canon 1582 allows the judge to conduct a “judicial examination and inspection”:

“ If, in order to decide a case, the judge considers it opportune to visit some place or to inspect some thing, the judge, after having heard the parties, is to order it by a decree describing in summary fashion those things which must be exhibited during the visitation or inspection.”

When the visit or inspection has been completed, a report about it is to be drafted (c. 1583).

### **c. Concluding judgment**

The preliminary investigation continues until the ordinary-as-judge is able to determine either:

- (a) that there is sufficient evidence of the alleged delict (c. 1718 §1) to warrant sending

the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (May 18, 2001 Letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Sacramentorum sanctitas tutela* and Norms of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for penal trials, Art. 13) and whether it is expedient (c. 1718 §1, 2°), or

(b) that there is insufficient canonically appropriate evidence to move to the next stage and so the case should be closed.

It seems important to point out here that the real purpose of the judgment by the ordinary-as-judge at the conclusion of the canonical preliminary investigation is to determine whether there is moral certitude that the Acts of the case contain sufficient evidence to proceed to a trial (c.1718 §1).

“Once all of the proofs have been gathered....it then falls to the ordinary himself to determine whether he has arrived at moral certitude concerning the sufficiency of the evidence...” (Ingels, *supra*, p. 179).

At this point, it is not proper for the ordinary to decide or pronounce guilt.

“A clear distinction must be made between moral certitude concerning the sufficiency of the evidence and moral certitude concerning the guilt of the accused. It is for the penalty phase of the process to assess the question of guilt. Since the ordinary cannot provide for the right of defense of the accused during the prior investigation he can only address the question of whether the evidence is sufficient to move forward with the process.” (Ingels, *supra*, p. 179, n. 20) (Underlines added).

The ordinary-as-judge concludes the canonical preliminary investigation with a decree stating his moral certitude that the Acts (the Record) are sufficient to prove the allegation in a canonical trial (c. 1719 and Ingels, G. *supra*, p. 190, 178). If the ordinary-as-judge cannot arrive at moral certitude that the quantity and quality of the evidence is sufficient, he must then issue a decree which declares this finding of insufficiency of the evidence and conclude the canonical preliminary investigation (c. 1719).

“Finally, if the ordinary does not find the proofs compelling enough for him to arrive at a conclusion of the probability of the priest’s responsibility for the crime of which he has been accused, he must issue a decree which declares this finding, absolves the accused, and brings the penal process to conclusion.” (Ingels, *supra*, p. 192).

Obviously this judgment of the ordinary-as-judge requires knowledge of canonical procedures and canonical rules of evidence. When the ordinary-as-judge is making the judgment required by canon 1718 to conclude the canonical preliminary investigation, “the ordinary may hear two judges or other experts in the law if he considers it prudent”(c. 1718 §3). The basis of the judgment of the ordinary-as-judge is revealed in the emphasis on the canonical knowledge

required by these judges or canonical experts. This provision clearly indicates the need to decide the issues presented at the conclusion of a canonical preliminary investigation according to the evidentiary requirements of the Code of Canon Law. This requires an awareness of the standards for canonically admissible evidence, cognizance of the proper ecclesiastical procedures, and an understanding of the proper role of the ecclesiastical offices prescribed by the Code of Canon Law.

In the present climate, in the wake of a national crisis for the Church, it is more important than ever that the ordinary-as-judge uphold the integrity of this office and abide by the canonical duties and obligations of this office. Because the U.S. bishops have raised the stakes by declaring a policy that no cleric who has ever committed an act of sexual abuse with a minor may ever again exercise ministry, the Holy See has insisted on the right to a canonical trial for the accused. Because of the gravity of the matters at issue, the Church insists on a rigorous, formal penal process to determine the truth of the allegation and to protect the rights of both accuser and accused. The penal process must be followed in both letter and spirit.

For a cleric accused of sexual abuse of a minor, what is potentially at stake is:

- a possible criminal trial and imprisonment
- a possible civil lawsuit and the potential loss of his assets
- permanent removal from ministry
- the permanent destruction of his reputation.

Also at stake are the Church's reputation for the protection of human rights, justice and equity; as well as the Church's concern for the protection of children.

Failure to conduct a canonically valid preliminary investigation and to conclude it with a canonically proper finding creates a case that cannot be brought to a canonical trial. Such a failure is malfeasance of office on the part of the ordinary.

## **2. The Investigator-Auditor**

### **a. Sources in the law**

The sources of the ecclesiastical office of "investigator" are cc. 1717-1719. Canon 1717 §1 provides that the ordinary can conduct the canonical investigation personally. However, canonists usually recommend that the ordinary not do so:

"This recommendation is made on the basis of the principle found in c. 1717 §3, which prohibits the investigator from later acting as a judge in the case..." (Ingels, *supra*, p. 174).

"...it is preferable that the *diocesan bishop* himself not conduct the investigation. He must be in a position to evaluate its results objectively; personal involvement may interfere with this critical duty." (*Canonical Delicts Involving Sexual Misconduct and Dismissal*)

*from the Clerical State, USCCB, 1995, reprinted 2002, p. 9) (Italics in original).*

This demonstrates an important point about the source of the office of the investigator-auditor. It is derived by dividing the inherent power of the ordinary to inquire into the facts and his responsibility to independently, objectively judge the facts as established in the Acts (the Record).

Canon 1717 §3 provides that the ordinary-as-judge can appoint a “suitable person” to conduct the canonical investigation and gather canonically appropriate evidence. This canonical officer is called the “investigator” (c. 1718 §4). Canon 1717 §3 also specifies that the investigator has “the same powers and obligations as an auditor in the process.” (For this reason and to distinguish the canonical investigator from that utilized in the *Chicago Policies*, I will hereafter refer to this canonical officer as the “investigator-auditor.”)

#### **b. Appointment by decree**

In each case, that appointment of a canonical investigator, who acts as an auditor in the canonical preliminary investigation, must be appointed by a decree from the ordinary-as-judge (c. 1719). This decree should also express the parameters of the mandate given to the investigator-auditor (c. 1428 §3). This decree must be placed in the Acts of the case (Congregation for the Clergy, Prot. N. 2000.1201).

#### **c. Qualifications**

Canon 1428 §2 says that persons appointed as auditors are to be “outstanding for their good character, prudence, and doctrine.”

*Canonical Delicts* says that the investigator need not be a priest and “in some cases a team approach may be advisable” (p. 9). However, canon 1717 §3 refers to “a suitable person” and the Congregation for the Clergy has ruled that the ordinary “must appoint a single Delegate to act on his behalf” (Prot. N. 2000.1201). Also prominent experts in the penal law of the Church, such as Francis Morrissey, O.M.I. and Gregory Ingels, maintain that the investigator must be a priest. Their argument is based by analogy with canon 483 §2 requiring the notary in such cases to be a priest. One could also add that canon 1717 §3 says that the investigator has the powers and responsibilities of an auditor and canon 1428 §1 says that the auditor carries out the responsibilities of the judge in instructing the case and the CDF Norms for penal trials say: “...only priests can validly carry out the functions of judge, promoter of justice, notary, and patron” (Art. 11).

The investigator-auditor also must be objective and not charged with any conflicting responsibilities in order to conduct a fair, unbiased objective inquiry (c. 1448 §2). The duty to be objective and unbiased is also affirmed and emphasized in the *Essential Norms*.

“Norm 6. When an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by priest or a deacon is received, a preliminary investigation in harmony with canon law will be initiated and conducted



promptly and objectively (c. 1717).” (Underline added).

The nature of the role of the investigator-auditor conducting a canonical preliminary investigation requires that the investigator have a thorough knowledge of canon law. The investigator-auditor must be familiar with the powers and duties of an auditor in a canonical process as well as the evidentiary requirements of canon law.

The investigator-auditor should be skilled in conducting canonically valid examinations of witnesses (detailed above in the treatment of the ordinary-as-judge). The investigator should be knowledgeable about the special detailed formularies and oaths, used in canonical investigations of this kind, which are contained in *Crimen sollicitationis* (Instruction of the Holy Office, 1962). About ten years ago the Nunciature in Washington sent a notice to diocesan bishops that *Crimen sollicitationis* remains in force and that the document was to be preserved in the diocesan secret archives for use when needed.

The investigator-auditor must also have a thorough knowledge of the constitutive elements of canons pertaining to the delict of sexual abuse of minors (c. 1395, §2) and the application of penalties, especially canonically aggravating and mitigating circumstances (cc. 1324-27). The investigator should also be knowledgeable about the Illinois Criminal Code, civil law, and the laws pertaining to the gathering of evidence, since canon law can incorporate or “canonize” the local civil law of the respective diocese, because the 1983 Code exhorts and requires the observance of civil laws not contradictory to the canon law (c. 22). Therefore it seems clear that the investigator-auditor must be someone with sensitivity to and awareness of canon and civil law.

Furthermore the investigator-auditor must be someone familiar with the unique issues involving child abuse allegations, for the reasons discussed below. The crucial point is that the investigator-auditor must be able to discern and help create canonically proper evidence, for both the accuser and the accused.

#### **d. Functions**

Canon 1428 §3 says: “It is for the auditor ... only to collect the proofs and hand them over to the judge.” The word “only” limits these duties to indicate that there is no judgmental, determinative, nor advisory role that is included in the auditor’s responsibilities or powers. The powers and obligations of an auditor include deciding “what proofs are to be collected and in what manner” (c. 1428 §3).

The purpose of the canonical preliminary investigation is not to indict or try the accused at this stage but rather to gather facts, investigate the circumstances, and explore the question of imputability.

“The preliminary investigation is geared to ascertaining whether there are solid grounds for judging that an ecclesiastical delict...has been committed...” (*CLSA Commentary*,



Comment p. 1808). (Underlines added).

The inquiry conducted by the investigator-auditor must be a far more thorough and objective than is usually conducted under the Common Law model. Under the Common Law, the adversary method is relied upon to complete the investigation, correct errors, add or explain facts in a light most favorable to the accused as well as the accuser, and expose biases and conflicts of interest or inadequacies of witnesses through cross-examination by an advocate in an adversary proceeding. Because none of this activity is provided for in the canonical model, it must be performed by the investigator-auditor.

Therefore the investigator-auditor is charged with the responsibility of completely and thoroughly investigating the charges, gathering evidence and proofs that address fully and completely all sides of the issues including that evidence favorable to the accused. In other words, facts to support a defense, or mitigation, should also be carefully collected by the investigator-auditor, since no defense or inquiry can be mounted at this stage by the accused, and since these proofs act as the basic evidence at the later trial can seriously effect the accused's ability to defend himself at that stage.

Although it may be appropriate for the investigator-auditor to talk informally with a witness prior the formal interview, care should obviously be exercised to prevent the investigator-auditor from influencing the witness Canon 1565 says: "Questions must not be communicated to the witness beforehand." An investigator-auditor has to be careful to reduce witness statements untainted and uninfluenced to a formal statement under oath, recorded verbatim and signed by the witness. (Ingels, *supra*, p. 177) The significance here is that since the Roman-Continental model is utilized in Canon Law, the obligation of the investigator-auditor is to collect evidence and facts in such a way as to not distort the weight of the evidence and to establish and support both sides to the dispute.

From the outset of a canonical preliminary investigation, it is essential that the allegation of the accuser be obtained in a canonically valid manner with sufficient specificity as to time, place, circumstances, and witnesses, so that the investigator-auditor knows what proofs need to be obtained and so that the accused has sufficient knowledge of the accusation to be able to respond to it and to prepare his defense. Obviously, the intention of canon law is that without the legal credence of an oath no accusation regarding criminal conduct should be given any credibility. Failure to obtain a canonically valid statement of the accusation at the commencement of the preliminary investigation can result in the accusations evolving and "constantly changing, others being added or not mentioned anymore, seemingly at will and not accord to any mode of canon law." (cf. Congregation for the Clergy, Prot. N. 2001.1099)

### **3. The Canonical Notary**

#### **a. Sources in the law**

In collecting the proofs, the judge or the investigator-auditor must be accompanied by and assisted by a canonical notary (cc. 1437 §1 and 1561). The role of the canonical notary is crucial in the canonical preliminary investigation. “A notary is to take part in any process, so much so that the acts are null if the notary has not signed them.”(c.1437 §1).

**b. Appointment by decree**

As with other officers whom the diocesan bishop appoints to take part in a canonical preliminary investigation, the notary is to be appointed to the case by a decree issued by the diocesan bishop (c. 48).

**c. Qualifications**

The canonical notary must be “of unimpaired reputation and above all suspicion” (c. 483 §2). In cases involving accusations of clerical sexual abuse, the canonical notary must be a priest (c. 483 §2 and Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Norms for penal trials, Art. 12).

The notary must be very knowledgeable about canonical penal procedures, especially the manifold duties of the notary, which are essential to establishing the official Acts of the preliminary investigation.

**d. Functions**

The canonical notary performs the following duties:

- drawing up acts and instruments which require their action (c. 484, 1 °)
- witnessing the signature of the ordinary on all of the decrees issued in the penal process (c. 484, 2 °)
- attending the taking of any statements by the accuser or other persons in order to act as witness (c. 1569 §2)
- being present to witness the administration of an oath thereby insuring that the statement is sworn to (c. 1562 §2). The reasons for requiring sworn testimony by the accuser and by witnesses are not technical or frivolous. Sworn deponents can be punished for perjury. In legal systems, the fact that a statement or testimony is sworn is an important criterion for weighing truthfulness and accuracy. Sworn testimony also provides a basis during the trial stage for cross-examination or impeachment.
- transcribing accurately or recording verbatim any statements or depositions taken from the accuser or other witnesses (c. 1567), “giving the witness the opportunity to add, suppress, correct or change it” (c. 1569 §1);
- signing the Acts of the deposition, at the end of a deposition, and seeing to it that

it is signed by the deponent and the investigator-auditor (c. 1569 §2);

- assembling and guarding the Acts of the case (the Record). (cc. 484, 486). The penal process depends on the Acts. The importance of a proper record of both the canonical preliminary investigation stage and later trial stage can not be emphasized enough, because it is from this information that all subsequent decisions will flow; and this is an essential element of not only canon law, but every body of law that seeks to avoid charges that its trials are illegitimately held or that principles of law and justice are disregarded or perverted, creating a sham legal proceeding – or a kangaroo court. Off-the-record information cannot be used in the penal process.
- placing, at the conclusion of the investigation, “the Acts of the investigation, the decrees of the ordinary which initiated and concluded the investigation, and everything which preceded the investigation” in the secret archive of the diocese, unless they are necessary for the penal process (c. 1719).

### C. PERIOD OF PRESCRIPTION

In 1994, the U.S. bishops asked the Holy See for derogations from the Code of Canon Law for the United States in regard to alleged delicts of sexual abuse of minors. On April 25, 1994, the Holy Father extended the period of prescription, in the United States, for alleged delicts with a minor to 10 years after the accuser's 18th birthday. This was not retroactive; and it applied only to delicts committed on or after April 25, 1994.

However, the Holy Father also promulgated a transitory norm, affecting some delicts committed prior to April 25, 1994. Such delicts with a minor, below the age of sixteen, "are deemed to be actionable by criminal process until the minor in question completes his or her twenty-third birthday."

On April 30, 2001, Pope John Paul II in the Apostolic Letter *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, issued *motu proprio*, promulgated in *forma specifica* the norms contained in the May 18, 2001 letter of the Congregation of the Faith *De delictis gravioribus*, which determined the prescription for such offenses as ten years, running from the day the minor has completed the eighteenth year:

“It must be noted that the criminal action on delicts reserved to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is extinguished by a prescription of ten years...however, in the delict perpetrated with a minor by a cleric, the prescription begins to run from the day when the minor has completed the 18th year of age.”

The *Essential Norms* do not eliminate or do away with the period of prescription. In fact these norms explicitly recognize the viability of canonical period of prescription.

"If the case would otherwise be barred by prescription, because sexual abuse of a minor is a grave offense, the bishop/eparch shall apply to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for a dispensation from the prescription, while indicating appropriate pastoral reasons." *Essential Norms* (Norm 8A).

In his November 14, 2002 interview with Zenit News Service, Archbishop Julian Herranz, the President of the Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts explained the purpose of retaining the period of prescription:

"While there are some who advocated the elimination of any statute of limitations in these cases, such a proposal ignores the virtual impossibility of determining the truth or falsity of allegations concerning conduct that happened in the distant past. Indeed, in the context of ecclesiastical penal proceedings, it would be extremely difficult for the victim and the Promoter of Justice to meet the standard of proof necessary for a finding that a delict had occurred, and equally difficult for the accused cleric to assemble an adequate defense. It is that practical reality, and not any desire to cover up crimes or reward criminal, that has been responsible for the introduction of the concept of statutes of limitations in all modern juridical systems."

These observations are quite consistent with the rationale behind civil and criminal statutes of limitations, expressed quite well in a Comment about the statute of limitations utilized by the United States Model Penal Code, Sec. 1.06, 1985:

"There are several reasons for the imposition of time limitations:

"First, and foremost, is the desirability that prosecutions be based upon reasonably fresh evidence. With the passage of time memories fade, witnesses die or leave the area, and physical evidence becomes more difficult to obtain, identify, or preserve. In short, the possibility of erroneous conviction is minimized when prosecution is prompt.

"Second, if the actor refrains from further criminal activity, the likelihood increases that he has reformed, diminishing the necessity for imposition of criminal sanctions. If he has repeated his criminal behavior, he can be prosecuted for recent offenses committed within the period of limitations. Hence, the necessity of protecting society against the perpetrator of a particular offense becomes less compelling as the years pass.

"Third, after a protracted period the retributive impulse which may have existed in the community is likely to yield to a sense of compassion aroused by the prosecution for an offense long forgotten.

"Fourth, it is desirable to reduce the possibility of blackmail based on a threat to prosecute or to disclose evidence to enforcement officials

"Finally, statutes of limitations promote repose by giving security and stability to human affairs."

Furthermore, a prominent canonist also pointed out the rationale behind the period of prescription.

"...prescription of penal actions or a statute of limitations exists because the law, in its wisdom, recognizes that the passage of time renders prosecution of and defense against complaints increasingly difficult. With the passage of time, potential witnesses disappear, memories dim, relevant documents are lost..." (Beal, *supra*, p. 18).

#### **D. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Canon 220 states: "No one is permitted to harm illegitimately the good reputation which a person possesses nor to injure the right of any person to protect his or her own privacy." In addition, canon 1717 §2 states, in regard to the preliminary investigation of a delict: "Care must be taken so that the good name of anyone is not endangered from this investigation." Furthermore, the *Essential Norms* (which are not yet in effect, but which provide a guide for proper diocesan policies) state in Norm 6: "All appropriate steps shall be taken to protect the reputation of the accused during the investigation."

For a priest, his good name, reputation, and legitimate privacy are especially sacred, because the effectiveness of his sacred ministry depends upon his ability to be recognized and accepted by the People of God as a suitable witness to Christ the High Priest and the Good Shepherd. For this reason, the diocesan bishop's obligation to defend the rights of his priests (c. 384), applies in a special way to the priest's right to his good name, reputation, and privacy. (Cf. Gianfranco Ghirlanda, S.J., "Duties and Rights Involved in Cases of Sexual Abuse Perpetrated by Clerics," *La Civiltà Cattolica*, May 18, 2002, pp. 341-353).

The canonical norms for trials also require confidentiality. Canon 1455 §1 says that, "Judges and other tribunal personnel are always bound to observe secrecy of office in a penal trial..." As proof of how seriously the universal law regards this obligation of confidentiality, canon 1457 §1 provides that those who violate it can be punished "with fitting penalties, not excluding privation from office..."

So important and so sacred is the duty of confidentiality that the Holy See has repeatedly decreed that investigations of clerical delicts against morals are under pontifical secrecy. When a bishop is named, he takes an oath to observe pontifical secrecy. The pertinent document which explains pontifical secrecy says:

"Deservedly, therefore, some things are entrusted to those who are assigned to the people of God, which must be surrounded with secrecy, those things, namely, which, if revealed, or if revealed at the wrong time or in the wrong way, are prejudicial to the building up of

the Church, or destroy the public good, or, finally, offend the inviolable rights of individuals and communities (see instruction, *Communio et progressio*, n. 121)...

“Included under pontifical secrecy are: ... (4) Extrajudicial denunciations received regarding delicts against the faith and against morals... Likewise, the process and decision which pertain to those denunciations, always safeguarding the right of him who has been reported to authorities to know of the denunciation if such knowledge is necessary for his own defense.” (*Secreta continere*, Instruction of the Secretariat of State, rescript from an audience, February 4, 1977; AAS, 66 (1974), p. 89).

The Norms for penal trials, issued by the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, in footnote 25, quotes a 1999 papal rescript from an audience, confirming that the norms of the Instruction *Secreta continere* remain in force. Article 25 §1 of these Norms also states in that pontifical secrecy applies to penal trials.

The May 18, 2001 letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Ad exsequendam ecclesiasticam legem*, reiterates that matters pertaining to such allegations are under the pontifical secret.

Also Article III, 2 of *Secreta continere* provides:

“If a violation has reached the external forum, he who is accused of violating the secrecy will be judged by a certain special commission which will be constituted by the Cardinal Prefect ...; this commission will inflict penalties in keeping with the gravity of the delict or the harm done.”

This requirement of confidentiality is consistent with the norms which apply to an American civil trial. The “Record” of the case (depositions, motions, etc.) is confidential to the public as it is being assembled, until the facts are presented at trial or the trial is concluded. Otherwise, there would be the risk of (1) trying the case in the media instead of through the legal process, (2) judgments being made by the public based on piecemeal information, and (3) possible pollution of testimony as potential witnesses become aware of the testimony given by other parties. In an American criminal prosecution, the grand jury proceedings are secret and no public announcement is made until an indictment is issued, based on a finding of probable cause that the defendant has committed the crime.

In the case of an accusation of sexual abuse of a minor against a cleric, it would seem that confidentiality should be maintained until probable cause is determined and the case is sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The Congregation can indicate what, if anything, can be publicly disclosed and when. Because prescription may bar a penal trial and the Congregation may determine that it would be unjust to dispense from prescription, it would be manifestly unfair to the accused to announce the accusation, since the accused would have no way of vindicating his good name and reputation.

Also, it should be noted that the Internet has increased exponentially the damage done to an accused priest's reputation by a violation of the mandated confidentiality. The public announcements made by dioceses are posted on numerous websites. There are databases giving easy access to any newspaper article about any priest who has been accused of sexual abuse (e.g., [www.poynter.org](http://www.poynter.org)). There are law firms which specialize in lawsuits alleging sexual abuse of priests and these law firms seek new clients by posting the names of accused priests. Entering "clergy sexual abuse databases" into the popular Google search engine results in a listing of 2,140 websites. The allegations are available to anyone in the world who has access to the Internet and they remain as a permanent stain on the reputation of many priests who have never been proven guilty of any sexual abuse.

The implications of the violation of the canonical requirements of confidentiality are enormous. The British weekly the *Economist* said: "No crime, not even murder, is so vilified in the western world as paedophilia. Being accused, even wrongly, of anything to do with child abuse can ruin people's lives." (January 18, 2003, p.10).

### ***III. THE ARGUMENT***

With all due respect, Your Eminence, when the diocesan policies, procedures and officers used to investigate and judge my case are compared to the standards of canon law, one is drawn to the clear conclusion that no canonical procedures were properly applied in my case. Instead, local administrative procedures and standards and local administrative officers foreign to canon law were used to investigate and judge my case.

Church law, which evolved over 2,000 years of experience in promoting justice and protecting human rights, was unfortunately ignored. In the Chicago Archdiocese, a novel set of administrative policies and procedures was created, based on Anglo-American Common Law and reputedly modeled on the procedures devised for the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the State of Illinois. These procedures were developed to discipline Illinois attorneys for infractions of the Code of Professional Conduct. They have been erroneously applied to the investigation and judgment of allegations of clerical sexual abuse of minors. (The history of the *Chicago Policies and Procedures* is given in the Introduction to that document).

This attempt to meld procedures of Anglo-American Common Law with canon law resulted in a set of procedures that denied me canonical due process. The procedures adopted in Chicago explicitly barred the adversary methodology of the Common Law, but failed to incorporate the proper canonical procedures for investigation and judgment of such cases.

Instead of using the refined, subtle and proven procedures of canon law to determine the truth of such allegations, the Archdiocese has chosen to use processes adopted from a totally different legal system. The result in my case is that tainted and polluted "testimony" was accepted, without creating any proper canonical record of official Acts for a canonical procedure. This has shifted



the burden of proof to me, deprived me of the right of defense, unleashed unfair publicity against me, and deprived me of my priestly ministry with a canonically inconclusive finding that there was “reasonable cause *to suspect*” sexual abuse of a minor.

In particular, the procedures and facts of my case demonstrate:

- No ordinary-as-judge exercised that role to correctly open a canonical preliminary investigation, to appoint proper ecclesiastical officers to carry it out in accord with canonical procedures and rules of evidence, and to properly conclude the preliminary investigation. Instead responsibility was delegated to those who had no proper qualifications or ability to hold ecclesiastical office..
- No canonical investigator-auditor was appointed and functioned to gather evidence in a proper canonical preliminary investigation as prescribed in cc. 1717-1719. Instead an “investigation” was carried out by a local diocesan officer entitled the Administrator of the Review Board and by a group of lay and clerical persons denominated a Review Board which performed functions that were totally foreign to canon law.
- No canonical notary functioned in my case. Thus, no proper canonical Acts were created, no canonical decrees were issued, and no testimony was taken properly in the canonical procedure known as a preliminary investigation. Because proper canonical procedures were not followed and local procedures unknown to canon law were followed, there is a strong indication in my case that the memories of the accusers have been irremediably tainted and the False Memory Syndrome is now a major barrier to ever being able to fairly examine my accusers.
- The period of prescription was ignored, despite the fact that the accusations against me stem from more than 35 years ago. In contravention of the values enshrined in the statutes of limitations of every legal system, I am forced into the virtually impossible situation of defending myself against vague allegations, that allegedly occurred on unspecified dates in uncertain years three to four decades ago.
- The requisite confidentiality was not observed. As a result, my right to privacy has been violated, my reputation has been irreparably damaged, my right to the presumption of innocence has been destroyed, and my right of defense has been undermined, because the accusers have now been affirmed in their obviously thin recollections by Archdiocesan officials and reinforced by pronouncements from the Archdiocese.
- A judgment of guilt was rendered, public condemnation voiced, and penalties imposed without a proper canonical preliminary investigation being utilized to



collect evidence or a proper canonical trial being conducted before a determination of guilt was pronounced and announced.

## **A. THE ORDINARY-AS-JUDGE**

### **1. The ordinary did not exercise his role as judge**

- There is no indication in my files that the diocesan bishop complied with the duty to make an initial judgment, as required by canon 1717 §1, that the accusations against me “at least seemed true” and warranted a canonical preliminary investigation.
- There is no indication in my files that the duty to issue a decree opening a canonical preliminary investigation was observed by the diocesan bishop (c. 1719).
- There is no indication in my files that the diocesan bishop complied with the duty to properly appoint a legitimate investigator, acting with the same powers and obligations as an auditor (c. 1717 §§1, 3).
- The diocesan bishop did not comply with the duty to oversee the canonical preliminary investigation to ensure that it was conducted in accord with the prescribed procedures of Church law as set out in canons 1717-1719 and related canons. The inquiry which was undertaken (and which *was not* the canonical preliminary investigation called for in the *Essential Norms*) was conducted by those not canonically authorized to participate in it. Furthermore, my psychological records from previous treatment for depression were improperly and illegally disclosed to the Administrator and redisclosed to the Review Board.
- The diocesan bishop did not comply with the duty to determine my case based only on the record compiled by investigator-auditor and confirmed as correct by the notary. Instead he apparently based his judgments on summaries and opinions of the local officials known as the Administrator and the Review Board (c. 1428 §3). The diocesan bishop did not properly exercise his responsibilities as judge in that he did not ensure that his decision was based only upon a canonically valid record of the testimony. No notary was appointed; no testimony was taken under oath; no testimony was taken verbatim or transcribed; memoranda of interviews were created which were flawed and not contemporaneous; deponents did not review for accuracy memoranda of their statements, sign them or swear to them (cc. 1530, 1558, 1560 1563, 1728 § 2, et al.) In making the judgment or decision that there is, or is not, “sufficient evidence,” the “ordinary-as-judge” has to decide – based on the Acts of the case (what is known as the Record in American Common Law courts) and not on any written or oral sources, or other documents,

whisperings, or gossip or “off-the-record” memoranda – that there has been a canonically valid preliminary investigation pursuant to canon law and carried out in accord with canonical requirements and that there is sufficient canonically admissible evidence to proceed to a penal trial. (c. 1608 §2).

- The diocesan bishop did not comply with his duty to decide with moral certitude whether there is sufficient evidence in the record to warrant proceeding to trial (c. 1718 §1). This duty requires the “ordinary-as-judge” to evaluate the quality and caliber of the evidence regarding (1) the facts of the alleged complaint, (2) the circumstances surrounding the alleged offense, and (3) the imputability of the alleged delict to the accused. Or stated in another way, the “ordinary-as-judge” must decide whether the standard of proof has been met at the conclusion of the preliminary investigation. (c. 1718 §1, 1<sup>o</sup>). The standard is whether there is moral certitude that the evidence is canonically sufficient to warrant proceeding to trial (c. 1718 §1).
- The diocesan bishop did not comply with the duty to conclude the preliminary investigation by issuing a canonical decree closing the preliminary investigation (c. 1719).
- The diocesan bishop did not consult any judges or experts in the law, as recommended by canon 1718 §3.
- The diocesan bishop did not place the Acts of the investigation in the secret archives of the Archdiocese (c. 1719).
- The diocesan bishop did not hear the Promoter of Justice before removing me from ministry and imposing restrictions on my freedoms (c. 1722).

## **2. Judicial functions were inappropriately and illegitimately exercised by the Review Board**

The Review Board operated as a tribunal, engaging in investigative and judicial functions. Norm 4 of the *Essential Norms* makes it clear that the function of the review board should be exclusively an advisory one (like the College of Consultors or the Diocesan Finance Council, for example). Yet, in the *Chicago Policies* and in my case, it is obvious that the Review Board acted as a tribunal at least three times.

An investigative/judicial role for the Review Board is described in policy §1104.3.6.2 which provides for the accuser or the accused to appear before the Review Board; and policy §1104.3.6.3 which allows the accuser or the accused to bring attorneys with them to these appearances. These are inappropriate incursions of the Review Board into roles not provided for in canon law. Confusion is further fostered by attempting to imitate an American jury, without any of the multitude of safeguards erected around that deliberative body to insure knowledgeable, unbiased decision-making.

Also, the *Chicago Policies* provide for steps called the First Stage Review, the Second Stage Review and the Supplementary Review. These steps involve the Review Board in the functions of a tribunal, which is outside the purview given it in the *Essential Norms*, nor allowed anywhere in canon law.

Policy §1104.3.6.1 says: “The Board, may, in its discretion, limit the information it receives or considers, and the rules of evidence shall not strictly apply.” This statement implies that the Review Board exercises control over the investigation, which is improper. Canonical rules of evidence and procedure *shall* be strictly applied, as discussed above.

In addition, “determinations” and other actions equivalent to judgments, to be made by the Review Board, are mentioned in policies §1104.3.6.1, §1104.3.7, §1104.4.3, §1104.8.1, §1104.8.2, §1104.9, §1104.10.1, §1104.10.2, §1104.10.3 §1104.11.1, §1104.11.2, §1104.11.3, and §1104.12. In canon law, only the diocesan bishop (the ordinary-as-judge) has the authority to make such decisions and judgments. Although the *Essential Norms* do recognize a role for a Review Board, it is very important to note that its role is limited to “advising” the ordinary and not making decisions, judgments, or assessments.

Also policy §1104.12.3 speaks of cases being under “continuing jurisdiction and oversight by the review board.” As an advisory group to the Archbishop, the Review Board does not exercise any jurisdiction. This policy also speaks of a monitoring protocol being “approved” by the review board in each case. Because the review board is an advisory group, it doesn’t have the authority to approve anything.

The separation of powers between the investigator-auditor and the Review Board and the ordinary-as-judge must be clearly delineated and maintained. However, in the *Chicago Policies* the ordinary-as-judge impermissibly delegates duties and authority to the Administrator and the Review Board.

### **3. Judicial functions were inappropriately exercised by the Administrator of the Review Board**

Under Policy §1104.4.3, the Administrator is to “receive and analyze” the allegation. Then she is to “promptly and objectively *initiate* and conduct such inquiries as may be appropriate ...” Further, she is to “assist the Board by preparing and submitting *reports* pertaining to allegations...”

For its part, the Review Board is directed under Policy §1104.8 to “meet within approximately three to five days after an allegation is made to conduct a First Stage Review.” At this First Stage Review, according to Policy §1104.8.1, the review board “shall *determine*: (1) whether the Administrator’s original determination and recommendation about withdrawal of the cleric from his ministerial assignment adequately provides for the safety of children; (2) whether the other preliminary actions taken by the Administrator were appropriate; and (3) what further action should be taken with respect to the allegation.” Under Policy §1104.8.2, the Review Board, at

the First Stage Review, “shall determine whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused cleric engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, and on the basis of this determination shall make recommendations to the Archbishop” about whether an accused cleric should be withdrawn from ministry. The Review Board did this three times in my case, and to my knowledge never saw or heard the accusers, never looked into their eyes, and did not base the judgment they made on any sworn accusations.

What is canonically wrong with this process, so far? First of all, the accusation was received and the inquiry begun without the ordinary being involved in *any* way, much less making a determination that the accusation “at least seems true” and issuing a decree opening an investigation and issuing a decree appointing an investigator-auditor to this particular case. Second, the Administrator was not exercising the canonical role of an investigator-auditor (which is confined to the collection of evidence) when she was *analyzing* the information, *initiating* inquiries, and preparing reports *summarizing* the allegations. Third, the Review Board exercised duties in the investigative process by holding meetings and discussions about alleged evidence or statements without those statements being verified by oath, without the accuracy of those statements being verified by a canonical notary, and without receiving guidance as to their evidentiary value by a canonist. In effect, I was removed from ministry, without the ordinary-as-judge deciding the proper questions, based on a proper record assembled in accordance with canonical procedures.

Policy §1104.8.1 is an improper delegation and an unjustifiable usurpation of the duties of the ordinary-as-judge. The judgment by the Review Board that there was “reasonable cause to suspect” that I engaged in “sexual misconduct” with a minor was a step that has no basis in canon law. In canon law, once the ordinary-as-judge has determined that an accusation “at least seems true” and that he must commence a canonical preliminary investigation, the canonical preliminary investigation continues until the ordinary-as-judge, himself, determines that there is “sufficient evidence” of the alleged delict (c. 1718 §1). This judgment of the ordinary-as-judge requires that he first make a decision about the quality and quantity of the evidence and whether it meets canonical standards, as well as a decision as to the respective credibility of the witnesses. Then he must determine whether this canonically correct evidence is sufficient to provide the “probable knowledge” of a delict, which requires him to send the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (May 18, 2001 Letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela* and Norms of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for penal trials, Art. 13). The procedures utilized in my case did not even faintly approximate this canonical procedure.

#### **4. An improper standard of proof was used by the Administrator and the Review Board to arrive at a judgment.**

The *Chicago Policies* mandated that the Review Board conduct an inquiry into the accusations against me, using as its standard of proof for concluding the inquiry and removing me from ministry whether there was “*reasonable cause to suspect*” that I engaged in sexual misconduct

with a minor" (Policy 1104.8.2, p.18, emphasis added).

Canon law requires a much higher and different degree of proof. The standard of the 1983 Code for concluding a canonical preliminary investigation is whether "sufficient evidence has been collected." The standard of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela* is whether the ordinary has "at least probable knowledge" of the delict. In effect, these articulations of the standard or proof require a finding that the evidence is sufficient to make a finding of "probable cause" to begin a canonical trial. "Once all of the proofs have been gathered....it then falls to the ordinary himself to determine whether he has arrived at moral certitude concerning the sufficiency of the evidence..." (Ingels, *supra*, p. 179) There has been no such finding in my case.

##### **5. The standards by which the ordinary-as-judge is duty bound to base his judgments were ignored**

In making his judgment at the conclusion of the canonical preliminary investigation, the ordinary-as-judge, himself, has to determine -- based on the Acts of the case and not on any "off-the-record" memoranda -- that there has been a *canonically valid* preliminary process and that there is sufficient *canonically admissible* evidence to proceed to a penal trial. The ordinary-as-judge has to evaluate the quality and caliber of the evidence regarding (1) the facts of the alleged complaint, (2) the circumstances surrounding the alleged offense, and (3) the imputability of the alleged delict to the accused.

However, in my case, as conducted under the *Chicago Policies*, instead of the ordinary-as-judge being the evaluator of the proofs collected, that role was abdicated and delegated to the Administrator and to the Review Board. The ordinary according to the documentation in my file did not see any proper canonical evidence as generated by a canonical investigator or gathered, documented, and preserved by a canonical notary (i.e, the Acts of the case). At most it appears from the Archdiocesan files and from communications sent to me, that your Eminence saw at best summaries of statements prepared by local non-ecclesiastical administrative personnel and oral opinions about reports given by the Vicar for Priests and your representative (the "Archbishop's Delegate") who sat in on the Review Board meetings. In the *Chicago Policies*, as followed in my case, the ordinary-as-judge failed in his duty to maintain the integrity of the canonical process, a role that cannot be delegated.

The procedures set forth in the *Chicago Policies* did not create a legitimate substitute for a canonically valid preliminary process nor lead to the production of canonically admissible evidence; thus they actually became impediments to determining the truth of the allegations, as well as depriving me of canonical due process. Most egregiously the inartful involvement of local Archdiocesan administrative personnel could have actually led to corruption of the already dubious, decades old, alleged memories of the accusers, by manifesting immediate belief, inadequate probing and questioning, affirmative acceptance, and public affirmation of the credibility of their stories.

It also seems important to note here that the only reference even remotely pertaining to canon law

in the in the 27 pages of the 7-1-2000 *Chicago Policies* is contained in the first sentence of the “Introduction”, which states that “Cardinal Bernardin directed that the recommendations...be translated into policies and procedures consistent with the law of the universal Church.” Nowhere in the remaining 27 pages is there even one reference to any canon, norm, term-of-art, procedure, or ecclesiastical office of the Code of Canon Law.

## **B. THE INVESTIGATOR-AUDITOR**

### **1. No canonical investigator-auditor was duly appointed.**

In the files which my attorneys were allowed to review, there was no decree of the diocesan bishop (cc. 48, 1719) appointing a canonical investigator (c. 1717 §1) with the powers and obligations of an auditor in the process (c. 1717 §3).

### **2. The Administrator and the Review Board did not have the qualifications.**

#### **a. The Administrator did not have the qualifications**

In the *Chicago Policies*, the primary officer given the responsibility for conducting the investigation (also referred to as an “inquiry” in the *Chicago Policies*) is the Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator (Policy §1104.4.3). There is nothing in the *Chicago Policies* which addresses the need for the person conducting the inquiry to possess the requisite skills of a canonical investigator-auditor (cf. Policy §1104.4.1 on the qualifications of the Administrator).

During the course of the inquiry into the allegations against me, there were two different Administrators. Both were lay women. Obviously, they were not priests as seems to be required by analogy with canon 483 §2, which requires that even a notary in such cases be a priest; and by analogy with Article 11 of the Norms of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith for such cases (“...only a priest can validly carry out the functions of judge, promoter of justice, notary, and patron.”).

When the first allegation was made against me, Ms. Kathleen Leggdas was the Administrator. I am not familiar with all of her qualifications. I do know that she is a former religious and it is my understanding that previously she was a food service administrator. As far as I know, she was a person of “good character, prudence, and doctrine” (c. 1428 §2). However, it is apparent that she had no awareness of the powers and responsibilities of an auditor in carrying out the functions of a canonical investigator. I say this because she did not observe any of the required canonical norms. (This will be demonstrated in the following section). In addition, I feel it necessary to point out that she became overwhelmed by the demands of her job and had to go on sick leave. According to Archdiocesan officials, some 150 allegations against over 100 priests were reported to her office during 2002. Archdiocesan officials have stated that she did not keep accurate records and that has been my experience. It is my understanding that she eventually returned from sick leave, but subsequently left her position.



When Ms. Leggdas went on sick leave, Ms. Leah McCluskey became the Acting Administrator. Eventually, she became the Administrator when that position became open after the departure of Ms. Leggdas. When [REDACTED] made his accusation against me, Ms. McCluskey was the Acting Administrator. Again, I am not familiar with all of her qualifications. It is my understanding that she has a background in social work. I have no reason to doubt that she is a person of “good character, prudence, and doctrine” (c. 1428 §2). It is apparent, however, that she too had no awareness of the powers and responsibilities of an auditor in carrying out the functions of a canonical investigator. As I will demonstrate in the next section, she too did not observe any of the canonical requirements.

One canonical qualification which deserves special mention is the expectation that the investigator-auditor be able to conduct an objective, fair and unbiased investigation (*Essential Norms*, Norm 6). The explicit inclusion of the word “objective” in Norm 6 is significant. It was not in the *Dallas Norms*, nor is it in the *Chicago Policies* utilized in my case.

The need for objectivity in conducting an appropriate canonical preliminary investigation is explained by a noted canonist:

The investigation of sexual criminal misconduct can be most difficult and often results in having to deal with the anger and emotions of persons who have been the victims of such misconduct. It is completely natural and appropriate to respond with great sympathy and pastoral solicitude to such victims. By its very nature, however, this response clearly jeopardizes the impartiality which is necessary in making decisions in the case.....if a case is particularly difficult or burdened by the emotions of persons who are angry or upset and especially if the case has generated media attention, it will be difficult if not impossible for an ordinary.... to maintain a sense of ‘judicial discretion’ in rendering dispassionate, impartial and correct determinations...” (Ingels, *supra*, p.174).

The Administrator, with her multitude of conflicting responsibilities assigned by the *Chicago Policies*, could not perform in this manner.

Unfortunately, the expectation of impartiality is compromised in the Archdiocese of Chicago by the fact that the Administrator of the Review Board shares an office suite and work environment with the Office of Victim Assistance, which is staffed by “Victim Assistance Ministers.” It would seem difficult for the Administrator to remain neutral and objective, when her principal daily colleagues are advocates and/or counselors for those who have brought allegations.

There is a danger that the Victim Assistance Minister can taint the objectivity of the evidence which needs to be obtained. There is ample documentation that a troubled person is susceptible to unconscious suggestions and influences by counselors and therapists (e.g., Terence W. Campbell, Ph.D., *Smoke and Mirrors: The Devastating Effect of False Sexual Abuse Claims*, New York: Insight Books, 1998; Dr. Elizabeth Loftus and Katherine Ketcham, *The Myth of*

*Repressed Memory: False Memories and Allegations of Sexual Abuse*, New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994).

The close interaction between the Administrator and the Victim Assistance Minister could pollute the impartiality of the investigation and undermines the presumption of innocence which rightfully belongs to the accused. Specifically, the fact that the Victim Assistance Minister shares an office suite with the Administrator could seriously impair the ability of the Administrator to be a neutral party, leading me to conclude that he exercised improper influence on her judgment and on the outcome of my case.

**b. The Review Board did not have the qualifications**

As stated above in Argument section (A)(2), concerning judicial functions exercised by the Review Board, I explained how the Review Board acts, and acted in my case, as a tribunal, exercising both investigative and judicial functions. The Review Board does not possess the qualifications required for the ecclesiastical office of investigator-auditor.

First, canon 1717 §3 allows the bishop to appoint a "suitable person" as the investigator-auditor; and the Congregation for the Clergy has said that the ordinary "must appoint a single Delegate to act on his behalf." (Prot. N. 2000.1201). A group, such as the Review Board, cannot legitimately engage in investigative functions.

Although some priests serve on the Review Board, most of the members of the Review Board are lay persons, without any background, knowledge or training in canon law its procedures or rules of evidence.

Second, there is no evidence that any of the members of the Review Board possessed any knowledge of the requirements for conducting a canonical preliminary investigation, because the Review Board did not observe any of the norms for conducting a canonical investigation or gathering canonically proper evidence, as will be demonstrated below. This would seem to be an essential qualification for the role of an investigator.

Third, the Review Board is very likely to be biased by the presence of a victim/survivor or the parent of a victim/survivor on the review board. Policy § 1104.3.1 stipulates that one of the members of the review board must be a victim/survivor or parent of a victim/survivor of child sexual abuse. The *Chicago Policies* instruct the Review Board that their primary concern is "the safety of children" (Policy §1101.1). This creates a bias which shifts the burden of proof to the accused and undermines the presumption of innocence. This priority precludes an unbiased, impartial investigative mind set. In a criminal or civil trial, a person with such a personal history would ordinarily be disqualified from serving on a jury because of the likelihood of bias against the accused. The impartial determination of the truth of an accusation, and the image of impartiality, is not served by the requirement that one of the positions on the review board be filled by a victim/survivor or the parent of a victim/survivor. The qualification of objectivity and impartiality of the Review board, which made recommendations in my case, was lacking.



**3. The Administrator and the Review Board did not perform the functions of the investigator-auditor.**

Canon 1428 §2 points out that the *only* role of the investigator-auditor is “to collect the proofs and hand them over to the judge.” Other canons, cited in the law section, instruct the investigator-auditor on how this responsibility is to be performed.

**a. The Administrator did not perform the functions of an investigator-auditor.**

In my case, pursuant to the *Chicago Policies*, the initial inquiry into the facts was assigned to the Administrator. This local officer did not fulfill the functions which the Code of Canon Law assigns to the investigator-auditor.

The *Chicago Policies* are rife with duties given to the Administrator which are contrary to and conflict with canon law and create a potential bias inconsistent with canon law.

- Policy §1104.4.3 (1) states that the Administrator shall “receive and analyze” the information and allegations of sexual abuse.
- Policy §1104.4.3 (5) states that the Administrator shall “assist the Board by preparing and submitting reports pertaining to allegations...”
- Policy §1104.4.3, Procedure, says that the Administrator “shall be primarily responsible for the development, implementation, and operation of the program for monitoring clerics.”
- Procedure §1104.6, Procedure (a) states that the “Administrator is the custodian of all information described in Sections 1104.4 and 1104.5 ...”
- Procedure 1104.7.1, Procedure, says that the Administrator shall “prepare a report of all available information for presentation to the Board either orally or in writing at the First Stage Review meeting. The Administrator shall reduce an oral report to writing as soon as practical after the First Stage Review meeting and make copies of this report available to the Board, the Archbishop, his delegate, and such other persons that the Archbishop may designate.”
- Procedure 1104.7.2 (4) says that the Administrator is to “determine whether the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the cleric from his ministerial assignment and promptly communicate a recommendation to the Archbishop.

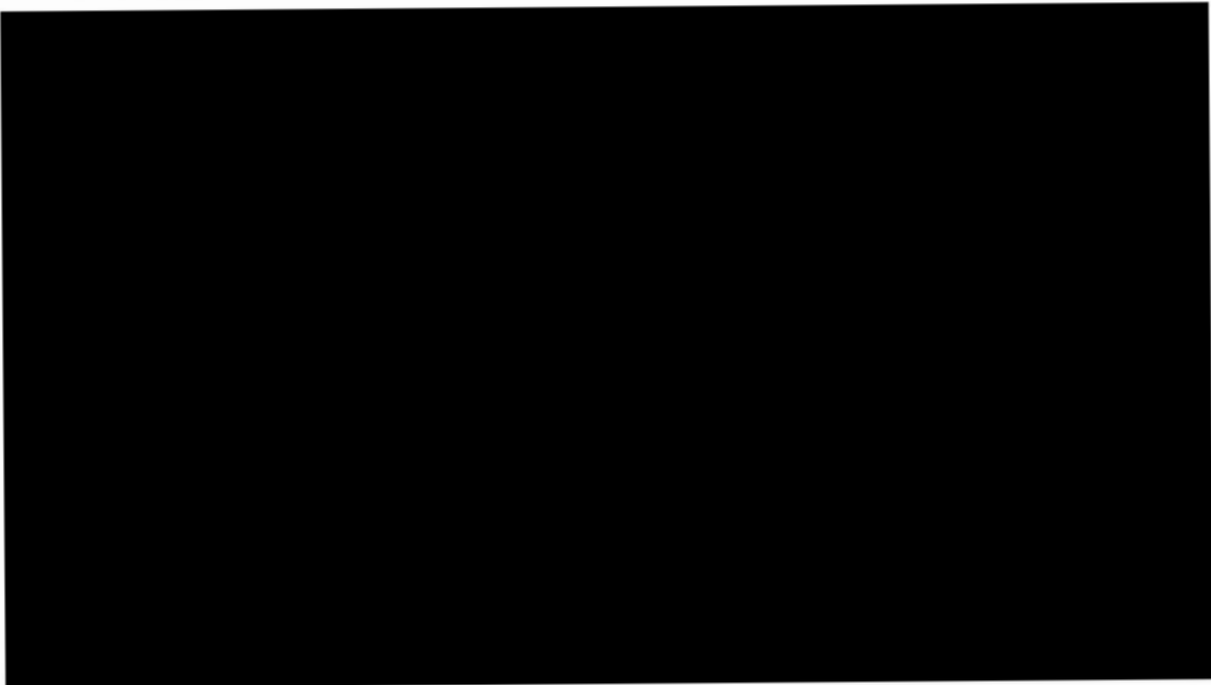
Instead of simply collecting the evidence about the accusations against me in a canonically appropriate and unbiased manner, each of the Administrators acted as a filter, an evaluator, an assessor, and a judge of the evidence. Instead of the ordinary-as-judge studying canonically developed Acts and thus seeing an accurate record of testimony, he received a distilled, biased

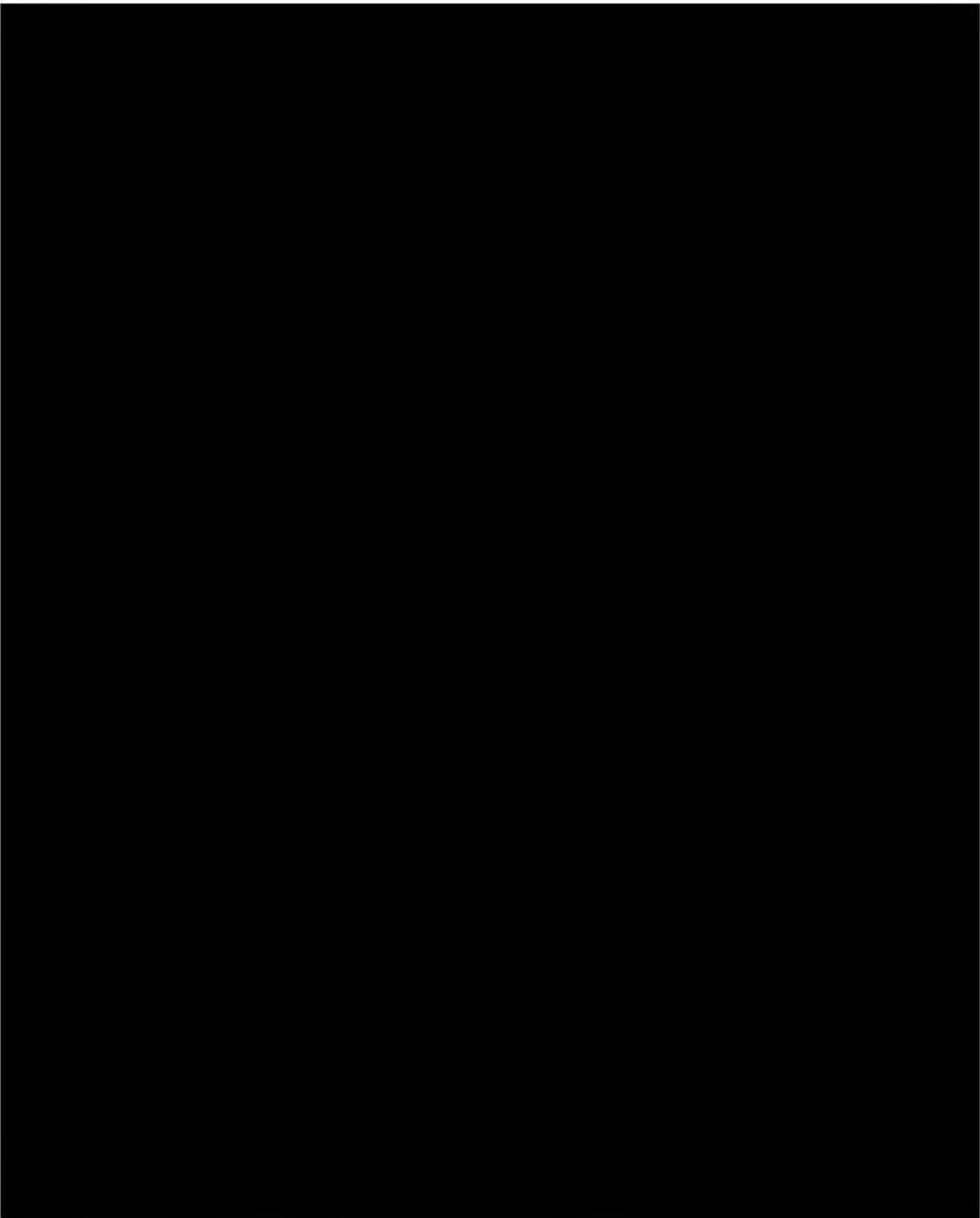
version of their inaccurate perceptions of the evidence, collected invalidly without the procedural safeguards required to prevent distortion.

The first accuser, [REDACTED] was not interviewed in person nor under oath. Nor did he give a written, signed statement. The inquiry into the allegation of [REDACTED] consisted of Ms. Leggdas, the Administrator, listening to his accusation over the telephone and then speaking to me on the telephone. Ms. Leggdas received a phone call from [REDACTED] on April 19, 2002. That same day, she called me to inquire about the matter. She did not interview me in person about this allegation either, nor did she record my statements.

Ms. Leggdas acted in accord with Chicago Policy §1104.2 which deals with receiving allegations. Procedure (b) allows for allegations to be reported "either by telephone, writing, or by meeting in person with the Administrator." Such telephone interviews are hardly befitting the seriousness of the accusation. In a published canonical opinion, the eminent canonist Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski explained why interviews which are not done in person and under oath "do not satisfy the requirements given by canons 1530-1534; 1556-1570; and 1678 of the Code on Canon Law." (*CLSA Advisory Opinions: 1984-1993*, p. 461)

Thereafter, the Administrator submitted an oral report of her telephone conversations with [REDACTED] and me to the Review Board. Apparently, Ms Leggdas told the Review Board and Your Eminence, that she believed [REDACTED] Although I denied the charge, it is unclear whether she reported to the Review Board or Your Eminence that I had admitted the charge. Although she indicates in her Memorandum dated 4-20-02 that I denied the allegation; her Memorandum dated 4-19-02 is ambiguous on this subject.





In mid-August, 2002, I was told by my attorney that another complaint had been received. He

advised me that [REDACTED] had made an accusation against me, in a telephone call to the Archdiocese, about events that he alleged occurred in [REDACTED] more than 35 years ago, while I was serving as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Victory Parish.

Then [REDACTED] apparently appeared for an interview by Ms. McCluskey, the Acting Administrator, on August 15, 2002. However, again no sworn statement was taken. A canonical notary did not take down verbatim or tape record and then transcribe the statements of [REDACTED]. His testimony was not notarized. I was not personally interviewed by Ms. McCluskey; I submitted a denial of the accusation in writing. No other investigation was undertaken.

**b. The Review Board did not perform the functions of an investigator-auditor.**

Based on the information Ms. Leggdas gave the Review Board about her telephone conversations with [REDACTED] and me, five members of the RB “made a determination of reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred.” (Letter of 5-22-02 from K. Leggdas to Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.) In other words, this group reached a group decision that [REDACTED] was believable and I was not, without seeing either of us or hearing either of us. They based their determination on the oral report of one conflicted Administrator who had simply spoken on the telephone to both of us but had not recorded the verbatim conversations. The Review Board also “recommended that Rev. R. Peter Bowman be removed from parish ministry.” This, too, was conveyed to Your Eminence. Thereafter you wrote that “I have accepted the Board’s recommendation that Father Bowman be withdrawn from ministry,” (Letter of 5-24-02 to K. Leggdas from Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.)

On October 5, 2002, the Review Board met to consider the accusation of [REDACTED]. When the Review Board considered the accusation of [REDACTED] against me, the “evidence” was Ms. McCluskey’s report of her conversation with [REDACTED] and my written response and denial. On that basis, the Review Board apparently reached a decision. I did not receive a letter informing me of that decision. However, on February 10, 2003, my attorney received two letters from Ms. McCluskey, dated 1-31-03 and postmarked 2-6-03. One letter was about the [REDACTED] accusation and one was about the [REDACTED] accusation. Ms. McCluskey wrote that,

“the Cardinal has accepted the Board’s unanimous vote to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. Further, the Cardinal has determined that your withdrawal from ministry continue.”

The inquiry conducted by the Administrator and the decisions by the Review Board were deemed sufficient to remove me from ministry and to announce publicly that the Review Board had determined that there was reasonable cause to suspect that I had engaged in the sexual abuse of a minor.

This was so, despite the fact that in each case it was the accuser’s word against mine. There was no corroboration to the accusations. There was no investigation of the accusations. In the case of

one telephone interview with the accuser was conducted. In the case of [REDACTED], one personal interview was conducted. Nothing more was done. There is no evidence that consideration was given to the fact that the accusation of [REDACTED] cited the years [REDACTED] before I was even ordained. Since I was ordained in 1955, the accusation seems to be at least 47 years old. The accusation of [REDACTED] was about 38 years old. There is no evidence that consideration was given to the fact that in 47 years of priesthood I have dealt with thousands of children and I have enjoyed an outstanding reputation for moral probity and upright conduct. Immediate credence was given to the accusations without proper investigation into the accuser's background or without any collection of corroborating evidence.

A fallacy underlying the way in which these accusations were treated is the assumption that a person who expresses, with apparent sincerity, that he or she has been abused is probably telling the truth. Scientific evidence, however, proves that this assumption is unwarranted, especially when the accusations are from many years ago. For example, Dr. Terence Campbell is a forensic psychologist who is a nationally recognized expert in false accusation of sexual abuse. In his book *Smoke and Mirrors: The Devastating Effect of False Sexual Abuse Claims (cited above)* he writes:

- “The accumulated evidence, however, clearly demonstrates that retrospective memory is notoriously inaccurate.” (pp. 174-75)
- “In particular, retrospective memory is especially unreliable when trying to remember ambiguous circumstances open to interpretation.” (p. 176)
- “With the passage of time, adult memories of childhood and adolescence often change enormously. People frequently reinvent the past in response to contemporary needs and circumstances.” (p. 177)
- “...human memory is much more fragile – and prone to distortion and decay – than most people realize”. (p. 177)
- “The results (of research) reveal a powerful illusion of memory: people remember events that never happened.” (p. 185)
- “The accuracy with which we remember past events open to varying interpretations is quite poor. More than anything else, here-and-now attitudes influence our memories for such events.” (p. 203)

In practice, under the *Chicago Policies*, if a cleric has had more than one accusation made against him, the presumption of guilt is compounded. This despite the fact that Dr. Campbell, Dr. Loftus (cited above) and others have shown that the public reporting of an accusation against a cleric can create false memories in others that they too were abused.

The presumption of innocence and the right of defense would indicate that accusations should not be accepted at face value. The duty of the investigator-auditor is to explore facts favorable to the accused as well as the accuser and thus has a duty to explore the possible contamination of the accuser's memories through undue influences and other factors.

“An auditor in canon law is not simply some sort of ‘special prosecutor’ with the single responsibility of making the case that a crime has taken place and naming persons who should be indicted..

“In the Church’s legal tradition which is more similar to a number of European traditions than the American common law system, it is the judge who has the responsibility of fully investigating any matter which has been placed before him. He does not represent the interests of only one side or the other; rather he is bound by office with the duty of looking into all sides of an issue...The person who undertakes a prior investigation , therefore , is called on to gather proofs which address fully all sides of the issue: not only those which point to the commission...but also those issues which address questions touching on the defense of the accused...” (Ingels, *supra*, p. 174-175).

This duty to thoroughly investigate both sides of the case was totally ignored in my case. Most important was the failure to explore with the accusers possible sources of contamination of their memory over the years, inquiring into their backgrounds and possible motivations for making accusations such as these. Furthermore, by publicly and privately affirming the accusers, the Archdiocesan officials have actually damaged my ability to present a defense and to ever be able to have an attorney effectively cross examine these accusers. A preliminary study of some of the facts in my case by Dr. Terence Campbell, the forensic psychologist cited above, considered the alleged memories of [REDACTED] and demonstrated that the 35 or 45 year old memories of these accusers may be tainted beyond rehabilitation. Contributing to that was the impact of the artless interrogation of the Administrators and the prejudicial public comments made by the Archdiocese about the determinations of the Review Board, in such a way as to affirm my guilt. Dr. Campbell wrote:

“A. Recall Accuracy and the Passage of Time

A year 2000 study has demonstrated how memory accuracy deteriorates over time...In assessing the allegations directed at Fr. Bowman, it is therefore necessary to consider the period [of] time elapsed since the alleged abuse....if the memories of the complainants in this matter have been compromised by the passage of time, it is unlikely that those effects can be reversed. Instead, the complainants(s) could genuinely believe in one or more events that are objectively false.

“B. Memory Issues

People whose memories are distorted by source monitoring problems will more readily recall events suggested by themselves, but mistakenly attribute the source of their

'memories' to their own past experiences...If the memories of the complainants in this matter have been compromised by source monitoring errors, it is unlikely that those effects can be reversed. Instead the complainants could genuinely believe in one or more events that are objectively false.

#### "C. Examples of False memories

These considerations necessitate asking whether false recall could have motivated the allegations directed at Fr. Bowman in this matter...If the memories of the complainants in this matter have been compromised by false recall, it is unlikely that those effects can be reversed. Instead, the complainant(s) could genuinely believe in one or more events that are objectively false.

#### "D. Imagination Inflation

...simply imagining some event also leads people into concluding the event might have happened...These considerations necessitate asking whether imagination inflation could have motivated the allegations directed at Fr. Bowman...If the memories of the complainants in this matter have been compromised by imagination inflation, it is unlikely that those effects can be reversed. Instead, the complainant(s) could genuinely believe in one or more events that are objectively false.

#### "E. Stereotypes

1. Stereotypes motivate very rapid impressions of other people. Rather than think about someone as an individual, we think about the characteristics associated with the relevant stereotype—aggressive, status seeking, lazy, and/or pedophile.. 2. In response to stereotypes, people selectively attend to examples that can be interpreted as confirming the stereotype. Simultaneously, they disregard other examples inconsistent with the stereotype...If the memories of the complainants in this matter have been compromised by stereotyping Fr. Bowman, it is unlikely that those effects can be reversed. Instead, the complainant(s) could genuinely believe in one or more events that are objectively false.

#### "F. Interrogative Suggestibility

1. Interrogative suggestibility refers to how questioning can create false memories of events which never occurred. A 2000 study examined the effects of acquiescence and negative affect on creating false memories. 2. Acquiescence corresponds to the tendency to defer to authority figures....4. This study demonstrates that complainants who experience negative affect, and are acquiescent, are at risk for reporting false memories in response to 'outside influence'. 5. Discussions with family, friends, and/or other complainants qualify as an 'outside influence' potentially tainting the memories of the complainants in this matter.6. it is therefore necessary to ask whether such 'outside influences' could have tainted the memories of the complainants in this matter.....If the memories of the complainants in this matter have been compromised by their own interrogative suggestibility, it is unlikely that those effects can be reversed. Instead, the complainant(s) could genuinely believe in one or more events that are objectively false.

“G. Mistaken Feedback and False Memories

1. A 2001 study examined how mistaken feedback can create false memories.... Indeed, there is extensive scientific literature demonstrating that exposure to misinformation can lead to false memories for details and even entire events that were never actually experienced...in the real world. Forensic and therapeutic suggestive-interview practices are not restricted to situations involving the explicit provision of misinformation. Rather in some cases, interviewers attempt to elicit from witnesses accounts that support interviewers’ beliefs about what transpired. To this end interviewers may forcibly press witnesses to describe those events interviewers believe transpired, even when witnesses cannot remember ...6. These data further demonstrate how the complainants discussions with family, friends, and/or other complainants could have tainted their memories....If the memories of the complainants in this matter have been compromised by mistaken feedback, it is unlikely that those effects can be reversed. Instead, the complainant(s) could genuinely believe in one or more events that are objectively false.

“H. Post-Decisional Memory Biases

1. A complainant’s decision to pursue a complaint of sexual abuse can create memory errors. Preferring to believe that their decision to pursue a formal complaint was the most appropriate choice, complainants can be expected to exhibit memory biases supporting that decision.2. in turn these memory biases can reduce post-decisional regret, regarding the decision to make a formal complaint...These considerations necessitate asking whether the recall of the complainants in this matter could have been compromised by choice supportive memory biases...If the memories of the complainants in this matter have been compromised by post-decisional memory biases, it is unlikely that those effects can be reversed. Instead, the complainant(s) could genuinely believe in one or more events that are objectively false.” (Terence W. Campbell, Ph.D., December 13, 2002).

Unfortunately, not one of these issues was explored before nor since the archdiocese chose to distribute to the public and the media the “findings” of the Review Board that had never heard nor seen the witness against me.

The way in which the Archdiocese has handled these accusations against me shows the serious inadequacy of the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese for addressing such accusations. For example, Policy §1104 states: “The process is declared to be consultative and advisory, not adversarial and adjudicative, and is directed toward pastoral reconciliation and healing. In this context the safety and well-being of the community is of primary concern. Another concern is protecting the reputation of clerics who may be subject to inaccurate or false accusations.” In view of the devastating results of this process on my life and ministry, such an informal flawed process is not appropriate for a penal process, which now since June 2002 involves such automatically grave consequences.

I would add, for your consideration, these additional objections:



- The canonical norm of sexual abuse as an “objectively grave violation of the sixth commandment” (*Essential Norms*, Preamble, par. 4) was not used; rather a subjective standard of “sexual misconduct” was used. No proof was offered that I committed any actions with lustful intent.
- No consideration was given to the fact that [REDACTED] was unwilling to pursue a formal accusation against me.
- The standard of proof used by the Review Board, i.e. “reasonable cause to suspect sexual abuse with a minor,” was totally insufficient to conclude a canonical preliminary investigation or to reach a legitimate judgment to proceed to a trial.

## C. THE NOTARY

### 1. No canonical notary was appointed

Despite the canonical requirement of canons 1437 §1 and 1561 that the judge or the investigator-auditor, in collecting the proofs, must be accompanied by and assisted by a canonical notary, no such notary was appointed or utilized. Furthermore, there is no policy requirement that the Administrator use a canonical notary in conducting interviews. To my knowledge, under the *Chicago Policies*, a canonical notary has *never* been used in conducting a preliminary investigation, because there is no provision for such an ecclesiastical officer nor any procedure provided for him to perform. A corollary of this is that no official decrees of any kind have been issued in my case. I have received no canonical citation of any kind. I have been removed from active ministry without any canonical decree being issued (cc. 51, 1722 and *Essential Norms*, f. 6).

### 2. No Acts were created

Because a canonical notary was not used, no Acts of a canonical process have been created. Canon 1437 §1 clearly states: “A notary is to take part in any process, so much so that the Acts are null if the notary has not signed them.”

The reason for this requirement is evident from the description in the Law Section of this petition, describing the functions of a notary. A notary has a duty to witness the administration of the oath to complainants or witnesses before their statements are taken. The significance of this requirement is that it ensures that the accuser is being as accurate and truthful as possible and it incorporates the consequence of both the mortal sin of lying under oath and the threat of the crime of perjury. No legitimate legal system recognizes allegations rendered if the accuser is not under oath.

The notary is also to accurately record the testimony and give the deponent an opportunity to review it for accuracy before the deponent signs it, along with the signatures of the investigator-auditor and the notary. The significance of this duty is to insure accuracy and avoid mistakes in

rendition by the interrogator or recorder. In my case the wisdom of this procedure is aptly demonstrated by the confusion, and resulting injustice, caused by the vague, nebulous rendition of the allegations and most importantly the misquoting of my statements by Ms. Leggdas.

The notary is to assemble and guard the Acts of the process (cc. 484, 486). The significance of this duty is to preclude piece-meal distribution of the evidence, corruption of other witnesses by knowledge of what a previous witnesses said, and trial-by-media. In my case, unfortunately, a disclosure of the alleged statement and a suggestion that the misquote was an admission led to extensive publicity which further effected the accusers ability to honestly recall the events of more than 35 years ago.

### **3. All files and memoranda are canonically inadmissible for any proceeding.**

Because no notary was used and testimony was not sworn to, accurately recorded, and signed, none of the records developed by the Archdiocese in my case can be used in any canonical process. Canon law admits of no exceptions in this regard. Canon 1608 §2 says that the ordinary-as-judge must base his judgment “from the Acts and the proofs.” In addition, Canon 1604 §1 says:

“It is absolutely forbidden for information given to the judge by the parties, advocates, or even other persons to remain outside the Acts of the case.”

In other words, the ordinary-as-judge may not consider any information which is not contained in the Acts of the case. He may not make a decision based on “off-the-record” information, private knowledge, oral reports, or information which is not contained in the official record, called the “Acts.”

The sound reasons for this are obvious. The alternative would be to open the door to abuses. Judgments could be made on inaccurate reports, distortions of testimony, and prejudices and deprive the parties of a fair trial based on the evidence which is openly available to both sides. This interpretation of these canons is obviously consistent with the underlying values of fair and due process, the presumption of innocence, and the right of every accused to a defense.

Unfortunately, the local procedures used in my case which ignored these canons contradict these values. No fair process was devised for confronting or thoroughly examining the complainant by any unbiased ecclesiastical officer or canon lawyer. Taking and using informal statements as a basis of a judgment shifts the burden of proof to the accused. And, by not providing a mechanism for recording accurately allegations from the accusers, the Archdiocese precluded my ability to mount a defense to unclear, ambiguous, uncertain and inaccurate accusations.

Furthermore, the local procedures used in my case were obviously inconsistent with the required strict interpretation of penal laws, necessary to protect the rights of persons who have been accused of a crime.

### **D. PERIOD OF PRESCRIPTION**

The procedures utilized to impose penalties and restrictions upon me ignored the expiration of the period of prescription in violation of canon law. The canonical period of prescription has lapsed. The delays of many decades in bringing these accusations would make a canonical trial both unjust and futile.

#### **A. Application of period of prescription**

█ accusation claimed that I had touched him improperly in █ when I was Associate Pastor of St. Denis Parish. However, I was not ordained and assigned to St. Denis Parish until 1955. The legislation which applied at that time was the 1917 Code which provided that an action for such an offense was barred by prescription 5 years after the date of the offense. (1917 Code, c. 1703, 2 ) This would have been about 1960 – 43 years ago.

█ accusation claimed that I had touched him improperly in █. The legislation which applied at the times was also the 1917 Code. Thus an action for an offense in █ would have been barred by prescription in 1972 – 31 years ago.

In 1994, the Holy See gave a rescript to the bishops of the United States extending the period of prescription. For delicts committed before April 25, 1994, but denounced to the ordinary after that date, the period of prescription was extended to five years after the accuser's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. For █ born on █ that would have occurred on █ - almost █ years ago. For █ born on █ that would have occurred on █ - █ years ago.

When these accusations were received and considered by the Archdiocese, there was no possibility of a dispensation from prescription and the cases should have been dismissed.

#### **b. A dispensation from prescription is not warranted because the burden of proof could not be met.**

In the Revised Norms, produced by the Mixed Commission in October of 2002, the Holy See indicated, for the first time, a willingness to consider a request from a diocesan bishop to grant a dispensation from prescription for pastoral reasons. That possibility became official, with the granting of *recognitio* to the *Essential Norms* on December 8, 2002. They were promulgated by the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on December 12, 2002, to become effective on March 1, 2003. They are not yet law and they are not retroactive to be applied to accusations made prior to March 1, 2003 (c. 9).

While there soon will be the possibility in law for a dispensation from the period of prescription, it should only be granted in egregious and clear cases in which scandal would be caused by a failure to impose penalties on a miscreant cleric. Archbishop Herranz, in his interview with Zenit News Service on November 14, 2002 (quoted in the Law Section), makes it clear that the period

of prescription still applies and he explains the rationale for this. The reasons he cited certainly apply in the cases of the two accusations against me.

Archbishop Herranz mentions the “virtual impossibility of determining the truth or falsity of allegations concerning conduct that happened in the distant past.” He says, “Indeed, in the context of ecclesiastical penal proceedings, it would be extremely difficult for the victim and the Promoter of Justice to meet the standard of proof necessary for a finding that a delict had occurred, and equally difficult for the accused cleric to assemble an adequate defense.”

In canon law the accused has the presumption of innocence. An accusation of a delict must be proven with moral certitude. In the case of these accusations, it would be virtually impossible to meet that burden of proof because:

- The accusation by [REDACTED] is so vague that not only can he not identify the time, date, or month of the alleged misconduct, he cannot even identify the year in which the delict allegedly occurred. The years he stated [REDACTED] were years before I was even ordained and assigned to St. Denis Parish. In the accusation by [REDACTED], he gives a broad time frame of “the summer of [REDACTED]”
- There is no corroboration of either accusation. There were no corroborating witnesses. Neither accuser contends that he told anyone about the alleged delicts at the time of their alleged occurrence or until decades later. The lack of “outcry” undermines the credibility of the accusations. Moreover, both accusers remained life-long friends of mine. Both asked me to perform their marriages and I was a guest in the home of [REDACTED] several times. Their accusations now depend on memories which are respectively, about 45 and about 35 years old. There are ample scientific reasons to question the authenticity of such “recollections,” especially in the context of popular hysteria about cleric sexual abuse of children. In my almost 48 years of priestly ministry I have dealt with thousands of children and my reputation for probity of conduct has been extraordinary – to the point that I have been entrusted with some of the highest and most sensitive pastoral responsibilities in the Archdiocese. Canon 1573 says: “The testimony of one witness cannot produce full proof ... unless the circumstances of things and persons suggest otherwise.” I submit that in the case of these accusations “the circumstances of things and persons” do not suggest otherwise. Indeed, the circumstances of things and persons suggest that such unsupported and vague allegations cannot rise to the level of moral certitude.
- The finding of the Archdiocese that there was “reasonable cause to suspect sexual misconduct with a minor” could not have resulted except for the shifting of the burden of proof inherent in the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese. As mentioned before, Policy §1104 states that the inquiry process of the Archdiocese “is declared to be consultative and advisory, not adversarial and adjudicative, and

is directed toward pastoral reconciliation and healing. In this context the safety and well being of the community is of primary concern.” In other words, the Chicago process properly disavows the adversary process of Anglo-American Common Law; however, it also disregards the obligation of conducting a proper canonical investigation which is required in order to prove an accusation with moral certitude, according to the norm of law (c. 221 §3). Thus the right of defense of the accused is effectively removed. Canon law requires that an accusation be proven with moral certitude. The Review Board, the Administrator, and the Archbishop have not examined the sufficiency of proof of the accusation. In keeping with the shifting of the burden of proof and the standard of proof contained in Policy §1104, they have asked themselves, rather, “Based on this accusation, is there any suspicion that sexual misconduct with a child occurred?” In canon law, such a judgment would be the basis for beginning a proper canonical investigation. In the process of the Archdiocese of Chicago, this was deemed sufficient to conclude the inquiry and remove me from active ministry. The Archdiocese of Chicago has patently insufficient proof of these allegations.

- As I have shown above, no valid Acts were created. Thus, there is no basis for proceeding with any canonical penal process. Indeed, because the weak recollections of the complainants has now been further confused and corrupted by improper investigative techniques, it would be impossible at this point to initiate a fair and unbiased canonical preliminary investigation or achieve a fair trial.

**c. A dispensation from prescription is not warranted because it would place on the accused an unjust burden of defense.**

Archbishop Herranz also cites as one of the reasons for maintaining the period of prescription that, in accusations from the distant past, it would be “equally difficult for the accused cleric to assemble an adequate defense.” That is certainly true in my case, for the following reasons:

- The accusers cannot be reasonably specific as to the day or date of the alleged offenses. This deprives me of the ability to rebut the accusations because I have no way now, 35 to 47 years later, to determine where I was at the uncertain time and unspecified date, precluding the opportunity to find evidence or witnesses to disprove my presence at the alleged time; and this deprives me of the ability to know, with any degree of certainty, the age of the accuser at the time of the alleged abuse.
- It is now over 47 years since the alleged [REDACTED] incident and 35 years since the alleged [REDACTED] incident. Approximately, more than 17,155 days (365 days x 47 years) have passed since the [REDACTED] allegation and more than 12, 775 (365 days x 35 years) since the [REDACTED] allegation. It is unreasonable and unjust that I would be expected to remember with any specificity alleged events occurring so long ago or

to explain sufficiently innocent circumstances the accuser now misrepresents as malignant.

A dispensation from the period of prescription would deprive me of the testimony of vital defense witnesses. Had the accusations been brought against me in a timely manner, I would have called to testify on my behalf the now-deceased pastors and associate pastors of the parishes involved, as discussed above. They could have testified as to my whereabouts and activities on any particular day, as well as my patterns of behavior and my reputation in the community. My ability to defend myself has been seriously undermined because some of the most important witnesses as to my reputation for truth, veracity and chastity are now dead. Had these allegations been brought within the period of prescription, I could have called as witnesses the following 37 persons of stature in our community who had irreplaceable knowledge about my character, habits, and reputation:

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Cardinal who appointed me Dean and Moderator of the Curia (d.1996)

Rev. [REDACTED] S.J., brother and close confidant (d. 1993)

Msgr. [REDACTED] Vicar General of the Archdiocese (d. 1997)

Msgr. [REDACTED] neighboring pastor while I was at St. Denis (d. 1993)

Rev. [REDACTED] same as above (d. 1984)

Rev. [REDACTED] Pastor of Mary, Seat of Wisdom, who tried to get me to come there (d. 1995)

Rev. [REDACTED] Director of CYO Camp where I was a counselor (d. 1986)

Most Rev. [REDACTED] close friend of parishioner where I taught religion in early years (d. 1988)

Cardinal John Cody, Archbishop who appointed me pastor (d. 1982)

Rev. [REDACTED] Pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole (d. 1986)

Msgr. [REDACTED] Pastor at St. Denis during the period of the allegation of JG (d. 1985)

Rev. [REDACTED] Associate Pastor while I was at St. Denis (d. 1987)

Rev. [REDACTED] neighboring pastor during my time at St. James (d. 1987)

Msgr. [REDACTED] mentor and confidant (d. 2001)

Rev. [REDACTED] friend from childhood (d. 1996)

Mr. [REDACTED] college age associate while I was at St. Lawrence O' Toole (d. 1982)

Msgr. [REDACTED] pastor of my home parish, friend of the family (d. 1982)

Rev. [REDACTED], friend of the family (d. 1989)

Msgr. [REDACTED] Rector of the Major Seminary; knew me as I matured (d. 1977)

Rev. [REDACTED] neighboring pastor while I was at St. James (d. 1995)  
 Rev. [REDACTED] Associate Pastor at St. Timothy, confidant (d. 1991)  
 Rev. [REDACTED] Director of Religious Ed Office, where I worked (d.1994)  
 Rev. [REDACTED] Pastor Emeritus of St. James who preceded me (d.1990)  
 Rev. [REDACTED], classmate and confidant (d. 1996)  
 Msgr. [REDACTED] pastor who encouraged me to go to the seminary (d. 1982)  
 Msgr. [REDACTED] Director of Maryville Academy (d.1988)  
 Rev. [REDACTED] Associate at Our Lady of Victory at Our Lady of Victory during the period of the allegation of TK (d. 1998)  
 Most. Rev. [REDACTED] close friend of the family (d.1997)  
 Msgr. [REDACTED] my Dean when I first became pastor of St. James, close family friend (d. 1982)  
 Rev. [REDACTED] one of my closest friends, also an Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Victory during the period of the allegation of TK (d. 1972)  
 [REDACTED] attorney, Chairman of the Board of Notre Dame University, served with me on the Archdiocesan Finance Council (d. 998)  
 Rev. [REDACTED] family friend (d. 1993)  
 Rev. [REDACTED], my colleague as Director for Religion for Catholic Schools when I was Director for Religion for non-Catholic School Children (d. 1995)  
 Rev. [REDACTED] very close friend (d. 1976)  
 Rev. [REDACTED] S.J., Principal at Loyola Academy, close family friend (d. 1975)  
 Msgr. [REDACTED] pastor for neighboring parish while I was at St. Denis (d. 1994)  
 Msgr. [REDACTED] pastor at Our Lady of Victory during the period of the allegation of TK (d. 1984)

The deaths of these people who had important knowledge about my character, my ministry, and my reputation, are relevant to obtaining justice in this matter. The absence of these impeccably credible witnesses supports the rationale for adhering to the period of prescription.

- A dispensation from the period of prescription would undermine my defense because documents which would have aided my defense are no longer available. At the times in question, I kept calendars and appointment books. Those were discarded when I moved out of St. James Parish. Those calendars and appointment books would have allowed me to know where I was on a specific date with notes that would have jogged my memory.

In all legal systems it is recognized that it is unduly burdensome to a defendant to try to defend himself against accusations from the distant past. Receiving accusations from decades ago deprives the accused of defense witnesses who have died after the period of prescription passed. The memories of other potential witnesses have faded, physical evidence has become impossible to identify and retrieve. In short, the possibility of erroneous convictions is greatly increased. This rationale for maintaining the period of prescription definitely apply in my case.



**d. Pastoral reasons for requesting a dispensation from prescription do not exist.**

The nature of these accusations does not constitute the sort of egregious case calling for a dispensation from the period of prescription. On the contrary, it is precisely the sort of case for which the period of prescription is designed in order to prevent the high probability of injustice being done.

Until the Archdiocese announced these accusations against me, I was one of most respected priests in the Archdiocese. I have served the Church faithfully for almost 48 years. I am now retired. No one contends that I am some sort of sexual predator. ■ himself stated that he did not wish to pursue a canonical process. The acts alleged are a momentary touching on the genitals. Odious as such acts are, this is not a case involving accusations of sexual penetration, violence, threats, cover-ups, or sexual satisfaction on my part. This is significant because the acts alleged are exactly the types of incidents that can be easily imagined or suggested and almost impossible to disprove. In this context, pursuing a canonical trial would shock the conscience of fair and right-minded people.

**E. CONFIDENTIALITY**

**1. Violations of the right to my good reputation**

**a. Archdiocesan announcements about the accusations against me**

The Archdiocese released information regarding my case to the public by a letter of May 26, 2002 read by Bishop Edwin Conway at all the weekend Masses at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, where I was serving. That same weekend, Bishop Jerome Listecki read a similar letter at all the Masses at St. James Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, where I had been pastor for 17 years. A similar letter was read at the Masses that same weekend at St. Denis Parish, where I had been assigned at the time of the alleged misconduct with JG. The letter read:

“It is with much sorrow that I inform you that Father Peter Bowman has been removed from residence and ministry at...following allegations recently received by the Archdiocese of Chicago that he engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor more than 45 years ago....Upon review of the allegation within the last week, the independent Professional Review Board recommended that Fr. Bowman be removed from parish ministry and placed on administrative leave. Fr. Bowman is residing in a private residence, and in accord with archdiocesan policies and procedures, will be monitored under the supervision of the Professional Review Board. This allegation has been reported to the Cook County State’s Attorney.”

These letters prompted front page newspaper stories, indicating that the charges had been given



credence by the officials of the Archdiocese and by Your Eminence, because they related that I had been removed as a result of a finding by the Review Board, accepted by you, that there was “reasonable cause to suspect” that I had engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor and that I should be removed from ministry. Articles appeared in the Chicago Tribune on May 28, 2002 (“Ex-deputy to George...” by M.Davey, et al) and May 29, 2002 (“Priest’s Removal Difficult...,” by Monica Davey, et al) and a front page story in the Daily Herald on 5-27-02 (“Former Pastor of St. James is Removed”, by A. McLaughlin), among others. All the major television news programs carried similar stories, containing the suggestion that I had been found guilty of the sexual abuse of a minor.

Also, the official press release of the Archdiocese and subsequent statements by Archdiocesan officials stated that I was being “monitored..” This created an impression in the public mind that I was considered by the Archdiocese to be a dangerous predator who had to be watched carefully.

To my knowledge, there was no statement made by you or any other Archdiocesan official that I or any of my brother priests who have been so accused should be considered innocent until proven guilty.

**b. The Archdiocese released an official statement to the public imputing guilt.**

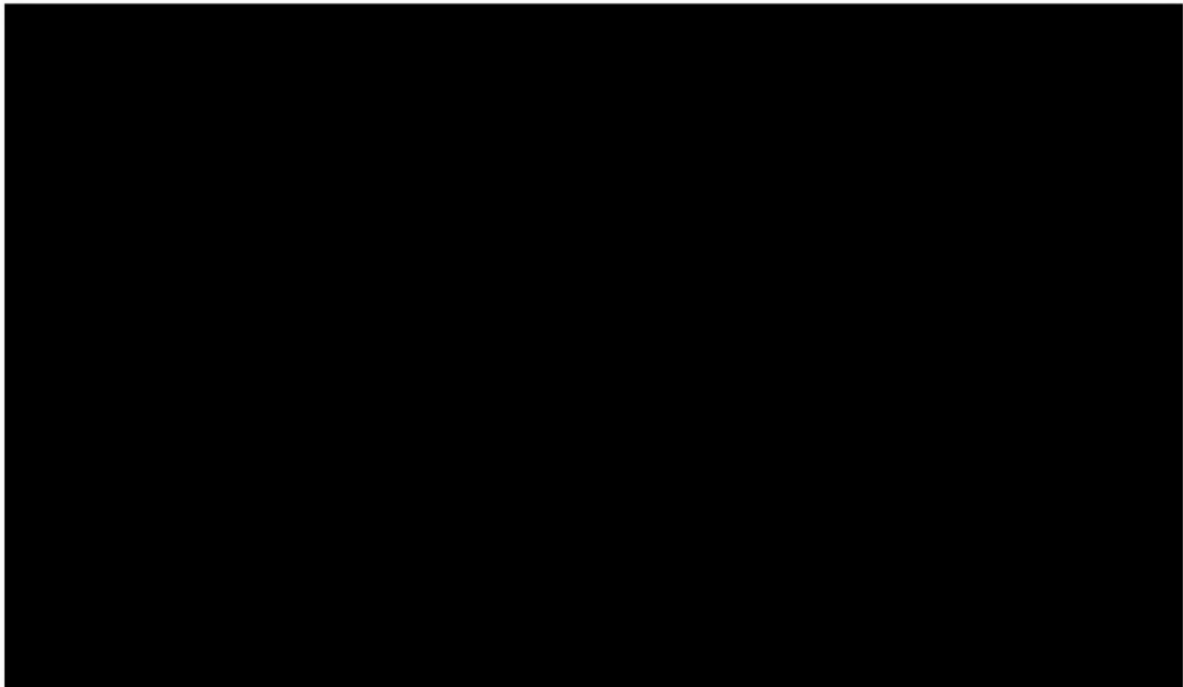
In the *Ten Year Report on Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors in the Archdiocese of Chicago*, which was publicly released by the Archdiocese on January 16, 2003, the Chancellor of the Archdiocese summarized the fact that in the past ten years the review board has found that there was reasonable cause to suspect that 36 priests abused minors, by stating:

“...the underlying sad fact remains: three dozen priests have abused children (in some cases more than one), betrayed their vocations, damaged the mission of this local church, and caused many individuals to question the ministry of priesthood and bishop.”

This was said despite the fact that eight of these accused priests were dead, most of the priests had no criminal trial, and none of us had a canonically valid preliminary investigation, much less a canonical trial. Although the Archdiocese did not, in this report, release a list of the names of the accused priests, a spokesperson did say to reporters that the names had been announced at the time that the priests were removed from their parishes. The newspapers searched their files and produced a list of the names. My name was among those listed in the article in the *Chicago Sun-Times* on January 17, 2002.

**2. Violations of my right to privacy**





### **CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

Whereas canon 221 §3 assures the Christian faithful that they “have the right not to be punished with canonical penalties except according to the norm of law,” then it is clear that any procedures employed in an investigation leading to the imposition of a penalty must be congruent with those envisioned by the Code of Canon Law. However, subsequent to the allegations made against me by [REDACTED] the “inquiry” or “investigation” conducted by the Archdiocese did not follow any of the canonical procedures for a preliminary investigation according to canons 1717-1719.

In particular, the facts, the law, and the arguments of this petition have demonstrated:

- No ordinary-as-judge exercised that role to correctly open a canonical preliminary investigation, to appoint proper ecclesiastical officers to carry it out in accord with canonical procedures and rules of evidence, and to properly conclude the preliminary investigation. Instead responsibility was delegated to those who had no proper qualifications or ability to hold ecclesiastical office..
- No canonical investigator-auditor was appointed and functioned to gather evidence in a proper canonical preliminary investigation as prescribed in cc.1717-1719. Instead an “investigation” was carried out by a local diocesan officer entitled the Administrator of the Review Board and by a group of lay and clerical persons denominated a Review Board which performed functions that were

totally foreign to canon law.

- No canonical notary functioned in my case. Thus, no proper canonical Acts were created, no canonical decrees were issued, and no testimony was taken properly in the canonical procedure known as a preliminary investigation. Because proper canonical procedures were not followed and local procedures unknown to canon law were followed, there is a strong indication in my case that the memories of the accusers have been irremediably tainted and the False Memory Syndrome is now a major barrier to ever being able to fairly examine my accusers.
- The period of prescription was ignored, despite the fact that the accusations against me stem from more than 35 years and 47 years ago, respectively. In contravention of the values enshrined in the statutes of limitations of every legal system, I am forced into the virtually impossible situation of defending myself against vague allegations, that allegedly occurred on unspecified dates in uncertain years almost four to five decades ago.
- The requisite confidentiality was not observed. As a result, my right to privacy has been violated, my reputation has been irreparably damaged, my right to the presumption of innocence has been destroyed, and my right of defense has been undermined, because the accusers have now been affirmed in their obviously thin recollections by Archdiocesan officials and reinforced by pronouncements from the Archdiocese.
- A judgment of guilt was rendered, public condemnation voiced, and penalties imposed without a proper canonical preliminary investigation being utilized to collect evidence or a proper canonical trial being conducted before a determination of guilt was pronounced and announced.

## **RELIEF**


For these reasons, I respectfully petition you for the following:

- 1) a declaration that any penal process and the imposition of canonical penalties against me are canonically unwarranted.
- 2) a declaration that I am a priest in good standing of the Archdiocese of Chicago, authorized to engage in the full, active ministry appropriate to a retired priest, and the issuance of a *celebret*.
- 3) the lifting of all of the restrictions which have been placed on my ministry and freedoms.

4) an effort by the Archdiocese of Chicago to restore my good name.

I thank you for your careful consideration of my petition.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. R. Peter Bowman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Reverend R. Peter Bowman

FRANK M. BONIFACIO  
SUITE 1850  
111 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

< 312-673-8871

May 15, 2003

Re: letters of support for Father Peter Bowman

Dear [REDACTED]

I believe that letters of support and recommendation for Father Bowman should be given serious consideration by Church authorities. Therefore, if you know those who can write a letter on his behalf, please ask them to write as soon as possible, or contact Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago.

The letter should include the following:

- \*the complete name and address of the author
- \*the general stage of life of the author; for example, teen, young adult, school, parent with grown children, retired
- \*the author's occupation, or a brief description of her/his work or profession
- \*a statement of how long the author has known Father Bowman
- \*a description of the context in which the author has known Father Bowman
- \*the author's own experiences and activities in the parish
- \*any special pastoral connections Father Bowman had to the author
- \*any positive priestly impact on the author, her/his family, the parish
- \*observations and impressions of his priestliness

\*observations and impressions of his character, credibility, and/or  
\*the author's understanding of Father Bowman's reputation in the  
and appropriate conduct (this includes what you have heard others

It would be most helpful if the letters are sent to me, at the address  
Father R. Peter Bowman



This will enable my staff to organize them and insure that they are  
Cardinal and other Church authorities in the appropriate manner.

Very truly yours,  
  
Frank M. Bonifacio

E-MAIL fbonifacio@ac

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**Date:** 5/17/03 11:44PM

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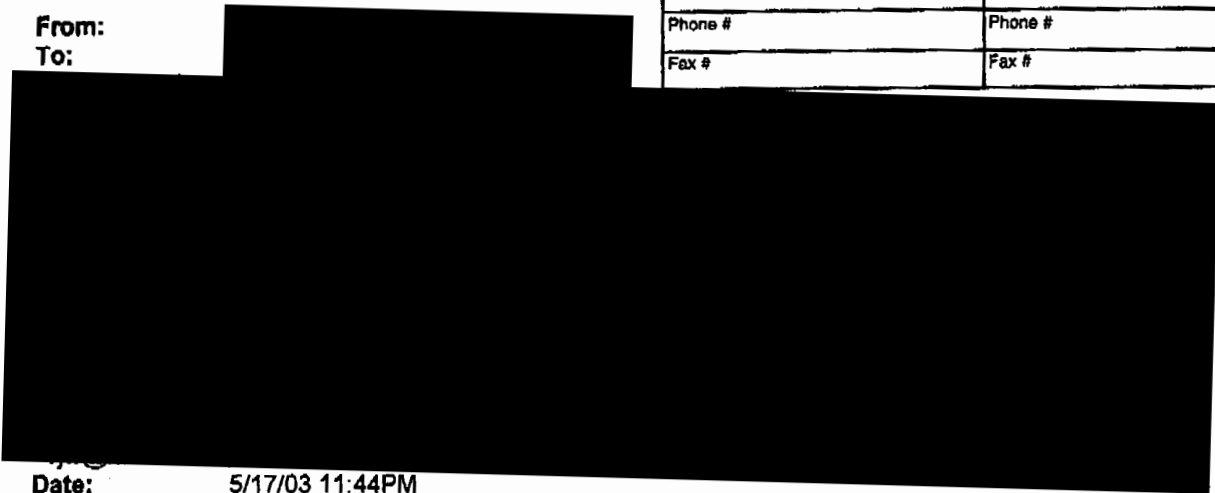
Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED]

Mary McDonough - Letter for Fr Peter

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## P R E C E P T

Bishops “have been designated by the Holy Spirit to take the place of the apostles as pastors of souls and, together with the Supreme Pontiff and subject to his authority, they are commissioned to perpetuate the work of Christ, the eternal Pastor.” (*Christus dominus*, n.2b) However, since the pastors of the Church can never be expected to carry the burden of pastoral ministry alone (*Lumen gentium*, n. 30), they have been given the order of priests to cooperate in shepherding and guiding God’s people. Indeed, bishops, “because of the gift of the Holy Spirit that has been given to priests at their ordination, will regard them as indispensable helpers and advisers in the ministry and in the task of teaching, sanctifying and shepherding the People of God.” (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 7)

Because of this common task, “bishops are to regard their priests as brothers and friends, and are to take the greatest interest they are capable of in their welfare, both temporal and spiritual. For on their shoulders particularly falls the burden of sanctifying their priests.” (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 7b)

Moreover, the *Directory on the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops* states, “In the same way as Jesus showed his love for his disciples....so also a bishop....can hardly fail to realize that he should show his greatest love and chief concern for priests....Led by a sense of duty and sincere and invincible charity he gives willing assistance in every way to help priests to esteem the loftiness of their priestly vocation, to live serenely, to spread joy to those about them and to fulfill their duties faithfully.” (n. 107a)

This same document urges bishops to do “everything possible to prevent the troubles his priests could have....To keep them safe from trouble he takes prompt and prudent measures.” (n. 112)

The Code of Canon Law has described precepts as a means by which ecclesiastical authority “directly and legitimately enjoins a specific person or persons to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law” (c. 49).

Therefore, I issue this precept, in accordance with c. 49, to urge **Reverend R. Peter Bowman** to fulfill the obligations which were placed upon him at the time of his ordination. Because some suspicion has arisen about his fidelity to the sacred promises he made at his ordination, I urge him in particular to lead a life which is in keeping with the holiness of his vocation. Although he is not presently exercising public ministry in the Church, he ought to pursue holiness of life in the way that he lives. He is also still bound to the obligation to pray the liturgy of the hours daily, to set aside time for spiritual retreats, to engage in mental prayer, to approach the sacrament of penance frequently, to honor the Virgin Mother of God with particular veneration as Queen of Priests, and to use any other means of sanctification which he finds helpful (c. 276).

Because of the obligation to observe perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, **Father Bowman** is to act with due prudence toward persons who could endanger the obligation to observe continence (c. 277§1), and to observe the particulars of the attached Individual Specific Protocol (c. 277§3) which I have established in consultation with him.

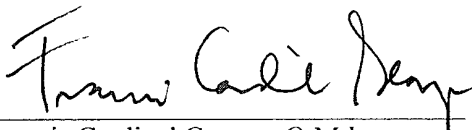
He is to avoid all those things which are unbecoming the clerical state, or those things which are foreign to the clerical state (c. 285), especially those things which are set forth in the attached Individual Specific Protocol which I have established in consultation with him.

**Father Bowman** is hereby dispensed from his obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c. 284), and is strongly urged not to do so until such time as the case against him can be resolved and more permanent determinations can be made. Although not removed from office, he is nonetheless urged not to exercise the rights of any ecclesiastical office, in accordance with the Individual Specific Protocol which I have established in consultation with him.

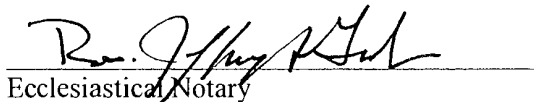
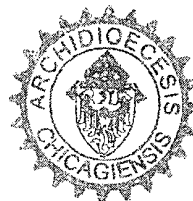
In order to ensure that these obligations are met, I have delegated **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to receive information regarding **Father Bowman's** fulfillment of this precept and his Individual Specific Protocol. She is to submit a report to me no less than quarterly regarding this matter, and may report to the Professional Fitness Review Board more frequently as needed or requested.

I am establishing this precept in a spirit of fraternal charity, mindful of my responsibility to encourage my priests to remain faithful to the obligations of the clerical state. Because the attached Individual Specific Protocol has been established in dialog between **Father Bowman** and the Vicar for Priests, I accept the provisions of this document, and urge **Father Bowman** to fulfil them in accordance with the obedience he is to show to me as his ordinary (c. 273), and which he promised at his ordination.

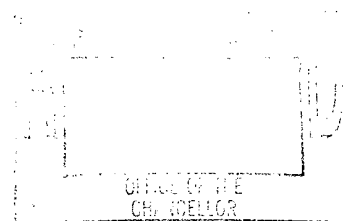
Given in Chicago, Illinois on the 23rd day of May, 2003.



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
676 North St. Clair  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Accompanying this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Rev. R. Peter Bowman**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

At the same time, I am designating you as the person who is to supervise the "monitoring protocol" which has been established for Father Bowman. I ask that you report to me on a regular basis, but no less than quarterly, on Father Bowman's compliance with this protocol. You may also wish to report more frequently to the Professional Fitness Review Board so that they can make further recommendations to me on this matter.

In order to ensure confidentiality in this matter, I ask that you perform this task personally and not designate anyone else for this purpose. Should there be periods of time when you will not be able to perform this task personally, please refer the matter to the Vicar for Priests.

Thank you for agreeing to take on these additional tasks.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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## D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Review Board that there is "reasonable cause to suspect" that **Reverend R. Peter Bowman** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **Father Bowman**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm **Father Bowman's** name or to violate his right to protect his privacy. Nor may he be asked to do anything which violates his conscience or is morally unacceptable according to the Church's moral teachings.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written report to me, no later than thirty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense.

Given on 23 May, 2003 at Chicago, Illinois.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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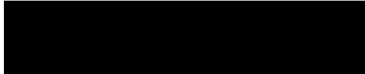
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July 2, 2003

Rev. R. Peter Bowman



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Dear Fr. Bowman,

Enclosed you will find documentation regarding the newly revised Monitoring Protocols. Fr. James Kaczorowski will be contacting you in the near future to schedule a meeting so that the three of us may discuss and review the enclosed information. Fr. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice and Delegate to the Cardinal, will also be present at the meeting to address any canonical questions.

I have also enclosed a copy of the most recent policies and procedures, *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*. A newly revised copy of the policies and procedures are to be effective on July 15, 2003 and as a result, are not yet available.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

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

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July 11, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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Dear Cardinal George,

As the Auditor whom you appointed in accord with Canon 1717 to conduct a Preliminary Investigation into the allegations of sexual abuse of minors that have been made against the Rev. R. Peter Bowman, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I would like to inform you that the investigation has been completed.

As required by Canon 1718, a sufficient amount of material is now present for you to make a determination. I have examined the files of the investigations of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors by Fr. Bowman, and I have found them to be complete.

There is at least one allegation that was submitted to the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board in which the Board recommended to you that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct did occur. Given the material gathered as the Board's instruction of the case, it is now necessary for you to determine if the elements meet the required standard of proof. The Board reported their finding to you after having discussed the evidence and the arguments in two formal sessions. As part of the procedure followed by the Board, Fr. Bowman was read the allegations made against him and provided a response to each. With reference to his involvement in the instruction of the case, Fr. Bowman had the advice of legal counsel.

I now submit this matter to your Eminence for a determination. It is my recommendation that the allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against the Rev. R. Peter Bowman has the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as required by Canon 1717 and Article 13 of the Procedural Norms *de gravioribus delictis*, and consequently the case should be sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

There is at least one allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Bowman. The Professional Responsibility Review Board has been presented all allegations against Fr. Bowman, and has reported to you the finding that the allegations provide reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged incidents of misconduct did occur. It is my recommendation that the aforementioned allegations have the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as required by Canon Law. As a result, there is no

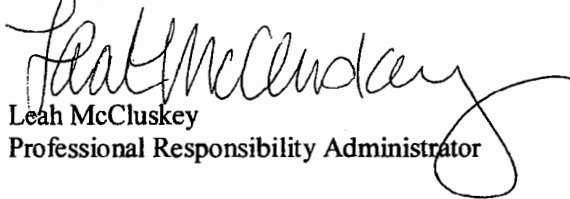
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additional information that needs to be gathered at this time regarding the allegations made against Fr. Bowman.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 312 751-5205.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

*I request the records.  
The case image to the CDF.  
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14 July, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office for Professional Responsibility  
676 North St. Clair St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

I received the report from your investigation of the matter of sexual misconduct with a minor on the part of **Reverend R. Peter Bowman**.

I accept your findings and have determined that there is a semblance of truth to the allegations that **Father Bowman** engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Therefore, by means of this letter, I am bringing the Preliminary Investigation of this matter to a close. Based upon the information you have provided, I have concluded that this case must be referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in accordance with Part II, Article 13 the motu proprio *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*.

Thank you for your diligent work, Ms. McCluskey. I appreciate the professional way in which you have handled these matters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



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cc: Revs. Kaczorowski and Smilanic, Ms. Leah McCluskey, Mr. Jimmy Lago, Mr. John C. O'Malley

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September 3, 2003

Fr. R. Peter Bowman  


Dear Fr. Bowman,

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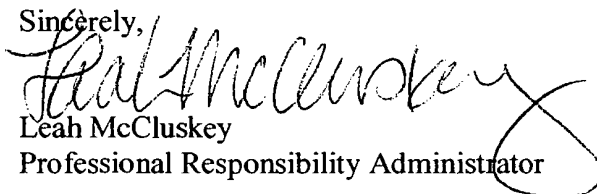
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Copies of the Monitoring Protocols as well as the policies and procedures have also been sent to your canonical advocate, Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns:

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Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD, Canonical Advocate

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**INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL**  
For

Peter R. Bowman

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of protecting minors and the integrity of the Church. Additionally, the ISP serves as a safeguard for the individual priest/deacon with regard to the possibility of subsequent allegations. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office of Professional Responsibility, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Professional Responsibility Administrator (PRA); please refer to protocol number 15.

This ISP for \_\_\_\_\_ is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1.  Restricted from being alone with minors (anyone under the age of 18) without the presence of another responsible adult.
2.  Therapy with the suggested frequency of  times per week/month (please circle one) as recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ (therapist name). Attendance to therapy is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
3.  Continued regular Spiritual Direction with the suggested frequency of  times per week/month (please circle one) as recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ (spiritual advisor name). Attendance to recommended Spiritual Direction is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
4.  The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the priest/deacon, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it lists all time periods, it is intended to provide an accurate record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-campus activity, please include the place, the general purpose of the visit/trip/activity (e.g. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the telephone number only if it is a private residence. (For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping rather than the name, location and telephone number of each individual store.) If your self-description is challenged, some documentation/verification may be requested. The monitor will return the log forms at the end of each month to PRA.
5.  Abide by the restriction of residence to \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and on file in the Office of the Vicar for Priests.**

**CLERGY DAILY LOG**

The Office of Professional Responsibility, pursuant to Article §1104.4.3, is responsible to “monitor programs for treatment, rehabilitation or supervision of clerics...”

The Individual Specific Protocol for: Peter R. Bowman  
(Cleric Name)

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

<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u> (If appropriate)	<u>PURPOSE</u>
7:00 – 8:00 A.M.			
8:00 – 9:00			
9:00 – 10:00			
10:00 – 11:00			
11:00 – 12:00			
12:00 – 1:00 P.M.			
1:00 – 2:00			
2:00 – 3:00			
3:00 – 4:00			
4:00 – 5:00			
5:00 – 6:00			
6:00 – 7:00			
7:00 – 8:00			
8:00 – 9:00			
9:00 – 10:00			
10:00 – 11:00			
11:00 – 7:00 A.M.			

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

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

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

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

TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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\_\_\_\_\_ [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to \_\_\_\_\_ [destination address and contact phone number] from \_\_\_\_\_ [departure date] through \_\_\_\_\_ [return date].

\_\_\_\_\_ [name of cleric] will be monitored by \_\_\_\_\_ [name of travel monitor]. \_\_\_\_\_ [name of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of \_\_\_\_\_ [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

*[see attached correspondence]*

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

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

**PRA Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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September 8, 2003

Fr. R. Peter Bowman

Dear Fr. Bowman,

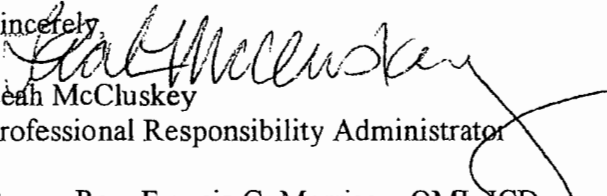
Enclosed you will find documentation regarding the monitoring protocols.

The monitoring protocols have been changed somewhat. This was done principally in order to put into a standard written form, arrangements that had been made orally and/or on an individual basis. It was felt that by committing as much as possible to a written form, misunderstandings could be reduced and communication would be facilitated. These changes reflect the feedback provided by all those involved in the monitoring program, including those who are subject to it. The enclosed forms contain the adjustments made to the monitoring forms that were provided to you in July of 2003. All those involved in monitoring will be receiving a copy of the new forms.

All of the information enclosed as well as a copy of this letter and a copy of the policies and procedures, *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* promulgated on July 15, 2003 has been forwarded to your canonical advocate, Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD.

In designing a form that addresses so many different, complex situations, one or another points may be unclear. If you have any question or concerns, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD

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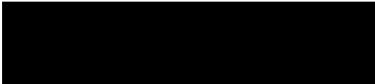


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September 17, 2003

Rev. R. Peter Bowman



Dear Fr. Bowman,

It was a pleasure meeting with you last Thursday. Both Fr. Kaczorowski and I appreciate the time that you took to meet with us. Once you have had a chance to speak with your canonical advocate, Rev. Francis Morrissey regarding the monitoring protocols, Fr. Kaczorowski will schedule another time when the three of us are able to meet. I ask that you speak with Fr. Morrissey prior to our next meeting, which would ideally take place no later than the end of this month.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, O.M.I., J.C.D., Canonical Advocate

Enclosure


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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-77

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, R. Peter

Date: September 17, 2003

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PRA spoke with Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests via phone today regarding Fr. Peter Bowman's recently forwarded Clergy Daily Log sheets. Upon review by PRA, Fr. Bowman indicated on his Daily Log dated August 24, 2003 that from 11:00am-12:00pm he "[celebrated a] mass for a shut-in." Fr. Bowman also indicated on his Daily Log dated September 7, 2003 that he celebrated mass from 11:00am-12:00pm.

Fr. Kaczorowski informed PRA that he would speak with Fr. Bowman to address these entries on his Daily Logs. Further, Fr. Kaczorowski will have a discussion with Fr. Bowman regarding the fact that he is not allowed to celebrate mass.

Fr. Kaczorowski again expressed to PRA his intent to schedule a meeting with Fr. Bowman, PRA, and himself to address concerns with his [Fr. Bowman's] behavior as well as to assess the appropriateness of Fr. Bowman's current monitoring situation.

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

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board  
Saturday, September 20, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[Redacted]

**Members absent:**

[Redacted]

**Non-members present:**

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

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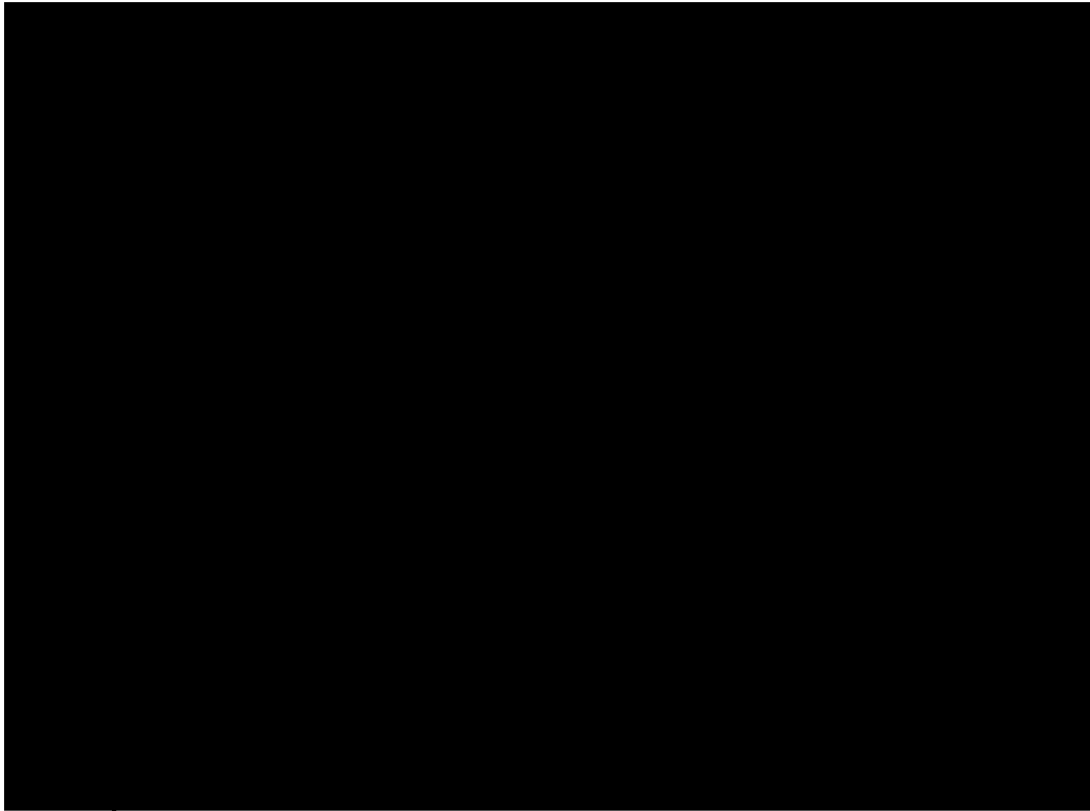
**I. Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2003**

[Redacted]

**II. Monitoring Protocols**

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• [Redacted]  
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**III. Review of August 16, 2003 Board Meeting recommendations**

**IV. Informal update on matters in Office of Professional Responsibility**

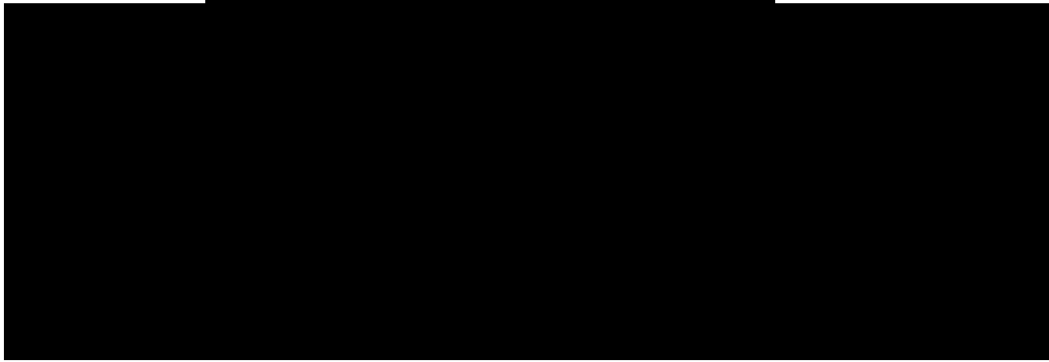
- Fr. Peter Bowman
  - Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests has received contact from nephews and nieces of Fr. Bowman regarding the alleged sexual misconduct [REDACTED] by Fr. Bowman
  - Nieces and nephews have strongly spoken to Fr. Kaczorowski regarding their want to have Fr. Bowman move out of his sister [REDACTED] home; [REDACTED] is the mother of the nieces and nephews who have come forward to Fr. Kaczorowski; [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED] confronted Fr. Bowman with allegation of abuse on his own approximately 2 weeks ago
  - As per Fr. Kaczorowski, Fr. Bowman also has medical issues
  - PRA reported that Fr. Bowman has been celebrating masses for approximately 30-40 people at his home
  - As per Fr. Kaczorowski, Fr. Bowman has allegedly been accessing adult male pornography on his computer at [REDACTED] home

- Plan is for PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski to go to home of Fr. Bowman and his sister [REDACTED] on Monday, September 22, 2003 to confront Fr. Bowman with allegation [REDACTED] celebrating masses, and accessing pornography on his computer; Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA will inform Fr. Bowman that he will be moving to Mundelein; [REDACTED] not be informed of allegation made [REDACTED] against Fr. Bowman, however, will be informed that Fr. Bowman will be moving to Mundelein
- **Review Board voiced their concerns with relatives monitoring men who have been removed; informal recommendation that those removed may not reside with family members and those who do currently reside with family members [Fr. Bowman [REDACTED] may need to move to Mundelein**

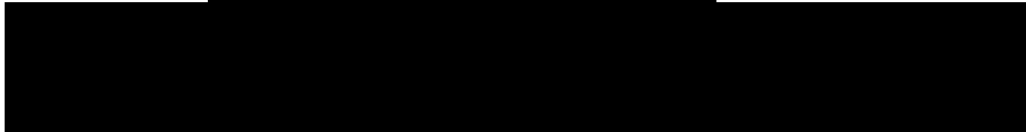


**IV. Case Reviews**

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



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



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

Review for Cause

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

Second Stage Review

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

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

**Next scheduled meeting is October 18, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

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

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-77  
From: Review Board Minutes  
Re: R. Peter Bowman (Withdrawn/Retired)  
Date: September 20, 2003

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### A Summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on September 20, 2003:

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- As per Fr. Kaczorowski, Fr. Bowman also has medical issues
- PRA reported that Fr. Bowman has been celebrating masses for approximately 30-40 people at his home
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- Plan is for PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski to go to home of Fr. Bowman and [REDACTED] on Monday, September 22, 2003 to confront Fr. Bowman with allegation made by [REDACTED] celebrating masses, and accessing pornography on his computer; Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA will inform Fr. Bowman that he will be moving to Mundelein; [REDACTED] not be informed of allegation [REDACTED] against Fr. Bowman, however, will be informed that Fr. Bowman will be moving to Mundelein
- **Review Board voiced their concerns with relatives monitoring men who have been removed; informal recommendation that those removed may not reside with family members and those who do currently reside with family members [Fr. Bowman] may need to move to Mundelein**

Friday, October 03, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I want to have you know from myself, not only from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] how much I regret not believing you and Leah when you were here on Monday. My only defense is that I did not have or would not accept the truth, which you both had about Peter (RPB). I think that I finally put pieces together early Tuesday (4:00 AM.) and began to know that I have a seriously sick brother, that your efforts have truly been in his best interest, and that I needed to join this effort to rehabilitate him. Rather than "protect" him from further hurt I needed to cooperate in whatever way I can with you and my children and the professionals who will care for him. I realize he is and will be hurting, but having him in the comfort of this home with me "supporting him" is not the treatment that he requires.

I look upon my "conversion" strictly as God's grace to me because, as you know from Monday, that surely is a turnabout. I have a vivid picture of your sad face on the other side of the table saying, "I am only the messenger." You should have said then (but I probably would have exploded) "Fr. Peter is the one you should be furious with. He's the wrong one, not me."

I have been able to be a part of the preparation for his recovery ever since [REDACTED]. and I talked that early Tuesday morning and have been able to cooperate [REDACTED] in confronting RPB with the fact that we are angry that he deceived us and has been living the lie; co-opting all of us for his private purposes.

Thank you Father for your tenacity in seeing this through, despite the obstacles you have been up against. Please let Leah know that I deeply apologize for my disbelief of Monday.

Most sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

*P.S. My prayer is for you and your work.*



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Saturday, October 04, 2003

Dear Leah McCluskey,

I want to have you know how much I regret not believing you and Fr. Kaczowroski when you were here on Monday. My only defense is that I did not have and would not accept the truth, which *you both* had about Peter (RPB). I think that I finally put pieces together early Tuesday (4:00 AM.) and began to know that I have a seriously sick brother, that your efforts have truly been in his best interest, (and mine too) and that I needed to join this effort to rehabilitate him. Rather than "protect" him from what I saw as further hurt I needed to cooperate in whatever way I can with you and my children; send him to the place where the professionals will give him the care he needs. I realize he is and will be hurting, but having him in the comfort of this home with me "supporting him" is not the treatment that he requires. Now I do know that is the truth.

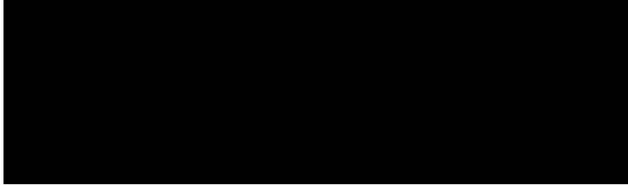
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I have been able to be a part of the preparation for his recovery ever since [REDACTED] and I talked so early Tuesday morning and have been able to cooperate with [REDACTED] in confronting RPB with the fact that we are angry that he has consistently deceived us and has been living the lie; co-opting all of us for his private purposes.

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Thank you Leah for your tenacity in seeing this through, despite the obstacles you have been up against. I now have a small understanding of how difficult this is for you. I deeply apologize for my disbelief of Monday to both you and Fr. Kaz. I know I was not treating you as professionals at all. I should have known better.

Most sincerely,



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October 9, 2003



Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

I wanted to thank you for the letter that you sent. Please know that you are in my prayers and in Fr. Kaczorwski's prayers as well.

Do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything that I can do to help you and your family during this time. I can be reached at [312] 751-5205.

Take care and God bless,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board  
Saturday, October 18, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Members absent:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members present:**

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

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- I. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2003
  - II. Review of September 20, 2003 Board Meeting recommendations
  - III. Case Reviews

**Initial Review**

**A. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

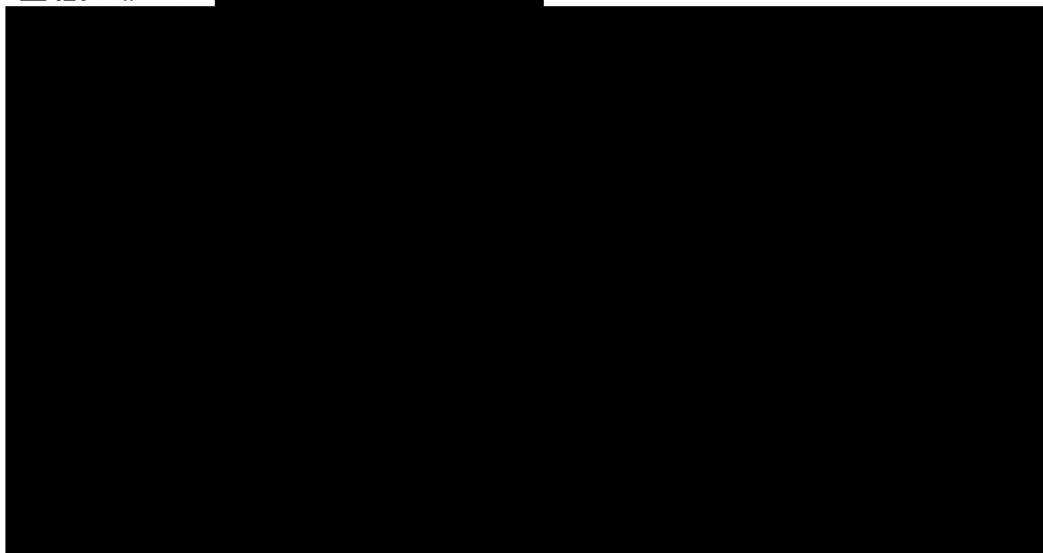
**Review for Cause**

**B. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]



**C. In the Matter of**



**IV. Other Matters**

**D. Relative Monitors**

**R. Peter Bowman**

- Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA met with Fr. Bowman at his home on Sept. 22, 2003
- Discussed allegation made by [redacted]
- Discussed private masses being said by Fr. Bowman at his home
- Discussed Fr. Bowman's use of pornography on the internet at his home
- Discussed Fr. Bowman's medical condition
- Discussed Fr. Bowman's need to move to Mundelein on Sept. 25, 2003
- [redacted] [Fr. Bowman's sister] and two of her children present for conversation re: Fr. Bowman moving to Mundelein as a result of violation of protocols [pornography, mass, medical condition, relative not an appropriate monitor]

[REDACTED]

E.

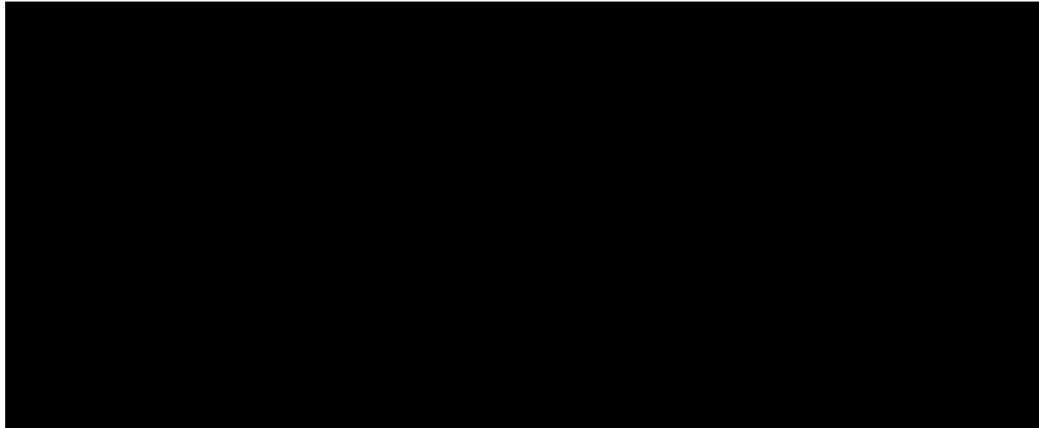
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F.

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**G.**



**Next scheduled meeting is November 15, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
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**PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING**  
**Saturday, October 18, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

I. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2003

II. Case Reviews

**Initial Review:**

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

**Review for Cause:**

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

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

III. Other Matters

D. Relative monitors

- R. Peter Bowman (Retired/Withdrawn 2002) - PFR-77  
- Monitoring

- [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, November 15, 2003*



Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file from Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, to file, dated October 23, 2003, summarizing a meeting with Victim LJ to formalize his allegation of abuse against Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the summary, the alleged abuse occurred in the 1960s and involved Victim LJ sleeping over at the rectory with Bowman, as well as accompanying the cleric on at least one out of state trip. Victim LJ also expressed his desire that Bowman no longer have contact with Victim LJ's mother.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-77  
From: Review Board Minutes  
Re: R. Peter Bowman (Retired/Withdrawn)  
Date: October 24, 2003

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**A Summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on October 18, 2003:**

### **Relative Monitors**

- Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA met with Fr. Bowman at his home on Sept. 22, 2003
- Discussed allegation made by [REDACTED]
- Discussed private masses being said by Fr. Bowman at his home
- Discussed Fr. Bowman's use of pornography on the internet at his home
- Discussed Fr. Bowman's medical condition
- Discussed Fr. Bowman's need to move to Mundelein on Sept. 25, 2003
- [REDACTED] [Fr. Bowman's sister] and two of her children present for conversation re: Fr. Bowman moving to Mundelein as a result of violation of protocols [pornography, mass, medical condition, relative not an appropriate monitor]

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
✓ Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant<sup>LNP</sup>  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: October 24, 2003

RE: [PFR-77]Bowman, R. Peter (Retired/Withdrawn)/ [REDACTED]

A new allegation was received by this office on 10/17/03. We have opened a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator has begun the Review Process by interviewing [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Bowman, R. Peter/ [REDACTED].

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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TO: [REDACTED] FROM: Leah McCluskey

DATE: 10/27/03

Attorney

FAX NUMBER: [REDACTED] TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER: 8

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

RE: Bowman [REDACTED]

URGENT  FOR REVIEW  PLEASE COMMENT  PLEASE APPROVE  PLEASE RETURN

[REDACTED]

Here is a draft copy of [REDACTED] allegation report.

Leah

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TO: [REDACTED] FROM: Leah McCluskey

DATE: 10/28/03

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PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

RE: Bowman/[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Here is the final copy of [REDACTED] allegation report.

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October 29, 2003

Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD  
St. Paul University, 223 Main St.  
Ottawa, ON K1S 1C4 CANADA

Dear Father Morrissey,

Enclosed you will find a copy of a new allegation made by [REDACTED] against Fr. R. Peter Bowman.

If you have any questions, Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator can be reached at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: Frank M. Bonifacic FROM: Laura A. Neri-Palotino

Attorney DATE: 10/30/03

FAX NUMBER: [REDACTED] TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER: 8

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

RE: Bowman, [REDACTED]

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Mr. Bonifacic,

Leah asked that I fax you the allegation report regarding the above matter. I have also been asked to mail you a copy of our policies/procedures manual. I will be forwarding it to you today.

Laura

**Francis G. MORRISEY, O.M.I.**

175 Main — Ottawa, Canada – K1S 1C3

FAX ( [REDACTED] )  
MESSAGE [REDACTED]  
e-mail: [morrisey@istar.ca](mailto:morrisey@istar.ca)

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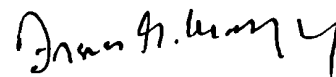
Mrs. Laura A. NERI-PALOMINO,  
Administrative Assistant,  
Office of Professional Responsibility,  
P.O. Box 1979,  
CHICAGO, IL USA 60690-1979

Dear Mrs. NERI-PALOMINO,

Just a note to thank you for your kind letter of October 29<sup>th</sup> regarding Father Peter Bowman.

I read the report with great interest. I presume that in due time Father Bowman will be asked to give his version of the events.

Wishing you all the best as you cooperate in this very painful ministry, I am, yours gratefully,



Francis G. MORRISEY, O.M.I.

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MEMORANDUM

**DRAFT**

To: PFR-77

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: **R. PETER BOWMAN'S [RETIRED/WITHDRAWN] RESPONSE  
TO ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MADE BY**  


Date: November 5, 2003

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**Date of Meeting: October 30, 2003**

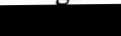
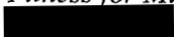
**Time of Meeting: 10:00am**




**Present at Meeting**

Fr. R. Peter Bowman, accused  
Mr. Frank Bonifacic, attorney for Fr. Bowman  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

**Face-to-Face Meeting**

Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA met with Fr. R. Peter Bowman and with Mr. Frank Bonifacic at Fr. Bowman's current residence, The Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, Illinois.

After introductions were made, Mr. Bonifacic and Fr. Bowman agreed to interrupt PRA if either had any questions or if the information read was unclear. Prior to reading the allegation itself, it was agreed that PRA would fax to Mr. Bonifacic a copy of Mr.  allegation as well as mail a copy of *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* to his office. It was also agreed that PRA would forward a copy of  allegation against Fr. Bowman to his canonical advocate, Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD.

PRA read the entire allegation made against Fr. Bowman by   
 Fr. Bowman interrupted at one point during the reading of the allegation to clarify that upon his move to Mundelein, he never visited his sister 

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unannounced. He continued by stating that he had planned to visit Mrs. [REDACTED] and spoke to her about the visit, but that he did not visit her home.

Upon completion of PRA reading the allegation, Fr. Kaczorowski provided Fr. Bowman and Mr. Bonifacic with additional information. Fr. Kaczorowski stated that [REDACTED] two days before [October 28, 2003] of [REDACTED] allegation against Fr. Bowman. [REDACTED]

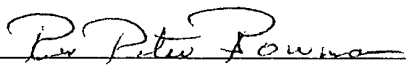
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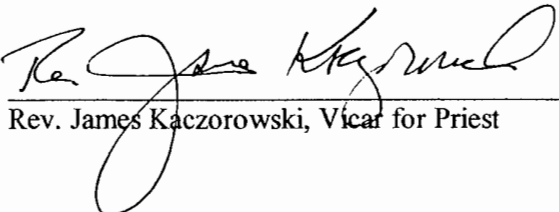
One point that surfaced during the meeting was that Fr. Bowman signed his part of the home in [REDACTED] to his sister [REDACTED]. Fr. Bowman followed through with this act without the knowledge of Mr. Bonifacic.

  
R. Peter Bowman, accused

11-17-03  
Date

  
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Leah McCluskey, Administrator

11/20/03  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priest

11-25-03  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Frank Bonifacic, Attorney  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD, Canonical Advocate

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November 5, 2003

## PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Michael J. Howlett, Jr.  
Counsel  
State's Attorney of Cook County  
69 West Washington Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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RE: [REDACTED]

Date of alleged abuse: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an allegation from [REDACTED] currently 50 years of age, that sometime between 1959 and 1965 and between 8 and 12 years of age he was the alleged victim of sexual abuse by Rev. R. Peter. Bowman. The priest was assigned to St. Denis Parish in Chicago, Illinois at the time of the alleged incident. The alleged abuse took place in Cook County, Illinois. The priest has been removed from ministry.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John C. O'Malley in cursive.  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms Shauna Boliker  
Ms. Leah Mc Cluskey

SC:03SC140\Cook\Notification to State's Attorney Office re [REDACTED]

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November 5, 2003

Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI JCD  
Saint Paul University  
223 Main Street  
Ottawa, ON K1S 1C4 CANADA

Dear Rev. Morrisey,

Enclosed you will find a corrected copy of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against your client, Rev. R. Peter Bowman. The copy that was sent to you incorrectly reflected that the alleged abuse took place at St. Denis' rectory. You will see that the enclosed report reads that the alleged abuse took place in the rectory, and that the name of the parish rectory is not identified.

Please contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

**From:** Jim Dwyer  
**To:** Kaczorowski, James  
**Date:** Thu, Nov 6, 2003 1:37 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fr. Peter Bowman

Could you take care of this one?

Jim Dwyer  
Director of Communications  
312/751-8233  
Archdiocese of Chicago

>>> [redacted] 11/06/03 10:43AM >>>

Dear Mr. Dwyer:

I am wondering if you can help me. Fr. Bowman was a personal friend. He traveled across 27" of snow to say my late husband's funeral Mass (on 1/09/99) at St. Ignatius where his late brother [redacted] had married [redacted] and me in 1986.

He and [redacted] had visited us in [redacted] sometime in the 80's.

Fr. Peter also performed our stepdaughter's wedding at St. James in Arlington Heights in the late 80's.

I live in [redacted] and have heard about his difficult personal issues. I would like to write to him (a gentle supportive letter--he is my friend) but do not know where to send it. Can you tell me?

Thanks.



*Kay -  
You would see  
to take care of this  
if you approve?  
Kay*

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: File - PFR-77




From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: November 6, 2003

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PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests met with Rev. R. Peter Bowman on September 11, 2003 at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. The purpose of the meeting was for PRA to provide Fr. Bowman with the newly revised Individual Specific [Monitoring] Protocols, Daily Log forms, and the Travel/Vacation Notification forms. PRA also reviewed all of the new forms with Fr. Bowman.

In response to reviewing the Individual Specific Protocols, Fr. Bowman informed PRA that   
 Fr. Bowman also attends a group to address weight issues one time per month, 

Fr. Bowman was asked to discuss the aforementioned forms with Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, his canonical advocate prior to indicating his agreement to follow the requested protocols. PRA informed Fr. Bowman that all of the monitoring information has been forwarded to Fr. Morrisey.

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

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November 6, 2003

Mr. Frank M. Bonifacic  
111 West Washington Street, Suite 1850  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Mr. Bonifacic,

Enclosed you will find a draft copy of the report based upon the meeting that took place with you, your client Father R. Peter Bowman and Leah McCluskey on October 30, 2003.

Please ask your client to look over the report and make any necessary changes to ensure that the report is accurate by his standards. I ask that you return the corrected report to this office in the envelope provided at your earliest convenience. A final copy of the report that reflects those changes will then be sent back to you for your client's signature and you are asked again to return it to this office. Once all signatures are obtained a copy of the final report will then be forwarded to you and Father Bowman.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

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VICAR FOR PRIESTS  
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Off: (312) 642-1837  
Fax: (312) 642-4933

November 7, 2003



Dear 

Your letter inquiring about the location of Father Peter Bowman was sent to our office by Mr. Jim Dwyer. Any correspondence directed to Father Bowman can be forwarded to:

Rev. Peter Bowman  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-1174

I am sure it will be a pleasure for him to hear from you. God be with you during this season of gratitude and thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Ann Zrust  
Associate Director  
Vicar for Priests

Redacted  
Bowman

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R. Peter Bowman  
R. Peter Bowman, accused

11-17-03  
Date

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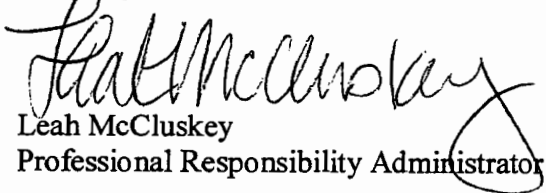
Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Bowman,

This letter is in response to the message that you left for me today. Please accept my apology for not providing you with a copy of the enclosed report sooner. Both Mr. Frank Bonifacic and Rev. Francis Morrisey have been sent copies of this report as well.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim LJ and Victim LJ's relative to Cardinal Francis George, dated November 16, 2003. In the letter, Victim LJ and his relative ask that the Cardinal intervene to provide Bowman with the help he needs to begin to address his abusive behaviors. Victim LJ and his relative remarked that Bowman's behavior places others at risk, and expressed frustration at his continued denial of his problems.

**Francis G. MORRISEY, O.M.I.**  
175 Main — Ottawa, Canada — K1S 1C3

FAX  
MESSAGE  
e-mail:

November 16, 2003

Ms. Leah McCLUSKEY,  
Professional Responsibility Administrator,  
P.O. Box 1979,  
CHICAGO, IL USA 60690-1979

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Dear Ms. McCLUSKEY,

Thank you for your kind letter of November 5<sup>th</sup> enclosing the revised transcript of [REDACTED] allegation.

I hope that all of this will work out for the best of all concerned.

Yours very gratefully,

*Francis G. M.*

Francis G. MORRISEY, O.M.I.

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino *LNP*  
Re: Fr. Bowman's Response to Allegation made by [REDACTED]  
Date: November 24, 2003

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Attached you will find a signed report for Father Bowman. Please sign and make a copy and return it to this office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, to file, dated December 2, 2003, summarizing a phone call with Victim LJ concerning his allegation of abuse against Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the memorandum, Victim LJ contacted McCluskey to inquire on the progress of the Independent Review Board's consideration of his allegation. Victim LJ also expressed concern that Bowman's demeanor had not changed since his removal from ministry, and frustration that Bowman was contesting his removal from ministry.

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board**  
**Saturday, December 20, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

**Review Board Members Present:**



**Members absent:**

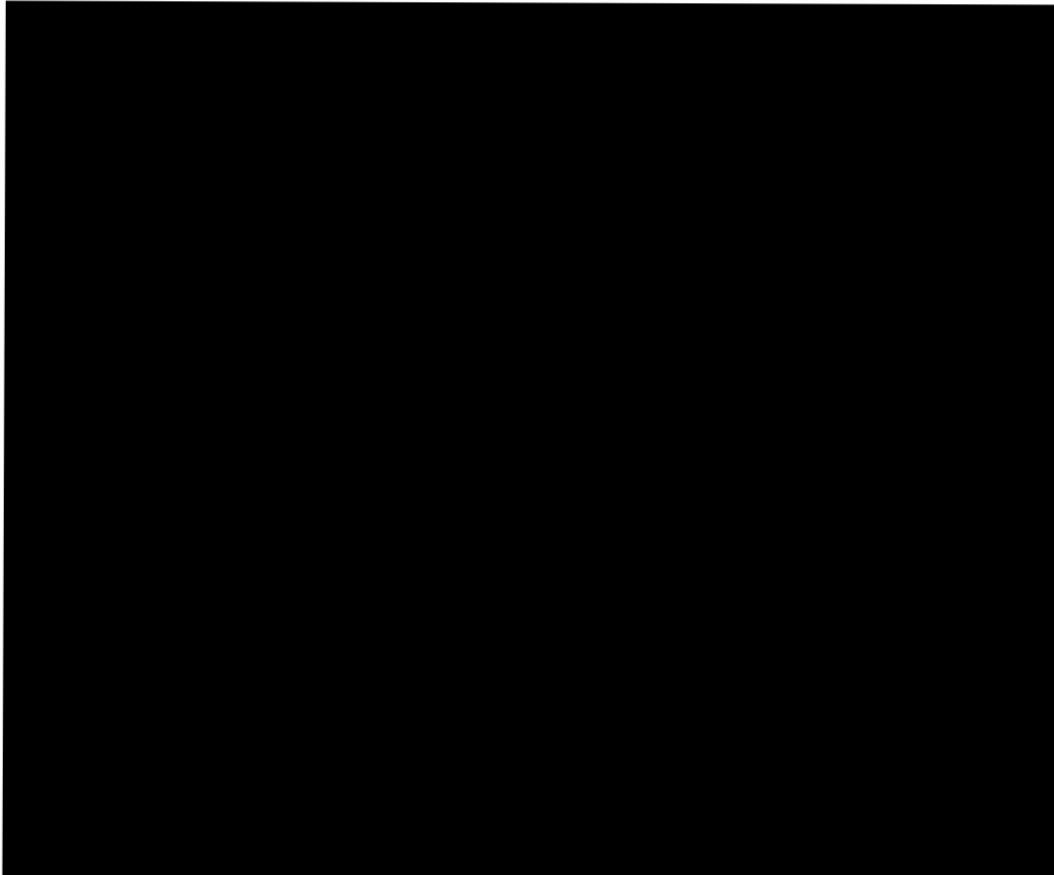


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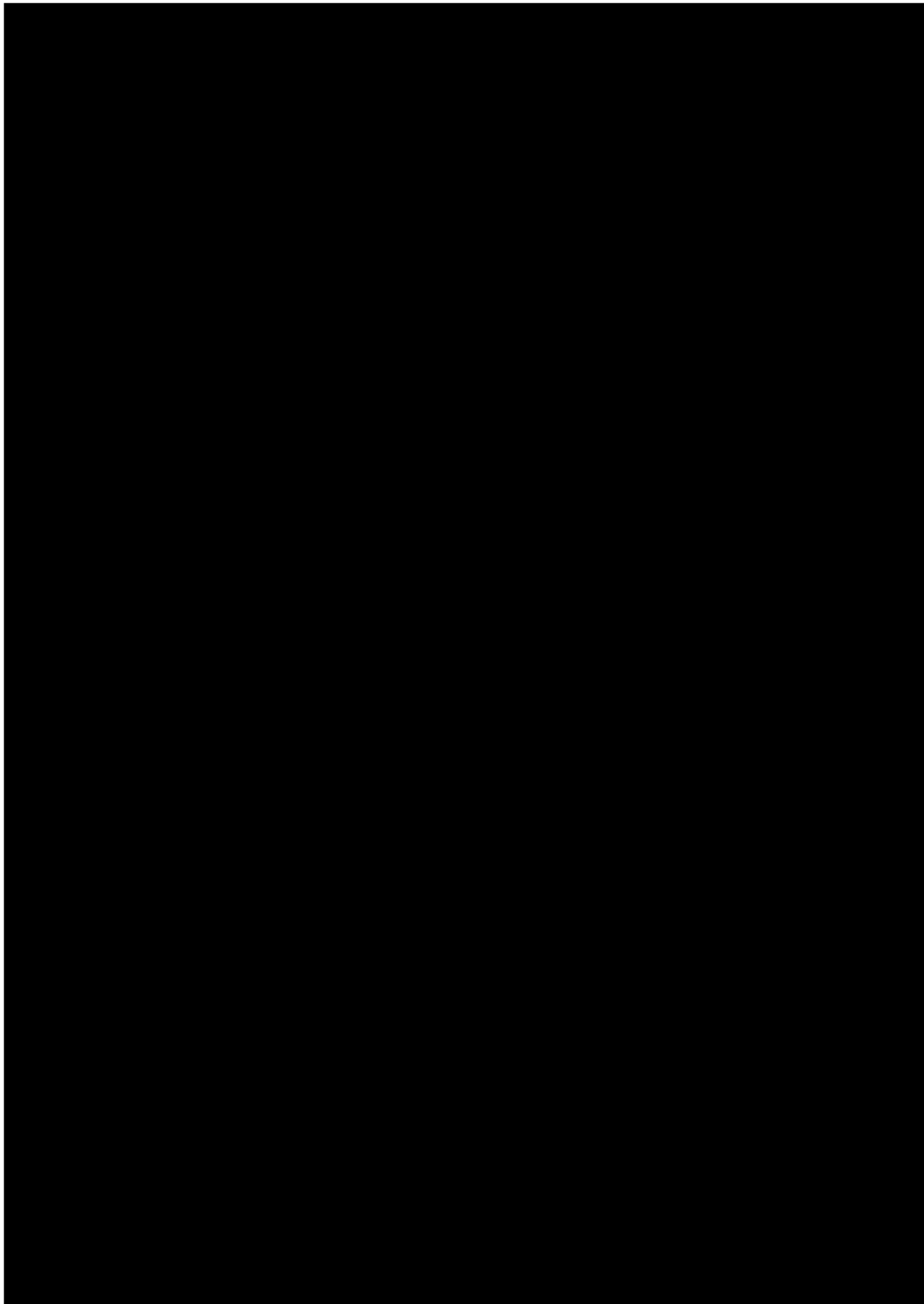
Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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**I. Francis Cardinal George, OMI**







- Cardinal swore in new Board member, [REDACTED]

**II. Approval of Minutes – October 18, 2003**

**III. Update on Decisions Made by the Cardinal**

- PRA provided Board members with update on decisions made by Cardinal George based upon their recommendations from the October 18, 2003 agenda

**III. Case Reviews**

**Initial Reviews:**

**A. In the Matter of R. Peter Bowman [Retired/Withdrawn 2000] - PFR - 77**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation of

██████████ The claim is as follows: ██████████

Fr. Bowman holding & hugging ██████████

██████████  
Bowman's erection against his back.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote ██████████ needed to leave the meeting prior to hearing cases presented] the Board recommended that the information at least seems to be true of an offense. The Board also made the following recommendations regarding Fr. Bowman's current monitoring protocols:

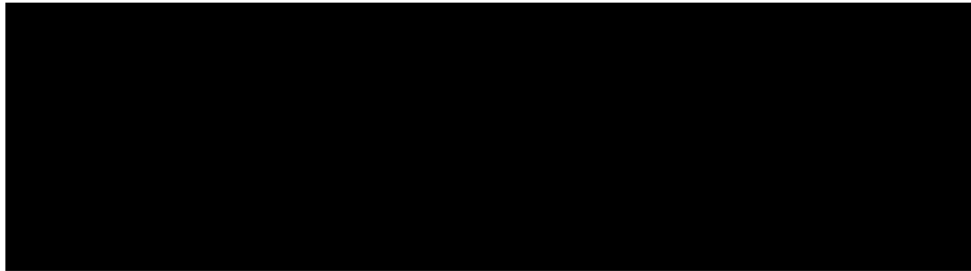
1. PRA is to inform Rev. Anthony Talarico that as Fr. Bowman's monitor, he is to be mindful of any alcohol consumption by Fr. Bowman.
2. Fr. Bowman is to be referred to Marion Joy for an assessment of his driving abilities.
3. Fr. Bowman is not to initiate any contact with his sister ██████████
4. Fr. Boman's attorneys are not to contact ██████████ or any member of her family.

**B. In the Matter of ██████████**

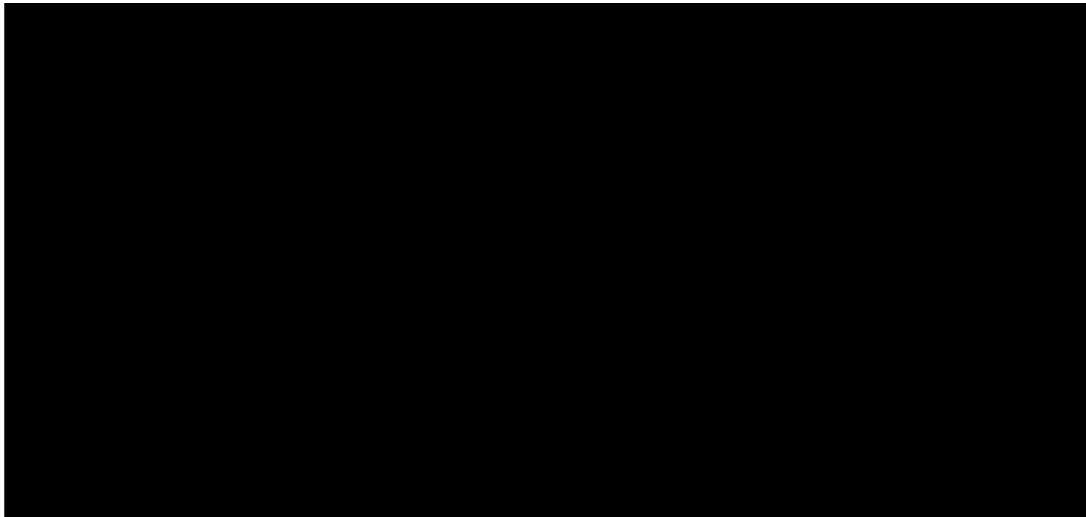
**IV. Other Matters**

• ██████████

• ██████████



V.



*Next scheduled meeting is January 10, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.*

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

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-77  
From: Review Board Meeting  
Re: R. Peter Bowman  
Date: December 20, 2003

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### Summary of the discussion at the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on December 20, 2003:

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: [REDACTED], Fr. Bowman holding & hugging [REDACTED] [REDACTED] felt Fr. Bowman's erection against his back.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote [Fr. Rubey needed to leave the meeting prior to hearing cases presented] the Board recommended that the information at least seems to be true of an offense. The Board also made the following recommendations regarding Fr. Bowman's current monitoring protocols:

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 12/20/03 to conduct a(n)  
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:)  Initial Review  Review for Cause  Supplementary Review  Status Report  
regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Rev. R. Peter Bowman (withdrawn)  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:)  a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago  a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
 an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)  
 a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)  
 a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)  
 a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
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which claims as follows: fondling over clothes; in bed w/  
PB  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

**Initial Review:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:)  the information at least seems to be true of an offense.  
 the information does not seem to be true of an offense and the file should be closed.

If the information at least seems to be true of an offense, the Board recommends that

(check one:)  the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.  
 the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.  
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**Review for Cause:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:)  there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
 there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:)  the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
 no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0; monitoring  
recommendations

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December 30, 2003

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
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Dear Cardinal George,

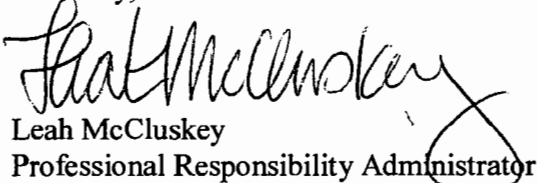
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Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept these  
recommendations.  
F. Joyce  
Jan. 8, 2003*

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Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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**Professional Responsibility Review Board  
Saturday, January 10, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[Redacted]

**Members absent:**

[Redacted]

**Non-members present:**

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

**I. Approval of Minutes – December 20, 2003**

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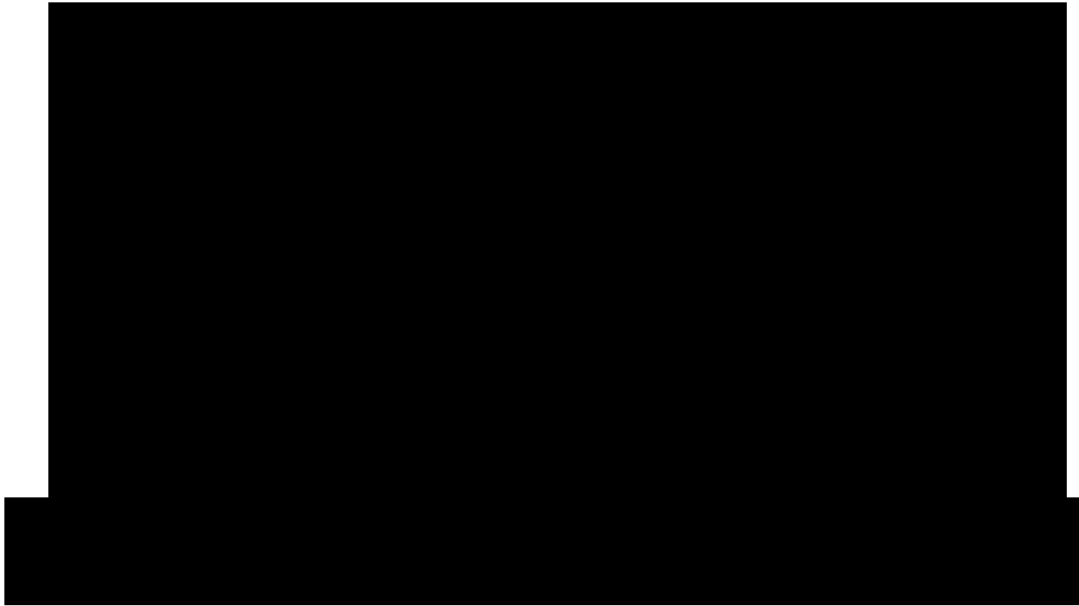
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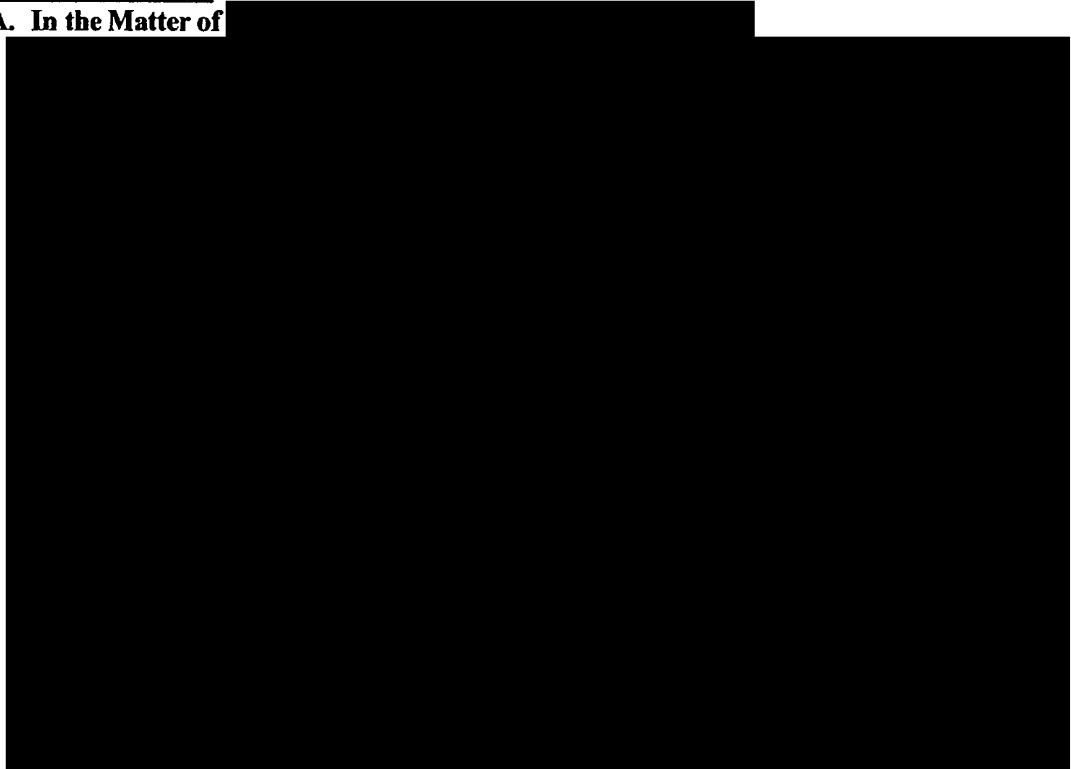
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**IV. Case Reviews**

**Review for Cause:**

**A. In the Matter of**



**V. Other Matters**

- Rescheduling of September and December 2004 Board meetings [not enough time to discuss at January 10, 2004 meeting]



*Next scheduled meeting is February 21, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: PFR-77  
From: Review Board Meeting  
Re: Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Date: January 10, 2004

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A summary of the conversation from the Review Board Meeting on January 10, 2004:

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Ms. Leah McCluskey  
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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*Rev. Richard Sanders*  
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## DECREE

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Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Review Board that there is "reasonable cause to suspect" that **Rev. R. Peter Bowman** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

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Given on January 15, 2004 at Chicago, Illinois.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-77

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter

Date: January 31, 2004

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PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests met with Rev. R. Peter Bowman on January 27, 2004 at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Fr. Kaczorowski had arranged the meeting with Fr. Bowman so that the current monitoring protocols could be discussed.

PRA provided Fr. Bowman with the current Individual Specific Monitoring Protocols, a Daily Log form, and a Travel/Vacation Agreement form. Fr. Bowman was also informed that copies of the aforementioned forms would be forwarded to his canonical advocate, Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD.

Fr. Bowman shared his feeling that the Daily Logs ask for "meaningless information." PRA clarified for Fr. Bowman that the specifics asked for in the logs are clearly described in the Individual Specific Protocols. PRA explained to Fr. Bowman that he record those occasions when he departs from the retreat house, and to identify where he is going and his return.

Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Bowman of Cardinal George's message regarding consequences that individuals would face if they did not sign the Individual Specific Protocols and if they did not adhere to the protocols themselves. As per Cardinal George, Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Bowman that an individual who refuses to sign the Individual Specific Protocols by March 31, 2004 and/or is non-compliant with the protocols themselves, would no longer receive a salary paid by the Archdiocese of Chicago. Cardinal George will only provide room and board, payment of medical and car insurance, and a small monthly stipend.



When asked by PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski, Fr. Bowman shared what he does with his time at the retreat house. He participates in a daily prayer with the other men. However, Fr. Bowman remarked that he is "looking for something else to do" that would encourage interaction with the other men. Fr. Kaczorowski suggested "a day of recollection," which Fr. Bowman seemed to accept as a good suggestion. Fr. Bowman talked about his participation in morning and evening prayer at the retreat house and "movie nights" as arranged by Rev. Donald Mulsoff. As per Fr. Bowman, he often leaves the retreat house to visit friends during the day and also enjoys reading back at the house. Fr. Bowman also participates in spiritual direction one time every three weeks.

Fr. Kaczorowski initiated conversation regarding the Cardinal's acceptance of the Review Board's recommendation that Fr. Bowman participate in a driving evaluation at Marion Joy. Fr. Bowman agreed that he would be more than happy to take part in such an evaluation, however he feels that he is a good driver. Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Bowman that he would discuss the referral to Marion Joy with Bishop Timothy Lyne.

Fr. Bowman was extremely cordial and easily engaged in conversation throughout the meeting.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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**Francis G. MORRISEY, O.M.I.**  
175 Main — Ottawa, Canada — K1S 1C3

February 6, 2004

Ms. Leah McCLUSKEY,  
Professional Responsibility Administrator,  
P.O. Box 1979,  
CHICAGO, IL USA 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCLUSKEY,

This is just a note to thank you for your two letters of January 27<sup>th</sup> concerning Rev.  Rev. Peter Bowman.

You certainly are most careful to keep me informed, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Best wishes,

*Frank M. OMI,*

Francis G. MORRISEY, O.M.I.

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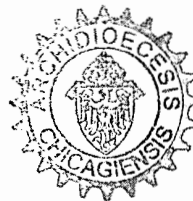
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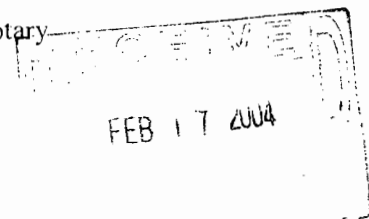
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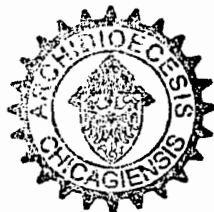
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February 17, 2004

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205 or via e-mail [lmcluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that Rev. James T. Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. He may be reached at the Vicars for Priests office at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, Canonical Advocate  
Mr. Frank Bonifacic, Attorney

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**PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday, February 21, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

I. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2004

II. Case Reviews

**Preliminary Review:**

A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

III. **Case Updates:**

A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

IV. **Monitoring Meetings/Monitoring Update**

- A. [REDACTED]
- B. [REDACTED]
- C. [REDACTED]
- D. [REDACTED]
- E. [REDACTED]
- F. R. Peter Bowman (Retired/Withdrawn 2002) - PFR-77
- G. [REDACTED]
- H. [REDACTED]

V. [REDACTED]

VI. **Update on New Allegations Received**

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, March 20, 2004*



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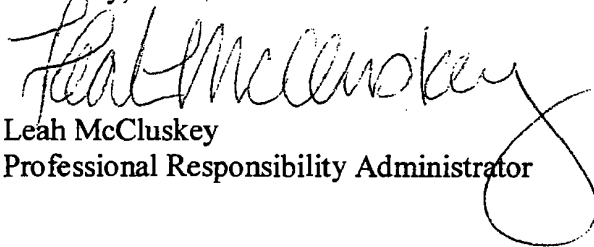
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2. Fr. Bowman is not to initiate any contact with his sister 

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
Mr. Steven Dollear, Attorney

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces an email from Victim LJ's relative to Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, dated February 27, 2004, providing his updated contact information.

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Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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March 15, 2004

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
P O Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Father Bowman,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert will assume the responsibilities of interim monitor at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Koenig Hall, effective Tuesday, March 16, 2004. While he serves in this capacity, Bishop Goedert will reside at the retreat house. I am deeply grateful to him for accepting this responsibility at the present time. As this transition occurs, I also wish to thank Father Anthony Talarico for having served in the capacity of monitor for the past two or more years while, at the same time, performing his primary duties of administrator at the retreat house.

Sometime within the next two weeks, Bishop Goedert, Father Jim Kaczorowski, my Vicar for Priests, and Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator, will meet with the residents at Koenig Hall as a group and review the contents of the protocol. We are also inviting Father Talarico and Father Siedlecki to be present for this meeting since there will be occasions when they will function as monitor in Bishop Goedert's absence.

I am sorry this process is taking so much longer than I believed and expected it would. I want to assure you of my prayers for you. Likewise, I ask that you pray for me. May this season of Lent be a time of special blessing for you.

Sincerely, yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George  
Archbishop of Chicago

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Cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway  
Mr. Jimmy Lago  
Dr. Carol Fowler  
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski  
Reverend Thomas A. Tivy  
Reverend Daniel A. Smilanic  
Reverend Anthony Talarico  
Reverend Edmund J. Siedlecki

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April 14, 2004

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father Bowman,

Enclosed you will find interview reports and corresponding responses to allegations of sexual misconduct of minors for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I apologize for the delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures

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Tuesday

Dear Leah,

My oldest living brother  
died on Saturday.



He will be buried on Friday at Estes Park  
Colorado.

I wish to attend the burial. I have already  
spoken to Jim Kaczorowski. He asked me to clear  
it with you. I will stay with relatives.

Sincerely,

Robert Bowman

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board**  
**Saturday, June 19, 2004 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

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

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I. Approval of Minutes - May 15, 2004

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Review for Cause**

**E. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman [Retired/Withdrawn] - PFR - 77**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause regarding the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. Bowman holding & hugging [REDACTED] felt Fr. Bowman's erection against his back.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

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

[REDACTED]



**G. In the Matter of**   


*Next scheduled meeting is July 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

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## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING Saturday, June 19, 2004 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2004
- II. Case Reviews

#### Initial Reviews:

- A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
- B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
- C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]

#### Discussion with Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.

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

#### Review for Cause:

- E. In the Matter of R. Peter Bowman (Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002) - PFR-77
  - Allegation made by [REDACTED]
- F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
- G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]

- III. Other Matters

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, July 17, 2004*

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: File – PFR-77  
From: Review Board Meeting  
Re: **Bowman, Rev. R. Peter (Retired/Withdrawn)**, [REDACTED]  
Date: June 19, 2004

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A summary of the discussion from the Review Board Meeting on June 19, 2004.

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In a unanimous 6-0 vote, in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 6/19/04 to conduct a(n)  
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one)  Initial Review  Preliminary Review  Review for Cause  Supplementary Review  
 Status Report

regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name)

against R. Peter Bowman  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one)  a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago  a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
 an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)

a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappro  
holding & imaging \_\_\_\_\_

**Initial Review:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one)  the information at least seems to be true of an offense.  
 the information does not seem to be true of an offense and the file should be closed.

If the information at least seems to be true of an offense, the Board recommends that

(check one)  the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.  
 the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.  
 the accused may remain in ministry without monitoring or restrictions pending inquiry.

**Review for Cause:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one)  there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
 there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one)  the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from  
ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with  
Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
 no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except  
to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 reasonable cause

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June 21, 2004

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 19, 2004 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bowman is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board unanimously determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommended that Fr. Bowman's withdrawal from ministry continue along with the previously imposed restrictions and monitoring according to Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

*Leah McCluskey* <sup>W.P.</sup>

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept this determination  
and recommendations  
Fr. George  
June 23, 2004*

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

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June 25, 2004

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
676 N. St. Clair St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of June 21, 2004 in response to your letter of that same date, regarding the matter of **Reverend R. Peter Bowman**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is retired and withdrawn from public ministry, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. I understand that a Review for Cause was conducted by the Review Board on June 19, 2004.

I accept the Review Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Father Bowman engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor. I agree that he should continue to be prohibited from exercising public ministry and that his monitoring protocols should remain as stated.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

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

*Rev. Richard Faudin*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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July 2, 2004

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
C/o Mr. Frank M. Bonifacic  
111 West Washington Street, Suite 1850  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Fr. Bowman,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 19, 2004 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination, in light of the information presented that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Cardinal accepted the Board's determination that your withdrawal from ministry continues along with the previously imposed restrictions and monitoring according to Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests continues to be available to you. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, O.M.I., J.C.D., Canonical Advocate

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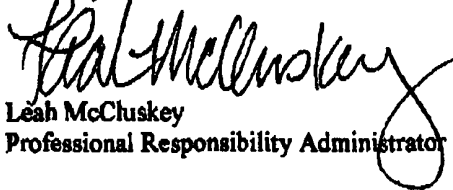
Dear [Redacted]

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 19, 2004 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination, in light of the information presented that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Cardinal accepted the Board's determination that Fr. Bowman's withdrawal from ministry continues along with the previously imposed restrictions and monitoring according to Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McChuskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
Mr. Steven Dollear, Attorney



**From:** Jim Dwyer  
**To:** Kaczorowski, James  
**Date:** Tue, Sep 7, 2004 8:08 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Rev. R. Peter Bowman

FYI

Jim Dwyer  
Director of Communications  
312/751-8233  
Archdiocese of Chicago

>>> [REDACTED] 9/3/2004 10:40:10 PM >>>

My name is [REDACTED] and I am inquiring into the health of the Rev. R. Peter Bowman. As you may recall, Father Bowman was relieved of his duties a little more than two years ago as a result of allegations relating to his term at St. Dennis.

Please understand that I wish no harm. After serving at St. Dennis, Father Bowman was redirected to St. Lawrence O'Toole in Matteson where I met him, learned to treat him as both father and Father -- where I was considered (at least until puberty) the most likely to become a priest, was head altar boy and so on.

My mother mailed me a most heart-felt article from the Tribune written by Karen Ann Cullotta shortly after the relevant events were revealed. I was heartbroken, to say nothing about being stunned. I was a middle-school aged kid at the time Father Bowman arrived at St. Lawrence O'Toole and I can say that never (NEVER) did I have any indication that something was going on there. It still doesn't compute.

When I was a kid, Father Bowman would come by in the church pick-up truck to pick up me and other kids during the summer so that we could cut the church lawn (actually, a large field). Milkshakes for all afterwards! What wasn't to love?

When I was still a hopeful for the priesthood, I would "say Mass" during the Monday and Friday lunchbreaks (in Latin, no less), with no congregation, but always with two recruited altarboys. Like Father Bowman, I would distribute Communion to the non-assembled congregants along the entire range of the Communion rail, turn on my heel, and then thunder back to the other end of the rail to start all over again.

That was Father Bowman's doing.

For some reason, I have been worrying about him of late. I chased down an email address for him on the southside a couple of years ago, shortly after his digressions came to light. He didn't respond to my message then, which didn't surprise me, and he need not respond now.

I just want to know that he is at peace. Yes, he means that much to me. Please let him know that. Any other information you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

[REDACTED]

September 13, 2004

*John F. Canary*  
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Very Reverend John F. Canary  
Mundelein Seminary - University of St. Mary of the Lake  
1000 East Maple Avenue  
Mundelein Illinois 60060-1174

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Dear John:

A few weeks ago I received your warm invitation to participate in Alumni Day activities, scheduled for Friday, September 24th. While I confess that I have seldom attended Alumni Day in past years, I was looking forward to this year's gathering because I now live in your neighborhood and, frankly, my calendar is not very crowded through no choice of my own. However, I have learned that Archdiocesan authorities have forbidden Fr. Peter Bowman from commemorating his fiftieth anniversary of priesthood by concelebrating the Mass of Thanksgiving with his classmates.

I have come to know and admire Fr. Bowman as one of the finest priests ever to serve the Archdiocese of Chicago and its people. He has ministered with distinction in numerous parish settings and administrative roles. He is beloved by legions of parishioners, co-workers, and friends. He has certainly earned a peaceful and rewarding retirement. He may or may not have made a mistake many, many, many years ago. I don't know the details; they are none of my business. I choose to presume Fr. Peter to be innocent, since this is the only appropriate response which is faithful to the good news of the loving Lord. The Archdiocese chooses to presume Fr. Bowman guilty, and then punishes him when he is unable to prove himself innocent.

There is great evil at work here. This has nothing to do with protecting children. This has nothing to do with justice and fairness, with healing and reconciliation. This has everything to do with cowering before mudslinging media and appeasing grand-standing spokespeople of so-called victims' support groups, working in collusion with greedy lawyers.

Fr. Bowman has decided not to participate in Alumni Day because he recognizes the hypocrisy of joining in a celebration of priesthood in which he is expected to deny the priesthood which has been so fruitfully his for a half century. Since my presence might be seen as condoning this great injustice, I also will not attend. I continue to hope that Fr. Bowman's classmates will lodge some kind of strong protest against this insult to their brother priest.

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Keep up your good work at the seminary, and reassure the seminarians that the Lord Jesus will not allow this dark cloud to hang over his Church much longer. I believe with all my being that, sooner rather than later, we leaders of the Catholic community will relearn how to proclaim the gospel message clearly and forcefully, in season and out of season, and without fear of how it will play on the ten o'clock news.

With My Best Wishes,

*Dan*

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

P.S. Through what I'm sure is a mix-up, I no longer receive "The Bridge". I miss it!

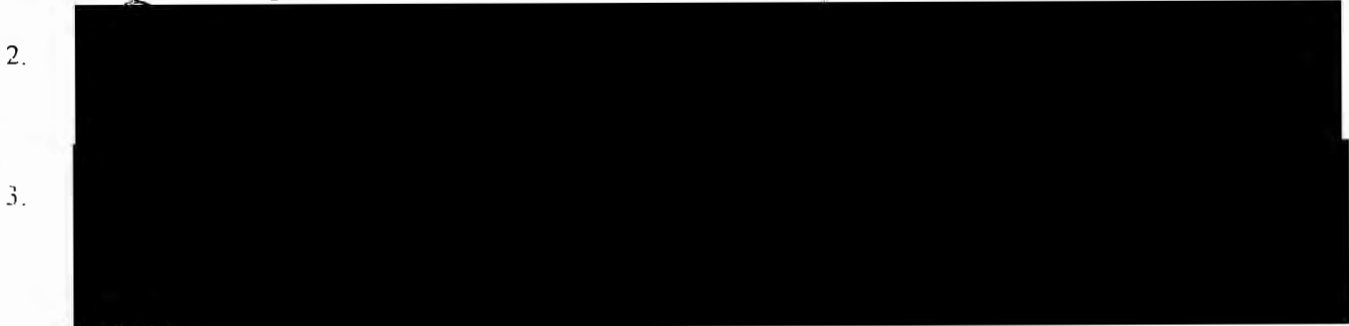
cc. His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George  
Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
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Reverend Peter Bowman

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 Rev. R. Peter Bowman

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

This ISP for R. Peter Bowman is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1.  Restricted from being alone with minors (anyone under the age of 18) without the presence of another responsible adult.



4.  The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the priest/deacon, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it lists all time periods, it is intended to provide an accurate record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-campus activity, please include the place, the general purpose of the visit/trip/activity (e.g. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the telephone number only if it is a private residence. (For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping rather than the name, location and telephone number of each individual store.) If your self-description is challenged, some documentation/verification may be requested.

5.  Abide by the assignment of residence to Cardinal Stritch  
Retreat House

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-77

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. Peter

Date: November 30, 2004

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PRA, Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests, Bishop Thad J. Jakubowski, and Rev. John Hoffman traveled separately to the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on November 29, 2004 to meet with Rev. Peter Bowman. Fr. Kaczorowski scheduled the meeting with Rev. Anthony Talarico, who acts as the on-site monitor at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House for men who have been withdrawn from active ministry as a result of allegations of sexual misconduct.

Prior to meeting with Fr. Bowman, all others mentioned met in regards to Fr. Bowman's noted physical and health related issues he has been experiencing. Most noted were Fr. Bowman's frequent [REDACTED] problems that he has experienced both within and outside of the retreat house. As per Fr. Talarico, Fr. Bowman also fell in his room approximately one month ago, where Fr. Bowman needed to call the Fire Department to assist him. Fr. Bowman's need to walk along the walls of the hallways to assist him with steadying himself was also discussed. Fr. Talarico and Fr. Kaczorowski also discussed Fr. Bowman's "habit" of sitting in his room at the retreat house with his door open while he only is wearing his underwear.

Fr. Talarico stated that he has already discussed with Fr. Bowman the possibility of him moving to Resurrection Life Center in Chicago in order to better assist him with his physical needs. As per Fr. Talarico, Fr. Bowman "seemed agreeable" to the suggestion of moving to Resurrection. Fr. Talarico continued by stating that Fr. Bowman understands that he needs assistance [with his physical and medical care]. As per Fr. Talarico, Fr. Bowman also becomes confused at times and forgets where he puts things.

Fr. Kaczorowski then asked Fr. Hoffman if he had been able to go with Fr. Bowman to Marion Joy for his driving test as of yet. As per Fr. Hoffman, he has not yet taken Fr. Bowman due to the fact that he [Fr. Bowman] has been "dragging his feet" to make the

appointment. It was confirmed that Fr. Bowman does have a letter from his doctor advising him to have his driving tested at the facility.

Prior to beginning the meeting, Fr. Hoffman also shared his recent knowledge that Fr. Bowman named him as his Power of Attorney.

Fr. Bowman then joined the group. Fr. Talarico, Fr. Kaczorowski, and Bishop Jakubowski spoke of Fr. Bowman's recent medical and physical needs and addressed the fact that the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House is not equipped to assist him adequately. Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Bowman that he and PRA spoke with Bishop Timothy Lyne within the last two months to discuss a possible need for space at Resurrection Life Center.

PRA then spoke with Fr. Bowman about his feelings toward Resurrection and if he had any questions for anyone present. He indicated that he was taking in all of the information and that he felt that he did not need extra assistance now, but that he most likely would in the future. Therefore, he was interested in taking a look at Resurrection. PRA shared with Fr. Bowman a conversation had with Bishop Lyne regarding the likelihood of Fr. Bowman moving to Resurrection and the need to identify a contact person/on-site monitor at the facility who would know of his involvement with the Office of Professional Responsibility and the surrounding circumstances. Once such an individual at Resurrection is identified, PRA suggested that she, Fr. Bowman, and Fr. Kaczorowski meet with him/her to discuss everything. Fr. Bowman indicated his understanding and agreement.

As the meeting continued, it was agreed with Fr. Bowman's input that he and Fr. Hoffman would make appointments to see Resurrection next week, possibly for Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Bowman also suggested that he could make an appointment to see his medical doctor to address increased issues [REDACTED] he has experienced over the past month. Fr. Hoffman suggested that the doctor's appointment could be made for the same day that he and Fr. Bowman go to Resurrection. Bishop Jakubowski asked that Frs. Bowman and Hoffman let him know when they plan on going to Resurrection so that he could assist with arrangements.

Prior to the end of the meeting, it was suggested that Fr. Bowman's probable move to Resurrection would take place in January 2005.

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

A G E N D A

Meeting #10<sup>th</sup> - Twenty-First Board  
Date: January 28, 2005  
Place: Priests' Placement Board

Present: Rev.: John W. Clemens, William T. Corcoran,  
James Donovan, Matthew E. Foley, Thomas Hickey,  
David A. Jones, Daniel J. McCormack, Richard Milek

Absent: Rev. Kevin Birmingham

I Opening Prayer: Rev. David A. Jones \_\_\_\_\_ A M

II Acceptance of Minutes: *Vote* \_\_\_\_\_

III Reports:

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Priests' Placement Board/Pastoral Center

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**Absent:** Rev. Kevin Birmingham

**I Opening Prayer:** Rev. David A. Jones 10:10 A M

**II Acceptance of Minutes:** 8 - 0 - 0 w/corrections page 106 I/#10 Richard Sztorc is going to help out at St. Dismas in Waukegan not St. Damian in Oak Forest.

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[REDACTED]	1 mention

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3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]



## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-77

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: January 31, 2005

PRA met with Rev. R. Peter Bowman, his friend Rev. John Hoffman, Bishop Thad J. Jakubowski, and Vicar for Priests Rev. James Kaczorowski at Resurrection Life Center on January 28, 2005. Also present at the meeting was [REDACTED] an administrator at the Life Center. The meeting had been arranged by Fr. Kaczorowski and Bishop Jakubowski in order to discuss Fr. Bowman's pending move from Mundelein to the Life Center so that he could receive appropriate care for his medical needs. Fr. Bowman and Fr. Hoffman had been to Resurrection Life Center in the recent past in order to tour the facility with [REDACTED]

Fr. Kaczorowski began the meeting by stating the involvement of the Vicar for Priests office as well as the Office of Professional Responsibility in the care of Fr. Bowman. [REDACTED] was informed of Fr. Bowman's withdrawal from ministry as a result of three [substantiated] allegations of the sexual abuse of minors made against him. PRA then explained the involvement of the Office of Professional Responsibility as well as the monitoring protocols that Fr. Bowman has agreed to follow. [REDACTED] was given copies of the Individual Specific Monitoring Protocols, the Daily Log form, the Travel/Vacation Agreement, and §1100 *Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*. When asked, [REDACTED] indicated that Fr. Bowman's monitor would most likely be Sr. [REDACTED] LCSW and Social Worker on the Sheltered Care Floor. [REDACTED] explained that Fr. Bowman is on a priority list for placement on the Sheltered Care Floor.

Fr. Kaczorowski then asked Fr. Bowman about the recent driving test that he took at Marion Joy. Fr. Bowman stated that he did not pass the driving test, and as a result "...is ready to give up the car." When asked, [REDACTED] stated that residents at the Resurrection Life Center are not allowed to drive.

██████████ shared her feeling that Fr. Bowman would fit very well in the Resurrection Life Center and that many [residents and staff] are eager for him to arrive. She then voiced her one concern with Fr. Bowman's moving to Resurrection Life Center. As per ██████████ between 40 and 50 percent of the population at the Life Center are religious. She asked how Fr. Bowman's withdrawal from ministry would be addressed. Fr. Kaczorowski responded by stating his opinion that honesty is the best policy and to advise the staff that Fr. Bowman has been removed from ministry as a result of allegations of sexual misconduct. All present at the meeting provided their contributions to ██████████ stated concern. It was agreed that ██████████ would inform her staff that Fr. Bowman has been withdrawn and any individuals with additional questions would see her privately. Fr. Bowman expressed his trust in ██████████ handling of such inquiries. When asked by ██████████ Fr. Kaczorowski confirmed that Fr. Bowman is not to concelebrate any masses nor is he to administer any sacraments.

██████████ then spoke to Fr. Bowman regarding the paperwork that he was asked to complete upon his initial visit to Resurrection Life Center with Fr. Hoffman. Fr. Bowman stated that he did complete the paperwork and it was also confirmed that Fr. Hoffman is Fr. Bowman's Power of Attorney. When asked by Bishop Jakubowski, ██████████ stated that those residents on the Sheltered Care Floor have nursing staff 24 hours per day, seven days per week. She also stated that the residents have their medications administered to them by a nurse.

Prior to ending the meeting, it was agreed that once Fr. Bowman to moves to Resurrection Life Center, a meeting would be scheduled with ██████████, Sr. ██████████ Fr. Bowman, Fr. Kaczorowski, and PRA to discuss the Monitoring Protocols.

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

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-77

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: February 18, 2005

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PRA received a voice mail message today from Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests regarding Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

Fr. Kaczorowski stated that Fr. Bowman would be moving to Resurrection Life Center on Saturday, February 19, 2005. He also suggested that he and PRA make an appointment to meet with Fr. Bowman and the individual who will be acting as his new on-site monitor at Resurrection. This meeting will be scheduled to take place after March 2, 2005, as Fr. Kaczorowski will have returned to the office from vacation by that date.

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

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-77

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: April 4, 2005

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Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests and PRA traveled to Resurrection Life Center to meet with Rev. R. Peter Bowman, Ms. [REDACTED] and Sr. [REDACTED] regarding the cleric's monitoring protocols. [REDACTED] is an administrator at the Life Center and Sr. [REDACTED] is the social worker on the floor at the Life Center where Fr. Bowman now resides.

Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA met with Fr. Bowman, [REDACTED] and Sr. [REDACTED] to discuss the cleric's current monitoring protocols. It was agreed that Sr. [REDACTED] would act as Fr. Bowman's monitor and will send the appropriate documentation to PRA's office on a monthly basis. PRA provided Sr. [REDACTED] with copies of Fr. Bowman's Individual Specific Protocol [ISP], a Daily Log sheet, a Travel/Vacation Agreement form, and a copy of §1100 *Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness*. Sr. [REDACTED] direct phone number at the Life Center is [REDACTED]

Fr. Bowman also provided Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA with his new cellular phone number and a mailing address at the Life Center.

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
7370 W. Talcott, Room #101  
Chicago, Illinois 60631  
[773] 206-3606

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

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Department of Children and Family Services [DCFS] Investigations

Date: July 9, 2005

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PRA spoke with Ms. Yvonne Gillie-Wallace, DCFS investigator via phone on June 22, 2006. The phone call began discussion a different matter. Ms. Gillie-Wallace then expressed her need to speak with PRA about "other pending cases."

Ms. Gillie-Wallace referred to DCFS investigator Artis Cook and their need to go out to "Mundelein." PRA informed Ms. Gillie-Wallace of her [PRA's] June 16<sup>th</sup> phone conversation with Ms. Gailyn Thomas of DCFS regarding the needs of the investigators. Ms. Gillie-Wallace was able to clarify that she was interested in the location of where the clerics withdrawn from the priesthood [for substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct] reside. PRA informed Ms. Gillie-Wallace that "Mundelein" is the location of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary and that the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House is on the seminary grounds. Ms. Gillie-Wallace was informed that the clerics she has spoken of reside at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. PRA spent much time attempting to explain the set up of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in relation to the location of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Ms. Gillie-Wallace did eventually express her understanding of the campus.

Ms. Gillie-Wallace then requested clarification for the addresses of the following clerics [which PRA provided]:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] [PRA also informed Ms. Gillie-Wallace that [REDACTED] is a registered sex offender]
- [REDACTED] [when asked, PRA clarified that the [REDACTED] address is for [REDACTED] family home]
- [REDACTED] PRA clarified that [REDACTED] moved to Holy Family Villa nursing facility within the last two months]

- Rev. R. Peter Bowman [PRA clarified that Fr. Bowman resides at Resurrection Life Center on a skilled nursing floor]

Ms. Gillie-Wallace also asked about the former [REDACTED] PRA informed Ms. Gillie-Wallace that all three men have resigned from the priesthood and therefore, the Archdiocese of Chicago does not have any control over where they reside.

When asked, PRA agreed to fax Ms. Gillie-Wallace a list of all clerics who have been withdrawn from ministry and residing at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Ms. Gillie-Wallace provided the fax number of [708] 210-3546.

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-77

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: September 19, 2005

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Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic Promoter of Justice, Revs. Edward Grace and Vincent Costello Vicars for Priests, and PRA traveled to the Resurrection Life Center to meet with Rev. R. Peter Bowman on July 27, 2005. The meeting had been scheduled at the request of Cardinal George so that he could speak with Fr. Bowman about the “Penal Decree and Precept resolving the matter against Reverend R. Peter Bowman (DCF P.N. 114/03 – 19661).”

Cardinal George began the meeting with a prayer and then presented Fr. Bowman with a copy of the aforementioned decree [see file]. The Cardinal informed Fr. Bowman that the writing of this decree signified the closure to the “too long canonical process” in regards to the allegations of the sexual abuse of minors made against him [Fr. Bowman].

Cardinal George informed Fr. Bowman that he has completed his review of the case of sexual misconduct with minors that has been pending against him. He informed Fr. Bowman that this matter was forwarded to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [CDF] in July 2003 and that the final decisions made by the CDF were returned to him in July 2004. Cardinal George then read the penal precept to Fr. Bowman and summarized the contents of the decree. Among other things noted in the decree, Fr. Bowman was informed that now as per canon law his current status [as a priest] would continue.

Fr. Bowman sat quietly as he listened to all that Cardinal George informed him about the decree and his continued status as a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He then asked a question in regards to the possibility of him hearing confession for the other residents of Resurrection Life Center. Cardinal George informed Fr. Bowman that he might hear the confession of other residence at the life center, including those residents who are priests. However, Fr. Bowman is not to “advertise” himself for confession.

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Cardinal George informed Fr. Bowman that as a result of the final decision from the CDF and as written into the decree, his [Fr. Bowman's] ministry is prayer and penance. Fr. Bowman was also informed that his monitoring would continue as stated in his current monitoring protocols. Fr. Smilanic then noted that the general Monitoring Protocols for all adhering to the monitoring would be modified in the future.

[REDACTED]

When asked by Fr. Bowman, he was informed that his new Vicar for Priests is Fr. Costello.

Fr. Bowman also asked if he could function as a spiritual director for a priest he had been seeing prior to his withdrawal from ministry. He was informed that he could continue meet with this priest and have "spiritual conversations," but that he may not function as a spiritual director.

Fr. Bowman then asked Cardinal George about his funeral arrangements at the time of his death. Cardinal George asked Fr. Bowman to write down for him what he [Fr. Bowman] would like to have done at the time of his death, funeral, and burial. Fr. Bowman was then directed to send this written request to the Cardinal. However, Cardinal George informed Fr. Bowman that any/all of his requests for his funeral arrangements might not be able to be fulfilled [as a result of his status due to sexual abuse allegations] and would essentially need to "...wait and see when the time comes." Cardinal George did suggest to Fr. Bowman that he include at the end of his written request that he would allow the ordinary to follow through with appropriate funeral arrangements.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

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September 23, 2005

Rev. John Blazek  
St. Teresa of Avila Parish  
1037 W. Armitage Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60614-4139

Dear Father Blazek:

As you know, Cardinal George has resolved eleven cases of priests heretofore temporarily removed from public ministry as a result of an allegation of abuse of a minor. In accord with our policies and practices, victims and the affected parish communities will be informed about the resolution of the cases. With that in mind, I ask that you share the enclosed letter with your parishioners at Masses this weekend.

I suggest you do so in a manner that, in your judgment, best suits your particular parish situation: pulpit announcement (experience has demonstrated that such announcements are best made after Communion), bulletin announcement/insert, copies distributed after weekend Masses, or a combination of these.

Thank you for your cooperation in fulfilling this request, even though it is with short notice.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. George Rassas".

Reverend George J. Rassas  
Vicar General

cc: Most Rev. Francis Kane

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September 23, 2005

To the Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish:

As you know, some time ago Father R. Peter Bowman was temporarily withdrawn from ministry following Cardinal George's acceptance of the advice of the Independent Review Board that there was reason to suspect that Father Bowman engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. According to Canon Law, this determination by the Review Board was forwarded to the Holy See for its review. This is to report to you that this process has been concluded.

Specifically, the Holy See reviewed and confirmed Cardinal George's acceptance of the advice of the Review Board and authorized Cardinal George to resolve the matter administratively. Pursuant to that instruction, Cardinal George reviewed all of the information collected, listened to the opinions of canonical advocates, and sought advice from his own canonical advisors as well as from assessors who are canon lawyers independent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Cardinal George has determined based upon the information presented that sexual misconduct did occur with a minor, and he has prohibited Father Bowman from engaging in any public ministry, presenting himself as a priest, or acting as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

It is my hope and prayer that while this announcement is yet one more reminder of a sad reality, it may also bring a measure of finality and peace to the people of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all those affected by the sin of abuse. They and all of you are daily in my prayer.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. George J. Rassas".

Reverend George J. Rassas  
Vicar General

cc: Most Rev. Francis Kane

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September 23, 2005

Rev. William Zavaski  
St. James Parish  
820 N. Arlington Heights Rd.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-5699

Dear Father Zavaski:

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Reverend George J. Rassas  
Vicar General

cc: Rev. Farrell Kane, O.Carm.

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September 23, 2005

To the Parishioners of St. James Parish:

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Sincerely yours,

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Reverend George J. Rassas  
Vicar General

cc: Rev. Farrell Kane, O.Carm.

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

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Mother Doe 100, individually and as  
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on behalf of themselves and all others  
similarly situated



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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Plaintiffs,

vs.

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The Archdiocese of Chicago d/b/a The Catholic  
Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole,

Defendant.

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES the Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through their attorneys, JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES and KERNES, PITROF, FROST & PEARLMAN, to obtain declaratory and injunctive relief against Defendant, states as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This Complaint seeks declaratory judgment and injunctive relief against the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Archdiocese of Chicago has established a policy of harboring and protecting suspected child molesting agents, thereby endangering numerous children in Illinois. The Archdiocese has information about a number of suspected child molesting agents that it has never disclosed to law enforcement or the public at large, thereby causing children such as John Doe 100 to be harmed. Further, on information and belief, the Archdiocese has a policy and

practice of document destruction. This declaratory relief and injunction action seeks to have the Archdiocese produce all documents regarding the molestation of children by its agents for court supervision, to release the names of all agents accused of molesting children to the court and to the public, and to enjoin the Archdiocese from destroying any documents regarding suspected childhood sexual abuse by its agents.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action because it seeks to redress violations of the plaintiffs' rights and to protect children in Illinois that are in imminent danger. Venue is proper because the Archdiocese resides in Cook County and the majority of the allegations herein involve occurrences in Cook County.

### PARTIES

3. Plaintiff John Doe 100 is a minor. Mother Doe 100 is John Doe 100's mother and legal guardian. At all times material, Plaintiff John Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois. At all times material, Mother Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois.

4. The identities of all Doe Plaintiffs are made known to Defendants through separate cover letter.

5. Plaintiff [REDACTED] is a thirty five year old Chicago resident. [REDACTED] was sexually molested as a child by [REDACTED] a religious order priest who was serving at a parish within the Archdiocese at the time of the abuse.

6. At all times material, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole (hereinafter "Archdiocese of Chicago") was and is an Illinois corporation. Defendant has approximately eight hundred fifty four Diocesan priests serving in two counties in the State of

Illinois. At all times material to the complaint, Defendant Archdiocese was conducting business in the State of Illinois.

### CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

7. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-801, as the representatives of the class of persons who have been molested as children by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago and on behalf of those children who have not yet been abused, but who are in imminent danger of abuse because the Archdiocese has not released the names and files of agents that have been accused of molesting children or accused of inappropriate sexual behavior with children to either the public or to the court.

8. The Plaintiff class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. In its own self report, the Archdiocese asserted that there were 142 cases where they had reason to suspect that an agent had sexually molested a child. These numbers only include information that was reported to the Archdiocese. The underlying data for the results was not disclosed to the public.

9. There are questions of fact or law common to the class, which predominate over questions affecting only individual members. The common questions of law or fact include, but are not limited to: whether the Archdiocese of Chicago has failed to protect children by not releasing the names of its agents who have been accused of molesting children to the public and law enforcement and whether the Archdiocese has or is destructing documents in order to cover up or conceal crimes against children by clergy serving in and/or employed by the Archdiocese.

10. The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. The interests of the plaintiffs are the same as those of all class members because they have all been



sexually abused by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago or are in danger of being molested by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago because the Archdiocese's information is not public. All have an interest in preventing the sexual abuse of any further children by agents of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

11. A class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy alleged in this complaint. The expense and burden of individual litigation would make it difficult or impossible for individual members of the class to redress the wrongs done to them. The cost to the court system of adjudication of such individualized litigation would be substantial. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and would magnify the delay and expense to all parties and the court system. By contrast, the conduct of this action as a class action presents far fewer management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and court system, and protects the rights of each class member. In addition, the prosecution of separate actions by the individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual class members which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the defendant.

#### ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

12. [REDACTED] (hereinafter "[REDACTED]") was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in approximately 1994.

13. At all times material, [REDACTED] was employed by the Archdiocese. [REDACTED] was an ordained Roman Catholic Priest educated, trained and ordained by, and under the direct supervision, employ, agency and control of the Archdiocese. Among [REDACTED] duties in his employment was to provide pastoral care and counseling for

members of his denomination.

14. In approximately the winter of 2000, a nun at Holy Family Church in Chicago reported to the Archdiocese of Chicago that [REDACTED] asked a fourth-grade boy to pull down his pants in the sacristy at Holy Family.

15. The nun reported this numerous times to the Archdiocese.

16. On information and belief, on one occasion when the nun reported it to the Archdiocese, an official told her that "if the parents aren't pushing it, let it go."

17. After these reports, the nun made a final report to the Archdiocese, this one a written report of [REDACTED] behavior.

18. On information and belief, in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report [REDACTED] to law enforcement, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes [REDACTED] worked at in the past about the report, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes where [REDACTED] worked after these reports, and did not tell any other children or parents about the report.

19. On information and belief, after the nun reported the abuse to the Archdiocese, the Archdiocese transferred [REDACTED] to another parish, St. Agatha's in Chicago.

20. On information and belief, despite the report, the Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to teach at an Archdiocesan school and coach a boys basketball team.

21. In response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops passed the Dallas Charter.

22. On information and belief the Bishops passed the Dallas Charter in 2002. The Charter was only enforced, if at all, from within. There was no meaningful external non church

oversight over its enforcement.

23. Cardinal Francis George represented to the public that the Charter was a "zero tolerance" policy that committed them to removal of priests in childhood sexual abuse cases. He also represented to the public that a priest with even one act of sexual misconduct with a child should not be allowed in public ministry in order to protect children.

24. In January of 2003, the Archdiocese released a "Ten Year Report" that purported to give information about the Archdiocese's efforts to stop childhood sexual abuse by clerics in the previous ten years.

25. On information and belief, the Ten Year Report purports to give the current status of priests that were accused of molesting a child anytime from 1993 to 2003. The report indicates that no priest accused of abuse during that time period is in any form of ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

26. The Ten Year Report also states that officials of the Archdiocese have reported all allegations, including those not deemed credible, to the appropriate public authorities.

27. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the Ten Year Report.

28. Also in response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops agreed to participate in a self report survey conducted by the John Jay College.

29. As part of the John Jay survey, each Diocese submitted the number of priests that had allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor within the particular Diocese.

30. On information and belief there was no oversight over the information that was

given to the John Jay College. It was completely up to the particular Diocese to respond honestly.

31. The John Jay College defined "allegation," as all recorded notifications of clerical sexual misconduct with minors, whether or not they resulted in any investigation or whether there was reasonable cause to suspect abuse had occurred.

32. In 2004, the Archdiocese reported that it had reason to believe that 55 priests had sexual misconduct with a minor.

33. In 2004, Cardinal George and the Archdiocese represented to the public that there were no priests that were accused of childhood sexual abuse that were in public ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

34. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the 2004 John Jay numbers.

35. On information and belief in August of 2005, the Archdiocese learned that law enforcement was investigating [REDACTED] for childhood sexual abuse.

36. On information and belief, in August of 2005, the Archdiocese did not inform the law enforcement that a nun had reported that [REDACTED] had acted in a sexually inappropriate manner with a child in 2000.

37. On information and belief, just as it did in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report or warn any of the parishioners, the public, or the parents at St. Agatha parish that law enforcement was investigating [REDACTED] for childhood sexual abuse.

38. On information and belief, the Archdiocese elevated [REDACTED] to a position of authority in the Archdiocese on September 1, 2005. It appointed him as Dean of a Deanery of

the Archdiocese. This is an honored, respected, and supervisory position within the Archdiocese. This meant that [REDACTED] was still at St. Agathas, but also had some supervisory authority over roughly 20 parishes in the Archdiocese.

39. The Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to remain at St. Agathas and in the position of Dean until at least January of 2006, more four months after the Archdiocese received at least its second report of sexual misconduct against a minor by [REDACTED]

40. In January of 2006, Chicago law enforcement arrested [REDACTED] and charged him with sexually molesting two boys on multiple occasions.

41. On information and belief, the nun who reported the abuse to the Archdiocese in 2000 was contacted by the Archdiocese the day before [REDACTED] was arrested. The Archdiocese indicated to the nun that it did not have the nun's letter.

42. On information and belief, the Archdiocese also stated publicly that it has no written record of the nun's reports or the actual letter.

43. On information and belief, the Archdioceses and Dioceses across the United States, including the Archdiocese of Chicago, have been instructed to destroy documentation of sexual misconduct by priests and/or to send any of this material to the Holy See in order to claim it is immune from public discovery or disclosure.

44. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has not released the names of the 55 priests that it deemed as having reason to suspect committed sexual misconduct with children.

45. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has also not released the names of any of the other clerics, like [REDACTED] who were accused of sexual misconduct and are still in parishes, but not included in the Ten Year Report or the John Jay Survey.

46. Although the Archdiocese had not released the names of offenders, some names of Archdiocesan clerics accused of sexual misconduct have been released during the course of litigation. These names were released in 2005:

- 1) Richard "Doc" Bartz
- 2) Robert Becker
- 3) R. Peter Bowman
- 4) Daniel Buck
- 5) Eugene Burns
- 6) John Callicott
- 7) William Cloutier
- 8) Robert D. Craig
- 9) John Curran
- 10) Walter DeRoeck
- 11) Jeremiah Duggan
- 12) Richard Fassbinder
- 13) Joseph Fitzharris
- 14) Robert Friese
- 15) James Hagan
- 16) Daniel Mark Holihan
- 17) Walter Huppenbauer
- 18) Thomas Job
- 19) Robert Kealy

- 20) John Keehan
- 21) Thomas Kelly
- 22) John "Jack" Keough
- 23) Joseph Kissane
- 24) Leonard Kmak
- 25) William Lupo
- 26) Norbert Maday
- 27) Robert Mayer
- 28) Vincent McCaffrey
- 29) Donald Mulsoff
- 30) Thomas O'Gorman
- 31) James Ray
- 32) John Robinson
- 33) Kenneth Ruge
- 34) Raymond Skriba
- 35) Marion Snieg
- 36) Victor Stewart
- 37) Ralph Strand
- 38) Thomas Swade
- 39) Anthony Vader

47. Names that have not previously been released but who, on information and belief, have been accused of sexual misconduct with a minor:

1) James Flosi

48. There are also a number of religious order priests who worked in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese had control and/or supervision over these clerics while they were working in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese knows about these clerics' misconduct. On information and belief, those religious order clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct are:

- 1) Robert Berlet (Christian Brothers)
- 2) Robert Brouillette (Christian Brothers)
- 3) Vincent Bryce (Dominicans)
- 4) George Dyer (Dominicans)
- 5) Terrence Fitzmaurice (Benedictines)
- 6) John Huels (Servite)
- 7) Augustine Jones (Benedictines)
- 8) Donald McGuire (Jesuits)
- 9) John Murphy (Augustinians)
- 10) Robert Murphy (Camelites)
- 11) Michael O'Connor (Augustinians)
- 12) Jean Baptiste (J.B.) Ormechea (Passionists)
- 13) Eusebio Pantoja (Claretians)
- 14) Thomas Paramo (Claretians)
- 15) Carlos Peralta (Salesians)
- 16) John Powell (Jesuits)



17) Andrew Ronan (Servites)

18) Wilton Skiffington (Jesuits)

19) Patrick Strong (Augustinians)

49. [REDACTED] sexually molested John Doe 100 at some point between approximately 2000 and 2005, when John Doe 100 was a minor child.

50. Neither John Doe 100 nor Mother Doe 100 knew that the Archdiocese had received reports about [REDACTED] sexual abuse of children.

**COUNT I**  
**(Injunction - Release of Names)**

51. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count I.

52. Plaintiffs bring Count I on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

53. The practices of the Archdiocese of Chicago have endangered numerous children in the past and these practices will continue to put children at risk in the future.

54. Plaintiffs and the class have the right to not be sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

55. The Archdiocese owes a duty to warn all children and their parents that come into contact with its clerics of allegations of sexual misconduct by the clerics because these children and their parents hold clerics in an esteemed position, which gives clerics virtually unlimited access to children.

56. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics against whom the Archdiocese has deemed to have credible allegations of

sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

57. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

58. Unless injunctive relief is granted numerous children in Illinois are at risk of being sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese.

59. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

- a) Release the names of all 55 of the priests that it reported to the John Jay Survey to the court and to the public.
- b) Release the names of all other clerics, like [REDACTED], that were not included in the John Jay Survey, but against whom the Archdiocese has received allegations of sexual misconduct by the cleric with children to the court and to the public.

**COUNT II**  
**(Injunction - Documents)**

60. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count II.

61. Plaintiffs bring Count II on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

62. On information and belief, the Archdiocese still has documents that are evidence of crimes committed by clerics against children.

63. The Archdiocese has a duty to the public at large and to law enforcement to not

destroy any documents that evidence a crime.

64. The Archdiocese has a duty to children that were abused by clerics to not destroy any documents relating to the sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct of any cleric at anytime in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

65. On information and belief the Archdiocese has destroyed documents and/or concealed documents and/or failed to give documents to law enforcement relating to sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct by clerics of the Archdiocese.

66. Unless injunctive relief is granted, children will be at imminent risk of being molested by clerics of the Archdiocese, law enforcement will be prevented from doing its job, and those children that have already been molested by clerics will have their rights negatively affected.

67. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

- a) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to the Illinois Courts for supervision of these documents.
- b) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to law enforcement.
- c) Cease in the destruction or spoliation of any documents with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.
- d) Cease to conceal or misplace any documents with any connection to any

allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.

**COUNT III**  
**(Declaratory Judgment)**

68. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count III.

69. Plaintiffs bring Count III on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

70. There is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of not releasing the names of those clerics that have been accused of molesting children.

71. There is also an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practice of not removing a cleric that is accused of molesting a child from any position where the cleric has any contact with children.

72. Finally, there is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of destroying and/or concealing documents evidencing allegations of sexual misconduct by clerics.


73. The plaintiffs and members of the plaintiff class are entitled to a declaration that the Archdiocesan practices of not releasing the names of clerics accused of sexual misconduct with minors, not removing clerics that are accused of sexual misconduct with children from positions where they have access to children, and by destroying and/or concealing documents, is

not adequate to protect children.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant the relief requested within this complaint or any other relief the Court deems just in order to protect children.

Dated: January 31, 2006

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**SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION**

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
<b>Name:</b>	Rev. R. Peter Bowman	██████████
<b>Address:</b>	Resurrection Life Center Chicago, IL	██████████
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	██████████	██████████
<b>Current age:</b>	75	62
<b>Name of civil attorney:</b>	Frank Bonifacic	N/A

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**Date of Ordination [of accused]:** 5/3/55

**Location:** Mundelein

**Age at ordination:** 26

**Assignment location of accused:** N/A

**Status of accused:** Withdrawn from ministry

**Name of canonical advocate:** Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD

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**Date allegation received by PRA:** 4/02

**Date allegation formalized with PRA:** 4/02

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1953

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1954

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** more than one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondling over clothing; Fr. Bowman socialized with [REDACTED] family

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 4/02

**Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board:** 1/03—Concluded, reasonable cause to suspect the alleged misconduct occurred with withdrawal and monitoring

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Current age: [REDACTED]

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received by PRA: 7/19/02

Date allegation formalized with PRA: 8/15/02

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1966

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1967

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: several

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** kissing, touching, undressing; Fr. Bowman socialized with [REDACTED] family and spent time in their home

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 8/19/02

**Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board:** 1/03—Concluded, reasonable cause to suspect the alleged misconduct occurred with withdrawal and monitoring

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Current age: [REDACTED]

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received by PRA: 8/00

Date allegation formalized with PRA: 8/00

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1999

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1999

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: one incident

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** Fr. Bowman unzipped his pants in front of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] enacted inappropriate touching; Fr. Bowman poked [REDACTED] buttocks [REDACTED] and rubbed his shoulders

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 8/00

**Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board:** 9/00—determined not to be sexual misconduct with a minor

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Current age: [REDACTED]

Name of civil attorney: [REDACTED]

Date allegation received by PRA: 10/03

Date allegation formalized with PRA: 10/03

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1959

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1965

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: several

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Brief summary of alleged abuse: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] hug

[REDACTED] Fr. Bowman would hold and

[REDACTED] back

[REDACTED] felt Fr. Bowman's erection against his

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 10/30/03

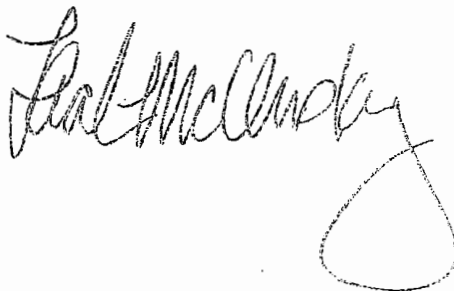
Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: 6/04—Concluded, reasonable cause to suspect the alleged misconduct occurred

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Additional allegations made by accuser: None

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Signature of PRA:



Date:

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April 2, 2006

**HAND DELIVERED**

Sr. [REDACTED]  
Resurrection Life Center  
7370 W. Talcott  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

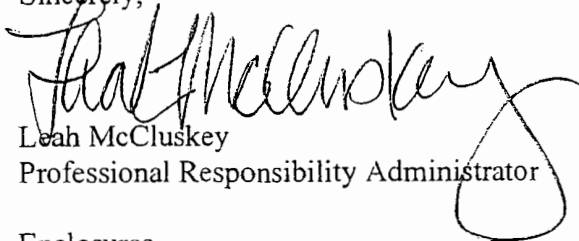
Dear Sr. [REDACTED]

I am writing this letter in regards to Rev. R. Peter Bowman, a resident of Resurrection Life Center, and your agreement to serve as his on-site "monitor." As you know, Fr. Bowman is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago with at least one substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against him.

I have enclosed with this letter copies of the Cleric Daily Log Form and Travel/Vacation Form respectively. Please note the minor changes to each form, which will be discussed when we meet with Fr. Bowman and Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests on April 4, 2006. Also enclosed is a "Summary Time Line" of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against Fr. Bowman received by the Archdiocese of Chicago to date.

I thank you again Sr. [REDACTED] for your agreement to assist both my office and the Vicar for Priests office with this matter. Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Costello at [312] 642-1837 at any time with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim LP's attorney to Leah McCluskey, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, dated April 12, 2006, regarding his client's allegations of sexual abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the letter, Victim LP was abused between 1980 and 1984 when Bowman was assigned to St. James parish. The alleged abuse included kissing and genital fondling and Victim LP suffered significant damages as a result.

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY'S LIEN

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF McHENRY )

[Redacted]

vs.

BOWMAN & ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

TO: Ms. Leah R. McCluskey  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
P.O. Box 1979  
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that [Redacted] has placed in our hands as his attorneys, for suit or collection, a claim, demand or cause of action against you growing out of personal injuries [Redacted] sustained as a result of an incident that occurred on a weekly basis from approximately 1980 to 1984, at or near Arlington Heights, Illinois. Our client has agreed to pay us for legal services a sum equal to one-third (1/3) of whatever amount may be recovered therefrom by suit, settlement or otherwise, and that we claim a lien upon said claim, demand or cause of action for such fee.

[Redacted]  
Attorneys for said claimant  
[Redacted]

[Redacted] being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he served the Notice of Attorney's Lien, of which notice the foregoing is a true and complete copy, upon the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago by enclosing said notice in an envelope plainly addressed to Ms. Leah R. McCluskey, Archdiocese of Chicago, Office of Professional Responsibility, PO Box 1979, Chicago, IL 60690-1979, by sealing said envelope containing said notice and affixing to said envelope the proper number and amount of U.S. postage, and by then depositing said envelope and said contents as certified mail at the United States Post Office at Woodstock, Illinois, at or about the hour of 5:00 p.m., on April 12, 2006.

[Redacted]

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 12th day of April, 2006.

*Nancy B. Raupp*  
Notary Public

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April 27, 2006

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Resurrection Life Center  
7370 W. Talcott  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

I want to thank you again for meeting with Rev. Vincent Costello and me at the Resurrection Life Center on April 4, 2006 to review the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP].

As we discussed on April 4<sup>th</sup>, I am returning the ISP and the related forms that we reviewed to you and have forwarded copies to your canonical advocate and civil attorney as well. I ask that you review and discuss the ISP with your counsel and then return the signed protocol to me no later than May 9, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Costello at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Frank Bonifacic, Civil Attorney  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD, Canonical Advocate



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

This ISP for Rev. R. Peter Bowman is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1. The client is restricted from being alone with a minor or minors, that is anyone under the age of 18, without the presence of another responsible adult.



4.  The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the cleric, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it identifies time periods, it is intended to provide a general record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-site activity, please include your destination and the general purpose of the visit or activity. For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping at a given Shopping Center rather than the details of each individual store. However, if your self-description is challenged or a complaint is lodged with the Archdiocese, some documentation and verification may be necessary to sufficiently address the situation.

5.  Abide by the assignment of residence to Resurrection Life Center

6. (P) Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement", and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure. In the event of a prolonged stay in a particular location, the Archdiocese is required to notify the Ordinary of that place of your presence there.
7. (P) Attendance at a recommended support group Priest Prayer Group (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of 1 times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
8. No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* apply as they do to all Archdiocesan personnel.
9. No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. On-site visits by the PRA and the VP annually to include a meeting with the cleric.

This Individual Specific Protocol is to be reviewed annually with PRA, VP, and the cleric. Also, there can be additional, written notations tailored to the needs of a specific situation which are signed by all parties and appended to this document. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PRA, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, or request that this Individual Specific Protocol be reviewed by the Professional Responsibility Review Board. At the discretion of any of the parties, the legal and/or canonical counsel of the cleric may be involved in the discussions. \* attach copy of decree

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

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

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

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

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

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes  no

(Revised 1/XII/04)



# CLERGY DAILY LOG

The Office of Professional Responsibility, pursuant to Article §1104.4.3, is responsible to “monitor programs for treatment, rehabilitation or supervision of clerics...”

The Individual Specific Protocol for: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cleric Name)

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

<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u> (If appropriate)	<u>PURPOSE</u>
7:00 – 8:00 A.M.			
8:00 – 9:00			
9:00 – 10:00			
10:00 – 11:00			
11:00 – 12:00			
12:00 – 1:00 P.M.			
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8:00 – 9:00			
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10:00 – 11:00			
11:00 – 7:00 A.M.			

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

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

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

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

### TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

**NOTE:** This form must be submitted to PRA three weeks prior to planned departure  
**In event of an emergency need, contact PRA or Vicar for Priests to discuss travel**

\_\_\_\_\_ [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to  
[destination address and contact phone number] \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ [departure date]  
through \_\_\_\_\_ [return date]. \_\_\_\_\_ [name of cleric]  
will be chaperoned by \_\_\_\_\_ [name of chaperone]. PRA may contact  
the chaperone at the following phone number prior to departure \_\_\_\_\_. The  
identified chaperone has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and  
activities of \_\_\_\_\_ [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time  
frame.

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

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

**PRA Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## MEMORANDUM

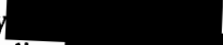



To: File – PFR-77



From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn] 

Date: April 18, 2006

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PRA attempted to reach civil attorney  via phone today in reply to his April 12, 2006 letter on behalf of his client . As per   was a minor when he was sexually abused by Rev. R. Peter Bowman from 1980 through 1984.

PRA left a voice mail message for  advising him that he should expect a phone call from James Serritella, outside counsel for the Archdiocese of Chicago in regards to the legal claim.  was also asked to call PRA at his convenience to discuss the process of his client continuing forward with the process of formalizing his allegation through the Office of Professional Responsibility.

Cc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
✓ Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Patricia Zacharias, Office of Professional Responsibility

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: April 18, 2006

RE: [PFR-77] Bowman, Rev. R. Peter (Retired-Withdrawn) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 4/17/06. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED] Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachments

Cc: Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Dennis Lyle, Rector, Mundelein Seminary  
Very Rev. James Presta, Vicar, St. Joseph Seminary

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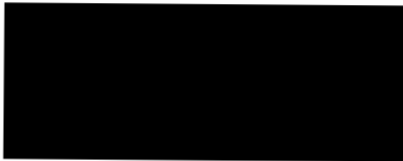
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April 21, 2006



Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a copy of *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*. Additionally, I am enclosing information on our office and that of the Office of Assistance Ministry.

I am also including a copy of a handout in reference to Policy §1104.3.6.2. on an accused/victim's rights to meet with the Review Board.

Please feel free to contact Leah McCluskey at [312] 751-5205 with any other questions or concerns you may have regarding the process involving this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Neri-Palomino, Laura  
**Date:** 4/21/2006 12:12:29 PM  
**Subject:** Information

Laura,

Please send a copy of our policies and procedures, pamphlet, DCFS brochure, right to report to DCFS/SA form to [REDACTED] attorney [new allegation against Bowman].

Thank you.

Leah

*Done  
4/21/06  
LNP*

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April 27, 2006

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Resurrection Life Center  
7370 W. Talcott  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

I want to thank you again for meeting with Rev. Vincent Costello and me at the Resurrection Life Center on April 4, 2006 to review the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP].

As we discussed on April 4<sup>th</sup>, I am returning the ISP and the related forms that we reviewed to you and have forwarded copies to your canonical advocate and civil attorney as well. I ask that you review and discuss the ISP with your counsel and then return the signed protocol to me no later than May 9, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Costello at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Frank Bonifacic, Civil Attorney  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD, Canonical Advocate

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS  
For

Rev. R. Peter Bowman

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

This ISP for Rev. R. Peter Bowman is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1. The client is restricted from being alone with a minor or minors, that is anyone under the age of 18, without the presence of another responsible adult.

2.

3.

4.  The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the cleric, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it identifies time periods, it is intended to provide a general record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-site activity, please include your destination and the general purpose of the visit or activity. For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping at a given Shopping Center rather than the details of each individual store. However, if your self-description is challenged or a complaint is lodged with the Archdiocese, some documentation and verification may be necessary to sufficiently address the situation.

5.

5.  Abide by the assignment of residence to Resurrection Life Center



6. (P) Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement", and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure. In the event of a prolonged stay in a particular location, the Archdiocese is required to notify the Ordinary of that place of your presence there.
7. (P) Attendance at a recommended support group Priest Prayer Group (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of 1 times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
8. No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* apply as they do to all Archdiocesan personnel.
9. No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. On-site visits by the PRA and the VP annually to include a meeting with the cleric.

This Individual Specific Protocol is to be reviewed annually with PRA, VP, and the cleric. Also, there can be additional, written notations tailored to the needs of a specific situation which are signed by all parties and appended to this document. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PRA, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, or request that this Individual Specific Protocol be reviewed by the Professional Responsibility Review Board. At the discretion of any of the parties, the legal and/or canonical counsel of the cleric may be involved in the discussions. \* attach copy of decree

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

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

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

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

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

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes  no

(Revised 1/XII/04)

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May 4, 2006

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Assistant State's Attorney  
State's Attorney of Cook County  
2650 South California, Room 11 D 10  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

**RECEIVED**

MAY 05 2006

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: Unknown

Date of alleged abuse: 1980 - 1984

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received a claim from the law firm of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois, on behalf of [REDACTED], that [REDACTED] was abused as a minor by Rev. R. Peter Bowman at St. James School in Arlington Heights, Illinois. The alleged sexual misconduct began in 1980 and continued for four years, until 1984. Fr. Bowman was an archdiocesan priest who served as pastor at the church. The priest is removed from active ministry and retired in March 2001. The alleged abuse took place in Cook County Illinois.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John C. O'Malley in black ink.  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms. Elizabeth Yore

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pcarlson@burkelaw.com

May 18, 2006



Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. R. Peter Bowman

Dear [REDACTED]

We represent the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole ("the Catholic Bishop"). I am writing to confirm that the Catholic Bishop agrees that the running of any statute of limitations applicable to [REDACTED] claim against the Catholic Bishop arising out of the allegations against Rev. R. Peter Bowman, which has not already been barred by the statute of limitations applicable to [REDACTED] claim, shall be tolled as of May 18, 2006, which is the date you requested this tolling agreement. This tolling agreement shall last until November 18, 2006 (the period from May 18, 2006 until November 18, 2006 is the "Tolling Period"). Please be sure to understand that we only represent the Catholic Bishop and that we do not speak for or represent the accused priest.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination of this Agreement to the other party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The termination of this Agreement shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date the written notice is deposited with the United States Postal Service by the notifying party.

The Tolling Period shall not be asserted or relied on in any way (whether in computing the running of the time under any applicable statute of limitations or by way of laches or otherwise) by any party in defense of any such claim, which may at any time hereafter be asserted against any party by any other party. Apart from this specific tolling, the Catholic Bishop reserves all of its defenses, including that of the statute of limitations, against any claims [REDACTED] may have against the Catholic Bishop.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed, construed or otherwise interpreted as an admission by any Party of the existence or validity of any claim by either party against the other party. You agree, for your part, that [REDACTED] will not commence litigation against the Catholic

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[REDACTED]  
May 18, 2006

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Bishop while this agreement remains in effect. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.


If you agree with the terms expressed in this letter, please sign it at the place indicated and return it to me.

Very truly yours,

*Patricia B. Carlson*

Patricia B. Carlson

Agreed: \_\_\_\_\_  
[REDACTED]



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bcc: Reverend Edward Grace  
John O'Malley  
John Smith  
Christopher Spala  
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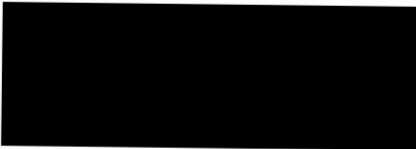
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May 19, 2006

**Via Facsimile (815-337-7990)  
and U.S. Mail.**



Re:  Rev. R. Peter Bowman

Dear 

I am following up on your April 12, 2006 letter to Leah McCluskey and your recent telephone conversation with Patricia Carlson of our office. As indicated, we represent the Catholic Bishop of Chicago in connection with the above matter. We understand that you have been in contact with Leah McCluskey, the Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In addition, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8267), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.

Please direct your communications about your client's claim to the undersigned or to Pat Carlson of my office. Pat's telephone number is (312) 840-7076.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Serritella".

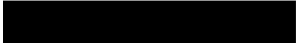
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cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)  
Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)

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bcc: Reverend Edward Grace (via facsimile)  
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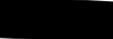



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Re: Bowman, R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn]/ 


Date: May 19, 2006






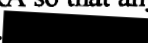
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PRA received a voice mail message on May 18, 2006 from  civil attorney for Mr. 

 stated that he would like to speak with PRA regarding next steps to take with regards to Mr.  allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.  noted that he was to contact PRA to schedule a meeting with his client after he had spoken with Archdiocesan outside counsel. As per  he still had not heard from any counsel on behalf of the Archdiocese.

 requested a return call at 



 PRA attempted to reach  PRA was informed that  was out of the office for the day. PRA left a voice mail message for  that he should expect a contact from Mr. Serritella.  was also asked to contact PRA so that any additional questions or concerns regarding scheduling a meeting so that Mr.  could formalize his allegation against Fr. Bowman.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
James Serritella, Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C.  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry  
John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

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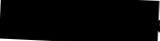


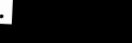


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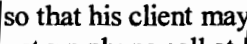

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 



Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn] 

Date: June 12, 2006

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PRA received a voice mail message on June 9, 2006 from civil attorney  of  regarding Mr. 's allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.  stated that he working on this matter on behalf of Mr.  as attorney  has recently left their firm.

 stated that he would like to schedule a time to meet with him and Mr.  so that his client may formalize his allegation against Fr. Bowman. He requested a return phone call at 

PRA attempted to reach  via phone today. A message was left for  to return the call at his convenience.

Sent to DEFS  
6-29-06  
CNP

WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT:  
MANDATED REPORTERS

ABOUT: male (adult) DATE: 6/26/06  
Child's Name [REDACTED]

If you are reporting more than one child from the same family please list their names and birth date in the space provided on the reverse side of this form.

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Custodians: N/A  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than the child's address) \_\_\_\_\_

This is to confirm my oral report of 6/26/06, made in accordance with the Abused and Neglected Child reporting Act (325 ILCS 5 et seq). Please answer the following questions. (If you need more space, use the back of this page.)

1. What injuries or signs of abuse/neglect are there? all incidents took place reported hugging kissing on cheek & lips - [REDACTED] Fr. Bowman placed in minors lap on top of genital area; [REDACTED]

2. How and approximately when did the abuse/neglect occur and how did you become aware of the abuse/neglect? [REDACTED]; notification made to Archdiocese of Chicago by attorney [REDACTED] on behalf of adult male victim [REDACTED]

3. Had there been evidence of abuse/neglect before now?  Yes  No

4. If the answer to question 3 is "yes," please explain the nature of the abuse/neglect.

5. Names and addresses of other persons who may be willing to provide information about this case. [REDACTED] attorney of adult victim

6. Your relationship to child(ren) Professional Responsibility Administrator of Archdiocese of Chicago

7. Reporter Action Recommended or Taken:

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE:

- I saw the child(ren)
- I heard about the child(ren) From whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- have  have not told the child's family of my concern and of my report to the Department.
- I am  willing  NOT willing to tell the child's family of my concern and of my report to the Department.
- believe  do NOT believe the child is in immediate physical danger.

Leah McCluskey  
(Name Printed)  
Professional Responsibility  
Administrator (Title)

Leah McCluskey  
(Signature)  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
(Organization/Agency)

INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

## INSTRUCTIONS

The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act states that mandated reporters shall promptly report or cause reports to be made in accordance with the provisions of the ACT.

The report should be made immediately by telephone to the IDCFS Child Abuse Hotline (800-252-2873) and confirmed in writing via the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, within 48 hours of the initial report.

## MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail the original to the nearest office of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Attention: Child Protective Services.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Child's Name (If Any)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Child's Birth Date

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3<sup>rd</sup> Child's Name (If Any)

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3<sup>rd</sup> Child's Birth Date

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 6/29/2006 8:48:46 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Question

Dear [REDACTED]

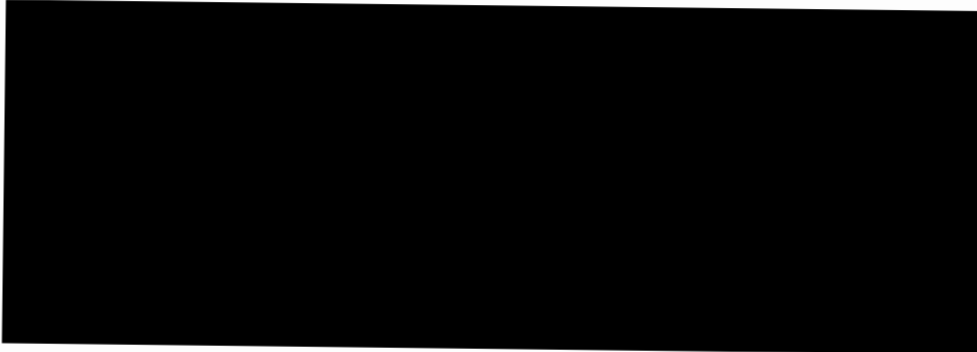
I absolutely could let you know when I present your allegation to Peter Bowman. That is not a problem—and will not take place until you have had the opportunity to review the draft that I need to finish and get to your attorney.

I am glad to know that Monday was a little better for you. The strength that you poses is evident through all of the accomplishments that you have made in your life thus far, despite the events that you have endured involving Peter Bowman. I continue to be humbled by meeting you and many others though this office—and I have to thank you again so much for coming here to meet with us and sharing all that you did.

Have a good day [REDACTED]—and please, call me Leah!

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn]/ 

Date: July 10, 2006

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PRA contacted Ms. Linda Williams of the Department of Children and Family Services via phone on June 26, 2006 to report the alleged abuse of a minor [now an adult] by Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

Ms. Williams transferred PRA to Ms. Janet Headen of the DCFS Hotline to take down the information. PRA informed Ms. Headen that the victim [Mr. ] does not wish to be identified to DCFS. However, PRA did provide Ms. Headen with the name and contact information for Mr.  attorney. PRA then provided Ms. Headen with the information of the reported abuse, as well as the current status of Fr. Bowman and his residence at Resurrection Life Center on a skilled nursing floor.

Ms. Headen informed PRA, "I don't think they'll [DCFS supervisors] take the report." She stated that she would speak with her supervisor[s] regarding the information and will notify PRA if DCFS will decide to take this call as a report or not.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priest  
John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry

Please file in  
Bowman/

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
**Date:** 7/14/2006 9:57:31 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Phone Message

?? [REDACTED]

No need to apologize, just wanted to make sure we didn't miss it. Thanks for your attention.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Leah McCluskey [mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2006 8:54 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Phone Message

Dear [REDACTED]

I just wanted to let you know that I did get the voice mail message that you left for me on Wednesday, July 12th regarding [REDACTED] draft report.

I am actually in the midst of finishing the draft and will have it in the mail to you by Monday [7/17]. I will also have my assistant fax a copy of the draft to you upon it's completion, while the original is sent in the mail.

Please express my apologies to Mr. [REDACTED] for the delay in getting the draft finished in a more timely manner.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail.

Take care,

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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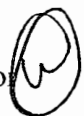



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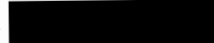

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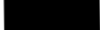


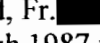
From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 



Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn] / 




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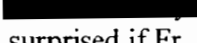


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PRA initiated a phone conversation today with Rev.  regarding the matter of Mr.  allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

PRA prefaced the phone conversation with Fr.  by informing him that the reason for the call was in connection with a confidential investigation into a matter of alleged sexual misconduct reported by Mr.  against Fr. Bowman while assigned to St. James. Fr.  expressed his understanding and reason for the phone call. When asked, Fr.  stated that he was assigned to St. James as an associate from 1981 through 1987 with Fr. Bowman. According to Archdiocesan Archives, Fr. Bowman was assigned as pastor of St. James from October 1978 through May 15, 1995.

Fr.  stated that Fr. Bowman was popular with young people at St. James. He clarified “young people” as boys and girls in high school and college. Fr.  stated that during the aforementioned time period, St. James had a very ambitious youth ministry program and that Fr. Bowman was “...very invested with kids.”

PRA asked Fr.  if he ever observed any inappropriate behavior by Fr. Bowman with minors while at St. James. Fr.  stated that he sometimes noticed Fr. Bowman “roughhousing with the kids that may have been over the line...” However, Fr.  stated that he never observed Fr. Bowman engaging in anything sexually inappropriate.

Fr.  then spoke of knowing  “well,” and his recollection that he  and Fr. Bowman were very close. When asked, Fr.  stated that Fr. Bowman was “probably” at  family home to visit. Fr.  then mentioned that he would not be surprised if Fr. Bowman took  out to dinner [during the aforementioned time frame].

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Fr. ██████ stated that Fr. Bowman "...was big on college visits..." and taking the kids out for pizza. He clarified that a "team" of them would go to visit kids who were parishioners of St. James when they went away to college. Fr. ██████ stated that this team included himself, Fr. Bowman, and the Youth Minister leader. He informed PRA that the team would travel to those colleges that were not too far in distance, such as Marquette, University of Illinois at Champaign, and believes that they traveled to University of Dayton as well. When asked, Fr. ██████ stated that he does not recall traveling to Illinois State University.

PRA then asked Fr. ██████ if he recalls Fr. Bowman taking ██████ out to breakfast on a regular basis. Fr. ██████ stated that he does not remember Fr. Bowman taking ██████ out specifically. However, he stated that Fr. Bowman was often meeting people out for breakfast. When asked if he could define "people," Fr. ██████ stated that Fr. Bowman would meet adults and college kids [when they were home for breaks] from the parish out for breakfast. Fr. ██████ also stated that he would not be surprised nor would it be unusual for Fr. Bowman to take ██████ out for breakfast.

Fr. ██████ then remarked, "████████ is such a good kid." He also recalls that Mr. ██████ "admired" Fr. Bowman. Fr. ██████ stated that the ██████ are a wonderful family. He mentioned that he might have had the wedding of ██████ brother. Fr. ██████ stated that at the time of the wedding, he thought that it was strange that he had the wedding and not Fr. Bowman. However, Fr. ██████ stated that "...it never came up [the topic of him having the wedding and not Fr. Bowman]."

PRA thanked Fr. ██████ for his time. When asked, Fr. ██████ invited to PRA to contact him at any time in the future regarding this matter.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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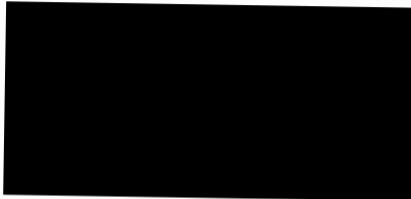
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VIA FACSIMILE & MAIL

Dear 

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

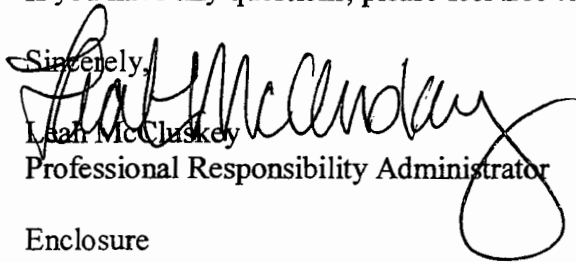
Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on June 26, 2006.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you through your attorney 

 in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report with your changes as near to or on August 1, 2006. Please know that you may also respond by August 1<sup>st</sup> with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by August 15, 2006. I have noted this time frame in light of presenting this matter to the Review Board as soon as possible so that this matter may continue forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

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PHONE NUMBER:	[REDACTED]	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER:	5
RE:	Bowman/[REDACTED]	PHONE NUMBER:	312-751-5206

- COPY ATTACHED  
 PLEASE REVIEW  
 APPROVAL NEEDED  
 PLEASE RESPOND ASAP  
 REPORT ATTACHED  
 PLEASE PROVIDE COPY  
 FOR YOUR INFORMATION  
 PLEASE SIGN/RETURN

Mr. Gray,

Here is a letter from Leah McCluskey including Mr. [REDACTED] interview report dated June 26, 2006 .

I will be mailing the original to you today.

Thank you.

Attachment

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

July 25, 2006

Ms Leah McCluskey  
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RE: Allegations regarding Rev. R. Peter Bowman by [REDACTED]  
Our file no.: 36090-000

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Enclosed please find the draft report of the June 26, 2006 meeting, which [REDACTED] has reviewed. Please note his minor changes on pages 3 through 7.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, to file, dated August 4, 2006, summarizing Victim LP's allegations of abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the statement, the alleged abuse occurred at St. James parish in the late 1970s and early 1980s and included kissing Victim LP on the mouth.

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent  
**Date:** 8/4/2006 9:22:30 AM  
**Subject:** Allegation to read

Fr. Costello,

I have an allegation made by [REDACTED] to read to Rev. Peter Bowman. Could we touch base to look at times to arrange to read the allegation to Fr. Bowman?

Thanks.

Leah

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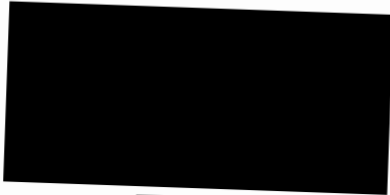



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August 7, 2006




Dear Mr. 

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

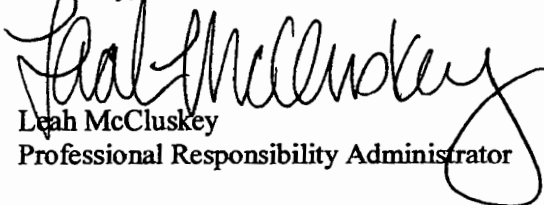
Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. The report is based upon your revisions you returned to me. Thank you so much for your additions and changes.

Upon your review of the report, please provide your signature and date and return the document in the envelope provided.

 in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report with your signature to me by August 21, 2006. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by August 21<sup>st</sup>, I will assume that the final report is accurate and I will continue to proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-77  
From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino *LNP*  
Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter (Retired-Withdrawn) [REDACTED]  
Date: August 7, 2006

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I received a phone call from Mr. [REDACTED] this morning asking the draft report with his changes was received in this office from his attorney, [REDACTED]. I told Mr. [REDACTED] that I would check our file and that I would call him back.

I called and left a message for [REDACTED] and told him that his draft report had been received on August 1, 2006 and that the Administrator would make the changes and send him the finalized report shortly.

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## MEMORANDUM



To: File – PFR-77







From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn] 

Date: August 10, 2006

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PRA received a phone message today from civil attorney  in regards to his client Mr.  and his allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

PRA attempted to return  phone call today. In  absence, PRA left a voice mail message with his assistant  PRA requested that  return the phone call at his convenience.  may be reached at 

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry



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August 14, 2006

**HAND DELIVERED**

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
7370 W. Talcott, Room #101  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of Mr. [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you. I have sent copies of Mr. [REDACTED] allegation as well as information concerning your right to appear before the Review Board to your canonical advocate and your civil attorney, Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD and Mr. Frank M. Bonifacic respectively.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [312] 751-5205. Please know that you may also contact your Vicar for Priests, Rev. Vincent Costello at [312] 642-1837 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc Frank M. Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

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RE: Allegations regarding Rev. R. Peter Bowman by [REDACTED]  
Our file no.: 36090-000

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Enclosed please find final report of my client's allegations against Rev. R. Peter Bowman, signed by Mr. [REDACTED]. It is my understanding that you will meet with Rev. Bowman shortly, and that the review board will meet in October. I will wait to hear from you regarding those meetings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
cc: [REDACTED]

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## MEMORANDUM

# DRAFT

To: File – PFR-77

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: **RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST  
REV. R. PETER BOWMAN [RETIRED/WITHDRAWN] MADE BY**  
[REDACTED]

Date: August 23, 2006

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**Date of Meeting: August 14, 2006**

**Time of Meeting: 9:00 am**

### **Present at Meeting**

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility

### **Face-to-Face Meeting**

Rev. Vincent Costello and PRA traveled to the Resurrection Life Center for the scheduled 9:00 am meeting. At 9:00 am, Fr. Costello went to Fr. Bowman's room to inform him that both he and PRA had arrived. Fr. Bowman, Fr. Costello, and PRA met in a conference room so that [REDACTED] allegation could be presented to him.

PRA began by providing Fr. Bowman with a copy of the allegation made against him by [REDACTED]. PRA then referenced §1100 *Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*, a copy of which Fr. Bowman had been provided in the past. Fr. Bowman was then given a copy of policy 1104.3.6.2, advising him of his right to request to address the Review Board in connections with an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor made against him. PRA informed Fr. Bowman that a copy of Mr. [REDACTED] allegation as well as a copy of policy 1104.3.6.2 would be forwarded to his civil attorney Mr. Frank M. Bonifacic, and to his canonical advocate Rev. Francis G. Morrisey.

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

Once the allegation had been read, Fr. Bowman began by asking about Mr. [REDACTED] question about any possible announcements that may be made at St. James parish as a result of his allegation. PRA informed Fr. Bowman that Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi of the Office of Assistance Ministry had noted during the meeting with Mr. [REDACTED] that he would follow up on the question of any public announcements made at parishes where clerics had already been removed. It was agreed that PRA would follow up with Fr. Bowman after speaking with Mr. Bonaccorsi.

Fr. Bowman then stated that he would deny the “sexual implications” as alleged by [REDACTED]. As per Fr. Bowman, it was true that he and [REDACTED] would go out [REDACTED]. Fr. Bowman stated that he does not remember any inappropriate behavior and that he has “...no memory of anything like that [inappropriate behavior].” He noted that [REDACTED] and I have been good friends...” [REDACTED]

Fr. Bowman asked Fr. Costello and PRA if they had any questions or advice for him. Fr. Costello suggested that Fr. Bowman talk with his canonical advocate and his civil attorney about [REDACTED] allegation, and to call each that same day [August 14<sup>th</sup>]. Fr. Bowman stated that he had already spoken to Mr. Bonifacic regarding this matter.

Fr. Bowman stated that he has a different sense of his relationship with [REDACTED] “...much like the others [reference to other allegations against him]...”

When asked, Fr. Bowman stated that he did know [REDACTED] and that he did “...offer [REDACTED] an embrace...” [REDACTED]

When asked, Fr. Bowman stated that he does remember embracing [REDACTED]

Fr. Bowman stated that he “...is not sure what to say if anything...” He spoke of he and [REDACTED] being good friends. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Fr. Bowman then asked if he would need to appear before the Review Board. PRA clarified for Fr. Bowman that he does have the right to appear before the Board if he wishes, but he is not required to do so. Fr. Costello and PRA suggested to Fr. Bowman that he discuss the question of appearing before the Board or not with his canonical advocate and civil attorney.

Fr. Bowman then stated that he "...does not remember any inappropriate behavior with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Fr. Bowman stated that he remembers seeing Mr. [REDACTED] on a couple of occasions after he joined [REDACTED]. He then remarked that he does not know why it [he and [REDACTED] seeing/speaking to each other] stopped. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. Bowman stated that "... is living in [REDACTED]..." and believes that he may have visited [REDACTED] there on one occasion. /NO

PRA and Fr. Costello thanked Fr. Bowman for his time and for his responses to [REDACTED] allegation. It was agreed that PRA would forward a copy of a draft response based upon the August 14, 2006 meeting. Fr. Bowman will then review the draft and make any corrections necessary prior to returning it to PRA.

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Rev. R. Peter Bowman

2-19-07  
Date

Leah McCluskey  
Leah McCluskey, Administrator

9/6/06  
Date

Rev. Vincent Costello  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

9/28/06  
Date

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Frank M. Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, to file, dated August 23, 2006, regarding Fr. Peter Bowman's response to Victim LP's allegation of abuse. According to the memorandum, Bowman provided additional context for particular statements made by Victim LP regarding the alleged abusive conduct. Bowman did acknowledge certain elements of Victim LP's allegation.

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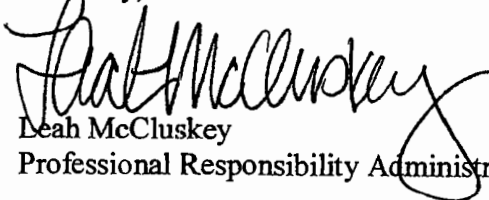
Dear Fr. Bowman,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft report written based upon our meeting that took place on August 14, 2006, concerning [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you. Please make any changes necessary to ensure the accuracy of the report and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you feel that the report is accurate as written, please sign and date the report on the appropriate lines and return it to me in the same manner.

Fr. Bowman, I ask that you return the report to me by September 6, 2006 so that I may continue to move this matter forward. Your prompt attention to this report and signature will facilitate this matter being presented to the Review Board for their consideration in a timely fashion. Once I have a final copy of the report as indicated by the appropriate signatures, I will return a copy to you for your records.

Please know that you may contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns. Also know that Fr. Costello continues to be available to you as your Vicar for Priests. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc Frank M. Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

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## MEMORANDUM


To: File – PFR-77




From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 



Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn] 





Date: August 23, 2006


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PRA received an e-mail and a voice mail message from Mr.  on August 22, 2006 regarding his allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

 asked when PRA was planning to read his allegation to Fr. Bowman   


 requested a return call to him directly [as opposed through his attorney] at 

PRA reached Mr.  via phone today in response to his e-mail and voice mail. Mr.  was informed that his allegation was presented to Fr. Bowman on Monday, August 14, 2006. PRA also provided Mr.  with a verbal summary of Fr. Bowman's response to the allegation. 

 was also informed that Fr. Bowman stated that he does not remember any inappropriate behavior with him.



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] expressed his appreciation for the return phone call and the information provided.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] again thanked PRA for the phone call and the information.

[REDACTED]

Prior to ending the phone call, PRA confirmed for [REDACTED] that this matter would be before the Review Board for an Initial Review at the scheduled October 21, 2006 meeting.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, to file, dated August 23, 2006, summarizing her communications with Victim LP concerning his allegations of sexual abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the memorandum, Victim LP wanted to know when his allegation would be presented to Bowman. McCluskey informed Victim LP that his allegation had already been presented to Bowman, and provided a verbal summary of Bowman's response.

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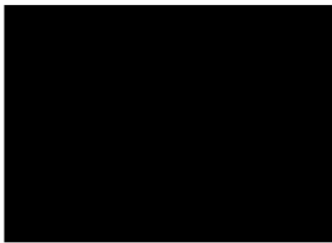


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August 29, 2006



Dear 

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of your report with all of the necessary signatures. A copy of the report is also enclosed for your attorney.

I am also including a copy of a handout in reference to Policy §1104.3.6.2. on an accused/victim's rights to meet with the Review Board.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 9/5/2006 11:40:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Another Question

[REDACTED]

Good morning--and you are not bothering me at all. It is good to hear from you.

In regards to your question about a copy of Bowman's statement, the answer is no--you would not receive a copy of the statement. I could spend time with you verbally going over it if you'd like, but I am not able to make copies as per our policies. I can only imagine the emotions you and your wife are enduring. Please let me know if there is any information that I could provide that might assist you in any way.

As for the Cardinal, reports last week were that he was doing well and had been outside to walk around for a period of time.

Take care [REDACTED]--talk to you soon.

Leah

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





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






From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn] 

Date: September 11, 2006

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PRA received a voice mail message on September 7, 2006 from civil attorney  assistant  regarding  request to schedule a conference call to include himself, his client  and PRA.  provided the suggested dates of September 21 or September 22, 2006 and requested a return phone call at  

PRA returned  phone call today and asked if she knew the reason for the requested conference call.  was informed that PRA is not an attorney and wanted to determine if it would be necessary to have John O'Malley, Director of Legal Services to be available for the proposed call.  stated that she felt that the proposed call had something to do with PRA reading something to  and Mr.  over the phone. It was agreed that  would ask  the reason for the proposed call and then contact PRA.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry

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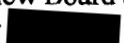
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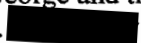

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn]/ 

Date: September 28, 2006

PRA participated in a scheduled conference call on September 27, 2006 with civil attorney  his client  and his wife   had requested the September 27<sup>th</sup> conference call so that PRA could read to all Rev. R. Peter Bowman's response to Mr.  allegation of sexual misconduct against him.

PRA read Fr. Bowman's response in its entirety. When asked specific questions by Mr.  and  PRA provided specific information regarding the Review Board process and explanations for the Initial Review and Review for Cause of this matter. PRA informed Mr.  and  that this matter will be on the Review Board agenda for an Initial Review on October 21, 2006. Mr.  was also reminded of his right to request to address the Review Board and provide it with any additional information regarding this matter. He and/or  were advised to notify PRA in writing if he did chose to appear before the Board.

When asked, PRA provided specific information regarding the process of the Review Board making a recommendation to Cardinal George and the Cardinal making a final decision on the matter. PRA also informed Mr.  and  that each party would be notified of the Cardinal's decisions at the end of the Initial Review and Review for Cause via written letter.

PRA invited Mr.  and/or  to call with any additional questions or concerns.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 10/4/2006 2:45:19 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Attending Review Board Meeting

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

I apologize for just responding to your e-mail regarding your interest in addressing the Review Board.

Due to the number of items prepared for the October 21, 2006 Review Board meeting, I ask if you would be available to address the Board on Saturday, November 18, 2006 from 11:00 am through 11:30 am. The Review Board meetings take place in my office where we have met before. The address is 676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910. If you plan to drive, please let me know if you would like to park in the lot located across from Holy Name Cathedral at Chicago and Superior--and I will ensure that the attendant is notified. Otherwise, please park in any of the area lots and I will reimburse you for the cost of the parking.

[REDACTED], please feel free to call/e-mail with any other questions or concerns that you might have.

Peace,

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 10/4/2006 4:17:49 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Attending Review Board Meeting

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your response. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Take care,

Leah

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October 5, 2006

Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. R. Peter Bowman

Dear [REDACTED]

Pursuant to your request, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole ("the Catholic Bishop") agrees to extend the tolling agreement for the above matter set forth in its May 18, 2006 letter to you until December 15, 2006 (the period from May 18, 2006 until December 15, 2006 will now be called the "Tolling Period"). The other terms set forth in the May 18, 2006 letter remain in place.

If you agree with the terms expressed in this letter, please sign it at the place indicated and return it to me.


Very truly yours,

*Patricia B. Carlson*

Patricia B. Carlson

Agreed: \_\_\_\_\_  
[REDACTED]

BURKE, WARREN, MACKAY & SERRITELLA, P.C.

  
October 5, 2006

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bcc: Reverend Edward Grace  
Reverend Vincent Costello  
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## MEMORANDUM



To: File – PFR-77




From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 


Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn] 

Date: October 11, 2006

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PRA received a voice mail message from civil attorney  today concerning his client Mr.  and his allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

 stated that he and  had discussed his option to appear before the Review Board. As a result of their discussion,  has chosen not to exercise his right to appear before the Board, contrary to prior indications expressed to PRA.

 asked PRA to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 10/17/2006 8:17:30 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Review Board Meeting

Dear [REDACTED]

So good to hear from you--thank you for your e-mail.

[REDACTED] left me a message about one week ago to let me know that you had chosen not to appear before the Review Board. He only asked me to call back if I had any questions.

I do appreciate hearing from you and I of course will keep you posted as this matter progresses before the Review Board. Thank you for your kind words, but it is the strength and courage of you and so many others that I have met through this office that I am humbled and amazed by every day--I have learned so much from so many others.

Please give my best to your wife and have a good day.

Peace,

Leah

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## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING Saturday, October 21, 2006

### AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2006

II. Case Reviews

#### Initial Review:

A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired 2001-Withdrawn 2002) – PFR-77

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

III. Review for Cause:

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

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E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

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F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

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G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

IV. [REDACTED]

V.

**Other Matters:**

2007 Review Board Schedule

The next Board Meeting is the in-service scheduled for Saturday, **November 18, 2006**

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## Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, October 21, 2006 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

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

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- [REDACTED] introduced as new member of the Review Board, fulfilling the deacon position on the Board; due to accepting Cardinal George's appointment to the Review Board on Friday, October 20, 2006, [REDACTED] did not vote on any matters presented during the October 21, 2006 meeting

#### **I. Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2006**

- Minutes approved 6-0 [REDACTED] was not yet present]
- [REDACTED]

**II. Case Reviews**

**Initial Review**

**A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman [Retired/Withdrawn] – PFR 77**

The Review Board was to conduct an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. Bowman would hug and kiss [REDACTED] on the lips. Graduated to Fr. Bowman hugging, holding [REDACTED] hand on his [REDACTED] lap, [REDACTED]

Due to time constraints, the Board did not review this matter. It was agreed that this matter would be on the scheduled November 18, 2006 Board meeting for an Initial Review.

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

[REDACTED]

**III. Review for Cause**

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

[REDACTED]

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

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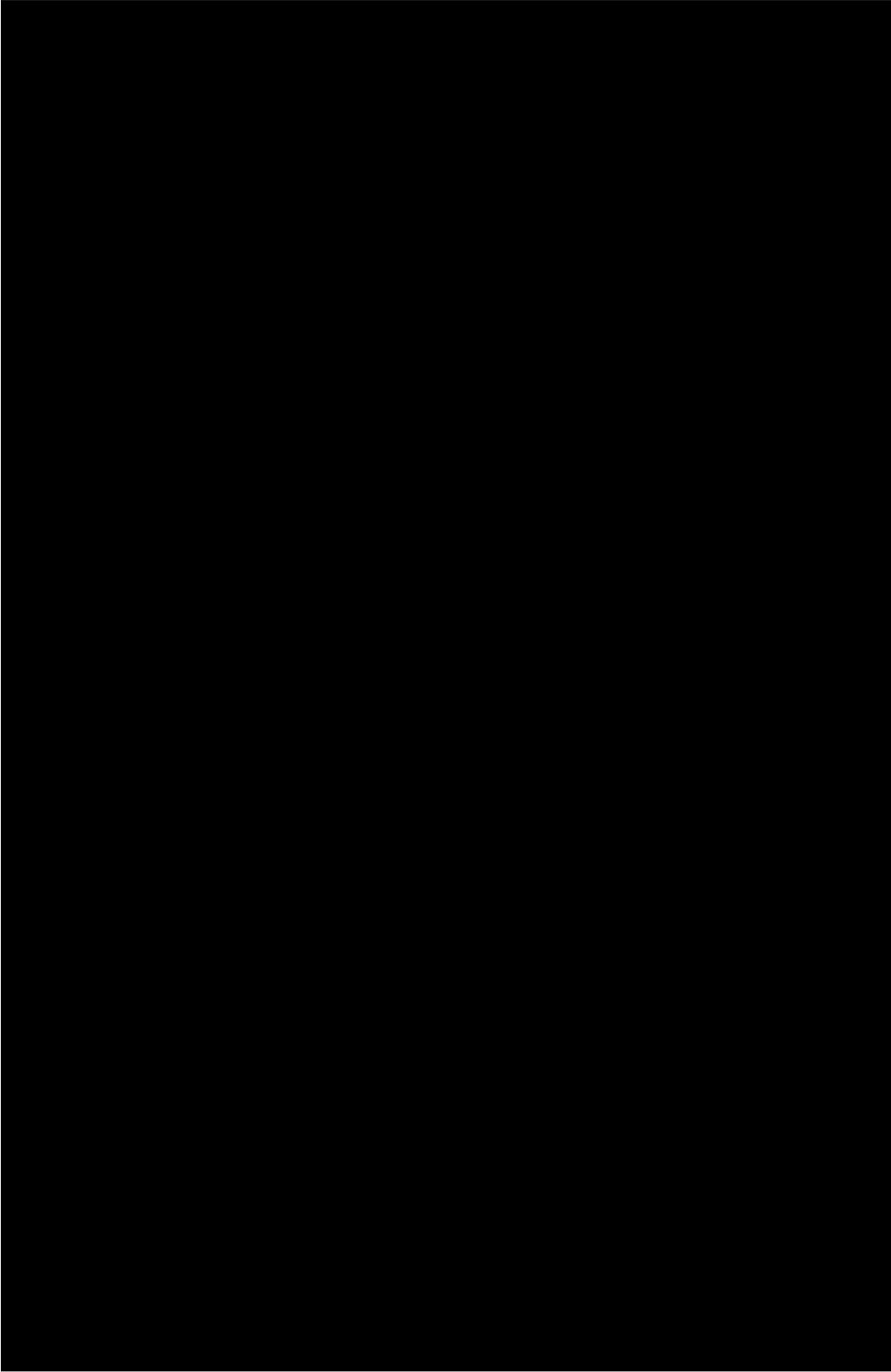
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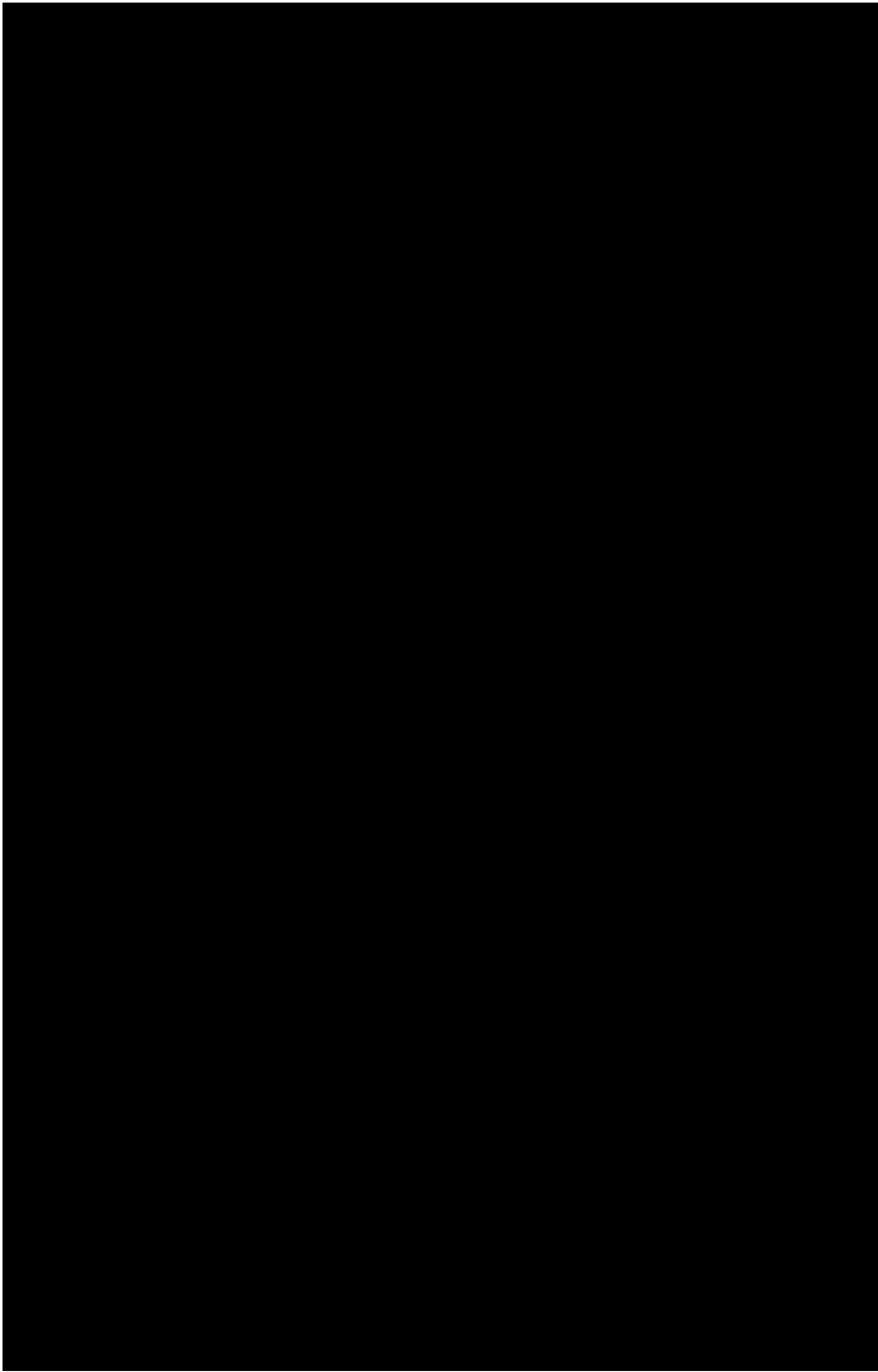
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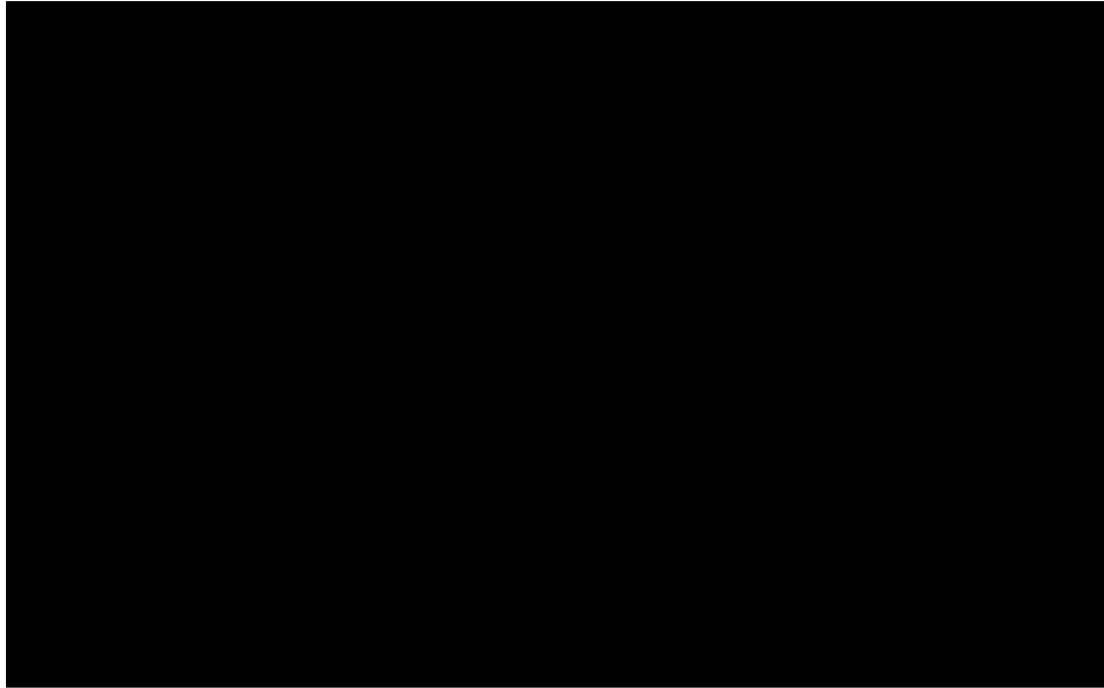
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V. Other Matters

- 2007 Review Board schedule

*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, November 18, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 10/23/2006 5:56:29 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for the e-mail and the information about your attorney and his approval of you and I e-mailing back and forth. I so appreciate the clarification—I do not want to do anything that is not considered to be appropriate by [REDACTED]

I completely understand your expression of feelings about the Review Board process. I will keep you up to date as much as I can. Essentially, I will be able to let you know the Cardinal's final decision based upon the recommendations made to him by the Review Board.

As you eluded to, the Board did have many matters before it on Saturday. With this said, the Board did not have an adequate amount of time to dedicate to a small number of matters originally on the Review Board agenda. One of those matters was your allegation against Fr. Bowman. I so apologize for communicating this to you via e-mail, as I can imagine any amount of emotions to "hear" that the Board did not review this matter for an Initial Review on October 21st due to a lack of time.

However, this matter will be on the Review Board agenda for the November 18th meeting and again, the Board works to ensure that an appropriate amount of time is dedicated to each matter brought before it for many reasons—beginning with the safety of children and fitness for ministry. But the Board also realizes the significant impact that its determinations to the Cardinal has and as a result, do not want to and will not rush through any matter.

I hope that this information is helpful [REDACTED] but please e-mail any other questions or concerns. Thank you as always for your kinds words and thoughts. You and your family continue to be in my daily thoughts and prayers. I look forward to "speaking" to you again soon.

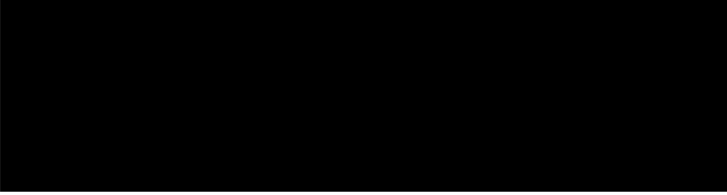
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-77

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Rev. R. Peter Bowman

Date: October 23, 2006

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The attached is a copy of Fr. Bowman's "Summary Time Line of Allegation" presented to all Review Board Members for the Saturday, October 21, 2006 Board meeting.

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 10/24/2006 7:42:45 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Information

Dear [REDACTED]

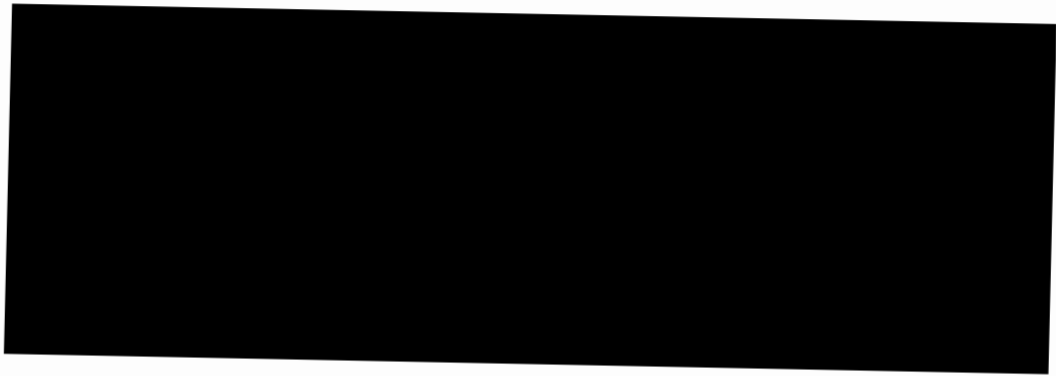
I can completely understand your feelings that you spoke of--and you are correct in your thought about practicing priests and the Review Board reviewing cases. I absolutely will be in touch and fill you in as much as possible every step of the way.

Please remember [REDACTED] that I am here any time that you have any thoughts, questions, or concerns.

Peace,

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 11/6/2006 9:24:06 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Question

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Good morning--I hope all is well with you today.

To answer your question, no, Peter Bowman has not offered any corrections to the draft response that I read to you and your attorney over the phone. Therefore, the response that I did read to you will be provided to the Review Board.

Even though I am not in the office, I will be checking my e-mail. So please feel free to e-mail with any other questions/concerns.

Peace,

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 11/16/2006 10:31:44 PM  
**Subject:** Re: November 18th, 2006

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

As always, it is good to hear from you.

I can only imagine how you have been feeling leading up to this Saturday. I will let you know as soon as I have a decision from the Cardinal in response to the findings/recommendations of the Review Board. A decision from the Cardinal could take up to one week after the actual Board meeting. But yes, I can and will e-mail you once I have the Cardinal's decision at this Initial Review stage of the Board process. As you may remember, the Initial Review is the first of two stages of the Review Board process.

You, your family, and many others continue to be in my thoughts and prayers--and I hope that you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Peace,

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 11/27/2006 1:19:09 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Monday

Mr. [REDACTED]

You are very welcome.

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 11/17/2006 12:53:37 PM  
**Subject:** Re: November 18th, 2006

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

First of all, you are not being redundant. I am more than happy to provide any information or clarifications that I can.

The first stage of the two part Review Board process is called the Initial Review. At the Initial Review, the Board is provided with all initial information received including the allegation and the response. The Board then makes one of two recommendations to the Cardinal--that this matter warrants additional investigation [therefore recommending that additional information is obtained and the matter is presented to it again for a Review for Cause] or that this matter does not warrant additional investigation and that the matter be closed. These are only recommendations to the Cardinal and then the Cardinal makes a final decision [at the end of the Initial Review and the Review for Cause]. Once I have a signed decision from the Cardinal, both you and Fr. Bowman will be notified via a letter from me.

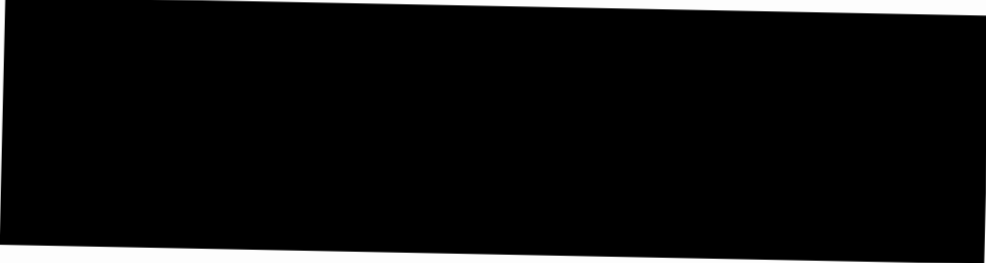
If the Board recommended and the Cardinal decided that a matter warrants additional investigation at the end of an Initial Review, the Administrator [me] has 60-180 days to obtain any additional information requested by the Board and/or the Cardinal and/or provided by the accuser or the accused and bring the matter back before the Board for the second and final stage of the Review Board process called the Review for Cause. All information is considered by the Board and then makes one of three possible recommendations to the Cardinal: there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred; there is no reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred; or there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause. Again, the Board's recommendation is given to the Cardinal and he makes the final decision regarding the matter. Once I have the Cardinal's signed decision, the accuser and the accused are notified by letters from me.

I hope that this isn't too much information Mr. [REDACTED] and that it is a bit helpful. As you asked in your earlier e-mail, I can notify you of the Cardinal's decisions at each stage via e-mail once I have his signed decision--and will send a letter in care of your attorney with the findings.

Take care Mr. [REDACTED] and please e-mail any other questions or concerns.

Peace,

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## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING Saturday, November 18, 2006

### AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes – October 21, 2006
- II. Case Reviews

#### Initial Review:

- A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired 2001-Withdrawn 2002) – PFR-77
  - Allegation made by [REDACTED]
  - Notes originally sent for 10/21/06 meeting

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

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

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

- III. Review for Cause:

- E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]

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

VI **Supplementary Review:**

G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

V. **For Discussion:**

H. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

VI. **Other Matters:**

- ▶ 2007 Schedule
- ▶ 12:00 pm - Cardinal George to swear in [REDACTED] as new Review Board Member
- ▶ [REDACTED]
- ▶ [REDACTED]

The next Board Meeting is the in-service scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2006.

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board  
Saturday, November 18, 2006 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

## MINUTES


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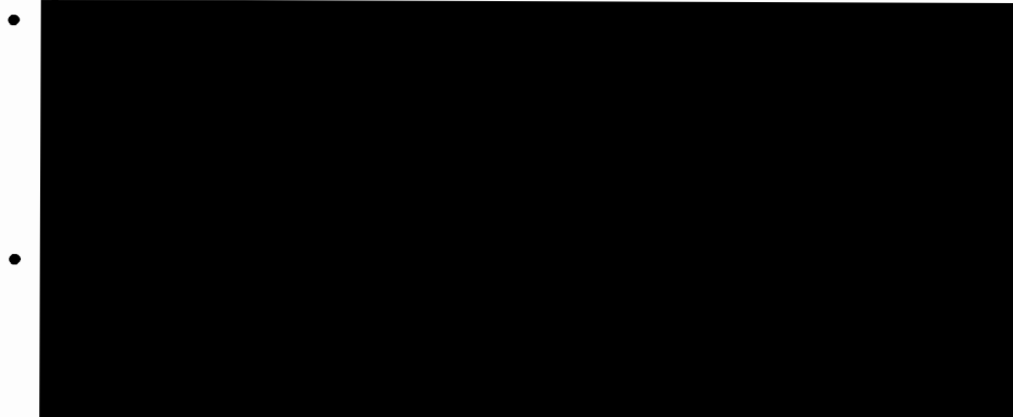
### Review Board Members Absent:



### Non-members present:

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

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- I. Approval of Minutes – October 21, 2006 and October 25, 2006**
- October 21, 2006 Minutes approved
  - Changes made to October 25, 2006 Minutes [clarification on page 2, fourth bullet point]





**II. Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

**A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman [Retired/Withdrawn] – PFR 77**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. Bowman would hug and kiss [REDACTED] on the lips. Graduated to Fr. Bowman hugging, holding [REDACTED] hand on his [REDACTED] lap,

[REDACTED]

In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that the matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also directed PRA to make a second written request to Fr. Bowman that he review and make any changes and/or sign his response to the allegation.

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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**III. Review for Cause**

**E. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**F. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**IV. Supplementary Review**

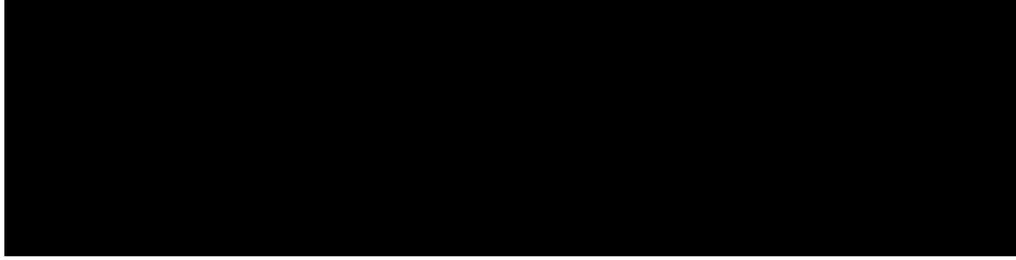
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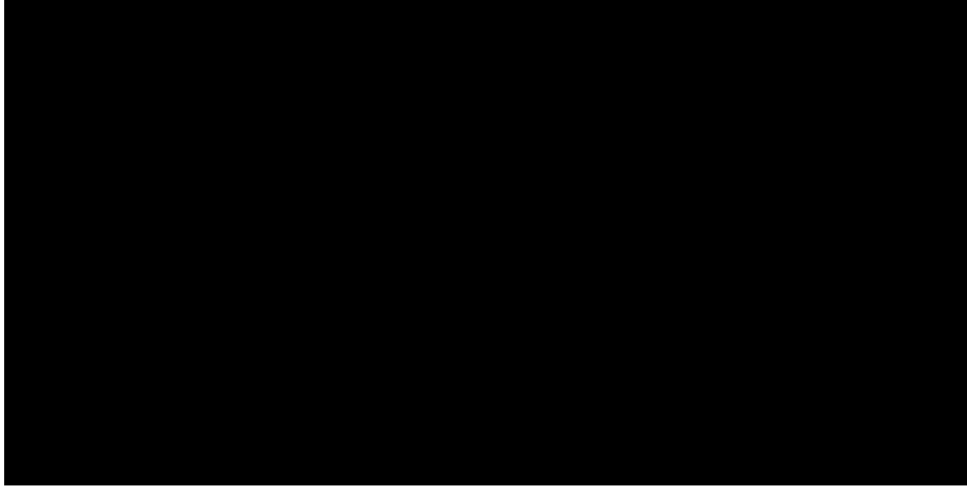


**V. For Discussion**

**H. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]



**Other Matters**

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- Cardinal George swore in new Board member, 
- 2007 Schedule: all meetings scheduled for the third Saturday of every month except for December, which the meeting will be on 12/8/07

***Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, January 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.***

Cc: Review Board Members  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General

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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-77

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter/ [REDACTED]

Date: November 18, 2006

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A summary of the discussion at the Review Board Meeting on November 18, 2006:

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Review Board met on 11/18/06 to conduct a(n) \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:)  Initial Review  Review for Cause  Supplementary Review  Review for Advice  
 Status Report

regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

against Rev. R. Peter Burman  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:)  a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago  a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
 an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)

a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

**Initial Review:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:)  the information warrants additional investigation.  
 the information does not warrant additional investigation and the file should be closed.

If the information warrants additional investigation, the Board recommends that

(check one:)  the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.  
 the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.  
 the accused may remain in ministry without monitoring or restrictions pending inquiry.

**Review for Cause:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:)  there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
 there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:)  the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
 no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 8-0 warrants add'l investigation

11/18/06

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 11/19/2006 6:00:28 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Nov 18th

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Good to hear from you.

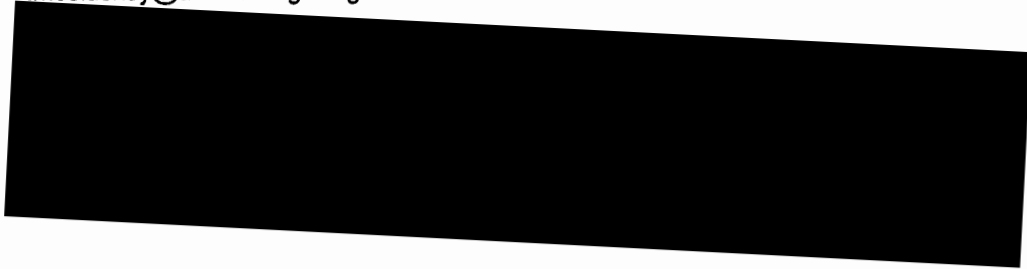
The Review Board did meet yesterday and I did write a letter to the Cardinal with the recommendations for the matters before it yesterday, including the Initial Review of your allegation against Fr. Bowman. As we have talked about, I will notify you via e-mail once I have a decision from the Cardinal on the Initial Review recommendation made by the Review Board. With all offices closed on Thursday and Friday this upcoming week for Thanksgiving, I'm not sure when I will receive the Cardinal's decisions, but will let you know.

Take care Mr. [REDACTED] and I hope that you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Peace,

Leah

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November 20, 2006

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on November 18, 2006 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bowman is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, this matter warrants additional investigation. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board along with all other information regarding this matter for a Review for Cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Leah McCluskey in cursive, with the initials "WP" written to the right.

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

*I accept this  
determination.*  
*F. George*  
*Nov 21 2006*

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AOC 007720

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 11/20/2006 1:45:47 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Nov 18th

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

The very least that I can do for you and for countless others is give the information that they are looking for--as well as try to explain our process to the best of my abilities. I am glad to hear that some of the information that I have given you has been helpful.

I hope that you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Peace,

Leah

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[REDACTED] 11/19/06 8:55 PM >>>

[REDACTED]



**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 11/27/2006 10:15:46 AM  
**Subject:** Monday

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

I hope that you are doing well this morning.

I did speak with Ralph Bonaccorsi and shared your 11/23/06 e-mail with him. After talking, I asked Ralph if he could respond to you directly regarding his recollections of meeting with individuals after the announcement of Fr. Bowman's removal was made at St. James Parish.

As for your question regarding a parishioner advising "...an official that they thought their child was abused..." I want to share with you a couple of things. If someone does identify him/herself to such an Archdiocesan official, that information is reported to my office and a file is opened. If the individual provides his/her name and the name of his/her son/daughter, that information is also placed in the file. At that point, someone from my office would contact the parents and ask to either speak with the son/daughter and/or have my information sent to the son or daughter who may have been abused.

It is the strong practice of this office to not seek anyone out who may have been abused--giving him or her the opportunity to make the personal choice if he or she wishes to come forward and report to the Archdiocese.

However, we also receive anonymous allegations or allegations where the alleged victim does not wish to have his/her name known. If I receive such an allegation in this office, a file is still opened with whatever information we have.

Any time an allegation is received by my office [whether or not we have the name of the victim and/or the accused], a letter of notification is sent to the State's Attorneys office by our Legal Director. The legal counsel for DCFS is copied on the letters.

When I receive an allegation of the abuse of a minor, I follow all reporting mandates as stated in ANCRA [Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act]--by placing a call to the DCFS Hotline.

[REDACTED] I hope that this information is helpful to you. Please, please e-mail me with any other concerns or questions.

Peace,

Leah

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November 28, 2006

[REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. R. Peter Bowman

Dear [REDACTED]

Pursuant to your November 21, 2006 request, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole ("the Catholic Bishop") agrees to extend the tolling agreement set forth in its May 18, 2006 letter to you, and extended in its October 5, 2006 letter, until March 15, 2007 (the period from May 18, 2006 until March 15, 2007 will now be called the "Tolling Period"). The other terms set forth in the May 18, 2006 letter and the October 5, 2006 letter remain in place.

If you agree with the terms expressed in this letter, please sign it at the place indicated and return it to me.

Very truly yours,

*Patricia B. Carlson*

Patricia B. Carlson

Agreed: [REDACTED]

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November 28, 2006

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bcc: Reverend Edward Grace  
Reverend Vincent Costello ✓  
John O'Malley  
John Smith  
Christopher Spala  
Matthew Kaminski

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 12/1/2006 8:11:15 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Information

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

First I want to assure you that you are not being a pest in any way at all. I am here to answer questions and to provide the information that I can. Please keep that in mind.

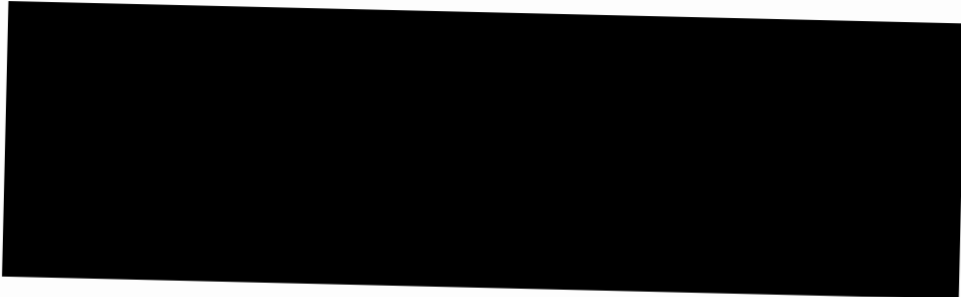
I can tell you that the Review Board considered all of the information given to them and that their recommendations were given to the Cardinal. I am not able to be any more specific than that. I assure you that when I have anything back from the Cardinal, I will let you know--and of course a formal letter will be sent to you in care of your attorney as well.

I do not mean to frustrate you Mr. [REDACTED] and I do welcome your e-mails. I hope that you have a peaceful day and we will talk again soon.

Peace,

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 12/11/2006 3:53:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re:

Dear [REDACTED]

I have just received a letter from Cardinal George accepting the Review Board's determination that this matter warrants additional investigation—and will proceed to a Review for Cause. You will receive a formal letter from my office within the next week or so noting this information.

Leah

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>>> "Bob Gray" <BGray@lawgr.com> 12/8/2006 12:45 PM >>>

Leah,

[REDACTED] and I were wondering what the status of his matter is. It been several weeks since it should have been referred to the Cardinal. Any insight would be appreciated.

[REDACTED]

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December 15, 2006

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
7370 W. Talcott, Room #101  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on November 18, 2006 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that in light of the information presented, additional investigation is warranted. Meaning, the Board determined that based upon the information presented for their review, there is cause to continue to investigate this matter. Further, if you have any additional information at this time you wish to share and have presented to the Board, please forward it to my attention. Any additional information obtained and/or received will be presented to the Board at a Review for Cause of this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Vincent Costello continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Frank M. Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the staff of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry

AOC 007728

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 12/22/2006 10:14:41 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Question

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I can understand how many more questions may arise while you continue through with this process.

In general terms, the Board does have the ability to recommend to the Cardinal at an Initial Review if based upon information received, that a cleric should be removed from ministry pending the completion of the process [the end of the Review for Cause]. Each matter is truly different, so I cannot give you a blanket answer that yes or no, men may or may not be removed at the end of an Initial Review prior to a Review for Cause.

Not in any attempts to add more confusion, but at a Review for Cause, the Board makes a recommendation if there is "reasonable cause to suspect" or not that an alleged abuse of a minor took place. At that time, the Board may also recommend that a cleric be removed from ministry based upon the information received.

Essentially Mr. [REDACTED] this process has been designed to allow for recommendations at any stage of receiving an allegation that if there is a feeling that children are at risk, a recommendation can be made to the Cardinal that a cleric be removed--even before the Review Board process has begun and/or finished. And to emphasize, the Cardinal is the only person who can make a decision to have someone removed from ministry. The Board can only make recommendations to him.

I hope that my response is not too confusing--and that it helps to clear up some things. Our offices close today at 11:30a and then I am out of the office until January 2nd. I will be checking my e-mails and receiving my messages during that time--so I am here [REDACTED]

Peace to you and your family during Christmas and the New Year--

Leah

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January 8, 2007

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Resurrection Life Center  
7370 W. Talcott, Room #101  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

I am writing on behalf of the Review Board in regards to the allegation of sexual misconduct made against you by Mr. [REDACTED]

The Review Board has asked that I forward you a second copy of my draft report of your response to Mr. [REDACTED] allegation and asked that you review and make changes and/or sign and return the document if you have no changes to make. You will find a copy of the draft report enclosed with this letter as well as a return envelope.

If you have any questions Fr. Bowman, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Frank M. Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 1/8/2007 9:30:02 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Review Board Date

Good Morning Mr. [REDACTED]

I should know by the end of the day tomorrow in regards to upcoming Review Board agendas. I will e-mail you if not by the end of the day tomorrow, Wednesday. I hope that is okay with you.

Have a good day--

Peace,

Leah

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>>> < [REDACTED] > 1/8/2007 9:27 AM >>>

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 1/9/2007 3:06:02 PM  
**Subject:** Tuesday

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I just wanted to let you know that the Review for Cause of your allegation against Fr. Bowman is scheduled to be on the agenda for the 1/20/07 Review Board meeting. As you know, the Review for Cause is the second and final stage of the Review Board process.

Sorry to just be getting this information to you--I hope that it is helpful.

Peace,

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 1/10/2007 8:41:32 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Tuesday

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

You are very welcome. I am so sorry about the circumstances, but it has been a pleasure to meet and to work with you. Have a good day.

Peace,

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 1/9/2007 6:20 PM >>>

[REDACTED]

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 1/10/2007 8:43:19 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Review Board

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

First of all—good luck on your exam!

As for the Board meeting, as soon as I receive a final decision from the Cardinal regarding the Review Board's determinations and recommendations regarding this matter, I will contact you.

Take care,

Leah

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>>> <[REDACTED]> 1/9/2007 10:26 PM >>>

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January 19, 2007

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
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Dear Fr. Bowman,

I am writing to you in regards to the **TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION** form that you have agreed to fill out and return to me three weeks prior to any planned overnight absence from your residence of [REDACTED]. Upon filling out the form, please provide a copy to Sr. [REDACTED] prior to sending it to my office. This is to ensure that Sr. [REDACTED] is aware of your planned overnight absence in the event that she does not receive a copy of the notification form from my office prior to any planned departure. I have enclosed a blank copy of the notification form with this letter.

Rev. Vincent Costello and I will be in contact with you regarding any future additional changes to your Individual Specific Protocol, Daily Log, and/or Travel/Vacation notification forms. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Cc Frank M. Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Sr. [REDACTED]  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

AOC 007736

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 1/19/2007 3:53:50 PM  
**Subject:** Re: review board.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

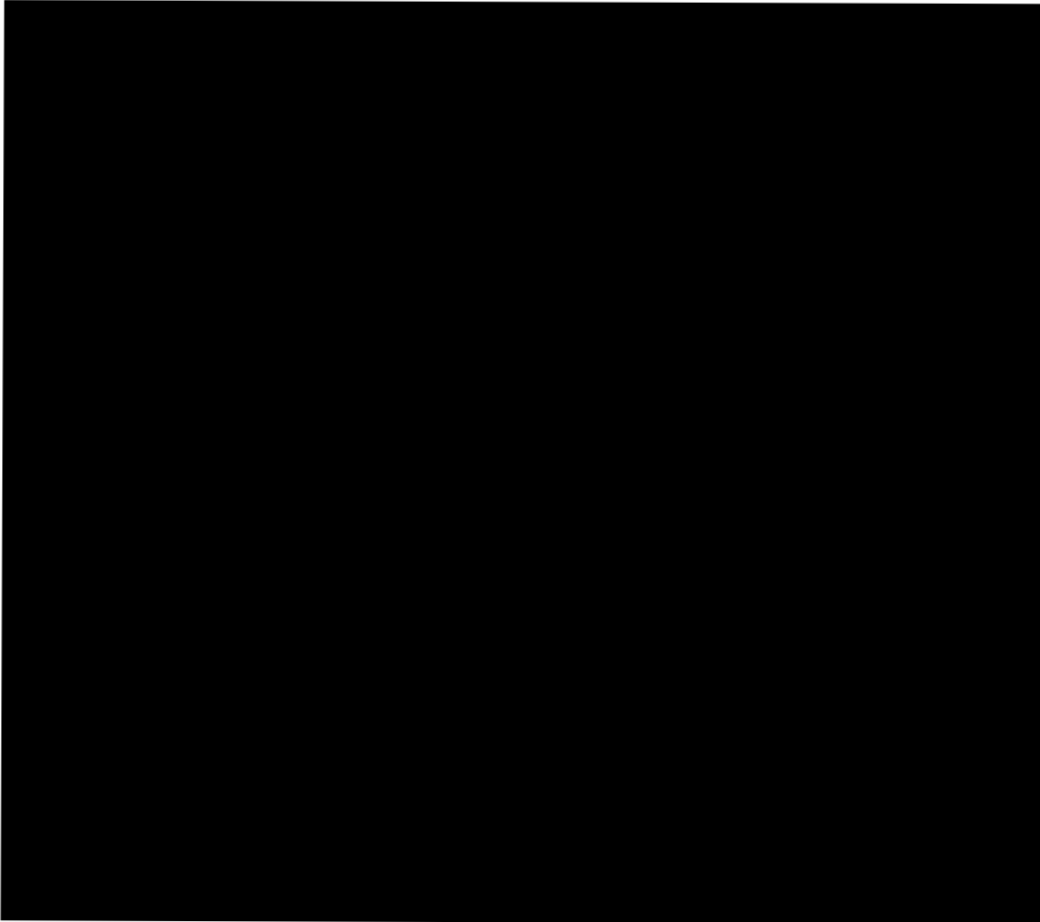
I did receive your e-mail and I will be sure that each Board member has a copy to read tomorrow at the meeting.

You and your family continue to be in my prayers. I hope that you have a good weekend and I will be in touch once the Cardinal makes a final decision on this matter.

Peace,

Leah

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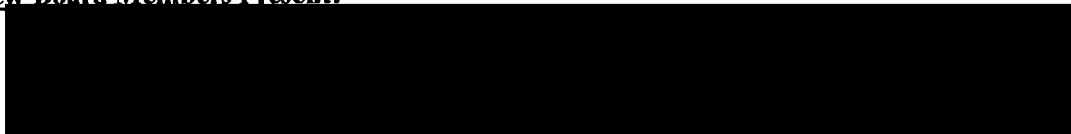
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**Professional Responsibility Review Board  
Saturday, January 20, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**


## MINUTES

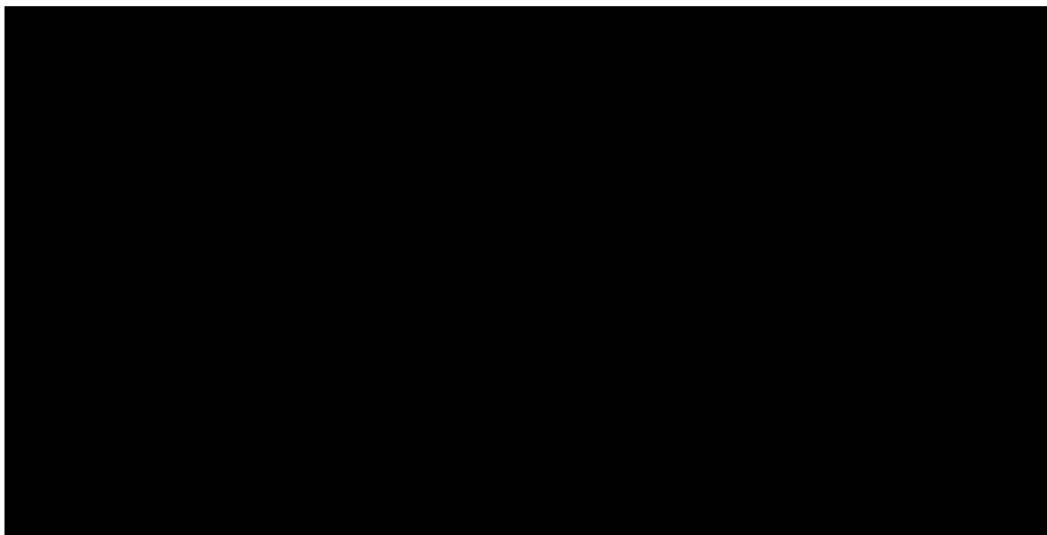
### Review Board Members Present:



### Non-members present:

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

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- I. Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2006 and November 11, 2006**
- October 25, 2006 Minutes approved
  - November 18, 2006 Minutes approved
  -  announced that the February 17, 2007 Review Board meeting is cancelled due to scheduling conflicts



[REDACTED]

**II. Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

**A. In the Matter of**

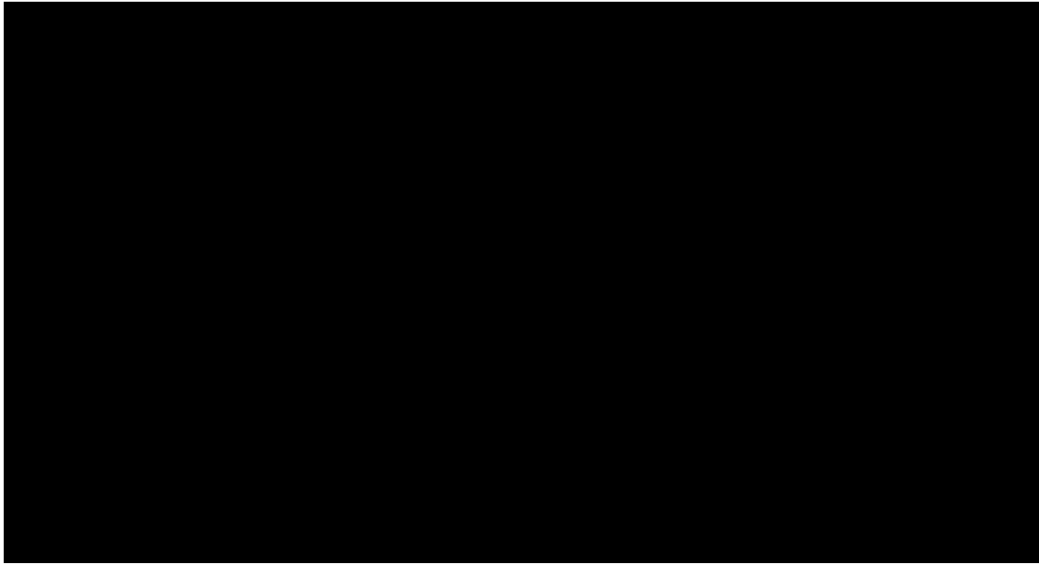
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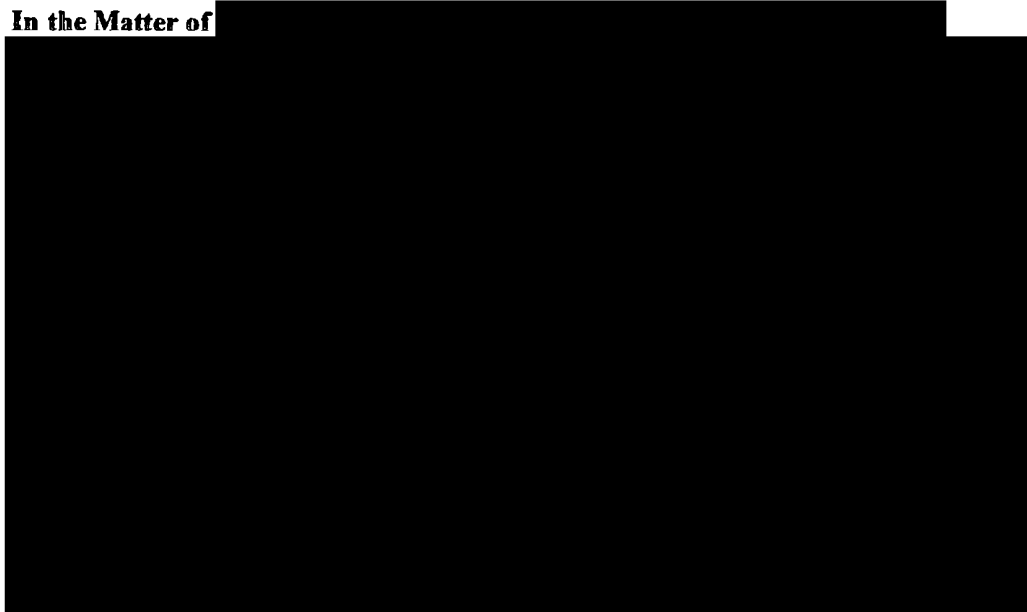
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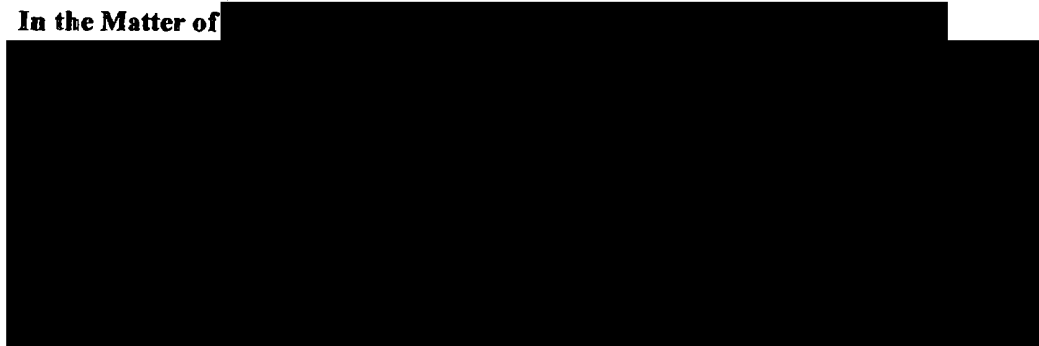
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**In the Matter of**



**In the Matter of**



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

**III. Review for Cause**

**E. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman [Retired/Withdrawn] – PFR 77**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows:

[REDACTED]  
Fr. Bowman would hug and kiss [REDACTED] on the lips. Graduated to Fr. Bowman hugging, holding [REDACTED] hand on his [REDACTED] lap,  
[REDACTED]

In a 9-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

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

[REDACTED]

**G. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**IV. Request for Supplementary Review**

**H. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

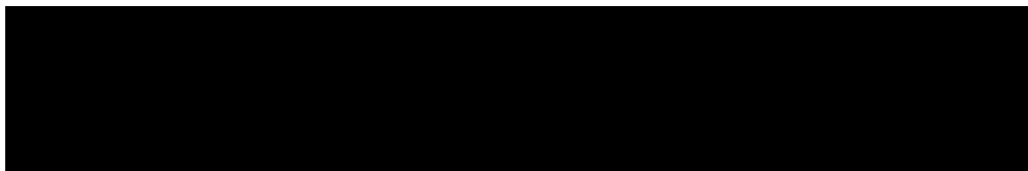
**I. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**Other Matters**

- The next Review Board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2007
- The Review Board meeting in April will be on April 14, 2007

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
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Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-77

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter (Retired/Withdrawn) [REDACTED]

Date: January 20, 2007

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A summary of the discussion at the Review Board Meeting on January 20, 2007:

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows: [REDACTED] school y [REDACTED] Fr. Bowman would hug and kiss [REDACTED] on the lips. Graduated to Fr. Bowman hugging, holding [REDACTED] hand on his [REDACTED] lap, [REDACTED]

In a 9-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Review Board met on 1/20/07 to conduct a(n)
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) Initial Review [X] Review for Cause Supplementary Review Review for Advice
Status Report
regarding the allegation of [redacted]

against Rev. R. Peter Bonina
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) [X] a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago
an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

a religious priest or deacon of
(enter name of religious community)

a resigned priest or deacon of
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

a deceased priest or deacon of
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows:
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

Initial Review: In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) the matter warrants additional investigation.
the matter does not warrant additional investigation and the file should be closed.

If the information warrants additional investigation, the Board recommends that

(check one:) the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.
the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.
the accused may remain in ministry without monitoring or restrictions pending inquiry.

Review for Cause: In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) [X] there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) [X] the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from
ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with
Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except
to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 9-0 reasonable cause



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January 22, 2007

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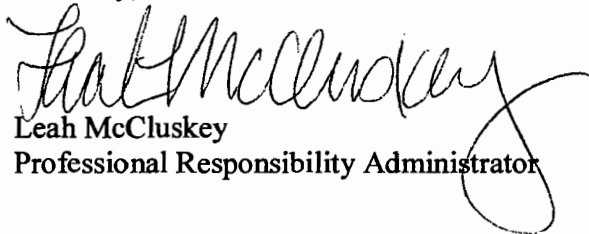
Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on January 20, 2007 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bowman is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board recommended that Fr. Bowman's withdrawal from ministry continue as well as the restrictions that have been imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept the  
determination - and I  
will do review the  
file. Fr. George  
Jan 27 2007*

Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

AOC 007746

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 1/23/2007 11:19:13 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Sat

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Good to hear from you as always.

You are right in your assumption that there is little that I can share with you at this point regarding the Review Board meeting from last Saturday, 1/20. I can tell you that I did make copies of your statement for each Board member to read.

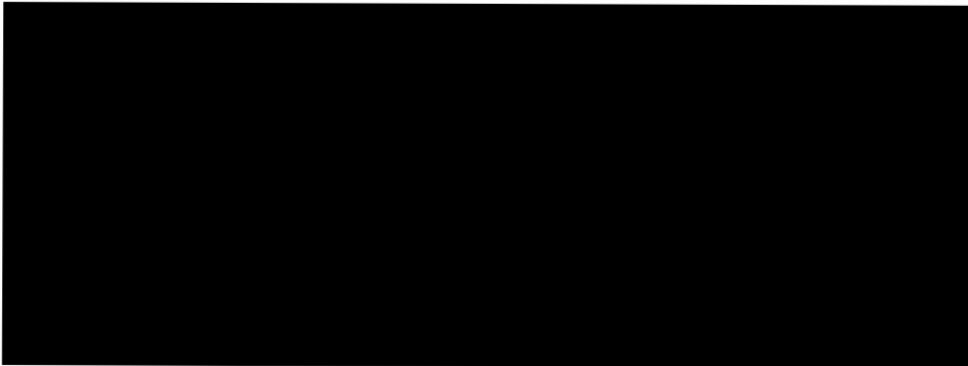
As we discussed in the past, I will let you know once I have a written decision from the Cardinal regarding the determinations and recommendations made by the Review Board.

Have a good day--and talk to you soon.

Peace,

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 1/23/2007 1:26:54 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Sat

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

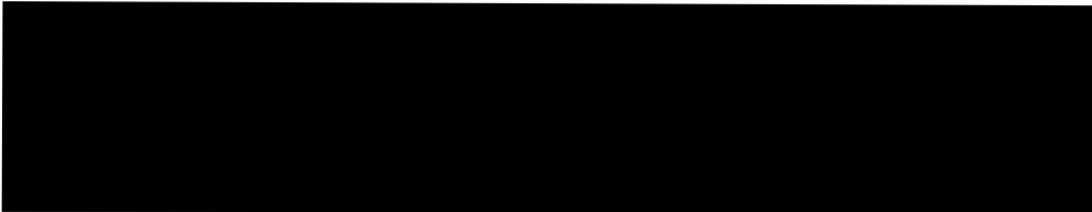
I completely appreciate your sharing mention of the anxiety I can only imagine you have experienced since we first met. I can tell you that I sent letters to Cardinal George yesterday regarding the Review Board matters from last Saturday. However, I do not know when he will review them and forward his decisions to me, as I understand that he is out of town currently. I promise you Mr. [REDACTED] that I will e-mail you as soon as I receive decisions from the Cardinal concerning last week's Board meeting.

I am truly sorry that I cannot provide any additional information at this time--but will talk to you soon.

Peace,

Leah

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January 29, 2007

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
7370 W. Talcott, Room #101  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Father Bowman:

Enclosed you will find a copy of your Response to an allegation made by Mr. [REDACTED] dated August 14, 2006.

I am also including a copy of a handout in reference to Policy §1104.3.6.2. on an accused/victim's rights to meet with Review Board.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino

Enclosure

Cc: Frank M. Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

AOC 007749

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 1/29/2007 5:32:06 PM  
**Subject:** Monday

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I wanted to e-mail you because I just received Cardinal George's final decisions regarding the matters on the January 20, 2007 Review Board Agenda, including the Review for Cause of your allegation against Fr. Bowman.

The Cardinal has accepted the Review Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

I will be sending a formal letter to you [REDACTED] in care of your attorney stating the Cardinal's decision of reasonable cause to suspect. You should receive the letter within the next week or so.

I hope that this information is helpful to you Mr. [REDACTED]. I can only imagine what you and your family have been through even prior to agreeing to meet with myself and Ralph Bonaccorsi. Essentially the letter that I will send you in care of your attorney will mark the end of the Review Board process.

Take care Mr. [REDACTED]--and please feel free to e-mail with any questions or concerns.

Peace,

Leah

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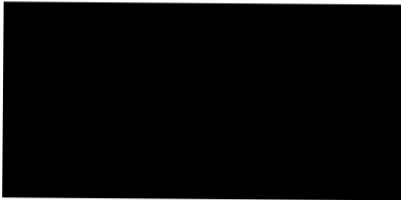


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January 30, 2007



Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on January 20, 2007 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bowman is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At a Review for Cause the Review Board determines, based on the information that has been gathered and made available to it, whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in the sexual misconduct of a minor.

In the Review for Cause of this matter on January 20<sup>th</sup>, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the staff of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
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Cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry

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January 30, 2007

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
7370 W. Talcott, Room #101  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Vincent Costello continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

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Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Frank M. Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

AOC 007752

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 1/30/2007 2:00:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Ref. Monday.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I'm glad that you received my e-mail last night--and thank you so much for your message this morning. I'm sorry that I missed you.

[REDACTED] I am in awe of you and countless others whom I have met through this office--and all that you and your families have endured. Your words are too kind and I can only hope that your coming to the Archdiocese has positively contributed to your healing. You, your wife, and your family will remain in my prayers. Please know that I am here if there are any other questions or concerns that you might have.

Take care Mr. [REDACTED] and peace to you and your family.

Leah

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### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements email correspondence between Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review and Victim LP, from June 2006 through January 2007, concerning Victim LP's allegations of abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. In the email correspondence, McCluskey provides Victim LP with information and resources to assist him as he formalizes his allegation against Bowman. Victim LP also sought periodic updates on the Archdiocese of Chicago Independent Review Board's consideration of his allegations.

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February 6, 2007

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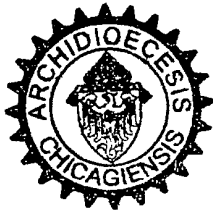
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of January 27, 2007 in response to your letter of January 22, 2007, regarding the matter of **Reverend R. Peter Bowman**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been prohibited from exercising ministry, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. This matter was discussed in a Review for Cause by the Professional Responsibility Review Board at their meeting of January 20, 2007.

I accept the Review Board's determination that there is a reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged actions occurred, and that Fr. Bowman's withdrawal from ministry continue, along with his current monitoring protocols. I would also like to review his file.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Francis Cardinal George in black ink.

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

*Rev. Richard Saundis*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
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**HAND DELIVERED**

April 23, 2007

Sr. [REDACTED]  
Resurrection Life Center  
7370 W. Talcott  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Sr. [REDACTED]

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the summary of allegations of the sexual abuse of minors against Rev. R. Peter Bowman that have been received by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review to date. You will also find copies of the most recent "Clergy Daily Log" and "Travel/Vacation Notification" forms that Fr. Bowman will be directed to use as a client of this office.

As you know, one of our Vicars for Priests Rev. Vincent Costello and myself are scheduled to meet with Fr. Bowman today to review with him his updated Individual Specific Protocol [ISP]. Once I have a signed copy of Fr. Bowman's updated ISP, I will forward a copy to you for your information and records.

Sr. [REDACTED] I want to thank you again for your continued assistance with the matter of Fr. Bowman's relation to this office. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

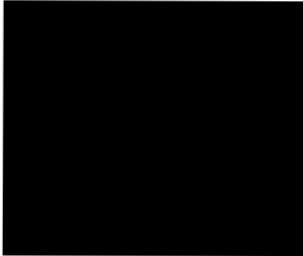
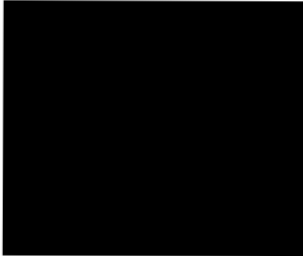

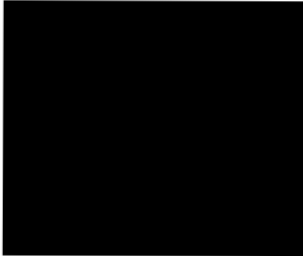


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Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

AOC 007756

**SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION**

	<b>ACCUSED</b>	<b>ACCUSER</b>
<b>Name:</b>	Rev. R. Peter Bowman	
<b>Address:</b>	Resurrection Life Center Chicago, IL	
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		
<b>Current age:</b>	77	
<b>Name of civil attorney:</b>	Frank Bonifacic	

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**Date of Ordination [of accused]:** 5/3/55

**Location:** Mundelein

**Age at ordination:** 26

**Assignment location of accused:** N/A

**Status of accused:** Retired/Withdrawn

**Name of canonical advocate:** Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD

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**Date allegation received:** 4/17/06

**Date allegation formalized:** 6/26/06

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1980

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1984

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** several

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:**



**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 8/14/06; Fr. Bowman acknowledged knowing Mr. [REDACTED] as well as taking him out [REDACTED] Fr. Bowman also acknowledged "hugs." However, Fr. Bowman does not recall any sexually inappropriate behavior.

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** concluded; 1/07, reasonable cause to suspect the alleged misconduct occurred

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:** N/A

**Date allegation received:** 7/19/02

**Date allegation formalized:** 8/15/02

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1966

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1967

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** several

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** kissing, touching, undressing; Fr. Bowman socialized with Mr. [REDACTED] family and spent time in their home

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 8/19/02

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 1/03—Concluded, reasonable cause to suspect the alleged misconduct occurred with withdrawal and monitoring

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:** N/A

**Date allegation received:** 8/00

**Date allegation formalized:** 8/00

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1999

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1999

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** one incident

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** [REDACTED]

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 8/00

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 9/00—determined not to be sexual misconduct with a minor

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:** [REDACTED]

**Date allegation received:** 10/03

**Date allegation formalized:** 10/03

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1959

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1965

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** several

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** [REDACTED]

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 10/30/03

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 6/04—Concluded, reasonable cause to suspect the alleged misconduct occurred

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:** N/A

**Date allegation received:** 4/02

**Date allegation formalized:** 4/02

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1953

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1953/1954

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** more than one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondling over clothes; Fr. Bowman socialized with Mr. [REDACTED] family

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 4/02

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 12/02 reasonable cause to suspect the alleged misconduct occurred; 1/03 Cardinal accepted Review Board determination

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**Signature of Director:**

*Paul McCloskey*

**Date:**

4/20/07

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May 4, 2007

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
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Sincerely,

*Leah McCluskey*  
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Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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

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Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes  no

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Printed Name: Rev. R. Peter Bowman

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**MEMORANDUM**


**TO:** Kathleen Leggdas, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests  
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Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Patricia Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**FROM:** Ambi Jeffries, Secretary, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

**DATE:** 08/06/2007

**RE:** **Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn]** 

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 07/23/2007.

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It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

**Attachment**

**Cc:** Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Very Rev James Presta, St. Joseph Seminary  
Rev. Dennis Lyle, Mundelein Seminary

**Bc:** John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services  
Jim Serritella, Attorney



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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 77

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn] [REDACTED]

Date: August 6, 2007

On July 23, 2007 I received a voice mail message from civil attorney [REDACTED] concerning a “new claim” that he wanted to discuss concerning an allegation against a known and resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago whom he did name. [REDACTED] asked that I call him at [REDACTED]

I attempted to reach [REDACTED] via phone on July 25<sup>th</sup> in response to his July 23<sup>rd</sup> message. Due to the fact that [REDACTED] was not available, I left him a voice mail message and asked for a return phone call at his convenience.

I received a voice mail message from [REDACTED] on July 26<sup>th</sup>, returning my July 25<sup>th</sup> message to him. [REDACTED] clarified that he has “two cases” to discuss in regards to claims against the already named resigned priest. He requested a return phone call.

I attempted to reach [REDACTED] on July 27, 2007 at his office. Due to the fact that [REDACTED] was not in, I left a message and asked that he call me at his convenience so that we may discuss the two new claims that he has against the resigned priest he named. I provided the information that I would be away from the office at a conference from July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, but that I did hope to speak with him as soon as was convenient for him.

I received a return phone call from [REDACTED] today and explained that the reason for his delay in returning my July 27<sup>th</sup> message was that he was on vacation last week. When asked, [REDACTED] provided the clarification that he has two new clients, each with one allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against two different priests. [REDACTED] identified one of the priests as Rev. R. Peter Bowman and his client as Mr. [REDACTED]. I informed [REDACTED] that Fr. Bowman is a retired and withdrawn priest of

the Archdiocese of Chicago with at least one allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against him.

asked what next steps needed to be taken in regards to Mr. allegation. I informed that if Mr. was interested and/or in need of support services, that I would like to put him in contact with our Office of Assistance Ministry. expressed his thanks for the information, but did not indicate if Mr. would be in need of such services at this time. He added that Mr. resides in and that he returns to the Chicago area a couple of times per year. stated that he would contact Mr. and ask when his next visit was planned. He added that he feels that Mr. told him that he would be back in the area in October of this year.

When asked, provided the information that Mr. alleges that there was one incident of sexual abuse by Fr. Bowman and that it took place in relation to being an altar server for the cleric. As per Mr. attended St. Denis grammar school from 1957 when he began first grade through seventh. When asked, stated that he did not have Mr. date of birth, but that he is years old.

It was agreed that would contact me after speaking with Mr. again. may be reached at

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Kathleen Leggdas, Office of Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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August 10, 2007

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Assistant State's Attorney  
State's Attorney of Cook County  
2650 South California, Room 11 D 10  
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**RECEIVED**

**AUG 13 2007**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE  
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

RE:

[REDACTED]  
Our File #07 SC 092  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Date of Incident: Unknown  
Location of Incident: St. Denis Grammar School

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review has received an allegation from attorney [REDACTED] that his client, [REDACTED] currently [REDACTED] years old, was sexually abused as a minor by Fr. R. Peter Bowman, an Archdiocesan priest. The alleged abuse occurred when Mr. [REDACTED] was attending St. Denis grammar school and was an altar server for the accused priest. Mr. [REDACTED] began St. Denis in 1957 and attended first through seventh grade. It is not known at this time what grade Mr. [REDACTED] was in when the alleged abuse took place. Mr. [REDACTED] currently lives in [REDACTED]. Fr. R. Peter Bowman is retired and withdrawn from ministry.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John C. O'Malley in cursive.  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓  
Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms. Elizabeth Yore

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[REDACTED]

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August 13, 2007

By facsimile transmission and regular mail

Ms. Patricia B. Carlson  
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C.  
330 N. Wabash  
22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60611-3607

RE:

[REDACTED]

Father Robert Peter Bowman

Dear Ms. Carlson,

As we discussed, please be advised that I will be representing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with respect to both of the above referenced matters. [REDACTED] date of birth is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] date of birth is [REDACTED]. I would request that you provide me with a Tolling Agreement at your earliest convenience.

I look forward to working with you on these matters.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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August 15, 2007

VIA FACSIMILE (312-899-8003) & U.S. MAIL



Re: [Redacted] /Father Robert Peter Bowman

Dear [Redacted]

I am following up on your letter of August 13, 2007 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that someone from her office has been or will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Ms. Mayra Flores (312-751-8291), Assistant Director of Victim Assistance Ministry for the Archdiocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.


Please direct your communications about this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

James A. Serritella

lj

cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)  
Mayra Flores (via facsimile)

  
August 15, 2007

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bcc: Reverend Edward Grace (via facsimile)  
Reverend Vincent Costello (via facsimile)  
John O'Malley (via facsimile)

8/15/2007 9:18 AM/09891/00845/443219/1

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Flores, Mayra; Leggdas, Kathleen  
**Date:** 8/21/2007 6:30:32 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: [REDACTED] and Father Robert Peter Bowman

Kathleen and Mayra,

This is the most recent e-mail exchange between [REDACTED] and me. As you can see, [REDACTED] suggested that we meet at 10am here with Mr. [REDACTED]. Could you please let me know as we get closer who would be available to meet with us at that time?

Thanks.

Leah

>>> Leah McCluskey 8/21/2007 6:28 PM >>>

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you and Mr. [REDACTED] so much for the response and the time of 10am. We will look forward to seeing you then.

[REDACTED] I will also share your e-mail with those in Assistance Ministry.

Take care--and will talk with you soon.

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 8/21/2007 6:25 PM >>>

Leah,

Thanks for making that date and time available. Why don't we meet at 10:00?  
I will convey your offer of Assistance Ministry to Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



-----Original Message-----

From: Leah McCluskey [<mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2007 5:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] and Father Robert Peter Bowman

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for your e-mail concerning Mr. [REDACTED]

Friday, October 19th in the morning does work for me. I will reserve the morning and will just wait to hear from you for a specific time that works for you and Mr. [REDACTED]. I will notify our Office of Assistance Ministry of the date of October 19th as well.

In the interim, please let me know if Mr. [REDACTED] is interested in receiving any information from my office or from the Office of Assistance Ministry in terms of supports or other services that he might have questions about or interests in.

Thank you again [REDACTED]. As always, please call with any questions or concerns.

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] > 8/15/2007 6:33 PM >>>

Leah,

[REDACTED] contacted me and advised that he will be in from Australia in mid-October. He was hoping to set up a time now. Does Friday, October 19 in the AM work for you?

Let me know.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Flores, Mayra; Leggdas, Kathleen  
**Date:** 8/21/2007 5:44:58 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: [REDACTED] and Father Robert Peter Bowman

Kathleen and Mayra,

Just sending you this information as an FYI for an October 19, 2007 am meeting date. The time is so far in advance, as [REDACTED] client Mr. [REDACTED] resides in Australia and will be in Chicago in October.

I tried to e-mail this to Matt, but don't think that he has AOC e-mail yet.

Leah

>>> Leah McCluskey 8/21/2007 5:42 PM >>>  
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for your e-mail concerning Mr. [REDACTED]

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Thank you again [REDACTED] As always, please call with any questions or concerns.

Leah

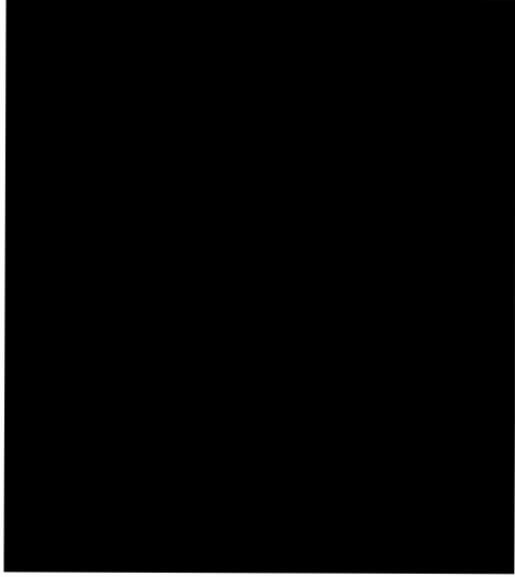
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Let me know.

[REDACTED]



**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 10/8/2007 10:14:25 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Question

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your response. I'll look forward to hearing back from you and/or [REDACTED]

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 10/8/2007 9:34 AM >>>

Leah,

I have 10:00, and I am copying my client on the e-mail to confirm with him. I anticipate that he will e-mail me back with confirmation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Leah McCluskey [mailto:lmclluskey@archchicago.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 9:22 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Question

Dear [REDACTED]

I am just looking ahead on my calendar and have Friday, 10/19 set aside to possibly meet with you and your client [REDACTED] regarding his allegation against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

I wanted to check with you to see if you and your client were still interested in meeting that day and if so, what time would work for you?

Thank you [REDACTED] Talk to you soon.

Leah

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board

Saturday, November 17, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Present Via Phone:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L.M.' or similar initials, enclosed in a circular scribble.

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- I. **Approval of Minutes** – October 20, 2007 and October 29, 2007
    - Typos and changes made to the October 20, 2007 minutes; changes will be made and distributed for Board members to review at the next scheduled Review Board meeting
    - October 29, 2007 minutes approved

- II. **Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

- A. **In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

**B. In the Matter of**

[Redacted]

Review for Cause

**C. In the Matter of**

[Redacted]

**III. Request for Supplementary Review**

**D. In the Matter of**

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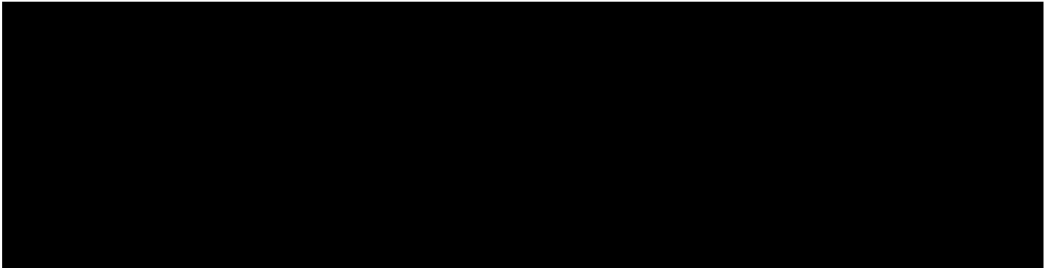
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**E. In the Matter of**

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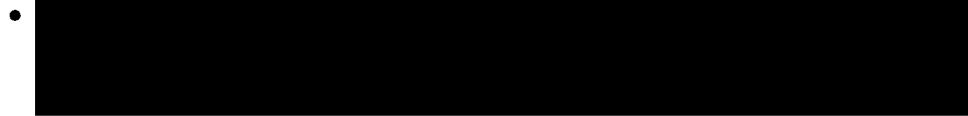
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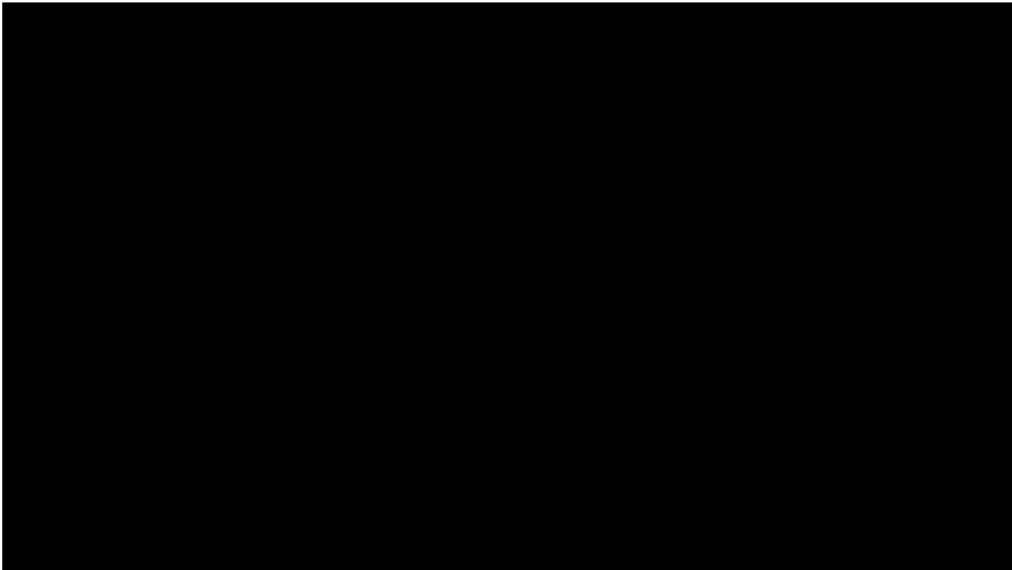
**Daily Logs**

- Ms. McCluskey spoke to the Review Board about those priests withdrawn from ministry who reside in nursing home care [Rev. R. Peter Bowman, Rev. Norman Czajka, Rev. Anthony Vader] and their inability to write in order to complete the “Clergy Daily Log” forms; it was agreed that Ms. McCluskey inform these men that they only have to complete a “Clergy Daily Log” form to be returned to her when they leave their respective buildings [residences]

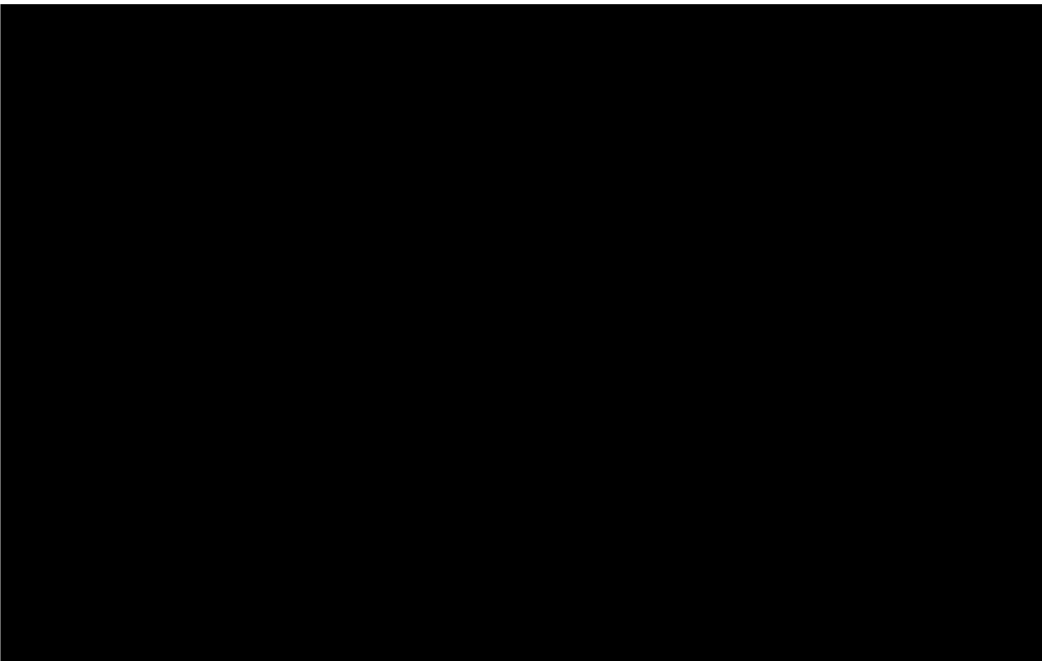
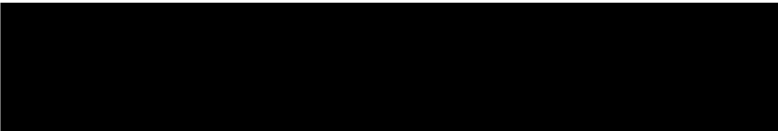


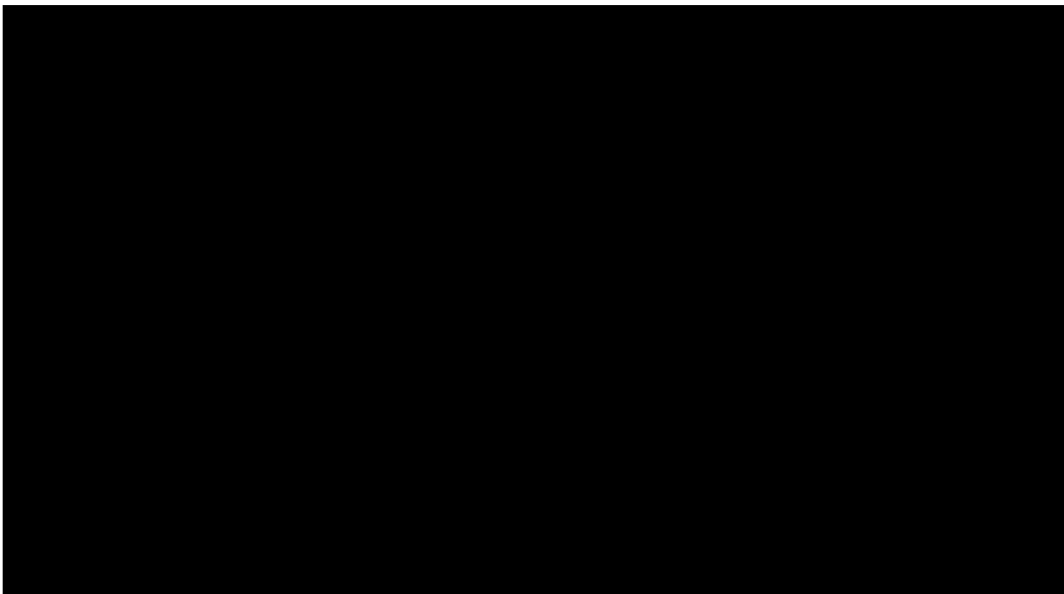


- The Board suggested that on a case by case basis, [REDACTED] statuses of Fr. Bowman, Fr. Czajka, Fr. Hefferan, and Fr. Vader be obtained from their respective medical professionals; in addition, it was requested that a quarterly report is obtained from the on-site supervisors of Frs. Bowman, Czajka, Hefferan, and Vader concerning each cleric's ability/inability to fill out the "Clergy Daily Logs" and/or his ability/inability to leave the facility



VI.





*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

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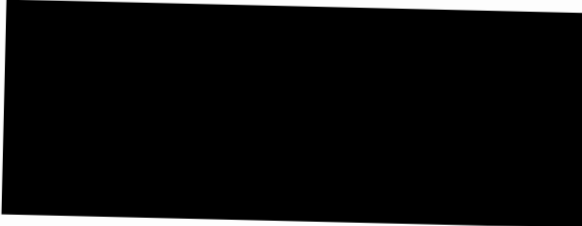
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**VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL**

December 11, 2007




Dear Mr. 

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

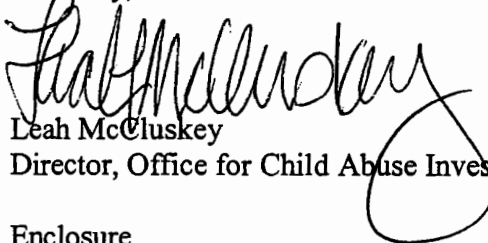
Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on October 19, 2007. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Mr. Matt Hunnicutt and me.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you through your attorney Eugene Hollander.

Mr.  in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes by December 26, 2007. Please know that you may also respond by December 26<sup>th</sup> with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by January 16, 2008. I have noted this time frame in light of presenting this matter to the Review Board as soon as possible so that this matter may continue forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Satzik, Julie  
**Date:** 12/11/2007 4:38:20 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Information Request

Dear Julie,

Thank you so much for the information.

Leah

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>>> Julie Satzik 12/11/2007 4:24 PM >>>

Hi,

The priests at St. Denis were:

1965

Leo J. Hanley  
John F. Barlow  
Bartholomew Kelly  
Ronald Holloway

1966

John F. Barlow  
Bartholomew Kelly  
Ronald Holloway

1967 to 1968

David C. Fullmer  
John F. Barlow  
Ronald Holloway  
Charles Wieclaw

Julie

Julie A. Satzik  
Assistant Research Archivist  
Archdiocese of Chicago's  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archives and Records Center  
711 W. Monroe  
Chicago IL 60661

>>> Leah McCluskey 12/11/2007 1:54 PM >>>

Hello Julie,

I hope that all is well with you.

When you have a chance, could you please provide me with a list of priests assigned to St. Denis from 1965 through 1967?

Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 12/11/2007 2:36:22 PM  
**Subject:** Information

Dear [REDACTED]

Shortly after our meeting with Mr. [REDACTED] on October 19th, Mr. [REDACTED] e-mailed me and asked about Fr. Fullmer and his whereabouts. Mr. [REDACTED] expressed his feeling that Fr. Fullmer needed to be presented the allegation to respond as well as Fr. Bowman.

After some looking, I was able to determine today that Rev. David C. Fullmer is deceased.

I am e-mailing you directly as Mr. [REDACTED] counsel. Could you please share this information with him?

Thank you,

Leah

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Fax #: 312/ 751- 5279

Please review the enclosed documentation regarding allegations made my Brian McCarty...

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Satzik, Julie  
**Date:** 12/11/2007 1:54:54 PM  
**Subject:** Information Request

Hello Julie,

I hope that all is well with you.

When you have a chance, could you please provide me with a list of priests assigned to St. Denis from 1965 through 1967?

Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Julie Satzik  
**To:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 12/12/2007 2:59:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Question

Hi,

They died:

Leo J. Hanley, September 1, 1965  
David C. Fullmer, April 10, 1984

I am attaching my priest list. I haven't entered the priests who have died in the last few months. Also I have not entered the one who have left the priesthood or the Archdiocese unless I was sent their personnel file after they died.

Hope it helps,

Julie

Julie A. Satzik  
Assistant Research Archivist  
Archdiocese of Chicago's  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archives and Records Center  
711 W. Monroe  
Chicago IL 60661

>>> Leah McCluskey 12/12/2007 10:08 AM >>>  
Hi Julie,

When you have a chance, could you please provide me the dates of death for:

1. Rev. Leo J. Hanley
2. Rev. David C. Fullmer

Thank you.

Leah

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, to file, dated December 20, 2007, summarizing Victim LM's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the memorandum, the alleged abuse occurred in 1966 at St. Denis parish and included genital fondling. Victim LM also provided a hand drawn map of the areas of the St. Denis church relevant to his allegation of abuse by Bowman.


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**Fax**

**To:** Mr [REDACTED] **From:** Ajeffries, secretary, Office for Child Abuse  
 Clo [REDACTED] Investigations and Review 

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**Fax:** [REDACTED] **Date:** December 20, 2007

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**Phone:** [REDACTED] **Pages:** 7 (including cover page)

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**Re:** Bowman [REDACTED] Allegations **CC:**

Urgent     For Review     Please Comment     Please Reply     Please Recycle

**•Comments:**

Please review the enclosed documentation regarding the Bowman [REDACTED] case. Any questions can be directed to Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 12/20/2007 3:17:22 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED] and Father Peter Bowman

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for the information and Mr. [REDACTED] changes.

I have incorporated Mr. [REDACTED] changes into a final report which will be faxed to your office by the end of the day today.

Merry Christmas to you and to your family!

Leah

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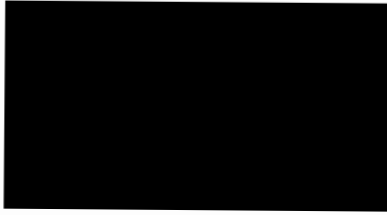
>>> [REDACTED] 12/20/2007 11:11 AM >>>  
Leah,

Please find attached a document provided to me by my client concerning changes to the draft report. Would you kindly make the revisions and provide me with a final report? Once received I will forward same to my client for signature.

Again, I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



CC:



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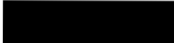

December 20, 2007



Dear Mr. 

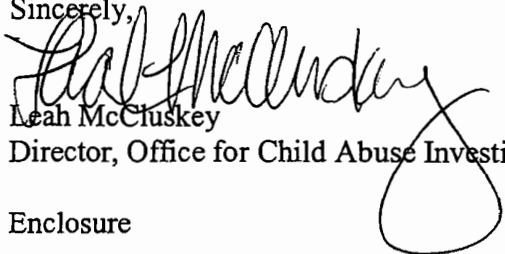
I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. The report is based upon your revisions that you returned to me. Thank you for sending me your changes.

 in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by January 3, 2008. I will return a copy of the report to you through  once those parties indicated on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by January 3<sup>rd</sup>, I will use the enclosed report and continue to proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

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**VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL**

December 11, 2007



Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on October 19, 2007. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Mr. Matt Hunnicutt and me.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you through your attorney Eugene Hollander.

[REDACTED], in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes by December 26, 2007. Please know that you may also respond by December 26<sup>th</sup> with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by January 16, 2008. I have noted this time frame in light of presenting this matter to the Review Board as soon as possible so that this matter may continue forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

**From:** Vincent Costello  
**To:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 1/2/2008 2:14 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Allegation to Read

Dear Leah,

I just spoke with Father Bowman and arranged for us to come out to see him next Wednesday, January 9th, at 3:00 p.m. I reminded him that he was free to have his attorney or anyone else with him as he so chose, or he could meet with us with no one else present. I told him the name of his accuser and he said that he did not recall [REDACTED] or words to that effect.

Fr. Vince Costello

>>> Leah McCluskey 1/2/2008 1:45 PM >>>  
Fr. Costello,

I do not have a need for Sr. [REDACTED] to be present. As always, Fr. Bowman is invited to have anyone with him that he wishes.

Thanks.

Leah

>>> Vincent Costello 1/2/2008 1:18:48 PM >>>  
Dear Leah,

I think the answer to this question is "no" but I feel the need to ask if you want Sr. [REDACTED] present?

Fr. Vince Costello

>>> Leah McCluskey 1/2/2008 11:27 AM >>>  
Fr. Costello,

Sorry for the delay--I needed to get my 2008 calendar in order before I could get you some dates...

Next week I am free:

Mon, 1/7 all day  
Wed., 1/9 in the afternoon  
Fri., 1/11 all day

Mon, 1/14 in the morning  
Tues, 1/15 all day  
Wed., 1/16

Hope that helps. Thank you for setting this up!

Leah

>>> Vincent Costello 1/2/2008 9:55 AM >>>  
Dear Leah,

I will get in touch with Father Bowman. What days and times work for you in the next two weeks?

Fr. Vince Costello

>>> Leah McCluskey 1/2/2008 9:38 AM >>>  
Hello Fr. Costello,

I have an allegation to read to Fr. Bowman. Could you please contact Fr. Bowman to see if he would be willing to schedule a time to meet with us so that I can read it? The accuser is [REDACTED] and the allegation is out of St. Denis.

Thank you.



Leah

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent  
**Date:** 1/2/2008 9:38:56 AM  
**Subject:** Allegation to Read

Hello Fr. Costello,

I have an allegation to read to Fr. Bowman. Could you please contact Fr. Bowman to see if he would be willing to schedule a time to meet with us so that I can read it? The accuser is [REDACTED] and the allegation is out of St. Denis.

Thank you.

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January 3, 2008



Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of your report with all of the necessary signatures.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ambi Jeffries".

Ambi Jeffries  
Secretary, Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

Enclosures

Cc: Matthew Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Canonical Services

Be: Jim Serritella, Attorney  
John O'Malley, Office for Legal Services

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January 4, 2008

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Resurrection Life Center  
7370 W. Talcott  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

I am writing in regards to the "Clergy Daily Log" and the "Travel/Vacation Notification" forms that you have been asked to complete on a regular basis. After meeting with the independent Review Board on November 17, 2007, it was determined that you only need to complete a "Clergy Daily Log" when you leave the premises of Resurrection Life Center. Therefore, these logs no longer need to be completed on a daily basis, only when you leave the building. The "Travel/Vacation Agreement" still needs to be completed as instructed, that is three weeks prior to a scheduled departure.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Sr. [REDACTED], Resurrection Life Center  
Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

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January 11, 2008

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Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Resurrection Life Center  
7370 W. Talcott, Room #101  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

I wanted to thank you again for your time and for agreeing to meet with Rev. Vincent Costello and myself earlier this week.

As we discussed during our meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, I am sending you a final and signed copy of Mr. [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against you. I apologize again for providing you with a copy of Mr. [REDACTED] allegation without the appropriate signatures and attachment. I have also enclosed a copy of the most recent misconduct policies of the Archdiocese of Chicago, *§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*.

As you can see, I have copied your civil attorney Frank Bonifacic and your canonical advocate Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD on this letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Costello at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc Frank Bonifacic, Civil attorney  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

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**OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW**

**REVIEW BOARD MEETING  
Saturday, January 19, 2008**

**AGENDA**

I. **Approval of Minutes** – October 20, 2007; November 17, 2007

II. **Case Reviews**

**Initial Review**

A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired/Withdrawn) PFR-77

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

**Review for Cause**

F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

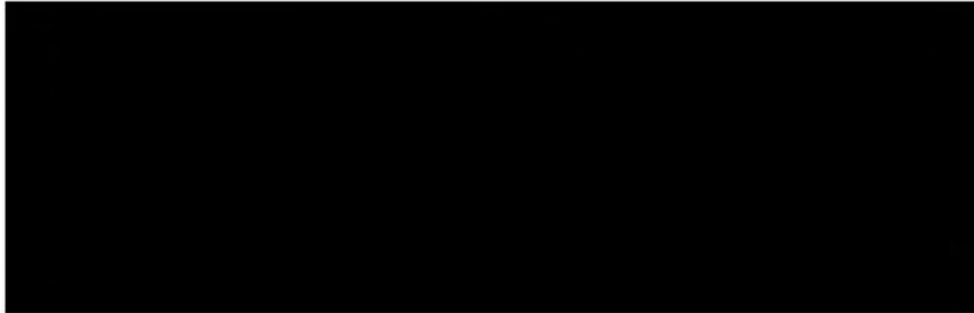
G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

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The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, *February 16, 2008*

Cc: Matthew Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board

Saturday, January 19, 2008 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

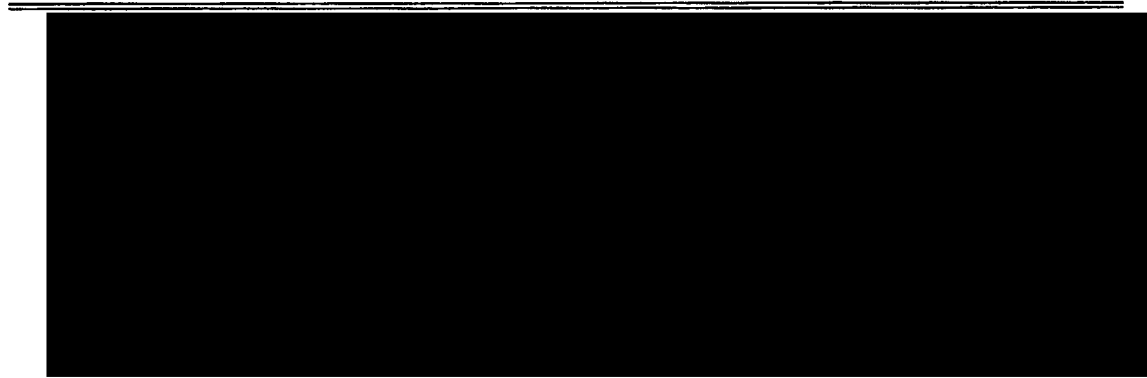
### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:



#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board



- I. **Approval of Minutes** – October 20, 2007 [revised] and November 17, 2007
  - October 20, 2007 [revised] and November 17, 2007 minutes approved

- II. **Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

- A. **In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman [Retired/Withdrawn] – PFR - 77**

The Review Board was to conduct an Initial Review of [redacted] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by Rev. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows: one incident; Fr. Bowman took [redacted] to fondle his (Fr. Bowman's) exposed penis.

There was not ample time for the Review Board to consider this matter for an Initial Review. Therefore, the Board agreed to continue this matter to the scheduled February 16, 2008 Review Board meeting.

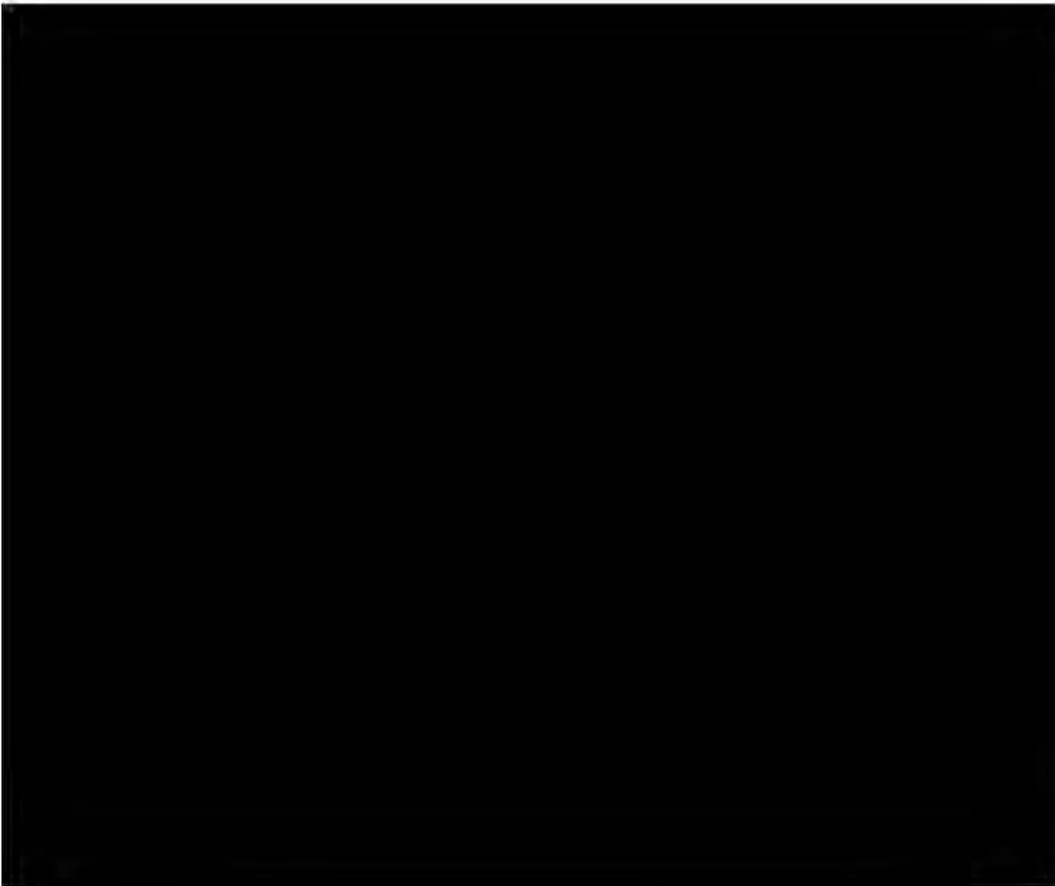


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**C. In the Matter of**





**D. In the Matter of**



**E. In the Matter of**



[REDACTED]

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**Review for Cause**

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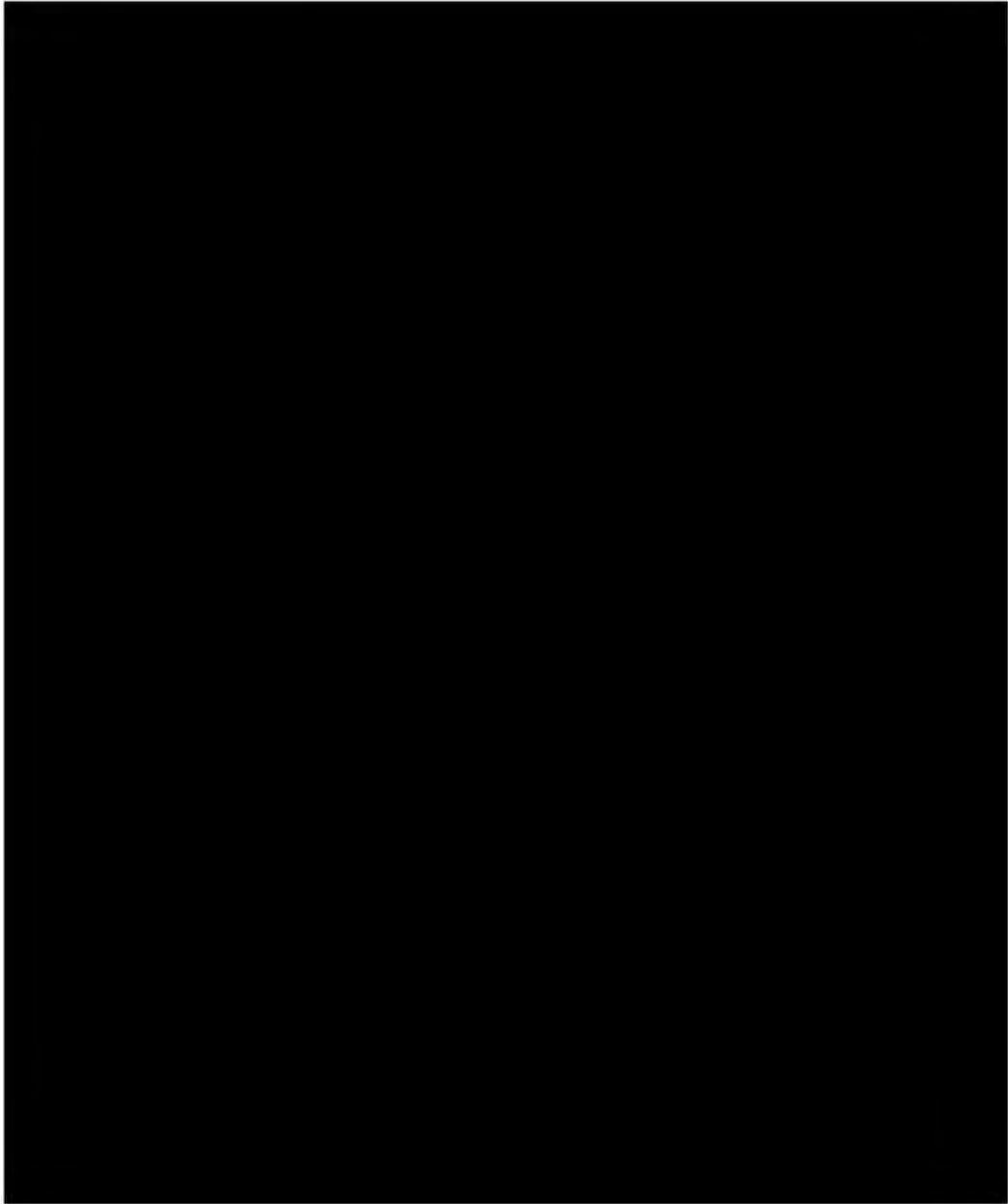


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*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR- 77

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: **RESPONSE OF REV. R. PETER BOWMAN [RETIRED/WITHDRAWN]  
TO THE ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MADE BY [REDACTED]**

Date: February 1, 2008

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**Date of Meeting: January 9, 2008**

**Time of Meeting: 3:00 pm**

**Present at Meeting**

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Rev. John Hoffman, friend of Fr. Bowman  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**Meeting**

Rev. Vincent Costello contacted Rev. R. Peter Bowman and arranged the January 9, 2008 to take place at the Resurrection Life Center beginning at 3:00 pm.

Upon my arrival, Fr. Costello was already speaking with Frs. Bowman and Hoffman in the conference room where the meeting was to take place. I apologized to all for arriving late to the meeting.

As we continued, I gave Fr. Bowman a copy of Mr. [REDACTED] allegation against him. When asked, Fr. Bowman accepted my offer to send copies of Mr. [REDACTED] allegation to his canonical advocate and civil attorney. As Fr. Bowman began to read Mr. [REDACTED] allegation, he asked who Matt Hunnicutt was. I informed Fr. Bowman that Mr. Hunnicutt was the new Director of the Office of Assistance Ministry and was present during the meeting with Mr. [REDACTED] and his attorney.

I proceeded by reading Mr. [REDACTED] allegation out loud in its entirety. Frs. Bowman and Hoffman appeared to follow along as I read the copy of the allegation that I had provided to Fr. Bowman.

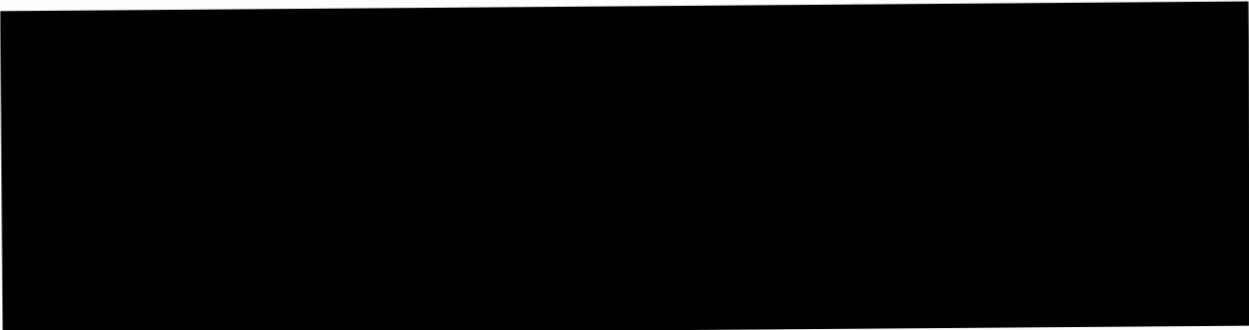
After I finished reading the allegation, Fr. Bowman asked if I could clarify for him what the alleged incident of sexual abuse was. I directed Fr. Bowman to the specific page of the report of [REDACTED] allegation and read to him the one described incident of abuse.

Fr. Bowman then appeared to read silently through the copy of the allegation report. He eventually stated that he has no personal memory of [REDACTED] Fr. Bowman stated that this woman's name was close to that of [REDACTED] a man whom he hired as the football coach at St. Denis. He continued by explaining that as a result of [REDACTED] coaching the football team at the parish, he [REDACTED] was like an adjunct member of the staff there.

Fr. Bowman again turned his attention to his copy of the allegation report and silently read. He stated that Fr. [REDACTED] is now deceased and was pastor of St. Denis at the time of the alleged incident of abuse.

Fr. Bowman stated that he does not recognize [REDACTED] name, nor does he know anything about [REDACTED] being a member [REDACTED] He continued by stating "...the whole thing [allegation made by [REDACTED] to me does not ring true." Fr. Bowman again stated that [REDACTED] name is not familiar to him.

Fr. Bowman asked me if I had checked the records to see if [REDACTED] attended St. Denis or not. I told Fr. Bowman that I was in the process of doing so.



When asked by Fr. Bowman, I verbally provided him with the names of the independent Review Board members.

Fr. Bowman expressed that it is difficult for him to comment [on [REDACTED] allegation] because it does not really make sense to him.

Fr. Bowman asked if anyone present knew when the current church at St. Denis was built. Referring to the allegation, Fr. Bowman made the point that dependent upon when the new church was built, the location of the fire exit referred to by [REDACTED] in his allegation may not be accurate.

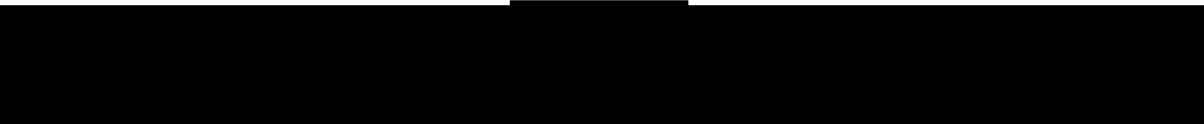
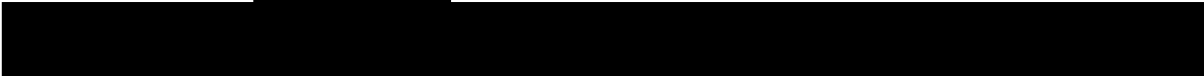
Fr. Bowman referred to the second to last paragraph of page three of the allegation and said that the paragraph "...doesn't ring true." He verbally expressed his wonder if [REDACTED] "...could be mistaking who the actors were here [is accusing the wrong priest]."



Fr. Bowman expressed his feeling that the sequence of the alleged abuse "...is strange..." He then began to read out loud the paragraph on page three of the report where [redacted] described the alleged incident. After reading the paragraph, Fr. Bowman stated, "I don't know if I ever wore a black cassock..." while he was in "...the big church."

When asked by Fr. Bowman, I agreed to mail him a list of priests assigned to St. Denis after he had left the parish.

Fr. Bowman said that the bottom line is, "I don't think any of this happened..." and that he does not remember "...a [redacted] connected with the parish and went..." [redacted]



Fr. Bowman stated, "There's a lot of stuff here, but a lot that doesn't fit together." He expressed his feeling that the "inaccuracies" need to be clarified.

Fr. Costello suggested to Fr. Bowman that he review the allegation with his attorneys [civil and canonical]. Fr. Bowman then informed Fr. Costello that he has never spoken with Frank Morrissey [canon lawyer].

When asked by Fr. Hoffman, I stated that I would send a copy of the draft report of Fr. Bowman's response to the allegation to him [Fr. Bowman], his civil attorney, and his canonical advocate for their review.

Fr. Costello and I both thanked Fr. Bowman again for his time. We asked Fr. Bowman to contact either of us with any questions that he might have:

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Rev. R. Peter Bowman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leah McCluskey, Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

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Date

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, to file, dated February 1, 2008, summarizing Fr. Peter Bowman's response to Victim LM's allegation of abuse. In response to Victim LM's allegation, Bowman questioned specific elements of Victim LM's story and Victim LM's involvement with particular church activities.

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** cperz@archchicago.org  
**Date:** 2/1/2008 2:20:54 PM  
**Subject:** Request for Information - #2

Hi Carolyn,

Could you also please request the student records of [REDACTED] from St. Denis? His date of birth is in RADAR.

Thank you!

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** cperz@archchicago.org  
**Date:** 2/1/2008 2:14:50 PM  
**Subject:** Request for Information

Hi Carolyn,

In regards to [REDACTED] allegation against Rev. R. Peter Bowman, could you please contact the Old St. Mary's located on Michigan Ave. and ask if they would have records from the past "St. Mary's," [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ideally, I was interested in determining if such records of the [REDACTED] exist in attempts to confirm [REDACTED] statement that he was a member [REDACTED] I don't have the dates of Mr. [REDACTED] involvement with me, but can get them on Monday. I believe the years we are looking for are in the 1960s.

Thank you.

Leah

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February 4, 2008

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
7370 W. Talcott, Room #101  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of our January 9, 2008 meeting where Mr. [REDACTED] allegation of sexual abuse was presented to you. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Rev. Vincent Costello and me.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes and/or additions necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you and to your civil attorney and canonical advocate.

Fr. Bowman, in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes and/or additions by February 18, 2008. Please know that you may also respond by February 18<sup>th</sup> with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by March 3, 2008. I have noted this time frame in light of presenting this matter to the Review Board as soon as possible so that this matter may continue forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Costello at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Cc Frank Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

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February 4, 2008

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the school transcript you requested for [REDACTED]. Please review the enclosed records for accuracy. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office. The Archives & Records Center is dedicated to providing timely and accurate information while protecting the privacy of individuals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia Manzo".

Sylvia Manzo  
Records Clerk

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## OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

**REVIEW BOARD MEETING**  
**Saturday, February 16, 2008**

### AGENDA

I. **Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2008**

II. **Case Reviews**

#### Initial Review

A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002) PFR-77

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

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F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

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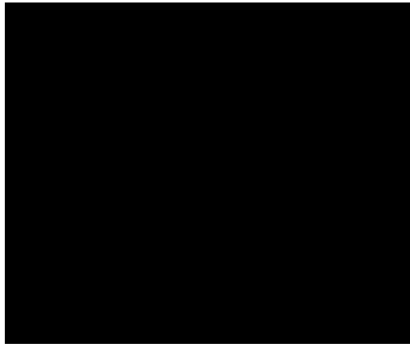
#### Review for Cause

G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



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The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, *March 15, 2008*

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board

Saturday, February 16, 2008 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:



#### Review Board Members Present Via Phone:



#### Review Board Members Not Present:



#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Patricia Zacharias, Assistant Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review



#### I. Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2008

- Minutes approved

#### II. Case Reviews

##### Initial Review

#### A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman [Retired/Withdrawn] – PFR - 77

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by Rev. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows: one incident; Fr. Bowman took [REDACTED] to fondle his (Fr. Bowman's) exposed penis.

When asked, Ms. McCluskey provided the clarification that [REDACTED] did sign his allegation.

As discussion of the matter continued, the information was provided that the new church [St. Denis] as referenced in [REDACTED] allegation and Fr. Bowman's response was finished in 1964.

When asked, the clarifications were made that Fr. Fullmer and [REDACTED] are both deceased.

As per Fr. Dowling, [REDACTED] testimony seems to gel with the history of St. Denis.

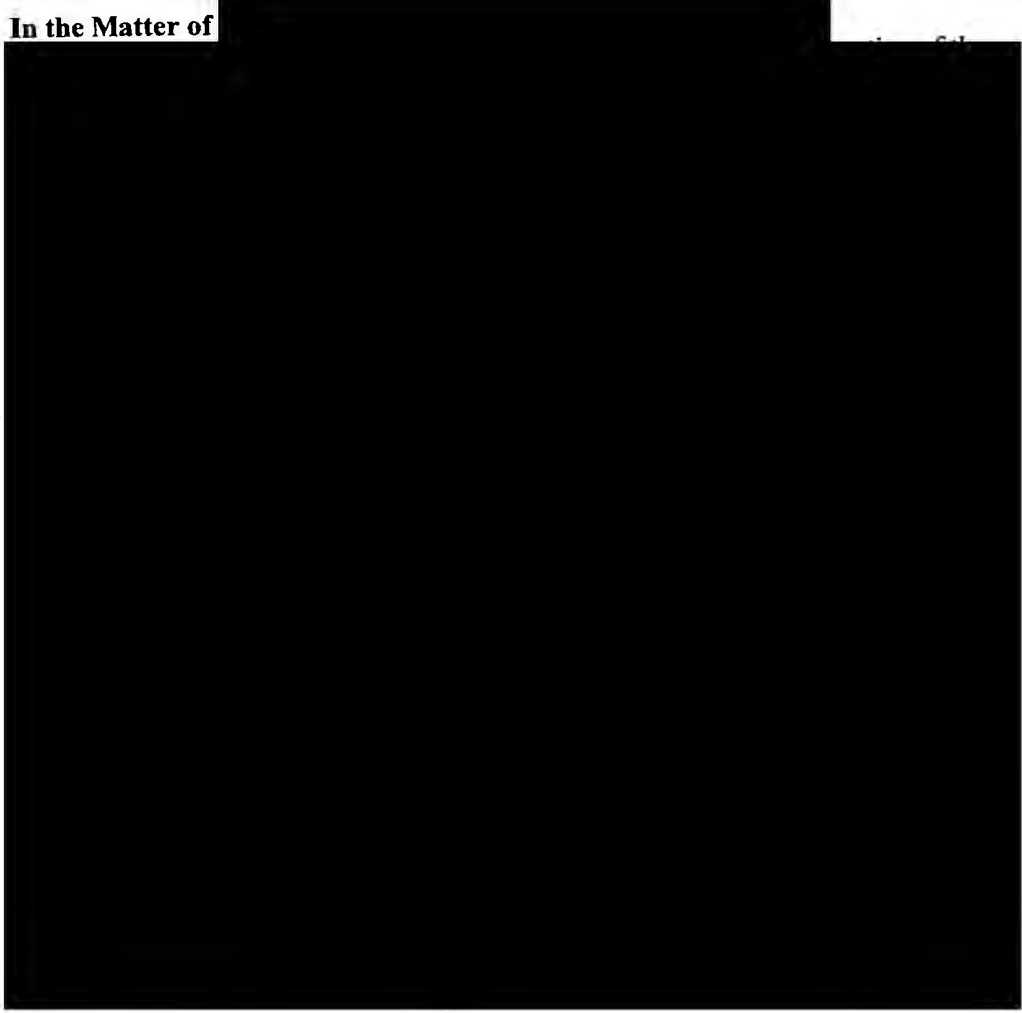
When asked, the information was provided that there are six separate allegations of the sexual abuse of minors against Fr. Bowman to date.

In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation.

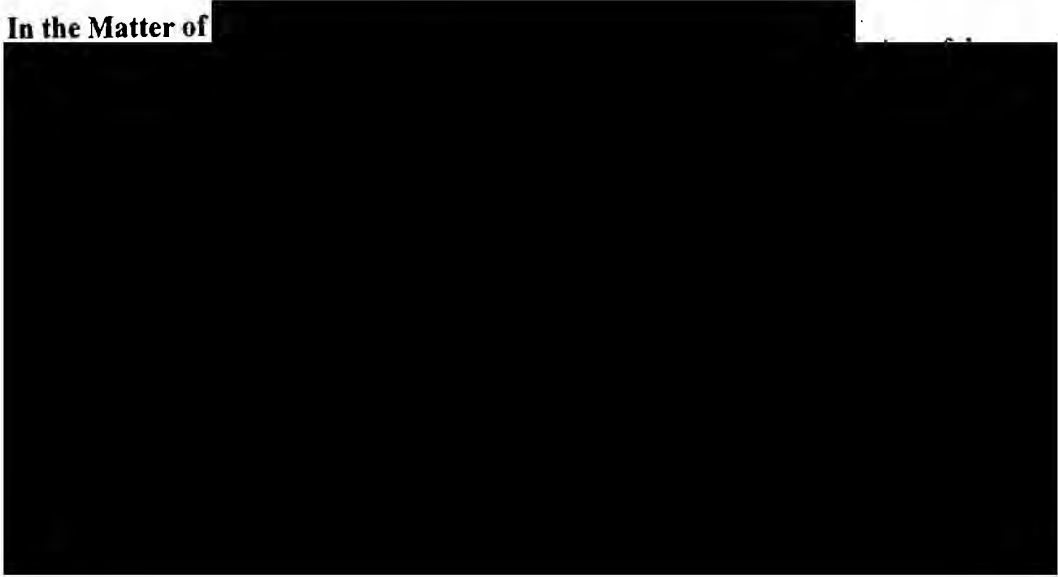
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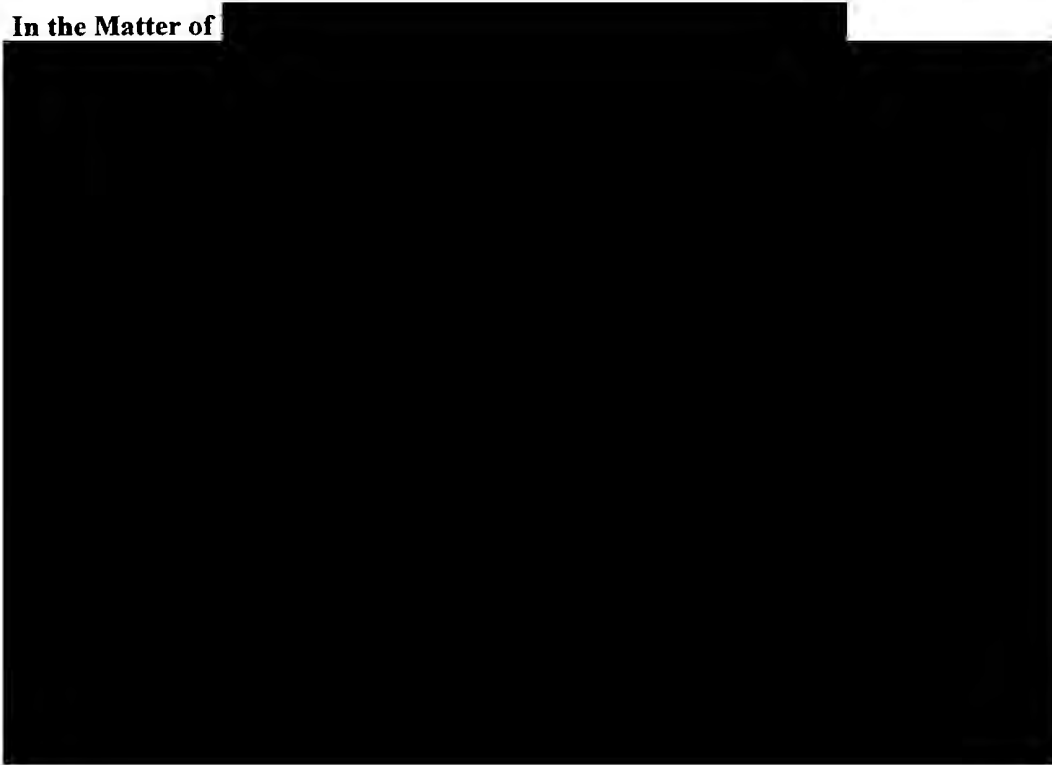


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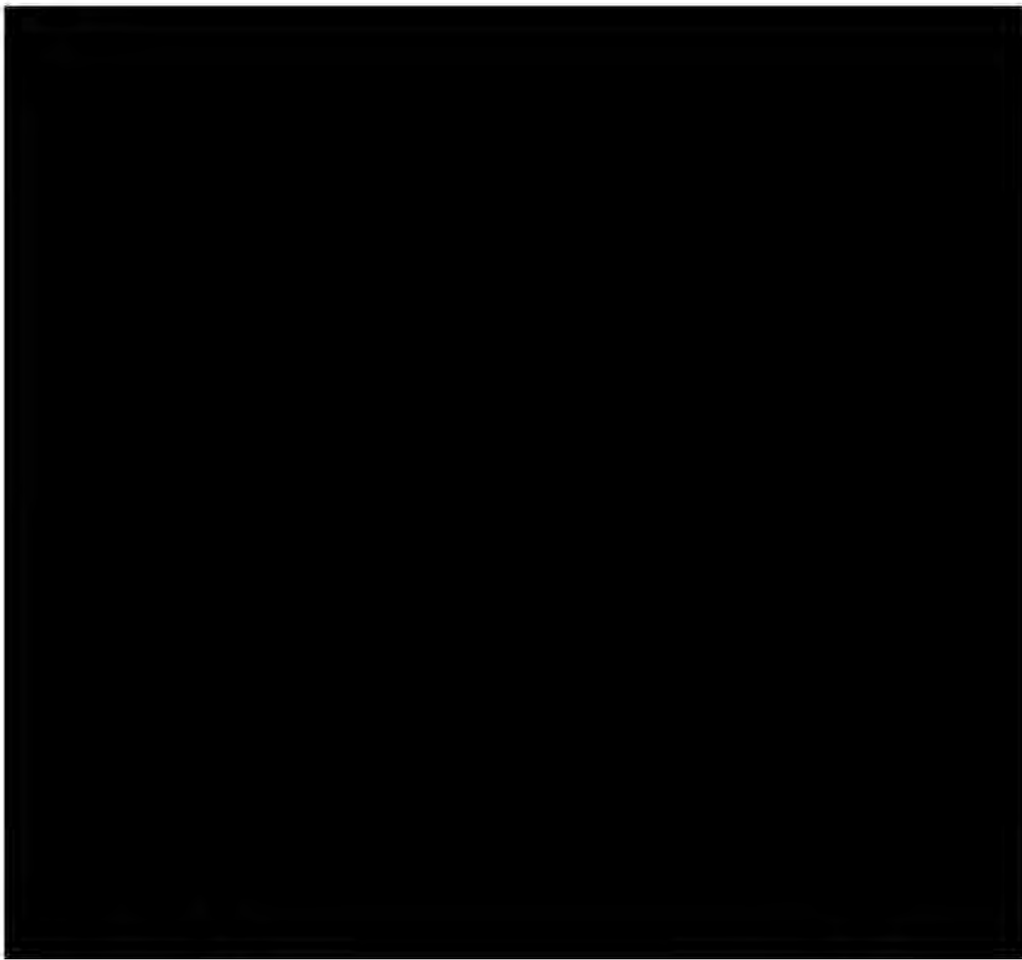
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**In the Matter of**

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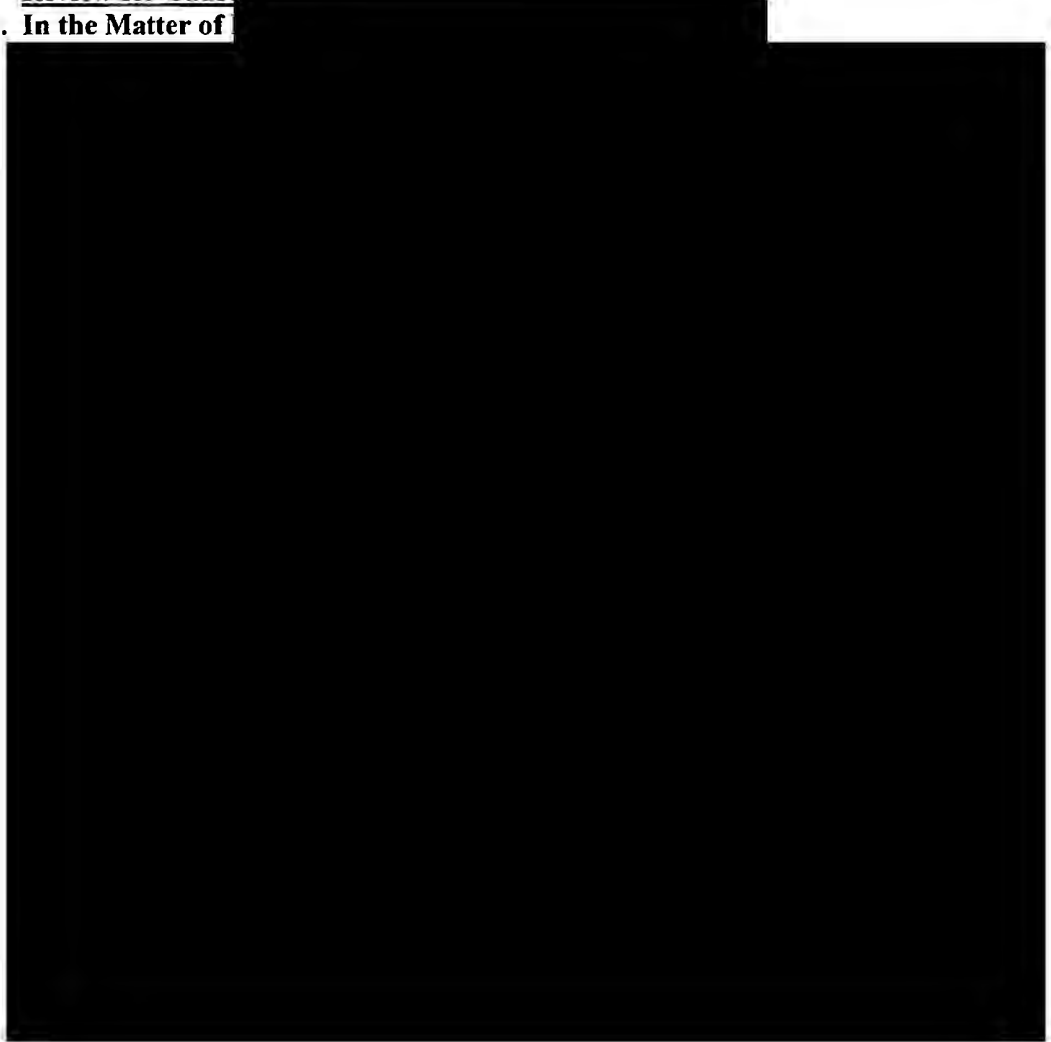


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Review for Cause  
G. In the Matter of



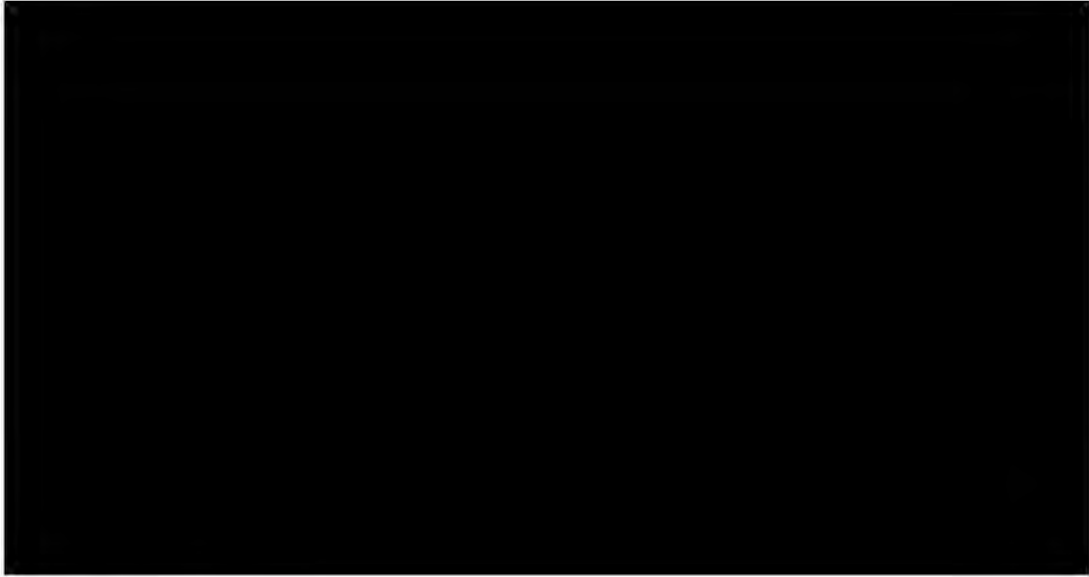


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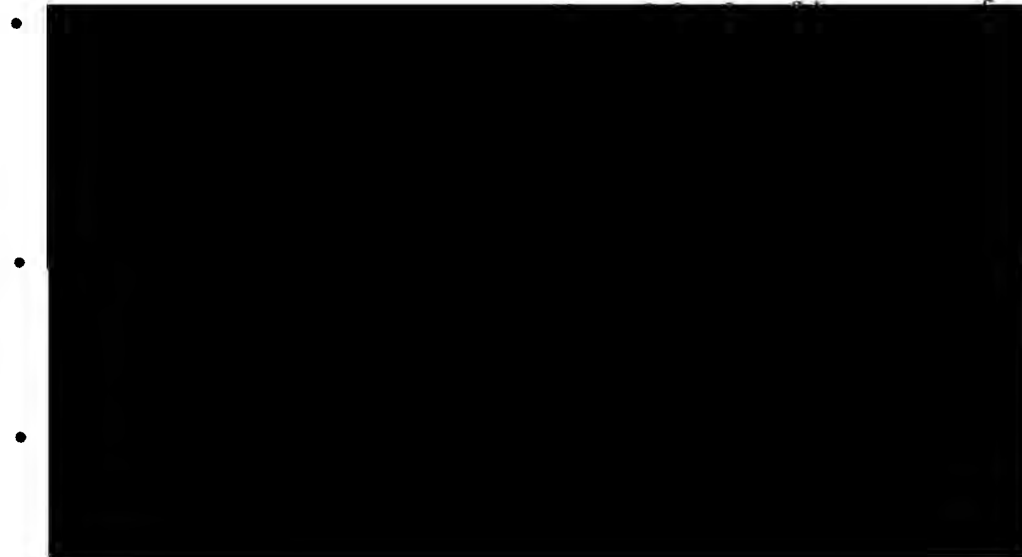
**In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

III.



IV. Other Matters



[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will not be present at the scheduled March 15, 2008 Review Board meeting

- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would not be available for a Review Board meeting if it remains scheduled for April 19, 2008

*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.*

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February 19, 2008

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on February 16, 2008 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bowman is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, this matter warrants additional investigation. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board along with all other information regarding this matter for a Review for Cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the decision*  
*F. George*  
*Feb 20, 2008*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 77

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review P

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn] [REDACTED]

Date: March 3, 2008

On Sunday, March 2, 2008 I received a voice mail message from Rev. [REDACTED] at 11:13 am about a report of alleged sexual abuse that he had received. Fr. [REDACTED] is assigned to St. Damian parish.

In his message, Fr. [REDACTED] said that he had received a phone call from a man named [REDACTED] on Friday, February 29, 2008 and among other things, had said that he was abused when he was 12 years old by “Fr. Bowman” at St. Damian. As per Fr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. [REDACTED] left the following contact information for [REDACTED]

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~~Prior to ending his voice mail message, Fr. [REDACTED] asked for a return phone call so that I could tell him “...what to do if [REDACTED] calls back.”~~

I attempted to reach Fr. [REDACTED] this morning and was told that he was celebrating mass. I left my name and phone number and asked to have Fr. [REDACTED] call me at his convenience.

I received a message from Fr. [REDACTED] later in the morning and he asked that I return his phone call.

I called and spoke with Fr. [REDACTED] earlier this afternoon. Fr. [REDACTED] asked if he could tell me the whole story about [REDACTED]. As Fr. [REDACTED] began, it was clear that [REDACTED] indicated that his reason for calling St. Damian was out of his concern for his [REDACTED]. Fr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] made his initial call to the emergency line at St. Damian and he happened to answer the phone. As per Fr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] began by asking him why his [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then asked Fr. [REDACTED] how old he was, to which the cleric told him his age [somewhere in his 30s]. As per Fr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] then told him that Fr. Bowman touched him when he was 12 years old while at St. Damian. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. [REDACTED] said that he would visit him at his home the next day, which is when [REDACTED] provided him with his address and telephone number.

After speaking with Fr. [REDACTED] [Rev. [REDACTED] about his conversation with [REDACTED] Fr. [REDACTED] said that Fr. [REDACTED] advised him not to go to [REDACTED] home alone. Fr. [REDACTED] then talked about his attempts to reach [REDACTED] on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and [REDACTED] numerous phone calls and messages left at St. Damian. He said that the pastor Fr. [REDACTED] returned to the parish on Saturday night and he told him the story of [REDACTED]. As a result, Fr. [REDACTED] directed Fr. [REDACTED] to call my office.

When asked, Fr. [REDACTED] said that he understood that Fr. [REDACTED] told him to call my office to report [REDACTED] disclosure of alleged abuse by Fr. Bowman. I told Fr. [REDACTED] that I would follow up with [REDACTED] to address his report of the alleged abuse. I also made clear to Fr. [REDACTED] that I would not address [REDACTED]

It was clear after my conversation with Fr. [REDACTED] that he was concerned because he does not know what to do with [REDACTED] phone calls and messages. I again told Fr. [REDACTED] that I would follow up with [REDACTED] and his allegation of abuse by Fr. Bowman and advised Fr. [REDACTED] to address the other issues with Frs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

It was agreed that I would write [REDACTED] a letter, informing him that I received his contact information from Fr. [REDACTED] and that I would like to talk with him about his alleged abuse by Fr. Bowman. It was also agreed that I would send a copy of the letter to Fr. [REDACTED] for his information.

Prior to ending the phone call, I explained to Fr. [REDACTED] that when and if he ever receives information about the alleged sexual abuse of a child by a cleric or lay person of

the Archdiocese of Chicago, to contact my office. I also explained to Fr. [REDACTED] that if he ever suspects or learns that a child has been physically or sexually abused and is still under the age of 18, that he needs to make a phone call to the Department of Children and Family Services. Fr. [REDACTED] verbalized his understanding of both points.

Fr. [REDACTED] may be reached at [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
 Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
 Carol Fowler, Personnel Services  
 Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
 Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry  
 Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
 Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

**FROM:** Santa Garcia, Secretary *SG*  
 Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**DATE:** March 4, 2008

**RE:** Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [PFR-77] (Retired/Withdrawn) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on March 3, 2008.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Bowman, Rev. R. Peter / [REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled. Thank you.

Attachment

cc: John O'Malley, Attorney



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COVER SHEET

DATE: 3-5-08

TO: LEAH MCCLUSKEY  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE  
INVESTIGATIONS + REVIEWFROM: REV. R. PETER BOWMAN  
7370 W. TALCOTT ROOM # 139  
CHICAGO, IL 60631  
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I AM SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN SENDING  
THESE NOTES. PLEASE CALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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TO: LEAH MCCLUSKEY

FROM: REV. R. PETER BOWMAN

HERE ARE SOME CONCERNS I HAVE WITH THIS ALLEGATION:

- 1) I DO NOT KNOW THE MAN PLACING THE ALLEGATION.
- 2) ON PG 2 ¶ 2 I HAVE NO MEMORY OF [REDACTED]
- 3) I THINK THAT HE CONFUSES THE NAME WITH A [REDACTED] WHOM I HIRED AS A FOOTBALL COACH.
- 4) ON PG 2 ¶ 3 I WAS NEVER ASSIGNED TO ST. DENIS WHILE FR. [REDACTED] WAS THERE WHO WAS PASTOR AT THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENT
- 5) ON PG 2 ¶ 4 THIS PARAGRAPH REFERRING TO THE [REDACTED] DOES NOT SEEM CREDIBLE BECAUSE I WAS NOT THERE THEN.
- 6) ON PG 2 ¶ 7 I DO NOT REMEMBER MR. [REDACTED]
- 7) ON PG 2 ¶ 9 I REPEAT AGAIN THAT THE WHOLE INCIDENT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO ME.

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- 8) On Pg 3 #1 THE ORGAN DIRECTOR WAS [REDACTED]
- 9) On Pg 3 #2 [REDACTED] WAS A REAL PERSON, FR. [REDACTED] SISTER.
- 10) On Pg 3 #3 I NEVER WORE A BLACK CASSOCK WHILE WE WERE IN THE BIG CHURCH.
- 11) On Pg 3 #4 I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE LIST OF PRIESTS WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO ST. DENIS.
- 12) On Pg 3 #5 I NEVER KNEW ABOUT THE [REDACTED] BEING THERE.
- 13) On Pg 3 #6 I REPEAT, THE WHOLE INCIDENT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO ME; AND CONSEQUENTLY I DENY THE WHOLE ALLEGATION.

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## D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board that information at least seems to be true that **Reverend R. Peter Bowman** engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED] a minor at the time of the alleged incident, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717) and warrants further investigation.

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **Father Bowman**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

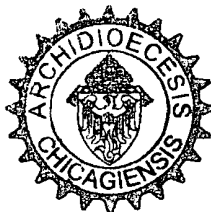
In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm Father Bowman's name or to violate his right to protect his privacy.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written and oral report to the Review Board, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense. This report is to be sent to me, along with the advice of the Review Board.

Given on March 6, 2008, at Chicago, Illinois.

Handwritten signature of Francis Cardinal George in cursive.

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



Handwritten signature of Rev. Richard Sander in cursive.

Ecclesiastical Notary

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March 6, 2008

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review  
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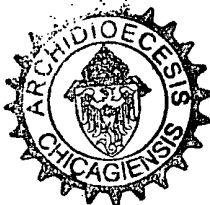
Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of February 19, 2008, regarding the matter of **Reverend R. Peter Bowman**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been permanently removed from ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the Initial Review conducted by the Professional Responsibility Review Board on February 16, 2008.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination, and believe that the information suggests further investigation into whether **Father Bowman** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

With this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Father Bowman**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

*Rev. Richard Sandri*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Minister  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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March 12, 2008

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
7370 W. Talcott, Room #101  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on February 16, 2008 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that in light of the information presented, additional investigation is warranted. Meaning, the Board determined that based upon the information presented for their review, there is cause to continue to investigate this matter. Further, if you have any additional information at this time you wish to share and have presented to the Board, please forward it to my attention. Any additional information obtained and/or received will be presented to the Board at a Review for Cause of this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Frank M. Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

Bcc: John O'Malley  
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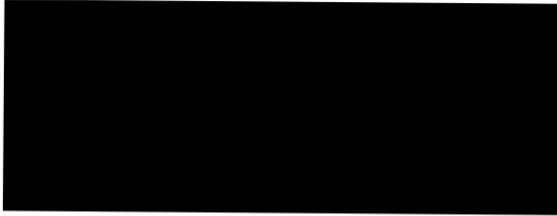
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March 12, 2008



Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the staff of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bcc: John O'Malley  
James Serritella



## BACKGROUND CHECK

On March 23, 2008, Harvey Radney conducted a multi-database inquiry on [REDACTED]  
The results of these inquiries are listed.

**Accuser** – [REDACTED]

### Federal Civil and Criminal Court Records

[REDACTED] – Negative

### State Civil and Criminal Court Records

[REDACTED] – Negative

### Uniform Commercial Code

[REDACTED] – Negative

### Bankruptcies, Liens and Judgments

[REDACTED] – A county tax lien was filed in Los Angeles County on 08/10/1998, case # [REDACTED] against [REDACTED] for \$185.00. This lien was released on 03/10/1999 under case # [REDACTED]

A small claims judgment was filed against [REDACTED] on 07/10/2000, case # [REDACTED], in the Burbank Municipal Court for \$3,000.00 with a plaintiff listed as [REDACTED]

### Business Affiliations

[REDACTED] – Negative

### Sex Offender Registry

[REDACTED] – Negative (Attached is the Sex Offender Registry of another [REDACTED] from the State of Illinois – submitted as proof of NOT being the subject of this report.)



**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Molloy, Jim  
**Date:** 3/25/2008 11:00:36 AM  
**Subject:** Re: PFR 77 [REDACTED] Bowman

Jim,

Yes, please by all means contact [REDACTED] and the other alumni of the [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
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>>> Jim Molloy <bigjimcpd@comcast.net> 3/24/2008 3:29:47 PM >>>  
Leah,

Would it be all right for our investigator, Rich Kobel, to interview [REDACTED] in this case. She is the outcry and has knowledge to either support/rebut claims by [REDACTED] or counter claims by Bowman.

Is it all right to interview any of the alumni [REDACTED] members we would be able to find? They would serve to do the same thing. One is a retired police detective, I believe.

Rich will hold off until we hear from you.

Thank you,

Jim

**CC:** Kobel, Rich; Radney, Harvey

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Office of the Chancellor  
Jimmy M. Lago



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April 9, 2008

Reverend R. Peter Bowman  
Resurrection Life Center  
7370 West Talcott  
Chicago, IL 60631

Dear Father Bowman,

This letter is to update you on actions we are taking to upgrade our monitoring and supervision program. For the past year, we have been reviewing the recommendations from the consultants we hired in 2006 as well as the Ad Hoc Committee who worked with us this past year to redesign our programs for oversight and compliance. We are now in the process of implementing improvements to both of these programs.

We have engaged Dr. Monica Applewhite, former president of Praesidium, Inc., the national accrediting body for religious communities seeking to comply with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth* and *Essential Norms*, to design and recommend an individual protocol with each removed priest. Secondly, we have hired a new compliance supervisor, Ms. Shawnte Jenkins, to oversee compliance with these agreements and protocols.

The Vicar for Priests and members of the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth will be in contact with you to discuss these changes.

Please give them your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy M. Lago".

Jimmy M. Lago,  
Chancellor

cc. Cardinal Francis George  
Fr. John Canary  
Fr. Vince Costello  
Fr. Ed Grace  
Jan Slattery

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** harvey@hillardheintze.com  
**Date:** 5/15/2008 4:21:52 PM  
**Subject:** Bowman [REDACTED] Report

Hello Harvey,

I just finished reading the aforementioned report that you e-mailed over today. I noticed that there was/were no background checks done in this case. I apologize if I did not ask directly--could you please conduct a background check on [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
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Ms. Leah R. McCluskey  
Director  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
737 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 900  
Chicago, Illinois, 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Hillard Heintze has completed the requested limited background investigation of [REDACTED]. Our investigative findings are contained in this report, which has been prepared as a confidential client work document between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago. With this transmittal, an electronic version of this report is being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

Our investigative process involved the gathering of relevant background information on [REDACTED] which included his current life situation, criminal history checks, court records, financial records, property ownership, social security number, professional licenses, hunting and fishing registrations, federal firearms and explosives licenses inquiries, U.S. Military records, media records, business affiliations, organizational interest and affiliation. With this insight, we then assessed the investigative findings in an attempt to identify any derogatory or negative information regarding his background, character and integrity.

Our investigation revealed no derogatory or negative information regarding [REDACTED].

Should you need any additional information on our investigation, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.869.8500.

Sincerely,  
**HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC**

Harvey Radney  
SVP

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 5/16/2008 2:00:07 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED] Background

Harvey,

Please disregard my e-mail about the SO information on the other [REDACTED] I just read your entire letter on our [REDACTED] Sorry about that.

Thank you again,

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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>>> "Harvey Radney" <harvey@hillardheintze.com> 5/16/2008 12:34:07 PM >>>  
Attached is the background for [REDACTED]

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 5/16/2008 1:50:36 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED] Background

Harvey,

Thank you for the letter sent on [REDACTED] background.

As for the Sex Offender information that you sent, that is not the same [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] who came forward with an allegation has a date of birth of [REDACTED]. He is also a Caucasian male. Therefore, the SO information that you sent to me on a [REDACTED] is not the same individual that I met with.

Leah

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <harvey@hillardheintze.com> 5/16/2008 12:34:07 PM >>>  
Attached is the background for [REDACTED]

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 5/16/2008 1:42:21 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Bowman [REDACTED] Report

Harvey,

Yes. I would like a background check on all accusers. I apologize for the miscommunication, as I thought that we had discussed that in the larger group in the past.

Thank you.

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <harvey@hillardheintze.com> 5/16/2008 9:49:08 AM >>>

No problem. As a rule of thumb, would you like us to do a background check automatically for each accuser, regardless of circumstance?

Harvey

-----Original Message-----

From: Leah McCluskey  
[mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org]  
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2008 4:22 PM  
To: harvey@hillardheintze.com  
Subject: Bowman [REDACTED] Report

Hello Harvey,

I just finished reading the aforementioned report that you e-mailed over today. I noticed that there was/were no background checks done in this case. I apologize if I did not ask directly--could you please conduct a background check on [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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**Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review**

**Review Board**

**Saturday, May 31, 2008 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Review Board Members Present Via Phone:**

[REDACTED]

**Review Board Members Not Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members Present:**

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

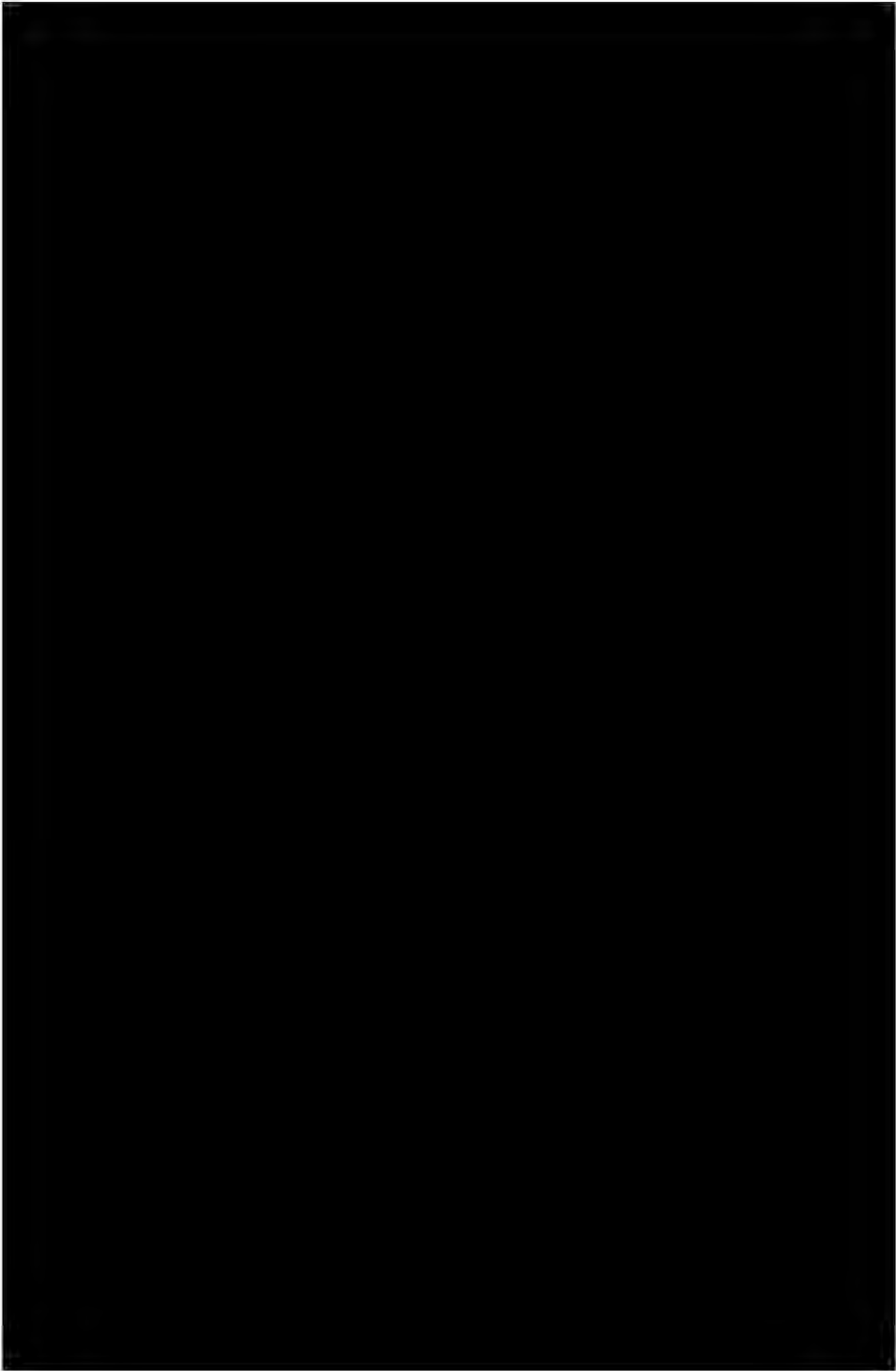
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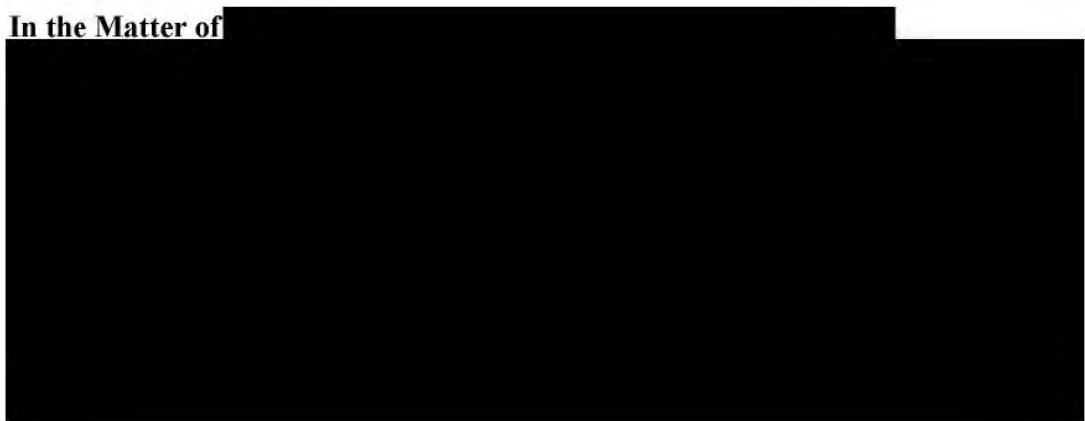
- I. **Approval of Minutes** – April 26, 2008
- Minutes approved

II. **Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

A. **In the Matter of**



B. **In the Matter of**



**Review for Cause**

**C. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman [Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002] – PFR – 77**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows: one incident; Fr. Bowman took [REDACTED] to fondle his [Fr. Bowman's] exposed penis.

Ms. McCluskey was asked to provide a verbal overview of this matter.

Discussion among the Board members included the feeling that [REDACTED] allegation was consistent with Fr. Bowman's "MO." It was pointed out that Hillard Heintze's investigation of this matter confirmed that [REDACTED] did meet with and disclose the alleged abuse to [REDACTED]

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that the accused has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor.

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



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



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**F. In the Matter of**

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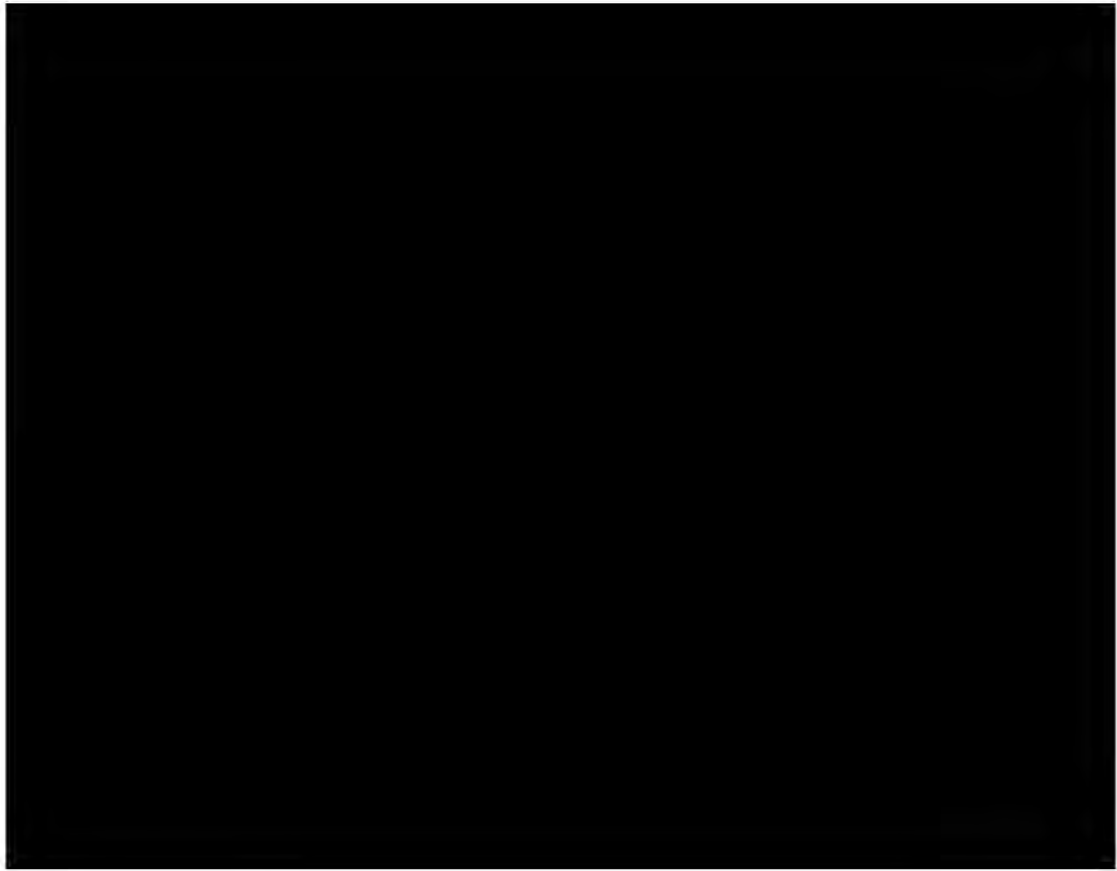
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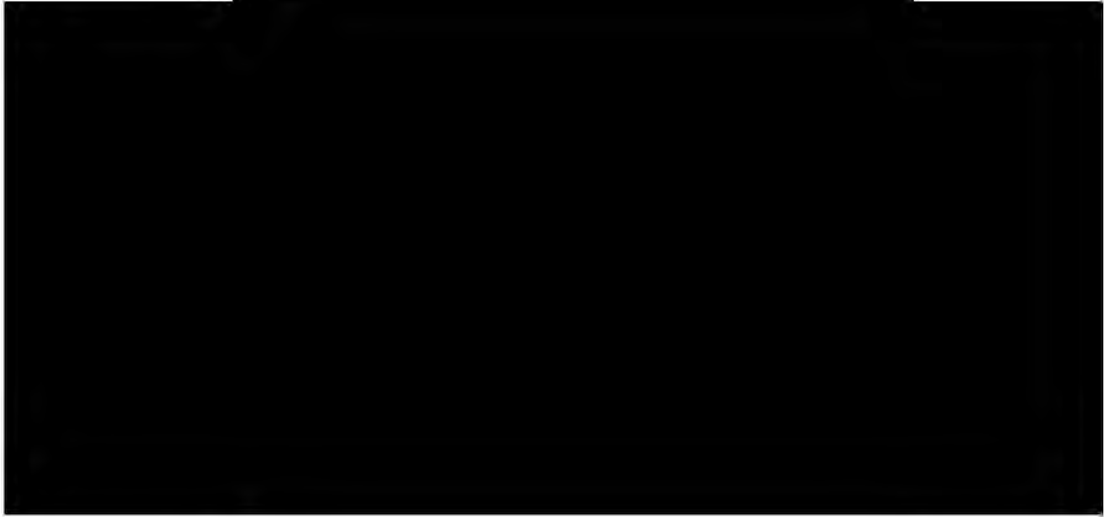
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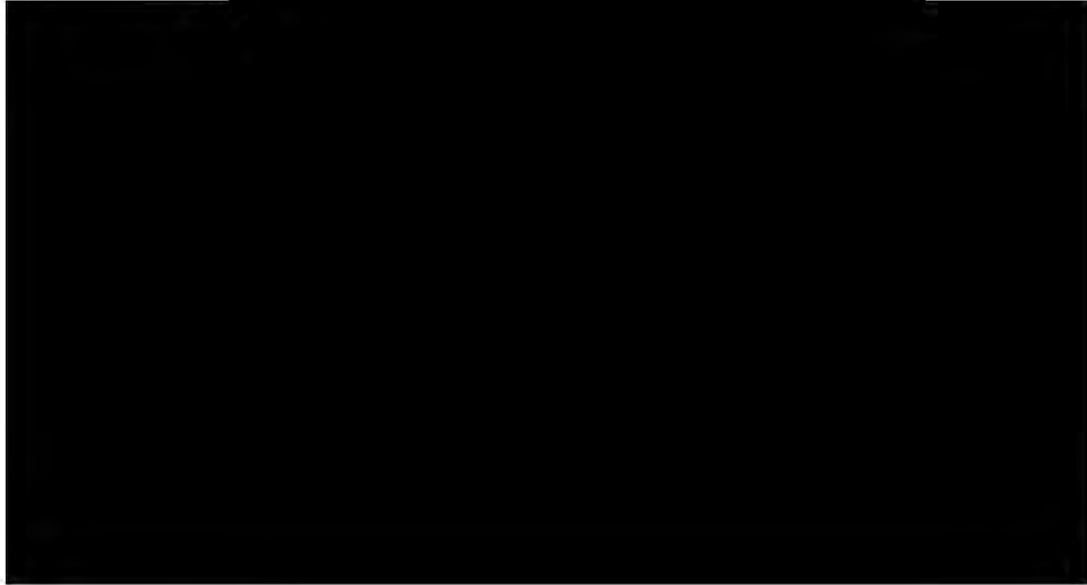
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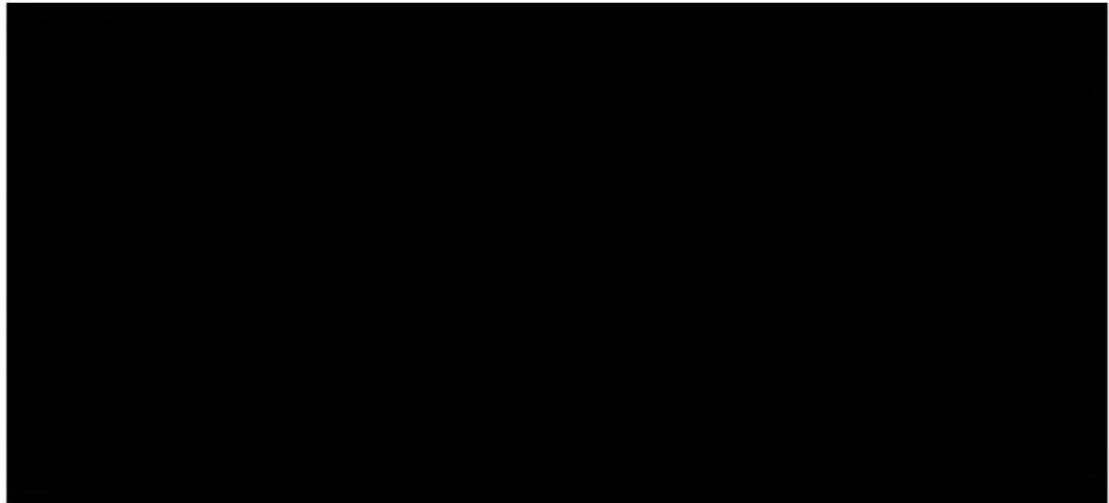


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III.

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*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.*

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June 3, 2008

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on May 31, 2008 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bowman is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is reason to suspect that the accused has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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Chicago, Illinois 60611

June 24, 2008

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of June 4, 2008 in response to your letter of June 3, 2008, regarding the matter of **Reverend R. Peter Bowman**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is permanently removed from ministry by means of a penal decree, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. This matter was discussed in a Review for Cause by the independent Review Board at their meeting of May 31, 2008.

I accept the Review Board's opinion that there is reason to suspect that the accused has engaged in the sexual abuse of [REDACTED].

Since Father Bowman has already been permanently removed from ministry, no further action can be taken against him. However, I ask that the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth continue to provide appropriate pastoral care to [REDACTED] and his family.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

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

*Rev. Richard Sanders*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General  
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Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Minister  
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Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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June 26, 2008

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
7370 W. Talcott, Room #101  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on May 31, 2008 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

At a Review for Cause the Review Board determines, based on the information that has been gathered and made available to it, whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in the sexual misconduct of a minor.

In the Review for Cause of this matter on May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that you did sexually abuse [REDACTED]. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 867-8793. Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Vincent Costello continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

Bcc: John O'Malley  
James Serritella

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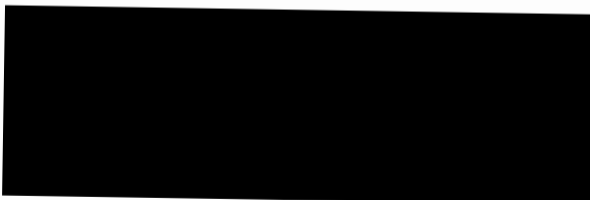
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June 26, 2008



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At a Review for Cause the Review Board determines, based on the information that has been gathered and made available to it, whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in the sexual misconduct of a minor.

In the Review for Cause of this matter on May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that you were sexually abused by Fr. Bowman. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 867-8793. Also, please know that the staff of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bcc: John O'Malley  
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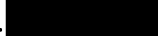





## MEMORANDUM

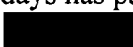
To: File – PFR - 77

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter [Retired/Withdrawn] 

Date: October 10, 2008

On March 4, 2008, Rev.  reported to this office that he had received a phone call from  on February 29, 2008. As per Fr.  informed him that he was currently  years old and that when he was 12 years old, Rev. Peter Bowman sexually abused him. With the information provided by Fr.  I sent a letter to  dated March 4, 2008 in response to his report of abuse and asked that he contact me if he so chose.

Due to the fact that over 180 days has passed since sending the March 4<sup>th</sup> letter without any contact or response from  or anyone on his behalf, this matter is considered to be inactive at this time.

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

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## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: This is Monica Applewhite here with Father Peter Bowman. Father Bowman, could you start by saying and spelling your name, please?

BOWMAN: My name is Reverend Robert Peter Bowman. B-o-w-m-a-n. I, for the most part, use my middle name, Peter, rather than Robert. I don't have any objection to it, but that's the way I was brought up. Often times they'll call me Robert and that's okay.

APPLEWHITE: It's not Monsignor?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I'm a simple country pastor.

APPLEWHITE: How long have you, and the name of this residence is?

BOWMAN: Resurrection Life Center.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. How long have you lived here?

BOWMAN: Three years maybe, two years, two or three years.

APPLEWHITE: Okay and do you know you are being recorded today?

BOWMAN: Do I know that you are recording me?

APPLEWHITE: Yes.

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Just want to make sure that it's clear that you are aware that the tape recorder is on. Where did you live before this?

BOWMAN: I came here from Mundelein. There was a group of the retired or the removed clergy that were there at the retreat house and I lived there for, I'm not sure how long, but I've been in need of medical support and there was none up there and so then it was Father Jim Kazerowski found this place for me and, of course, it's got a hospital right across the road. I have, I'm trying to think of the word. I "leak" and so I am in regular need of some kind of attention.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay, and are they able to provide that care for you here?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Good. Are there nursing assistants that help you with your needs? Nursing assistants and nurses here full time, 24 hours a day?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: Also, I have sleep apnea and so I have the machine over there that I put on at night. I have a mask and play batman. So, as I say, I'm well taken care of.

APPLEWHITE: Are you expecting to have any surgeries or any major changes to your health needs in the future?

BOWMAN: I'm going to have a colonoscopy next Tuesday, but that's not very exciting.

APPLEWHITE: Is it a routine colonoscopy or have they found –

BOWMAN: I haven't had one in a year. The doctor just said he thought it'd be a good idea.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I'm not aware of problems. The last time I had one there were none.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Do they assign you a particular person to assist you or does it change just according to the rotation?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay, so it changes. And about how many different people are involved with your health care or your care needs on a daily basis?

BOWMAN: Well, [REDACTED] whom you just met and then there's a different, there's a nurse and then there's also an assistant on each shift and there are three shifts, so there's maybe a dozen that have primary care for me.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And both male and female assistants?



## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Have there ever been any issues with maltreatment or any problems that you've had with them?

BOWMAN: None at all.

APPLEWHITE: Okay, and do you eat three meals a day?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Do you eat them here in your room or in the cafeteria?

BOWMAN: I usually eat here.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I could go to the dining room if I wanted to, but there are all old people in there and so I.

APPLEWHITE: How many days a week do you have supper for here versus somewhere else?

BOWMAN: Most everyday.

APPLEWHITE: Most everyday here?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: On the days that you don't have supper here, where would you go?

BOWMAN: Well, unless somebody took me out for a lunch or whatever.

APPLEWHITE: Okay and would that be to a restaurant?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: And who would normally take you out to a restaurant for lunch or dinner?

BOWMAN: Could be a relative. I have a niece [REDACTED] who lives in [REDACTED] and she tries to come in once a week and take me out and people from the parishes where I've been. They would come and take me out –

APPLEWHITE: Okay and who would they –

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: or from the diocese. My most recent clerical responsibility was I was vicar for administration for the arch diocese and before that I was pastor of St. James in Arlington Heights. I was there for 15 years and so I do have people that come from St. James or the other parishes where I've been. And I probably go out maybe once a week.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. To either lunch or dinner?

BOWMAN: Preferably lunch.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Preferably because you feel better that time of day or preferably for some other reason?

BOWMAN: I do better if I have, the main meal is lunch here and so that's what I usually ask for if I go out, but either one is okay.

APPLEWHITE: Can you tell me about the people from St. James who you're still friends with?

BOWMAN: Who?

APPLEWHITE: Who from the parish of St. James are you still friends with?

BOWMAN: The pastor, Father Bill Zevesky and [REDACTED] I'm blocking their last name, but there's quite a number of people that that can look up there on the pictures and those are all people that are very gracious to me and will come and take me out.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Wow, look at that family. That's beautiful, that's a beautiful picture.

BOWMAN: And then over the armoire are family pictures.

APPLEWHITE: Of your family?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Very nice.

BOWMAN: That was when I was installed as pastor at St. James.

APPLEWHITE: This one up here?

BOWMAN: Yes.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: What year was that?

BOWMAN: 1987 I think. And then I was given an award by the Association of Chicago Priests and that's the one to the right of it.

APPLEWHITE: Here?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Presentation, the John 23rd award. Very nice. (pause) Well, normally what we're doing in these interviews is reviewing the sign-out sheets and asking for more specifics about who the people are that you spend time with. Your situation is unique in that at some point I think you were told that you didn't have to fill out sheets anymore. Do you know why that happened?

BOWMAN: When I did fill them out, what I filled out was about the same every time.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: And so then they just decided why kill another tree.

APPLEWHITE: Right, okay.

BOWMAN: There was no problem with it or anything.

APPLEWHITE: Okay, I'm asking because the way that the system is working now, Shawnte is responsible for verifying that you are going and doing the things that you say you are. So we need to figure out how best to make that happen. Do you internet access at all?

BOWMAN: I have a computer here and could have access, but I –

APPLEWHITE: Haven't done it?

BOWMAN: I don't use it.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. We'll have to figure out what needs to happen, but the guys who are at Mundelein now before they leave, they fill out where they are going and so that's –

BOWMAN: I check out at the desk here –

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: Who I go with and where we're going.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: So anytime I go out, they have a record.

APPLEWHITE: How would you feel about us working with them somehow for your log sheets.

BOWMAN: Working with?

APPLEWHITE: Working with the people here –

BOWMAN: That's okay.

APPLEWHITE: I don't know how we can make it work, but if you have to sign out each time anyway, maybe we could work with what they have so that he wouldn't have to do it twice. That is, if we have access to their information.

BOWMAN: I think you do have access to it.

APPLEWHITE: You might have to sign something that says it's okay.

BOWMAN: Okay. Sister [REDACTED] is the social worker.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: And you could speak with her.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: And she's a very gracious lady. I knew her before I came here.

APPLEWHITE: Great. When you go out to lunch or dinner, is it ever in someone's home or it always at a restaurant?

BOWMAN: Almost always at a restaurant. I think I have gone to people's homes occasionally, but it's usually to a restaurant.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Any of the homes that you've been in, are there children?

BOWMAN: I think so.

APPLEWHITE: Do, does anyone under 18 ever go lunch or dinner with you?

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: Again, I can't remember that there were any.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. In the last year? Can you think of any?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Did [REDACTED] last name come to you?

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: I thought if we left it for awhile we might be able to come back.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And –

BOWMAN: You want a lot of names or?

APPLEWHITE: The names that come to you as somebody that you might see, that we would see on a list later one. What we'll do is, the main issues are whether or not you're involved in any kind of ministry with them. If what was happening was you were going somewhere for ministry or to serve a ministerial purpose or something of that nature, the contact with other people with the arch dioceses and other people, that's something that's new in the system.

BOWMAN: I'm retired, so I really am not involved in any kind of ministerial work.

APPLEWHITE: And what about like spiritual direction or pastoral counseling?

BOWMAN: There's a couple that come in here to see me and I, and the protocol, I think it's said that that was appropriate if they came here.

APPLEWHITE: For spiritual direction?

BOWMAN: Yes. They are people who live here in the house.

APPLEWHITE: Would they be sisters or?

BOWMAN: There are two people that come. [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: And would that be for pastoral counseling or spiritual direction or just?

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN:

Confession.

APPLEWHITE:

Confession, okay. I think we have to look at that and see what the understanding of the protocol is. Did somebody tell you specifically that that's appropriate in the house?

BOWMAN:

I think it's in the protocol.

APPLEWHITE:

Okay. What we're trying to do is just make sure that we know that it's clear and that it's not that you're going to be doing something that later on people say you know you weren't supposed to do that, so we'll clear up and make sure that all the understanding is the same. Are any of these people that you see from the St. James parish? Are they coming to you for spiritual direction or confession?

BOWMAN:

No, those are all social engagements.

APPLEWHITE:

Those are social interactions. They're friends. Okay. Was it your understanding if they were a priest or a religious it was different than if they were from the outside as far as being lay people?

BOWMAN:

I'm sorry, again.

APPLEWHITE:

Your ability to serve in some way, as far as confession or something like that, is it different if it's a priest or religious versus a lay person?

BOWMAN:

Is it different?

APPLEWHITE:

Right.

BOWMAN:

No, their confessions are pretty much the same.

APPLEWHITE:

No, no, I'm sorry I'm not asking about their, I meant your protocol for can you do it or can you not do it.

BOWMAN:

No.

APPLEWHITE:

No, okay.

BOWMAN:

I don't think so.

APPLEWHITE:

Okay. Do any of the people who work here ever come to you for spiritual direction or counseling?

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: Well, no. They haven't. I don't advertise that I'm available or anything.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And the [REDACTED] I'm sorry, what did you say [REDACTED] name was, [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Has he come to you for a long time for confession?

BOWMAN: Since I've been coming here. He comes in about ever five weeks.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: Very boring.

APPLEWHITE: [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: Yes he is.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: And he is one of the few that's older than I am.

APPLEWHITE: How old are you Father?

BOWMAN: I'm a mere boy of 79.

APPLEWHITE: Just a lad. Okay. What restaurants do people take you to?

BOWMAN: One by the name of Zia, Z-i-a, in Baileys and Vince's. Those are all in the immediate area. Nonna Sylvia, N-o-n-n-a. I do like Italian food so we do go to restaurants where they have Italian food.

APPLEWHITE: These are all like sit down restaurants where you, sit down restaurants –

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: they're not fast food, they're not.

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Do you drive at all?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Do you own a car?

BOWMAN: No. When I came to live here I had to surrender my car.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. They don't have anyone owning a car here or?

BOWMAN: No. So whoever is going to take me out to lunch has to come and provide cab service.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. I'm sure they don't mind.

BOWMAN: That's what I keep telling them.

APPLEWHITE: That they don't mind?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And one of the things we look at are, is somebody's support system. Do you have a spiritual director?

BOWMAN: Yes I do, but he's recently died and I haven't connected with another one.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Do you have someone in mind?

BOWMAN: Yes. The chaplain here. Father [REDACTED] He's –

APPLEWHITE: I'm sorry, [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: And he lives at the monastery just at the end of the road.

APPLEWHITE: Which one is that?

BOWMAN: It's – (pause)

APPLEWHITE: Carmelite? Is he at Carmelite?



## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Benedictine?

BOWMAN: No. He's somebody with the habit.

APPLEWHITE: What color?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: What color are their habits?

BOWMAN: Black.

APPLEWHITE: So not conventual friar, no they're grey.

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Jesuits? They have black habits.

BOWMAN: Yes they do. I have a brother who was a Jesuit.

APPLEWHITE: Oh really? In the Chicago province?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Is he still alive?

BOWMAN: No. He's deceased now.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: There were ten of us originally and there are two of still living. I have one sister who lives up in [REDACTED] and then myself and when I had formally retired I had moved up there and was living with her and then the dioceses said they wanted me to back within the Chicago arch diocese and moved me back down.

APPLEWHITE: Do you ever go and visit her?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: What's her name?

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: When you go and visit her, do you stay at her house?

BOWMAN: No. I go up and I come back the same day. I really haven't been anywhere that I stayed over night and I don't have any plans to do that.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: There's a different kind of permission that I think I'm supposed to have if I am going to stay overnight and I just never taken advantage of that.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. It's, the main issue is under the new protocols with the system is to let Shante know three weeks in advance so that she can verify where it is you'd like to go. I mean there are people who travel under this, it's just a matter of finding, allowing her to see, is there a travel request. Did you make a travel request recently?

BOWMAN: I haven't gone anywhere.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And you don't have plans to go in the near future?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Are there, how often do you go to your sister's house at [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: Maybe once a month.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And who helps you with your care during those times?

BOWMAN: I don't need any immediate attention like that.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. You don't need care during the time that you're there? Do you need assistance to move around or?

BOWMAN: No. What I said, one of my illness, reason I'm here, I have incontinence.

APPLEWHITE: Right.

BOWMAN: And so I know the kind of the sequences, how often that happens and I plan my visits accordingly. That's a reason why going out at noon is good idea because I can take care of myself before I go and then I'll be back before I have any need of attention again.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay. That's why I was just thinking in terms of if you're gone for an entire day is there somebody there who can assist you, but you don't need it when you go.

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Who else lives at –

BOWMAN: There's a driver, [REDACTED] who is one of the regular drivers and he could take care of whatever kind of need I have.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. He's a driver here, he drives you to your sister's?

BOWMAN: He lives in the, he lives in Nilesen.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: Would drive me up to [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: So he's a friend of yours who would help you?

BOWMAN: Correct.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And how did you meet [REDACTED]?

BOWMAN: I was a resident at St. Theresa, which is his parish. We became friends there and then when I came in here, he continued to be friends.

APPLEWHITE: About how old is [REDACTED]?

BOWMAN: How old? I think he's in his sixties.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And do you pay him to drive you?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Do you do anything for him?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Do you do anything for him kind of to repay, take him out to dinner, buy him something that he needs, buy gas?

BOWMAN: I would take him out for dinner on occasion.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: And sometimes take both him and his wife [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Do they have children?

BOWMAN: They do. I think they have three, but they're all adults and married.

APPLEWHITE: Do they have grandchildren yet?

BOWMAN: They do. I'm not in touch with any of them.

APPLEWHITE: Are they boys or girls, their grandchildren?

BOWMAN: I think both.

APPLEWHITE: Both, some of each. Do you ever visit their house?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Have you met their grandchildren?

BOWMAN: I've a met a couple of them.

APPLEWHITE: Under what kind of circumstances?

BOWMAN: They have an open house here for families and [REDACTED] came and he did bring a couple of his grandchildren. Brought two.

APPLEWHITE: Boys or girls?

BOWMAN: Boys.

APPLEWHITE: How old are they?

BOWMAN: I think seven and nine.

APPLEWHITE: Do they have a regular open house here, periodically or it is something that was just a one time event?

BOWMAN: No, they would have one regularly. Not often.

APPLEWHITE: Have they just come once or did they come more than once?

BOWMAN: They came once.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay. [REDACTED] information that he has about your situation, does he know that –

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Did you tell him or did he read it somewhere, I don't if it was published or –

BOWMAN: It was announced that I was removed when I was at St. Theresa and [REDACTED] is a parishioner there so he knew about it there, but I've also talked to him about it so. I would be the primary bearer of the information on what my situation is.

APPLEWHITE: How has he responded to the information you've given him? How does he deal with it?

BOWMAN: I don't believe it and I have, can honestly say I really have not met anyone who is not sympathetic to me, who doesn't believe that there is cause to remove me or whatever and were it possible, would welcome me back to parish life.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. I want to talk about your sister's house.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: [REDACTED] Are there, who else lives at [REDACTED] house?

BOWMAN: She's a widow, she lives alone.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And she has children?

BOWMAN: Seven.

APPLEWHITE: Seven children?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Wow. She must have a lot of company.

BOWMAN: I think she does.

APPLEWHITE: Does she care for any of her grandchildren?

BOWMAN: She baby-sits on occasion, but mostly it would be they take care of her.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay. Does she have medical conditions?

BOWMAN: She had had a heart attach two years ago and so she's been just a little bit frail since then.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: So she's in a retirement home for some supportive.

APPLEWHITE: She's not in a regular residence, she's in a retirement home?

BOWMAN: No. She's in a retirement home called [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: That's in [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay. So the house that you visit, is it her retirement home?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Where do you visit her?

BOWMAN: That's where I visit her now.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: But we had a home in [REDACTED] and before I came here, most recently I lived there with her.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. When you visit her, do you ever go to [REDACTED] now?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Who's living there?

BOWMAN: Well that's where [REDACTED] are adjacent to each other and so I would visit her perhaps visit her in [REDACTED] and then we'd go about for a meal and that often would be in [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Do you ever go back to the house, is it a family home?

BOWMAN: No, we sold it.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay. So in [REDACTED] you'd go to a restaurant or something not to a house.

BOWMAN: Correct.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Just want to understand.

BOWMAN: Let me just ask, am I giving you the kind of information that you need for whatever you're going to do when you leave here?

APPLEWHITE: What we like to see that someone in your situation has a clear support network. We want to be clear about who is in someone's community support network. Who do you spend time with each day. We will develop a kind of listing of those people. If the people that you see frequently, that you're involved with on an ongoing basis - particularly if you're going to visit with them also with children around - then we want to make sure that it's clear that they are part of your network and that they agree to support you in a healthy life.

BOWMAN: There really isn't anyone that I visit where there are children. I have a niece, [REDACTED] who is the one who comes in to see me, but [REDACTED] I think, she's in her fifties and she is single. Lives in [REDACTED] Her last name also is [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay. What does [REDACTED] do for a living?

BOWMAN: She works for the [REDACTED] I think.

APPLEWHITE: What does she do for them?

BOWMAN: She's a secretary in their deanery office.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Does she do volunteer work also?

BOWMAN: Yes she's a Eucharistic minister at their parish and she does home visitation.

APPLEWHITE: Do you ever do any of that, those kinds of visits with her?

BOWMAN: Do I ever go with her? No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: And she has six brothers and sisters.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Does she ever come pick you up here and go somewhere?

BOWMAN: Well if I'm going to see her she's going to come here.

APPLEWHITE: Right. And she takes you to a restaurant or –

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: would she take you are to other places?

BOWMAN: There haven't been. When we've gone out we've always gone to a restaurant.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And her brothers, her six brothers, one girl and six boys?

BOWMAN: No there were five, no in her family, correct. I'm thinking, I was thinking of her biological family.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Her, are you still involved with any of her, who's daughter is she? She's one of your brothers' or sisters' daughter?

BOWMAN: Yes. My brother [REDACTED] He's deceased.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Are you involved with any of her brothers still?

BOWMAN: Not at present.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Can you talk to me about the people you leave her with? If we were to go through the logs where you've checked out to go with someone, who else's name would appear more frequently?

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: And I've gone out with the Chaplain here. [REDACTED] was one that I mentioned to you.

APPLEWHITE: That's Father [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: [REDACTED] He's the one that's the Chaplain here.

BOWMAN: Yes.



## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: You were thinking about maybe asking him to be your spiritual director?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Did you ever think of what religious order he's from? Dominican?

BOWMAN: No. Claresian I think.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Tell me about [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Can you tell me about him?

BOWMAN: He is a lawyer. He belongs to St. Theresa and so I knew him from the parish there and he's very much of an advocate for me and so he comes and visits me here and takes me out.

APPLEWHITE: Has he represented you legally?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: No. In what sense is he an advocate for you?

BOWMAN: Well just, he's on my side –

APPLEWHITE: On your side.

BOWMAN: or believes in me. There's also [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] They live in [REDACTED] He is also a lawyer. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] They live in [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: How far is [REDACTED] from here?

BOWMAN: It's about a half hour's drive. It's just over the, no it's not over the border. It's in Illinois.

APPLEWHITE: And what was [REDACTED] last name?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: [REDACTED] last name?

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Does [REDACTED] have children?

BOWMAN: Yes, but I, I've met one of them I think, but I'm not in touch with them either.

APPLEWHITE: What were the circumstances where you met one of his children?

BOWMAN: Once he came to dinner, lunch with us. [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: How old is [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: And he works at the Arlington race track.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Is that horse racing or dog racing?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Horse racing. And do [REDACTED] also have children?

BOWMAN: They do. They have three. They're all married and living elsewhere.

APPLEWHITE: Do they ever keep their grandkids with them?

BOWMAN: Do they ever what?

APPLEWHITE: Keep their grandkids? Like come for a vacation at their grandparents' or things like that?

BOWMAN: I guess they do, but I've never been with them.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Have you met their grandkids?

BOWMAN: Yes I have, weddings for them.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Weddings for their children?

BOWMAN: For the children of [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And you celebrated their marriage?

BOWMAN: Yes.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: So did you know them through St. Theresa or some other parish?

BOWMAN: St. James.

APPLEWHITE: St. James. Okay.

BOWMAN: Do you want some more names?

APPLEWHITE: Let's talk about [REDACTED] How often do you see them?

BOWMAN: Maybe once a month.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: They'll come and take me out for lunch.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED] works for the not the diocese, but, she's a lawyer for one of the [REDACTED]. And [REDACTED] is in construction, he's presently building a hotel downtown.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And do, have they ever brought kids with them, children, minors?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I'm really not in touch with children at all. From any of the people that I've mentioned.

APPLEWHITE: Would that be just by accident because it's during the day or?

BOWMAN: It's just been the custom or whatever, the reality of what we've done. It's not anything that was forbidden or whatever or there was any fear of, it just hasn't happened.

APPLEWHITE: Would it be any imposition to you, if we wrote into the protocol that you didn't have children into this room or that they didn't bring children to visit you here, would that be a problem?

BOWMAN: No. I don't see any reason to write it in. That's just what happens.

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APPLEWHITE: Right, I understand. It's more just being able to say this is, this is clear that, especially not to have them into the room because this is a visiting area, but it's also a bedroom and the difficulty would be if there was any kind of allegation that came out whether it was true or not – it would look bad.

BOWMAN: They've never been here.

APPLEWHITE: Right. So that's, that's the main thing is to say this is a bedroom. If you were going to have a visitor that was a minor it shouldn't be in this room. And the protocols are not always a reflection on something that's happened, it's also a reflection on things that have happened in cases that don't have anything to do with you. We attend to those, and to avoid the appearance of things as well.

BOWMAN: Alright. There's a [REDACTED]. He's a friend from St. James. I don't know that he has children.

APPLEWHITE: Is he married?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Is he married?

BOWMAN: Yes. Lives in [REDACTED].

APPLEWHITE: About how often do you see him?

BOWMAN: Rarely.

APPLEWHITE: Rarely. Okay, but you're still in touch?

BOWMAN: Sister [REDACTED] is a good friend.

APPLEWHITE: Is it [REDACTED] with a C?

BOWMAN: No with a K.

APPLEWHITE: With a K. And what's her last name?

BOWMAN: [REDACTED] All Os.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Make's it easy. What kind of, what religious order is she with?

BOWMAN: She's school sister.

## Bowman Interview

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- APPLEWHITE: Notre Dame, no not Notre Dame, St. Joseph's?
- BOWMAN: St., St. Francis. She used to work for me. I was in charge of her religious education for the diocese.
- APPLEWHITE: Okay. Wow. You had some important positions.
- BOWMAN: I'm a very important person. Just ask me.
- APPLEWHITE: I can sense it. Now, really, you had some very serious responsibilities in this arch diocese.
- BOWMAN: Pardon?
- APPLEWHITE: You had some very serious responsibilities in this arch diocese.
- BOWMAN: Yes I did.
- APPLEWHITE: What was the best part of it for you?
- BOWMAN: You asked that and my immediate reaction was leaving, but that's not true, I enjoyed it all. I very much enjoyed being a pastor when I was at St. James and then I very much enjoyed being the vicar for administration for the diocese. And there, that put me in charge of all of the people who work for the diocese. I worked tandem to Bishop Getter who is the vicar general in the sense he as the outside man who dealt with parishes. I was the inside man and dealt with the operation of the parishes.
- APPLEWHITE: Were you still in parish ministry at that point or it was a full time administrative position?
- BOWMAN: It was a full time. Cardinal Bernam had asked me to come and to run the chancery office for them.
- APPLEWHITE: Wow, okay. And what years were those?
- BOWMAN: Probably 2002 or something. I don't know I forget dates.
- APPLEWHITE: Okay. Tough years.
- BOWMAN: And I was there for the rest of his life and under Cardinal George and then I left there I think it was 2004 maybe I don't know, but at any rate.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I worked at the diocese for maybe six years and I enjoyed that very much too. I like to work. I like this place very much except the difficulty is you never get a day off.

APPLEWHITE: Here.

BOWMAN: Being retired.

APPLEWHITE: Right. It sounds like you have a lot of company though.

BOWMAN: I do. And Sister [REDACTED] She was just recently moved up to [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Is that farther away or closer?

BOWMAN: That's in Wisconsin.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Did you know her in a parish?

BOWMAN: Yes. She was at St. James and I was her spiritual director.

APPLEWHITE: And is she one that you're her spiritual director now?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Are you her spiritual director now?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED] They're from St. Theresa. And he's retired.

APPLEWHITE: How often do you see [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: Occasionally.

APPLEWHITE: Less than once a month or more than once a month?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: And what about relatives. Are there other relatives you see that we haven't mentioned? [REDACTED]

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: Right now [REDACTED] is really the only relative that I see.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I do have other relatives, but.

APPLEWHITE: Are you on good terms with other members of your family?

BOWMAN: It's just that I'm retired and I'm here so I'm kind of a fifth wheel or whatever.

APPLEWHITE: But you're on good terms with [REDACTED]. Is there anybody else you're close with at all from your family?

BOWMAN: My brother and his wife. They live in Denver so I don't see them.

APPLEWHITE: He's, no it's your sister. I thought you said you only had one other sibling.

BOWMAN: Living.

APPLEWHITE: Living. Your brother is he alive.

BOWMAN: No. He's deceased.

APPLEWHITE: Then who lives in Denver now?

BOWMAN: His family.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Did you say [REDACTED] has seven children?

BOWMAN: Correct. [REDACTED] had 12.

APPLEWHITE: And do [REDACTED] children live around in the area?

BOWMAN: Some live here. Some in Chicago. She has one daughter that lives in Rome.

APPLEWHITE: Did you visit Rome?

BOWMAN: I went over to Rome for her wedding and I've been back a couple of times. I have what 31 I guess nieces and nephews.

APPLEWHITE: Are there ever family reunions?

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Are there family reunions?

BOWMAN: Well, there was one in the picture up there when I was, when I was assigned to St. James and then we used to a July 4th picnic up there.

APPLEWHITE: Do they still do that?

BOWMAN: We sold the house in [REDACTED] so.

APPLEWHITE: And this family that's all dressed in white, is that your family?

BOWMAN: Those are my class mates?

APPLEWHITE: No the little picture, that one right there?

BOWMAN: That one. No those are just friends from I think that's probably St. James.

APPLEWHITE: Is it one of the families we've already talked about.

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Which one?

BOWMAN: I think that's maybe [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Do they live near?

BOWMAN: I really don't know where they all live. She does, but she's a widow now and I'm really not sure where all of her kids are. You want anymore names?

APPLEWHITE: If there's somebody else that's in your life routinely.

BOWMAN: There's a [REDACTED] is a former priest and I was his supervisor.

APPLEWHITE: His supervisor where?

BOWMAN: When he was ordained.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.



## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: And he's left priesthood now and he's principal of a high school.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And how do you normally see [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: Pardon.

APPLEWHITE: In what context would you normally see them?

BOWMAN: Now it's just social.

APPLEWHITE: Would they come and get you and go somewhere?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Where would you normally go?

BOWMAN: A restaurant.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Do they ever bring their children?

BOWMAN: They don't have any.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED] I was his supervisor before he left priesthood and now he works for Pollack.

APPLEWHITE: Who is Pollack?

BOWMAN: The publishers.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: Of liturgical things.

APPLEWHITE: When you say his supervisor, you were his vicar or?

BOWMAN: I was their supervisor.

APPLEWHITE: And does that mean, it's an expression I haven't heard very much in the priesthood, "supervisor", I kind of like it, but were you their dean or –

BOWMAN: No, I am, I was a dean also. I was a dean of the northwest suburbs.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: What would their supervisor be?

BOWMAN: Well, you would just meet with whoever you were supervising with some regularity to see how he is doing and challenge.

APPLEWHITE: And was everybody assigned someone when they were first ordained?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: And I've been supervisor for probably well I'm ordained 40 years, I've been supervisor for maybe 20 priests, but these are some that I've remained close with afterwards.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And –

BOWMAN: Larry, Reverend Larry Lisowski. L-i-s-o-w-s-k-i. He's pastor of south west, was it is, Lyle.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I was his supervisor when he was newly ordained, but he's still in active ministry. Father Larry Dowling. D-o-w-l-i-n-g. Who is pastor now of one of the west side parishes. I think that's St. Ann's.

APPLEWHITE: Do you ever go to church outside of here?

BOWMAN: Maybe once or twice if I've gone to a wedding or something like that. To attend the wedding, but rarely. I almost, we have mass here everyday.

APPLEWHITE: Do you usually go?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Do they ever ask you to celebrate?

BOWMAN: No that's one of the things that's in the protocol that I'm not allowed to celebrate publicly, liturgical ministry.

APPLEWHITE: And in homes are you allowed to in homes?

BOWMAN: In homes, no.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: And when you say not publicly, that means you can have a private mass for yourself?

BOWMAN: I can go to mass.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I can do anything a lay person can do at mass, but I'm not allowed to be the primary celebrant.

APPLEWHITE: So you can do a reading or Eucharist. You can be a Eucharistic minister?

BOWMAN: I would say no.

APPLEWHITE: You can't, you would say no to being a Eucharistic minister? Okay. Okay. So they don't ask you to do any of those things here?

BOWMAN: No, the people who are in charge here know what my limitations are and so they've never gone beyond them.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Kind of takes some awkwardness away from it if they're aware of it then you don't have to answer the question more than once.

BOWMAN: Most of the residents here probably do not know that I have been removed from ministry. They know that I am retired and a retired priest and they know that I have been in ministry for 46 years, no, 54 years.

APPLEWHITE: What was your year of ordination?

BOWMAN: 1955.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: A [REDACTED] He is a lawyer. Handles a lot of my legal stuff I have.

APPLEWHITE: Also a supporter?

BOWMAN: And they're two of my closest friends.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. How do you normally see them?

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BOWMAN: Well, I haven't seen them much lately, but they were at St., there were in St. James. Now they've just moved up to [REDACTED] and so I would see them maybe once a month or something like that.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. You would in the past or that's how often you see them now?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Is that about how often you see them now?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And if we ask them any of these people whether there's ever occasions where there's an interface with minors, do you know, is there anything that they would tell us that you haven't told us?

BOWMAN: No. No [REDACTED] I, I have their children's weddings and they do have children and I, when I've been at their homes on Thanksgiving or something like that, sometimes the children would be there, but not primarily.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And they know your situation?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Would you normally spend Thanksgiving and Christmas there?

BOWMAN: I have.

APPLEWHITE: Is that where you'll probably go this year?

BOWMAN: Is that what?

APPLEWHITE: Is that where you'll probably go this year?

BOWMAN: Probably.

APPLEWHITE: Do you usually spend the night over the holidays?

BOWMAN: No. No I've not spent the night anywhere.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Now would they know that you're retired, but that there were allegations?

BOWMAN: Yes.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: They would know that?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: All of these people that I've met know that I am retired and know that I was removed from active ministry.

APPLEWHITE: All these people that we've talked about?

BOWMAN: I think so.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. So you have a big network.

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I'm very fortunate.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. It's also easier I mean I think because they do know. It's hard for people sometimes to maintain their relationships when people don't know because then they're all the time asking them to do something that they're not allowed to do and so there's a certain awkwardness that it makes people sometimes retreat a bit. I mean the priest.

BOWMAN: Yes. [REDACTED] They live in [REDACTED] and they're good friends. Very generous to me. [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Generous to you financially, they help –

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: You said they were very generous to you, [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: In what sense are they generous?

BOWMAN: They give me gifts. They give me money. Mostly they give me love. [REDACTED] Who's a lawyer, you might know him from doing work with the diocese and [REDACTED] his wife. They're good friends.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Her name sounds familiar.

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Her name sounds familiar too.

BOWMAN: She's head of the library system in Chicago.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: They live down in one of the high rises, what's the one with the –

APPLEWHITE: You might have to help me because I don't know.

BOWMAN: I forget.

APPLEWHITE: Do you send out a newsletter at Christmas time?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Do you send out a newsletter at Christmas time?

BOWMAN: No I do not.

APPLEWHITE: No. Christmas cards?

BOWMAN: No. I haven't done that since I was at St. James. I used to send out over 300, but one Christmas I was sick and wasn't able to send them out and I just never started again, but I get the same number of cards that I usually send out so I –

APPLEWHITE: Wow.

BOWMAN: am very fortunate with that. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] They live in [REDACTED] Good friends.

APPLEWHITE: About how often would you see [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: Mostly I'd see them I visit there for a meal.

APPLEWHITE: At their house?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And that's in [REDACTED]

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Does [REDACTED] cook or does [REDACTED] cook?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Which one of them cooks?

BOWMAN: [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And how old are [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: Probably their forties.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And do they have kids?

BOWMAN: They do who are married living away.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Do they keep their grandkids?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Have you been at their house when there were kids around, for meals or holidays?

BOWMAN: In or out, but I go to see them not the kids.

APPLEWHITE: Sure. Would they be their grandchildren that would come and visit?

BOWMAN: No. Haven't seen that.

APPLEWHITE: What would be the kids that are there?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: If there are kids at their house, would they be not relatives, but other people?

BOWMAN: They have, what, three daughters and they might be there on occasion, but not often.

APPLEWHITE: And they're in their twenties, their daughters?

BOWMAN: At least that.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Definitely adults?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Their daughters are definitely adults?

BOWMAN: Yes. [REDACTED] They live in [REDACTED] He's a former parishioner, but he will come and take me out with some regularity.

APPLEWHITE: Were [REDACTED] were they parishioners?

BOWMAN: Yes. From St. James.

APPLEWHITE: And [REDACTED] was that also St. James?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: [REDACTED] or at least [REDACTED] was that also St. James?

BOWMAN: No they were from, wait a minute, yes. [REDACTED] They're in St. James. Good friends.

APPLEWHITE: They come and pick you up for a meal as well? They come here to pick you up?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED] From St. Dennis and he's living out of state now.

APPLEWHITE: Normally, when they get in touch with you or you get in touch with them, do you initiate contact or would these folks normally –

BOWMAN: Mostly they have initiated.

APPLEWHITE: They call you on the phone here or a cell phone or?

BOWMAN: Yes, I have a cell phone, as well as the land line.

APPLEWHITE: Do you have his cell phone –

BOWMAN: But I'm very shy so.



## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Yes, not social at all. I can see that.

BOWMAN: I usually wait for them to call. There's a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He's from St. Dennis.

APPLEWHITE: Was St. Dennis later or earlier?

BOWMAN: That was my first parish.

APPLEWHITE: Your first parish, okay.

BOWMAN: And he was my first <inaudible 01:06:03> club president.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I had their wedding, baptized their kids, married their kids, was sponsors and confirmation.

APPLEWHITE: Wow.

BOWMAN: We've just been good friends. And they live in [REDACTED] now.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Would they normally get in touch when they're in town –

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: or they call on the phone? Do they come and visit periodically?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: And do they have children?

BOWMAN: Yes because I have, they have what, they have three, but they're all adults and living away.

APPLEWHITE: Do any of their grandchildren live with them?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Do they keep them, do you know?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Do they keep them? Do they keep their grandchildren?

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: I really don't know. I imagine they do on occasion, but –

APPLEWHITE: But not brining to here?

BOWMAN: No. [REDACTED] She's from St. Timothy. She's a widow and a very good friend.

APPLEWHITE: How often would you see [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: I don't know, I, she's the kind of person where you don't see for a long time and then all of a sudden you do and it seems like it was just yesterday.

APPLEWHITE: That's a nice kind of friend to have.

BOWMAN: And.

APPLEWHITE: Does she live nearby?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Does she live nearby?

BOWMAN: She lives in [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED] They live in [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Normally would you see them, would you go to a restaurant or to their house?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And [REDACTED] would you normally go to her house or?

BOWMAN: No. Usually we'd go out to a restaurant.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: And she'll bring some of her friends from St. Dennis.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Is it a club that she's in or just friends.

BOWMAN: No, friends.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED] with two n's and [REDACTED] They live in [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: How far is that from here?

BOWMAN: It's just west of St. James so not too far. Half and hour's drive.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: He's a dentist.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: Although my dentist is a [REDACTED] again, two n's, [REDACTED] And I've been going to him since I was ordained.

APPLEWHITE: Wow.

BOWMAN: And he's a very good dentist. [REDACTED] He's St. James. Did we run out of ink?

APPLEWHITE: Yes, it's starting to get too light.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED] He's the owner of [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: They do a lot of work the diocese and he's from Ascension in Old Park. I was in grammar school with them. Father Michael Shanahan. I forget where he's pastor now. He was newly ordained at St. James and I was his supervisor. [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Did you say [REDACTED] with an i at the end?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: [REDACTED]

BOWMAN: And they live in [REDACTED]

APPLEWHITE: Do they ever get back here?

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: When they are in Chicago. They have a home in Arlington also and when they come up then they'll call me and we'll go out for lunch.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Have you been out this week at all, so far?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Today's Friday, have you been out this week?

BOWMAN: Have I been out, [REDACTED] came and took me out on Wednesday..

APPLEWHITE: Would you say [REDACTED] your most common visitor?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Is [REDACTED] your most common visitor?

BOWMAN: She's one of them, yes, my niece.

APPLEWHITE: Others that are as frequent as [REDACTED] of this list?

BOWMAN: [REDACTED] I think I gave you his name.

APPLEWHITE: You did.

BOWMAN: He's from St. James and St. Theresa and he's one of my regular drivers.

APPLEWHITE: Does he take you to the doctor?

BOWMAN: Yes and [REDACTED] does also unless the doctor comes here.

APPLEWHITE: Did you go out with anyone else this week?

BOWMAN: I don't think so.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Is there anybody else that I would be important for us to know about that you would see routinely?

BOWMAN: Well that's really enough that'll give you kind of an, a sense of who the folks are.

APPLEWHITE: You have an active social life.

BOWMAN: Pardon?

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: You have an active social life.

BOWMAN: I do. Father Wayne Watts. W-a-t-t-s. And he's in Chicago. I was his supervisor and we're still friends.

APPLEWHITE: Now, do the priests of the arch diocese are they aware of your situation?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: They are?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: And the Chaplain here, the same –

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: he knows?


BOWMAN: Yes.


APPLEWHITE: Okay. How do the men from the arch diocese learn about it, from you or from the arch diocese?

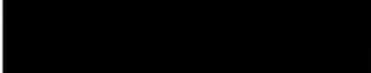
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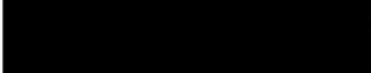
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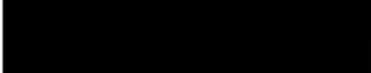
BOWMAN: Almost everybody knows my life. I have no secrets unfortunately.


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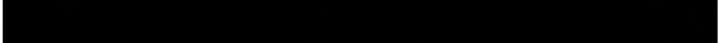
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APPLEWHITE: In your file, right.

BOWMAN: My permanent file.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: Because they know everything.

APPLEWHITE: Was there any trouble with pornography along the way?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: No, okay. Was it something that you used?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Did you use pornography?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Can you tell me your pattern of use of alcohol?

## Bowman Interview

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BOWMAN: We do not have liquor here at the facility.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: That's one reason why I like to go out for lunch. Then I can have a drink so that I have maybe one drink a week.

APPLEWHITE: What's your preference?

BOWMAN: Scotch.

APPLEWHITE: Scotch. Just a scotch on the rocks?

BOWMAN: Yes. This week when I went out I had a whiskey sour and it was awful.

APPLEWHITE: Was the sour not good? The sour wasn't good or the whiskey wasn't good?

BOWMAN: They, I thought they had diluted it, it was not very strong.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Are there any, have you had any medical indications to avoid alcohol?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. No diabetes or, okay, and prescription medications for psychotropic type medications, do they have you on any anti-anxiety or any of those kinds of medications?

BOWMAN: No. I take about a dozen pills a day, but again that'd be in my permanent record.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. But as far as you know they're not for psychiatric?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Did they ever put you on any sort of a chemical libido modification like Depo-Provera or anything like that?

BOWMAN: No.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Have you used illicit drugs?

BOWMAN: Would you like a mint?



## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: No, that's okay thank you.

SHANTE: No thank you.

APPLEWHITE: Did you use illicit drugs?

BOWMAN: Pardon?

APPLEWHITE: Elicit drugs? Have you used illicit drugs, marijuana, cocaine any of those kinds of things? Okay, so that was a no to that. I'm just saying it out loud because to record it because you shook your head.

BOWMAN: I'm sorry.

APPLEWHITE: When I asked about drugs you shook your head so I was just saying it out loud to answer this.

BOWMAN: About drugs?

APPLEWHITE: Right.

BOWMAN: I'm not on any kind of drugs for personality questions or whatever.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: I'm pretty boring really. I don't mean that.

APPLEWHITE: Normally you don't have 33 people on your social list if you're boring.

BOWMAN: And I could double that if you wanted me to.

APPLEWHITE: There's still other people that might show up on your --?

BOWMAN: Sure.

APPLEWHITE: going out list? Okay. What's the period, what's the longest you're usually away from the house?

BOWMAN: A couple of hours.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: The length of a meal.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay. Two hours, three hours, something.

BOWMAN: Yes. The longest is when I've gone up to see my sister [REDACTED] and we leave here at 10:00 maybe and I'd be back before supper so it'd be an afternoon.

APPLEWHITE: If I were to ask them what makes you want to come and see Father Bowman and take him out to lunch, what would they tell me about you?

BOWMAN: That I'm a nice person I guess. My sister and I have been somewhat estranged and so I don't see here that often and she has not been here except once when I first moved in. But I'm beginning to work to get back into her good graces or whatever and the reason for the estrangement was the reason for my removal from ministry.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: She never understood that.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. She didn't understand that, as far as to saying this is human weakness or she didn't understand it from the perspective of because you were a priest or?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. And have you had conversations with her about it?

BOWMAN: Not at all recently.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: In the distant past I have.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Is there somebody you can talk with about how to approach it with her or how to?

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Who would you talk to about that?

BOWMAN: That [REDACTED]

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay. And why would you pick him as far as somebody that you could, because that's a pretty sensitive topic to talk to somebody about, why would you choose him?

BOWMAN: Just because I trust him and he knows me and knows my family. Also [REDACTED] who is one of the names that you have, the same would be true there.

APPLEWHITE: How long have you known the two of them?

BOWMAN: Since I was at St. James so probably since the late 80s.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. So this these are long term friendships, very high comfort level. You mentioned that [REDACTED] could also help you if you needed help –

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: and that's sounds like a lot of comfort.

BOWMAN: Yes.

APPLEWHITE: More familial type of relationship. I mean is it a father/son kind of relationship or friendship kind of relationship?

BOWMAN: Friendship.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

BOWMAN: [REDACTED] is in his sixties I think.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. So peer to peer type relationship.

BOWMAN: And I think [REDACTED] is also.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Anything else you wanted to make sure that we asked Shante?

SHANTE: No I think –

BOWMAN: I feel neglected by you.

APPLEWHITE: Sometimes Shante does the interviews, sometimes I do the interview. She's there listening to see what I'm missing.

SHANTE: I think you covered all of the topics.

## Bowman Interview

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APPLEWHITE: Okay. I'm going to turn this off.

**Leah McCluskey - Re: Fwd: Bowman Interview**

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
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>>> <[monicaapplewhite@yahoo.com](mailto:monicaapplewhite@yahoo.com)> 10/31/2008 12:03 PM >>>

Dear Shawnte,

Attached is the interview with Father Bowman. When you send this to Father Costello, you may want to alert him to the primary concern with his activities (in addition to the sheer number of people who take him out), which is that he still hears confessions of a few people who are in residence at the care facility.

Very truly yours,

Monica

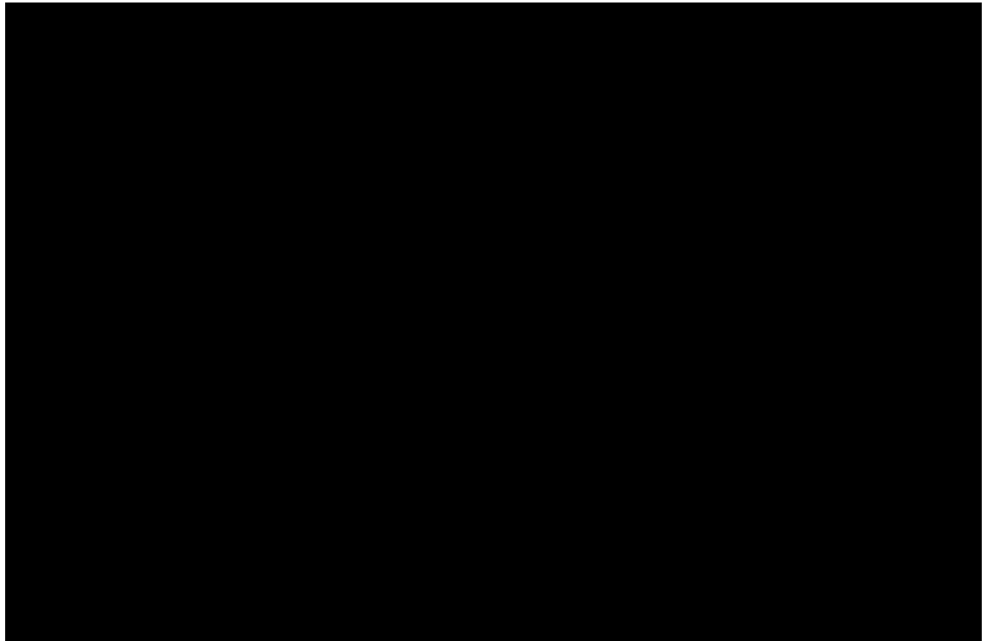
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Vince,

Welcome back; hope you had a restful time away.

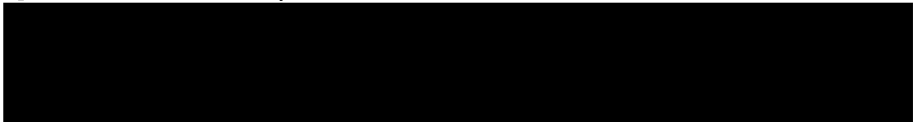
It was a pure joy every morning to hear the comings and goings of Jose Antonio Delgado Salas.

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- Jimmy Lago and John Canary called and asked me to accompany Shawnte To Resurrection Life Center to do a search of Peter's rooms. I was to ask him to voluntary allow the search of his room and taking of his computer. Peter graciously said yes and I didn't have to use the letter that John Canary prepared. While they searched, Peter and I talked. Shawnte brought back his computer and an envelope with some pictures in it, which she will give to John O'Malley.

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# INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: PETER BOWMAN

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These individual specific protocols were designed for Peter Bowman

<u>IMPLEMENTATION DATE</u>	<u>DATE OF REVIEW</u>
February 15, 2009	December, 2010

## HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS.

July 7, 1955- July 5, 1961	St. Denis
July 5, 1961- May 1966	St. Lawrence, Matteson, Il
May 1966 - June 20, 1969	Our Lady of Victory
June 20, 1969- October 1978	Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
October 1978-August 15, 1995	St. James, Arlington Heights
August 15, 1995 – July 1, 2000	Vicar for Admin./Moderator of the Curia
August 1, 2000 – Dec 15, 2000	Deanery II, Acting
August 1, 2000	St. Teresa of Avila Administration
January 22, 2001	Dean of Deanery II –D
March 1, 2001	Retired
March 20, 2001	St. James, Arlington Heights (Pastor Emeritus)

## HISTORY OF ABUSE ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED.

### ALLEGATION 1. TIMEFRAME: 1959.

Allegation came forward March 3, 2008. Victim stated that Peter Bowman abused him when he was 12 years old at St. Damian Parish. Victim was [redacted] years old at the time he reported the abuse.

### ALLEGATION 2. TIME FRAME: 1953- 1954 (BEFORE HIS ORDINATION)

Allegation came forward April 19, 2002. Victim reported that when he was 10 or 11 years old Peter Bowman [redacted]

[redacted] Peter Bowman's response to the allegation was that he did have male teens stay overnight, but did not remember the victim specifically. He stated the he could "accept the allegation of hugging and that the other could have happened but he had no recollection."

This allegation was **substantiated** by the review board.

### ALLEGATION 3. TIMEFRAME: 1959- 1965

Allegation came forward October 17, 2003. Victim is [redacted]

[REDACTED]

This allegation was **substantiated** by the review board.

**ALLEGATION 4. TIMEFRAME: 1966**

Allegation came forward June 26, 2002. The victim was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade when the alleged abuse began. There were approximately 5-6 incidents of abuse.

[REDACTED]

This allegation was **substantiated** by the review board.

**ALLEGATION 5. TIMEFRAME: 1966**

Allegation came forward December 2007. The victim stated that he was approximately 10 years old when he was abused by Peter Bowman.

[REDACTED]

This allegation was **substantiated** by the review board.

**ALLEGATION 6. TIMEFRAME: 1978-1980**

Allegation came forward June 2006. The victim alleged that while he was in the fifth or sixth grade Peter Bowman would

[REDACTED]

This allegation was **substantiated** by the review board.

**ALLEGATION 7. TIMEFRAME: 1999**

Allegation came forward August 12, 2000. The victim stated that in December 1999 he was

[REDACTED]

**Individual Specific Protocols**



[REDACTED]

The board found that Peter Bowman's behavior did not constitute sexual misconduct or inappropriate behavior. The board identified the behavior as "foolish horseplay."

### CURRENT CANONICAL STATUS

Penal Decree and Precept was issued on July 22, 2005. The case of Peter Bowman was sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Pope Benedict XVI granted permission to impose a penal precept on Peter Bowman specifying that "he should permanently refrain from exercising public priestly ministry. He is also to live in a certain place specified by Your Eminence and be dispensed from the obligation of wearing clerical garb." In order to observe the precept more closely, Peter Bowman must "never be alone in the company of adolescents or young men, and any computer activity must be closely supervised."

### INSTANCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE

9/30/03- Nieces and nephews informed the Vicar for Priests that they wanted their uncle Peter Bowman removed from their mother's [REDACTED] (now deceased) home. [REDACTED]

-Peter Bowman was found to be celebrating Mass in his home for 30-40 people.

-On September 29, 2003 Peter Bowman admitted to accessing male adult porn on his sister's [REDACTED] computer and "adult groping".

-January 4, 2008- Letter was sent to Peter Bowman informing he that he no longer needed to complete the daily log sheets, unless he left his residence at Resurrection Life 7370 W. Talcott Chicago, IL. As of 2/10/09, Peter Bowman has admittedly left his residence on numerous occasions, multiple times per week, and has not completed any daily log sheets.

### CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.

Peter Bowman currently resides Holy Family Villa in Palos Park, IL, along with one other member of the Archdiocesan Priesthood that has been removed from ministry due to substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor. Holy Family Villa is a nursing care facility; no children are permitted to reside at the center. Bobby Magurany is the site monitor. Residents of Holy Family Villa are not permitted to drive.

**Individual Specific Protocols**

## RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM: SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	KNOWN VIOLATIONS	PROGRESS TO DATE
Peter Bowman is not permitted to spend time in homes with families who have minor children. With a prudent companion Peter Bowman is permitted to socialize with families that have minor children in public places. Such contact must be disclosed and logged for review by his Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Oversight and verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	10/24/10	<b>Non Compliance</b>  On 10/24/10 Peter Bowman was in a private home with minor children. There is no way to verify the extent of the violation of this protocol because of his repeated deceptions and disappearances.
In accordance with the Penal Decree and Precept issued on July 22, 2005, Peter Bowman is prohibited at all times from spending time alone with <i>anyone</i> under the age of 25. Peter Bowman is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text message or letter with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Oversight and verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	10/24/10	<b>Non Compliance</b>  On 10/24/10 Peter Bowman was in a private home with minor children. There is no way to verify the extent of the violation of this protocol because of his repeated deceptions and disappearances.
Peter Bowman is required to complete the Daily Log in full prior to leaving the residence. The Daily logs must be kept in binder in a consistent open location that is easily assessable to onsite monitor and Compliance Supervisor for verification when Peter Bowman is not present at residence.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and onsite monitor.</i>	7/7/09, 7/8/09, 4/7/10, 8/10/10, 10/42/10	<b>Non-Compliance</b>  Peter Bowman frequently violated this protocol by leaving his residence and not logging his whereabouts or providing deceptive information. He regularly urinates on his log sheets to avoid accountability.
Peter Bowman is required to complete the "Request for Travel" in accordance with its timelines and procedures, and receive approval prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	No known violations during this reporting period	<b>Compliance</b>  Peter Bowman has not had an overnight stay away from his residence.
RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	KNOWN VIOLATIONS	PROGRESS TO DATE

### Individual Specific Protocols

Peter Bowman is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of mass, hearing confession, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry) and being introduced as "Father."	<i>Oversight and verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	11/10/10	<b>Non Compliance</b>  On 11/10/10 Peter Bowman hung a sign and picture on his door presenting himself as a priest to the public.
Peter Bowman is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care, counseling and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>Verification with support network.  Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	No known violations during this reporting period	<b>Compliance</b>  There are no known reports of Peter providing ministry.
Once established, Peter Bowman is required to participate in faith-sharing evenings at Resurrection Life Center.	<i>Verification with facilitator.</i>		This Protocol never implemented.
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Online chat, social networking involvement, and other internet relationships, as well as sites visited are subject to review by Peter Bowman's Compliance Supervisor for the first six months of the program. The need for ongoing review will be evaluated following this period of time.	<i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	8/21/09	<b>Non Compliance</b>  Peter Bowman's computer was found with pornographic images.
Peter Bowman will meet once each month with his Compliance Supervisor at his residence. He is required to respond to questions about his daily activities, relationships and travel.	<i>Oversight and verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	No known violations during this reporting period	<b>Compliance</b>  Peter Bowman consistently meets with Compliance Supervisor
Peter Bowman is to work with a	<i>Oversight and</i>	No known	<b>Compliance</b>

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<p>Peter Bowman is required to disclose all income-earning and volunteer work activities to his Compliance Supervisor.</p>	<p><i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i></p>	<p>No known violations during this reporting period</p>	<p><b>Full Compliance</b></p> <p>Peter Bowman does not work or volunteer.</p>
<p>In accordance with the Penal Decree and Precept issued on July 22, 2005, Peter Bowman is required to provide access to any computers he uses in order to allow supervision of computer content to occur at any time.</p>	<p><i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i></p>	<p>No known violations during this reporting period.</p>	<p><b>Compliance</b></p> <p>On 8/21/10 Peter Bowman's computer was removed after pornographic images were found.</p>
<p>Peter Bowman is prohibited from viewing, downloading or otherwise possessing pornography or sexually explicit materials of any kind.</p>	<p><i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i></p>	<p>8/3/09, 8/21/09</p>	<p><b>Non Compliance</b></p> <p>In an evaluation Peter acknowledged viewing pornography.</p> <p>Peter Bowman's computer was found with pornographic images.</p>

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**REPORTING PERIOD: MARCH, 2009- DECEMBER, 2010**

Peter Bowman has consistently demonstrated an unwillingness to live in accordance with Archdiocese of Chicago Prayer and Penance Program. Peter Bowman repeatedly disappears, lies about his whereabouts and spends time in homes where there are children despite [REDACTED] The families he prefers to spend time with are faithful Catholic parents and children. These are the children he abused before; these are the children who are in danger now. As long as he can call himself a priest, we now recognize he will continue to abuse the authority and trust inherent in this title.

Other facilities such as those owned by the Servants of the Paraclete and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and they are unable to accept Peter Bowman into their facilities due to his pattern of refusal to comply with restrictions and his use of urine and feces to disrupt supervision. In November 2010 the Archdiocese of Chicago initiated canonical action for Peter's involuntary removal from the priesthood.

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## INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: PETER BOWMAN

**These individual specific protocols were designed for Peter Bowman**

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

December, 2010

DATE OF REVIEW

December, 2011

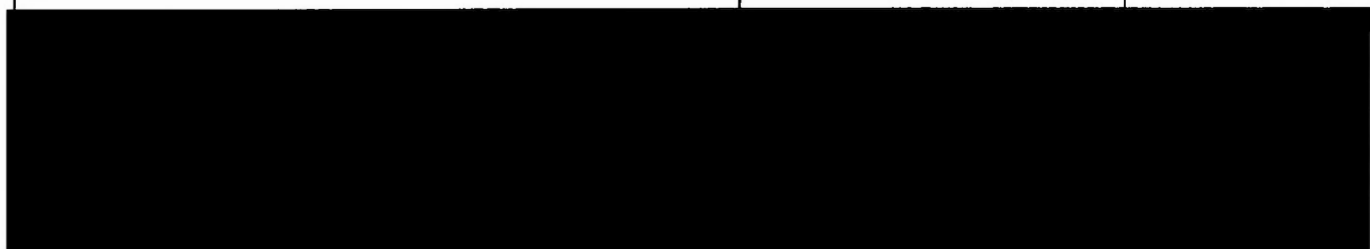
### RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM: SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION
Even with a prudent companion, Peter Bowman is not permitted to spend time with families who have minor children. This includes time in their homes, his family home or in public places. Peter Bowman is prohibited at all times from spending social time with anyone under the age of 22. <i>He is not permitted to leave the grounds of Holy Family Villa to visit with families.</i>	<i>Oversight and verification by Holy Family Villa Staff and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	December, 2010
Peter Bowman is required to complete the "Request for Travel" in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	<i>Oversight and verification by Holy Family Villa Staff and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	December, 2010
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Peter Bowman is restricted from leaving residence unless approved and arranged by site monitor Bobby Magurany.	<i>Oversight by Holy Family Villa staff and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	December, 2010
Peter Bowman is restricted from having visitors in his room; all visits must take place in an open meeting space. All visitors must be approved by site monitor and Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Oversight by Holy Family Villa staff and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	December, 2010
Peter Bowman is prohibited from engaging in liturgy, life or any aspect of parish community except for services on the grounds of the Holy Family Villa.	<i>Oversight by Holy Family Villa Staff</i>	December, 2010
Peter Bowman is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text message or letter with anyone under the age of 22.	<i>Oversight and verification by Holy Family Villa staff.</i>	December, 2010
Peter Bowman is not permitted to have access to the internet.	<i>Oversight and verification by Holy Family Villa staff..</i>	December, 2010

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RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION
Peter Bowman is not permitted to have access a vehicle for his personal use.	<i>Oversight and verification by Holy Family Villa Staff.</i>	December, 2010
Peter Bowman is to abide by the rules of conduct established by the Holy Family Villa.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor each month.</i>	December, 2010



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### CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOLS.

Depending on the gravity of the instance of non-compliance, any of the following consequences may apply:

- Immediate voluntary polygraph to determine whether abuse may have occurred.
- Restriction from specific daily activities.
- Restriction from travel.
- Restriction from Internet Access
- Change of residence.
- Implementation of routine polygraph verification.
- Canonical action, up to and including involuntary removal from the priesthood.

### SIGNATURES.

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

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

Signature of Vicar for Priest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardinal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago has initiated a program of support and accountability for the priests of the Archdiocese who have been removed from ministry due to their sexual misconduct with minors. The program is voluntary in that a priest may choose to participate or may choose to leave the priesthood. Peter Bowman has expressed his desire to engage in this program, fully recognizing it will mean a significant increase in accountability and a decrease in his overall levels of privacy. This is seen as a positive sign, as openness to support and intervention by others is one of the essential components for long-term abstinence from sexual offending.

The Archdiocese has asked Peter Bowman to identify the friends and family members who would be willing and able to offer support and accountability to him as he moves through his daily life. You were among those he identified.

If you are willing to accompany Peter Bowman in this way, the following is asked of you:

1. That you review Peter Bowman's history of allegations and substantiated offenses,
2. That you review his *Individual Specific Protocols*, which tell you what he is permitted to do and what he is not,
3. That you agree to support Peter Bowman through interrupting high-risk behaviors (such as his attempting to be alone with a minor) if they occur and informing his Compliance Supervisor of any other concerns or violations of the protocols,
4. That you agree to on-going, open communication with Peter Bowman's Compliance Supervisor so that any problems may be identified and addressed before they become serious.

I am personally grateful to you for considering what can only be considered a ministry to Peter Bowman and for the support you have offered him thus far. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate in this program, please do not feel an obligation and please do not turn to the pages that follow which contain confidential information. If you would like to move forward with the commitment to participate, please indicate with your signature below. Once you have reviewed all of the information, you will have another opportunity to indicate your willingness to move forward. Thank you once again for considering this important work.

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Jimmy Lago

Chancellor

I have a commitment to support Peter Bowman in his personal program of wellness. I am willing and able to assist him in avoiding situations that could lead to further sexual misconduct and further harm to others, including misinterpretations of his behavior or false allegations of abuse.

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Signature and date

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## Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements the Individual Specific Protocols for Fr. Peter Bowman, prepared by the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for the Protection of Children and Youth, dated December 2010. The Protocols were put in place in response to multiple allegations of abuse made against Bowman. In the Protocols, seven specific allegations of abuse are outlined. Victim MX alleged he was abused by Bowman at St. Damien parish when he was 12 years old. Victim LI alleged the abuse occurred at St. Denis parish between 1953 and 1954 and consisted of various methods of grooming by Bowman and at least one incident of genital fondling. Victim LJ alleged abuse occurring in the 1960s, involving Victim LJ sleeping over at the rectory with Bowman, as well as accompanying the cleric on at least one out of state trip. According to the summary, Victim LN's alleged abuse occurred at Our Lady of Victory parish in 1966 and included kissing and, in some instances, genital fondling. Victim LN estimated 5 or 6 incidents of alleged abuse. Bowman also abused Victim LN during an out of state trip, during which the two shared a hotel room. Victim LM alleged he was abused in 1966 at St. Denis parish and the abuse included genital fondling. Victim LP alleged abuse occurring at St. James parish in the late 1970s and early 1980s, including kissing Victim LP on the mouth. Victim LR reported inappropriate behavior by Bowman, including uncomfortable touching and poking LR's buttocks. This alleged abuse occurred at the St. Teresa of Avila rectory between 1999 and 2000.

# INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: PETER BOWMAN

These individual specific protocols were designed for Peter Bowman

## Implementation

February 15, 2009

MARCH 5

## Date of Review

May 15, 2009

JUNE 5

## HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS.

July 7, 1955- July 5, 1961	St. Denis
July 5, 1961- May 1966	St. Lawrence, Matteson, IL
May 1966 - June 20, 1969	Our Lady of Victory
June 20, 1969- October 1978	Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
October 1978-August 15, 1995	St. James, Arlington Heights
August 15, 1995 – July 1, 2000	Vicar for Admin./Moderator of the Curia
August 1, 2000 – Dec 15, 2000	Deanery II, Acting
August 1, 2000	St. Teresa of Avila Administration
January 22, 2001	Dean of Deanery II -D
March 1, 2001	Retired
March 20, 2001	St. James, Arlington Heights (Pastor Emeritus)

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A. H. [unclear]

## HISTORY OF ABUSE ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED.

### ALLEGATION 1. TIMEFRAME: 1959.

Allegation came forward March 3, 2008. Victim stated that Peter Bowman abused him when he was 12 years old at St. ~~Damian~~ Parish. Victim was [redacted] years old at the time he reported the abuse. DENIS

### ALLEGATION 2. TIME FRAME: 1953- 1954 (BEFORE HIS ORDINATION)

Allegation came forward April 19, 2002. Victim reported that when he was 10 or 11 years old Peter Bowman [redacted]

[redacted] Peter Bowman's response to the allegation was that he did have male teens stay overnight, but did not remember the victim specifically. He stated the he could "accept the allegation of hugging and that the other could have happened but he had no recollection."

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This allegation was **substantiated** by the review board.

**ALLEGATION 3. TIMEFRAME: 1959- 1965**

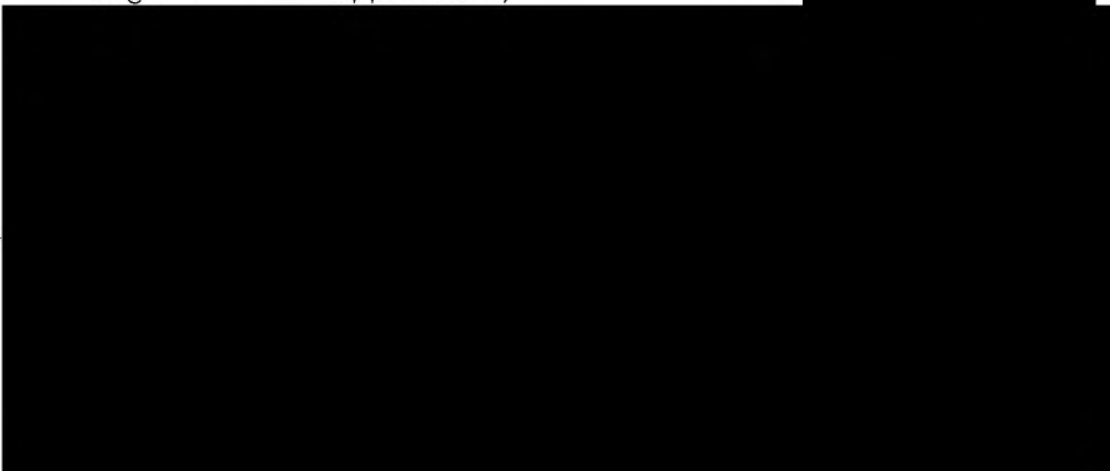
Allegation came forward October 17, 2003. Victim is



This allegation was **substantiated** by the review board.

**ALLEGATION 4. TIMEFRAME: 1966**

Allegation came forward June 26, 2002. The victim was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade when the alleged abuse began. There were approximately 5-6 incidents of abuse.



This allegation was **substantiated** by the review board.

**ALLEGATION 5. TIMEFRAME: 1966**

Allegation came forward December 2007. The victim stated that he was approximately 10 years old when he was abused by Peter Bowman.



This allegation was **substantiated** by the review board.

**ALLEGATION 6. TIMEFRAME: 1978-1980**

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Allegation came forward June 2006. The victim alleged that while he was in the fifth or sixth grade Peter Bowman would [REDACTED]

This allegation was **substantiated** by the review board.

**ALLEGATION 7. TIMEFRAME: 1999**

Allegation came forward August 12, 2000. The victim stated that in December 1999 he was [REDACTED]

The board found that Peter Bowman's behavior did not constitute sexual misconduct or inappropriate behavior. The board identified the behavior as "foolish horseplay."

**CURRENT CANONICAL STATUS**

Penal Decree and Precept was issued on July 22, 2005. The case of Peter Bowman was sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Pope Benedict XVI granted permission to impose a penal precept on Peter Bowman specifying that "he should permanently refrain from exercising public priestly ministry. He is also to live in a certain place specified by Your Eminence and be dispensed from the obligation of wearing clerical garb." In order to observe the precept more closely, Peter Bowman must "never be alone in the company of adolescents or young men, and any computer activity must be closely supervised."

**INSTANCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE**

9/30/03- Nieces and nephews informed the Vicar for Priests that they wanted their uncle Peter Bowman removed from their mother's [REDACTED] (now deceased) home. [REDACTED]

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-Peter Bowman was found to be celebrating Mass in his home for 30-40 people.

-On September 29, 2003 Peter Bowman ~~admitted to accessing male adult porn on his sister's~~  
~~computer and "adult groping".~~

-January 4, 08 - Letter was sent to Peter Bowman informing he that he no longer needed to complete the daily log sheets, unless he left his residence at Resurrection Life 7370 W. Talcott Chicago, IL. As of 2/10/09, Peter Bowman has admittedly left his residence on numerous occasions, multiple times per week, and has not completed any daily log sheets.

2/10/09 – Peter Bowman's Compliance Supervisor learned that Peter Bowman went on an unauthorized overnight trip for several days without following the protocols to complete a travel request form. Where he went and with whom were unknown as of 2/17/09.

*Peter Bowman disputes this information. ZPD*

### CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.

Peter Bowman currently resides at Resurrection Life Center located at 7370 W. Talcott in Chicago, IL, along with one other member of the Archdiocesan Priesthood that has been removed from ministry due to substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor. Resurrection Life is a nursing care facility; no children are permitted to reside at the center. On 2/19/05 Peter Bowman moved from Mundelein to Resurrection Life. Sr. [REDACTED] LCSW is the site monitor. Residents of Resurrection Life are not permitted to drive.

### RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

#### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM: SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS

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Peter Bowman is required to complete the Daily Log in full prior to leaving the residence. The Daily logs must be kept in binder in a consistent open location that is easily assessable to onsite monitor and Compliance Supervisor for verification when Peter Bowman is not present at residence.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor and onsite monitor.	No
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### SIGNATURES.

Signed: Rev. R. Peter Bowman Date: March 5, 2009

Printed Name: Rev. R. Peter Bowman

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Rev. Oswald [Signature] Date: March 5, 2009

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: Very Rev. [Signature] Date: 5/11/09

Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal [Signature] Date: March 4, 2009

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## COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

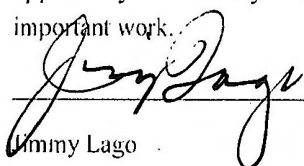
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Chancellor

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Signature and date

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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Safe Environment Office



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## MEMORANDUM

**FILE COPY**

**To:** Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Carol Fowler, Personnel Services  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

**From:** Santa Garcia, Secretary *S. G.*  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**Re:** [PFR - 77] BOWMAN, REV. R. PETER (RETIRED-WITHDRAWN)  
/ [REDACTED]

**Date:** April 13, 2009

A copy of a new allegation was received by this office on April 13, 2009.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding  
[PFR - 77] BOWMAN, REV. R. PETER (RETIRED-WITHDRAWN) /  
[REDACTED]

It is extremely important that your forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Please call Leah McCluskey with any questions you may have at 312-534-5205.  
Thank you.

Cc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

AOC 007949

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Hunnicutt, Matthew; Jenkins, Shawnte  
**CC:** Flores, Mayra; Slattery, Jan; Zacharias, Patricia  
**Date:** 4/13/2009 11:13 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED]/Peter Bowman  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Matt,

Thank you very much for your memo. I will open a file today, but will not contact [REDACTED] as per your conversation with him. I will leave the status in RADAR "awaiting response from victim." Could you please let me know if and when [REDACTED] would be willing to have me contact him--unless he chooses to contact me first?

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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>>> Matthew Hunnicutt 4/13/2009 10:42 AM >>>  
 Please see attached.

Matt Hunnicutt, M.A., L.C.S.W.  
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Chief, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau  
State's Attorney of Cook County  
2650 South California, Room 11D36  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE: [REDACTED]

Our File #09 SC 051  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Date of Incident: Unknown  
Location of Incident: Unknown

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review has received an allegation from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was sexually abused as a minor by Fr. Peter Bowman. It is not known when the alleged abuse took place. Fr. Bowman is retired and withdrawn from ministry. There is no further information available at this time.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John C. O'Malley in cursive.  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

JCOM:dd

cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓  
Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms. Dixie Peterson, DCFS Counsel

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AOC 007951

### CLERGY DAILY LOG

The Office for the Protection of Children and Youth, pursuant to Article §1104.43, is responsible to "monitor programs for treatment, rehabilitation or supervision of clerics..."

The Individual Specific Protocol for:

requires that you keep a "log" of your daily activities. The "log" is completed daily each time you leave and return to the residence and is available at all times for verification of whereabouts. Please include the place, the purpose of visit/trip/activity (i.e. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the address and telephone number.

Today's Date 6-11-09

Log out time	Destination(s)	Times at destination(s)	Address and telephone number of Times at destination and/or chaperone	Log in time
11:30	Lunch	12:00	Baker's Square [REDACTED]	2:00

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

Date Reviewed: 7/7/09

Compliance Supervisor Signature: [Signature]

Revised 5.12.08

### CLERGY DAILY LOG

The Office for the Protection of Children and Youth, pursuant to Article §1104.4.3, is responsible to "monitor programs for treatment, rehabilitation or supervision of clerics..."

The Individual Specific Protocol for:

requires that you keep a "log" of your daily activities. The "log" is completed daily each time you leave and return to the residence and is available at all times for verification of whereabouts. Please include the place, the purpose of visit/trip/activity (i.e. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the address and telephone number.

Today's Date 6-11-09

Log out time	Destination(s)	Times at destination(s)	Address and telephone number of Times at destination and/or chapérone	Log in time
1:30	Wake	3:00 P.M.	[REDACTED]	6:00

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

Date Reviewed: 7/1/09

Compliance Supervisor Signature: [Signature]

Revised 6.12.08



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth



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## NOTIFICATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE

To: Peter Bowman  
From: Shawnte Jenkins, Compliance Supervisor  
Date: July 8, 2009  
Re: Non-compliance with ISP

This notification is to inform you that you are currently out of compliance with the following requirements of your ISP:

*Peter Bowman is required to complete the Daily Log in full prior to leaving the residence. The Daily logs must be kept in a binder in a consistent open location that is easily assessable to onsite monitor and Compliance Supervisor for verification when Peter Bowman is not present at residence.*

On July 7, 2009, at 12:00 noon you were not present at your residence, Resurrection Life Center at 7370 W. Talcott in Chicago, IL. You did not log your whereabouts on your "Clergy Daily Log", as required by your Individual Specific Protocol. Further review found that you last completed a "Clergy Daily Log" on June 11, 2009; however you have left your residence on numerous occasions since that time, specifically for several hours on June 18, June 27, June 29, July 5 and July 7.

Non-disclosure of daily activities and/or deception, whether active or passive, regarding destinations for daily activities are considered a serious violation of protocols. Your failure to inform the Archdiocese of your whereabouts since June 11, 2009 constitutes serious violation of your Individual Specific Protocols.

As stated in your Individual Specific Protocol signed and dated by you on March 5, 2009:

*Depending on the gravity of the instance of non-compliance, any of the following consequences may apply:*

- *Immediate voluntary polygraph to determine whether abuse may have occurred.*
- *Restriction from specific daily activities.*
- *Restriction from travel.*
- *Restriction from Internet Access*
- *Change of residence.*
- *Implementation of routine polygraph verification.*
- *Canonical action, up to and including involuntary removal from the priesthood.*

Attached for your convenience is a copy of your last logged whereabouts when verification occurred on July 7, 2009.

CC: Cardinal George, Fr. Canary, Fr. Costello, Fr. Smilanic, J. Lago, J. Slattery, [REDACTED] Sr. [REDACTED]

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July 17, 2009

*J. Jago*  
*Vince Cantello*  
*- Father Mr. Clusky*

Cardinal George:

A few weeks ago, I received a package from the Archdiocese on the subject of laicization of priests. In the second sentence it was stated that this process did not apply to priests that fell into either the "advanced aged or infirmity category".

I just want to formally state that it is my fondest wish to remain a priest until my dying day.

Due to my advanced age of 80 and the physical difficulties that I have that require the advanced degree of care that I receive at Resurrection, I feel that I fall into both the "aged" and "infirm" categories.

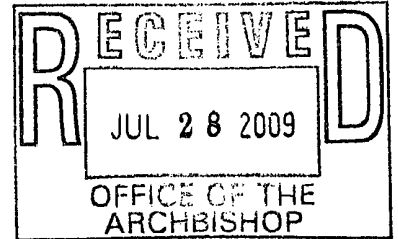
With continuing respect, I remain

Sincerely,

*Peter Bowman*

Father R. Peter Bowman

Rev. Peter Bowman  
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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Vicar General  
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V Rev. John Canary

August 20, 2009

Ms. Jan Slattery  
Office for the Protection of Children  
737 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. Slattery,

By a decree of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [114/03-19661, July 14, 2003], His Eminence, Cardinal George, was instructed to impose a penal precept on the Rev. Peter Bowman to permanently remove him from public ministry and specify that he live in a certain place.

On July 22, 2005, in the authorized penal precept, among other things Cardinal George reminded Fr. Bowman that he 'refrain completely from all things which are unbecoming or foreign to the clerical state (c. 285) and which could bring further scandal upon the Church'. Also, Cardinal George reminded him of his 'obligation to observe perfect and perpetual chastity (c. 277)'. Specifically Cardinal George wrote: "In order that he observe this precept more closely, I also direct a program be developed ... which will allow his behavior to be monitored... In particular, ...any computer activity must be closely supervised." The precept further notes that any violations will result in further restrictions, and that such violations will be considered aggravating circumstances that can be punished more gravely.

An Individual Specific Protocol for Fr. Peter Bowman was presented to him by the Vicar for Priests in conjunction with your office. Among other things, the protocol established his program of monitoring and designated those responsible for his supervision.

Credible information has been received that Fr. Bowman is violation of the injunctions of the penal precept imposed upon him by Cardinal George, as well as his Individual Specific Protocol. Therefore, I ask you and you staff, in conjunction with whatever professional services would be necessary, to conduct a search of Fr. Bowman's room, as well as to examine his computer.

Because of the unusual nature of this investigation, I also ask that it be done in a way that is respectful of Fr. Bowman and his personal property. Since it will do doubt be disturbing to Fr. Bowman, I ask that you pay particular concern to his needs in this regard.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Rev. John Canary*  
Rev. John Canary,  
Vicar General

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NEED TO USE.

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**DAILY POINT SHEET**

<b>Daily Point Sheet</b>								
Activity	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total Points
Client will remain sober at all times	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
Client will not consume any alcohol beverages	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
Client will not bring any alcohol to his room.	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
Client will not attend Resurrection Life Center "Happy Hour".	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
Client will not consume alcohol when outside the residence.	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
Client will disclose any urges to use alcohol.	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
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**RED = 0-7 POINTS**

**GREEN = 8-14 POINTS**

**GOLD = 15-21 POINTS**

Points equal

**0= Non-Complaint**

**1= Verbal Warning**

**2= Prompt**

**3= No staff involvement**

Total Points Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Level \_\_\_\_\_

Staff who completed points signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Behavioral Modification Plan

Client Name:					
Observer:					
Activity:					
OBJECTIVE	POSITIVE REINFORCERS	CONSEQUENCE			
Client will wake up and get out of bed by 8:00 a.m.	Client will be praised for his willingness to be prepared each day	Client will be restricted from leaving the residence			
Client will initiate self-care (Shower and dress) by 8:30 am	Client will increase self-confidence and maintain dignity	Client will be restricted from leaving residence until proper hygiene is maintained			
Client will immediately change clothing after soiling (to be initiated within 10 mins of the incident).	Client will maintain visitation in his room and increase feelings of self-confidence and respect	Client will be restricted from having visitors in room. All visits will be held in meeting room until proper hygiene maintained			
Client will wipe down any furniture that has been soiled promptly. (to be initiated within 20 mins of incident)	Client will be able to keep furniture piece in his room	Soiled furniture will be removed from the room			
No staff to allow the use of diaper unless recommended by physician.	Client will maintain feelings of self-confidence and maintain dignity	Client will be restricted from leaving the residence			
Client will wash hands immediately after any incidents of soiling. (to be initiated within 5 mins of the incident)	Client will maintain feelings of self-confidence and maintain dignity	Client will be restricted to visit being held in the meeting room.			
Client will maintain a clean and odorless room at all times.	Client will maintain feelings of self-confidence and maintain dignity	Soild furniture and refrigerator will be removed until proper hygiene is maintained			
Client will participate in physical therapy to increase his mobility.	Client will increase feeling of self-confidence	Client will be restricted from leaving residence			

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Client will be appropriately dressed to meet visitors and staff	Client will maintain visits in his room	Client will be restricted from having visitors in room. All visits to be held in meeting room.
Client will proactively use the bathroom hourly and immediately wash his hands before leaving the bathroom.	Client will maintain feelings of self-confidence and maintain dignity	Liquid consumption will be limited. No liquids after 7:00 PM (unless medically necessary).
Client will not consume any liquids after 7:30 p.m.	Client will be able to extend his liquid consumption to 9:00 PM.	Liquid consumption will be limited. No liquids after 7:00 PM (unless medically necessary).
Client will refrain from the use of wheel chair unless medically necessary or documented by a physician.	Client will increase mobility	Client will be required to transport himself Staff or visitors will not assist
Client will complete "Clergy Daily Logs" prior to leaving the residence	Client will maintain current travel protocol	Client will be in non-compliance with ISP Client will be restricted from leaving residence.

**Monitoring Of Behavior Plan**

Compliance Supervisor, [redacted] will monitor the behavior plan. The plan will be evaluated every six weeks for effectiveness. [redacted]

In event that consequences are enacted three times, within the six-week evaluation period, Compliance Supervisor and [redacted] will meet with Archdiocese of Chicago Administration to determine further action.

**Point Scale**

The point scale will be used to weekly give the client points regarding the performance of his objective on a daily basis. The client will be score based on his willingness to complete each task. The client can gain up to 21 points a week to successfully forefill the requirements of his behavior plan.

## Behavioral Modification Plan

Client Name:						
Observer:						
Activity:						
OBJECTIVE	POSITIVE BEHAVIOR	CONSEQUENCE				
Client will remain sober and refrain from alcohol use.	Client will maintain healthy lifestyle and reduce risk of recidivism.	Client will increase [REDACTED] [REDACTED]				
Client will have no alcohol in or out of his room.	Client will maintain healthy lifestyle and reduce risk of recidivism.	Alcohol will be confonfiscated Client will increase [REDACTED]				
Client will not attend Resurrection Life Center "Happy Hour"	Client will maintain healthy lifestyle and reduce risk of recidivism.	Staff will transport client back to room. Client will increase [REDACTED]				
Client will not consume alcohol outside of the residence.	Client will maintain healthy lifestyle and reduce risk of recidivism.	Client will be restricted from leaving the residence				
Client will disclose any urges to use alcohol.	Client will maintain healthy lifestyle and reduce risk of recidivism.	Client will have to increase [REDACTED]				



### **Monitoring Of Behavior Plan**

Compliance Supervisor, [REDACTED] will monitor the behavior plan. The plan will be evaluated every six weeks for effectiveness. [REDACTED]

In event that consequences are enacted three times, within the six-week evaluation period, Compliance Supervisor and [REDACTED] will meet with Archdiocese of Chicago Administration to determine further action.

### **Point Scale**

Points will be given daily to rate the client's performance on each objective. The score will be based on client's willingness to complete each task. Daily points will be tallied and evaluated on a weekly basis.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements email conversations between Victim LQ, Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, and Matthew Hunnicutt, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, during the period from April to August, 2010, concerning Victim LQ's allegations of abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman.

To: The File  
From: V. Costello  
Re: Peter Bowman  
Date: January 5, 2010

This afternoon I spoke with Shawnte Jenkins on the telephone. I conveyed to her some of the ideas that Father John Hoffman shared with me during our December 28<sup>th</sup> telephone conversation. During that conversation John shared with me Peter's hope that he could [REDACTED] while remaining at Resurrection Life Center. Peter told John that he thought he was making progress [REDACTED]. John likewise stated that he believed that Peter has not had a drink in six months. He also offered the possibility that Peter could attend [REDACTED] groups in the area. John said that Peter recently had some growths (probably non-malignant) removed from his face, and as a result of the surgery still looks bad. He mentioned that Peter had recently injured his back as well. In John's opinion Peter is frightened to make the move [REDACTED] for a variety of reasons, including concerns about his health.

I told Shawnte that I was merely conveying a message as I had promised John I would. I stated that I made no promises to John other than I would speak with her about the matter. However, I believe I told her we should keep to the plan that we had in place thus far.

[REDACTED] Until [REDACTED] it is our hope that we can develop a plan to manage Peter while he is still in Chicagoland. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Shawnte and I discussed what our strategy might be in order to get Peter a place to stay when he returns [REDACTED]. We spoke about the possibility of meeting with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and others at Resurrection Health Care.

To: The File  
From: V. Costello  
Re: Peter Bowman  
Date: March 29, 2010

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> Father Collins and I met with Shawnte Jenkins and Jan Slattery about Peter Bowman. In particular we discussed a strategy to prepare Peter for a move [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] We spoke about the need to coordinate his continence first by using a system of rewards for good behavior. We also noted the need to have Peter get involved in getting more physical therapy in order for him to be less selective about his walking. Both of these matters are significant [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

We spoke about the possibility that Resurrection Life Center might not be the best place for him, but we need to determine whether it is or is not. We would like to set up a meeting with [REDACTED] from Resurrection. I promised to call Peter and try to set up a meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>. I phoned [REDACTED] on the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup> and requested that he return my call.

**GOAL: CLIENT WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE USE OF ALCOHOL**

OBJECTIVES	PETER BOWMAN	SUPPORT SYSTEMS
1. Remain sober and refrain from alcohol use		
2. No alcohol in room.		
3. Will not attend Resurrection Life Center "Happy Hour".		
4. Will not consume alcohol while logged out of residence.		
5. Disclose about urges to use alcohol.		
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		
8. Disclose to chaperones history of alcohol abuse and current behavior modification plan in place.		

**MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Nursing staff will chart and track behavioral objectives daily to be reviewed by behavioral therapist.

Peter bowman is expected to comply with each behavioral objective. If he has to be reminded by staff to exhibit appropriate behaviors in one of these areas he will need to comply within two minutes of the reminder. If Peter fails to comply within allotted time, behavioral therapists will enact consequences.

Depending on the gravity of the instance of non-compliance any of the following consequences may be applied:

- Verbal warning
- Restriction from the use of television, radio, computer or other items used for entertainment

- Restriction of visitors
- Restriction from leaving the residence
- Restriction from travel
- Change of residence

#### MONITORING OF BEHAVIOR PLAN

Compliance Supervisor, [REDACTED] will monitor the behavior plan. The plan will be evaluated every six weeks for effectiveness. The [REDACTED] will meet three times each week with Peter for plan implementation. In the event that consequences are enacted three times, within the six-week evaluation period, Compliance Supervisor and [REDACTED] will meet with Archdiocese of Chicago Administration to determine further action.

**From:** Matthew Hunnicutt  
**To:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 4/8/2010 2:04 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: meeting  
**Attachments:** meeting

**\*\* Confidential \*\***

Hi Leah,

Does this work for you? Let me know how you'd like to proceed. I have no problem being the one who communicates with this gentleman until the intake interview. [REDACTED] office he refers to is at [REDACTED] Erie, so we could walk.

Matt

Matt Hunnicutt, M.A., L.C.S.W.  
Director  
Office of Assistance Ministry  
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(312) 534-8267

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Hunnicutt, Matthew  
**Date:** 4/15/2010 9:49 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: meeting  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Thanks Matt. I do have it on my calendar that we are meeting with [REDACTED] on 4/29 at 11am. I'll keep that on my calendar unless I hear from you otherwise.

Leah

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>>> Matthew Hunnicutt 4/15/2010 9:36 AM >>>  
FYI



**From:** Matthew Hunnicutt  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/15/2010 9:36 AM  
**Subject:** Re: meeting

**\*\* Confidential \*\***

Hi [REDACTED]

Just checking back in with you to confirm that we are still on for formalizing your allegation at [REDACTED] office on April 29. When possible, please let me know.

Take good care,

Matt

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>>> [REDACTED] 4/8/2010 1:54 PM >>>

Hi Matt,

[REDACTED]

**From:** Matthew Hunnicutt  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/16/2010 2:29 PM  
**Subject:** Re: meeting

**\*\* Confidential \*\***

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you. Have a nice weekend. We'll see you soon.

Matt

>>> [REDACTED] 4/16/2010 1:59 PM >>>

Hi Matt,

--- On Thu, 4/15/10, Matthew Hunnicutt <[mhunnicutt@archchicago.org](mailto:mhunnicutt@archchicago.org)> wrote:

**From:** Matthew Hunnicutt <[mhunnicutt@archchicago.org](mailto:mhunnicutt@archchicago.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: meeting  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Thursday, April 15, 2010, 2:36 PM

**\*\* Confidential \*\***

Hi [REDACTED]

Just checking back in with you to confirm that we are still on for formalizing your allegation at [REDACTED] office on April 29. When possible, please let me know.

Take good care,

Matt

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Office of Assistance Ministry  
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>>> [REDACTED] 4/8/2010 1:54 PM >>>

Hi Matt,

[REDACTED]

To: The File  
From: V. Costello  
Re: Peter Bowman  
Date: April 19, 2010

On April 7<sup>th</sup> I participated in a meeting at Resurrection Life Center about Peter Bowman. Jan Slattery, Shawnte Jenkins, [REDACTED] Dr. Monica Applewhite, [REDACTED] Sr. [REDACTED] and two other staff people from the Center – [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (I can't recall their last names) were also present. We discussed a possible common strategy in order to accomplish two things for Peter: 1) to help him to become [REDACTED] 2) to help Peter become more ambulatory. An outline of a program/plan to accomplish these goals was shared at the meeting.

In terms of the [REDACTED] the plan envisions a process of behavioral modification involving rewards and punishments. We also discussed having Peter meet with a behavioral therapist three times a week. It was suggested that Peter's initial response to this approach might be resistance and resentment. We also speculated that he might be in contact with his allies from St. James and other places who might attempt to pressure us to refrain from our proposed approach. At our April 14<sup>th</sup> Vicars' meeting with Cardinal George I shared this concern with His Eminence because there he might be on the receiving end of any pushback that could come from Peter's friends. I believe I also told the Cardinal that Resurrection Life Center might need his support in order to fully utilize certain aspects of the behavioral modification approach.

In terms of assisting Peter in becoming less wheelchair dependent, we hope for more physical therapy at R.L.C.

R.L.C. hopes to be able to do the necessary things in the proposed plan.

We want to frame all that we do in terms of helping Peter regain some sense of self-worth and restore his sense of human dignity. We do not want him to destroy himself.

If we can get Peter stabilized in these above-mentioned two areas we may be able to get him [REDACTED]. If we can get Peter [REDACTED] However, it is not our plan to share this information with Peter.

### **§1104.4.6.2 Policy**

*Both* the person making an accusation and the accused cleric have a right to meet with the Review Board before the Review for Cause is concluded, subject to such reasonable limitations as to time the Review Board may establish. The Review Board shall exercise reasonable discretion in permitting such appearances and in establishing reasonable time limitations for such appearances.

### ***Procedure***

When a person making an accusation or an accused cleric meets with the Review Board, the Review Board shall schedule their appearances in such a way that they not meet each other, even inadvertently.

This policy and procedure is from §1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry revised 11-27-07.  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, Archdiocese of Chicago.

**§1100 CLERICAL SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS:  
POLICIES FOR EDUCATION, PREVENTION,  
ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS AND PROCEDURES FOR  
DETERMINATION OF FITNESS FOR MINISTRY**

**Introduction**

*These policies recognize that sexual abuse of minors is a special problem with a profound impact on the lives of those affected. In the case of sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, the integrity of the priesthood and the Church itself as the servant of the people of God is damaged as well. Sexual abuse by a cleric with a minor affects the whole Church; the solution to this problem must involve the whole Church. These policies and procedures are the Archdiocese's continuing effort to provide for the safety of the people among whom it carries on its pastoral mission while protecting the reputation of clerics who may be subject to inaccurate or false allegations. As a Church whose authority is spiritual and moral, the Archdiocese does not have the power of civil government to compel compliance. Hence, the success of the policies and procedures depends, to a great extent, on cooperation by people of good will.*

*It was recognized from its inception that the general process for reviewing these policies would be ongoing and would be undertaken on a periodic basis. In 1992 the Archdiocesan process began when Cardinal Bernardin's Commission on Clerical Misconduct presented its report recommending the establishment of comprehensive policies and procedures to deal with allegations and issues related to sexual abuse by clerics with minors. This resulted in the first edition of these Policies and Procedures.*

*In June of 2002, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved a Charter and Norms that address the Church's commitment to deal appropriately and effectively with allegations of sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons, and other church personnel (i.e., employees and volunteers). After a timely revision and having received again the recognition of the Apostolic See, they were promulgated on May 5, 2006 and for a second time became *particulār lāw* for the dioceses, eparchies, clerical religious institutes and societies of the apostolic life of the United States with respect to all priests and deacons in the ecclesiastical ministry of the Church in the United States. Many of the provisions of the USCCB's Charter and the Essential Norms have been contained in the Archdiocese of Chicago's policies and procedures since 1992. In 2003 Cardinal George directed that the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago be amended so as to incorporate the provisions of the USCCB Charter and Essential Norms. The Archdiocesan policies and procedures have been revised once more, becoming effective on 8/12/2007 when they were promulgated. These represent the promise of the Archdiocese of Chicago to reach out to those who have been sexually abused as minors by anyone serving the Church in ministry, employment, or a volunteer position, whether the sexual abuse was recent or occurred many years ago.*

## §1101 GENERAL PROVISIONS

*Section 1101 contains general statements of policy from which specific procedural recommendations follow. Section 1101 recognizes the Archdiocese's responsibility to establish appropriate educational programs for seminarians and clerics about the nature and effect of sexual abuse of minors.*

### §1101.1. Establishment of Policy

**1101.1. Policy** Sexual abuse<sup>1</sup> by a cleric<sup>2</sup> with a minor<sup>3</sup> violates human dignity, ministerial commitment and the mission of the Church; therefore the Archdiocese establishes these policies and procedures to review the fitness for ministry of any cleric accused of sexual abuse of a minor. The policies and procedures shall involve the people of the Church in a substantive role.

- (1) The primary purposes of these policies and procedures are the safety of children, the well being of the community, and the integrity of the Church. The policies and procedures shall be fair and responsive to the pastoral needs of the victim, the victim's family, the community, and the cleric. The policies and procedures shall facilitate cooperation and avoid interference with civil authorities responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse.
- (2) The Archdiocese shall cooperate with the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services (the DCFS), the Cook and Lake Counties State's Attorneys and other appropriate public authorities in the conduct of investigations and actions to enforce the law and to protect children and communities affected by sexual abuse of a minor.
- (3) The Archdiocese shall continue to make its policies and procedures related to sexual abuse available in published form and as the subject of periodic public announcements so that those affected can readily seek and receive the assistance which the policies provide. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 2)

<sup>1</sup> Per note, *USCCB Charter* and Preamble, *USCCB Essential Norms*: "Sexual abuse of a minor includes sexual molestation or sexual exploitation of a minor and other behavior by which an adult uses a minor as an object of sexual gratification. Sexual abuse has been defined by different civil authorities in various ways, and these norms do not adopt any particular definition provided in civil law. Rather, the transgressions in question relate to obligations arising from divine commands regarding human sexual interaction as conveyed to us by the sixth commandment of the Decalogue (*Code of Canon Law*, c. 1395, §2). Thus, the norm to be considered in assessing an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is whether conduct or interaction with a minor qualifies as an external, objectively grave violation of the sixth commandment (*USCCB, Canonical Delicts Involving Sexual Misconduct and Dismissal from the Clerical State*, 1995, p. 6). A canonical offense against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue (*Code of Canon Law*, c. 1395, §2) need not be a complete act of intercourse. Nor to be objectively grave, does an act need to involve force, physical contact, or a discernable harmful outcome. Moreover, 'imputability [moral responsibility] for a canonical offense is presumed upon an external violation ... unless it is otherwise apparent' (*Code of Canon Law*, c. 1321, §3). Cf. *Code of Canon Law*, cc. 1322-1327. If there is any doubt about whether a specific act fulfills this definition, the writings of recognized moral theologians should be consulted and the opinion of a recognized expert be obtained (*Canonical Delicts*, p. 6). Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the diocesan bishop/eparch, with the advice of a qualified Review Board, to determine the gravity of the alleged act."

<sup>2</sup> Canon law defines a "cleric" as a priest, deacon or bishop.

<sup>3</sup>The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (hereinafter referred to as ANCRA) defines "child" as any person under the age of 18. For purposes of canon law and these policies and procedures, "minor" has the same meaning.

**§1101.2. Funding, Staff and Facilities**

**1101.2. Policy** The Archdiocese shall provide sufficient funding, staff and facilities to assure the effective implementation of the programs established by these provisions.

**§1101.3. Education of Seminarians, Clerics and other Church Personnel**

**1101.3. Policy** The seminaries of the Archdiocese and other Pastoral Center agencies shall establish appropriate programs about the nature and effect of sexual abuse of a minor for the education of seminarians and for the continuing education of clerics and other church personnel.

**§1101.4. Review and Amendment**

**1101.4. Policy** The independent Professional Responsibility Review Board ("Review Board") established in Section 1104, shall periodically review these policies and procedures and make any recommendations for amendment to the Archbishop. The Archbishop may amend these policies and procedures at any time upon the recommendation of the Review Board or on his own initiative. (Cf. *USCCB Essential Norms*, #4.B)

**§1102 ASSISTANCE TO THOSE AFFECTED**

*Section 1102, recognizes the Church's pastoral responsibility to assist all those affected by sexual abuse of clerics with minors: the victim and the victim's family, the community, and the cleric. Section 1102, establishes an Assistance Minister whose duties include the identification of which pastoral and professional resources will be made available to assist the victims of abuse. In addition, the Church's outreach to communities affected will be organized to promote understanding and healing. Finally, the roles of Vicar for Priests and the Vicar for Deacons are addressed.*

**§1102.1. Assistance to Those Affected**

**1102.1. Policy** The Archdiocese shall make appropriate assistance available to those who may be affected by the alleged sexual abuse of a cleric with a minor, whether the abuse was recent or occurred many years in the past. This outreach may include provision of counseling, spiritual assistance, support groups, and other social services agreed upon by the victim and the Archdiocese. In cooperation with social service agencies and other churches, support groups for victims/survivors and others affected by abuse are to be fostered and encouraged by the Archdiocese and in local parish communities. (*USCCB Charter, art. 1*)

**§1102.2. Assistance to Alleged Victim/Survivor**

**1102.2. Policy** The first obligation of the Church with regard to the victims is for healing and reconciliation. The Archdiocese shall designate an Assistance Minister who shall minister to the alleged victim, victim's family or other persons affected, doing so with a sincere commitment to their spiritual and emotional well-being. The minister shall identify professional and other resources and make them available to aid in the pastoral care of a victim or other person. In the case of any disclosure of sexual abuse of a minor, the Assistance Minister shall report the fact in writing to the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations & Review (hereafter the "Director"). (*Cf. USCCB Charter, articles 1 & 2, and USCCB Essential Norms, #3*) The Assistance Minister shall comply with all applicable civil laws with respect to the reporting of allegations of sexual abuse of minors to civil authorities and shall cooperate in their investigation. The Archdiocese shall not enter into confidentiality agreements except for grave and substantial reasons brought forward by the victim/survivor and noted in the text of the agreement. (*Cf. USCCB Charter, art. 3*) Through pastoral outreach to victims and their families, the Archbishop or his representative shall offer to meet with them, to listen with patience and compassion to their experiences and concerns, and to share the "profound sense of solidarity and concern" expressed by our Holy Father in his Address to the Cardinals of the United States and Conference Officers. This pastoral outreach by the Archbishop or his delegate shall also be directed to faith communities in which the sexual abuse occurred. (*Cf. USCCB Charter, art. 1*)



**§1102.3. Assistance to Community**

**1102.3. Policy** The Archdiocese shall develop and maintain "safe environment" programs and programs for outreach to communities affected. The programs shall promote healing and understanding. The Archdiocese shall cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations in order to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children and youth. The Archdiocese shall make clear to clerics and all members of the community the standards of conduct for clerics and other persons in positions of trust with regard to sexual abuse. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 12)

**§1102.4. Assistance to Clergy**

**1102.4. Policy** In the case of any disclosure of sexual abuse by a cleric with a minor, the Vicar for Priests or Vicar for Deacons shall report the fact in writing to the Director. The Vicar for Priests and the Vicar for Deacons shall comply with all applicable civil laws with respect to the reporting of allegations of sexual abuse of minors to civil authorities and shall cooperate in their investigation. These Vicars are the representatives of the Archbishop who minister to the clergy of the Archdiocese by providing assistance, advice and support; and by facilitating referrals to resource persons and other professionals. An accused priest or deacon shall be offered professional assistance for his own healing and well-being, as well as for the purpose of prevention. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 5)

## §1103 SCREENING FORMATION, EDUCATION & ASSIGNMENT TO MINISTRY

*Section 1103 contains provisions confirming the Archdiocese's responsibility to screen candidates for the priesthood and enhance educational programs regarding sexuality and sexual abuse. The Archdiocese's cooperative relationship with religious communities and clerics of other dioceses is clarified and the authority to review the fitness of clerics seeking assignment is confirmed.*

### §1103.1. Screening and Education of Clerics and Seminarians

**1103.1. Policy** The Archdiocese shall evaluate the background of all Archdiocesan personnel who have regular contact with minors. Specifically, they shall utilize the resources of law enforcement and other community agencies. In addition, they shall employ adequate screening and evaluative techniques in deciding the fitness of candidates for ordination (cf. National Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Program of Priestly Formation*, 1993, no. 513). The Archdiocese shall review and augment on-going programs for the screening and education of seminarians and deacon candidates and the continuing education of clerics in matters related to sexuality and sexual abuse. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 13)

#### ***Procedures***

- a) **Psychological Profile.** Consistent with applicable ethical, canonical and legal principles and as soon as may be appropriate, a full psychological profile of each seminarian and deacon candidate shall be obtained. In addition to general psychological fitness for ordination and ministry, the profile should seek to identify tendencies of pedophilia or ephebophilia. The psychological profile shall be maintained as part of the seminarian's or candidate's permanent personnel file. The profile may be updated as necessary or appropriate.
  
- b) **Developmental Programs.** The Archdiocesan seminaries and formation programs shall offer, as part of their formation programs, age appropriate courses and components that deal in depth with psychological development, including both moral and deviant sexual behavior, with emphasis on the implications of making moral choices in accord with Church teaching and priestly commitment. While the priestly commitment to the virtue of chastity and the gift of celibacy is well known, there will be clear and well-publicized Archdiocesan standards of ministerial behavior and appropriate boundaries for clergy and for any other church personnel in positions of trust who have regular contact with children and young people. (*USCCB Charter*, art. 6)

- c) Certification. Every cleric who holds or requests faculties within the Archdiocese shall certify in writing that he has read and is familiar with the Archdiocesan policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse of minors. The cleric's certification shall be maintained in the cleric's personnel file.
- d) Formation Programs. Seminary programs shall focus on the question of human formation for celibate chastity based on the criteria found in *Pastores Dabo Vobis* (1992). The Archdiocese shall develop systematic ongoing formation programs in keeping with the recent USCCB document, *Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests* (2001) so as to assist priests in their living out of their vocation. (*USCCB Charter*, art. 17)

### §1103.2. Assignment and Transfer of Clergy outside their Jurisdiction

#### §1103.2.1. Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago

**1103.2.1. Policy** No Archdiocesan priest or deacon against whom an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor has been substantiated may be transferred for ministerial assignment to another ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Before an Archdiocesan priest or deacon may be transferred for residence to another diocese/eparchy or religious province, the Archbishop or his delegate shall forward, in a confidential manner, to the local bishop/eparch and religious ordinary (if applicable) of the proposed place of residence any and all information concerning any substantiated allegation of an act of sexual abuse of a minor and any other information indicating that he has been or may be a danger to children or young people. This shall apply even if the priest or deacon shall reside in the local community of an institute of consecrated life or society of apostolic life. In proposing a priest or deacon for residence outside the Archdiocese, the Archbishop or his delegate shall provide the receiving bishop/eparch or religious ordinary with the necessary information regarding any past act of sexual abuse of a minor by the priest or deacon in question. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 14, and *USCCB Essential Norms*, #12)

**§1103.2.2. Religious Congregations and Clergy of Other Dioceses**

**1103.2.2. Policy** No religious or extern priest or deacon who has committed an act of sexual abuse of a minor can be transferred for ministerial assignment in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Before a priest or deacon can be transferred for residence in the Archdiocese of Chicago, his bishop/eparch or religious ordinary shall forward, in a confidential manner, to the Archbishop or his delegate any and all information concerning any act of sexual abuse of a minor and any other information indicating that he has been or may be a danger to children or young people. This shall apply even if the priest or deacon shall reside in the local community of an institute of consecrated life or society of apostolic life (or, in the Eastern Churches, as a monk or other religious, in a society of common life according to the manner of a religious, in a secular institute, or in another form of consecrated life or society of apostolic life). Every bishop/eparch or religious ordinary proposing a priest or deacon for residence in the Archdiocese of Chicago must provide the Archbishop or his delegate with the necessary information regarding any past act of sexual abuse of a minor by the priest or deacon in question. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 14, and *USCCB Essential Norms*, #12)

**§1103.3. Relationship with Religious Congregations**

**1103.3. Policy** Religious congregations whose cleric members maintain or seek faculties to minister in the Archdiocese shall abide by the Archdiocesan policies and procedures relating to sexual abuse of minors.

***Procedures***

- a) The congregation must provide a copy of its own policies and procedures to the Vicar for Religious.
- b) The presenting congregation shall provide a written statement about the status, background, character and reputation of each cleric presented for faculties in the Archdiocese, as provided in the model promulgated by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men. In the case of any incident of sexual abuse of a minor, the presenting congregation shall submit to the Archbishop's Delegate for Extern and International Priests a comprehensive report of the allegation and its disposition. (See §1103.5.1)

- c) If a religious cleric exercising public ministry or an apostolate in the Archdiocese of Chicago is accused of sexual abuse of a minor, the Archbishop's delegate and the competent religious superior shall confer with each other. Concerning withdrawal from ministerial functions, the Archdiocese shall determine whether or not the cleric may continue to exercise a ministry that involves the care of souls, the public exercise of divine worship, or some other work of the apostolate (cf. cc. 392 and 678, §1). If the Archdiocese determines that a religious cleric may no longer exercise such ministry in the Archdiocese, his faculties will be revoked, and his proper Ordinary shall be requested to recall the cleric immediately. The religious congregation retains its rightful autonomy and responsibility to address issues pertaining to its internal affairs, such as psychological assessment, treatment and aftercare for the accused cleric.
- d) If sexual abuse of a minor is alleged to have occurred involving a religious priest or deacon ministering in a parish, school or other entity under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Archdiocese retains the right to initiate the process of investigation and follow-up with the Director and Review Board and take whatever action it deems appropriate. Since religious are also subject to their own proper superiors and to the discipline of their institute (c. 678, §2), the religious congregation may also choose to review the allegation in keeping with its own policies and procedures. If the religious superior removes the religious cleric from the office entrusted to him after having informed the Archbishop (c. 682, §2), the cleric's Archdiocesan faculties shall be revoked. However, any determination about return to ministry in the Archdiocese and restoration of Archdiocesan faculties shall be made according to Archdiocesan policies and procedures in this regard.
- e) If a religious cleric exercising a ministry strictly internal to the religious congregation without Archdiocesan faculties is accused of sexual abuse of a minor, the religious congregation may choose to review the allegation in keeping with its own policies and procedures. Any subsequent presentation for Archdiocesan faculties is subject to Archdiocesan policies and procedures. In any case, the Archdiocese retains the right to prohibit a member of a religious institute from residing in the Archdiocese or at any particular location in the Archdiocese. If the cleric's major superior has not made provision after having been informed; such matters are to be referred to the Holy See (c. 679).

**§1103.4. Extern Priests**

**1103.4. Policy** The Archdiocese shall maintain and periodically review its policies affecting extern priests who seek or maintain faculties in the Archdiocese. The priest's proper Ordinary shall certify whether he is aware of anything in the priest's background that would render him unsuitable to work with minors. In the case of any allegation or incident of sexual abuse of a minor, the priest's proper Ordinary shall submit a comprehensive report of the allegation and its disposition to the delegate of the Archbishop who is responsible for Extern priests. (See Extern Priests Policy, §1506)

***Procedures***

- a) If an extern priest exercising public ministry or an apostolate in the Archdiocese of Chicago is accused of sexual abuse of a minor, the Archdiocese must confer with the competent Ordinary. The Archdiocese will determine whether or not the priest may continue to exercise a ministry that involves the care of souls, the public exercise of divine worship, or some other work of the apostolate (cf. cc. 392 and 678, §1). If the Archdiocese determines that an extern priest may no longer exercise any ministry in the Archdiocese, his faculties shall be revoked, and his proper Ordinary shall be requested to recall the priest immediately.
- b) If sexual abuse of a minor is alleged to have occurred, the Archdiocese retains the right to initiate the process of investigation and follow-up with the Director and Review Board and take whatever action it deems appropriate. Any determination about return to ministry and restoration of faculties shall be made according to Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

**§1103.5. Deacons**

**§1103.5.1. Vicar for Deacons**

**1103.5.1. Policy** The Director shall work together with the Vicar for Deacons when a deacon is involved in any incident or allegation of sexual abuse of a minor.

**§1103.5.2. Archdiocesan Deacon**

**1103.5.2. Policy** The Archdiocese shall maintain and periodically review its policies affecting Deacons who seek or maintain faculties in the Archdiocese. In the case of any allegation or incident of sexual abuse of a minor, the Archbishop's delegate shall refer the matter to the Director, who shall follow the policies and procedures established in §1100 in so far as they apply to deacons and the case under review.

**§1103.5.3. Extern Deacon**

**1103.5.3. Policy** When a deacon relocates into the Archdiocese and requests faculties to minister, the proper Ordinary shall certify whether he is aware of anything in the deacon's background which would render him unsuitable for ministry. In the case of any allegation or incident of sexual abuse of a minor, the proper Ordinary shall be notified, and the policies and procedures in §1100 shall be followed in so far as they apply to deacons and the case under review.

**§1103.6. Assignment Review for Priests**

1103.6. Policy The Executive Secretary of the Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, or an appropriate representative of that Board, shall submit to the Vicar General, Vicar for Priests, and the Chancellor the names of all candidates who apply to or are brought by the Diocesan Priests' Placement Review Board for ministerial assignment or reassignment.

*Procedures*

- a) The Vicar for Priests shall consult with the Diocesan Priests' Placement Board about assignment of priests accused of sexual abuse of minors.
- b) The Vicar General and Vicar for Priests shall review the name or list of names and delete any individual who is the subject of a proceeding before the Review Board, including any restrictions or supervision under these provisions.
- c) The Executive Secretary or representative shall return the application of any such applicant.



**§1104 REVIEW PROCESS**

*Section 1104 establishes the process by which the fitness for ministry of a cleric accused of sexual abuse of a minor can promptly and credibly be determined and appropriate recommendations made to the Archbishop. Allegations of sexual abuse by a cleric with a minor will initially be considered by the Director who will make a recommendation to the Archbishop. The Review Board shall review the initial recommendation of the Director as well as all subsequent issues regarding the fitness for ministry of the accused cleric. The Director and Review Board are established as advisors of the Archbishop. The process is declared to be consultative and advisory, not adversarial and adjudicative, and is directed toward pastoral reconciliation and healing. In this context the safety and well being of the community is of primary concern. Another concern is protecting the reputation of clerics who may be subject to inaccurate or false accusations. The responsibility of the Director to cooperate with civil officials is confirmed as is the Church's pastoral responsibility to take action with respect to religious, pastoral and administrative matters that are beyond the authority of government.*

**§1104.1. Establishment of Process**

**1104.1. Policy** Determinations and recommendations regarding the continuation of ministry of any cleric who is the subject of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor shall be made to the Archbishop according to the consultative and advisory process established in Section 1104. When even a single act of sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accordance with Canon Law, the offending cleric shall be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry (USCCB Essential Norms #8, CIC c. 1395 §2, CCEO c. 1453 §1).

**§1104.2. Reporting Requirements, Compliance and Cooperation**

**1104.2. Policy** In every instance, the Archdiocese shall advise and support everyone's right to make a report to public authorities. (Cf. *USCCB Essential Norms*, #11 and §§1104.4.3(2) and 1104.7.1) of these policies) All Archdiocesan personnel are expected to comply with all applicable civil laws with respect to the reporting of allegations of sexual abuse of minors to civil authorities and shall cooperate in their investigation,. Further, all Archdiocesan clerics and all religious, employees, and volunteers working for the Archdiocese shall comply fully with the letter and spirit of this process. In addition to reports required by civil law, these personnel are expected to promptly report allegations of a cleric's sexual abuse of a minor to the Director unless prohibited by applicable Church law (Canon 983, §1). Other clerics and religious working in the Archdiocese are expected to cooperate with the process consistent with their particular status within the Archdiocese. All people of goodwill who may have to relate to the process are asked to do so with understanding and sensitivity for its goals. The Archdiocese shall take all appropriate steps to protect the good name and reputation of all persons involved in this process. (Cf. Canon 220 and *USCCB Essential Norms*, #6).

**Procedures**

- a) As defined by the Abused And Neglected Child Reporting Act, all mandated reporters shall make their first report to DCFS.
- b) The necessary observance of the canonical norms internal to the Church is not intended in any way to hinder the course of any civil action that may be operative. At the same time, the Church reaffirms her right to enact legislation binding on all her members concerning the ecclesiastical dimensions of the delict of sexual abuse of minors. (Cf. *USCCB Essential Norms*, endnote 7)
- c) Ordinarily, the information received by the Director shall include the name of the cleric who is the subject of the allegation, the name or names of the alleged victim or victims, an accurate description of the alleged abuse, the relevant dates, times and circumstances in which the abuse allegedly occurred, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of other persons who may have knowledge of the alleged abuse.
- d) Allegations that a cleric of the Archdiocese of Chicago engaged in sexual abuse of a minor may be received from any number of sources: e.g., a meeting in person with the Director, a telephone call, written communication, email, a personal appointment, the media, public authorities, etc.
- e) Any notification from DCFS that it has initiated a formal investigation that a minor may have been sexually abused by a cleric, or from law enforcement authorities that they are investigating whether a minor was sexually abused by a cleric, shall be considered an allegation.
- f) Since retired clerics often continue to exercise ministry and perform sacraments, an allegation against a cleric who has retired from an official assignment shall be processed in the same manner as any other allegation to the extent necessary to make a determination whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the retired cleric engaged in sexual abuse of a minor and whether minors are currently at risk.

- g) An allegation against a cleric who has resigned from active ministry shall be processed in the same manner as any other allegation to the extent necessary to make a determination whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused had engaged in sexual abuse of a minor during the time he was serving as a cleric of the Archdiocese and to facilitate the outreach to those affected as contemplated by these policies. If the whereabouts of a resigned cleric against whom an accusation is made are known or can reasonably be determined, the Director shall present the allegation to the accused and request his response.
- h) An allegation against a deceased cleric shall be received by the Director, who shall make a written summary of the allegation and refer the accuser to the Office of Assistance Ministry for appropriate pastoral care. Allegations involving deceased clerics ordinarily will not be reviewed by the Review Board since there is no question of current risk to children.
- i) Anonymous allegations or allegations that contain insufficient information ordinarily shall be processed by the Director in the following fashion:
  - 1) Based on the limited data available, request the Vicar for Priests and other appropriate Archdiocesan agencies to forward for review by the Director all relevant files, and any other pertinent information, so that the allegation can be investigated to the degree possible,
  - 2) If the cleric can be identified, determine whether or not to inform him and offer him the opportunity to respond,
  - 3) Report all such allegations to the Review Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting so that the Review Board may review such allegation, the Director's action and recommend further action as it deems appropriate.

### §1104.3. Protection of Rights and Unfounded Allegations

**1104.3. Policy** Care shall be taken to protect the rights of all parties involved, particularly those of the person claiming to have been sexually abused and the person against whom the charge has been made. When the accusation has proved to be unfounded, every step possible shall be taken to restore the good name of the person falsely accused. (*USCCB Essential Norms #13*)

**§1104.4. Professional Responsibility Review Board**

**1104.4. Policy** The recommendations described in Section 1104.1 shall be made to the Archbishop by an independent Professional Responsibility Review Board, which shall function as a confidential consultative body to the Archbishop in discharging his responsibilities (cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 2, and *USCCB Essential Norms*, #4):

**§1104.4.1. Membership**

**1104.4.1. Policy** The Review Board shall be appointed by the Archbishop and consist of nine members of outstanding integrity and good judgment in full communion with the Church. Six members shall be lay Catholics who are not employees of the Archdiocese, and three members shall be clerics. At least one of the clerical members shall be a priest who is an experienced and respected pastor of the Archdiocese. Three of the lay Catholics shall include a psychiatrist, a psychologist or social worker, and an attorney. The three representatives of the Church at large shall include a parish council member, a parent, and a victim/survivor or parent of a victim/survivor of child sexual abuse. At least one of the members should have particular expertise in the treatment of the sexual abuse of minors. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 2, and *USCCB Essential Norms*, #5)

***Procedures***

- a) **Full Communion** “Those baptized are fully in the communion of the Catholic Church on this earth who are joined with Christ in its visible structures by the bonds of profession of faith, the sacraments, and ecclesial governance” (*Code of Canon Law*, c. 205; cf. Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*, 14).
- b) **Nominating Committee** The Archbishop may appoint a Nominating Committee to propose the names of candidates for the Review Board. The Nominating Committee shall consist of respected persons with sound judgment. For the nomination of the clerical members of the Review Board, the Nominating Committee should consult with the Vicars for Priests or the Vicar for Deacons and the Executive Committee of the Presbyteral Council. For the nomination of the Review Board member who is a victim/survivor or parent of a victim/survivor of child sexual abuse, the Nominating Committee will consult with the Assistance Minister. For the other Review Board positions, the Nominating Committee may at its discretion consult with appropriate professional societies, advocacy groups and other consultative bodies, such as the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. The Archbishop’s Delegate to the Review Board will convene the Nominating Committee with staff assistance from the Director.

- c) Review Board Member Orientation In order to familiarize the Review Board members with their duties as well as with the pertinent policies and procedures, there should be a Review Board Member Orientation conducted periodically with input from appropriate Archdiocesan officials and outside consultants.
- d) Compensation None of the members of the Review Board shall receive compensation for their services, but all members shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses.

**§1104.4.2. Term**

**1104.4.2. Policy** Appointments shall be for staggered terms of five years, which can be renewed, and shall continue until a successor is appointed. (Cf. *USCCB Essential Norms*, §5, Canon 186.)

**§1104.4.3. Officers**

**1104.4.3. Policy** The Archbishop shall designate one Review Board member as chairperson and one Review Board member as vice chairperson for fixed terms, not to extend beyond the term as a member of the Review Board.

***Procedure***

The chairperson shall ordinarily convene and preside at meetings of the Review Board in accordance with the will of the Review Board. The vice chairperson shall perform these functions when the chairperson is unable to do so.

**§1104.4.4. Relationship with Archbishop**

**1104.4.4. Policy** The Review Board shall serve as the principal advisor of the Archbishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse of minors and in his determination of suitability for ministry. The Review Board is not accountable to other officials of the Archdiocese except as may be necessary for the efficient administration of its business. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 2, and *USCCB Essential Norms*, #4)

**§1104.4.5. Quorum and Majority for Doing Business**

**1104.4.5. Policy Six (6)** members of the Review Board shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of not less than five members of the Review Board shall be necessary to a determination or recommendation, three of whom must be lay members of the Review Board.

**§1104.4.6. Meetings**

**1104.4.6.1. Policy** The Review Board shall conduct its business at meetings, which shall be scheduled to occur monthly or as often as necessary to perform its duties. The meetings shall reflect the pastoral character of this process that is consultative and advisory, not adversarial and adjudicative. The meetings are not hearings. They are sessions at which the Review Board receives and considers information, deliberates, and formulates its determinations and recommendations. The Review Board may, in its discretion, limit the information it receives or considers, and the rules of evidence shall not strictly apply.

***Procedures***

- a) Ordinarily the Review Board shall meet in person but by exception may meet by telephone conference call. The members of the Review Board shall not discuss the business of the Review Board or information presented to the Review Board outside Review Board or Committee meetings, except that the Director may communicate with Review Board members as required by this process or as otherwise appears appropriate.

- b) The Archbishop, the Archbishop's delegate, other persons designated by the Archbishop, and the Director may attend those portions of meetings during which information is presented to the Review Board and the Review Board makes its recommendations. They may attend other portions of the meetings subject to the discretion of the Review Board. All other persons may attend meetings only upon the invitation or with the consent of the Review Board and subject to such limitations as the Review Board might require. It is desirable that the Promoter of Justice participate in the meetings of the Review Board. (Cf. *USCCB Essential Norms*, §5) Since the Promoter for Justice is responsible to the prosecution of any penal trial before a canonical tribunal, he may attend the Review Board meetings with voice in the discussions, but with no vote in the Review Board's determinations and recommendations. After the Review Board process is completed and, if warranted by the outcome, after the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is notified, the Promoter for Justice shall proceed as instructed by the Archbishop in accord with directions from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, unless the Congregation calls the case to itself because of special circumstances. (Cf. *USCCB Essential Norms*, #8A)
- c) The Chairperson, with the consent of the Review Board, may appoint such standing or temporary committees as deemed necessary, and may delegate to such committees any powers necessary to fulfill its purpose. However the power to make a definitive recommendation following a Review Board meeting may not be delegated to any such committee.

**1104.4.6.2. Policy** Both the person making an accusation and the accused cleric have a right to meet with the Review Board before the Review for Cause is concluded, subject to such reasonable limitations as to time the Review Board may establish. The Review Board shall exercise reasonable discretion in permitting such appearances and in establishing reasonable time limitations for such appearances.

***Procedure***

When a person making an accusation or an accused cleric meets with the Review Board, the Review Board shall schedule their appearances in such a way that they not meet each other, even inadvertently.

**1104.4.6.3. Policy** Nothing in these policies and procedures shall be interpreted as to abridge an individual's right to legal or canonical counsel.

***Procedures***

- a) The accused shall be encouraged to retain the assistance of civil and canonical counsel. When necessary, the Archdiocese shall supply canonical counsel to the priest or deacon. (*USCCB Charter, art. 5, and USCCB Essential Norms, ##6 and 8.A*)
  
- b) Any person appearing before the Review Board may do so with counsel or, in the Review Board's discretion which shall be exercised liberally, with such other adviser for whom the person may, in advance of the meeting, request the Review Board's consent. The Review Board shall not permit the participation of counsel or other adviser unduly to delay this process. Attorneys licensed to practice civil law, but not canon law, serving as counsel to the person making the allegation or the person accused, may attend such meetings and advise their clients involved in these ecclesiastical processes, with the understanding that such proceedings are conducted according to these policies and procedures and the provisions of canon law; they are not hearings subject to the rules of civil law.



**§1104.4.7. Duties**

**1104.4.7. Policy** The Review Board shall have the duty to:

- (1) recommend to the Archbishop a candidate or candidates for the position of Director;
- (2) supervise the Director in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Director of Personnel Services;
- (3) advise the Archbishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse of minors and in his determination of suitability for ministry (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 2, and *USCCB Essential Norms*, §4.A.);
- (4) offer advice on all aspects of these cases, whether retrospectively or prospectively (Cf. *USCCB Essential Norms*, §4.C.);
- (5) make such other recommendations that the Review Board in its sole discretion determines to be appropriate to reduce the risk to children;
- (6) recommend guidelines for the inquiries of the Director and the proceedings of the Review Board;
- (7) with the assistance of the Director, review the annual budget proposal to the Archbishop at a time to be specified. The budget proposal shall be incorporated into the proposal for the Department of Personnel Services and may be considered as part of the Archdiocesan budget process in consultation with the Review Board;
- (8) review these policies and procedures for dealing with sexual abuse of minors; (Cf. *USCCB Essential Norms*, §4.B);
- (9) cooperate with the Director, the Vicar for Priests, and the Professional Conduct Administrative Committee<sup>4</sup> in developing and implementing educational programs for themselves and those participating in this process; and
- (10) seek the advice of such experts and consultants as the Review Board deems necessary and appropriate.

***Procedure***

If a cleric admits to the truth of an incident of sexual misconduct with a minor, or personally reports such an incident to the Archbishop or his representative, while it is not necessary for the Review Board to advise the Archbishop regarding the semblance of truth of the incident, the matter shall be reported to the Review Board.

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<sup>4</sup> The Professional Conduct Administrative Committee advises the Archbishop and his staff on administrative issues related to clerical sexual misconduct and other matters. The Committee also coordinates the administrative response to such matters.

**§1104.5. Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review**

**1104.5. Policy** The Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (the "Director") shall assist the Review Board in the performance of its duties.

**§1104.5.1. Qualifications**

**1104.5.1. Policy** The Director shall be a lay Catholic professional who maintains appropriate qualifications and substantial experience in investigation and analyzing allegations of sexual abuse of children.

**§1104.5.2. Appointment and Conditions of Employment**

**1104.5.2. Policy** The Archbishop shall appoint and may remove the Director with the advice of the Review Board.

***Procedure***

The Director shall be compensated and evaluated according to such schedules as may be applicable to other Archdiocesan employees of comparable responsibilities and experience.

**§1104.5.3. Duties**

**1104.5.3. Policy** Under the supervision of the Review Board the Director shall have the duty to:

- (1) receive information and allegations of sexual abuse by a cleric with a minor;
- (2) report to the public authorities any allegation (unless canonically privileged) of sexual abuse of a person who is a minor, cooperate with public authorities about reporting in cases when the person is no longer a minor, comply with all applicable civil laws with respect to the reporting of allegations of sexual abuse of minors to civil authorities and cooperate in their investigation in accord with the law of the jurisdiction in question. In every instance, the Director shall advise accusers of their right to make a report to public authorities and will support this right. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 4, and §§1104.2 and 1104.7.1 of these policies). Specifically, the Director shall have the duty to report all allegations of sexual abuse of a minor to DCFS and to the appropriate governmental authority;
- (3) promptly and objectively interview the accuser and the accused in accord with canonical practice, which includes committing the information to written form and allowing the person interviewed to review, edit and sign what has been committed to writing;
- (4) communicate in an appropriate manner with the accuser or person making an allegation, the Assistance Minister, the affected cleric, the Vicar for Priests, Vicar for the Deacons, the Archbishop, the Review Board and such other persons as the Archbishop or Review Board may designate;
- (5) assist the Review Board by preparing and submitting reports pertaining to allegations and requests and such other information as may be appropriate;
- (6) assist the Archbishop and his Delegate by preparing and submitting reports summarizing the allegations, the responses of accused clerics, and the rationale by which the Review Board arrived at its determinations and recommendations;
- (7) oversee programs which the Archbishop has established for treatment, rehabilitation or supervision of clerics who have been withdrawn from ministry and report to the Review Board about these programs; and
- (8) perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Archbishop, his Delegate, or Review Board.

***Procedure***

The Director and the Vicar for Priests shall work cooperatively to ensure the compliance of the cleric with the program of prayer and penance; this program is to include treatment, rehabilitation and supervision. The Director shall be primarily responsible for the development, implementation, and operation of the program. The Director and Vicar for Priests shall work cooperatively in the selection of professionals and institutions to evaluate, diagnose and treat clerics. The Vicar for Priests is primarily responsible for pastoral and spiritual life concerns and treatment questions that require a sensitivity to confidences.

**§1104.6. Receipt of Information**

**1104.6. Policy** To assist the Director in implementing this process, the Archdiocese shall establish and publicize a separate telephone number to facilitate receipt of information. The Director will answer calls during business hours and an appropriate recording system shall be used at other times.

**§1104.7. Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information**

**1104.7. Policy** Information generated in connection with the process set forth in Sections 1104.4 and 1104.5 shall be maintained in a confidential manner and may only be disclosed in accordance with this section.

**Procedures**

- a) The Director is the custodian of all information described in Sections 1104.4 and 1104.5 and shall develop an appropriate record keeping system to ensure accountability for and security of the information in accordance with Archdiocesan Record Keeping Policies and in consultation with the Archdiocese of Chicago's, Archives and Records Center.
- b) The Director shall maintain the information in a confidential fashion and may not disclose such information except as follows:
  - 1) the Director shall provide the accused cleric with information sufficient to enable the cleric to respond to the allegation; either party may have access to his or her own statements pertaining to the allegation or response and may offer them to be incorporated into the record; the Director may provide both the person making the allegation and the accused cleric with such additional information as necessary to process the allegation;
  - 2) after the Archbishop has made a decision in a matter brought before the Review Board, the Director shall provide the person making the allegation and the accused cleric with appropriate and timely information about the Review Board's determinations and recommendations and the Archbishop's actions;
  - 3) the Director shall provide access to information to the Review Board, the Archbishop, the Archbishop's delegate and other persons the Archbishop may designate;
  - 4) the Director shall provide access to information to the competent superior in connection with allegations about a member of a religious congregation or another diocese;
  - 5) the Director shall disclose such information as may be required by law; and

- 6) the Archdiocese shall develop a communications policy that reflects its commitment to transparency and openness. Within the confines of respect for the privacy and the reputation of the individuals involved, the Archdiocese will deal as openly as possible with members of the community. This is especially so with regard to assisting and supporting parish communities directly affected by ministerial misconduct involving minors. (*USCCB Charter*, art. 7)

#### §1104.8. Immediate Inquiry and Actions

**1104.8.1. Policy** Upon receipt of the allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, the Director shall promptly report such allegation to the public authorities, comply with all applicable civil laws with respect to the reporting of allegations of sexual abuse of minors to civil authorities, and will cooperate in their investigation in accord with the law of the jurisdiction in question. The Director shall also provide the person making the allegation with a statement containing information about the right to make a report of such allegations to public authorities and will support this right. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 4, *USCCB Essential Norms* #11, and §§1104.2 and 1104.4.3(2) of these policies).

**Procedures:**

- a) The Director shall promptly report the allegation:
- 1) to the Archbishop, to the Vicar General, the Chancellor, the Archbishop's delegate to the Review Board,
  - 2) to the Vicar for Priests or the Vicar for Deacons, the Office of Assistance Ministry, the Chairperson of the Review Board and other persons that the Archbishop may designate
- b) The Director shall immediately review the cleric's files<sup>5</sup>, solicit whatever other information about the cleric that may be directly available, make appropriate inquiries about the allegation, interview the appropriate parties and prepare a report of all available information for presentation to the Review Board.

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<sup>5</sup> There are different files kept by various Archdiocesan offices managed by the Chancellor or his delegate. See §700 *Archdiocese of Chicago Unified Priest Personnel Record Keeping Policies* and §1106 *Priest Personnel Records*.

**1104.8.2. Policy** The Director shall promptly assess whether the safety of children requires interim action and promptly communicate a recommendation to the Archbishop.

**Procedures:**

- a) In making an assessment and recommendation for interim action, the Director shall consult with those designated by the Archbishop who are involved in administering issues related to the allegation.
- b) Interim action may include temporary withdrawal from ministry<sup>6</sup>, restrictions or other actions deemed appropriate by the Archbishop. If the ministry of the cleric who is the subject of interim action involves contact with children or is located at a site where children are present, such as a school or religious education program, the appropriate Directors shall be notified of the fact of the allegation and its circumstances; they will be consulted on the interim action to be taken.
- c) The Vicar for Priests or the Vicar for Deacons shall inform the cleric of the allegation, make certain that he is advised to seek canonical and civil legal counsel and arrange for his interview by the Director. The accused cleric may be requested to seek, or urged voluntarily to comply with, an appropriate medical and psychological evaluation mutually acceptable to the Archdiocese and the accused, so long as this does not interfere with the investigation by civil authorities. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 5, and *USCCB Essential Norms #7*)

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<sup>6</sup> In accord with Canon 223, §2 and in the spirit of *USCCB Essential Norms #9*, temporary withdrawal is an immediate action of the Archbishop done for the safety of minors, the protection of the cleric and the well being of the Church. The purpose of temporary withdrawal is to provide quickly an opportunity to assess the risk to minors, the situation of the cleric and the urgent needs of the Church. It involves the cleric removing himself at once from a ministerial site, and may also involve other specifications, such as elements of supervision. It is for a determined period of time and is in effect only until the Review Board can meet to evaluate the allegation as an Initial Review. It is not a judgment of guilt, and it is not equivalent to a canonical suspension or any other penal sanction. It does not affect any ecclesiastical office that the cleric may hold, and it does not affect his salary. It will be done in a written form that contains the reasons for the withdrawal (Canons 37, 51). At the time of his withdrawal, the cleric will be temporarily dispensed from any obligations that he might be unable to fulfill during his withdrawal (Canon 87, §1). At the time of this action by the Archbishop, the cleric will be apprised of his canonical and civil legal rights (*USCCB Essential Norms #6*). At the time of the action, some individuals in positions of responsibility in the parish or institution will be informed of the Archbishop's request and stipulations. Should there be any publicity associated with a temporary withdrawal, every effort will be made not to harm illegitimately the good reputation of the cleric nor to injure his right to protect his own privacy (Canon 220, *USCCB Essential Norms #13*). Should the cleric not cooperate with the temporary withdrawal, at all times, the Archbishop has the executive power of governance, through an administrative act, to remove an offending cleric from office, to remove or restrict his faculties, and to limit his exercise of priestly ministry (Cf. cc. 35-58, 149, 157, 187-189, 192-195, 277 §3, 381 §1, 383, 391, 1348 and 1740-1747).

**§1104.9. Initial Review**

**1104.9. Policy** The Review Board shall meet to conduct an Initial Review within 90 days after the Director has received the allegation. With the advice of the Director, the Review Board may delay scheduling the Initial Review for a good reason, such as to await the completion of action by public bodies. However an Initial Review shall not be postponed because of long and unnecessary delays (e.g., Canons 1593 & 1622, 3°). Notwithstanding the policy, if interim action has been deemed necessary, the matter shall be presented to the Review Board for an Initial Review on an expedited basis.

***Procedure:***

Upon receiving the allegation, the Director shall obtain the pertinent information from the accuser or other responsible source(s) within 30 days. The accused shall be given an ensuing 30 days to respond to the allegation. Ordinarily, all information and responses shall be in the form of signed statements.

**§1104.9.1. Questions for Review**

**1104.9.1. Policy** At the Initial Review meeting, the Review Board shall advise the Archbishop:

- (1) whether the information received warrants investigation and a canonical Preliminary Investigation begun (cf. Canon 1717, §1), or the file should be closed;
- (2) whether the interim actions recommended by the Director were appropriate to provide for the safety of children;
- (3) of its recommendations regarding the scope and course of the investigation;
- (4) whether the Archdiocesan investigation should be deferred, partially or entirely, for a reasonable period of time so as not to interfere with the investigation conducted by public authorities; and
- (5) what further interim action should be taken.

***Procedure***

The Review Board shall consider the Director's report, information provided by the Archbishop's delegate or other persons identified by the Archbishop, and any other information that the Review Board believes helpful and is able to obtain. In situations where the accused has access to minors, the absence of signature shall not unnecessarily delay the consideration of an allegation.

**§1104.9.2. Recommendations**

**1104.9.2. Policy** The Review Board shall make recommendations to the Archbishop about the following:

- (1) if the cleric has already temporarily withdrawn from ministry pending inquiry, whether such withdrawal should continue as a canonical removal under Canon 1722;
- (2) if the cleric has not temporarily withdrawn from ministry, whether he should be canonically removed under Canon 1722;
- (3) if the cleric's conduct does not constitute sexual abuse of a minor but is otherwise inappropriate, whether further action is warranted and suggestions as to such action; and
- (4) other recommendations that the Review Board may feel necessary.

**§1104.9.3. Preliminary Investigation**

**1104.9.3. Policy** If the Archbishop accepts the Review Board's determination from the Initial Review that the information received warrants further investigation, a canonical Preliminary Investigation, in harmony with canon law, shall be initiated and conducted promptly and objectively, unless such an inquiry seems entirely superfluous, e.g., due to compelling evidence or the cleric's admission of the alleged abuse (c. 1717). All appropriate steps shall be taken during the investigation to protect the reputation of the accused and of the person making the allegation. (Cf. *USCCB Charter*, art. 5, and *USCCB Essential Norms* #6)

**Procedures**

- a) The Archbishop shall appoint a lay auditor (cf. canon 1428) to conduct the Preliminary Investigation in accord with Canon 1717. If appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances, the Archbishop may appoint the Director to serve as the auditor. Because a canonical Preliminary Investigation has been decreed, the continuation, or initiation, of the removal of the cleric from a ministerial site shall be done according to the norm of Canon 1722.
- b) The further investigation recommended by the Review Board and the instruction of the Preliminary Investigation shall be done concomitantly.
- c) Under the supervision of the Archbishop or his delegate and in cooperation with the Review Board, the auditor may retain whatever professional assistance necessary and appropriate to conduct a thorough investigation of an allegation.
- d) The auditor conducting the Preliminary Investigation shall prepare oral and written reports of these inquiries containing the findings of such investigations within sufficient time for the appropriate canonical process and the Review Board to complete their responsibilities. These



reports should include descriptions of actions taken by the Director, such additional inquiry as may be required, and identification of information that was not available to the Director and why that information was not available.

**§1104.10. Review for Cause**

**1104.10. Policy** A Review for Cause shall ordinarily be initiated and scheduled, subsequent to the Initial Review, no later than 60 days after the Initial Review. The Review Board may delay scheduling the Review for Cause for a good reason, such as to await the completion of action by Civil Authorities.

**§1104.10.1. Questions for Review**

**1104.10.1. Policy** At the Review for Cause the Review Board shall determine whether the allegation by the accuser and other information are sufficient to reasonably suspect that the accused has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor.

**§1104.10.2. Recommendations**

**1104.10.2. Policy** The Review Board shall make appropriate recommendations to the Archbishop about the following:

- (1) if it has found that there is reason to suspect that the accused has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor, thereby removing the cleric from ministry, whether supervision and other restrictions should be put in place pending the canonical conclusion of the matter;
- (2) if it has been found that there is insufficient reason to suspect that the accused has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor,
  - i) whether the file should be closed at this stage of the proceedings;
  - ii) whether the file should be held open for some reason;
  - iii) if the cleric's conduct does not constitute sexual abuse of a minor but is otherwise inappropriate, whether further action appears warranted and suggestions as to possible action; and
  - iv) such other matters as the Review Board deems appropriate.

**§1104.11. Withdrawal from Ministry**

**1104.11. Policy** When there is sufficient reason to suspect that the accused has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith shall be notified. If it has not already been done, the Archbishop shall apply the precautionary measures mentioned in Canon 1722, i.e., remove the accused from sacred ministry or from any ecclesiastical office or function, impose or prohibit residence in a given place or territory, and prohibit public celebration of the most Holy Eucharist pending the outcome of the process. (Cf. *USCCB Essential Norms* #6)

**Procedure**

Before initiating a judicial or administrative process to impose or declare penalties, the Archbishop should seek the cleric's voluntary cooperation to avoid or repair scandal, restore justice and reform the offender through various means of pastoral solicitude. (see c. 1341)

**§1104.12. Supplementary Review**

**1104.12. Policy** The Review Board, solely at its discretion, may conduct such Supplementary Reviews as it deems necessary to discharge its duties. A request for a Supplementary Review may be made to the Review Board by the Archbishop or his delegate, the Director or, a person making the allegation or the accused cleric.

**1104.12.1. Questions for Supplementary Review**

**1104.12.1. Policy** The Review Board shall consider new and previously unavailable information about a determination or recommendation made in connection with a prior review, exercise its responsibility as described in Sections 1104 and 1105 and oversee the work of the Director.

**§1104.12.2. Requesting the Supplementary Review**

**1104.12.2. Policy** Requests for Supplementary Review shall be made in writing to the Director, and shall include the new information that was not previously considered by the Review Board, as well as a statement of the applicant's position with respect to the matter and any supporting explanation.

**Procedures:**

In determining whether or not the Supplementary Review is to be conducted, the Review Board shall assess among other things:

- 1) whether the information presented was not previously available to the Review Board;
- 2) whether the information is new and was not available to the individual requesting the Supplementary Review at the time the matter was considered by the Review Board;
- 3) whether the new information is material to the allegation; and
- 4) whether the request for the Supplementary Review was made in a timely manner.

**1104.12.3. Policy** If the Review Board determines that it shall conduct a Supplementary Review, it shall review all information, newly acquired as well as that considered at the earlier Review for Cause. The Supplementary Review shall be scheduled no later than sixty (60) days after such determination. In conducting the Supplementary Review, the same practices and protocols as a Review for Cause shall be observed. The applicant may request to meet with the Review Board during a Supplemental Review which the Review Board may grant at its discretion.

**Procedure**

In determining that it will conduct a Supplementary Review, the Review Board may request further information and investigation.

**§1104.12.4. Determinations and Recommendations**

**1104.12.4. Policy** In conducting a Supplementary Review, the Review Board may make the same kinds of determinations and recommendations as in the prior Review for Cause, and make such other determinations and recommendations as it deems appropriate.

**§1105 CANONICAL RESOLUTION AND CONCLUSION**

*Section 1105 recognizes that a cleric who has admitted or been found to have engaged in sexual abuse of a minor may never return to ministry. We repeat the words of His Holiness John Paul II in his Address to the Cardinals of the United States and Conference Officers: "There is no place in the priesthood or religious life for those who would harm the young."*

**§1105.1. Permanent Removal from Ministry**

**1105.1. Policy** When even a single act of sexual abuse by a priest or deacon is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accord with canon law, the offending priest or deacon shall be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants (c. 1395, §2). The policy shall be to apply for the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state. If after considering the danger of scandal to the community, dismissal from the clerical state is not done for reasons of advanced age or infirmity, the offender is to lead a life of prayer and penance. While affording every opportunity to the offender for conversion of heart and forgiveness through sacramental reconciliation, and recognizing the abundant mercy of God's infinite graces, the Church also acknowledges that: the safety of the vulnerable requires that certain measures be taken, the integrity of the Church must be preserved, the need to do penance for one's sins is part of forgiveness and that there are consequences for wrongful actions. Removal from ministry is required whether or not the cleric is diagnosed by qualified experts as suffering from a sexual disorder that requires treatment. (cf. 2006 USCCB *Essential Norms*, §8, footnote 4).

In every case involving canonical penalties, the processes provided for in canon law must be observed, and the various provisions of canon law must be considered (cf. *Canonical Delicts Involving Sexual Misconduct and Dismissal from the Clerical State*, 1995; *Graviora Delicta*, Letter from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, May 18, 2001). Unless the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, having been notified, calls the case to itself because of special circumstances, it shall direct the Archbishop how to proceed (Article 13, "Procedural Norms" for *Motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, AAS, 93, 2001, p. 787). If the case would otherwise be barred by prescription, because sexual abuse of a minor is a grave offense, the Archbishop shall apply to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for a dispensation from the prescription, while indicating appropriate pastoral reasons. For the sake of due process, the accused is to be encouraged to retain the assistance of civil and canonical counsel. When necessary, the Archdiocese shall supply canonical counsel to a cleric. The provisions of canon 1722 shall be implemented until all canonical processes have been concluded.

Because sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric is a crime in the universal law of the Church (c. 1395, §2) and is a crime in all jurisdictions in the United States, for the sake of the common good and observing the provisions of canon law, the Archbishop shall exercise this power of governance to ensure that any cleric who has committed even one act of sexual abuse of a minor as described above shall not continue in active ministry. (2006 USCCB *Essential Norms*, #9, especially footnote 6)

**§1105.2. Laicization**

**1105.2. Policy** After even a single act of sexual abuse by a cleric is admitted or is established by a process completed in accord with canon law, every effort shall be made to encourage him to request laicization. Should he not do so, the Archdiocese shall pursue his involuntary laicization unless for reasons of advanced age or infirmity, he shall lead a life of prayer and penance.

**§1105.3. Life of Prayer and Penance**

**1105.3.1. Policy** If for some reason dismissal from the clerical state has not been applied for, the cleric who has been found to have engaged in sexual abuse of a minor shall live a life of prayer and penance. He shall be subject to supervision for the remainder of his life as a cleric of the Archdiocese and his file shall remain open. Realizing that as a non-governmental institution the Archdiocese lacks coercive police power, clerics under supervision are canonically assigned fulltime to a residential program which requires a transparency of lifestyle and behavior, as well as accountability, to the program directors (Canon 274, §2). If the cleric refuses to accept and fulfill this assignment, he shall be separated from the archdiocese (2006 USCCB Norms, #8).

**Procedure**

Treatment of those who have engaged in the sexual abuse of minors is considered, in the light of the experience and research presently available, an ongoing and lifelong process.

**1105.3.2. Policy** The program of supervision for those who have engaged in sexual abuse of minors program shall be conducted under the oversight of the Vicar General and the Chancellor. The protocols, procedures and practices of the program must reflect the primary goals of protecting children and the integrity of the church. The protocols, procedures and practices must also emphasize accountability.

**Procedure**

The primary purposes of supervising those who have engaged in sexual abuse of minors are the safety of children and the integrity of the Church. The programs need to be flexible to recognize individual circumstances and the fact that knowledge and insight continue to develop. They should be evaluated periodically for this reason. This program should also recognize, in an appropriate way, redemption and forgiveness and seek to provide hope for those dealing with the dysfunction that causes sexual abuse. It must be consistent and fair, and the application in a given case not be arbitrary, but recognize individual circumstances.

**1105.3.3. Policy** The protocols, procedures and practices of the supervision program shall be applied on a case-by-case basis but must include certain essential components. Implementation of each case shall be documented and retained in the appropriate file.

**Procedures**

The essential components of supervision shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- 1) report to the Archbishop and the Review Board on a regular basis for each cleric under supervision;
- 2) a written protocol signed by the cleric which sets forth the particulars applicable to him;
- 3) restriction from being alone with anyone under the age of 18;
- 4) withdrawal of all archdiocesan canonical faculties, as well as a penal precept admonishing him not to celebrate Mass or the sacraments publicly, not to wear clerical garb and not to present himself as a priest;
- 5) periodic psychological and physical evaluations;
- 6) regular individual spiritual direction, as well as a commitment to prayer for victims of sexual abuse;
- 7) full communication with program Directors and others as appropriate in the cleric's residence in order that they are apprised and able to assist in the program; and
- 8) an annual meeting of the cleric, the Director and the Vicar for Priests to review the protocols of the particular supervision program.

**1105.3.4. Policy** Failure to cooperate with a protocol, procedure or practice of the supervision program shall result in an appropriate consequence, which may be canonical, financial or otherwise.

**§1106 PERSONNEL RECORDS**

*Section §700 Archdiocese of Chicago Unified Priest Personnel Record Keeping Policies requires the Archdiocese to maintain a unified priest personnel record keeping system to enable accountability for the assignments and full ministerial record of a priest. The policies similarly apply to the Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Under the unified system, the record of a cleric shall commence upon his entry into training and is maintained throughout his career. In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, all files, information and records pertaining to the accused cleric are subject to review.*

**§1106.1. Status of Files, Information and Records**

**1106.1. Policy** As stated in the general policies, all files and records of the Archdiocese of Chicago of any cleric are canonically external forum. In addition, the files, records and information shall be considered confidential and restricted; disclosure shall be made only in accord with Archdiocesan policies and Canon Law (e.g., Canon 489, §1). In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, all files and records of a cleric shall be disclosed by the Chancellor to the Archbishop and:

- (1) upon request of the Director as contemplated in Sections 1104 and 1105 of these policies and procedures;
- (2) upon request of the priest, to him as well as to his civil attorney and his canonical advocate; and
- (3) upon receipt of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by the priest, with civil legal authorities.

All such disclosures shall be made in a manner consistent with privileges or other legal restrictions, as well as sound personnel records management. All other requests for files, records and information about a cleric shall be considered by the Chancellor, in consultation with those affected by such a disclosure.

**Procedures:**

- a) All requests for records must be made in writing to the Chancellor. It is the responsibility of the Chancellor to have the material reviewed for compliance with legal practice and to structure the sharing of the material.
- b) Whether through file transfer, duplication or any other means, the sharing or dissemination of any file material must be noted in the file in writing.
- c) In the event that the file material is shared or disseminated, the cleric shall be so advised.

- d) Should the cleric be accused of sexual abuse of a minor, in order to provide for his defense, all applicable material not prohibited by law may be duplicated and retained by the cleric, as well as by both his civil attorney and canonical advocate. Before duplication, the requesting party shall be required to sign a prepared agreement which sets forth the confidentiality associated with the material and the terms of the use, including the return or destruction of the duplicates.
- e) The Chancellor shall determine the extent of the duplication of the material that is done and the assignment of the costs of the duplication.



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## **Statement of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review on Confidentiality**

The Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review of the Archdiocese of Chicago maintains in confidence all allegations of the sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric. However, there are circumstances when such allegations and information may become known to persons outside of the Archdiocese.

First, all allegations of the sexual abuse of minors are reported to responsible public authorities. These authorities include the State's Attorney of the county in which the incident of abuse is alleged to have taken place and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Second, the accused cleric is given a copy of the report of the allegations made against him in order to obtain his response. The allegations and the cleric's response are then presented to the independent Review Board for its consideration and advice to the Archbishop of Chicago. As part of this process, the Archdiocese or the cleric may conduct additional investigations regarding the allegations.

Finally, the facts underlying the allegations of sexual abuse may be subject to disclosure in court proceedings and thus become a matter of public record.

In each of the above instances, the Archdiocese will make every reasonable effort to respect the privacy of the persons involved.

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Once an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against a cleric is received by the Archdiocese of Chicago, the appropriate policies and procedures are followed as outlined in the **§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry.**

Upon receipt of any information concerning and/or related to an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, lay employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Chicago, an investigation by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review will be conducted. Such an investigation may include utilizing the services of a professional investigator as referenced in policy §1104.9.3. Preliminary Investigation, Procedure c):

Under the supervision of the Archbishop or his delegate and in cooperation with the Review Board, the auditor may retain whatever professional assistance necessary and appropriate to conduct a thorough investigation of an allegation.

In cases where the services of a professional investigator is utilized, the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review will work collaboratively with the professionals of Hillard Heintze, LLC, or another professional investigation firm if the aforementioned is not available, to ensure that a thorough investigation of an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor is conducted.

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Hi Peggy,

Hope you're doing well.

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**To:** Lavelle, Peggy  
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**Subject:** Re: Records request  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Peggy!

Thank you so much for the copies. If it is not too much of an issue, I would like to have the new scan of the transcripts if they are available.

Thank you--have a great weekend.

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>>> Peggy Lavelle 4/30/2010 8:36 AM >>>  
Mornin' Leah,

Here's a pdf of [REDACTED] Quigley North transcript. Our quality control check showed that the company that scanned these records cropped off the edges of many of the Quigley records. We had them rescan all of the Quigley records to fix this, but we have yet to import new scans. We kept the cropped ones so that we'd have something to use in the mean time, but if the cropping on this record is a problem for you, please let me know and I'll ask Dennis if it's possible to harvest the new scan from the discs of rescans we recently received.

Best,  
Peggy

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>>> Leah McCluskey 4/29/2010 3:39 PM >>>

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file, and associated transcript, prepared by Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, to file, dated May 6, 2010, recording Victim LQ's allegation of misconduct against Fr. Peter Bowman. According to Victim LQ's statement, the alleged abuse occurred at St. James parish when Victim LQ was in approximately 7<sup>th</sup> grade and included genital fondling and oral sex.

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**HAND DELIVERED**

May 6, 2010



Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

I want to thank you again for allowing Mr. Matt Hunnicutt and me to meet with you and [REDACTED] on April 29, 2010. Enclosed with this letter you will find a typed report of the audio recording of our April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting where you formalized your allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

I ask that you please review the report and return to me in the envelope provided any additions and/or clarifications that you would like to make to the information that you shared with Mr. Hunnicutt and me. Any additional information you provide will be included with the enclosed document as a final report of your allegation against Fr. Bowman.

[REDACTED] in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return any additions or clarifications to me by May 20, 2010. Please know that you may also respond by May 20<sup>th</sup> with a written request for a two-week extension to review the enclosed report, which I would then ask that you return it to me by June 3, 2010. I have noted this time frame in light of presenting this matter to the Review Board so that this matter may continue forward.

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[REDACTED] - Letter

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or  
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Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure



To: The File  
From: V. Costello  
Re: Peter Bowman  
Date: May 19, 2010

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On May 8, 2010 I participated in a meeting at Resurrection Life Center regarding Peter Bowman. As I recall, others present were Jan Slattery, [REDACTED] (R.L.C.), [REDACTED] (R.L.C.), [REDACTED] (R.L.C.), Shawnte Jenkins, and Dr. Monica Applewhite.

It was reported that since Peter's return to R.L.C. from [REDACTED] he has shown some improvement over the last couple of weeks. However, the hospitalization, estimated at being eight to ten days in duration, took a great deal out of him. [REDACTED]

It was also reported that Peter still need assistance in bathing. His mobility is limited to his use of a walker. Peter's upper body retains a certain amount of strength while his lower body is rather weak. He has participated in physical therapy, but that may end on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Monica Applewhite shared a behavioral plan with us that Peter had a hand in designing. A draft of it was shared was us. [REDACTED]

A number of questions were on the table that day: Will Peter be able to participate in an [REDACTED] What type of external controls can we place on him? [REDACTED] Can we find a way to help Peter reclaim his dignity? Can we help Peter to find other ways to deal with stress? If R.L.C. cannot provide Peter with the assistance that he needs should we explore other options as a residence (e.g.: Alexian Brothers, Northwestern University Hospitals, a facility run by the county) where we will start from scratch? Can we use the possibility of relocation as something to hold over Peter's head if he refuses to comply with our program?

We resolved to do our best to change Peter's behavior while at R.L.C. We also decided to have a meeting with Peter to discuss the behavioral modification program and what may happen if he fails to comply with it. It is our hope that he will be able to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and regain greater personal mobility. Peter will be at the next meeting as will [REDACTED] Shawnte Jenkins, [REDACTED] and me.

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From: V. Costello  
Re: Peter Bowman  
Date: May 19, 2010

On May 12, 2010 I participated in a meeting at Resurrection Life Center about Peter Bowman. I believe that we set the date and time near the conclusion of our May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, but a number of things went wrong on the 12<sup>th</sup>. When [REDACTED] and I arrived it appeared that no one at R.L.C. knew that we were coming. Consequently, Peter had not been informed and was not prepared to meet with us. [REDACTED] did not seem to be at work that morning. Unfortunately, because of the weather Shawnte was delayed, and our meeting started late.

The staff was able to get Peter up and dressed, and he was able to meet with us. Shawnte told us that a [REDACTED]. Shawnte informed us that [REDACTED] is acquainted with his situation and offenses. We told Peter that our concerns about certain problems he has been experiencing predate his recent hospitalization (Peter claimed it was eleven days long). We expressed our hope that the behavioral modification plan will assist him in developing a greater sense of self-care, personal dignity, and physical strength. When we spoke about the program with Peter he indicated that he was willing to accept it, and we made it clear that his continued residence at R.L.C. would be linked to his cooperation and improvement.

When we asked about his alcohol consumption Peter said he had not had a drink in six months. He further stated that a friend of his, [REDACTED] would be his sponsor and that Father John Hoffman would also help him [REDACTED]. Peter told us that [REDACTED] knows about Peter's sexual history. When we discussed the topic of masturbation Peter said that was no longer doing it.

We discussed a recent visit Peter had with one of [REDACTED] who was also one of Peter's victims. Somewhere during the conversation it was reported that [REDACTED] had forgiven him for his offenses. During that meeting [REDACTED] apparently requested that Peter offer a tape-recorded apology. This request caused some confusion and consternation among us who met with Peter that morning. [REDACTED] and Shawnte Jenkins may speak with [REDACTED]. Peter said he would provide them with the information they need.

To: The File  
From: V. Costello  
Re: Peter Bowman  
Date: June 15, 2010

On Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, I met with Father John Hoffman and Father Peter Bowman at Resurrection Life Center. The purpose of the meeting was to inform Peter of the possibility that we might move him from R.L.C. to Holy Family Villa. I explained to Peter the rationale for considering the move. It was based on the lack of cooperation we received from R.L.C. in fully implementing our behavioral modification plan. I told Peter that Shawnte Jenkins and I visited Holy Family Villa on May 28<sup>th</sup> and discussed his situation with its administrator, Ms. Bobbi Magurany. I mentioned that Bobbi was very open to the idea of Peter residing there, and she gave us the impression that they could more thoroughly execute the behavioral modification program than R.L.C. could. However, she told us that she needed to speak to a few more people on her staff. Bobbi also informed us that at the present time she did not have a vacancy. I told Peter that subsequent to that meeting Bobbi expressed the desire to have Peter visit H.F.V. so that he could get a look at the place and some of the staff could get a look at him.

Peter was initially resistant to the idea of moving. He reported that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When we discussed the intricacies of the behavioral modification program Peter expressed his belief that too much paperwork was involved. He also mentioned that the program was to be reviewed in about three weeks, and he requested that we wait until then to make a determination about his residence. I responded by telling Peter I would speak about the matter with other people in our system.

When we spoke about Peter's attendance [REDACTED] I was informed that his [REDACTED] had been out of town for a while. Peter volunteered that he and [REDACTED] had been meeting before [REDACTED] departure [REDACTED]. This was followed about a brief discussion about [REDACTED] what constitutes [REDACTED] and possible meeting sites close R.L.C.

We also spoke about the recent termination of Peter's physical therapy. Peter indicated that he enjoyed it and wondered about its restoration. I like promised to learn what happened and to get back to Peter.

Yesterday afternoon, June 14<sup>th</sup>, I had two telephone conversations with Shawnte. One was with her alone, and the second was a conference telephone call with Father Hoffman. Shawnte reported that she spoke with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was noted that the apparent lack of cooperation on the part of R.L.C. will certainly hamper

our ability to apply consequences for bad behavior on Peter's part. Shawnte also pointed out that the upcoming evaluation is not totally dependent upon just one or two aspects of the situation. It needs to be evaluated as a whole. Therefore, it is still a good idea to explore H.F.V. as an option right now.

We also discussed physical therapy for Peter. I learned that continuation in a p.t. program is a bit like renewing a prescribed drug – it's paid for by Medicare and the doctor has to order it. During our conference call John reminded me that Peter already has asked that his physician renew it. Shawnee said that we will try to push the issue so that p.t. will continue.

We talked a little more about [REDACTED] and John promised to speak with [REDACTED]

By the end of the conference call John Hoffman agreed to take Peter to Holy Family Villa for a visit this Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Vincent Costello - Re: Allegation to read**

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**From:** Vincent Costello  
**To:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 6/15/2010 5:08 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Allegation to read

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Dear Leah,

I just spoke with Peter Bowman. We set the date and the time: June 21st at 9:00 a.m. I informed him of the name of his accuser, and asked Peter if he wanted anyone else with him like a legal counsel or canonical advocate, either in person or on the phone. I advised Peter that if the day and time did not work he should call me as soon as possible.

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
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**Date:** 6/16/2010 6:09 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Allegation to read

Hi Fr. Costello,

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Leah

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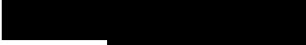

## MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter (Withdrawn) 

Date: June 18, 2010

Attached, please find a copy of  allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.  did not return the attached report with a signature nor did he respond within the identified time period for an extension to review and return the report with additions and/or clarifications. Therefore, the attached is being circulated as the final report.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at ext. 5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org).

Attachment

BC John O'Malley, Legal Services

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June 21, 2010



Mr. Frank M. Bonifacic  
111 W. Washington St., Suite 1850  
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Dear Mr. Bonifacic,

As you may know, Rev. Vincent Costello of the Vicar for Priests Office and I met with Rev. R. Peter Bowman this morning. The purpose of the meeting was to present Fr. Bowman with an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor made against him by [REDACTED]. Fr. Bowman informed Fr. Costello and me that he had called you about the meeting and that you choose not to be present. Fr. Bowman identified you as his attorney and asked that I forward a copy of the enclosed allegation made by [REDACTED] to you.

I have also enclosed copies of the same documentation that I provided to Fr. Bowman this morning: a copy of archdiocesan policies (*§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*), a copy of the Review Board's statement on confidentiality, and information pertaining to the professional investigation firm used by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent  
**Date:** 6/22/2010 2:19 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Bowman  
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Hi Fr. Costello,

Thank you so much for the information. I agree with you--that it is up to Fr. Bowman to call Dr. Ritty or Fr. Golden if he wishes.

I will print up this information for our files.

Thanks again--

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>>> Vincent Costello 6/22/2010 2:15 PM >>>

Thanks, Leah. Great minds like ours seem to work in harmony. I checked RADAR yesterday and discovered the same thing you did.

I spoke with Father Grob yesterday as well, and he provided me with the names and telephone numbers for Dr. Ritty and Father Golden. This morning I called Peter Bowman and shared that information with him. I think it's up to Father Bowman to call those men if he so desires.

All the best,  
Father Vince Costello

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>>> Leah McCluskey 6/22/2010 2:08 PM >>>

Hi Fr. Costello,

For what it's worth, I checked in RADAR and the last canonist listed for Fr. Bowman is Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI, JCD. I don't know if this is who Fr. Bowman was thinking of at our meeting yesterday or not.

Just thought I'd pass along the information.

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From: V. Costello  
Re: Peter Bowman  
Date: June 22, 2010

Yesterday morning Leah McCluskey and I visited Peter at Resurrection Life Center. The purpose of our visit was to share an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor with Peter. We accomplished that goal.

During our visit Peter commented that on June 18<sup>th</sup> Father John Hoffman drove him to Holy Family Villa for a visit. Peter told me that he thought it was a good visit. He commented that in some ways the facility was similar to R.L.C. It sounded as though it was a positive experience for him.

Peter also told us that he has never spoken with a canonical advocate. I promised to help him in that regard. Yesterday afternoon I spoke with father Jeff Grob who provided me with the names of two possible advocates as well as their telephone numbers – Dr. J. Michael Ritty [REDACTED] and Father Paul Golden [REDACTED]. This morning I phoned Peter and conveyed that information to him.

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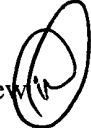



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MEMORANDUM

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From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: **RESPONSE OF REV. R. PETER BOWMAN (WITHDRAWN) TO THE ALLEGATION OF THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR MADE BY**  


Date: June 22, 2010

**Date of Meeting: June 21, 2010**


**Time of Meeting: 9:00 am**

**Meeting Participants**


Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**Meeting**

Rev. Vincent Costello made arrangements for the June 21, 2010 meeting to take place at Resurrection Life Center, where Rev. R. Peter Bowman currently resides.

After greetings took place, I presented Fr. Bowman with an envelope and informed him that it contained a copy of archdiocesan policies (*§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*), information on the professional investigation firm that may be used by CAIR during the continued investigation of this matter, and CAIR’s statement on confidentiality. I also provided Fr. Bowman with a copy of the report of  allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against him.

Fr. Bowman informed Fr. Costello and me that he had called both Mr. Frank Bonifacic and Rev. John Hoffman about the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting with Fr. Costello and me. As per Fr. Bowman, Mr. Bonifacic and Fr. Hoffman chose not to be present at the meeting. Fr. Bowman identified Mr. Bonifacic as his (civil) attorney. Fr. Hoffman is a friend of Fr. Bowman’s. It was agreed that I would forward Mr. Bonifacic a copy of all information and documentation provided to Fr. Bowman at the meeting. When asked, Fr. Bowman said that he does have a canon lawyer, but

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has never spoken to him and could not remember his name. Fr. Costello informed Fr. Bowman that he would work on providing him with some names of canonists whom he may choose to assist him with this matter.

In order to present the report of [REDACTED] allegation to him, I gave Fr. Bowman the choice to read the entire transcript (of my meeting with [REDACTED] where he formalized his allegation against Fr. Bowman) to himself, for me to read the entire transcript out loud, or for me to summarize the points of the transcript that reflect [REDACTED] allegations of sexual abuse against Fr. Bowman.

Fr. Bowman chose to read the transcript in its entirety to himself while Fr. Costello and I remained in the meeting room with him. While Fr. Bowman read the transcript, he made occasional comments.

Fr. Bowman stated that he remembers [REDACTED]. While reading the transcript, Fr. Bowman remarked that he did not realize that [REDACTED] is married. As he continued to read, Fr. Bowman commented that [REDACTED]

Fr. Bowman also commented that he does not remember if [REDACTED] was an altar boy or not.

Fr. Bowman noted that he thinks that he only went to [REDACTED] family's home for dinner on one occasion.

[REDACTED]

Fr. Bowman thinks that Fr. Hoffman [REDACTED]

Fr. Bowman said that his memory is that [REDACTED] and his friend were always together and assumed that they would have come to the rectory together.

After reading the entire transcript, Fr. Bowman said that he categorically denies the allegation made against him by [REDACTED] and added, "It never happened." Fr. Bowman said that he had "very little to do with [REDACTED]" He also stated that he does not remember if he taught altar servers or not. Fr. Bowman said that he "never met socially with [REDACTED] in any way." He added that [REDACTED] spent more time with Fr. Hoffman. Fr. Bowman again stated that Fr. Hoffman arranged [REDACTED]

Fr. Costello and I again thanked Fr. Bowman for his time. It was agreed that Fr. Bowman would contact Fr. Costello or me with any questions or concerns.

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Rev. R. Peter Bowman

7-26-10  
Date

Fr. Vincent Costello  
Rev. Vincent Costello

7/26/10  
Date

Leah McCluskey  
Leah McCluskey

7/1/10  
Date

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, to file, dated June 22, 2010, summarizing Fr. Peter Bowman's response to Victim LQ's allegation of abuse. According to the memorandum, Bowman commented on several aspects of Victim LQ's allegation involving positions his family members may have held in St. James parish.

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June 22, 2010



Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Resurrection Life Center  
7370 W. Talcott  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of our June 21, 2010 meeting where [REDACTED] [REDACTED] allegations of the sexual abuse of minor were presented to you. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Rev. Vincent Costello and me.

Please review the enclosed draft report, make any changes necessary, and provide any additional response you wish to make. I ask that you return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be returned to you.

Fr. Bowman, in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes and any additional written response by July 7, 2010.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Cc Frank Bonifacic, attorney

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 6/22/2010 2:55 PM  
**Subject:** Request  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Harvey,

Could you please complete a background check on the following individual:

[REDACTED]  
DOB - [REDACTED]  
Phone # - [REDACTED]  
E-mail - [REDACTED]

If it is possible, could I please have it by July 2nd?

Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Shawnte Jenkins  
**To:** Vincent Costello  
**Date:** 6/23/2010 9:14 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Peter Bowman

Fr. Costello,

Thanks for the update. I spoke with Bobby briefly after the visit and she also felt that it went well. She stated that she may have a bed available between July 10th-13th. I will keep you posted.

Shawnte

Shawnte Jenkins  
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>>> Vincent Costello 6/23/2010 9:07 AM >>>

Dear Shawnte,

On Monday, June 21st, Leah McCluskey and I visited Peter Bowman at Resurrection Life Center in order to read an allegation to him.

I transported Peter, via his wheelchair, to the room on the second floor in which Leah and I met with him. During that brief journey Peter mentioned that he and Father John Hoffman had visited Holy Family Villa on, Friday, June 18th. Peter said that he believed that in many ways Holy Family Villa was similar to Resurrection Life Center. I sensed that Peter felt that it was a good visit. He told me that there was no room available at H.F.V. at the present time, but something may open up in mid-July. Peter indicated that he knows that a certain number of other steps have to be completed before any decisions will be made on either end, in terms of him moving from R.L.C. to H.F.V.

I thought I'd pass this on to you.

By the way, we also met [redacted] who was there [redacted]

Father Vince Costello

Rev. Vincent F. Costello  
Co-Vicar for Priests  
Archdiocese of Chicago

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## FILE COPY

VIA MESSENGER

June 23, 2010

Mr. Harvey Radney  
Senior Vice President, Hillard Heintze  
30 S. Wacker Drive  
Suite 1730  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Mr. Radney,

Please find enclosed with this letter documentation concerning File – PFR – 77, the matter of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

Please note the following pertinent information:

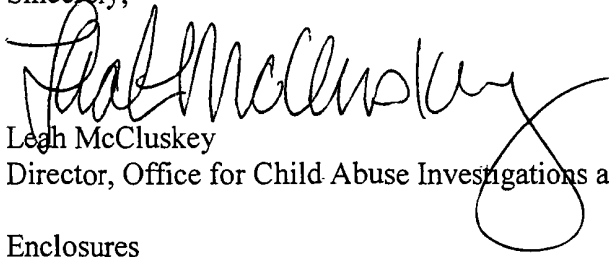
- Date allegation received: April 13, 2009
- Date of interview with [REDACTED] April 29, 2010
- Date allegation presented to Fr. Bowman: June 21, 2010
- Date of Initial Review: scheduled for July 17, 2010
- Fr. R. Peter Bowman is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose faculties were withdrawn in 2002 as a result of at least one substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against him
- Hillard Heintze worked on a past investigation of a matter concerning Fr. Bowman; date of final Hillard Heintze investigative report was May 14, 2008
- Date of my request for a background check on [REDACTED] June 22, 2010

Once you have had the opportunity to review the enclosed information, I ask that you please write a one-page evaluation of how you propose proceeding with the investigation of this matter. Please contact me once you have completed your evaluation of this case, so that we may discuss going forward. As you know, you may reach me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org).

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Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services



July 1, 2010

Ms. Leah R. McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

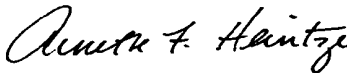
Hillard Heintze has completed the case review requested for the June 23, 2010 case referral in the matter of retired/withdrawn priest Rev. R. Peter Bowman. Attached you will find our investigative summary which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago, independent Review Board. With this transmittal, one (1) electronic version of our report is being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

During the course of this task, Hillard Heintze reviewed the documentation provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and provided specific recommendations for conducting the investigation into the allegations made by [REDACTED]. Hillard Heintze also conducted a limited background investigation of the accuser, [REDACTED].

Utilizing proprietary databases, the background investigation conducted on [REDACTED] found no federal, state or local records pertaining to criminal history or civil litigation against the subject.

Should you need any additional information on our recommendations, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.869.8500.

Sincerely,  
HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC



Arnette F. Heintze  
Partner and CEO

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On June 23, 2010, Hillard Heintze received a request from the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for investigative assistance in the matter of retired/withdrawn priest Rev. R. Peter Bowman. Specifically, we were asked to review the Case File PFR-77 and develop an investigative protocol to assist in determining the validity of allegations brought by [REDACTED] on April 29, 2010.

Specifically [REDACTED] alleged that Fr. Bowman forced [REDACTED] to touch Fr. Bowman's penis and perform oral sex on Fr. Bowman.

The validity of allegations made by [REDACTED] can only be determined by investigating the supporting facts of the allegations as provided by [REDACTED] in his formal statement.

Specifically, Hillard Heintze suggests the following be done to investigate the allegations of [REDACTED]

- Conduct a site visit to St. James Parish, 831 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, to verify or refute the description of the parish office as given by [REDACTED]. The telephone number at St. James is (847) 253-6305.
- Identify and interview, if possible, any priests who were assigned to St. James in the years 1978, 1979 and 1980, which covers the possible time frame of the abuse alleged by [REDACTED].
- Locate and interview [REDACTED] St. James class of [REDACTED]. He was identified by [REDACTED] as the friend [REDACTED] at the time of the alleged abuse.
- Interview Fr. [REDACTED]. He was mentioned by Fr. Bowman as being the person who may have paid [REDACTED] tuition to Quigley North. He may also be able to verify or refute Fr. Bowman's statement that [REDACTED].
- Check parish records to verify or refute the claim regarding the [REDACTED].
- There is no need to verify [REDACTED] claim of being an altar server as his service is listed on his school record from St. James.

**LIMITED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SUMMARY**

**As of July 1, 2010**

**SUBJECT IDENTIFIERS**

Name: [REDACTED]  
 Current Address: [REDACTED]  
 Current or Most Recent Phone: [REDACTED] (Registered to [REDACTED])  
 Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
 SSN: [REDACTED] issued in Illinois between 1984 and 1986  
 Email Address: [REDACTED]

**ASSOCIATED ADDRESSES**

[REDACTED]

Apr 1986 - Apr 2010  
 Nov 2002 - Jan 2010  
 Mar 2000 - Aug 2009  
 Dec 2004 - Oct 2006  
 May 2002 - Apr 2003  
 Apr 1999 - Mar 2003  
 Jan 1997 - Sep 2001  
 Oct 1995 - Apr 1999  
 Jan 1997  
 No dates reported

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

No criminal records were identified in association with [REDACTED]

**BANKRUPTCY FILINGS**

No bankruptcy filings were identified in association with [REDACTED]

**CIVIL FILINGS HISTORY**

No civil records were identified in association with [REDACTED]

**NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY**

A search of sex offender public registries indicates the subject is not registered as a national or state sex offender.

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[REDACTED] personal identifiers and public records have become intertwined with his brother, [REDACTED]. Because of this, some of [REDACTED] address records may be the same as those of [REDACTED]. We have made every effort to ensure that potential derogatory records have been verified using [REDACTED] personal identifiers and not those of [REDACTED].

Additionally, we identified [REDACTED] as residing with his wife, [REDACTED] who owns their current residence.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements an investigative summary prepared by Hillard Heintze based upon a June 23, 2010 request from the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, concerning Victim LQ's allegations of abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. In the report, Hillard Heintze investigators summarize their assignment, including the request that investigators pursue specific elements of Victim LQ's allegation of abuse to determine the veracity of information provided by Victim LQ.

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 7/1/2010 1:23 PM  
**Subject:** PFR - 77  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Harvey,

Thank you very much for the investigative summary on the matter of [REDACTED] allegation against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. Please go ahead with all aspects of your summarized investigative steps except for locating and interviewing [REDACTED]. I need to run that one past [REDACTED].

Thanks again. Have a great holiday weekend!

Leah

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July 9, 2010

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Resurrection Life Center  
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Dear Fr. Bowman,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Response of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Withdrawn) to the Allegation of the Sexual Abuse of a Minor Made by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated June 22, 2010.

Please contact Leah McCluskey at [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org) or (312) 534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia, Secretary  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Attachment

Cc: Rev. John Collins, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Frank M. Bonifacic, Attorney

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### **Review Board Members Present:**



#### **Non-members Present:**

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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- I. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2010**
- Minutes approved

**II. Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

**A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002)-PFR- 77**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows: [REDACTED] alleges that Fr. Bowman sexually abused him on one occasion in the parish offices at St. James; as per [REDACTED] Fr. Bowman exposed his penis/genitals to him; [REDACTED]



Ms. McCluskey provided the Review Board with a verbal overview and update of the investigation of this matter.



In light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board asked Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

- Attempt to determine the reason as to why [REDACTED]
- Ask [REDACTED] to sign and return the report of his allegation against Fr. Bowman
- Ask Hillard Heintze to speak with Rev. John Hoffman about this matter

**Review for Cause**

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

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

**D. In the Matter of**



**III.**

**Other Matters**

- Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. met with the Review Board
- Jen Hibben, Assistant to the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, met with the Review Board
- Matt Hunnicutt, Director of the Office of Assistance Ministry, met with the Review Board

*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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July 19, 2010

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
835 N. Rush Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611-2030

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on July 17, 2010 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bowman is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose faculties have been withdrawn.

The Review Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, this matter warrants ~~additional investigation~~. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board along with all other information regarding this matter for a Review for Cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the decision -*  
*F. Hays*  
*July 20, 2010*

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Budzikowski, Kenneth  
**CC:** Jenkins, Shawnte; Slattery, Jan  
**Date:** 7/27/2010 3:35 PM  
**Subject:** Fr. Bowman  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hello Fr. Budzikowski,

At Jan Slattery's suggestion (and due to the fact that Shawnte is on vacation), I am e-mailing you to communicate a message that I received this afternoon from Bobbie Magurany at Holy Family with regard to Fr. Bowman.

At about 3p today, Bobbie left a message where she said that she was calling me because Shawnte is on vacation. Bobbie explained that arrangements have been made for Fr. Bowman to move to Holy Family on August 3rd. As per Bobbie, Fr. Bowman expressed concern to her about moving, as he indicated that he has not received word that it is okay for him to move from Resurrection to Holy Family.

Bobbie asked that Fr. Bowman be called to let him know that the move to Holy Family has already been arranged. Would you please be able to address this with Fr. Bowman? The number that I have for him is [REDACTED] If you have any questions for Bobbie, she can be reached at [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Leah

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July 27, 2010

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
7370 W. Talcott  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Fr. Bowman,

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on July 17, 2010 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual abuse against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

At the Initial Review, after considering all information received, the Review Board determines whether additional investigation is warranted and may recommend that interim action be taken pending the further development of the case.

Based upon the initial information obtained concerning [REDACTED] allegation against you, the Review Board determined that additional investigation is warranted and that this matter should continue forward. Cardinal George has accepted this determination.

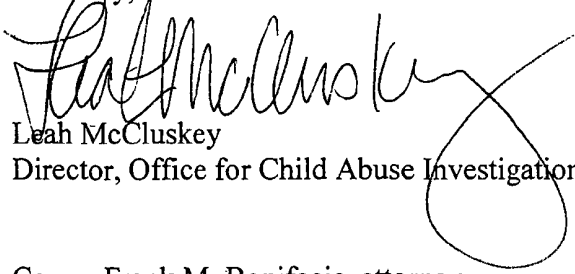
If there is anything further that you wish to share concerning your allegation, please forward it to my attention so that it may be presented to the Review Board. I would also like to remind you of your right to appear before the Board. If you wish to do so, please contact me directly so that we may schedule a date and time for you come to a future Review Board meeting.

Fr. Bowman, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org). As you may already know, Rev. Vincent Costello's term as Vicar for Priests has come to an end and Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski has been newly appointed to the position of Vicar for Priests. Therefore, Fr. Budzikowski is available to you and may be reached at (312) 534-1838 or [kbudzikowski@archchicago.org](mailto:kbudzikowski@archchicago.org).

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Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Frank M. Bonifacic, attorney  
Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

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July 27, 2010



Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on July 17, 2010 and conducted an Initial Review of your allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. As you may know, Fr. Bowman is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose faculties have been withdrawn.

At the Initial Review, after considering all information received, the Review Board determines whether additional investigation is warranted and may recommend that interim action be taken pending the further development of the case.

Based upon the initial information obtained concerning your allegation against Fr. Bowman, the Review Board determined that additional investigation is warranted and that this matter should continue forward. Cardinal George has accepted this determination.

If there is anything further that you wish to share concerning your allegation, please forward it to my attention so that it may be presented to the Review Board. I would also like to remind you of your right to appear before the Board. If you wish to do so, please contact me directly so that we may schedule a date and time for you come to a future Review Board meeting.

[REDACTED], if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that Matt Hunnicutt and Ruth Robinson of the Office of Assistance Ministry continue to be available to you. You may reach Mr. Hunnicutt at (312) 534-8267 or [mhunnicutt@archchicago.org](mailto:mhunnicutt@archchicago.org) and Ms. Robinson at (312) 534-8256 or [rurobinson@archchicago.org](mailto:rurobinson@archchicago.org).

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Sincerely,



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Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services



**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 7/27/2010 9:49 AM  
**Subject:** PFR - 77  
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Good Morning Harvey,

I hope that all is well with you.

With regard to the investigation of PFR - 77, the matter of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman, the Review Board has asked if you could include the following in your investigation:

1. Attempt to determine the reason as to why [REDACTED] mother's employment was terminated at St. James in Arlington Heights
2. Speak with Rev. [REDACTED] about this matter

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Hunnicutt, Matthew  
**Date:** 8/9/2010 11:24 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Procedural Questions  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Matt,

Thank you for including me in your response to [REDACTED] I will not contact [REDACTED] unless she contacts me with any direct questions and/or if you ask that I do so. Further, I will be sure to only refer to the accused in this matter as "Peter Bowman" when corresponding with [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Leah

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>>> Matthew Hunnicutt 8/9/2010 9:19 AM >>>

Dear [REDACTED]

I certainly appreciate your request and will respect it. I will let Leah's office know as well. We are indeed aware of the monitoring study from 2006. Since then, a mental health professional (Shawnte Jenkins) has been hired by this office to implement very strict monitoring practices for all men removed from ministry who still are technically priests in the Archdiocese.

Also, the previous e-mail I sent you cut off the final word. It was meant to state that around the office, our staff refers to him by his last name only.

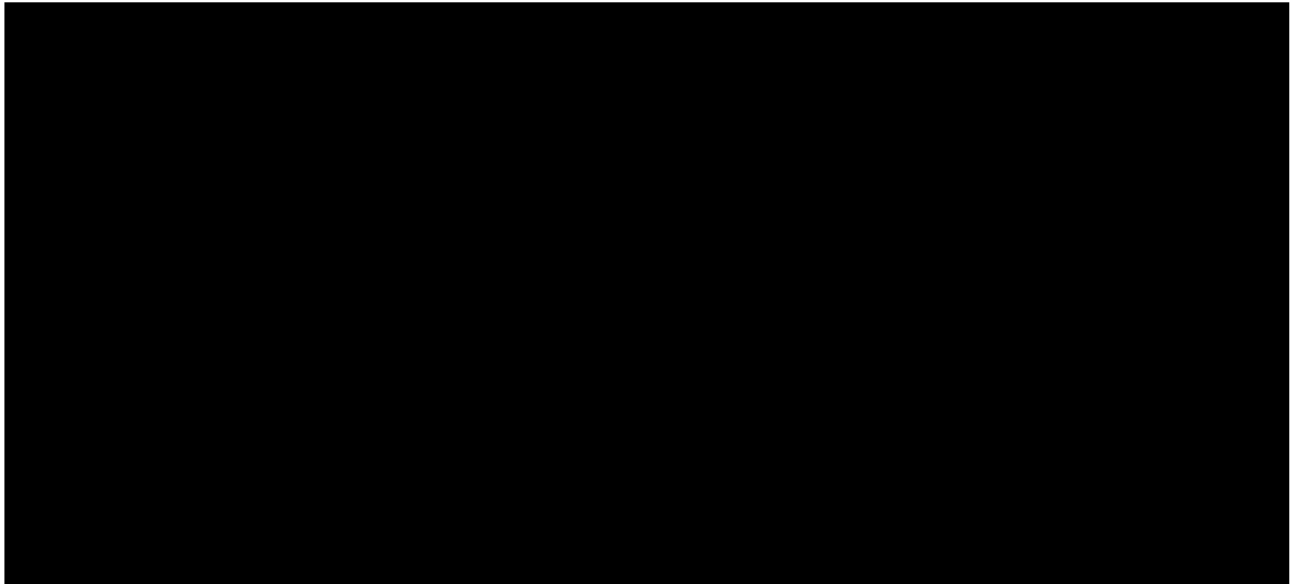
I hope you have a good week. Please let Leah or me know if you have further questions or concerns.

Matt

Matt Hunnicutt, M.A., L.C.S.W.  
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>>> [REDACTED] 8/8/2010 3:31 PM >>>



> Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2010 10:17:20 -0500  
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> To: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: RE: Procedural Questions

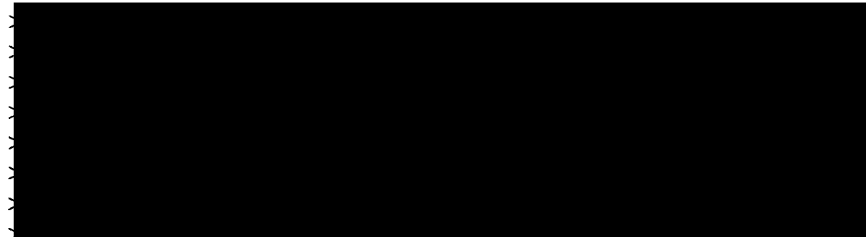
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> [REDACTED] His monitoring protocols specify he is not to refer to himself as "Father." around the office we refer to him as

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> From: [REDACTED]  
> Date: 8/6/10 5:33 pm  
> To: "Matthew Hunnicutt" <[mhunnicutt@archchicago.org](mailto:mhunnicutt@archchicago.org)>  
> Subj: RE: Procedural Questions



>> Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 13:09:59 -0500  
>> From: [mhunnicutt@archchicago.org](mailto:mhunnicutt@archchicago.org)  
>> To: [REDACTED]  
>> Subject: RE: Procedural Questions

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>> Hi [REDACTED]

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>> Basically, because according to canon law he is still a priest (because he has not been laicized by the Vatican) and therefore obligated (according to canon law to have his basic needs--food, shelter and healthcare) paid for by the church. If he were ever to become laicized, he would not have to register as sex offender, because the statute of limitations has expired. So there would be no monitoring whatsoever. The way I understand "removed from ministry" is that he cannot celebrate mass, hear confession, perform the last rites, marriages, confirmations, or baptisms. If he weren't ill and in a care facility, he might be able to be a part of a parish, for example, but never a parish where he was found to have abused anybody, and he would have to have a monitor with him because there would likely be children at the church. Likewise, he would not be able to be active in the sense of eucharistic minister, lector, or any other voluntary ministries.

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>> Let me know if you need me to clarify any of this, or if you have more questions.

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>> Thank you,

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>> Matt

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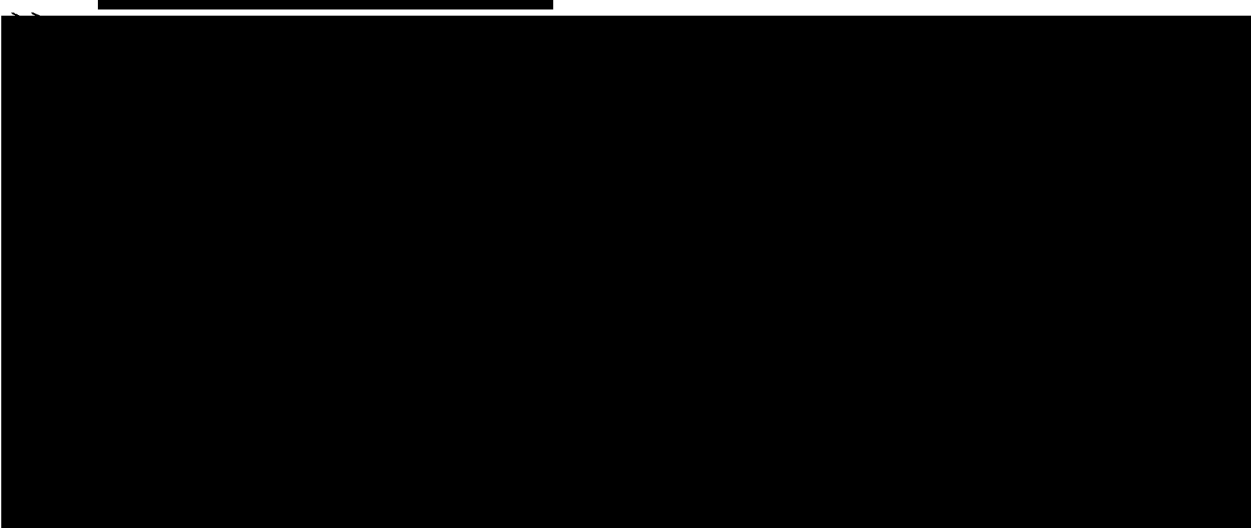
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>>> To: [REDACTED]

>>> Subject: Re: Procedural Questions

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>>> Dear [REDACTED]

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>>> You bring up some good questions, and I'll do my best to answer them.

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>>> Bowman is still technically a priest, but cannot perform any of the sacraments, dress in cleric garb, or refer to himself as Father. (I will consult with Leah McCluskey for rationale for referring to him as "Father" in the letter). He retired from the priesthood in 2001, and was removed from ministry in 2002. So, he is both retired and removed. I can tell you that he is under a comprehensive monitoring program, even though he resides in an assisted living facility. (If he were to be laicized, which would mean no longer a priest, we would have no ability to monitor him).

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>>> Also, [REDACTED] will certainly be informed of the final determination once the Review Board makes its decision and the Cardinal signs-off on it.

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>>> Please let me know if you have any more questions or concerns.

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>>> Sincerely,

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>>> Matt Hunnicutt, M.A., L.C.S.W.

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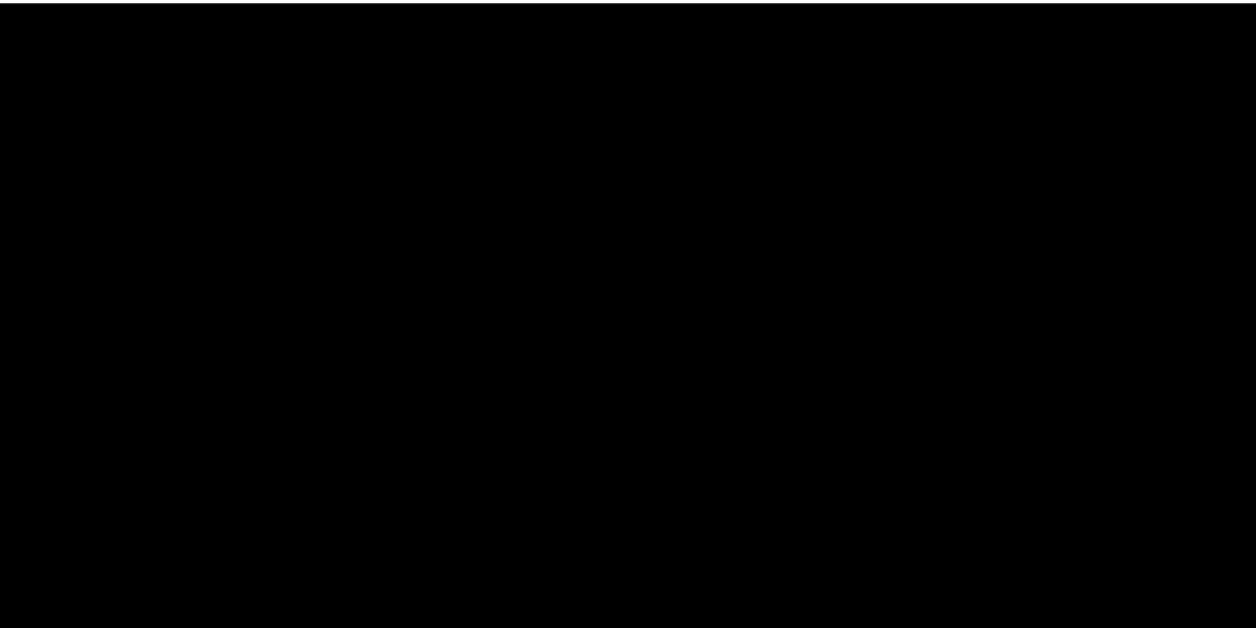
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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 8/12/2010 10:24 AM  
**Subject:** Good Morning  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that all is well with you.

As you know, the matter of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual abuse against Peter Bowman has been before the Review Board for an Initial Review, where Cardinal George accepted the Board's determination that this matter "warrants additional investigation." This means that the investigation of the matter of [REDACTED] allegation against Peter Bowman is continuing forward. As a result, the investigation firm that works with my office on these cases has asked if they could attempt to contact and speak with [REDACTED]. I am writing to ask if you could please ask [REDACTED] if he would be comfortable with one of the investigators speaking with [REDACTED].

Thank you so much, [REDACTED]. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 8/26/2010 1:26 PM  
**Subject:** RE: PFR - 77  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Harvey,

That is fine with me. The date that I would ask to have the report is Friday, September 3rd.

I'll let you know if/when I hear back from [REDACTED] on this matter.

Thank you.

Leah

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com> 8/26/2010 12:22 PM >>>  
Hi Leah,

Due to the critical nature of this interview in relationship to the investigation, I would like to wait as long as possible, within your time parameters, before closing the report. The report is completed, except for this key piece. So we can deliver it on the morning of your drop-dead date for receiving the report, allowing you ample time for your board preparations. Please let me know the exact latest date you would want this report in your hands and it will be delivered on that date, with or without the [REDACTED] interview.

Thanks,  
HR

Harvey Radney  
Senior Vice President  
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Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2010 9:20 AM  
To: Harvey Radney  
Subject: PFR - 77

Good Morning Harvey,

I came in this morning to a message from ██████████  
██████████ wanted to let me know that she did get my message (about an investigator from Hillard Heintze contacting ██████████  
██████████. ██████████ said that she is working on talking with ██████████ about this, but she has not done so as of yet. She will let me know once she has initiated the conversation with ██████████

With that said, I would move to your suggestion of finalizing your final report with the information in there about not having the opportunity to speak with ██████████ What do you think?

Thank you Harvey. Talk with you soon.

Leah

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**To:** "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
**Date:** 9/2/2010 4:58 PM  
**Subject:** PFR-77

Hi Leah,

As you are aware, we are awaiting permission to speak to [REDACTED] regarding his recollections of an incident described by [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] left Rev. Bowman's office following an alleged incident of abuse. [REDACTED] described a conversation he had with [REDACTED] after leaving the office while [REDACTED] was assigned answering the phones outside of the main office. Our questions will be limited to [REDACTED] recollections of any incident where he may have had a conversation with a friend following the friend's visit to see Rev. Bowman, during a time period of approximately 1980-1981, where the friend may have been upset or distraught. Hopefully, this interview will provide further insight into the events as described by [REDACTED]

Our investigator, Rich Lapinski, is a veteran child sex crime investigator and is also sensitive to the needs of maintaining the confidentiality of the accuser.

Should you require any additional information, please contact me.

Regards,

Harvey

Harvey Radney  
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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 9/3/2010 9:58 AM  
**Subject:** Friday  
**Attachments:** PFR-77; Leah McCluskey.vcf

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your voice mail from earlier this week. I do understand the concerns that you expressed on behalf of [REDACTED] with regard to the investigators' wish to speak with [REDACTED]

I am forwarding to you the e-mail that I received from Harvey Radney, my contact at Hillard Heintze (the professional investigation firm that works with us on these matters). I spoke with Harvey yesterday and relayed to him your request for the questions that the investigator working on this matter would ask [REDACTED] if given permission to do so.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Thank you, [REDACTED] I hope that you have a wonderful holiday weekend.

Leah

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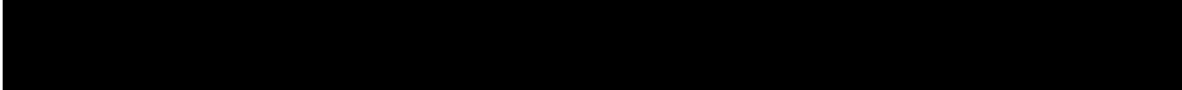
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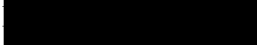
Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:



#### Review Board Members Absent:



#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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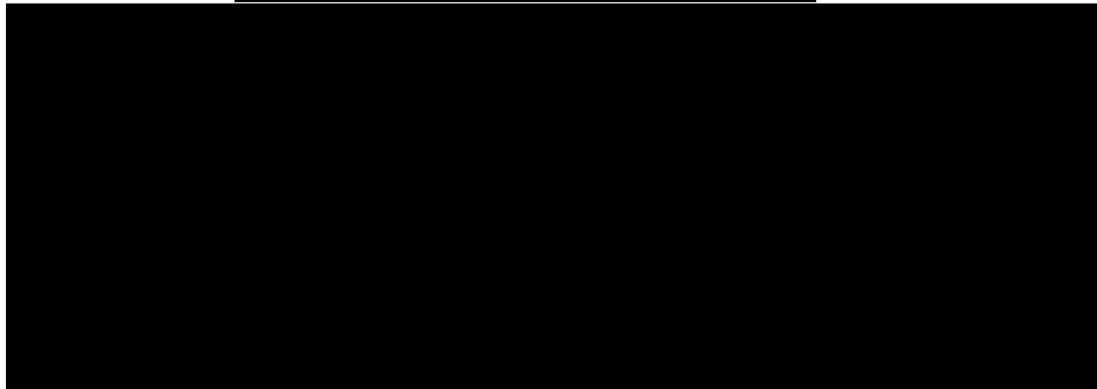
#### I. Approval of Minutes – July 17, 2010

- Minutes approved

#### II. Case Reviews

##### Initial Review

##### A. In the Matter of



[REDACTED]

**B. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**Review for Cause**

**C. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002)–PFR-77**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows: [REDACTED] alleges that Fr. Bowman sexually abused him on one occasion in the parish offices at St. James; as per [REDACTED] Fr. Bowman exposed his penis/genitals to him; [REDACTED]

Ms. McCluskey provided the Review Board with a verbal overview and update of the investigation of this matter.

In light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that Fr. Bowman sexually abused [REDACTED] when he was a minor.

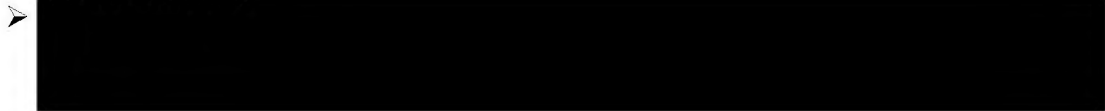
**III. Request for Supplementary Review**

**D. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]



**IV. Other Matters**



➤ There will be no Review Board meeting on October 16, 2010; the next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2010



*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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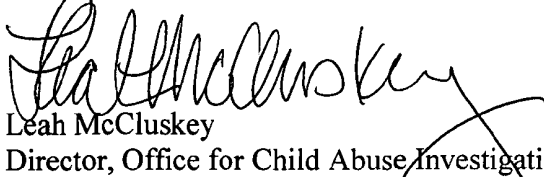
Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on September 18, 2010 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bowman is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose faculties have been withdrawn.

The Review Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is reason to suspect that the accused did sexually abuse [REDACTED] when he was a minor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the  
determination,*

*Frg  
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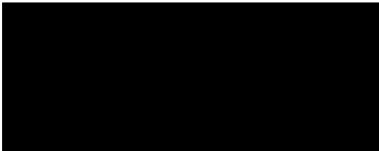
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September 24, 2010



Dear [Redacted],

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on September 18, 2010 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual abuse against R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. As you may know, R. Peter Bowman is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose faculties have been withdrawn.

At the Review for Cause, after considering all information presented to it, the Review Board determines whether there is reason to suspect that the accused cleric has engaged in the sexual abuse of a minor.

Based upon the information obtained concerning your allegation against R. Peter Bowman, the Review Board determined that there is reason to suspect that R. Peter Bowman did sexually abuse you when you were a minor. Cardinal George has accepted this determination.

[Redacted] if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at (312) 534-5205 or [lmccuskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmccuskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that Ruth Robinson of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. You may reach Ms. Robinson at (312) 534-8256 or [rurobinson@archchicago.org](mailto:rurobinson@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Ruth Robinson, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

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September 24, 2010

PFR-77

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Holy Family Villa  
12220 S. Will Cook Road  
Palos Park, Illinois 60464

Dear Fr. Bowman,

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on September 18, 2010 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual abuse against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

At the Review for Cause, after considering all information presented to it, the Review Board determines whether there is reason to suspect that the accused cleric has engaged in the sexual abuse of a minor.

Based upon the information obtained concerning [REDACTED] allegation against you, the Review Board determined that there is reason to suspect that you did sexually abuse [REDACTED] when he was a minor. Cardinal George has accepted this determination.

Fr. Bowman, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at (312) 534-5205 or [lmclluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmclluskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests, continues to be available to you and may be reached at (312) 534-1838 or [kbudzikowski@archchicago.org](mailto:kbudzikowski@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests

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**Rev. John R. Hoffman**

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St. Francis Xavier Parish  
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His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
Chicago, IL

November 12, 2010

Your Eminence,

I understand that you will be requesting that Peter Bowman be laicized. I sense that the basis for this is frustration over his lack of cooperation with the nursing home procedures and the protocols for those removed from ministry. I also believe that your ultimate concern is for the Archdiocese and the church as a whole. But with deepest sincerity and respect, please re-consider this course of action.

I believe that Peter has done wrong and should be removed from ministry; and I know that Peter can be stubborn and uncooperative. But I do believe that he has gotten better since he went to Holy Family Villa in terms of personal hygiene, social interaction and physical therapy – far from perfect, but better. I don't think that he has been drinking alcohol for the past year and I have seen a change in him because of this.

I also believe that there was genuine misunderstanding rather than deception about the luncheon he recently attended. He may not have known that there would be children there. When he heard "children" from his friends he was thinking of their adult – 40-50 year old – children.

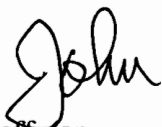
I know that he has not adhered to the protocols set for him a year ago, but honestly, I wonder how realistic a stringent Behavioral Modification program is for an 82 year old who is [REDACTED]. The protocols he has not adhered to are more personal discipline (getting dressed, shaving) and social engagement (come to lunch and socialize with the other residents) rather than drinking or sexual inappropriateness. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I don't believe he "intends" to do it, and I wonder if he can grasp the passive-aggressive dynamic involved.

I'm sure that you, too, are deeply concerned about Peter and what will happen to him when released from the Archdiocese, since you have been so compassionate and just since his troubles began. As you know he is alienated from almost all of his family and has very limited resources. And I know that you strongly believe in the principals of the reconciling church as well as the integrity of its members, especially priests.

Your Eminence, given that Peter is a profoundly sick man, I fervently request that you reconsider any action to laicize him. Please look once again (I am willing to help) for an arrangement where he can live the remaining time of his life in Prayer and Penance, under strict supervision with limited visitors and no outside meals, while receiving the nursing care he needs.

Sincerely,



Rev. John Hoffman

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① Holy Family Villa

John Hoffman  
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Canon Lawyer for Peter Bowman 3/8/11  
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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Flores, Mayra  
**CC:** Robinson, Ruth  
**Date:** 1/18/2011 2:39 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Mayra,

Thank you very much for your e-mail and for speaking with Sr. [REDACTED]. I will give [REDACTED] a call today.

Leah

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>>> Mayra Flores 1/18/2011 2:37 PM >>>

This morning, I received a call from Sr. [REDACTED] Chancellor for the Diocese of Joliet. She had just finished a lengthy conversation with [REDACTED] who shared his allegation of sexual abuse by Rev. Peter Bowman when [REDACTED] was a minor.

In my conversation with Sr. [REDACTED] she shared certain details of [REDACTED] allegation:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sr. Davies shared:

[REDACTED]

Sr. [REDACTED] explained to [REDACTED] that Fr. Bowman is not with the Diocese of Joliet, but with the Archdiocese of Chicago. She said she would contact the Archdiocese of Chicago, who in turn will call [REDACTED]. He said he understood and will wait to hear from someone from here. (She believes he would benefit from hearing from someone today [REDACTED])

I thanked Sr. [REDACTED] for her compassionate handling of the situation, and assured her that I would forward the information to you.

Peace,  
Mayra

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### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements an email exchange between Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, and Mayra Flores, Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Safe Environment Office, dated January 18, 2011, regarding Victim LK's allegation of abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. In their correspondence, Flores provided McCluskey with information received from officials in the Diocese of Joliet, regarding Victim LK's allegations of sexual abuse by Bowman. Victim LK alleged that he was abused by Bowman at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish in the mid-1960s. According to the emails, Victim LK alleged that Bowman fondled his genitals.

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## MEMORANDUM



**To:** Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests  
Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. John Collins, Vicar for Priests  
Colleen Dolan, Communications and Public Relations  
Carol Fowler, Personnel Services  
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Ruth Robinson, Assistance Ministry  
Very Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Canonical Services

**From:** Santa Garcia, Secretary *S.G.*  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**Re:** **[PFR - 77] BOWMAN, REV. R. PETER (RETIRED/WITHDRAWN)**  
[REDACTED]

**Date:** January 19, 2011

A copy of a new allegation was received by this office on January 18, 2011.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding **[PFR-77]BOWMAN, REV. R. PETER (RETIRED/WITHDRAWN)**/ [REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case, to this office, within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Please contact Leah McCluskey with any questions you may have at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org) regarding this matter. Thank you.

**Cc:** Ray Gass, Review Board Chair  
John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services  
Jan Slattery, Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

Attachment

AOC 008079

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file, and associated transcript and subsequent edits, from Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, dated January 31, 2011, recording Victim LK's report of alleged abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the transcript, Victim LK alleged he was abused by Bowman at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish when Victim LK was sixteen years old. The alleged abuse consisted of genital fondling.

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February 15, 2011



Dear [Redacted]

I hope that this letter finds you well [Redacted]

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. Thank you so much for your corrections.

As we discussed, I will present the enclosed report to Fr. Bowman for his response. This matter will be before the Review Board for an Initial Review at the meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2011.

[Redacted] if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Cc Ruth Robinson, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests

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BACKGROUND

IN THE MATTER OF 

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DELIVERED ON FEBRUARY 28, 2011

MS. LEAH MCCLUSKEY, DIRECTOR  
OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW  
737 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 900  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

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Ms. Leah R. McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
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OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE  
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Hillard Heintze has completed the limited background investigation requested for the January 31, 2011 case referral in the matter of [REDACTED]. Attached you will find our investigative report which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago, independent Review Board. With this transmittal, one (1) electronic version of our report is being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

During the course of this investigation, Hillard Heintze reviewed the documentation provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and conducted a limited background investigation of [REDACTED].

Utilizing proprietary databases, the background investigation conducted on [REDACTED] found 14 possible Federal, state or local records pertaining to criminal history or civil litigation against the subject. Database records revealed seven traffic violations filed against [REDACTED] and verified through his date of birth, as well as four additional traffic violations identified through a name-matching search only. Our investigation found one lawsuit filed against [REDACTED] in the amount of \$20,000 that was verified through his personal identifiers and two additional civil records - one tort and one divorce filing - identified through a name-matching search only. At your request, we will obtain any case files you deem necessary in order to determine [REDACTED] involvement in the cases matched to his name only.

Should you need any additional information on our investigation, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.869.8500.

Sincerely,  
HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC



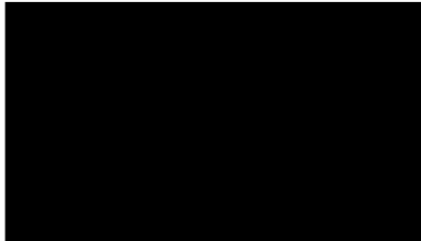
Arnette F. Heintze  
Partner and CEO

## LIMITED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

As of February 28, 2011

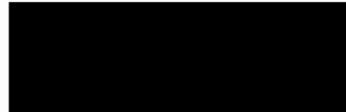
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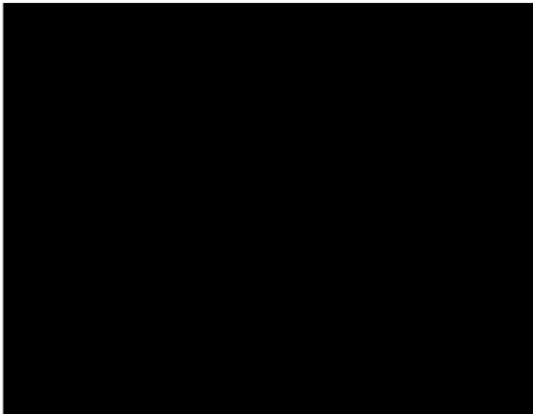


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### ASSOCIATED ADDRESSES



May 2001 - May 2010  
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Mar 2003 - Mar 2003  
Oct 1995 - Oct 2002  
Feb 1994 - Dec 2001  
Jul 2001 - Jul 2001  
Apr 1995 - Dec 1995  
Jan 1993 - Jan 1993  
Jan 1993 - Jan 1993  
No dates reported

### CRIMINAL HISTORY

The following criminal records were identified in association with [REDACTED] and verified through his date of birth or other personal identifiers:

#### Federal Jurisdictions

No records were identified.

#### Cook County, IL

No records were identified.

**DuPage County, IL**

- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for speeding filed against [REDACTED] on 08/12/1982; [REDACTED] was found guilty and fined \$50 on 09/21/1982.
- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for improper display of license plate or registration sticker filed against [REDACTED] on 08/12/2004; [REDACTED] was fined \$80 and sentenced to 90 days supervision on 10/04/2004.

**Kendall County, IL**

- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for speeding (1-10 MPH above the limit) filed against [REDACTED] on 04/19/2002; [REDACTED] pled guilty on 05/16/2002 and was sentenced to two months and 30 days of supervision and fined \$105. His supervision was terminated on 09/08/2002.
- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for speeding (15-20 MPH above the limit) filed against [REDACTED] on 11/19/2002; [REDACTED] was found guilty on 12/12/2003 and was fined \$75.
- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for speeding (15-20 MPH above the limit) filed against [REDACTED] on 01/28/2005; [REDACTED] was found guilty on 02/08/2005 and fined \$75. A motion to vacate was filed on 02/10/2006 and the conviction was vacated but then reinstated on 03/08/2006 and [REDACTED] was sentenced to six months of supervision and fined \$350 on that date. His court supervision was dismissed on 09/08/2006.
- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for disregarding a traffic control light filed against [REDACTED] on 08/25/2006; [REDACTED] pled guilty on 09/26/2006, was sentenced to three months and two days of supervision and fined \$120. His court supervision was terminated on 12/28/2006.
- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for speeding (15-20 MPH above the limit) filed against [REDACTED] on 03/31/2008; resulted in an ex-parte judgment and fine of \$75 on 04/15/2008. A motion to vacate was filed on 03/09/2009 and his ex-parte judgment was vacated on 03/13/2009 - he pled guilty and was sentenced to three months of supervision and fined \$185 on the same date. His traffic school completion was verified and his court supervision was terminated on 06/12/2009.

The following records were identified through a name-matching search only, but match [REDACTED] full name including middle initial. Without the case files, however, we cannot verify the involvement of [REDACTED]. At your request, we can obtain any files you see necessary.

**Kane County, IL**

- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for speeding filed against [REDACTED] on 02/22/2001; resulted in an ex-parte judgment in the amount of \$80 on 03/26/2001.
- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for no seat belt filed against [REDACTED] on 11/16/2004; [REDACTED] was found guilty and sentenced to one month of supervision on 01/21/2005. His supervision was satisfactorily terminated on 02/01/2005.

- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for speeding filed against [REDACTED] on 02/05/2010; [REDACTED] was found guilty and fined \$120 on 02/08/2010. He was also sentenced to participate in a driver safety program.
- Case number [REDACTED] a traffic violation for driving while talking on a cell phone filed against [REDACTED] on 04/21/2010; [REDACTED] was found guilty and paid a fine of \$200 on 05/11/2010.

### CIVIL FILINGS HISTORY

The following records were identified in association with [REDACTED] and verified through personal identifiers:

#### Federal Jurisdictions

No records were identified.

#### Cook County, IL

No records were identified.

#### DuPage County, IL

No records were identified.

#### Kendall County, IL

- Case number [REDACTED] a business contract suit filed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [sic] on 10/02/1995 in the amount of \$20,000; case outcome unknown.

The following records were identified through name-matching searches and cannot be verified without the case files. At your request, we will obtain any files you deem necessary.

#### Kane County, IL

- Case number [REDACTED], a tort & damages suit filed by [REDACTED] against [REDACTED] et al, on 04/21/1999; the case was dismissed on 12/05/2002.
- Case number [REDACTED] dissolution of marriage filed by [REDACTED] against [REDACTED] on 11/13/2000; resulted in a judgment for dissolution of marriage on 08/08/2001.

### NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

A search of sex offender public registries indicates the subject is not registered as a national or state sex offender.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

[REDACTED] appears to currently be divorced and living alone. He currently owns his residence at [REDACTED] as a single person. He currently has a [REDACTED] convertible registered in his name at his residence, which expires on 08/31/2011.

[REDACTED]

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Budzikowski, Kenneth  
**Date:** 3/3/2011 2:12 PM  
**Subject:** Fr. Bowman  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Fr. Ken,

I wanted to let you know that I called and spoke with civil attorney Frank Bonifacic today with regard to our meeting with Fr. Bowman yesterday. Mr. Bonifacic said that he would be representing Fr. Bowman with regard to this matter. I told Mr. Bonifacic that I would forward to him copies of the same information that I provided to Fr. Bowman yesterday.

Thank you!

Leah

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March 3, 2011

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Holy Family Villa  
12220 S. Will Cook Road  
Palos Park, Illinois 60464

Dear Fr. Bowman,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of our March 2, 2011 meeting where [REDACTED] [REDACTED] allegations of the sexual abuse of minor were presented to you. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski and me.

Please review the enclosed draft report, make any changes necessary, and provide any additional response you wish to make. I ask that you return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be returned to you.

Fr. Bowman, in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes and any additional written response by March 18, 2011. As we discussed, I did call and speak with Mr. Frank Bonifacic about this matter. Mr. Bonifacic indicated that he is working with you and that I may send information about this matter to him. I have copied Mr. Bonifacic on this letter and enclosure to you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Cc Frank Bonifacic, civil attorney



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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR- 77

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: **RESPONSE OF REV. R. PETER BOWMAN (WITHDRAWN) TO THE ALLEGATION OF THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR MADE BY**  


Date: March 3, 2011

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Date of Meeting: March 2, 2011


Time of Meeting: 1:30 pm

### Meeting Participants


Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests  
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review


### Meeting

Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski made arrangements for the March 2, 2011 meeting to take place at Holy Family Villa, where Rev. R. Peter Bowman currently resides.

After greetings took place, I presented Fr. Bowman with an envelope and informed him that it contained information about the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and related policies and procedures (*§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*, information on the professional investigation firm that may be used by CAIR during the continued investigation of this matter, and CAIR's statement on confidentiality). I also provided Fr. Bowman with a copy of the report of  allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against him.

I informed Fr. Bowman that this matter would be before the Review Board for an Initial Review on March 19, 2011.

When asked, Fr. Bowman stated that he does have a canonist as well as a civil attorney. Later in the meeting, it was agreed that Fr. Budzikowski would call canonist (Rev. Francis J.) Frank Morrissey and I would call civil attorney Frank Bonifacic in order to determine if they would be able to work with Fr. Bowman on the matter of  allegation against him. I told Fr.

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Bowman/  
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Bowman that I would forward all copies of information that I provided to him to his canonist and civil attorney.

In order to present the report of [REDACTED] allegation to him, I gave Fr. Bowman the choice to read the entire transcript (of my meeting with [REDACTED] where he formalized his allegation against Fr. Bowman) to himself, for me to read the entire transcript out loud, or for me to summarize the points of the transcript that reflect [REDACTED] allegations of sexual abuse against Fr. Bowman.

Fr. Bowman chose to read the transcript to himself while Fr. Budzikowski and I remained in the office with him. Prior to reading the transcript, Fr. Bowman said that he does not know or remember [REDACTED]

After Fr. Bowman was finished reading the transcript, I asked him if he wished to make any response to [REDACTED] allegation. Fr. Bowman asked me if there was an allegation of sexual abuse in the transcript. I told Fr. Bowman that there was, and from the transcript read to him [REDACTED] description of the two alleged incidents of abuse. Also reading from the transcript, I reiterated to Fr. Bowman that [REDACTED] said that he knew Fr. Bowman from St. Lawrence O'Toole parish [REDACTED]

Fr. Bowman responded by stating that he does not think that (the two alleged incidents) happened.

Fr. Budzikowski and I again thanked Fr. Bowman for his time. Fr. Bowman gave the envelope of information that I had given to him and the copy of [REDACTED] allegation report to Ms. Roberta (Bobbi) Magurany so that he did not have the information in his room. Ms. Magurany is the Administrator of Holy Family Villa and had allowed us to use her office for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Fr. Bowman was asked to contact Fr. Budzikowski or me with any questions or concerns.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. R. Peter Bowman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski

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Date

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Leah McCluskey

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March 3, 2011

Mr. Frank M. Bonifacic  
111 W. Washington, Suite 1760  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Bonifacic,

Pursuant to our conversation earlier today, I have enclosed with this letter copies of the same information that I provided to Rev. R. Peter Bowman yesterday related to [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against him:

- Transcript of meeting with [REDACTED] where he formalized his allegation against Fr. Bowman
- §1104.4.6.2 Policy
- §1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry
- Statement of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review on Confidentiality
- Information on the professional investigation firm that may be used by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review during the continued investigation of this matter

Please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

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**SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION/RESPONSE/INVESTIGATION**

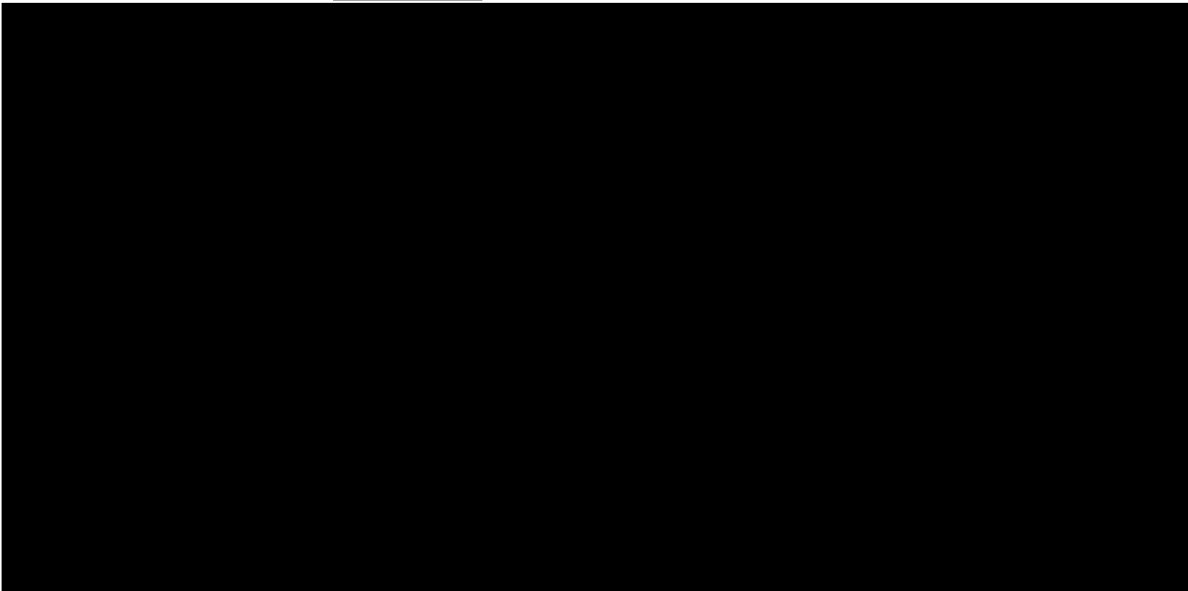
**Name of Alleged Victim**

**Name of Accused**

Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired/Withdrawn)

**Summary of Allegation**

The Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (CAIR) was first made known of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman on January 18, 2011 through the Diocese of Joliet. [REDACTED] had originally contacted the Diocese of Joliet to report his allegation of abuse against Fr. Bowman. When the Diocese of Joliet was able to determine that Fr. Bowman is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, [REDACTED] initial report and contact information were forwarded to this office. [REDACTED] formalized his allegation on January 27, 2011.



**Summary of Response**

Fr. Bowman stated that he does not know and/or remember [REDACTED] After reading the report of [REDACTED] allegation, Fr. Bowman asked if there was an allegation of sexual abuse contained in the report. I pointed out to Fr. Bowman the alleged incidents of abuse that [REDACTED] described. Fr. Bowman said that he does not think that (the incidents of alleged abuse) happened.

**Summary of Investigation**

A request was made to Hillard Heintze to complete a background check on [REDACTED]

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

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

3/3/11

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[REDACTED] Bowman Summary  
March 3, 2011  
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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements the Summary Allegation/Response/Investigation Report prepared by Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, dated March 3, 2011. In the Summary, McCluskey recorded specific elements of Victim LK's allegation of abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the summary, Victim LK alleged that Bowman fondled his genitals over his clothing. This conduct occurred at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish.

**SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION**

	<b>ACCUSED</b>	<b>ACCUSER</b>
<b>Name:</b>	Rev. R. Peter Bowman	[REDACTED]
<b>Address:</b>	Holy Family Villa Palos Park, IL	[REDACTED]
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Current age:</b>	82	[REDACTED]
<b>Name of civil attorney:</b>	N/A	N/A
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<b>Date of Ordination (of accused):</b>	5/3/55	
<b>Location:</b>	Mundelein	
<b>Age at ordination:</b>	26	
<b>Assignment location of accused:</b>	N/A	
<b>Status of accused:</b>	Retired/Withdrawn	
<b>Name of canonical advocate:</b>	Unknown	
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<b>Date allegation received:</b>	1/18/11	
<b>Date allegation formalized:</b>	1/27/11	
<b>Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:</b>	1964	
<b>Date of last incident of alleged abuse:</b>	1965	
<b>Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:</b>	two	
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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** two incidents of abuse, both when [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]. Fr. Bowman put his hand on [REDACTED] crotch over his clothing; second incident began the same, ended with Fr. Bowman [REDACTED] [REDACTED] tried to put hand down [REDACTED] pants

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 3/2/11; Fr. Bowman said that he does not know [REDACTED] and that he does not think that the alleged abuse happened

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** Initial Review

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** N/A

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:**

**Date allegation received:** 4/02

**Date allegation formalized:** 4/02

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1953

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1953/1954

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** more than one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondling over clothes

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 4/02

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 12/02; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** N/A

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:**

**Date allegation received:** 7/19/02

**Date allegation formalized:** 8/15/02

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1966

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1967

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** several

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** kissing, touching, and undressing

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 8/19/02

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 1/03; reasonable cause to suspect with withdrawal and monitoring

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** N/A

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:**

**Date allegation received:** 8/00

**Date allegation formalized:** 8/00

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1999

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1999

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** Fr. Bowman unzipped his pants in front of [REDACTED] and enacted inappropriate touching; Fr. Bowman poked [REDACTED] buttocks [REDACTED] and rubbed his shoulders

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 8/00

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 9/00; determined not to be sexual misconduct with a minor

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** N/A

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:** [REDACTED]

**Date allegation received:** 10/03

**Date allegation formalized:** 10/03

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1959

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1965

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** several

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** [REDACTED] Fr. Bowman would hold and hug [REDACTED] felt Fr. Bowman's erection against his back

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 10/30/03

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 6/04; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** N/A

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:** [REDACTED]

**Date allegation received:** 4/17/06

**Date allegation formalized:** 6/26/06

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1980

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1984

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** several

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. Bowman would hug and kiss [REDACTED] on the lips; Fr. Bowman began to hug [REDACTED] and hold [REDACTED] hand on [REDACTED] lap [REDACTED]

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 8/14/06

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 1/07; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** N/A

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:** [REDACTED]

**Date allegation received:** 8/6/07

**Date allegation formalized:** 10/19/07

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** Summer, 1966

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** Summer, 1966

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** Fr. Bowman took [REDACTED] hand to fondle his (Fr. Bowman's) erect penis

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 1/9/08

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 6/08; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** N/A

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:**

**Current age:**

**Name of civil attorney:**

**Date allegation received:** 3/2/08

**Date allegation formalized:**

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:**

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:**

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:**

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** to date, [REDACTED] has not chosen to formalize his allegation against Fr. Bowman

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** N/A

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** N/A

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** N/A

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** [REDACTED]

**Name of civil attorney:** N/A

**Date allegation received:** 4/13/09

**Date allegation formalized:** 4/29/10

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** approximately 1980/1981

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** approximately 1980/1981

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** one incident where Fr. Bowman exposed his penis/genitals to [REDACTED] and had [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was a student at St. James at the time of the incident and estimated that he may have been in 7th grade

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 6/21/10; Fr. Bowman categorically denied the allegation

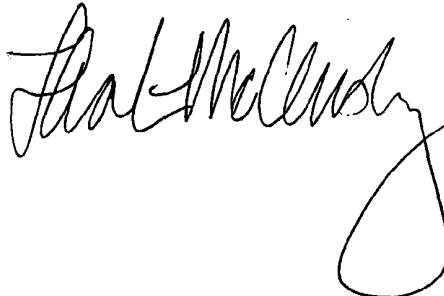
**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 9/10; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** N/A

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**Signature of Director:**



**Date:**

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March 7, 2011

Ms. Shauna Boliker  
First Assistant State's Attorney  
State's Attorney of Cook County  
2650 South California, Room 11D36  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE: ██████████ Bowman, Rev. Peter  
Our File Number: 2011SC0017  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Date of Incident: Approximately 1964-1965  
Location of Incident: St. Lawrence O'Toole

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago has been informed by Sr. ██████████ ██████████ Chancellor for the Diocese of Joliet, that she received an allegation of sexual abuse from ██████████ against Rev. Peter Bowman. According to Sr. ██████████ informed her that Rev. Bowman had inappropriate sexual contact with him while ██████████ was a minor. The abuse allegedly occurred in Rev. Bowman's automobile between approximately 1964 and 1965, while Rev. Bowman was assigned to St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish in Matteson, Illinois. Rev. Bowman is currently withdrawn from ministry.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John C. O'Malley in black ink.  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

JCOM:jgs

Cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓  
Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms. Dixie Peterson, DCFS Counsel

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 3/7/2011 10:23 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Request  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf; Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Harvey,

Have you had an opportunity to conduct this background check? If you have, could you please send over the report-- I would like to include this in the Review Board packets as well.

Thank you!

Leah

> From: Leah McCluskey[SMTP:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org]  
> To: Radney, Harvey[SMTP:harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com]  
> Received-Date:20110131  
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> Subject:Request  
> Hi Harvey,  
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> I am in the beginning stages of the investigation of a new allegation.  
> Could you please conduct a background check on:  
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> [REDACTED]  
> DOB: [REDACTED]  
> Employer: [REDACTED]  
> Cell: [REDACTED]  
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> Please let me know if other information related to [REDACTED] would be  
> helpful to you in conducting the background check, as [REDACTED] formalized  
> his allegation against a cleric on January 27th.  
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> I will not need this report until March 4, 2011.  
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> Thank you.  
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> Leah  
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> Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
> Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
> Archdiocese of Chicago  
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To: File  
From: K. Budzikowski  
Date: March 8, 2011  
Re: Rev. Peter Bowman

Just a note to bring things up to date. Last Wednesday, March 2, Leah McCluskey and I went to Holy Family Villa to read an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to Fr. Peter Bowman. Leah presented the allegation to him, which he read on his own. He didn't have a lot of comments about it and asked for a few points of clarification. We left a copy with him, which was placed in his file in Bobbi Magurany's office. In conversation before and after presenting the allegation to Peter, he seemed quite alert and "charming" but during the reading he seemed a bit out of it.

Upon concluding our meeting, Leah offered to contact his attorney, Mr. Frank Bonifacic, and forward him a copy of the allegation. (cf., email attached) I tried to contact his canon lawyer, Fr. Francis Morrissey, OMI, JCD, via phone. I contacted our Office for Canonical Services and got his email. Father Morrissey responded that he is still Fr. Bowman's advocate.

This morning, Peter's niece [REDACTED] - called me to see if there was any news about Peter's laicization. I told her that we had not heard anything, and that I would contact her when we heard anything.

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The Canonical Advocate for Rev. R. Peter Bowman is:

Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD  
St. Paul University  
223 Main Street  
Ottawa, ON K1S 1C4 Canada

Tel.: [REDACTED]

Fax: +1 613 230 9677

email: [REDACTED]

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I have also enclosed a copy of my March 3, 2011 draft report of Fr. Bowman's response to [REDACTED] allegation.

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This matter will be presented to the Review Board on March 19, 2011 for an Initial Review. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests

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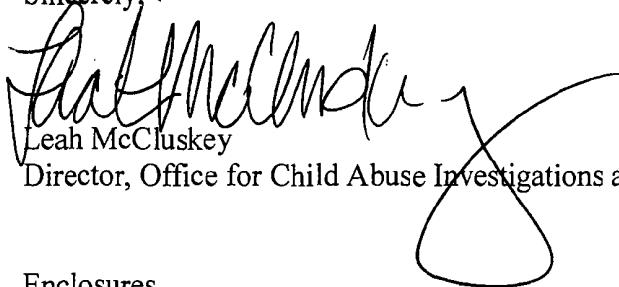
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 77


From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter (Retired/Withdrawn)

Date: March 18, 2011

As a result of  allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman, I conducted a review of Fr. Bowman's files from the Vicar for Priests' Office, Chancellor's Office and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary.

The following is a summary of the information obtained upon review of Fr. Bowman's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office:

- June, 2001: memorandum to file regarding the report of a boundary violation that occurred on the part of Fr. Bowman against a male over the age of 18; as witnessed by another priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, while at an award dinner for Fr. Bowman, Fr. Bowman touched the adult male's crotch area three times; reported that Fr. Bowman also made a number of attempts to grab the adult male's butt where Fr. Bowman was "successful at times;" report that Fr. Bowman kissed the adult male at breakfast where Fr. Bowman was "successful at times;"
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- Copies of documentation that originated from the Office of Professional Fitness Review (now known as Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review) regarding allegations of the sexual abuse of minors against Fr. Bowman; documentation regarding related Review Board process resulting in Fr. Bowman's withdrawal from ministry on May 24, 2002
- Various letters of support for Fr. Bowman from parishioners, friends, and family members after Fr. Bowman's faculties were withdrawn

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- Copies of documentation from the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review concerning additional allegations of the sexual abuse of minors against Fr. Bowman

The following is a summary of the information obtained upon review of Fr. Bowman's seminary file:

- 8/8/48: recommendation letter from pastor of Ascension for Bowman to enter the seminary
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- 9/48 – 1955: Philosophy and Theology grades (86.2 yearly average); noted that he obtained S.T.B. and S.T.L. degrees on 6/6/53 and 6/4/55 respectively
- 9/48: medical exam reports in conjunction with, "Application for Admission to the Archdiocese of Chicago"
- 4/2/49: letter from rectory of seminary to Selective Service System informing of Bowman's enrolment in seminary and therefore exempt from military training and service
- 7/12/49: letter from Bowman to rector of seminary reporting on his work at CYO (Catholic Youth Organization Boys' Camp, Doddridge Farm in Libertyville, IL) camp prior to entering Mundelein Seminary in the fall (of 1949)
- 8/27/51: positive letter from pastor of Ascension to rector about Bowman's conduct as a seminarian over the summer
- 2/5/52: letter from Selective Service System to Bowman requesting a letter from the school that he is still enrolled in the seminary on a full time basis in order to retain classification
- 3/17/52: "Scrutiny of Seminarians relative to Promotion of Holy Orders," form completed by pastor of Ascension, Bowman's home parish; positive remarks and recommendations given
- 9/30/53: sought medical attention; doctor noted that Bowman would be able to return to seminary in October 31<sup>st</sup> (1953), as Bowman had been responding well to treatment
- 2/4/54: medical checkup that Bowman was doing well, but important for him to "avoid excessive fatigue"

- 3/3/54: "Scrutiny of Seminarians relative to Promotion of Holy Orders," form completed by pastor of Ascension, Bowman's home parish; positive remarks and recommendations given
- 4/29/54: letter from Selective Service System to seminary asking for letter from archdiocese and from seminary noting their sponsorship of Bowman in seminary studies
- 4/30/54: letter from seminary rector to Selective Service System noting that Bowman was a full time student at Mundelein Seminary
- 6/6/54: Bowman ordained to the subdiaconate
- 10/10/54: Bowman ordained to the Diaconate
- 2/4/55: letter from Selective Service System to seminary requesting a letter from the archdiocese and from seminary noting their sponsorship of Bowman in seminary studies
- 2/5/55: letter from seminary rector to Selective Service System noting that Bowman was a full time student at Mundelein Seminary
- 5/3/55: Bowman ordained to the priesthood
- Invitation to Bowman's first mass at Ascension on May 8, 1955
- 4/12/06: letter from attorney [REDACTED] addressed to Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) representing an adult male [REDACTED] and his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Bowman
- 4/18/06: memorandum from OPR regarding report of [REDACTED] allegation against Fr. Bowman
- 8/6/07: memorandum from OPR regarding report of new allegation made by [REDACTED] of the sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Bowman
- 8/6/07: memorandum from OPR regarding [REDACTED] allegation

The following is a summary of the information obtained upon review of Fr. Bowman's file in the Chancellor's Office:

- 6/29/55: appointment letter; assistant to pastor of St. Denis

- 6/22/61: appointment letter; assistant to pastor of St. Laurence O'Toole (Fr. Doran, pastor)
- 5/10/66: appointment letter; assistant to pastor at Our Lady of Victory
- 5/11/66: letter from male student at St. Laurence O'Toole to Cardinal Cody asking him not to send Fr. Bowman to Our Lady of Victory; positive letter as to what kind of a priest the student felt that Fr. Bowman was
- 6/9/69: appointment letter; Assistant Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD); reside at St. Timothy
- 9/69: letter to Cardinal Cody from parishioner of Our Lady of Victory; very positive support of Fr. Bowman and not wanting Fr. Bowman to leave OLV and go to St. Timothy
- 4/14/70: letter from Fr. Bowman to Cardinal Cody supporting Cody's statement in the New World on clerical celibacy
- 6/25/70: letter from Cardinal Cody to Fr. Bowman; appointed Administrator or Vicar Econome of St. Timothy due to illness of pastor
- 7/16/75; 8/2/75: letters of support for Fr. Bowman to be named pastor of St. Timothy
- 10/2/78: appointment letter; pastor of St. James in Arlington Heights
- 11/22/82: appointed Deputy to Urban Vicar
- 3/29/84: appointed Dean of Deanery II, Vicariate I
- 4/4/84: letter from Cardinal Bernardin to Fr. Bowman inviting him to concelebrate annual Chrism Mass on 4/19/84
- 8/6/84: letter extending Fr. Bowman's appointment as pastor of St. James for additional six years
- 4/14/87: letter reappointing Fr. Bowman as Dean for additional three years
- 1/13/89: letter to file from Cardinal Bernardin; positive remarks about Fr. Bowman, "...he is a good model both as pastor and dean..."
- 5/7/90: another appointment letter extending Fr. Bowman's pastorate at St. James

- 9/14/90: letter from Cardinal Bernardin to Fr. Bowman granting Bowman's request for sabbatical (1/1/91 – 7/1/91)
- 8/29/91: reappointed Dean of Deanery II of Vicariate II
- 2/93: Fr. Bowman received Pope John XXIII Award from Association of Chicago Priests
- 10/13/93: signed "Acknowledgement of Misconduct Policies"
- 5/31/95: appointment letter; named Vicar for Administration and Moderator of the Curia; effective 7/21/95
- 8/3/95: appointment letter; named priest moderator of Christian Family Movement Chicago Federation
- 8/8/95: appointment letter; resident of St. Teresa of Avila; effective 8/15/95
- 11/15/96: due to death of Cardinal Bernardin, letter to Fr. Bowman informing him he was no longer Vicar for Administration; appointed by Diocesan Administrator the Delegate for Administration and continuation of position as Moderator of the Curia
- 1/10/97: sealed envelope marked "Burial Arrangements"
- 5/8/97: appointed Vicar for Administration by Most Rev. Francis George and asked to continue as Moderator of the Curia
- 2/4/98: appointed Cardinal's Liaison to the Consultative Bodies by Cardinal George
- 5/22/98: appointed acting Vicar General by Cardinal George while he and Auxiliary Bishops were in Rome for ad limina visit
- 6/17/00: transferred from Moderator of the Curia to Interim Director of the Department of Specialized Ministries
- 7/17/00: appointed temporary administrator of St. Teresa of Avila while pastor on sabbatical; effective 8/1/00 – 12/15/00
- 7/17/00: appointed acting Dean of Deanery II-D while dean on sabbatical; effective 8/1/00 – 12/15/00
- 1/22/01: appointed Dean of Deanery II-D; effective 1/22/01 – 6/30/01

- 1/31/01: letter from Cardinal George to Fr. Bowman; agreed on Fr. Bowman's 3/1/01 retirement date and to remain Dean of Vicariate II-D and member of Finance Council
- 3/20/01: named Pastor Emeritus of St. James in Arlington Heights
- 4/29/01: invitation for reception at the Cardinal's Residence honoring Fr. Bowman as former Moderator of the Curia and Pastor Emeritus of St. James in Arlington Heights
- 5/28/02: letter from Chancellor to Pastoral Center staff regarding Fr. Bowman's removal from ministry as a result of allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor received and resulting Review Board recommendation
- Various copies of documents also in Fr. Bowman's file in the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

The following is a summary of the information obtained upon review of Fr. Bowman's MC (misconduct) file in the Chancellor's Office:

- 8/11/00: copy of Telephone Log from PFRA (Professional Fitness Review Administrator of the Office of Professional Fitness Review; now known as Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review) regarding allegation of misconduct with a minor made against Fr. Bowman by [REDACTED]
- 8/12/00: copy of [REDACTED] allegation from PFRA and related memorandum
- 8/19/00: memorandum regarding Review Board meeting and [REDACTED] allegation; determined not sexual abuse of a minor, but "foolish horseplay"
- 9/00: letters from PFRA regarding Review Board recommendations and Cardinal George's decision regarding [REDACTED] matter
- 4/02: copies of documents that are also in OPFR (CAIR) regarding allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor made against Fr. Bowman by [REDACTED]
- 5/24/02: letter from Cardinal George to PFRA removing Fr. Bowman from ministry
- 5/28/02: Fr. Bowman's Individual Specific Protocol (ISP)
- 6/02 – 8/02: copies of same documents in CAIR file regarding [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Bowman

- 2/21/03: “recourse petition” received by the Office of the Archbishop from Fr. Bowman
- 3/26/03: letter to Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect for Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from Fr. Bowman regarding “recourse petition” sent to Cardinal George
- 9/23/05: letters from Vicar General to pastors of St. James in Arlington Heights and St. Teresa of Avila with suggested letter to distribute to the parish regarding Fr. Bowman’s withdrawal from ministry
- 3/5/09: Fr. Bowman’s signed ISP
- 7/8/09: notification of noncompliance sent from Compliance Supervisor to Fr. Bowman; Fr. Bowman was not completing his Daily Logs as per ISP

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### **Review Board Members Present:**



#### **Review Board Members Not Present:**



#### **Non-members Present:**

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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#### **I. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2011**

- Minutes approved

#### **II. Case Reviews**

##### **Initial Review**

#### **A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002)-PFR-77**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows: two incidents of alleged abuse, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] first incident, Fr. Bowman put his hand on [REDACTED] touched [REDACTED] crotch over his clothing; second incident began the same, ended with Fr. Bowman [REDACTED] [REDACTED] tried to put his hand down [REDACTED] pants.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Review Board with a verbal overview and update of the investigation of this matter.

In light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board asked Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

- Send the file to Hillard Heintze and request assistance with the investigation
- Attempt to corroborate [REDACTED] description of Fr. Bowman's car during the identified time period and the make and model of car Fr. Bowman owned while assigned to St. Lawrence O'Toole (7/5/61 - 5/66)
- Attempt to identify the other teens [REDACTED] referenced in the report of his allegation against Fr. Bowman
- Attempt to review the "allegations" in [REDACTED]
- Attempt to obtain information relevant to [REDACTED]

**Review for Cause**

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

[REDACTED]

**III. Other Matters**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*



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March 19, 2011

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
835 N. Rush Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611-2030

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on March 19, 2011 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bowman is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose faculties have been withdrawn.

The Review Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, this matter warrants additional investigation. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board along with all other information regarding this matter for a Review for Cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the determination.*

*F. George  
March 30, 2011*

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**VIA MESSENGER**

March 21, 2011

Mr. Harvey Radney  
Senior Vice President, Hillard Heintze  
30 S. Wacker Drive  
Suite 1730  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Mr. Radney,

Please find enclosed with this letter documentation concerning File – PFR – 77, the matter of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.

Please note the following pertinent information:

- Date allegation received: 1/18/11
- Date of interview with [REDACTED]: 1/27/11
- Date allegation presented to Fr. Bowman: 3/2/11
- Date of Initial Review: 3/19/11
- Fr. R. Peter Bowman is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose faculties were withdrawn in May 2002 as a result of at least one substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against him
- Hillard Heintze has worked on past investigations of matters concerning Fr. Bowman; date of final Hillard Heintze investigative reports were May 14, 2008 and 9/3/10, respectively
- Hillard Heintze has completed a background check on [REDACTED] (2/28/11)

*Del. via  
Diamond  
Messenger  
Service  
3/23/2011  
10am  
Sign - L. Duice*

The Review Board has made the following requests concerning the ongoing investigation of this matter:

- Attempt to corroborate [REDACTED] description of Fr. Bowman's car during the identified time period and the make and model of car Fr. Bowman owned while assigned to St. Lawrence O'Toole (7/5/61 - 5/66)

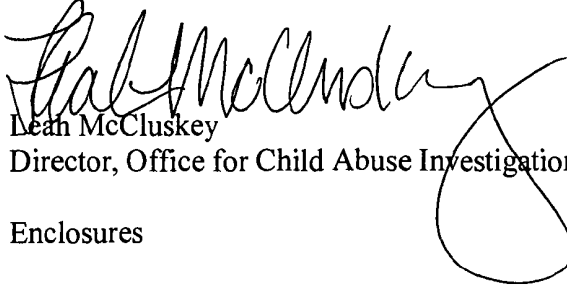
[REDACTED] PFR – 77  
[REDACTED] Bowman  
Page 1 of 2

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- Attempt to identify the other teens that [REDACTED] referenced in the report of his allegation against Fr. Bowman
- Attempt to review the "allegations" in [REDACTED]
- Attempt to obtain information relevant to [REDACTED]

Once you have had the opportunity to review the enclosed information, I ask that you please write a one-page evaluation of how you propose proceeding with the investigation of this matter. Please contact me once you have completed your evaluation of this case, so that we may discuss going forward. As you know, you may reach me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services



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March 31, 2011

Rev. R. Peter Bowman  
Holy Family Villa  
12220 S. Will Cook Road  
Palos Park, Illinois 60464

Dear Fr. Bowman,

I am writing to inform you that the Independent Review Board met on March 19, 2011 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual abuse against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

At the Initial Review, after considering all information received, the Review Board determines whether additional investigation is warranted and may recommend that interim action be taken pending the further development of the case.

Based upon the initial information obtained concerning [REDACTED] allegation against you, the Review Board determined that additional investigation is warranted and that this matter should continue forward. Cardinal George has accepted this determination.

If there is anything further that you wish to share concerning your allegation, please forward it to my attention so that it may be presented to the Review Board. I would also like to remind you of your right to appear before the Board. If you wish to do so, please contact me directly so that we may schedule a date and time for you come to a future Review Board meeting.

Fr. Bowman, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests, continues to be available to you and may be reached at (312) 534-1837 or [kbudzikowski@archchicago.org](mailto:kbudzikowski@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Frank M. Bonifacic, civil attorney  
Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Francis G. Morrisey, OMI, JCD, canonical advocate

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

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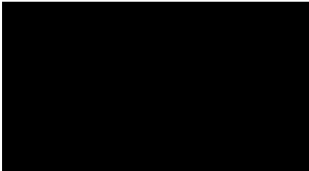
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March 31, 2011



Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to inform you that the Independent Review Board met on March 19, 2011 and conducted an Initial Review of your allegation of sexual abuse against R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. As you may know, R. Peter Bowman is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose faculties have been withdrawn.

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[REDACTED] if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that Ruth Robinson of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. You may reach Mrs. Robinson at (312) 534-8256 or [rurbinson@archchicago.org](mailto:rurbinson@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean McCluskey".

Jean McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Ruth Robinson, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

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**Francis G. MORRISEY, O.M.I.**

175 Main — Ottawa, Canada — K1S 1C3

April 1, 2011

Ms Leah McCLUSKEY,  
Director CAIR,  
P.O. Box 1979,  
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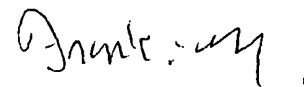
Dear Leah,

Just a note to thank you for sending me the recent documents relating to Msgr Peter Bowman's situation.

These things never seem to end!!!

Trust you are keeping well.

Bets wishes, and thanks again.



Francis G. MORRISEY, O.M.I.

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April 5, 2011

Ms. Leah R. McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
737 North Michigan Avenue  
Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

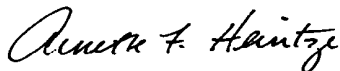
Hillard Heintze has completed the review requested for the March 23, 2011 case referral in the matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman, a Retired/Withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Attached you will find our investigative tasks report which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago, independent Review Board. With this transmittal, one (1) electronic version is being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

During the course of this review, Hillard Heintze reviewed the documentation provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and provided specific recommendations for conducting an investigation into the allegations made by [REDACTED]

Following a careful review of documents presented in this matter, Hillard Heintze has prepared an investigative protocol for this investigation. This protocol represents our suggested investigative methodology, which is recommended to fully investigate the allegations asserted in this matter.

We look forward to discussing this investigative protocol with you at your earliest convenience. Should you need any additional information on our investigation, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.869.8500.

Sincerely,  
HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC



Arnette F. Heintze  
Partner and CEO

**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

On March 23, 2011, Hillard Heintze received a request from the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for investigative assistance in the matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman, a Retired/Withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Specifically, we were asked to review the Case File PFR-77 and develop an investigative protocol to assist in determining the validity of allegations brought by [REDACTED] on January 27, 2011.

[REDACTED] alleged that Rev. Bowman on two separate occasions inappropriately touched him when [REDACTED] Both incidents occurred during 1964 and 1965.

The validity of allegations made by [REDACTED] can only be determined by investigating the supporting facts of the allegations as provided by [REDACTED] in his formal statement. [REDACTED] does not allege that others were present during these occasions, but does provided ancillary information or other facts surrounding the circumstances of the alleged abuse.

Specifically, Hillard Heintze suggests the following be done to investigate the allegations of [REDACTED]

- Identify and interview any priest, still living, who was assigned to St. Lawrence O'Toole during Bowman's tenure, or shortly thereafter, at the parish. The interview would be an attempt to determine the type of automobile Bowman had at that time as well as to possibly identify the other teens who worked with [REDACTED] (specifically, we refer to Rev. [REDACTED] Pastor, 1959-1971 and Rev. [REDACTED] May 1966-August 1970).
- Identify and interview any staff member, still living, who worked at St. Lawrence O'Toole during Bowman's tenure at the parish. The interview would be an attempt to identify the type of automobile Bowman had at that time as well as to identify the other teens who worked with [REDACTED] Each of these groups of interviews would also be helpful in determining the parish activities Rev. Bowman may have been involved.
- Conduct a site visit at St. Lawrence O'Toole to determine if the current rectory is the same rectory described by [REDACTED] Interview the current Pastor, Rev. Novick, to determine if any significant physical changes have occurred to the rectory.



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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 77

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: Bowman, Rev. R. Peter (Retired/Withdrawn)/ [REDACTED]

Date: April 8, 2011

Earlier today, I spoke with Harvey Radney of Hillard Heintze regarding the attached Investigative Summary concerning the matter of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. During the discussion, I informed Mr. Radney that Rev. [REDACTED] (see pg. 3, first bullet point) is actually Rev. [REDACTED] (see attached Vitae). I also informed Mr. Radney that Fr. [REDACTED] is deceased.

Referring to the same bullet point in the Investigative Summary, I told Mr. Radney that [REDACTED] (see attached Vitae). I provided Mr. Radney with the information that [REDACTED] date of birth is [REDACTED] and that he was ordained on May 3, 1957. I informed Mr. Radney that [REDACTED] left active ministry in August 1970.

Attachments

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board Meeting

Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:



#### Review Board Members Not Present:



#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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#### **I. Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2011**

- Minutes approved

#### **II. Other Matters**

- [REDACTED] met with the Review Board regarding his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman
  - As a part of the continued investigation of this matter, the Board directed Ms. McCluskey to:
    - Determine if there are CCD records at St. Agnes and/or St. Lawrence O'Toole identifying [REDACTED] as a participant in the CCD program
    - Determine if [REDACTED] family was registered at St. Agnes and/or St. Lawrence O'Toole



*Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.*



In Loving Memory of

Rev. R. Peter Bowman

Born  
APRIL 25, 1929

Passed Away  
APRIL 16, 2011

Funeral Mass Held at  
[REDACTED]  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011  
11:00 A.M.

Interment  
[REDACTED]

*Eye has not seen*

*Ear has not heard*

*What God has promised*

*To those who love Him*

*I Cor 2:9,10*

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 4/21/2011 9:19 AM  
**Subject:** PFR - 77  
**Attachments:** McCluskey, Leah.vcf

Hi Harvey,

Hope all is well with you.

I just wanted to follow up on the voice mail message that I left for you earlier this week with regard to PFR - 77.

██████████ chose to exercise his right to appear before the Review Board last Saturday, 4/16 with regard to his allegation against Bowman. After meeting with ██████████ the Board decided that they would like to have a conference call concerning the Review for Cause of this matter on May 11th. The Board asked that I contact you to ask if you could write up a report of any information you have gathered during the investigation of this case within the next two weeks so that they may have the report in time for the May 11th meeting. I would like to ask if you could please have the report to me by May 6th so that I may have time to get it to the Board before the 11th.

In addition, the Board asked if I could check to see if there are any CCD records from St. Agnes/St. Lawrence O'Toole, as ██████████ stated that he did attend CCD classes at the parish. Also, the Board asked if I could check to see if ██████████ family was registered at St. Agnes/St. Lawrence O'Toole. I am happy to do these record checks, but wanted to check with you first to ask if you would prefer your investigator on this case to follow up.

As I also mentioned in my message, Fr. Bowman passed away on 4/16/11. Despite Fr. Bowman's passing, this matter will continue through the Review Board process, as the Initial Review took place when Bowman was still alive.

Our offices close today at 2:30 and will not reopen again until Monday, 4/25...so if you need to reach me, I'll be checking my e-mail or please feel free to call me on my cell ██████████

Thanks, Harvey!

Leah

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**To:** Harvey Radney  
**CC:** Jim%20Molloy  
**Date:** 4/26/2011 12:58 PM  
**Subject:** RE: PFR - 77  
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Hi Harvey,

I made a couple of initial calls on this matter this morning.

I spoke with Fr. Michael Novick, pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole and asked if he had records dating back to the 1960s that would reflect registered parishioners. Fr. Novick told me that he was advised by one of his staff that there would be different ways to attempt to find the information I was looking for and asked if I wanted to come to the parish tomorrow (Wednesday) or Thursday to look through what they had. During our conversation, Fr. Novick shared that Marty from Hillard Heintze was at the parish last week--I told Fr. Novick that HH and I were working on the same matter. Would Marty be able to follow up on this on Wednesday or Thursday this week? If not, I will head out to the parish. I told Fr. Novick that I would get back to him this afternoon to let him know who would be coming out to look at the information.

I have a call in to Fr. John Siemianowski, pastor of St. Agnes in Chicago Heights. I plan on asking Fr. Siemianowski about parish records as well as CCD records.

Thanks.

Leah

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <[harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com](mailto:harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com)> 4/25/2011 12:17 PM >>>  
Hi Leah,

Hope you had a glorious Easter Weekend and you're back in fine form.

In response to your email below, we think it would be more efficient for you to make the initial request for the CCD Records and a search to determine if [REDACTED] family is/was registered at St. Agnes/St. Lawrence O'Toole. The investigator on this case, Marty Gainer, can then do the follow up. We simply believe due to the time-frame of this case, your

request would be handled more urgently.

HR

Harvey Radney  
Senior Vice President  
Investigations

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2011 9:20 AM  
To: Harvey Radney  
Subject: PFR - 77

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Thanks, Harvey!

Leah

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file from Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, dated May 3, 2011, summarizing Victim LK's appearance before the Archdiocese of Chicago Independent Review Board in connection with his allegation of abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the memorandum, during his appearance, Victim LK answered specific questions posed by Review Board members concerning his interactions with Bowman, as well as the damages he allegedly suffered as a result of the abuse.

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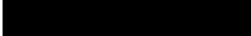
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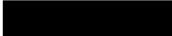
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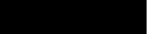
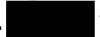

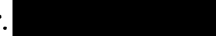


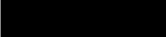
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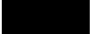
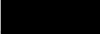
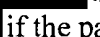

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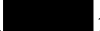
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On April 26, 2011, I called and left a voice mail message for Rev.  pastor of St. Agnes in Chicago Heights. In my message, I explained that I was calling to ask if the parish has CCD records and/or records of families who were registered parishioners dating back to the 1950s.

On May 2, 2011, I called to follow up on April 26<sup>th</sup> message that I had left for Fr.  I left a message on the general voice mail for the parish, identifying myself from the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth and asked for a return phone call.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, I received a return phone call from  the parish secretary/receptionist at St. Agnes. I explained to Ms.  that I had called to follow up on a message that I had left for Fr.  the week prior. In Fr.  absence, I asked Ms.  if the parish had CCD records dating back to the 1950s. Ms.  informed me that she was not certain, but would check with their Director of Religious Education  the next day and call me back.

I received a return phone call today from Ms.  As per Ms.  the parish does not have CCD records that date back to the 1950s. I asked Ms.  if the parish had a registry of families that dated back to the 1950s. Ms.  stated that the parish does not.

I thanked Ms.  for her assistance and for following up with me.

The phone number for St. Agnes parish is (708) 709-2694.

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### **Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Review Board Members Not Present:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Non-members Present:**

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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- I. Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2011**
- Minutes approved

**II. Review for Cause**

**A. In the Matter of Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Deceased) – PFR - 77**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. R. Peter Bowman. A summary of the allegation is as follows: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] first incident, Fr. Bowman put his hand on [REDACTED] crotch over his clothing; second incident began the same, ended with Fr. Bowman [REDACTED] [REDACTED] tried to put his hand down [REDACTED] pants.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Review Board with a verbal overview and update of the investigation of this matter.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reason to suspect that Fr. Bowman sexually abused [REDACTED] when he was a minor.

*Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 6, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

Review Board Minutes  
May 11, 2011  
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May 11, 2011

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
835 N. Rush Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met today and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bowman is a deceased priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Review Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is reason to suspect that the accused sexually abused [REDACTED] when he was a minor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept this  
determination -  
Fr. Bowman  
May 13, 2011*

AOC 008141

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 5/17/2011 3:18 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Peter Bowman  
**Attachments:** McCluskey, Leah.vcf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your e-mail and for sharing your thoughts with regard to Fr. Bowman. My understanding is that Fr. Bowman's power of attorney was with him when he passed away.

I also want to thank you for your kind words and am very glad to know that your meeting with Cardinal George went so well. If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peace,

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 5/17/2011 10:32 AM >>>

Hello Leah,

[REDACTED]

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements email conversations between Victim LP and Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, dated May 17, 2011. Victim LP had previously formalized his allegation of abuse against Fr. Peter Bowman. At the time of his emails with McCluskey, Victim LP sought additional information about specific issues arising following the death of Bowman. In the email correspondence, McCluskey and Hunnicutt provide Victim LP with information and resources to assist him as he formalizes his allegation against Bowman.

**From:** Ruth Robinson  
**To:** Leah McCluskey; Thomas Tharayil  
**Date:** 5/17/2011 11:57 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Peter Bowman

Leah,  
[REDACTED] has not contacted me regarding this matter. Thank you for responding to his questions. [REDACTED]

Ruth

Ruth Robinson  
Assistant Director  
Office of Assistance Ministry  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
312-534-8256

>>> Leah McCluskey 5/17/2011 10:56 AM >>>  
Hi Tom and Ruth,

I just received this e-mail from [REDACTED] regarding Peter Bowman. Did [REDACTED] contact you with the same question(s) shortly after Fr. Bowman's death? I will respond to [REDACTED] but just wanted to check with you on this first.

Thanks.

Leah

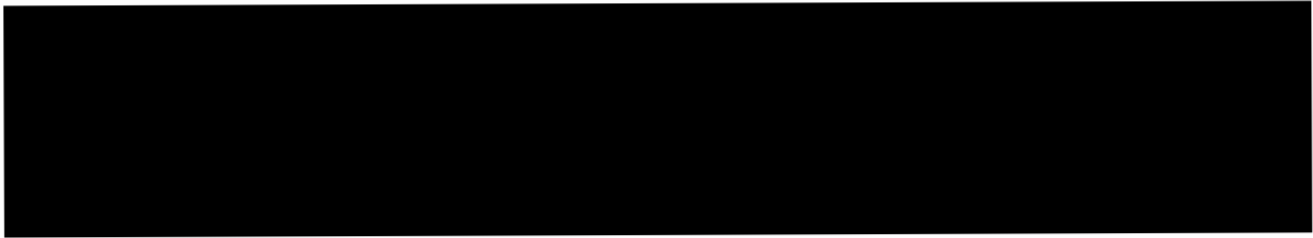
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>>> [REDACTED] 5/17/2011 10:32 AM >>>

Hello Leah,

[REDACTED]





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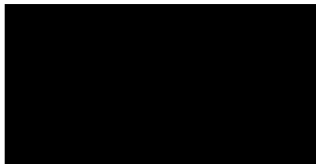
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May 19, 2011



Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to inform you that the Independent Review Board met on May 11, 2011 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. R. Peter Bowman pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. As you know, Fr. Bowman is a deceased priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At the Review for Cause, after considering all information presented to it, the Review Board determines whether there is reason to suspect that the accused cleric has engaged in the sexual abuse of a minor.

Based upon the information obtained concerning your allegation against Fr. Bowman, the Review Board determined that there is reason to suspect that Fr. Bowman sexually abused you when you were a minor. Cardinal George has accepted this determination.

[REDACTED] this end to the Review Board process concludes my office's involvement in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at (312) 534-5205 or [lmclluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmclluskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that Ruth Robinson of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. You may reach Mrs. Robinson at (312) 534-8256 or [rurobinson@archchicago.org](mailto:rurobinson@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Ruth Robinson, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests  
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests  
**From:** Santa Garcia, Secretary *SG*  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
**Re:** [PFR-77] BOWMAN, R. PETER (DECEASED) [REDACTED]  
**Date:** June 8, 2011

Attached please find a copy of the signed [PFR-77] Response of Rev. R. Peter Bowman To The Allegation Of The Sexual Abuse Of A Minor Made By [REDACTED] dated March 3, 2011 for your files.

Please call Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org) with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Attachment

Bc: John O'Malley, Legal Services

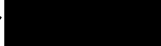



June 10, 2011

Ms. Patricia B. Carlson  
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C.  
330 N. Wabash  
22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60611-3607

RE:  and Father Peter Bowman and the Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Ms. Carlson,

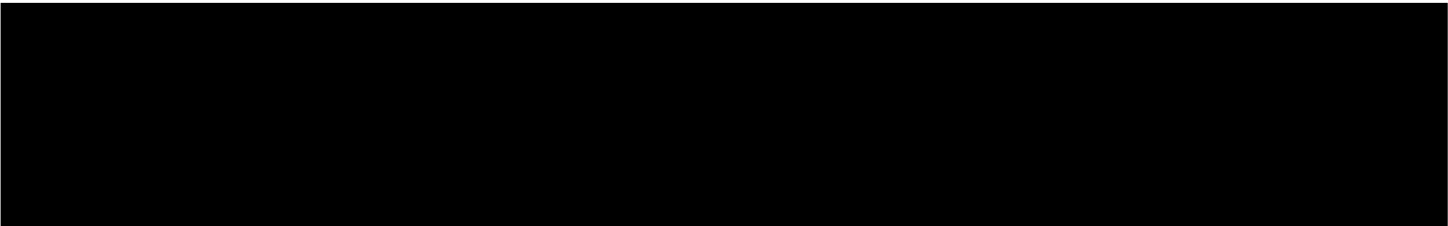
Please be advised that I have been retained by  concerning a claim of sexual abuse involving Father Peter Bowman. Please note that prior to the death of Father Bowman, the Professional Responsibility Board met and concluded that there was reasonable cause as to  allegation of sexual abuse. I am enclosing Ms. McCluskey's letter of July 2, 2004 for your reference.

Kindly call me at your first convenience to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,



Enclosure



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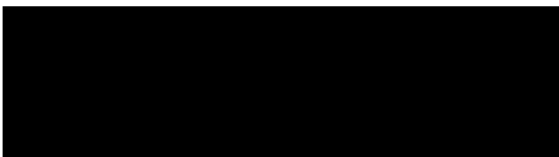
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PATRICIA B. CARLSON  
DIRECT DIAL NUMBER  
(312) 840-7076  
pcarlson@burkelaw.com

June 15, 2011



Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. Peter Bowman

Dear [REDACTED]

You have advised us that you are representing [REDACTED] regarding the above matter. By copy of this letter I am passing on that information to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that someone from her office has been or will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Thomas Tharayil (312-534-8267), Director of the Office of Assistance Ministry, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.

Please direct your communications about this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia B. Carlson".

Patricia B. Carlson

PBC:skb

cc: Leah McCluskey  
Thomas Tharayil

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February 7, 2011



Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

I want to thank you again for traveling to meet with Mrs. Ruth Robinson and me on January 27, 2011. Enclosed with this letter you will find a typed report of the audio recording of our January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting where you formalized your allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. R. Peter Bowman, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose faculties have been withdrawn.

I ask that you please review the report and return to me in the envelope provided any additions and/or clarifications that you would like to make to the information that you shared with Mrs. Robinson and me. Any additional information you provide will be included with the enclosed document as a final report of your allegation against Fr. Bowman.

[REDACTED] in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return any additions or clarifications to me by February 21, 2011. Please know that you may also respond by February 21<sup>st</sup> with a written request for a two-week extension to review the enclosed report, which I would then ask that you return it to me by March 7, 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

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M. Cooper

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July 10, 2012



Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. R. Peter Bowman (Deceased)

Dear [REDACTED]

Following up on our conversation today regarding your representation of the above claimant, I am passing this information on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that someone from her office will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Thomas Tharayil (312-534-8267), Director of the Office of Assistance Ministry, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.

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Patricia B. Carlson

PBC:skb

cc: Leah McCluskey  
Thomas Tharayil

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July 10, 2012

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bcc: John C. O'Malley  
Don Turlek  
Jan Leonatti  
Christopher Spala

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests  
Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Christopher Cannova, Personnel Services  
Rev. John Collins, Vicar for Priests  
Colleen Dolan, Communications and Public Relations  
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Very Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Vicar for Canonical Services  
Thomas Tharayil, Office of Assistance Ministry

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: PFR-077 Bowman, R. Peter / [REDACTED]

Date: July 12, 2012

A new allegation was received by this office today.

- Accused – Rev. R. Peter Bowman
  - Deceased
- Alleged Victim – [REDACTED]

Please review your files and forward any and all information/documentation that may be relevant to this matter to my attention within five business days of receipt of this memo.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org).

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services

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**Message:** EMA/2012/458861

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Thomas Tharayil  
**Cc:**  
**Sent:** 7/12/2012 at 4:00 PM  
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Hi Tom,

Would you or Ruth be available to meet with [REDACTED] at attorney [REDACTED] office so that [REDACTED] could formalize his allegation on either 8/7 or 8/8 at 10am?

Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Kenneth Budzikowski, Christopher Cannova, Colleen Dolan, Daniel Smilanic, John Canary, John Collins, Jimmy Lago, Thomas Tharayil, Jeff Grob  
**Cc:** Janet Leonatti, John O'Malley  
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FYI.

Leah

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**To:** Leah McCluskey  
**Cc:**  
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Leah,  
I could do it on August 7. I leave for vacation on the 8th. I'll wait for your confirmation. TOM

Thomas P. Tharayil LCSW, BCD  
Director, Office of Assistance Ministry  
Archdiocese of Chicago

>>> Leah McCluskey 7/12/2012 5:00 PM >>>  
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Hi Tom,

Thank you for checking. I left a message for [REDACTED] to let him know that August 7th at 10am in his office would work best for us. I will let you know when I hear back from him.

Leah

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**To:**  
**Cc:** Thomas Tharayil  
**Sent:** 7/18/2012 at 8:30 AM  
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**Subject:** Meeting Confirmation

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Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your message yesterday.

To confirm, Tom Tharayil and I will be in your office on Tuesday, August 7th at 10am to meet with you and your client, [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Leah

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**Message:** EMA/2012/466236

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OK, thanks Leah

-----Original Message-----

From: Leah McCluskey [mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 9:31 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Thomas Tharayil  
Subject: Meeting Confirmation

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your message yesterday.

To confirm, Tom Tharayil and I will be in your office on Tuesday, August 7th at 10am to meet with you and your client, [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:**  
**Sent:** 7/18/2012 at 12:21 PM  
**Received:** 7/18/2012 at 12:21 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Confirmation

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Thank you, [REDACTED]. See you on August 7th.

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>>> [REDACTED] 7/18/2012 10:28 AM >>>  
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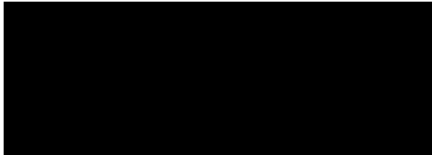
# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth  
Office of Assistance Ministry  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Safe Environment Office



P. O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979  
312-534-5254, general  
312-751-8307, fax

August 14, 2012



Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on August 7, 2012. Thank you again for allowing Mr. Tom Tharayil and me to meet with you.

I ask that you review the report and make any additions and/or changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, I will return a copy of the final report to you through [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes by August 28, 2012. Please know that you may also respond by August 28<sup>th</sup> with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, to then be returned to me by September 11<sup>th</sup>. I have noted this time frame so that this matter may continue forward.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

AOC 008164

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file, and associated transcript, from Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review, dated August 14, 2012, recording Victim LO's allegations of sexual abuse by Fr. Peter Bowman. According to the transcript, the alleged abuse initially occurred at the St. James rectory in the late 1970s and consisted of hugging, kissing and genital fondling. Victim LO's relationship with Bowman continued after Victim LO reached the age of majority.

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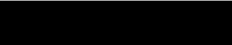
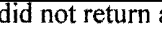
## MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: PFR-077 Bowman, R. Peter / 

Date: October 24, 2012

The attached is being circulated as the final report of  allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman.  did not return a signed and/or corrected copy of the attached within the requested time frame.

Due to the fact that the accused is deceased, this office's involvement with this matter is now concluded.

Attachment

AOC 008166

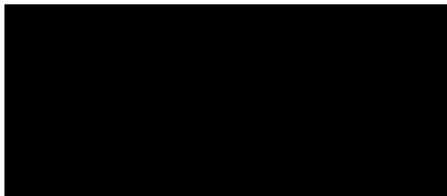
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December 17, 2012



Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you well.

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegations of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. R. Peter Bowman. Thank you very much for taking the time to review the report and having it returned to me with your additions and corrections.

Due to the fact that the accused is deceased, my office's involvement with this matter is now concluded.

[REDACTED] please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org) with any questions or concerns. Please know that Tom Tharayil and Ruth Robinson of the Office of Assistance Ministry continue to be available to you. Mr. Tharayil may be reached at (312) 534-8267 or [ttharayil@archchicago.org](mailto:ttharayil@archchicago.org) and Mrs. Robinson may be reached at (312) 534-8256 or [rurobinson@archchicago.org](mailto:rurobinson@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Cc Tom Tharayil, Office of Assistance Ministry

December 13, 2012

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INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Office for Child Abuse Inv & Rev.  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Re: [REDACTED] vs. AOC  
Our File No.: 12 GG 015

Dear Leah:

I apologize, but [REDACTED] sent me his signed CAIR Statement a couple of months back, but with some pressing matters I overlooked sending it to you. You will notice that [REDACTED] signed the CAIR Statement on September 14, 2012. I'd like to continue processing this matter and would appreciate you finalizing the CAIR Statement, signing it where indicated and returning a copy to my attention. Thank you kindly for your assistance.

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Enclosure

AOC 008168

**Message:** EMA/2013/676161

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**From:** Ruth Robinson  
**To:** Thomas Tharayil  
**Cc:** Leah McCluskey  
**Sent:** 10/18/2013 at 1:50 PM  
**Received:** 10/18/2013 at 1:50 PM  
**Subject:** Phone call to [REDACTED]

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Hi Tom,

I just wanted you to know that I left a voice mail message for [REDACTED] V0-872 this morning on his cell phone [REDACTED]. I told him that Leah had relayed his request to me. I asked him to call me so that I can follow up on his request.

I will give you an update after he makes contact with me.

Thanks,  
Ruth

Ruth Robinson  
Assistant Director  
Office of Assistance Ministry  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
312-534-8256



**Message:** EMA/2013/676162

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Ruth Robinson, Thomas Tharayil  
**Cc:**  
**Sent:** 10/19/2013 at 11:21 AM  
**Received:** 10/19/2013 at 11:21 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Phone call to [REDACTED]

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Thank you, Ruth.

Leah

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>>> Ruth Robinson 10/18/2013 2:50 PM >>>

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