ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of birth: [redacted]

Current age: 57

Name of civil attorney: [redacted]

Date allegation received: 10/6/93

Date allegation formalized: 8/20/02

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1961

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1963

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: More than one

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Brief summary of alleged abuse: Fr. Huppenbauer rubbing Ms. [redacted] stomach, kissing, fondling her under her clothes

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 9/3/02; Fr. Huppenbauer did not respond to the allegation

Stage of disposition by independent Review Board: 2/03—Concluded, reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred

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Additional allegations made by accuser: None

Signature of PRA: **Date:**

Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900
Chicago, Illinois 60611
(312) 751-5205

INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS
For

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

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This ISP for Rev. Walter Huppenbauer is as follows (Director 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 [redacted]

3 [redacted]

4. ____ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the on-site supervisor.* The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the cleric, the on-site supervisor 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. (W) Abide by the assignment of residence to [redacted]

*will not be signed by on-site supervisor; WH will fill out daily logs + send to Director

6. (w) 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. (w) N/A 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.

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 Director and the VP annually to include a meeting with the cleric.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature of Director: _____ Date: _____

Signature of VP: _____ Date: _____

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes ☐ no ☐

(Revised 4/5/07)

CLERGY DAILY LOG

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(Cleric Name)

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Client Signature: _____ Date: _____

On-Site Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date Received: _____

Revised 4/5/07

Director Signature: _____

TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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Cleric Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Director Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Revised 2/12/07

Office of Professional Responsibility
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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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Revised 3/28/06

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Monitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date Received: _____

Administrative Signature: _____

Revised 3/21/06

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Revised 3/21/06

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Revised 3/28/06

DIOCESE	Chicago
CDF PROT. N.	288/03 DECREE
NAME OF CLERIC	Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

Personal details Of the Cleric	**Date of birth**	[redacted]	**Age**	73
	Ordination	1 May, 1957	**Years of Ministry**	47

ORIGINAL DIOCESE OF INCARDINATION	Chicago
PRESENT DIOCESE OF INCARDINATION	Chicago
CONTACT ADDRESS OF CLERIC	[redacted]
PROCURATOR	Rev. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., J.C.D.
CONTACT ADDRESS OF PROCURATOR	13245 Tesson Ferry Rd. St. Louis, MO 63128-3888 USA

ASSIGNMENTS

Years	Parish	Location	Appointment
1957-1964	St. Hilary	Chicago	Parochial Vicar
1964-1968	St. Odilo (Berwyn)	Chicago	Parochial Vicar
1968-1971	St. John Chrysostom (Hillside)	Chicago	Parochial Vicar
1971-1977	St. Thomas of Villanova (Palatine)	Chicago	Parochial Vicar
1977-1983	St. Gilbert (Grayslake)	Chicago	Parochial Vicar
1983	St. Eugene Parish	Chicago	Parochial Vicar
1983-1994	St. Thomas of Villanova (Palatine)	Chicago	Pastor
1994 - 2002	Little Sisters of the Poor (Palatine)	Chicago	Chaplain

ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE CLERIC

Year	Victim	Age	Imputable Acts	Denunciation
1961-1963	Female Minor	12-14	Massages, kissing, fondling under woman's clothing	1992 and 2002

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE CLERIC

Year	Type/Case	Conviction	Sentence
None	None	None	None

NAME OF PRIEST	Rev. Walter Huppenbauer – Decree 09/30/04
1. EDUCATION/APTITUDE VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT	
2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL CONDITION	
3. DESCRIPTION OF MENTAL CONDITION	
4. MONITORING	has been compliant w/all requested monitoring - (see attached) as of 11/17/04 (w)
5. VICTIM STATEMENTS	See attached V-S Sheet
6. OTHER FACTORS	

POSSIBILITIES FOR RESIDENCE	POSSIBLE WORK OPPORTUNITIES	SUGGESTED SUSTENANCE (SALARY, ETC.)

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces undated summaries of the abuse allegations against Fr. Walter Huppenbauer made by Victim MS and Victim MT. The summary also discussed the effects of the abuse on both victims.

NAME	NON-PAROCHIAL ASSIGNMENT (Term Dates)	POSITION	PARISH Date assigned - letter of agreement date)
[redacted]			
HUPPENBAUER, WALTER '57	LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CENTER FOR AGING (06/05/94)	CHAPLAIN	
[redacted]			

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June 26th, 1957

My dear Father Huppenbauer:

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

You will kindly report for duty on July 6th to Father Halligan, the pastor.

With blessing,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer

[redacted]

OCTOBER 24, 1957

DEAR FATHER HUPPENBAUER:

HIS EMINENCE HAS REQUESTED THAT I INFORM YOU THAT HE HAS APPOINTED YOU A MEMBER OF THE PRIESTS' CHOIR. WILL YOU KINDLY GET IN TOUCH WITH MONSIGNOR METER TO TELL HIM YOU WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE NEXT MEETING IN THE HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL RECTORY, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF NOVEMBER AT 1:30 P.M.

WITH BEST WISHES.

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST,

RT. REV. MSGR. EDWARD M. BURKE,
CHANCELLOR

REV. WALTER HUPPENBAUER
ST. HILARY RECTORY
5645 NORTH CALIFORNIA AVENUE
CHICAGO 45, ILLINOIS

AOC 015140

June 11, 1964

My dear Father **Huppenbauer:**

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of **St. Odilo Parish, Berwyn, Illinois,** transferring you from assistant to the pastor of **St. Hilary Parish, Chicago.**

You will kindly report for duty on Thursday, June 25th, to **Fr. Buckley, the Pastor.**

Wishing you every blessing, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Albert Cardinal Meyer

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend **Walter E. Huppenbauer**
St. Hilary Rectory
2734 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60645

AOC 015141

Priest file

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

October 2, 1968

COPY

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer
St. Odilo Rectory
2244 S. East Avenue
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

Dear Father Huppenbauer:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicarius Cooperator to the Reverend Julian P. Harast, Pastor of St. John Chrysostom Parish, 246 - 49th Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

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

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Julian P. Harast

HUPPENBAUER, Rev. Walter E.

PRIEST FILE

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

August 25, 1971

COPY

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer
St. John Chrysostom Church
246 49th Ave.
Bellwood, Illinois 60104

Dear Father Huppenbauer:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicarius Cooperator to the Reverend James J. Rowley, Pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 1138 E. Anderson Drive, Palatine, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

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

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Vice Chancellor

cc: Rev. James J. Rowley - Pastor, St. Thomas of Villanova, Palatine
Rev. Julian P. Harast - Pastor, St. John Chrysostom, Bellwood

JPC/ap

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Vicar General

May 26, 1977

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer
St. Thomas of Villanova Rectory
1138 E. Anderson Drive
Palatine, Illinois 60067

Dear Father Huppenbauer:

In accordance with Canon 476, and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody, is pleased to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the

Reverend Harold P. Voss, Pastor, St. Gilbert Parish, Grayslake.

This appointment is effective June 10, 1977, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you will assume your new duties.

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in your new pastoral assignment, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Richard A. Rosemeyer

Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Rosemeyer
Vicar General and Chancellor

cc: Rev. Harold P. Voss, Pastor, St. Gilbert Parish, Grayslake.
Rev. James J. Rowley, Pastor, St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, Palatine

Priest's File: HUPPENBAUER, Walter E

May 21, 1983

Dear Father Huppenbauer:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Francis W. Shaunessy, Pastor of Saint Eugene parish, Chicago, Illinois. This appointment is made following the recommendation of the Clergy Personnel Board.

This appointment is effective June 7, 1983, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date you will assume your new duties.

At this time I would like to thank you for the good work you have done at Saint Gilbert parish. Your priestly ministry there has been productive of much good and also, I am sure, deeply appreciated by the people.

Know that as you begin your new assignment you have my support and prayers. I in turn ask for your prayers and support in the work that I am doing.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer
Saint Gilbert
301 East Belvidere
Grayslake, Illinois 60030

cc: Reverend Francis W. Shaunessy
Reverend Harold P. Voss
Clergy Personnel Board

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
POST OFFICE BOX 1979
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

July 25, 1983

COPY

Dear Father Huppenbauer:

It is my pleasure to appoint you to be Pastor of Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish, 1138 East Anderson Drive, Palatine, Illinois. This appointment is made in consultation with the Clergy Personnel Board and is effective August 1, 1983. Your term of office will expire August 1, 1989.

Your Vicar, Reverend Robert H. Festle, will act as my delegate in receiving your profession of faith. May I kindly ask that you contact him as soon as possible concerning your formal installation as Pastor. I am confident that the Parish community at Saint Thomas of Villanova will receive you and respond wholeheartedly to your pastoral leadership.

Know that as you begin your new assignment you have my support and prayers. Should you ever need me for anything, please do not hesitate to call me. Know that the agencies of the Archdiocese stand ready to assist you in whatever way necessary.

With gratitude for your cooperation and with cordial best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer
Saint Eugene Church
7958 West Foster Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60656

cc: Reverend Robert H. Festle
Reverend James J. Rowley
Reverend Francis W. Shaughessy
Clergy Personnel Board

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

ATTESTATION OF THE ACT OF INSTALLATION
IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, AMEN

Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, being Archbishop of Chicago, I do hereby attest that the

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer

duly appointed pastor whose letter of appointment bears the date of July 25, 1983 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

Saint Thomas of Villanova
Palatine, Illinois

Dated 3 August 1983

Rev Robert H Hesse
Urban Vicar

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
POST OFFICE BOX 1979
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

July 17, 1989

Dear Father Huppenbauer:

In light of the recommendation of the Priests' Personnel Board, which reflects the endorsement of your Episcopal Vicar, as well as the Dean of your area, I am pleased to extend your appointment as Pastor of Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish, Palatine, for an additional six years.

The support you have received for this is an indication of the fine priestly service that you have rendered to the people of Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish as you have proclaimed the Gospel there through your word and deed.

Walt, it is my hope and prayer that this reappointment will be a time of renewal for you personally as you continue to share your priestly gifts with the people of God.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Robert J. Slinn, S.V.D.
Ecclesiastical Notary

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Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer
Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish 4410
1152 E. Anderson Drive
Palatine, Illinois 60067

cc: Most Reverend John R. Gorman, Episcopal Vicar
Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Dean
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 10/2/1992

[redacted]

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St. Thomas Villanova Walter Huppenbauer '57 08/01/95

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 10/8/92
Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

At around 1:45 PM on 10/7/92 I was called once again by the woman who had lodged the allegation against Walter Huppenbauer. I informed her that we had been in touch with Walter and that we were to meet him that afternoon at 2:30. She asked if he admitted to anything and I said he had not. I also informed her that he was told he has the right to counsel and that he was going to take that right.

Andy McDonagh and I met with Wally Huppenbauer at 2:30 P.M. at Andy's house near St. Mary of the Woods. Our very first thing was to tell Wally of his rights as a citizen. We told him he had the right to counsel and that if he so desired, we could get him the names of lawyers who are independent of the Archdiocese who would represent his interests in this matter. We also told him that the diocese would help him to pay his legal fees.

He said he would want to talk to some lawyer and we gave him the names of several and he chose Pat Reardon whom he called. Pat told him not to say anything about this matter to anyone until he had an opportunity to talk with him in the attorney-client situation.

We then told Walter exactly what the woman had said on the telephone earlier that morning. Wally confirmed that she had called him and he also confirmed that he did not know who she was at the start of that conversation. He did say that the excuse he gave for not knowing her was that whatever happened from the description that she had given him would have happened 20 or more years ago. She had told us that when he said 20 years before, it was an indication to her that there must have been others. Wally said he just meant it as a general statement about the time frame that this woman was speaking about. It was no admission on his part, he said.

Following his counsel's directions, Wally made no statement to us about the incident and we did not press him further on that. I indicated to him that she would be calling back on Friday. I had, with advice from our attorneys, urged her to possibly go to an independent attorney to ask how she should proceed in this matter. I asked her to check out with a

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third party what her decision to remain anonymous would mean in terms of our pursuing our inquiry. At the time I talked to her at 1:45 PM, she said she would do this. She mentioned the name of [redacted], who is presently running for State's Attorney, as a friend of hers whom she might approach. She said she would call me on Friday morning before 10:30, when my first appointment is scheduled.

I called a Review Board meeting for Thursday, at 10:30 A.M. At that time I will present to the Review Board the actions we have taken up to this moment and I will seek their input on what our next steps should be.

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 10/9/1992

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St. Thomas Villanova Walter Huppenbauer '57 08/01/95

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Date: 10/13/92
Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

I received a call on Oct. 12 from the woman who has brought the allegations agains Walter Huppenbauer. She wanted to know what is happening. I informed her of our meeting with Huppenbauer and his counsel. Her response to that was that she did not know that he could deny it or that he did not have to admit his part in the allegation. I once again informed her that by the constitution of the United States he has rights not to indict himself and that his lawyer was advising him not to do so.

I did, however, tell her that we would be able to follow our normal procedure with Fr. Huppenbauer and that would include [redacted] a further inquiry. I acknowledged to her that I had spoken to Fr. [redacted] who now has her address and phone number. She wants him to maintain absolute confidence in the matter.

I also explained to her that if, down the road, Wally had to be removed from the parish, then most likely the State's Attorney's Office would be notified and there would be an investigation and it would come out. She made no response to that.

I told her that I would continue to keep her informed when she called and that she also could stay in contact with Fr. [redacted], which she has promised to do, for her own sake. [redacted]

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 10/16/1992

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12 YR PASTORS - 1995

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Date: 10/21/92
Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

I met with Walter Huppenbauer on Wednesday, Oct. 21. I told Walter about the fact that the woman has now let her name be known to Fr. [redacted]. While this is a bit more removed from anonymity, we still have not seen this person, outside of talking to her on the phone [redacted]

With regard to monitoring, I told Wally that we need to have someone at the parish know that we have put him under the mandate not to be in the presence of minors under 18. This is for his well-being and for the well-being of any children. It is also what we must do in order to have a believable mandate. Ideally, I asked Wally to inform his principal and his Business Manager. Wally feels that he can inform both of them. He will think it over and then will let me know what he decides. I told him that if he decides that he could not tell them, I would have to tell them. He understands that.

As soon as Wally has done this or made his decision, he will notify me and I will follow up with calls to the two people involved. Wally was concerned that his associate might just be affected in a negative fashion. Wally was not sure how he would respond. This agreed with our preliminary information.

Wally would tell the principal and the business manager that an anonymous allegation has come forward at this time alleging sexual misconduct with a teenager some 27 years ago. The allegation is in the first steps of inquiry and Wally is cooperating with the inquiry at this time.

I alerted Wally that if the woman comes forward, which is a strong likelihood, then we will have to deal with the monitoring in a stronger fashion. I asked if there was any room for a monitor to move into the parish and he said that at this time, no. There is a Fr. Mast there who is working towards his D.Min. He is from New Jersey. He will be

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leaving in May. There would be room at that time. In case of necessity, we might commandeer the room though I did not mention that to Wally.

Wally is in his ninth year at the parish and has three more years to go. I informed him that there is a possibility of removal based on what would happen. I told him also that maintaining present ministry or return to ministry was going to be dictated by what the independent review board will suggest. They may or may not agree with the actions that we have taken, in which case it will be out of our control. At any rate, the next [redacted] the establishment of a monitoring situation.

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 11/6/92
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

I spoke to Pat Reardon, Wally Huppenbauer's lawyer, this morning at 8 A.M. Wally is at this time reluctant to tell anybody lest the allegation become widespread and, if the situation stays as it is now, that is, anonymous, it would never be able to be atoned for.

I explained to Pat our reasons for this necessary monitoring. That we wanted to be as low-key as possible because of the quasi-anonymous nature of the allegation. I explained to him that we wanted Wally to initiate it and we would follow up on it.

Pat was asking about where this whole thing is going in the future and I told him that it somewhat depends on whether the woman comes forward more. I warned him about the trials that are coming up in November, December and January and that this might occasion people coming forward who have not done so up until now.

Pat will try to get Wally in today or no later than Monday and talk to him about this monitoring and then will get back to me on how we can proceed.

[redacted]

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 11/10/92
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

I spoke to Patrick Reardon, lawyer for Walter Huppenbauer, on Monday, Nov. 9. He had met for a long time with Wally. Wally agrees to talk separately and privately with the two people at the parish. He will tell them that I will call or instruct them to call me. We agreed to this. Wally indicated that at this particular time they are in the midst of a series of private confessions with the younger children. The children go into the confessional alone for just a minute or so. I felt that, because of the fact that the allegation against Wally is still in a semi-anonymous stage and that Wally has absolutely no record in his past of any previous problems with youth, I would allow this. Some adjustment could be made in the future at the parish. Wally pleaded that it would be very difficult to change the format at this present time.

[redacted]

Pat wanted some assurance from us that, if Wally and he were going along with everything we ask, he hoped that the rules would not be changed in mid-stream. I told Pat that this case eventually is going to end up with the Administrator and the Review Board. On top of that, we do not know whether the person who brought the allegation against Wally will come forward in any more identifiable fashion, that is whether the case will remain anonymous or not. To some extent, what happens in the future depends on these two conditions. So I could not guarantee anything about the future. I did promise Pat that if something were to change, he and Wally would be notified as soon as possible.

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Date: 11/23/92
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

I finally was able to get in touch with both Kathy Carlson, the principal of St. Thomas school and Ron Schaeffer, the Business Manager of the parish. These were the two whom we agreed should be notified about the allegation that has been brought forward against Wally Huppenbauer. I explained to them separately (and without each other's knowledge) that the allegation is still anonymous and that Fr. Huppenbauer is cooperating with the inquiry at this time. He is not to be in the presence of minors without another adult being present.

The principal of the school said that they have made arrangements in the future that confessions would not be done in private, one-to-one sessions with children in the school. Both parties agreed that if they were to see any compromising situation they would alert Fr. Huppenbauer to it. Both also said that they have seen nothing in the past that would warrant any truth to the allegation.

I called [redacted] to alert him to where we're at and I was not able to get in touch with him since he is presently in the hospital. [redacted]

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 12/4/1992

[redacted]

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[redacted]

St. Thomas Villanova Walter Huppenbauer '57 08/01/95

[redacted]

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 2/5/1993

[redacted]

12 YR PASTORS - 1995

[redacted]

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 3/2/93
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

I spoke to Wally Huppenbauer today after trying to get hold of him for the last few days. [redacted]

I will be checking in with [redacted], the Business Manager, and the Principal of the school at St. Thomas parish after March 10, at which time the principal returns from Florida. She is visiting her sick parents. This is a check-in as regards the monitoring of the situation.

I explained to Wally all that would happen [redacted] His case will go before the Review Board. He and is lawyer will have an opportunity to see what kind of materials we turn over. [redacted]

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 3/23/93
Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

I spoke to Cathy Carlsen, principal of St. Thomas of Villanova School. She reassured me that Fr. Huppenbauer is observing all the protocol that he said he would. He has been very faithful. She was concerned about him personally, feeling that he is under so much pressure and she feels that it is very unjust. She said he is a very good priest and an excellent pastor and it is just too bad that this has happened. At any rate, I thanked her for the monitoring that she has done and for her concern in this matter.

I spoke to Mr. Ron Schaeffer, business manager at the parish, who also testified that Fr. Huppenbauer was observing his protocol insofar as he could observe.

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Memo to Steve Sidlowski
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 4/20/93
Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

[redacted]

Recommendations on remaining in ministry will be the work of the Fitness Review Board. Certain steps have to be taken first.

[redacted]

[redacted] Maybe you ought to meet with Huppenbauer even before that moment so you know his background a bit. From that point on, you, the Fitness Review Administrator, would be in charge of this case. This is one of the cases that has to be run past the Fitness Review Board to determine whether children are at risk and whether Huppenbauer can remain in the parish.

This event occurred before the Fitness Review Administrator came on board but the Cardinal determined that remaining in ministry is a question that would have to be determined by the Fitness Review Board. I called Walter Huppenbauer and left a message for him to call me on 4/21 so that the proper steps could be taken.

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 10/1/93
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

I spoke to Walter today. [redacted] I also spoke to Steve Sidlowski and he feels that he should not take this case over since it remains anonymous. It has been almost a year since this allegation came forward for the first time. [redacted]

The allegations against Huppenbauer arose before the PFRA office was established and no specific person has come forward by name.

We have, however, taken the allegation seriously as has Huppenbauer. [redacted] We have also initiated a monitoring regimen at St. Thomas. The Business Manager who works with Huppenbauer every day, plus the parish principal are aware of what has happened. When I have spoken to both of them in the past, they have reassured me that nothing untoward is happening with Fr. Huppenbauer. [redacted] I will sit down with Huppenbauer to see how he is dealing with that and how we can help him.

MEMO
TO: **File (PFR-18)**

FROM: **Steve Sidlowski**

RE: **Discussion with Rev. Pat O'Malley of 10-6-93**

I brought up to Pat O'Malley Rev. Huppenbauer's situation to discuss what direction we need to go with this matter. I referred to the memo Pat had sent me a few months back where he implied that the matter might need to go to the Review Board; however, in the same memo Pat noted that this was an anonymous allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Huppenbauer and the policies would thus call for me informing the Review Board of this anonymous allegation and what action has been taken to date. However, at the time, per Pat's request, [redacted]

As This matter was not going to proceed on through to a First Stage Review, [redacted] Pat agreed.

Pat explained that this allegation was "quasi-anonymous and that it is something that happened thirty years ago" which Rev. Huppenbauer "never (actually) admitted or denied." [redacted]

POM added about this situation (which he had put on the agenda) that the now-anonymous woman alleged that she was sexually abused by Rev. Huppenbauer when she was a teenager. She mentioned that Rev. [redacted] was aware of it at that time. POM checked with [redacted] and he confirmed that at the time he was informed by a female (POM did not request her identity as she had requested anonymity) that this person alleged she had been sexually victimized by Rev. Huppenbauer at the time.

In moving forward on this situation, Pat O'Malley and I agreed that I would tell the Review Board about where we are at with this anonymous allegation/situation in the Board's 10-16-93 meeting, which would include that it is an anonymous allegation [redacted] POM will tell Rev. Huppenbauer and I will

tell the Board that unless or until the anonymous reporter of this allegation identifies herself, this matter will not be able to proceed through the procedures to a First Stage Review, but will continue to be handled administratively [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

Diocesan Priests' File Checklist

✓ Acknowledgement of Misconduct Policies, dated 10/8/93

✓ Curriculum Vitae, dated 2/1/66

✓ Last Will & Testament, dated 2/18/66

✓ Personal Inventory, dated ?

____ Photo (for assignment card kept in Suzie's office)

Please list any other important documents that are in this file:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MISCONDUCT POLICIES

X I acknowledge that I have read and am familiar with the Archdiocesan policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct with minors, adopted September 21, 1992.

_____ Please send me a copy of these policies and procedures.

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Signature: Walter E. Huppenbauer

Name (printed): WALTER E. HUPPENBAUER

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Rev. [redacted]
Our Lady of Grace Parish
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October 21, 1993

Dear Father [redacted]

We have spoken before and so you are aware that I am the Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese. The Fitness Review Board met recently and discussed a situation in which I have been directed by the Board to contact you.

An anonymous allegation of sexual misconduct against an Archdiocesan priest was brought to my attention in the recent past. I have been informed that the person making the allegation is an unidentified woman who is referring to alleged sexual misconduct committed against herself and dating back many years. I have also been told that you had been identified as a person who knows her identity and may have been informed about the situation at some point in the past.

However, my understanding is that the alleged victim has requested that her identity remain anonymous.

As such, the Fitness Review Board can only proceed further with this matter formally if the alleged victim identifies herself. The Board has directed me to contact you and to request if you would be willing to contact this person to determine whether she would now want to reveal her identity. If so, then perhaps the person could be informed that if she desires to proceed forward with this allegation with the Review Board, she need only contact me to so inform me of her intention.

Once again, if you are willing to contact this person, the Board requests that you inform her that it cannot proceed further unless her identity is revealed to the Board. Otherwise, the Vicar for Priests Office will continue to address the matter. (I understand that Rev. Pat O'Malley intends to contact you also).

If you have any questions about this request, or would like to discuss the situation further, [redacted], please feel free to give me a call at your convenience. My number is **1-312-751-5205/5206.**

If you proceed to contact this person, I would likewise greatly appreciate it if you notify me as to her response at this point so that the Board and I will know better how to proceed and what status to give the matter.

On behalf of the Review Board, thank you in advance for considering this request, maintaining confidentiality, and for all of your cooperation with the Board and myself to date.

Sincerely,

Steve Sidlowski

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Professional Fitness
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Date: 10/27/93
Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

I met with Fr. Huppenbauer and his attorney, Patrick Reardon, [redacted] Reardon and Huppenbauer are pleased that the matter will be handled through our office.

I informed them that if, in the future, the woman who brought the initial allegation comes forward and gives her name, and wishes to go before the Professional Fitness Review Board, she may bring her complaint to the FRA. [redacted] basically is a response to the form that the Professional Fitness Review Board uses to acquire their knowledge. Fifteen questions with typed responses.

[redacted]

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4) We will maintain the monitoring at the parish [redacted] That may take some time.

I stressed that, if this allegation were to come forward in the future and we had not exercised due diligence in terms of getting Huppenbauer the recommended monitoring [redacted], both he and the Archdiocese would be liable to criticism.

Huppenbauer is cooperating with the VP office to get all the help that is necessary for him to continue to develop. [redacted]

Huppenbauer will set up a meeting between us, [redacted] and himself.

When last I spoke to Fr. [redacted], who knows the woman who made the allegations, he said that he had not heard from her and did not have her address or telephone number. I informed him that we have been working with Huppenbauer and he has been very cooperative at this time.

MEMO

TO: File (PFR-18)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: November 9, 1993

RE: Phone Call with Rev. Patrick O'Malley - 11-3-93:

I discussed with Pat O'Malley that I had mailed out a letter to Fr. [redacted] as directed by the Review Board in our last meeting, to see if he would be willing to contact the pseudo-anonymous alleged victim of sexual misconduct at the hands of Walter Huppenbauer. I told Pat that I had not heard from [redacted] although I had mentioned in the letter that I expected that Pat would be talking with [redacted].

Pat told me that he had spoken with [redacted]. He said that [redacted] told him that he does not know the woman's address or phone number. As such, he would not be able to contact the unidentified alleged victim.

I told Pat I didn't know that was the case and that I had told [redacted] in my letter to him that if he wanted to discuss the situation further to let me know. However, to date I have not heard from [redacted].

I told Pat O'Malley that I would inform the Review Board of the current status of what [redacted] told Pat O'Malley.

(In the interim, once again the Review Board will not be able to formally proceed with the matter of Walter Huppenbauer and the Vicar for Priests will have to continue to handle it, [redacted] Also, please note for the file, that the Review Board did meet on October 16, 1993 and this situation was discussed. [redacted]

I explained to the Review Board in its 10-16-93 meeting formally - per the policy provision in which I am to inform the Board about anonymous allegations and the action I have taken to date - that indeed a few months ago I had received a memo from Pat O'Malley regarding this situation and that it was a so-called "quasi-anonymous" allegation of sexual misconduct, [redacted]

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11/23/93

SUMMARY OF HUPPENBAUER (WH) EVENTS AND DATES
WH is now 62, pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova in Palatine, ordained for 36 1/2 years. No previous complaints in his file.

1. 10/7/92 - Wednesday - An anonymous phone call to VP from a woman alleging sexual abuse by WH when she was a teen-ager.
   POM spoke to her. She would not give her name. Time frame was 1962-64. She was informed of her rights, plus the fact we do extend assistance. I informed her that as long as she would not give her name, our hands were somewhat tied.

[redacted]

Priest to be informed of his rights.

2. 10/7 - Wednesday - She had talked by phone to WH before contacting me.

3. 10/7/- Woman called again at 1:45 PM. No new allegations. She stated again she did not want this thing to get into the open.

4. 10/7 - I had contacted WH right after first call; and AJMc and POM to meet with WH at 2:30 PM on 10/7 at Fr. Mc's house. At the meeting, WH was told his rights; allegation given him. Under advice of atty. he said nothing. WH told to not be with minors.

5. 10/8 - WH meets with his attorney privately.

6. 10/8 - Review Bd. Mtg. at 10:30 AM. Agreed with actions thus far, no removal necessary.

7. 10/9 Woman called, remaining anonymous to VP office, meantime had contacted Fr. [redacted] whom she had known from the old days. VP couldn't catch [redacted] till Sunday, 10/12. He vouched that he had known her though he did not remember much about her. He does not have her phone or address (as of

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10/93). She has not contacted him since the initial calls. We have heard nothing from her.

8. 10/10 - McD, Paprocki, POM meet with WH, plus atty., 9:30 AM at McD's house. His response? Silence. Without any admission of guilt, WH and lawyer agree to cooperate.

She was told, through [redacted]. This procedure was in place: [redacted]

. Under mandate
. Informing others at work site
. That if there was a removal in future, it would come at end of his term (July, '95) - no return to parish ministry.

10/12 - Woman called and brought up to date. She was to keep in contact with [redacted].

10/21 - POM met with WH. [redacted] Initially arranged for monitoring on site by principal and business manager. WH to tell 2 people first.

11/6 - Monitoring still not in place. POM talked to atty., atty talked to WH.

***11/10 - WH to tell people I follow up with call. [redacted]

11/23 - Finally POM contacted monitors.

[redacted]

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3/23/93 - Monitors report no problem. Nor has there been any problem in the past.

[redacted]

Monitoring to remain in place.

See File # ADVBD for 11/22/93 meeting.

Additions made on 12/28/93 by POM in preparation for Cardinal's meeting with Fr. Huppenbauer.

[redacted]

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 12/29/93
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

I called Fr. Thomas Kaminski today at St. Mary's Church in Hinsdale, 708-969-1063. I reported to him the situation concerning the Cardinal's request of Huppenbauer that he retire voluntarily. Of course, I did not use Huppenbauer's name nor did I mention the parish.

My request to Kaminiski was that he keep his re-appointment after his Sabbatical in abeyance until 1/17/94, at which time Huppenbauer will be ready to make his decision. Kaminiski is considering this and said he will pray over it and get abck to me. He asked if he could talk to some wise person and I told him that he could as long as he didn't mention any more details than I had given him.

In general, I spelled out what a monitor would do and how he would function. Kaminiski is open to it and possibly will accept it if that is what will be put in place for Huppenbauer.

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Memo to File
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Date: 12/29/93
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

The Cardinal and I met with Walter Huppenbauer on 12/28/93. The Cardinal was to present his request and the situation of the Archdiocese. The Cardinal, after laying out the alternatives, asked for Huppenbauer's voluntary resignation from the parish. He told Huppenbauer he could not, nor would he, force the resignation, but felt that that would be best both for Huppenbauer and for the Archdiocese.

Wally was taken back by this and and said he felt "betrayed". The Cardinal acknowledged Wally's feeling, but reiterated the difficult position he finds himself in and the risk that the Archdiocese is taking in this situation.

Wally then asked about the alternative. We talked about having someone go into the parish as a monitor for the situation. This person would live there under the usual monitoring conditions. After some discussion back and forth, Huppenbauer said that he would need time to think about all this. The Cardinal agreed. Huppenbauer said that his attorney, Mr. Reardon, is out of town at this time and he would like to wait to talk to him.

We agreed that Huppenbauer should get back to Fr. O'Malley on Jan. 17, the Monday Fr. O'Malley is returning from vacation. He should have his decision made at that time.

Huppenbauer seemed to understood what the Cardinal explained as well as its ramifications.

MEMO TO FILE: PFR-18
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator
RE: Walter Huffenbauer
DATE: January 22, 1994

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, January 22, 1994:

1. The Professional Fitness Review Administrator informed the Review Board that he had indeed written Rev. [redacted], pursuant to the Board's direction in a previous meeting, to inquire whether he would be willing to contact the alleged victim to see if she wants to pursue the matter formally with the Board and its review procedures. The PFR Administrator further informed the Board that the Vicar for Priests, Rev. Pat O'Malley, informed the PFR Administrator recently that Fr. [redacted] told him that he does not know the address or phone number of the alleged victim and so could not contact her.

2. After much deliberation, the Board decided to allow this matter to remain in the jurisdiction of the Vicar for Priest's Office unless or until the alleged victim's identity and/or whereabouts are identified in which case at that point the Board might consider re-attempting contact with the alleged victim.

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

Date: January 22, 1994

Board Members Present:

[redacted]

Others Present:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Matter of PFR-18 (W.H.):

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Memo
To: Cardinal Bernardin
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 1/25/94
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

On 1/25/94, Fr. Huppenbauer came to see me with his attorney, Patrick Reardon. Wally wanted to explore exactly what the options meant with regard to the decision he has to make at this time. [redacted]

With regard to leaving the parish, Huppenbauer wanted to know where he would be staying if he did leave and what he would be doing. We eventually came to the understanding that if he were to leave the parish, we would probably move him to a non-parochial residence, such as a chaplaincy in a convalescent home, or even to Casa San Carlo in Northlake.

There is a possibility, according to John Canary, that, in the future, Huppenbauer could do some work for the Archdiocese in terms of pastor evaluation and other things. Walter asked how much time he would have before he would have to leave and we talked about the date of June 1, 1994. He felt that, in the interim, he could prepare his people for leaving at that time. [redacted]

He then asked about what the second alternative would be, which would be to move someone in to monitor his situation. He would still have to leave at the end of his second six-year term. He would not then be assigned to a parish but would have to find a non-parochial residence and assignment.

Huppenbauer asked for time to make his decision. I will call him on February 1 to find out. I told him that in the future, when he did get assigned to a place, the people there would have to know what his situation is. I mentioned to him that [redacted] at Casa San Carlo was already aware of our needs in this regard and that she would be happy to meet with us. [redacted]

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Memo
To: Cardinal Bernardin
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 2/1/94
Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

I spoke to Fr. Huppenbauer today, 2/1/94. He has decided that he will voluntarily submit his resignation from the pastorate of St. Thomas of Villanova. He would hope that the effective date for that resignation would be June 1, 1994. This would give him time both to prepare himself and his people for a smooth transition.

We will begin to work with Wally to set up [redacted] a residence for him once he leaves, and some ministry for him to do which will not involve parochial ministry directly. At this time I have in mind a chaplaincy at a retirement home or something of that nature.

We have also been looking for someone to help revise the pastoral evaluation process that has been running under Fr. Ed Upton's direction. John Canary will be consulting with Fr. Upton and Carol Fowler as to the possibility of using Wally in that capacity. Wally himself has been evaluated and has served on evaluation teams for other pastors. He is an active, intelligent man who could still contribute to the Archdiocese in a major way. The Office of Evaluation is a rather low-key office and could possibly be an adequate ministry for Huppenbauer combined with some presence as a chaplain.

If you are in agreement, I will instruct Walter to submit a letter to you with his intentions to resign the pastorate as of June 1. After that, everything could proceed as it normally does when a pastor submits his resignation.

St. Thomas of Villanova Church
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PALATINE, ILLINOIS 60067

February 21, 1994

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Your Eminence:

This is to confirm our personal conversation about my leaving St. Thomas of Villanova parish on June 5, 1994. I have been a part of the parish community for 17 of the last 23 years and I now look forward to continue my ministry as I begin a new assignment.

I would also like to mention some factors that make it important to fill the pastorate of St. Thomas as soon as possible. First, we are in the second stage of our long range planning process, Tomorrow's Parish. We have gathered a wealth of information that will be helpful to a new pastor so that he will get to know the parish very quickly.

Next, we have scheduled a week for staff formation and planning at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in the middle of August with Father Dan Coughlin and Sister Carol Crepeau. This is an opportunity for a new pastor and the staff to become acquainted with one another in a short time and begin to minister as a team.

Thank you for your consideration. I also appreciate your prayers, and assure you that I will remember you each day as well!

Sincerely,

Walter E. Huppenbauer

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 2/22/94
Re: Fr. Huppenbauer

I spoke to Fr. Huppenbauer on 2/21/94 and again today on 2/22/94. He has visited the Little Sisters of Jesus as a possible residence. He had a good visit with the Superior there. The Superior was apologizing for the smallness of the suite available. She allows that perhaps an apartment could be found for him over in the retired area. Fr. Huppenbauer felt a contract with mutual obligations could be worked on before he would give the go ahead there. He was quite open to the assignment however.

He also wanted to visit Villa Scalabrini. I called [redacted]. She is interested in talking to Huppenbauer and he will now contact her for a visit.

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 3/1/94
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

I spoke to Fr. Wally today. He had a good conversation with [redacted] at Casa San Carlo. However at this time he is leaning towards going to the Little Sisters of the Poor and working with Mother [redacted] They seem to have struck it off well. [redacted]. The administration and Wally will negotiate details and living quarters as they go along.

Huppenbauer has notified the Cardinal that he would like to resign as of June 5. He has also told his own staff. He is waiting for the response from the Cardinal in order that he might tell the parish before it leaks out in some other way.

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March 5, 1994

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
1152 East Anderson Drive
Palatine, Illinois 60067

Dear Wally,

[redacted] you are looking at different places and seem to be zeroing in on one chaplaincy in particular. Carol Fowler, who is the Director of Personnel Services for the Archdiocese, asked about the possibility of you working with the office of evaluation for pastors. Before she would bring you on board, she would want to talk to you to see what your qualifications are, how you view the position, etc. Carol will be out of town the week of March 7. She will be back the following week.

Would you give her a call to set up an interview? She knows about your situation [redacted]. She is open and only needs to know whether you would want to or be able to perform the work that is part of this position. It seems to me that once you have a job description worked out for the chaplaincy, you could easily fit this into the time that you would have left over. Your proximity to the downtown area would also be very helpful. In addition, I know you have gone through the experience of evaluation and that you have your own personal viewpoint and possibly some ideas on how it could be made better.

At any rate, give Carol a call after March 14 at 312-751-8349. [redacted]

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests

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Office of the Archbishop

Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

March 11, 1994

Dear Wallie:

Thank you for your letter of February 21, 1994, in which you confirmed our conversation regarding your plans to leave Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish on June 5, 1994.

I will be informing the Priests' Placement Board about some of the factors you mentioned in your letter which should be taken into consideration with the timetable of the selection process.

Wallie, I want to express my gratitude for all you have done at the parish thus far and to offer my continued prayerful concern for you during the transition.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer
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cc: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board

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March 22, 1994

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
1152 East Anderson Drive
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Dear Wally,

I felt good after our phone conversation on the 21st.

[redacted]

On another point, as I have indicated to you in the past, when we are at the point where we will be putting the final touches on the arrangement with the Little Sisters, we must tell them of the need for some monitoring of your situaiton. I would hope that you could possibly prepare them beforehand much the way you prepared your own people at St. Thomas for that information. I would just come in and confirm what you had told them. At any rate, Wally, let's talk about it before we do or say anything.

Hope you have a good Lent and Easter.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 3/22/94
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

I spoke to Fr. Huppenbauer on 3/21/94. He has contacted the Sisters at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home and has received from them a job description. They are preparing an apartment for him. Huppenbauer has received the letter from the Cardinal accepting his resignation from the parish and he has announced that resignation to the people. He has told them that he has been in the parish for 17 years and it is time for him to move on.

Wally told me that he will not be able to get into the new apartment until June, but that if an apartment becomes available, they will hold it for him. The Sisters have agreed to split the costs of holding that apartment.

He had received our letter referring him to Carol Fowler. Right now he would like to make sure that he gets into this chaplaincy and is able to give it his full energy before he takes on another task. That makes sense to me.

[redacted]

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 3/26/94
Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

I spoke to Sr. [redacted] at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home. We had a good discussion about the chaplaincy for Fr. Huppenbauer. They have never had a secular chaplain before and have never been on to pay salary. I explained to Sister what the elements of salary would be, including benefits. It would seem to be about $23,000 without room and board. She seemed taken aback by this since they have been accustomed to paying about $200 a month for elderly Vincentian help.

I explained to her that we would be willing to sit down and talk over that amount. We might take on some of the benefits and she would just be on for the salary. She will get back to me this coming week and then we can begin to process this request. Sister [redacted] will be out of the country for five weeks during April so it needs to be dealt with before then.

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 4/6/94
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

On 4/4/94 I spoke to Sr. [redacted] and she got back to me on 4/5/94. She spoke to her superiors and relayed to them the situation with Fr. Huppenbauer. She agreed that they would be willing to take Fr. Huppenbauer as chaplain. We will work out the salary schedule with the Little Sisters of the Poor. They will be able to pick up part of his salary and we will pick up the rest.

I had Sr. [redacted] call Fr. Huppenbauer to alert him that "all systems are go" at this time. He will now be able to tell his people that he will be assigned to the chaplaincy of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Sr. [redacted] will return from her trip abroad in about 5 weeks at which time we will work out the final details.

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April 15, 1994

Mother [redacted], l.s.p.
c/o Sister [redacted]
Little Sisters of the Poor Center for the Aging
2325 North Lakewood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Mother [redacted],

This is to inform you that it is the intention of the Archdiocese to assign Fr. Walter Huppenbauer as chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor Center for the Aging at 2325 North Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. As I understand it, Fr. Huppenbauer will be leaving his parish as pastor the first week in June. He will take up his role as chaplain at the Little Sisters of the Poor starting about June 15.

The Archdiocese, as is customary, will have an official letter of assignment in your hands before June 15. I have contacted Fr. Ken Velo and asked him to follow up on that as he is the one still handling those things for the Cardinal.

Thank you very much for being open to Fr. Huppenbauer's placement. He is a good priest and I hope that his work there will be beneficial for the residents and the Sisters.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests

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Office of the Archbishop

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April 20, 1994

Dear Father Huppenbauer:

In light of our discussion and your own interest, I hereby appoint you to full time duties as Chaplain of the Little Sisters of the Poor Center for the Aging, Lakewood Avenue. This appointment is effective June 5, 1994.

Please be in contact with Sister [redacted] about the scope of your new duties and also the necessary arrangements involved.

Wally, thank you for all you have given in leadership and service to the people of Saint Thomas of Villanova. I know you have done much to care for the needs of the people through your tenure as pastor. It is my hope you will enjoy your new ministry. On a personal note, given my many visits to the Little Sisters Center, I am sure our paths will cross often.

Be assured of my encouragement and prayers as you conclude your parish ministry at Saint Thomas and take up your new responsibility.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Robert J. Slenn S.V.D.
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer
Saint Thomas of Villanova
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cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Episcopal Vicar
Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Dean
Sister [redacted], L.S.P.
Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board

REPORTS: (04/22/94)

1. Appointments:

[redacted]

d) Walter Huppenbauer '57: The Cardinal has appointed Wally [Pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova/Palatine] to full time duties as Chaplain of the Little Sisters of the Poor Center for the Aging, effective 06/05/94.

[redacted]

MINUTES

Meeting: #111 - Thirteenth Board

Date: April 22, 1994

Place: Priests' Placement Board

Present: Reverends: Jeremiah M. Boland, Daniel P. Coughlin, Edward R. Fialkowski, Robert P. Heinz, Michael T. Ivers (left 12:30), Donald J. Nevins, Kenneth J. Velo (left 1:15).

Absent: Rev. Victor J. Sivore.

I **Opening Prayer:** Rev. Donald J. Nevins 10:28 A.M.

II **Acceptance of Minutes:** Accepted 6 - 0 - 1

III **Reports:**

1. **Appointments:**

[redacted]

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 6/6/94
Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

I met with Sr. [redacted] of the Little Sisters of the Poor on Lakewood Avenue to talk about arrangements for Fr. Huppenbauer's chaplaincy at the institution. The Sisters are willing to pick up a salary for him at $1,500 per month, which would come to $18,000 per year. That amount is $2,020 more than he would receive as an associate pastor with salary, transportation and increment.

I need to check with Wally whether the stoles and stipends are included in that figure. Will he be receiving Mass stipends separately?

At any rate, his apartment will cost between $400 -$500 per month. Then there will be the cost of his meals. In addition, we must be on for his insurance, his car insurance, his professional allowance and 1/2 of his social security. I am trying to get in touch with Huppenbauer to work out all the details of the salary and room and board.

Sr. [redacted] assured me that she would monitor Fr. Huppenbauer. She and her superior are aware of the situation. No one else is aware of it at this time.

With regard to vacations and days off and temporary coverage while away, Huppenbauer will work that out with the Sisters and his immediate co-workers. He is presently on vacation and is scheduled to take over as of July 1.

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 6/24/94
Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

I visited with Fr. Huppenbauer today at his new residence at 2300 N. Racine, Apt. 305, in the Jugen Apartments. Fr. Huppenbauer's phone number is [redacted]

He is set up at this time and ready to begin work on July 1, 1994. He has a job description from Sr. [redacted] of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Fr. Huppenbauer and I discussed his work and then we talked about the financial aspect of his situation at this time.

He will be receiving a salary of $1,500 per month from the home. That comes to about $18,000 per year. He will probably receive stipends to the amount of about $1,800 per year, both from the sisters and from the Chancellor.

He will be receiving benefits including health insurance and car insurance through our office. He will be receiving the professional growth allowance of $700 per year through our office. Since he will be making more than would be coming to him were he an associate at this time, he will not be asking our office for 1/2 of the social security but will pay that out of his own funds.

With regard to room and board, he needs to pay about $554 per month rent. Most of his meals he will get at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home. We will subsidize his living up to $300 per month for the time being. He will see how this works out.

In summary, Huppenbauer will receive from our office: health insurance, car insurance, his professional growth allowance of $700 per year, and an additional subsidy of $300 per month. We will put him on our payroll for that $300 per month. I will be keeping in touch with Huppenbauer to check on his situation as the months go on.

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October 19, 1994

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
Little Sisters of the Poor
Center for the Aging
2325 North Lakewood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Wally,

I enjoyed our visit and our lunch on that beautiful October day. We'd better enjoy them while we have them.

In our conversation you mentioned that the $300 per month that we agreed upon has not been arriving. Again, I wish to apologize for that failure to follow up. As soon as I returned to the office I had Joyce put in the requisition, and so the check should be coming through shortly. It will include the months of July, August and September. If it does not include those months, please let me know. I made the request of the Pastoral Center and want them to call it a Room and Board supplement. I don't know if their books can handle that kind of a payment description and it may come out as a monthly stipend with no specific delineation. description.

[redacted] It seems to me that you have handled this transition very well, but there are always things that might remain uncovered which could occasion a problem in the future. It's better to get them taken care of as soon as possible. [redacted]

Again, I congratulate you on the very effective way that you have made the transition. You seem to have lost none of your spark and drive and I'm sure the matriarchy that exists up at the home will continue to feel pressure from one, Wally Huppenbauer. Take care and God bless.

Fraternally yours,
Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 2/24/95
Re: Robert Huppenbauer

I met with Fr. Wally Huppenbauer this morning for an hour or so. We reviewed his work, and how he is handling himself in the role of chaplain. He seems content.

[redacted]

I told Huppenbauer that I may need to turn over to the PFR Board the description of his case and situation. I told him I would do it anonymously as I have done with others. I told him that I would show him the text of what I would be presenting before I do so. He will have the opportunity to give some feedback on that.

[redacted]

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2/25/95

Dear Wally,

Please look these two pages over. Give me a call when you get a chance. If you have concerns about anything on the paper or wish to suggest changes, let me know and we'll discuss it.

Again, I am not totally certain that the Fitness Review Board will ask to review the situation, but, if they do, this is what I would present.

I enjoyed swapping stories with you the other day. Though our assignments never crossed much, we seem to have had similar experiences all the way along.

Take care and keep up the good work.

Fraternally,

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
VICAR FOR PRIESTS
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

Off: (312) 642-1837
Fax: (312) 642-4933

Presented to PFRBd
on 4/29/95
Pom

Father F - about 63 in '95

Presenting Problem:
On 10/7/92, VP got phone call from unidentified woman (about 44), demanding anonymity, alleging Fr. F had molested her as teenager in 62-4 time frame. [redacted]

VP asked her for her name, explaining our difficulties with an anonymous call. She insisted on anonymity. [redacted]. There is no previous record of misconduct for Fr. F.

On 10/7, VP and Fr. McDonagh met with Fr. F., explained his rights, described the allegation. Under attorney's advice, Fr. gave no response. We mandated him not to be with minors. [redacted] Staff people at the parish were to be asked to monitor Fr. F.

Meantime the woman called another Chicago priest, Fr. [redacted] and asked him to act as intermediary. He knew her vaguely from years before. VP then interviewed Fr. [redacted] He had nothing more to add other than that he does know her. At her request, he did not reveal her name. We reiterated our offer of help through priest. She did not accept. She is told that further inquiry will proceed. VP did not hear from her again.

[redacted]

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Monitoring: By 11/23/92, principal and business manager were informed of the allegation and asked to monitor Fr. F. While he remained pastor until 6/94, they reported no problems.

PFRBD: In 4/93, Cardinal determined this case should go before PFRBD to answer question of withdrawal from ministry.

By 10/13/93, case was still anonymous. Fitness Review Administrator agreed to bring this case to his Board without mentioning Fr. F's name.

By 10/19/93, the FRABd ruled that, because it continues to be anonymous and they are not able to make further inquiry, the case should remain with VP office. The other priest, Fr. [redacted] had not heard from the woman, nor did he know her phone number or address. No follow up by the FRA was possible. If the woman caller were to come forward and identify herself in the future, the case would go to PFRBD.

[redacted]

Present Status: Fr. F resigned his parish 6/94. Now working and living as chaplain in retirement home, with monitoring on site by local superior. Mandate to avoid unsupervised contact with minors is in place. VP also regularly monitors. Nothing has been heard from the original, and still anonymous, caller since late 1992.

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Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 5/1/95
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

On Saturday, 4/29/95, I presented to the PFR Board the summary of the Father "F" case, namely, Fr. Huppenbauer. I did it anonymously as I have done with 5 previous cases before this which are being handled through our office.

The questions from the Board were showing some concern for the priest that this anonymous call meant such a change in his life. I was unable to make any statement to them because of the pastoral nature of our knowledge. I did however indicate that we are certainly coming down on the conservative side in this matter. I did relate to them also the progress that Fr. Huppenbauer continues to make at this time.

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July 25, 1995

Mother [redacted], l.s.p.
Little Sisters of the Poor Center for the Aging
2325 North Lakewood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Mother [redacted]

Recently I met with Fr. Walter Huppenbauer, chaplain at the home, to discuss his progress and how things are going for him at this time.

He seems to be doing well and has a very positive attitude towards the home, the Sisters, and the residents. He spoke enthusiastically about the humorous evaluation that the Sisters had given him. He feels accepted and a real part of the family with the Little Sisters of the Poor.

I told him, in parting, that I would be contacting you to ask for a simple report about him. I would appreciate it if you could answer the following questions as much as you feel is necessary. There is no hurry on this as I know you are a very busy person.

1) What is your assessment of Fr. Huppenbauer's adjustment to his new role at the Home?
2) Is there anything in Fr. Huppenbauer's behavior that would cause you concern at this time?
3) How would you rate his over-all performance as chaplain and as priest at the Home?

Thank you very much for taking time to respond to my request. I hope things are going well for you, the Sisters and the residents at the Home. Have a cool summer.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests

Memo to File (hupp46)
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 5/3/96
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

[redacted]

I advised Huppenbauer that I would be calling Sr. [redacted] at the Little Sisters of the Poor. I called her on 5/3/96 and she mentioned that Wally had talked to her. They are pleased with his work at the Little Sisters of the Poor. He is very obliging in every way.

With regard to any other behavior, she says that he is very reserved and is very respectful of everybody around the home there. She has nothing untoward to report.

Once again I reminded Huppenbauer that, if an allegation ever comes forward, it would have to be turned over to the PFR Board. He acknowledges that. The first allegation that came forward was anonymous and the Board felt that they could not handle it at that time. His case has been handled since by the PCAC and the Vicar for Priests office.

Memo to the file
From: Larry McBrady
Re: Walter Huppenbauer
Date: 8/26/96

I met with Mother [redacted] of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and Wally. We agreed Wally will receive $19,200 annually from the Little Sisters. Wally will also receive an additional $3,600 for room and board from this office in order to bring him up to par with his peers in parish ministry. (This arrangement will not be made known to the Little Sisters. They worry a great deal about HUD requirements).

In February - March, 1997, I will need to meet with Mother [redacted] and Wally to discuss salary arrangements for the next fiscal year. A new administrator (replacing Mother [redacted]) will arrive in June, 1997.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Little Sisters of the Poor

JUGAN TERRACE, 2300 N. Racine Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-3193
Mailing Address: 2325 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-3193
312/935-9600

September 17, 1996

Reverend Lawrence P. McBrady
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Father McBrady,

I have been meaning to write to thank you for the time you gave us on Monday, August 26, to discuss the financial remuneration to Fr. Huppenbauer as Chaplain at our Home.

We needed your confirmation that Father Wally receives no financial support from the Archdiocese of Chicago to offset the salary paid him by the Little Sisters of the Poor. His is an exceptional situation in that he resides in a federally-subsidized apartment building and all regularly assured income must be reported.

As agreed, Father will receive $19,200.00 in salary from the Little Sisters for the coming year, retroactive to May 1996. We would like to have this matter resolved earlier next year, perhaps by March. To this end, I will appreciate receiving an advance copy of the notice that is prepared by the Archdiocese concerning the status and salary ranges for Chaplains. Future decisions concerning the salaries of Chaplains in the Homes of the Little Sisters likely will be taken under consideration by our Mother Provincial.

We are pleased to have Father Wally as Chaplain to our Home. His presence enhances the quality of life of our residents. He brings an added degree of spiritual security and wellbeing to our Home and to his neighbors at Jugan Terrace. We are grateful to you and Father Coughlin for your apparent interest also in Father Wally and for the time you took from a busy schedule to help us in this matter.

May God continue to bless you in your ministry to His Priesthood.

United in Christ,

[redacted]

Mother [redacted], l.s.p.
Administrator

Archdiocese of Chicago
Priests' Payroll Authorization Form

Please Complete Applicable Sections. Incomplete Forms Delay Processing

Name REV. WALTER HUPPENBAUER	Position CLIENT
Dept/Agency VICAR FOR PRIESTS	Dept/Agency Acct. No. 10-082-001-5001
F/T X P/T	Year of Ordination 1957

A	**Salary** (CF Comp. Guidelines)	Annual Salary $	Monthly Salary $
	Mass Stipends Note: Normally a resident priest receives his Mass stipends and room and board directly from his parish. If there is a variation from this policy, it must be approved by the Director of Personnel Services and the Vicar for Administration.		
	Other Factors: _____ _____ _____	$	$
B	**New Hire** F/T_____ P/T_____	Hire Date	
	If part-time, hours worked per week:_____		
C	**Transfer**_____ **Promotion**_____	**New Position**_____	
	New Department	New Salary	
	Department Account#	Per	Effective
D	**CHANGE STATUS FROM** F/T_____ P/T _____	**TO** F/T_____ P/T_____	
	New Salary	Per	Effective
	If part-time, hours worked per week:_____		
E	1 **Terminate** ☒ Effective 7-1-97		
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Memo to the file
From: Larry McBrady
Re: Walter Huppenbauer
Date: 8/4/97

[redacted] Wally and I spoke by phone and agreed he will continue in his ministry with the Little Sisters and not request a new assignment. I told him the monitoring sub-committee was meeting to review all cases but that I didn't see these meetings impacting on his work with the Little Sisters.

I am inclined to agree [redacted] to there being no need to inform the new administrator of Wally's past history.

Memo to the file
From: Larry McBrady
Re: Wally Huppenbauer
Date: 8/24/98

On July 22nd I met with Wally at his request. The purpose for the meeting was to explore the possibility of Wally taking some new chaplaincy assignment. He said he had nothing specific in mind. He was merely interested in considering a change. I told him that any such request would have to be approved by PCAC. He seemed reluctant to have the matter become that formal and said he would think it over and get back to me.

Having never heard back from Wally I decided to call him today. He said a new factor had entered the picture. The chaplain at the Little Sisters of the Poor's facility in Palatine died recently and there is a vacancy. Wally said he would prefer living in the suburbs. He said he had no first hand information e.g. the size of the chaplain's quarters etc.

He asked me what I thought PCAC would think. I told him I was certain PCAC would want the Palatine administrator to be made aware of Wally's past. Wally seemed very reluctant to proceed with this. He told me he would think about it and get back to me.

Memo to the file
From: Larry McBrady
Re: Wally Huppenbauer
Date: 11/2/98

Wally called this afternoon to say that after giving consideration to our last discussion he has decided to remain at the Little Sisters of the Poor. He says he is happy and is content to stay on.

I pressed him a little asking if he was doing this because he felt he had no good options. He said that was not the case and that he feels he can still find new challenges in his present assignment. We agreed that our conversation about a possible new assignment can be continued down the road. He will contact me if he becomes interested in pursuing another assignment.

November 13, 2000

Summary of Walter Huppenbauer's file.

[redacted]

[redacted]

10-8-92	WH was told to stay away from anyone under 18 to which he agreed. In meeting with WH and his lawyer, no admission of guilt, but that both would cooperate in any way without however admitting guilt. Efforts were made at safeguarding WH's civil rights as a citizen.
10-13-92	The woman remains anonymous. She was told that if WH had to be removed, the state's attorney office needed to be notified,and the investigation and become public.
10-21-92	[redacted] considered matter close to an anonymous allegation. -- WH open to [redacted]. He was informed of the need for monitoring at the parish. – Remaining at the parish was contingent on independent review board decision.
11-10-92	WH agreed to talking to the business manager and principal at the parish. Two things dictate how things will be for WH and his lawyer: whether case would go to adm/review Board eventually and will the original accuser remain anonymous.
11-23-92	In talking to the principal and business manager, they indicated they saw no behavior warranting allegation.

[redacted]

4-20-93	Determination to remain in ministry would be made by Fitness Review Admin/Board.

[redacted]

10-1-93 Steve Sidlowski did not feel that the Review Board and he should handle the case because of the anonymity of the original call. [redacted]

10-27-93 Case remains in VP office because of pastoral nature. Will only move to Fitness Rev. Office if the woman reveals herself.

[redacted]

12-13-93 [redacted] Cardinal meet with WH and Fr. P. O'Malley. Talk about voluntary resignation. If he doesn't do so, WH will not be renewed in 7/95 when his term is ended. – The original suggestion made was: WH be left in the parish until 7/95, should be under protocol as he is with monitoring, but beef it up by having someone move into the rectory, his term as pastor would not be renewed, [redacted] – "After some delicate conversation about this matter, we agreed that the Cardinal should see WH in a private conference and lay the problem out before him. The Cardinal should then ask him to resign early from his ministry in the parish. This would helpprotect Huppenbauer himself, the parish, and the Archdiocese. Whether WH should be reassured that there will be something waiting for him [redacted] is a point that was brought up but not determined. ... The Cardinal will meet with WH and there was some sense that the VP ought to be present at that meeting."

12-29-93 Cardinal presented the option of resignation to WH who was taken aback and felt "betrayed". Needed time to think it out. – Called Tom Kaminiski to become monitor at Villanova after sabbatical, would think about it.

1-25-94 WH called to say he is open to resigning from parish. Suggested to him that he explore some chaplaincy options.

2-1-94 Voluntarily submitted resignation from St. Thomas Villanova.

2-22-94 WH inquired at the Little Sisters for chaplain and residence.

3-1-94.1 WH also talked to [redacted] at Casa San Carlo about possibilities for chaplaincy there. Inclined to stay with the Little Sisters. – Notified the Cardinal he will resign 6.5.94.

3-5-94 VP reported [redacted] re. the options for WH. C. Fowler suggested that he may consider the Evaluation Office but would have to look at his credentials.

3-22-94 WH settled for the Little Sisters of the Poor

4-20-94	Cardinal appointed him chaplain at Little Sisters.
8-98	If a change of chaplaincy occurred, the proposal would have to go to PCAC. WH disinclined to have this done and remained with the Little Sisters on Fullerton.
11-98	WH chose to stay at the Little Sisters in the city.

TO: File

FR: Larry McBrady

DT: November 17, 2000

RE: Walter Huppenbauer

On November 14 I met with Wally at his residence at the Little Sisters of the Poor. Wally would like to retire from active ministry effective October 31, 2001. We agreed we would use this year to consider various living options and to present them to PCAC. [redacted]

Wally does understand that the payments from our office to assist in his rent will be terminated at the time of his retirement.

Wally told me he would keep in touch regarding the various options under consideration.

DOB:_____

DATE: _____

Pre-Retirement form
meet with PASTOR

Fr. John Clemens

Dear _____,

Met on Aug. 04, 2001

Agreed retire on Nov. 1, 2001

Pastor Emeritus of which parish St. Thomas of Villanova

(Sometimes they have been pastor of several parishes)

Will be living at Little Sisters of the Poor - Palatine, IL.

44 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.)

Reverend Walter Huppenbauer
(Parish) (Little Sisters of the Poor) - 2300 N. Racine, #305
(Address) Chicago 60614
(C/S/Zip) _____

F. Geary

TO: File

FR: Larry McBrady

DT: August 20, 2001

RE: Walter Huppenbauer

On August 13 I discussed Wally's situation with Ray Goedert. Wally will be meeting this coming Friday with the Cardinal to discuss his upcoming retirement. Wally would prefer not to have to make the Cardinal aware of his previous history involving the anonymous allegations. I told Ray I thought this was a reasonable request. We have no certainty as to the accuracy of the report and Wally has never had a one-on-one meeting with the Cardinal. It seems to me to be unnecessary for Wally to delve into past history. Ray agreed with this and felt that with Wally's cooperation over the years, there was no need to bring this to the Cardinal's attention. We did decide our decision would be placed in Wally's file.

[redacted]

5. **Walter Huppenbauer '57:** Wally has an appointment with the Cardinal regarding his retirement date.

[redacted]

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop

Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

August 30, 2001

Dear Father Huppenbauer,

It was good to meet with you on August 24th. As I mentioned at our meeting, I am writing to you as a follow-up to our discussion. We agreed you would retire on November 1, 2001. As the time draws near, I will be writing a more formal letter to name you Pastor Emeritus of St. Thomas of Villanova.

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

You have indicated that you will be living at [redacted]

Wally, I wish to thank you for all you have done during your 44 years of priesthood and especially for your leadership and service at St. Thomas and the Little Sisters Home. 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

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer
Little Sisters of the Poor / Center for the Aging
2325 N Lakewood Ave
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Post Office Box 1979
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November 5, 2001

Dear Father Huppenbauer:

In light of our discussion and previous correspondence, I am pleased to hereby name you Pastor Emeritus of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish in Palatine. This is effective immediately.

I take this occasion to express my gratitude for all you have done through your 44 years of service to the Archdiocese and for all you have done recently at St. Thomas and the Little Sisters Home. The Church of Chicago is deeply appreciative for your faithful and devoted care of God's people.

Please contact Father Charles Kelly of the Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association to discuss your retirement benefits if you have not already done so.

Wally, 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,

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

Rev. [illegible]
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer

[redacted]

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
Reverend Peter Bowman, Dean
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board
Reverend Raymond Yadron, Pastor
Reverend Charles F. Kelly, PRMAA
Mr. Alex Becker, PRMAA

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim MS that was faxed to Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C., dated May 7, 2012. In the letter, Victim MS stated that she was sexually abused by Fr. Walter Huppenbauer when she was in fifth or sixth grade, and the alleged abuse lasted until 1963. According to Victim MS, the alleged abuse consisted of kissing and fondling and occurred in the rectory and church of St. Hilary's, as well as in Huppenbauer's automobile.

Attorneys at Law

May 10, 2002

SENT VIA FAX

Cardinal Francis George
Archbishop of Chicago
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

James A. Serritella, Esq.
Burke, Warren, McKay & Serritella
22nd Floor-IBM Plaza
330 North Wabasha Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611-3607

Re: and Father Walter Huppenbauer

Dear Cardinal George and Mr. Serritella:

By this letter I am bringing to your attention with the permission of (formerly known as) information that Father Walter Huppenbauer sexually molested her in the 1960s when she was approximately 11 years old. I have enclosed with her permission a statement written by her and dated May 7, 2002 that details the nature, extent and circumstances of the abuse. I am bringing this to your attention so that you can take whatever remedial measures necessary and we would appreciate receiving information on the following:

1. What is the current status of Father Huppenbauer and what action, if any, does the Archdiocese intend to respond to this information? He is listed in the Catholic Directory as having been ordained in 1957 as a priest of the Archdiocese and the listing is at but I understand he has been serving in parishes in various capacities. Any information about his current status and the Archdiocese's response to this information is appreciated.

2. Please advise us if any other claims of misconduct have been made relating to Father Huppenbauer.

[redacted]

3. [redacted]

Your prompt response is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

May 17, 2002

SENT VIA FAX

James A. Serritella, Esq.
Burke, Warren, McKay & Serritella
22nd Floor-IBM Plaza
330 North Wabasha Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611-3607

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

Re: [redacted]
Fr. Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Mr. Serritella and Ms. Leggdas:

On May 15, 2002 at 9:00 a.m., I received a very disturbing telephone call from Kathleen Leggdas advising me that she needed to speak with the clients for whom I have sent letters in the last two months to get more information. I advised Ms. Leggdas that we have provided detailed statements and this is the first I have learned that further information was needed or required. Ms. Leggdas advised me that she had forms to fill out. When I asked her if anything had been done responsive to those letters to this point, she replied no, nothing has been done because I have to get further information. I expressed a great deal of anger and my apologies for the expression of that anger, but I have to say that I am both shocked and appalled that nothing has been done responsive to the the letters that had been sent out which you acknowledged receiving. Ms. Leggdas then replied that the attorneys are handling it and I told her that I had been advised by the attorneys that she was handling the matter of the review of the priests for fitness to assignment. You will note that in each of these letters many weeks and in some cases months have passed since the information was brought to your attention immediately by fax and in each case I received a call from Mr. Serritella advising me it had been turned over to the Fitness Review Board for immediate action. I am now informed that no action has been

[redacted]

[redacted]

taken, much less immediate.

The failure and/or refusal of the Archdiocese to respond to these pleas for protection on behalf of other children and information brought forward by my courageous clients to try to get you to address it has gone unheard. This is to advise you that it is my belief that the Archdiocese's failure to respond to this promptly is both dilatory and dangerous. My clients have been deceived as have I about motivation and the intentions of the Archdiocese in responding to their letters immediately when nothing has in fact has been done. You have left me and my clients in the position that we have but no course other than to go public with this information to prevent further abuse and imperiling perhaps other children further. I am deeply disappointed and disgusted.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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May 21, 2002

VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

[redacted]

Re: [redacted]/Father Walter Huppenbauer

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I am following up on your letter of May 10, 2002 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Kathleen Leggdas, Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who will be in contact with you about this matter. It is my understanding that Father Huppenbauer is retired. I am looking into the other questions you raised in your letter and will follow up with you about them. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8293), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for therapy or other interim assistance at the Archdiocese's expense while this matter is being processed.

Please direct any claim-related correspondence to me. Also, do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

James A. Serritella

James A. Serritella

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cc: Kathleen Leggdas
Ralph Bonaccorsi

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June 10, 2002

Dear_____:

Father Walter ~~Huppenbaur~~ HUPPENBAUER is no longer associated with or employed by, the Little Sisters of the Poor at any of its facilities. Father Huppenbaur was a Chaplain at St. Mary's Home from 1994 ~~1991~~ through 2001. During the time he was a part of our organization, we were not aware of any allegations or circumstances that lead us to believe he acted in an inappropriate manner. We do not believe that the allegations implicate any of our residents or staff. We are praying for all those affected by these recent events. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact JIM DWYER at the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-642-4933

Yours in Christ,
Little Sisters of the Poor

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SAMPLE RESPONSE REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA

In recognition of residents rights and existing privacy laws, it is the policy of Little Sisters of the Poor not to disclose any information about a resident including whether or not an individual is a resident of any facility of Little Sisters of the Poor.

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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.

8/20/02 (Date)

Leah McCausky, MSW (Signature)

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Minor and summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim MS's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on August 20, 2002, formalizing her allegation of abuse against Fr. Walter Huppenbauer. According to Victim MS's statement, the alleged abuse began when Victim MS was in fifth or sixth grade, and lasted until the end of eighth grade. The alleged abuse consisted of rubbing, fondling and kissing. Victim MS stated that when the memories of the alleged abuse resurfaced 8 years prior to her giving the statement, she contacted Huppenbauer and Huppenbauer listed off the initials of six other girls, which made Victim MS believe that she was not the only person abused by Huppenbauer.

BILL FOR LEGAL SERVICES
ON BEHALF OF
HUPPENBAUER, DEFENDANT
PATRICK G. REARDON, ATTORNEY

Legal Fee: $175.00 Per Hour

Hours to date: 1 hour

Total Amount due: $175.00

Date	Description	Time
9/5/02	Meeting with Vicar for Priests, Fitness Review Administrator and client at Office of Vicar for Priests	1.0
TOTAL	>>>	**1.0**

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-18

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re: Rev. Walter Huppenbauer (Retired) Response to Allegation of [redacted]

Date: September 13, 2002

Date of Interview: September 3, 2002 **Time**: 4:00pm

Present at Interview

Walter Huppenbauer [WH], accused
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Attorney
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
Fr. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests [VP]

Face-to-Face Interview

Walter Huppenbauer [WH] and Patrick Reardon [PR] were on time for the 4:00pm meeting at the Vicar for Priests Office. After introductions were made, PFRA described the responsibilities of the Office of Professional Fitness Review as well as those of PFRA.

PFRA read the allegations of sexual misconduct against WH which were made by [redacted]. At the conclusion of PFRA reading the allegations, PR requested that he and WH be allowed to have a private discussion. PFRA and VP left PR and WH alone for approximately 10-15 minutes. PR then requested that PFRA and VP rejoin the meeting.

PR stated that WH gave his response to this allegation "years ago" [redacted] came forward anonymously seven years ago with allegations against WH; see victim interview] and that they would "add nothing further today." PR stated that he and WH would "stand by the past response."

WH then spoke and asked VP what steps would now be taken that [redacted] attorney is involved. WH stated that he is now retired and out of ministry and that he has not celebrated mass in over three months.

PFRA read through WH's file at the Vicar for Priests office in order to determine the nature of WH's past response to this allegation. [redacted]

[redacted] WH was also told that he was not able to be in the presence of minors unsupervised. It was requested that WH voluntarily remove himself from ministry. Potovate

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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, September 21, 2002

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[redacted]

Members absent:

[redacted]

Non-members present:

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

I. Approval of Minutes – September 7, 2002

II. Case Reviews

A. [redacted]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer (Retired) – PFR-18

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [redacted] The claim is as follows: [redacted] alleges Rev. Walter Huppenbauer [WH] rubbed her [redacted] stomach; WH would kiss and fondle [redacted] under her clothing.

The Board recommends that Rev. Walter Huppenbauer 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 5-0 vote; will consider any additional information from either party for Second Stage Review; [redacted]

C. [redacted]

D.

D. [redacted]

Cc: Members of the Review Board
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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 9-21-02 (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 Rev. Walter Huppenbauer (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: [redacted] alleges WH rubbed her stomach; WH would kiss + fondle [redacted] (under her 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:)
☑ 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 5-0 vote; will consider any additional info. from either party for [redacted] 2nd Stage Review; [redacted]

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Most Rev. Jerome E. Listecki D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
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September 25, 2002

Dear members of the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family,

In recent months, your parish community learned that two priests who had served your parish have been removed from ministry because of accusations regarding sexual misconduct with minors. Unfortunately, there is more news to share now. Officials of the Archdiocese of Chicago have received new information in recent months regarding your former pastor, Fr. Walter Huppenbauer.

In August, Archdiocesan officials received an allegation from an adult woman who alleged that Fr. Huppenbauer had engaged in sexual misconduct with her 40 years ago while she was minor. At the time she alleges the misconduct occurred, Fr. Huppenbauer was an associate priest at St. Hilary Parish, located on the northwest side of Chicago.

This past weekend, the independent Fitness Review Board reviewed the allegation, found reason to suspect that abuse occurred, and recommended to Francis Cardinal George, that Fr. Huppenbauer, though already retired, not be permitted to perform any public ministry. Cardinal George has accepted this recommendation. According to archdiocesan policies and procedures, Fr. Huppenbauer will be subject to a monitoring protocol under the supervision of the independent Fitness Review Board, and will not again be permitted to be alone with minors without an adult present. The allegation has been reported to the Cook County State's Attorney.

You should know that the Archdiocese had received the allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Huppenbauer before he left your parish in 1993, but that allegation was presented anonymously by the same woman who has now come forward to identify herself this time. In 1993, her allegation could not be fully processed by the then-newly-established Fitness Review Board. Because Fr. Huppenbauer could not be told of his accuser, the Archdiocese determined it was not appropriate at that time to share news of the allegation publicly with you. Nevertheless, the Fitness Review Board believed then that it was prudent to recommend that Fr. Huppenbauer no longer serve in parish ministry and that he be subject to a monitoring protocol that prohibited him from being alone in the presence of a minor. He was permitted to retire from his pastorate at St. Thomas of Villanova in June of 1994.

As you may recall, earlier this year two priests who had served at your parish, Fr. [redacted] and Fr. Daniel Buck, were also removed from ministry following substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct with minors that occurred before either had arrived at your parish. Please be assured that the Archdiocese of Chicago has never received information from any parishioner of St. Thomas of Villanova -- past or present -- that they suffered abuse by any priest who served here.

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Elongated by +FEG personally 9/25.00

Cardinal George, the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin before him, and now the Catholic bishops of the United States in June have acknowledged that many errors in judgement have been made by leaders of the Catholic Church as we have attempted to respond to the tragedy of clerical sexual abuse with minors.

I have assured your pastor, Father Raymond Yadron, your associate pastor, Fr. Edward Carlson, and the staff at your parish of my willingness to answer any and all questions you might have about these issues to the best of my ability. I will participate in a parish forum, which, hopefully, will respond to any decision affecting your parish.

With gratitude for your understanding and hope in the Lord for our future, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Jerome E Listecki

Most Rev. Jerome E. Listecki
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MEMORANDUM

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Cc: Leah McCluskey
Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator

FROM: Mayra Flores

RE: [redacted] **[v. Walter Huppenbauer]**

DATE: September 25, 2002

This morning (@9:30 a.m.), I called [redacted] to alert her to the fact that an announcement will be made this evening at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish regarding her allegation against their former pastor, Rev. Walter Huppenbauer. The various points I made with [redacted] was:

- The Review Board did meet on Saturday, September 21st, and did discuss her allegation. The board did accept [redacted] allegation as credible. Assistance Ministry received word that the Cardinal accepted the board's recommendations. Whatever restrictions are placed on the priest should be discussed with PFRA.

- A previously scheduled open forum meeting at St. Thomas of Villanova this evening. The Archdiocese will take that opportunity to inform the parish of the allegation against Fr. Huppenbauer. A letter from Bishop Listecki will be mailed tomorrow to St. Thomas of Villanova parishioners.

- I stressed that her name will not be mentioned in any of the Archdiocesan statements. St. Hilary will be mentioned because of Fr. Huppenbauer's assignments. I mentioned that Ralph was in contact with the current pastor at St. Hilary.

[redacted] asked what Fr. Huppenbauer's response was when presented with the allegation. I told her that I was not present, and could not speak to that question. She asked if an announcement would be made at St. Hilary (and St. Odilo?). I said that Ralph would coordinate that, and that I didn't have any information at this time. She asked if she would receive a letter from the Archdiocese (I said she would), and asked that her lawyer receive a copy as well.

I told [redacted] the purpose of my call was to alert her that an announcement would be made this evening at St. Thomas of Villanova. She was most appreciative of the call.

St. Thomas parishioners learn of latest priest scandal

By Rukmini Callimachi
Daily Herald Staff Writer 9/26

Parishioners of St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Church in Palatine reacted with shock and tears Wednesday night after receiving the news of sexual misconduct allegations against Walter Huppenbauer, the church's former pastor.

Huppenbauer, 72, who was St. Thomas' pastor from 1984 to 1994, is retired, but recently was formally terminated from the ministry for abusing a female parishioner at St. Hilary's parish in Chicago in the 1960s, Bishop Jerome Listecki told reporters at the church after privately informing the congregation in a town hall-type meeting.

He was the church's emeritus pastor before the allegations surfaced.

Parishioners believed they were meeting to discuss allegations that had surfaced earlier in the summer regarding two other St. Thomas priests — not Huppenbauer.

The Rev. Daniel Buck, who served as associate pastor of St. Thomas from 1984 to 1989, and the Rev. Marion Snieg, who served as a visiting priest until this summer, have been terminated from the ministry, Listecki said.

Snieg and Buck were two of the eight priests in Chicago who were publicly removed from ministry by order of the archdiocese this June.

"Three priests in one parish — it's hard for anyone to comprehend," said Steve Gillmann of Palatine, chairperson of the parish council.

All of the allegations were investigated and determined to be credible by the Chicago Archdiocese's new fitness review board.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Shauna Bolicker said no criminal charges were pursued against the former priests because, in all three cases, the statute of limitations had passed.

Listecki said that in 1993 the archdiocese was contacted by the female victim, who asked to remain anonymous. Her request, Listecki said, made it difficult for Huppenbauer to be removed, although an investigation was started. The woman returned this August and the investigation was reopened in the wake of recent church reforms, Listecki said.

Because Huppenbauer already was retired, his termination is a symbolic move.

But it follows guidelines set in Dallas this summer by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The guidelines call for the termination of any priest who has committed any act of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Buck was accused of having sexually abused a teenage girl during his tenure at the Chicago parish of St. Francis Borgia, while Snieg was accused of having had sexual contact with underage boys while serving at the Chicago parish of St. Jane DeChantal in the 1950s.

Parishioners expressed shock first at the fact that Huppenbauer's past had not been made known to the congregation sooner, and that the victim's attempt in 1993 to bring the abuse to light had not been successful.

Others expressed dismay at the fact that Snieg, who until recently served as chaplain for Addolorata Villa in Wheaton, was placed under review in 1992, when he was still serving as visiting priest at St. Thomas. But his review status was not made known to the parish or to St. Thomas' pastor.

"It was an oversight," said Listecki. "His case fell through the cracks. At the archdiocese, we knew about it,

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Abuse: Parishioners wish they had known more

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but the pastor should have known, too."

"I feel very sad about it," said Catherine Karlsen, principal of St. Thomas Elementary School, who considered Buck a personal friend. "But I think it's good that we can talk and that understanding can come from it."

Others responded with a sense of purpose.

"Every school in the U.S. needs to teach the kids about this," said parishioner Cherie Bott of Palatine. "A hand on the shoulder, that's proper. Hands in between your legs — not proper," she said. "That's what needs to come out of this."

Misconduct Cases
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Church's 3rd priest defrocked

Abuse allegations against 'Father Wally' shock Palatine parish

By Janet Rausa Fuller
Staff Reporter
ST 9/27

It was supposed to be a therapeutic meeting. It was not going to be pleasant.

The 70 or so parishioners who gathered Wednesday night at St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Church in Palatine came ready to air the thoughts that had weighed them down since summer, when two of the parish's former priests were removed from the ministry on allegations of sexual misconduct.

They were not prepared to hear that a third priest—their pastor at St. Thomas for a decade—had been defrocked on similar charges.

The news of the Rev. Walter Huppenbauer's removal, delivered by Bishop Jerome Listecki at the start of the meeting, blindsided those who knew "Father Wally" as a personable priest with a Santa Claus beard.

Shock turned to sadness—and resolve—for many parishioners, who said Thursday it was only a coincidence that the national priest sex abuse scandal had torn so abruptly into their quiet, suburban world.

"St. Thomas is very strong spiritually, and we've got active people in the parish," said Steve Gillmann, chairman of the parish pastoral council, who was at the meeting. "It is hard as a parishioner to accept because it does make you feel like, 'Why us?' But I don't think anyone knew . . . It just happened, and it's just very unfortunate."

Said Ron Schaefer, parish manager since 1989, "It's an unhappy coincidence."

Jean Lachat/Sun-Times

Catherine Karlsen, principal at St. Thomas in Palatine for 17 years, knew all three of the defrocked priests. "To me, they were good men," she says.

The retired Huppenbauer, 72, was pastor at St. Thomas from 1983 to 1994. The allegation that led to his formal removal from ministry last weekend dates to the 1960s, when he was an assistant pastor as St. Hilary in Chicago.

The female victim, who was a minor when the alleged misconduct occurred, contacted the Archdiocese of Chicago anonymously in 1993.

The investigation hit a dead end because of the anonymous nature of the case, archdiocese officials said.

The allegation resurfaced in August. This time, the woman identified herself. A review by the archdiocese's independent Fitness Review Board found her claim credible.

The two other priests with past ties to St. Thomas, the reverends Marion Snieg and Daniel Buck, were barred from the ministry earlier this summer after reviews by the board.

Snieg, who is accused of misconduct with minors during his tenure in the late 1950s at St. Jane de Chantal on the Southwest Side, had been a visiting priest at St. Thomas until May.

Buck, associate pastor at St. Thomas from 1984 to 1989, was accused of sexually abusing a minor while at St. Francis Borgia on the Northwest Side in the early 1980s.

Catherine Karlsen, who has been principal at St. Thomas for 17 years, knew all three priests.

"These are human beings we're talking about," Karlsen said. "I worked with all three of them. To me, they were good men."

Allegations against Huppenbauer were particularly hard to stomach, she said, because he was "a personal friend as well as my boss."

Anh Nguyen, 19, a volunteer with the youth ministry group at St. Thomas who was baptized and confirmed by Huppenbauer, said the allegations were "hard to believe."

She wasn't worried, though, about the parish's reputation being tarnished.

"People can look and say, 'Oh wow, St. Thomas had three priests,' but this all happened before they were here," she said.

In a separate case involving another Chicago area priest, lawyers for a 31-year-old Los Angeles bartender filed suit Thursday in Cook County Circuit Court charging that the Rev. Vincent McCaffrey had sexually abused their client in a church on at least 25 occasions.

McCaffrey is being held on federal child pornography charges.

Contributing: *Nancy Moffett*

AOC 015255

Palatine parish comes to grips with latest accusations

DH 9/27

BY RUKMINI CALLIMACHI
Daily Herald Staff Writer 9/27

As the news began to sink in, many at the parish of St. Thomas of Villanova in Palatine struggled yesterday to reconcile their former pastor's years of service with the recent allegations of his sexual misconduct with a minor.

The Rev. Walter E. Huppenbauer, 71, is accused of molesting an underage girl more than 40 years ago during his tenure at the Chicago parish of St. Hilary, where he served as assistant pastor from 1957 to 1964.

"My heart is broken for our people," said the Rev. Ray Yadron, senior pastor of St. Thomas, who was Huppenbauer's successor. "Ours is a beautiful community. It's wounded now and it will take some time to heal."

Huppenbauer is the third St. Thomas priest to come under fire after the archdiocese's disclosure in June of sexual misconduct by former associate pastor Daniel Buck and visiting priest Marion Snieg.

None of the allegations against Huppenbauer, Buck or Snieg involve parishioners at St. Thomas.

"None of these things happened here. They happened years ago, before they came to St. Thomas," said Deacon Ed Kaczmarek, a member of the parish for 18 years.

But even though the abuse did not occur at the Palatine parish, the archdiocese first received the allegations of Huppenbauer's misconduct in 1993, when he was still senior pastor of St. Thomas.

That year, the archdiocese was approached by the victim, who asked that her identity not be disclosed to either the fitness review board undertaking the investigation or to Huppenbauer, said Jim Dwyer, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Because of the condition of anonymity imposed by the victim, the board could not complete its investigation, Dwyer said, and Huppenbauer was not asked to leave the ministry.

But according to a letter sent to the parish by Bishop Jerome Listecki, Huppenbauer was no longer allowed to serve in a parish ministry, and after he retired from St. Thomas in 1994, he was placed under a monitoring protocol that prohibited him from being alone in the presence of minors.

He continued, however, to perform the occasional Mass at St. Thomas.

Because of an administrative oversight, Dwyer said, the archdiocese failed to inform the clergy of St. Thomas of Huppenbauer's changed status.

Kaczmarek, who knew Huppenbauer during his 11 years as pastor at St. Thomas, credits him with one of the key spiritual experiences in his life.

Huppenbauer encouraged Kaczmarek to work with a new AIDS ministry at the parish. AIDS then was still a taboo topic.

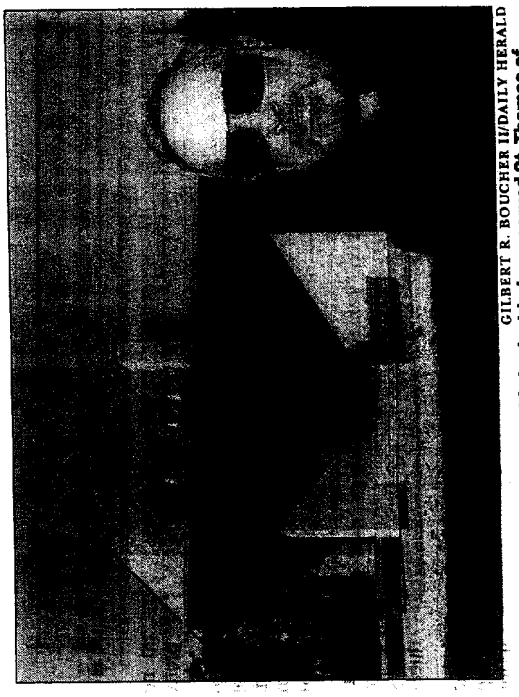
Kaczmarek was sent to the bedside of a dying patient, a gay man who had never been able to share his sexual orientation with his father.

The man asked Kaczmarek, "Does God hate me?" Kaczmarek replied, "How could he hate you? He's your father."

"You should meet my father," the man said.

With the help of others in the parish, Kaczmarek found the dying man's father. He brought him to his son's bedside.

"The two of them just burst into tears," said Kaczmarek, himself sobbing as he remembers the incident. "Then the father got into the hospital bed and held his son like a baby. He died about two weeks later. I credit Father Wally with letting me do this. If he hadn't said go ahead and do this, I might never have had the chance."



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Walter E. Huppenbauer is the third priest to have served St. Thomas of Villanova in Palatine who has been accused of sexual misconduct.

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Cc: Leah McCluskey
Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator

FROM: Mayra Flores

RE: [redacted] **[v. Walter Huppenbauer]**

DATE: September 27, 2002

I, again, called Ms. [redacted] this morning (@10:00 a.m.) to *check in* with her. I told her that in today's **Sun-Times** there was an article on the St. Thomas of Villanova meeting. She asked me to summarize what the article said. I told her that it focused on how the parish was dealing with having three priests removed (at different intervals).

[redacted] mentioned that her aunt and uncle are parishioners of St. Thomas and attended Wednesday evening's meeting – in fact; her aunt is helping with the mailing to parishioners.

[redacted] asked again if any other allegations against Fr. Huppenbauer surfaced. I answered that I did not have any knowledge of other allegations.

[redacted] asked if there would be any parish interventions at St. Hillary or St. Odilo. I informed her that Ralph had been in contact with St. Hillary's pastor and offered the services of the office. [redacted] thought that St. Odilo might be contacted because that was Fr. Huppenbauer's assignment after St. Hillary, and there may be other victims there.

The conversation was pleasant. [redacted]

I left the conversation by reminding [redacted] that she is welcome to call the office at any time.

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Memorandum

To: File –PFR-18

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino LNP, Administrative Assistant

Re: **Rev. Walter Huppenbauer (Retired)**

Date: September 27, 2002

A summary of the discussion from the Review Board Meeting on September 21, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [redacted] against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer [WH] (Retired) a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The claim is as follows: [redacted] alleges WH rubbed her stomach; WH would kiss and fondle [redacted] under her clothing.

The Board recommends that Rev. Walter Huppenbauer 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 5-0 vote; will consider any additional information from either party for Second Stage Review; would request [redacted] or completion of [redacted]

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October 5, 2002

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

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on September 21, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer (Retired) in the allegation made by [redacted]. A First Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined in a unanimous 5-0 vote that Rev. Walter Huppenbauer be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accordance with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

[redacted] The Board will also consider any additional information from either party for Second Stage Review.

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. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Pat Lagges, Judicial Vicar
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
John O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

A:/George Notification Letter

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October 16, 2002

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a First Stage Review on September 21, 2002 pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination that Fr. Walter Huppenbauer (Retired) be relieved of any ecclesiastical ministry or function.

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.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister

A:/Victim Notification Letter

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October 17, 2002

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Father Huppenbauer,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a First Stage Review on September 21, 2002 pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in sexual misconduct with [redacted] a minor at the time of the alleged occurrence. As a result, you have been relieved of any ecclesiastical ministry or function. At this time, you are to remain in a restricted residence with a monitoring protocol.

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar

A:/Accused Notification Letter

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Office of the Archbishop

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October 24, 2002

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Fitness Review
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Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of October 17, 2002, regarding the matter of **Rev. Walter Huppenbauer**, 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 September 21, 2002.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Father Huppenbauer engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. Father Huppenbauer has already withdrawn from public ministry, has been restricted to a residential facility, and is subject to a monitoring protocol. [redacted]

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

William J. Loetscher
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services
Ms. Laura Neri, Office of Professional Fitness Review

OCT 25 2002

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

FOR Leah DATE 10/31 TIME 12:39 A.M. P.M.

M [redacted]

OF

PHONE ☐ FAX ☐ MOBILE [redacted]
AREA CODE NUMBER EXTENSION

MESSAGE
- licensed counselor
- Good friend of Fr. Walter Huppenbauer
- Heard from mother that Fr. Huppenbauer has been accused of sexual abuse

SIGNED

✓ PHONED
RETURNED YOUR CALL
✓ PLEASE CALL
WILL CALL AGAIN
CAME TO SEE YOU
WANTS TO SEE YOU

TOPS FORM 4008

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

FOR DATE TIME A.M. P.M.

M

OF

PHONE ☐ FAX ☐ MOBILE
AREA CODE NUMBER EXTENSION

MESSAGE
- Would like to vouch for him
- Can provide list of students that can vouch for him also.
- Will send letter to Leah McCluskey.

LNP

SIGNED

PHONED
RETURNED YOUR CALL
PLEASE CALL
WILL CALL AGAIN
CAME TO SEE YOU
WANTS TO SEE YOU

TOPS FORM 4008

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File – PFR-18

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: November 1, 2002

RE: **Rev. Walter Huppenbauer**

I received a phone call from Ms. [redacted] on October 31, 2002.

The following is a summary of that conversation:

- Ms. [redacted] is a licensed counselor
- She is a good friend of Fr. Huppenbauer
- She heard from her mother that Fr. Huppenbauer has been accused of sexual misconduct
- She would like to vouch for him
- Ms. [redacted] said she can provide a list of students who can also vouch for him
- Will send PFRA a written statement to this effect

Cc: Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the PFRB
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
John O'Malley, Legal Services

PATRICK G. REARDON
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
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AREA CODE 312
372-5716

December 4, 2002

Rev. James Kazorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Father Kazorowski,

Enclosed are bills for legal service in regard to several fitness review hearings conducted during the first week of September, 2002. It is my understanding that the Fitness Review Board has completed review of these matters and that the priests do not wish to take any further action at this time.

Sincerely,

Patrick G. Reardon

PGR/bi
Enclosures:

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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]
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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I. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2002

II. Case Reviews

First Stage Review:

A. [redacted]

Second Stage Reviews:

B. [redacted]

C.

D.

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G. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer [WH](Withdrawn) – PFR-18

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [redacted] The claim is as follows: WH rubbed [redacted]s stomach, kissed her and fondled [redacted] under clothes.

The Board recommends postponing Second Stage Review to January 2003.

H. [redacted]

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Next scheduled meeting is January 11, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, December 21, 2002 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

REVISION

I. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2002

II. Case Reviews

Second Stage Reviews

A. [redacted]

B.

C.

D. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer (Withdrawn) – PFR-18
- Allegation made by [redacted]

E. [redacted]

F.

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Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Saturday, January 11, 2003

PLEASE NOTE: There is a possibility of two Board Meetings in February.

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MEMORANDUM

To: File –PFR-18

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **Walter Huppenbauer (Withdrawn)**

Date: December 21, 2002

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on December 21, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [redacted]. The claim is as follows: WH rubbed [redacted] stomach, kissed her and fondled [redacted] under clothes.

The Board recommends postponing Second Stage Review to January 2003.

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 12/21/02 (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 Walter Huppenbauer (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: WH rubbed [redacted] stomach, kissed her & fondled her under her clothes (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: postpone 2nd Stage Review to January, 2003.

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS
For

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

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 Rev. Walter Huppenbauer is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1. (W) Restricted from being alone with minors (anyone under the age of 18) without the presence of another responsible adult.

2. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

4. (W) 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. (W) Abide by the assignment of residence to [redacted]

11/12/03 (W)

6. (W) 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. (W) Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement", and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure.

8. N/A 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. (W) 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. (W) 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. (W) The right of defense must not involve the public life of the Church.

12. (W) On-site visits by PRA annually to include meeting with PRA and the cleric.

13. (W) On-site visits by Vicar for Priests (VP) annually to include a meeting with VP and the cleric.

14. (W) 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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January 6, 2003

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on December 21, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Walter Huppenbauer [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 Board recommends to postpone the Second Stage Review to January of 2003 due to not having adequate time to appropriately review the matter.

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
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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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 Walter Huppenbauer,** 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.

In light of the Board's consideration of the facts and circumstances, I hereby accept the decision to postpone the Second Stage Review, due to their lack of adequate time to review the matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
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January 31, 2003

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on December 21, 2002 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Walter Huppenbauer pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's unanimous 6-0 vote to postpone their Second Stage Review due to not having adequate time to appropriately review the matter. The office of Assistance Ministry will notify you when this matter will be on the Review Board agenda.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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January 31, 2003

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
C/o Mr. Patrick G. Reardon
221 N. LaSalle
Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on December 21, 2002 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's unanimous 6-0 vote to postpone their Second Stage Review due to not having adequate time to appropriately review the matter. The Vicar for Priests office will notify you when this matter will be on the Review Board agenda.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5206. Also, please know that Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

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Professional Fitness Review Board
Saturday, February 1, 2003

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[redacted]

Members absent:

[redacted]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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I. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2003

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

II. Case Reviews

First Stage Review:

A. [redacted]

[redacted]

Second Stage Reviews

A. [redacted]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer [WH] [Removed]-PFR-18

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [redacted]. The claim is as follows: incidents of WH fondling [redacted] under her clothes when she was a minor.

- In a unanimous 8-0 vote, the Board recommends that there is reasonable cause to suspect that WH engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. The Board recommends having knowledge of where WH is currently residing and that WH is under the "strongest monitoring protocol."

C. [redacted]

D. [redacted]

E. [redacted]

III. Other

- [redacted]

Next scheduled meeting is February 15, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, February 1, 2003 ~~9:00~~ 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

REVISION

I. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2003

II. Case Reviews

First Stage Review:

A. [redacted]

Second Stage Reviews:

A. [redacted]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer (Retired) – PFR-18
- Allegation made by [redacted]

C. [redacted]

D.

~~E.~~

F.

III. Other

[redacted]

The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, February 15, 2003

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on February 1, 2003 (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 Walter Huppenbauer (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: incidents of WH fondling [redacted] under her clothes when she was a minor (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 8-0 vote reasonable cause to suspect; RBoard recommends to have knowledge of where WH is currently residing & that WH is under strongest monitoring protocol

MEMORANDUM

To: File –PFR-18

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **Walter Huppenbauer (Removed)**

Date: February 3, 2003

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on February 1, 2003:

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [redacted]. The claim is as follows: incidents of WH fondling [redacted] under her clothes when she was a minor.

- In a unanimous 8-0 vote, the Board recommends that there is reasonable cause to suspect that WH engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. The Board recommends having knowledge of where WH is currently residing and that WH is under the "strongest monitoring protocol."

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February 6, 2003

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

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on February 1, 2003. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Walter Huppenbauer [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 Board recommends that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

In a unanimous 8-0 vote, the Board ~~recommends~~ finds that there is reasonable cause to suspect Walter Huppenbauer did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. Further, the Board recommends that Walter Huppenbauer be immediately withdrawn from ministry and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures. The Board also recommends having knowledge of where Walter Huppenbauer is currently residing and that Walter Huppenbauer is under the "strongest monitoring protocol." [redacted]

He's already retired

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

I accept this finding.
Feb 7, 2003

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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MEMORANDUM

To: Jan Leonatti

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re: [PFR-18] Walter Huppenbauer

Date: February 7, 2003

This memo is for clarification purposes. According to the current database, Walter Huppenbauer [WH] is listed as **retired**. It should state that WH is **removed**. As per Communications, WH was removed after Dallas in June of 2002.

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

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February 7, 2003

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
C/o Mr. Patrick G. Reardon
221 N. LaSalle
Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

I am writing this letter to clarify misinformation that I provided to you in a letter dated January 31, 2003. I incorrectly identified Rev. James Kaczorowski as your assigned Vicar. Please know that Rev. Thomas Tivy continues to be your Vicar and may be reached at 312.642.1837.

I apologize for any confusion that my letter dated January 31, 2003 may have caused. Please feel free to contact me at 312.751.5206 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
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PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW

13 February, 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 Walter Huppenbauer**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is no longer engaged in active ministry, and the allegation made by [redacted] following the Second Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on February 1, 2003.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is a reasonable cause to suspect that **Father Huppenbauer** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. His current living situation at [redacted] and his monitoring protocols are to continue.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George

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

Rev. Richard Sandri
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
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February 14, 2003

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on February 1, 2003 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Walter Huppenbauer [Removed] pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's finding that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter Huppenbauer did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. The Cardinal has also accepted the Board's recommendation that Walter Huppenbauer's removal from ministry continue.

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. You may reach them at 312.751.8267.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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February 14, 2003

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon
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Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on February 1, 2003 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's finding that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. The Cardinal has also accepted the Board's recommendation that your removal from ministry continue.

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 Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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Ms. Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
676 North St. Clair
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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. Walter Hubbenbauer**. 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 Huppenbauer. I ask that you report to me on a regular basis, but no less than quarterly, on Father Huppenbauer'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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P R E C E P T

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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 Huppenbauer** and the Vicar for Priests, I accept the provisions of this document, and urge **Father Huppenbauer** 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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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 Walter Huppenbauer** 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 Huppenbauer**.

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 Huppenbauer'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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Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Walter:

I am again writing to you to give you an update as to what is happening concerning the allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor which have been made against you. I am extremely grateful to you for your patience in this matter. As you know, the Dallas Charter required me to act quickly in cases involving allegations of clerical sexual misconduct with a minor to ensure that no priest with a credible accusation was engaged in public ministry. However, because the accompanying Norms had not been approved by the Holy See, I have not been able to act as quickly as I would have liked in getting your case resolved.

With the Norms having gone into effect on March 1, 2003, along with further instructions which came from the Holy See in February, we are now in a position to begin referring our cases to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Before I make such a referral, I will gather any additional information that seems necessary and review the matter once again. I will then send your advocate a copy of the letter I will be sending to the Holy See, and allow him or her the opportunity to offer an opinion as well. I anticipate this being done by the middle of July.

To that end, I have delegated Ms. Leah McCluskey to review each of the cases to see if more information needs to be gathered. I have asked her to report back to me within one month so that I can make a determination about referring the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. According to the recommendation of the Canonical Affairs Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, if the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith directs me to begin a penal trial, the judges to be used will not be priests serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago. They will be chosen from a list of priests who have been trained to hear cases of clerical sexual misconduct.

In referring your case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I will also consult with the Promoter of Justice and issue a decree which formalizes those things which I asked you to do for the good of the Church and under your promise of obedience to me. The imposition of this decree is required by Norm 6 of the Essential Norms established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

I have also designated Ms. McCluskey as the person to ensure that the "monitoring protocol" which you signed is being followed. She will report to me and to the Professional Fitness Review Board concerning your compliance with this protocol. I have asked that she perform this function personally, with the Vicar for Priests doing so in her absence. This will ensure the confidentiality and professionalism of this monitoring.

The protocols which you sign from time to time are not to be considered as penalties imposed on you. Instead, they are ways in which I exercise my responsibility to ensure that you fulfill the obligations which you received when you were ordained. I am establishing these protocols as individual precepts, which canon 49 describes as "a decree which directly and legitimately enjoins [you] to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law." You will receive a copy of my precept at the same time you receive a copy of your protocol.

I hope this clarifies the process somewhat for you. I am grateful that we can finally begin a process for the resolution of your case. I know this has been a very difficult period of time for you in your priesthood. You have always been in my prayers during this time. I ask that you continue to keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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July 2, 2003

Fr. Walter E. Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

Enclosed you will find documentation regarding the newly revised Monitoring Protocols. Fr. Thomas Tivy 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,

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Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
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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. Walter E. Huppenbauer, 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. Huppenbauer, 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. Huppenbauer was read the allegations made against him and provided a response. With reference to his involvement in the instruction of the case, Fr. Huppenbauer 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. Walter E. Huppenbauer has the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as required by Canon 1717 and Article 13 of the Procedural Norms *de gravioribus delicitis*, 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. Huppenbauer. The Professional Responsibility Review Board has been presented all allegations against Fr. Huppenbauer, 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

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(*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as required by Canon Law. As a result, there is no additional information that needs to be gathered at this time regarding the allegations made against Fr. Huppenbauer.

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 Baord
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14 July, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office for Professional Responsibility
676 North St. Clair St.
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

I received the report from your investigation of the matter of sexual misconduct with a minor on the part of **Reverend Walter Huppenbauer**.

I accept your findings and have determined that there is a semblance of truth to the allegations that **Father Huppenbauer** 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,

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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15 July, 2003

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Walter:

I am writing to let you know that I have received the report from Ms. Leah McCluskey regarding the inquiry she conducted concerning the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against you.

Taking into account the material already presented to the review board, she has looked into the matter further. I have concluded from her report that there is enough evidence to indicate that I need to refer your case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and ask for their permission to conduct a trial to determine whether you committed the delict of sexual abuse of a minor; and, if so, what penalty ought to be imposed on you.

I will make this referral by the end of the month. It is impossible to say when the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith will respond to my request.

If I am given permission to conduct a trial in the Archdiocese, I will ask the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to provide me with three judges. I will also present all the material in the case to the Promoter of Justice, and ask that he draw up a formal petition. A trial will then be conducted according to the norm of law. You will be informed throughout the proceedings of how you might exercise your rights. If you have not appointed an advocate, one will be appointed for you.

Since you are already observing the restrictions on your ministry as I requested, I do not see any need to impose any formal penal restrictions on you, as called for by canon 1722. In a previous letter to you, I indicated that I would issue this decree once I sent the case to the Holy See. In light of your cooperation, however, I have decided it is not necessary to take any further steps at this time.

As you know, the Dallas Charter and subsequent Norms state that if even a single act of sexual misconduct with a minor is proven, you must be removed permanently from ministry. Even if the offense does not warrant dismissal from the clerical state, the laws approved by the Holy See for the United States would not allow me to assign you to any public ministry, to celebrate the sacraments publicly, or to present yourself in public as a priest. Instead, you would be expected to lead a life of prayer and penance under my direction.

On the other hand, if the allegations against you are not proven, I will do everything I can to restore your reputation. I realize how difficult this might be, given the publicity that has already been given to this matter. Since I also realize you may have some feelings about this matter, I will consult with you before anything is done in this regard.

I am again appreciative of the cooperation you have given me in this matter. I will keep you in my prayers, and ask that you keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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TO: Ms. Leah McCluskey
cc: Bishop Goedert
Father Kaczorowski
Father Smilanic
Mr. Jimmy Lago
Mr. John O'Malley

FROM: Father Lagges PRL

RE: Precepts: An Oversight

DATE: 18 July, 2003

Enclosed are copies of precepts that should have accompanied the copies of letters from the Cardinal delegating you to receive information concerning the monitoring of priests accused of sexual misconduct.

I'm sorry that I didn't send these on until now. The precept simply spells out the canonical rationale, and doesn't alter anything from the previous letter.

I am not sending copies to the accused, since we don't usually send procedural decrees to people. The 27 May letter explained the gist of what is in the precept.

Sorry.

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Given in Chicago, Illinois on the 23rd day of May, 2003.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-18

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Huppenbauer, Walter

Date: August 10, 2003

PRA, Fr. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests, and Fr. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice met with Fr. Walter Huppenbauer on July 25, 2003 to discuss the new monitoring protocols.

PRA confirmed with Fr. Huppenbauer that he did receive a packet of information regarding monitoring via mail from the Office of Professional Responsibility. PRA reviewed with Fr. Huppenbauer his Individual Specific Monitoring Protocol as well as the Daily Log and Travel/Vacation Agreement forms. PRA apologized to Fr. Huppenbauer for neglecting to provide him with a copy of the policies promulgated on July 15, 2003. Fr. Huppenbauer was assured that a copy of the new policies would be sent to him. Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he does not have a canonical advocate. However, Fr. Tivy and Fr. Smilanic voiced their suggestions that he consider obtaining the services of a canonical advocate.

In regards to the Travel/Vacation Agreement form, Fr. Huppenbauer asked if Fr. Daniel Mark Holihan could act as his monitor for out of town/overnight trips. Due to the fact that Fr. Holihan is also requested to follow a monitoring protocol, PRA informed Fr. Huppenbauer that Fr. Holihan could not act as a monitor for him.

PRA answered specific questions that Fr. Huppenbauer had regarding the information needed to adequately complete the Daily Log forms.

Fr. Huppenbauer was not asked to sign the Individual Specific Protocol at the meeting held on July 25, 2003. He again was advised to consider seeking the services of a canonical advocate and then discussing the monitoring protocols with him/her prior to providing his signature of agreement to adhere to his Individual Specific Protocol.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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September 3, 2003

Reverend Walter Huppenbauer
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Dear Wally:

This letter is a follow-up to the conversation we had this morning during which you asked me to serve as your procurator and advocate. I am enclosing two copies of a mandate for you to sign. Please keep one for your own file and return the other to me.

As I mentioned, my fee is one hundred dollars ($100.00) an hour. Many dioceses are assisting priests involved in penal trials with their canonical defense fees. You might contact the Vicar for Priests about this matter.

Please be assured of my prayers for you as well as my canonical services during this difficult time.

Fraternally in Christ,

Mike

Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM, J.C.D.
Procurator and Advocate

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Appointment of Procurator and Advocate

I, the Reverend Walter Huppenbauer, with this document hereby authorize and appoint the Reverend Michael P. Joyce, CM, J.C.D. to act as my procurator and advocate and give him my mandate in accord with canons 1481-1489 and 1725. By this mandate, I authorize the aforesaid Procurator and Advocate to act on my behalf before my local ordinary and any ecclesiastical tribunal. He enjoys all the privileges and rights accorded him in canon law including those actions requiring a special mandate.

He serves with the agreed upon remuneration. I reserve the right to revoke this mandate with due notice to the Reverend Michael P. Joyce, CM.

Walter J. Huppenbauer

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

Michael P. Joyce CM

Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM, J.C.D.

Palatine, Illinois
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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-18

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Huppenbauer, Walter

Date: September 5, 2003

PRA received a phone call today from Fr. Walter Huppenbauer. He stated that Rev. Michael Joyce, CM will be acting as his canonical advocate. Fr. Huppenbauer will forward to PRA the agreement signed by him and Fr. Joyce.

Fr. Joyce's contact information is as follows:
Rev. Michael Joyce, CM
St. Francis De Salles Church
2653 Ohio Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63118
[redacted]

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

To: **File**

From: **Tom Tivy**

Date: **September 11, 2003**

Re: **Walter Huppenbauer**

Wally Huppenbauer called on 9/6/03 to inform me that he now has an advocate , Rev. Michael Joyce CM, JCL. His phone # is [redacted]

Wally has forwarded the forms for Father Joyce's signature and will send them to the Vicar for Priests Office once they are returned.

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September 16, 2003

Rev. Walter E. Huppenbauer

[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

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. Michael Joyce, CM.

As you agreed orally to comply with the earlier form of the monitoring protocols, I ask that you indicate to me your oral agreement to these.

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. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL
For

Walter E. Huppenbauer

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This ISP for Walter E. Huppenbauer is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

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2. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature of PRA: Hal McCloskey Date: 9/17/03

Signature of VP: Thomas Tivy Date: 9/17/03

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: Walter E. Huppenbauer
(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.

TIME	PLACE	TELEPHONE (If appropriate)	PURPOSE
7:00 – 8:00 A.M.			
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9:00 – 10:00			
10:00 – 11:00			
11:00 – 12:00			
12:00 – 1:00 P.M.			
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10:00 – 11:00			
11:00 – 7:00 A.M.			

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____

Monitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date Received: _____

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Administrative Signature: _____

TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

_____ [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]

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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.

TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

H. Huppenbauer [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from 9-26-03 [departure date] through 9-29-03 [return date].

H. Huppenbauer [name of cleric] will be monitored by his sister [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of H. Huppenbauer [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

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Cleric Signature: Walter F. Huppenbauer **Date:** 9-24-03

PRA Signature: Neal McCluskey **Date:** 9/26/03

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MISCONDUCT POLICIES

X I acknowledge that I have read and am familiar with the Archdiocesan policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct with minors, adopted September 21, 1992.

_____ Please send me a copy of these policies and procedures.

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Signature: Walter E. Huppenbauer

Name (printed): WALTER E. HUPPENBAUER

Address: [redacted]

City, State, Zip: [redacted]

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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. [redacted]

Review for Cause

B. [redacted]

C. [redacted]

IV. Other Matters

D. Relative Monitors

[redacted]

[redacted]

E. Update on other monitors

[redacted]

Walter Huppenbauer

- Resides at [redacted]
- On-site monitor is Sr. [redacted]
- PRA to request that Fr. Tivy [Fr. Huppenbauer's Vicar] schedule a meeting to include: Fr. Huppenbauer, Sr. [redacted], Fr. Tivy, and PRA

[redacted]

F. [redacted]

G. [redacted]

Next scheduled meeting is November 15, 2003 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
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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Saturday, October 18, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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- Walter Huppenbauer (Withdrawn 2003) - PFR-18 [redacted]

F. [redacted]

G. [redacted]

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, November 15, 2003

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. Jim Kaczorowski
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Mr. John O'Malley
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic
cc: Jimmy Lago

FROM: Rev. Patrick R. Lagges PRL

RE: Appointment for Father Huppenbauer

DATE: 23 October, 2003

This is to inform you that Rev. Walter Huppenbauer has appointed Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM to serve as his procurator and advocate.

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Lazarist Residence
13245 Tesson Ferry Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63128-3888
Phone: 314.843.0108
FAX: 314.849.1267

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November 12, 2003

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Rev. Huppenbauer,

I want to thank you again for taking the time to meet with Fr. Tivy and me this morning in your home. It was a pleasure to meet Mother [redacted] and to have time to speak with you both.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Individual Specific Monitoring Protocols [ISP] that we reviewed this morning. As we discussed, copies of your ISP and *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* will be forwarded to your canonical advocate, Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM. Please review the enclosed ISP with Fr. Joyce prior to choosing to indicate your agreement with a signature. Once you have had a chance to discuss the monitoring with Fr. Joyce, I ask that you please contact me.

As always, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
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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: _____

11/12/03 (W)

Walter Huppenbauer

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Lagges, Patrick; Neri-Palomino, Laura; Smilanic, Daniel; Zrust, MaryAnn
Date: 11/12/03 2:59PM
Subject: Change of address

Fr. Tivy and I met with Fr. WH and his monitor in [redacted] today. WH provided us with his [redacted]'s new address:

Michael Joyce, CM
13245 Tesson Ferry Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63128
314 729-3714, phone
314 849-1267, fax

Laura--I will update Radar.

Leah

Huppenbauer

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Cleric Signature: Walter F. Huppenbauer **Date:** 11-18-03

PRA Signature: Pat McCarthy **Date:** 11/20/03

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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November 25, 2003

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

Thank you so much for the message that you left on November 20th regarding your conversation with your canonical advocate Rev. Michael Joyce, CM, agreeing to have you sign your Individual Specific Monitoring Protocols [ISP].

I have enclosed a copy of your ISP that we discussed on November 12, 2003 when your Vicar, Rev. Thomas Tivy and I met with you and your monitor, Mother [redacted] at your residence. I ask that you sign the copy that I have enclosed and return it to me in the provided envelope. I will then return copies to you and Fr. Joyce complete with my and Fr. Tivy's signatures.

As always, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns.

I hope that you have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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John C. O'Malley
Archdiocese of Chicago
155 East Superior Street
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

RE: [redacted] v. Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

This is to advise you that we represent the interests of [redacted] in a claim against the Archdiocese of Chicago and Father Walter Huppenbauer for misconduct while that priest was serving in and for the Archdiocese of Chicago. This letter is to advise you of our representation and to confirm our understanding that we have entered into a tolling agreement, a copy of which is included.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

cc: [redacted]

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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

LNP

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: December 7, 2003

RE: **[PFR-18]Huppenbauer, Walter (Retired/Withdrawn)** [redacted]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 12/5/03. 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 Huppenbauer, Walter/[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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13. (W) On-site visits by Vicar for Priests (VP) annually to include a meeting with VP and the cleric.

14. (W) 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: Walter E. Huppenbauer Date: 12-03-03

Printed Name: WALTER E. HUPPENBAUER

Signature of PRA: Paul McCluskey Date: 12/10/03

Signature of VP: _____ Date: _____

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December 12, 2003

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Michael J. Howlett, Jr.
Counsel to the State's Attorney
Richard J. Daley Center
69 West Washington Street, 32nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: [redacted]

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received a claim from attorney [redacted] that Fr. Walter Huppenbauer sexually abused his client [redacted] Fr. Huppenbauer is an archdiocesan priest. The Office of Legal Services does not have any further details at this time.

If our office can be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Mr. James A. Serritella
Ms. Shauna Boliker
Ms. Leah Mc Cluskey

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March 8, 2004

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

[redacted]

Re: [redacted] / Father Walter Huppenbauer

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Per our discussion, I am following up on your letter of November 26, 2003 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she has been in contact with you about this matter. [redacted]

Please direct any correspondence about the claim you are pursuing to me.

Very truly yours,

James A. Serritella

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cc: Leah McCluskey
Ralph Bonaccorsi

[redacted]

bcc: Reverend James Kaczorowski
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March 23, 2004

Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Responsibility
P.O. Box 1979
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Dear Leah,

This is to confirm our meeting with [redacted] on March 29, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. As agreed, the meeting will be held at our Chicago office on Wacker Drive.

My understanding is that your office does not have a file on this matter. As such, you have requested that we provide you with some information regarding this case. Essentially, Father Huppenbauer abused [redacted] on multiple occasions while he was assigned to St. Thomas in Palatine and [redacted] was in elementary school. We believe [redacted] to have been ten or eleven years old at the time of the abuse.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the Allegations of Sexual Misconduct of a Minor and summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim MT's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on March 29, 2004, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Fr. Walter Huppenbauer. According to Victim MT's statement, he was first abused by Huppenbauer when he was 11 years old and was abused by Huppenbauer on four occasions between 1971-1973. Victim MT described the abuse as "oral," and further stated that his first sexual experience was with Huppenbauer.

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May 10, 2004

HAND DELIVERED

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on March 29, 2004.

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 in care of Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report with your changes by May 21, 2004. Please know that you may also respond by May 21st 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 June 4, 2004. In the event that I do not receive a response from you by May 21st, I will assume that the draft report is accurate and I will proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Rev. Patrick Lagges
Archdiocese of Chicago
155 East Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Pat:

I am writing to inform you of my new contact information. As of June 1, 2004, I will be serving as Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Memphis.

My new address is:

The Catholic Center

PO Box 341669

Memphis, Tennessee 38184-1669

or

5825 Shelby Oaks Drive

Memphis, Tennessee 38134-7389.

My phone number is: 901-373-1207. The fax number is 901-373-1269. My email address remains the same: [redacted]

I hope that this change does no present an inconvenience for you.

Respectfully,

Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM

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June 7, 2004

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer. The report is based upon your revisions you returned to my office. 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. Also, I will attach your handwritten statements with the final report once you have approved and signed it.

[redacted], in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report to me by June 21, 2004. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by June 21st, I will assume that the final report is accurate and I will proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Mr. [redacted]

Here is a copy of the final report on the above matter. The original will be sent through the mail for [redacted] signature.

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

WALTER HUPPENBAUER [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from 9-02-04 [departure date] through 9-10-04 [return date].

WALTER HUPPENBAUER [name of cleric] will be monitored by [redacted]/SISTER [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of WALTER HUPPENBAUER [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by WALTER HUPPENBAUER [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of W. HUPPENBAUER [cleric name] over 9-02-04 TO 9-10-04 [aforementioned time frame].
3. As previously noted, the date of return to W. HUPPENBAUER's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 9-10-04 [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: Walter J. Huppenbauer **Date:** 8-03-04

PRA Signature: Earl McCluskey **Date:** 8/9/04

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.

Revised 8/28/03

Memo to file;

From: Ed Grace
Concerning Walter Huppenbauer
August 20, 2004

Today at 10:30 A.M. I met with Wally Huppenbauer and Leah McCluskey at [redacted]

Lead read Wally the allegation made by [redacted] against Wally Huppenbauer

Wally denied the accusation of sexual abuse.

I did not find the accusations convincing. They lacked the type of specificity as to actions, places, time and circumstances that I would find convincing.

Ed Grace

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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Saturday, October 16, 2004

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2004

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review:

A. In the Matter of Walter Huppenbauer (Retired 2001/Withdrawn 1994) – PFR-18
- Allegation made by [redacted]

B. [redacted]

C.

Review for Cause:

A. [redacted]

III. Other Matters

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, November 20, 2004

CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
Archdiocesan, Religious and Extern Priests

Parish/School/Agency [redacted]

DATE 10-05-04

I have received a copy of the CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHURCH PERSONNEL. I have read and understand the Code of Conduct, and I agree to abide by it. I have also read and understand the "Measures to Aid Observance of the Code of Conduct" and the "Practical Suggestions" and will employ them to help me observe the code of conduct. A violation of this code can result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination and/or removal from ministry.

Walter E. Huppenbauer
Signature

WALTER E. HUPPENBAUER
Print Name

RETIRED
Position

☒ **Archdiocesan** ☐ **Extern**

☐ **Religious Community** _____

The signed Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form shall be kept in personnel files at the Pastoral Center. Please return the acknowledgement form to:

Archdiocesan Priests:
Office of the Chancellor
Archdiocese of Chicago
155 E. Superior
Chicago, IL. 60611

Religious/Extern Priests:
Rev. Jeremiah Boland
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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

W.E. HUPPENBAUER [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from 10-08-04 [departure date] through 10-12-04 [return date].

W.E. HUPPENBAUER [name of cleric] will be monitored by [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of WEH [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by WEH [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
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3. As previously noted, the date of return to WEH's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 10-12-04 [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: [signature] **Date:** 10-01-04

PRA Signature: [signature] **Date:** 10/6/04

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-18

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: REV. WALTER HUPPENBAUER'S [RETIRED/WITHDRAWN] RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MADE BY [redacted]

Date: October 7, 2004

Date of Interview: August 20, 2004 **Time of Interview**: 10:30am

Present at Meeting

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Face-to-Face Meeting

Rev. Edward Grace and PRA arrived at [redacted] at approximately 10:30am for the scheduled meeting. The meeting took place in Rev. Walter Huppenbauer's apartment.

Fr. Huppenbauer has been aware of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against him for 18 weeks. PRA provided Fr. Huppenbauer with a copy of [redacted] allegation. He was also informed that copies of the allegation would be forwarded to his canonical advocate and civil attorney.

Prior to PRA reading the allegation, Fr. Huppenbauer indicated that he did not remember [redacted] name, but did recall a situation at St. Thomas of Villanova when a boy [redacted]

PRA then proceeded by reading [redacted] allegation to Fr. Huppenbauer in its entirety. It was agreed that Fr. Huppenbauer would interrupt PRA at any time while the allegation was being read if something was not clear or if he had a comment to make.

It is to be noted that Fr. Huppenbauer's additions/corrections to the draft report of his response are reflected in bold italics throughout the body of this final report.

As PRA read [redacted] allegation, Fr. Huppenbauer did interrupt at appropriate times to address certain statements. [redacted] Fr. Huppenbauer also stated that he completely denies the allegation of oral sex taking place. He continued by stating that he denies any sexual abuse as alleged by [redacted] Fr. Huppenbauer described the allegation as being a bunch of baloney. He questioned if [redacted] has identified the correct priest as his alleged abuser.

When PRA continued to read from page three of the allegation, Fr. Huppenbauer shared his opinion that [redacted] is a continued pattern of difficulties that began prior to his entrance to St. Thomas of Villanova [prior to knowing Fr. Huppenbauer]. In response to [redacted] statement of, [redacted] Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he never said anything of the sort to [redacted]

On page four of the allegation, [redacted] shares his acknowledgement of Fr. Huppenbauer being assigned to [redacted] Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he was assigned to work with Little Sisters of the Poor.

On page six of the allegation, [redacted] alleges, ". [redacted] Fr. Huppenbauer responded that [redacted] he personally does not drink. As per Fr. Huppenbauer, when serving mass ***many times*** he would only wet his lips with wine. Fr. Huppenbauer denies that he gave wine to anyone [as per [redacted]] to drink.

In response to [redacted] statement, " [redacted] Fr. Huppenbauer remarked that if such events [of alleged abuse] took place that he would remember them as well.

Fr. Huppenbauer then referenced the following section of [redacted] allegation, ' [redacted] As per Fr. Huppenbauer, he shared his

opinion that [redacted] is attempting to wrongly connect his history [redacted] to him [Fr. Huppenbauer]. [redacted]

Upon the conclusion of PRA reading the report in its entirety, Fr. Huppenbauer spoke of a "recruit talk" at St. Thomas of Villanova prior to [redacted] coming forward with his allegation. Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he *wants to ask* associates/peers currently connected with St. Thomas of Villanova if his name had surfaced in connection with the talk regarding the safety of children [Virtus Training].

Fr. Huppenbauer described [redacted] allegation against him as ridiculous. He denies any sexual contact with [redacted] at all. Fr. Huppenbauer categorically denied all of [redacted] allegations of sexual misconduct against him.

PRA and Fr. Grace thanked Fr. Huppenbauer for his time and also for allowing the meeting to take place at his residence.

Walter E. Huppenbauer
Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

10-14-04
Date

Leah McCluskey
Leah McCluskey, Administrator

10/18/04
Date

Rev. Edward D. Grace
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

10/20/04
Date

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., Canonical Advocate

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of former Rev. Walter Huppenbauer's response to Victim MT's allegation of abuse, given to Ms. McCluskey on August 20, 2004. Huppenbauer responded to certain statements made by Victim MT and denied that he engaged in inappropriate conduct with Victim MT.

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October 7, 2004

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

Enclosed you will find a final report of your response to [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against you. 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.

Fr. Huppenbauer, in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report to me by October 21, 2004. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by October 21st, I will assume that the final report is accurate and I will proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Cc: Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., Canonical Advocate
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Attorney

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Professional Responsibility Review Board
Saturday, October 16, 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 - September 18, 2004
- One typo noted on Page 2 of the Minutes--Section B, first bold point should read, [redacted]
- Once noted typo is corrected, unanimous 5-0 to approve September 18, 2004 Minutes

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

II. **Case Reviews**

I **Initial Review**

A. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer [Retired 2001/Withdrawn 1994]-PFR-18
The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation made by [redacted] The claim is as follows: oral and genital contact.

In a 5-0 vote, in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also made the following recommendations:
- That PRA attempt to obtain a signed consent from Mr. [redacted] in order to request copies of his Archdiocesan and public school records, specifically in regards to his behavior.

- That PRA determine where Mr. [redacted] resides [state], where he is employed, and his current family status.
- That PRA determine if Mr [redacted] requested Fr. Huppenbauer's status via the priest information service [available on the Archdiocesan website and phone] by reviewing the Chancellor's files.
- [redacted]
- That PRA determine when Mr. [redacted] disclosed the alleged abuse by Fr. Huppenbauer to his parents.
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- That PRA offer Mr [redacted] the choice to either provide PRA with a written account of the incidents of alleged abuse by Fr. Huppenbauer he sustained or that he meet with Dr. Michael Bland [Assistance Ministry] to verbally share with him the incidents of alleged abuse.
- PRA asked the Board members to keep all information on this matter, as it will be presented in the future for a Review for Cause.

B. [redacted]

C. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Review for Cause

A. [redacted]

Next scheduled meeting is November 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.
Lunch will take place immediately following the meeting at the Caliterra Bar and Grille

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
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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-18

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Huppenbauer, Walter (Retired/Withdrawn) [redacted]

Date: October 16, 2004

A summary of the conversation from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on October 16, 2004:

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation made by [redacted] The claim is as follows: oral and genital contact.

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- [redacted]
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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 10/16/04 (enter date: month/day/year) to conduct a(n)

(check one:) ☒ Initial Review ☐ Preliminary Review ☐ Review for Cause ☐ Supplementary Review
☐ Status Report

regarding the allegation of [redacted]

against Walter Huppenbauer
(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: oral, genital contact
(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.~~ warrants add'l investigation
☐ 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: 5-0 →
see recommendations in Meeting Minutes (10/16/04)

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino LNP

Re: Huppenbauer, Walter (Retired/Withdrawn) [redacted]

Date: October 18, 2004

Please sign the attached interview report and return to this office at your earliest convenience. A signed copy will be provided for your files.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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October 19, 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 October 16, 2004 and conducted an Initial Review of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Huppenbauer is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board determined that in light of the information presented, additional investigation of the matter is warranted. 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,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

I accept this recommendation. F. George Oct 21, 2004

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

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October 21, 2004

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon
221 N. LaSalle Street
Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of your report based upon the meeting that took place with you, Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests, and Leah McCluskey on August 20, 2004. A copy is also enclosed for your attorney.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Neri-Palomino

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant

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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 Walter Huppenbauer** 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).

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 Huppenbauer**.

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 Huppenbauer'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 Professional Responsibility 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 October 28, 2004, at Chicago, Illinois.

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

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Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Responsibility
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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 19, 2004, regarding the matter of **Rev. Walter Huppenbauer**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who was removed from ministry because of previous accusations of sexual misconduct with a minor, and the allegation made by [redacted] following the Initial Review conducted by the Professional Responsibility Review Board on October 16, 2004.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that the information they received at least seems to be true that **Father Huppenbauer** 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 **Reverend Huppenbauer**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, 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
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October 29, 2004

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on October 16, 2004 and conducted an Initial Review regarding [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct 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. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board at a Review for Cause of this matter. I ask at this time that you forward any additional information regarding this matter to my attention.

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. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests continues to be available to you. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., Canonical Advocate
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Civil attorney

From: Maryann Fox
To: McCluskey, Leah
Date: 11/18/04 3:35PM
Subject: Re: Priest Information Service

[redacted] (I believe Jan said she works for [redacted] Her reason was general concerns. The request came in on August 23rd.

>>> Leah McCluskey 11/18/2004 2:51:05 PM >>>
Good afternoon Maryann!

Could you please check your files to see if anyone has made an information service inquiry for Rev. Walter Huppenbauer? If so, could you tell me who requested the information on him?

Thanks.

Leah

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November 30, 2004

[redacted]

Dear Mr. [redacted],

I am writing this letter in regards to your client, [redacted] and his allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer.

As you may know, the day that [redacted] agreed to meet with Dr. Michael Bland and myself in [redacted]s office was extremely difficult for him. [redacted] expressed to us his anger toward the church, as well as the emotional difficulties he has experienced from the time he was in grammar school to the present. It was visibly apparent to those present in Mr. [redacted]s office with [redacted] on March 29, 2004 that he was significantly emotionally and physically affected by the meeting itself. During the meeting, [redacted] expressed his being uncomfortable with disclosing specifics of the abuse by Fr. Huppenbauer in front of a woman. Therefore, while at the March 29th meeting [redacted] shared with us all that he was emotionally able to regarding Fr. Huppenbauer.

At this point in time, I am writing on behalf of the independent Archdiocesan Review Board to determine if [redacted] would be comfortable with either providing a written statement regarding the abuse by Fr. Huppenbauer, or speaking with Dr. Bland to verbally share such memories and experiences. The Archdiocesan Review Board has also requested if additional clarification questions may be asked of [redacted] based upon his original statement.

Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 so that we may discuss this matter. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
Dr. Michael Bland, Assistance Ministry

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim MT to Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, dated December 29, 2004, responding to a letter from Ms. McCluskey seeking more information as to the incidents of abuse by Fr. Walter Huppenbauer. According to Victim MT's letter, he first met Huppenbauer in 1972 and by 1973 the relationship was inappropriate. Victim MT stated that Huppenbauer touched him in a sexual manner, caressed Victim MT over and under Victim MT's clothing, Huppenbauer exposed himself to Victim MT, and Huppenbauer forced Victim MT to perform oral sex on him. Victim MT also alleged that Huppenbauer made him drink alcohol.

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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: Rev. Edward D. Grace
Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura A. Neri-Palomino

FAX NUMBER: 312-642-4933

DATE: 1/13/05

PHONE NUMBER: 312-642-1837

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RE: Huppenbauer, Walter/[redacted]

PHONE NUMBER: 312-751-5206

☑ COPY ATTACHED ☐ PLEASE REVIEW ☐ APPROVAL NEEDED ☐ PLEASE RESPOND ASAP
☐ SEE ATTACHED ☐ PLEASE PROVIDE COPY ☐ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ☐ PLEASE SIGN/RETURN

Fr. Grace,

Leah asked that I forward you a copy of the following letter from [redacted] date December 29, 2004.

Laura

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MEMORANDUM

DRAFT

To: PFR-18

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: **REV. WALTER HUPPENBAUER'S [RETIRED/WITHDRAWN] RESPONSE TO [redacted] [ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF HIS] ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

Date: February 7, 2005

Date of Meeting: February 7, 2005 **Time of Meeting: 9:30am**

Present at Meeting

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Conference Call

This meeting took place entirely via conference call. PRA arrived at the Vicar for Priests' Office for the 9:30am scheduled meeting. PRA and Rev. Edward Grace then contacted Rev. Walter Huppenbauer via phone.

PRA began the phone call by informing Fr. Huppenbauer that the statement [letter] to be read to him was written by [redacted] It was further explained to Fr. Huppenbauer that the December 2004 letter signed by [redacted] was the result of PRA's request that he provide any additional information regarding the alleged incidents of abuse.

PRA then read to Fr. Huppenbauer [redacted] letter in its entirety.

Fr. Huppenbauer responded that the incidents alleged by [redacted] in his letter are completely false. He also stated that there is no basis of truth to what [redacted] has alleged, and more specifically that he has had no such contact with his accuser.

Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he feels frustrated at this time and that this matter is a "...he said, he said..." situation.

When asked by Fr. Huppenbauer, PRA informed him that a copy of [redacted] letter detailing additional allegations against him would be forwarded to his attention. PRA also informed Fr. Huppenbauer that a copy of the letter would be forwarded to his civil attorney Mr. Patrick Reardon as well.

Fr. Huppenbauer then shared that as he has had more time to think about [redacted] allegation against him, he does recall that his accuser had disciplinary issues as a minor. Therefore to Fr. Huppenbauer's recollection, [redacted]

Fr. Huppenbauer shared that [redacted] allegation against him has been devastating and is completely untrue. He expressed his difficulty with putting his resulting feelings into words. Fr. Huppenbauer also openly questioned why [redacted] would make such an allegation against him.

PRA then asked Fr. Huppenbauer if he had any involvement with CCD classes at St. Thomas of Villanova. Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he had two separate assignments at St. Thomas of Villanova, first as an associate and then as pastor. According to Archdiocesan Archives, Fr. Huppenbauer was assigned to St. Thomas of Villanova from September 1, 1971 through June 1977 and then from August 1, 1989 through June 5, 1994 as an associate and then pastor, respectively.

As per Fr. Huppenbauer, when he was an associate the extent of his involvement with CCD classes was possibly greeting students as they walked into their classes. He was also involved with teen masses as an associate. Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he never met with any students one on one to teach the Bible. In regards to his involvement with teens, he would be with a group of teens either at their [teen] meetings or at mass.

PRA and Fr. Grace thanked Fr. Huppenbauer for his response to [redacted] allegation. Both PRA and Fr. Grace thanked Fr. Huppenbauer for his time and asked that he call either with any questions or concerns.

PRA informed Fr. Huppenbauer that a draft report of his response to [redacted] allegation would be mailed to him for his review. Fr. Huppenbauer was asked to make any corrections to the draft report prior to returning it to PRA.

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

Date

Leah McCluskey, Administrator

4/4/05
Date

Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

Date

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February 7, 2005

Mr. Patrick Reardon
221 N. LaSalle Street
Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Reardon,

Here is a copy of [redacted] letter dated December 29, 2004.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Neri-Palomino

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant

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February 8, 2005

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

I want to thank you for taking the time to speak with Rev. Edward Grace and myself this morning.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft report written based upon our phone conversation that took place on February 7, 2005, 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. Huppenbauer, I ask that you return the report to me by February 21, 2005 so that I may continue to move this matter forward. Once I have a final copy of the report as indicated by the appropriate signatures, I will return a copy to you for your records.

Please know that you may contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns. Also know that your Vicar for Priests, Fr. Grace continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Cc: Mr. Patrick Reardon, civil attorney

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino LNP

Re: Huppenbauer, Walter (Retired/Withdrawn) [redacted]

Date: April 5, 2005

Please sign the enclosed Response to Allegation report in reference to the above matter. Return to this office at your earliest convenience. A copy will then be forwarded to you for your file.

Thank you.

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Professional Responsibility Review Board
Saturday, April 16, 2005 10:00 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 – April 9, 2005

- Unanimously approved 6-0 [[redacted] not yet at meeting]

II. Case Reviews

Review for Cause

A. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer [Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002] PFR-18

The Review Board was to conduct a Review for Cause regarding the allegation made by [redacted] The claim is as follows: oral genital contact.

The Board postponed a recommendation to the Cardinal until PRA could make a last attempt to request information via Mr. [redacted]ttorney, [redacted] The Board specifically requested that PRA attempt to obtain the following information via written correspondence:

- The location [state] where Mr. [redacted] resides and the nature of his current employment.
- [redacted]
- The approximate time period when Mr. [redacted] disclosed the abuse by Fr. Huppenbauer to his parents.
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

Regardless of the information received or not received from Mr. [redacted] as requested, this matter will be on the agenda for a Review for Cause at the Review Board meeting scheduled for May 21, 2005.

B. [redacted]

C. [redacted]

[redacted]

III. **Other Matters:**

- Reminder that [redacted] will not be present for the scheduled May 21, 2005 Review Board Meeting.

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, May 21, 2005 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
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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Saturday, April 16, 2005

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2005

II. Case Reviews

Review for Cause:

A. In the Matter of Walter Huppenbauer (Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002) – PFR-18
- Allegation made by [redacted]
- **Initial Review 10/16/04**

B. [redacted]

C.

III. Other Matters

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, May21, 2005

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-18

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Huppenbauer, Walter (Retired/Withdrawn) [redacted]

Date: April 16, 2005

A summary of the conversation from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on April 16, 2005:

The Review Board was to conduct a Review for Cause regarding the allegation made by [redacted] The claim is as follows: oral genital contact.

The Board postponed a recommendation to the Cardinal until PRA could make a last attempt to request information via [redacted] attorney, [redacted] The Board specifically requested that PRA attempt to obtain the following information via written correspondence:

- The location [state] where [redacted] resides and the nature of his current employment.
- [redacted]
- The approximate time period when [redacted] disclosed the abuse by Fr. Huppenbauer to his parents.
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

Regardless of the information received or not received from Mr. [redacted] as requested, this matter will be on the agenda for a Review for Cause at the Review Board meeting scheduled for May 21, 2005.

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on April 16, 2005 to conduct a(n)
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) Initial Review Preliminary Review X Review for Cause Supplementary Review
Status Report

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

against Walter Huppenbauer
(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: oral genital contact
(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.
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: postponed – PRA to write specific letter to [redacted] on or in May 2005

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April 19, 2005

[redacted]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Archdiocesan Review Board regarding your client, [redacted] and his allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer. The Board discussed this matter at the meeting held on April 16, 2005 and instructed me to attempt to obtain additional information.

I first would like to thank you and [redacted] for your cooperation to date regarding this matter and all of the information that your client has shared regarding Fr. Huppenbauer. The Review Board is appreciative of all information provided regarding such serious matters of abuse prior to making a recommendation to Cardinal George.
Therefore, the Board has requested that I ask if [redacted] would be comfortable providing any or all of the following information.

- The location [state] where [redacted] resides and the nature of his current employment.
- [redacted]
- The approximate time period when [redacted] disclosed the abuse by Fr. Huppenbauer to his parents.
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

Mr. [redacted], I again thank you and [redacted] for your cooperation with this matter. I ask that any information that you and/or [redacted] choose to provide be forwarded to my attention by May 11, 2005. All information will then be provided to the Review Board at the scheduled May 2005 meeting for a Review for Cause.

Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

Victor E. Huppenbauer [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from 5-04-05 [departure date] through 5-11-05 [return date].

cf. above [name of cleric] will be monitored by sister, [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. cf. above [name of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of cf. above [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by cf. above [name of cleric] must be in the presence of cf. above [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
2. cf. above [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of cf. above [cleric name] over cf. above [aforementioned time frame].
3. As previously noted, the date of return to cf. above's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for cf. above [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: Victor E. Huppenbauer **Date:** 4-29-05

PRA Signature: [signature] **Date:** 5/2/05

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.

Revised 8/28/03

[redacted]

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May 3, 2005

SENT VIA FAX & U.S. MAIL

Leah McCluskey
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P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

RE: [redacted]

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

This is in response to your request for further information regarding [redacted] The responses are numbered in accordance with the order the issues were presented in your letter of request. The only exception is that I took the liberty of combining numbers 2 and 4 to avoid redundancy. [redacted] answers are as follows:

1. [redacted]

2 & 4 [redacted]

*Certified Civil Trial Specialist by National Board of Trial Advocacy and Minnesota State Bar Association
[I] Also Admitted in Illinois [W] Also Admitted in Wisconsin [M] Also Admitted in Missouri

[redacted]

3. [redacted] made a limited disclosure of abuse to his parents around 1996. He states he still had fears about "their place in the church and/or in God's eyes." Fears cultivated in him years ago as a child by Father Huppenbauer. [redacted] They were, of course, completely devastated and to this day he often wishes he hadn't told them at all.

5. [redacted]

I trust that this answers all of your questions satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Enclosure
cc: [redacted]

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 5/21/05 (enter date: month/day/year) to conduct a(n)

(check one:) Initial Review Preliminary Review Review for Cause Supplementary Review
Status Report

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

against Walter Huppenbauer
(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 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:) 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:) 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: 5-0 reasonable cause to suspect

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Professional Responsibility Review Board
Saturday, May 21, 2005 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES **CORRECTED**

Review Board Members Present:

[redacted]

Members absent:

[redacted]

Non-members present:

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

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I. Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2005

- Unanimously approved 5-0

II. Other Matters

- [redacted]

[redacted]

III. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Review for Cause

A. [redacted]

B.

C.

D. [redacted]

E. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer [Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002] PFR-18
The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause regarding the allegation made by [redacted] The allegation is as follows: oral genital contact.

In a 5-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommends that Fr. Huppenbauer's withdrawal from ministry continues as well as the current restrictions and monitoring imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 18, 2005 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, May 21, 2005

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2005

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review:

A. [redacted]

Review for Cause:

A. [redacted]

B.

C.

D.

E. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer (Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002) – PFR-18
- Allegation made by [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM

To: File - 18

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Huppenbauer, Walter (Retired/Withdrawn) [redacted]

Date: May 21, 2005

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on May 21, 2005:

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause regarding the allegation made by [redacted] The allegation is as follows: oral genital contact.

In a 5-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommends that Fr. Huppenbauer's withdrawal from ministry continues as well as the current restrictions and monitoring imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

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May 23, 2005

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 May 21, 2005 and conducted a Review for Cause of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Huppenbauer is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board determined that in light of the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board also recommended that Fr. Huppenbauer's withdrawal from ministry continue as well as the current restrictions and monitoring 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 urge the removal. May 31, 2005

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Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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June 1, 2005

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on May 21, 2005 and conducted a Review for Cause regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer, a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that based on the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Cardinal also accepted the Board's recommendation that Fr. Huppenbauer's withdrawal from ministry continue as well as the existing restrictions and monitoring that have been imposed in accordance with 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 McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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June 1, 2005

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on May 21, 2005 and conducted a Review for Cause regarding [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 based on the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Cardinal also accepted the Board's recommendation that your withdrawal from ministry continue as well as the existing restrictions and monitoring that have been imposed in accordance with 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 your Vicar for Priests Rev. Edward Grace continues to be available to you. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., Canonical Advocate
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

WALTER [illegible] [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from 6-29-05 [departure date] through 7-6-05 [return date].

cf. above [name of cleric] will be monitored by [redacted] SISTER [name of travel monitor]. cf. above [name of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of cf. above [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by cf. above [name of cleric] must be in the presence of cf. above [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
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3. As previously noted, the date of return to cf. above's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for cf. above [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: [signature] **Date:** 6-27-05

PRA Signature: [signature] **Date:** 6/29/05

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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July 22, 2005

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Walter:

I have completed my review of the case of sexual misconduct with minors that has been pending against you. My decision is contained in the enclosed decree.

I have also sent a copy of this decree to your advocate, so you might want to discuss this with him.

Should you wish to appeal this decree, you may do so to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith within the prescribed period of time. However, you will be expected to bear any of the expenses associated with that appeal.

I hope this will bring some conclusion to this matter which has been most difficult for both of us. Please be assured that you remain in my prayers; I ask that you keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

cc: Rev. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., Advocate
Rev. George J. Rassas, Vicar General
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Promoter of Justice
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
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Penal Decree and Precept resolving the matter against Reverend Walter Huppenbauer (CDF P.N. 288/03-19662)

According to the decree *Christus dominus* of the Second Vatican Council, 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. 2). Diocesan bishops have been entrusted with the pastoral care of a portion of the People of God, and designated their proper, ordinary, and immediate pastor. (CD, n. 11). The Council further teaches, "In exercising his office of father and pastor, the bishop should be with his people as one who serves, as a good shepherd who knows his sheep and whose sheep know him, as a true father who excels in his love and solicitude for all...." (CD, n. 16).

This love and solicitude expresses itself in providing for the welfare of the faithful according to their circumstances (CD, n. 16), and also in being "compassionate and helpful to those priests who are in any kind of danger or who have failed in some respect." (CD, n. 16)

It is for this reason that my predecessor, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, expressed such solicitude for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago in establishing policies with regard to sexual misconduct of priests. I have continued that tradition of solicitude by confirming and revising these policies from time to time.

The nature of the priesthood itself requires that special attention be given to matters involving priestly misconduct. Recognizing the high dignity of the priesthood, which was established by the Lord Jesus to be joined in a special way with the episcopal ministry, and hence shares in the authority by which Christ himself builds up and sanctifies and rules his Body, it is all the more necessary to exercise particular vigilance over the behavior of priests and to hold them to a greater level of accountability. The sacred task which has been given to priests demands a conduct commensurate with that task.

At their ordination, priests take on a number of obligations. They are bound by a special obligation to show reverence and obedience to the Holy Father and to their own ordinary (c. 273), and are to fulfill faithfully any function which their ordinary entrusts to them (c. 274§2). They are to be united among themselves, but at the same time promote the proper mission of the laity (c. 275). They are to pursue holiness of life through the fulfillment of their pastoral duties, through the nourishment of the spiritual life by word and sacrament, and through leading a life of prayer (c. 276). They are to continue their studies after ordination (c. 279) and have the right to

associate with other clerics to pursue purposes in keeping with the clerical state (c. 278). They are to foster simplicity of life and are to have a special concern for the poor (c. 282).

Moreover, priests are to avoid all those things which could endanger their vocation or give rise to scandal among the people. First and foremost, they are bound to a life of perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the kingdom (c. 277), which expresses itself in a life of celibacy. But they are also to act with due prudence in their associations with others (c. 277§2), avoiding those things unbecoming the clerical state (c. 285 §§1-2).

The Catholic Bishops of the United States, in addressing the issue of clerical sexual abuse of minors, established at their annual general meeting held in Dallas in June, 2002 a *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, commonly referred to as the *Charter*. This was a common commitment by the bishops of the United States to act in a concerted way with regard to the issue of clerical sexual abuse of minors.

At that same meeting the bishops also passed and forwarded to the Holy See for its *recognitio* a set of *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons,* commonly referred to as the *Essential Norms*. These *Norms* established, among other things, that "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 will be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants." Diocesan bishops and eparchs were also reminded that they have "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." (*Norm* 9)

In the case of clerical sexual abuse of a minor, this could be by means of a penal decree or a penal precept, since it involves a delict (c. 1395§2).

The universal law of the Church, by virtue of the motu proprio *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, has given the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith exclusive competence over matters involving clerical sexual misconduct with minors. In removing the bishop's discretionary authority given by c. 1718, the universal law of the Church requires that, after the preliminary investigation has been conducted in accord with c. 1717, the bishop is to forward to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith all cases involving clerical sexual misconduct with a minor, and request further instruction from that Congregation as to how to proceed.

The case of **Reverend Walter Huppenbauer** was referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on 31 July, 2003. Having reviewed the material submitted by the Archdiocese of Chicago, in a letter of 14 July, 2004 (P.N. 288/03-19662), Cardinal Ratzinger, then Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and now His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, granted me permission to impose a penal precept on Father Huppenbauer. However, His Eminence informed me that the Congregation shares my desire "that Father Huppenbauer continue to live at the nursing home where he currently resides." Moreover, Cardinal Ratzinger expressed the opinion that "while the cleric remains at the nursing home, he could exercise some form of limited ministry, for example, the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the administration of the Sacraments, especially the Anointing of the Sick in danger of death, etc."

In accordance with the directives of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, and considering this matter in light of the common good (c. 223); seeking ways to repair scandal and restore justice (c. 1341); reviewing again the accusations made against **Father Huppenbauer**; and having prayed for Wisdom and Understanding to decide this matter, I hereby make the following provisions with regard to **Reverend Walter Huppenbauer**:

I am morally certain of the following facts:

As a priest at St. Hilary Parish, **Reverend Walter Huppenbauer** is guilty of the delict described in c. 1395§2 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law (c. 2359§2 of the 1917 Code).

Since Father Huppenbauer is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, there is no question about his having a pastoral assignment. His status as a retired priest will thus continue, with his pension also continuing. He is directed to continue to live at [redacted] administered by [redacted]. Father Huppenbauer's faculties as a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago are restricted to ministering to those who are residents of [redacted] and to the [redacted] who minister or live there. He is not to exercise ministry for the families of any of the residents or for any of the staff of the facility, their family or friends, or for any visitors who may come to the facility. When his services are needed and requested, he must always keep in mind the possibility of scandal to the faithful and respond accordingly.

I also dispense Father Huppenbauer from the obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c. 284), and strongly urge that he never wear such attire outside [redacted]. Furthermore, he is never to represent himself as a priest to those unknown to him nor act as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago at any time.

I also encourage Father Huppenbauer to observe the prescriptions of canons 273 to 289 concerning the obligations and rights of clerics. That is, he is to show reverence and obedience to the Supreme Pontiff and to his ordinary (c. 273); is to unite himself with the presbyterate of Chicago and promote the mission of the laity (c. 275); to pursue holiness of life, especially by availing himself of daily prayer, monthly spiritual direction and an annual retreat, if he is physically able to do so (c. 276); to pursue opportunities for continuing education (c. 279); to foster simplicity of life (c. 282); and to foster peace and harmony based on justice (c. 287).

I further remind Father Huppenbauer that he must 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.

Most especially, because of his actions in the past, I remind Father Huppenbauer of his obligation to observe perfect and perpetual chastity for the sake of the kingdom and to behave with due prudence toward persons who could endanger this obligation (c. 277).

In order that he observe this precept more closely, I also direct a program be developed in conjunction with the Vicar for Priests [redacted]

[redacted] which will allow his behavior to be monitored. This program can be modified from time to time as circumstances dictate.

In issuing this precept, I am also grateful to Father Huppenbauer for his patience during this very difficult time. I hope that by the provisions of this decree Father Huppenbauer may renew and deepen his commitment to the priestly life in prayer and penance. I ask that he remember especially in his prayers all those who have suffered from sexual abuse, and ask that the healing power of God be with them and make them whole.

These provisions will remain in effect for a period of five years, at which time they will be reviewed to see if they ought to be renewed or altered in any way.

Given in Chicago, Illinois, on the 22nd day of July, 2005. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

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Rev. Richard Sandri
Ecclesiastical Notary

To: File
From: Ed Grace
Date: 7/28/05
Re: Walter Huppenbauer

I accompanied Cardinal George and others to [redacted] on July 27, 2005. The purpose of that visit was for the Cardinal to complete the canonical process regarding the accusations made by [redacted]

A copy of the penal decree is included in the file.

Today, pursuant to Father Huppenbauer's request I called him and informed him that the [redacted]

Today I also encouraged Father Huppenbauer to seek an appearance before the Review Board to personally deny the allegation against him by [redacted]

The Review Board has already completed action on this allegation and found "Reasonable Cause to Suspect".

When informed of this Father Huppenbauer vigorously repeated his denial of the veracity of [redacted] claim.

Cardinal George encouraged Father Huppenbauer to personally bring his denial to the Review Board.

Today, Father Huppenbauer indicated he would:
consult his Canonical advocate, Rev. Joyce, C.M.
and seek an appearance with his advocate before the Review Board.

I encouraged this and referred him to Leah McClusky for the procedure.

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

WALTER HUPPENBAUER [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from 9-01-05 [departure date] through 9-07-05 [return date].

WALTER HUPPENBAUER [name of cleric] will be monitored by [redacted] - SISTER [name of travel monitor]. cf. above [name of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of cf. above [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

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PRA Signature: Neal McCluskey **Date:** 9/1/05

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-18

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: September 20, 2005

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 [redacted] to meet with Rev. Walter Huppenbauer on July 27, 2005. The meeting had been scheduled at the request of Cardinal George so that he could speak with Fr. Huppenbauer about the "Penal Decree and Precept resolving the matter against Reverend Walter Huppenbauer (DCF P.N. 288/03 – 19662)."

Cardinal George began the meeting with a prayer and then provided Fr. Huppenbauer with a copy of the aforementioned decree [see file].

Cardinal George informed Fr. Huppenbauer that he has completed his review of the case of sexual misconduct with minors that has been pending against him. Cardinal George read over and summarized the decree for Fr. Huppenbauer. As per Cardinal George, the final decision concerning this matter from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [CDF] was to administer a punishment of a penal precept. Cardinal George informed Fr. Huppenbauer that this matter was referred to the CDF on July 31, 2003 and that the response was received from the CDF on July 14, 2004.

Summarizing the decree, Cardinal George informed Fr. Huppenbauer that he would be able to engage in limited ministry only to residents of the nursing home and only to the [redacted]. The Cardinal also informed Fr. Huppenbauer that he could hear confessions of the residents and staff of [redacted] Fr. Huppenbauer was then informed that he could celebrate private mass for himself in his room. Fr. Smilanic and PRA informed Fr. Huppenbauer that his current monitoring protocols would continue and that the monitoring will be reviewed in the near future.

Cardinal George informed Fr. Huppenbauer that this canonical process is now finished and that the decree presented [to Fr. Huppenbauer] is effective for a period of five years, at which time will be reviewed by the ordinary.

Fr. Smilanic informed Fr. Huppenbauer that a copy of the aforementioned decree was sent to his canonical advocate, Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM. It was agreed that Fr. Huppenbauer would contact PRA if he would like a copy of the decree sent to his civil attorney, Mr. Patrick Reardon.

Cardinal George then asked Fr. Huppenbauer if he had any additional questions or concerns. Fr. Huppenbauer mentioned his upcoming 50th Anniversary with his class, as he has been ordained for 48 years. Cardinal George informed Fr. Huppenbauer that he [Fr. Huppenbauer] may not concelebrate at the 50th Anniversary Mass, but that he may attend the celebration with his class.

Fr. Huppenbauer then expressed his disappointment to Cardinal George that he [Fr. Huppenbauer] will not be able to have a public funeral mass. He also expressed his disappointment that he was not told that his address was changed to the Vicar for Priests office and that he was not informed that his picture was taken out of the pictorial directory of priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Cardinal George acknowledged Fr. Huppenbauer's concerns and apologized for the lack of such information being communicated to him.

Cardinal George addressed Fr. Huppenbauer's concerns with his [Fr. Huppenbauer's] inevitable funeral. The Cardinal asked Fr. Huppenbauer to write down his wishes for his funeral and to forward them to his attention. Cardinal George informed Fr. Huppenbauer that his wishes "...may or may not happen...we will have to see at the time." Cardinal George also asked Fr. Huppenbauer to add at the end of his written wishes for his funeral that he [Fr. Huppenbauer] would allow the ordinary to carry out an appropriate funeral mass and burial.

At this point during the July 27th meeting, Fr. Huppenbauer expressed his wish to "...talk about the false allegation..." made against him. Fr. Huppenbauer was referring to the allegation of sexual misconduct made against him by [redacted] see file]. He stated that, "...absolutely nothing happened [in regards to the allegation made against him by [redacted]." Fr. Huppenbauer also stated that he feels he is included in a "group" of priests who are being [falsely] accused of the sexual abuse of minors. He expressed that he is upset and feels helpless and again stated that, "...this [the allegation that he sexually abused [redacted] did not happen."

Fr. Smilanic and PRA then spoke to Fr. Huppenbauer's concerns and talked about his right to initiate a Supplementary Review of the matter with the independent Review

Board. Cardinal George verbally urged Fr. Huppenbauer to initiate a Supplementary Review and request to meet with the Review Board in regards to this matter. Fr. Smilanic suggested that Fr. Huppenbauer discuss this matter with his advocate and then have his advocate request to review the entire file. It was then suggested that upon reviewing the file with his advocate, Fr. Huppenbauer request to address the Review Board in a Supplementary Review.

Cardinal George clarified for Fr. Huppenbauer that the end of the pending canonical process and related decree discussed at the July 27th meeting is independent of the allegation brought against him [Fr. Huppenbauer] by [redacted] Fr. Huppenbauer verbalized his understanding of Cardinal George's clarification.

Fr. Huppenbauer then requested information regarding the Archdiocese of Chicago's settlement with [redacted] Fr. Grace stated that he would obtain the information for Fr. Huppenbauer.

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

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Rev. Raymond Yadron
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
1201 E. Anderson Drive
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Dear Father Yadron:

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,

Fr. George Rassas

Reverend George J. Rassas
Vicar General

cc: Rev. Farrell Kane, O.Carm.

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To the Parishioners of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish:

As you know, some time ago Father Walter Edward Huppenbauer 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 Huppenbauer 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 Huppenbauer 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. Thomas of Villanova 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,

Fr. George Rassas

Reverend George J. Rassas
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Mother Doe 100, individually and as representative of the minor John Doe 100, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

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 KERNS, 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

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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.

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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] 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

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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

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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

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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

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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] 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

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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

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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.

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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

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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:

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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)

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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]exual 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

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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

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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

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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

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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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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Lago, Jimmy
Date: 3/24/2006 1:24:29 PM
Subject: File Request

Jimmy,

I received a message today from Rev. Walter Huppenbauer's canonical advocate, Rev. Michael Joyce. He and I talked the other day in attempts to determine how Fr. Huppenbauer's case has not been put on the Review Board Agenda for a Supplementary Review [allegation made by [redacted]--reasonable cause to suspect]. I told Fr. Joyce that either he or Fr. Huppenbauer would need to request the matter be scheduled for a Supplementary Review with additional information provided through me. It was agreed that Fr. Joyce would write such a letter to the Cardinal and then CC me.

Fr. Joyce said in his voice mail today that he realized where the process "stopped" in terms of requesting the Supplementary Review. According to Fr. Joyce's notes, he sent you a letter dated August 2, 2005 requesting to review Fr. Huppenbauer's files so that he could prepare a defense/response. Fr. Joyce stated that he did not receive a response back from you.

Fr. Joyce then stated that he is writing a letter to the Cardinal as we discussed the other day and will reference in the letter his August 2nd letter to you--and will request again to review Fr. Huppenbauer's files.

Just wanted to pass along the information.

Leah

CC: Smilanic, Daniel

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The Catholic Diocese of Memphis IN TENNESSEE

Living and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

March 24, 2006

The Most Reverend Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George:

I am writing on behalf of the Reverend Walter Huppenbauer to request a hearing before the Professional Responsibility Review Board regarding the accusation that [redacted] has made alleging that Father Huppenbauer has engaged in sexual misconduct. Father Huppenbauer absolutely denies this allegation.

I also respectfully request that I be allowed access as Father Huppenbauer's advocate to any and all documentation regarding this allegation. The purpose of the request is to prepare an adequate exercise of Father Huppenbauer's natural right to defense. Please inform me of the procedures to follow in this regard. Thank you for your assistance.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your ministry, Cardinal George, as you shepherd the portion of God's people entrusted to you. I appreciate some of the severe challenges that you face in this service.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM, J.C.D.
Advocate

cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey
Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

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March 28, 2006

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Mother [redacted]

Dear Mother [redacted]

I am writing this letter in regards to Rev. Walter Huppenbauer, a resident of [redacted] and your agreement to serve as his on-site "monitor." As you know, Fr. Huppenbauer 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. Huppenbauer and Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests on March 29, 2006. Also enclosed is a "Summary Time Line" of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against Fr. Huppenbauer received by the Archdiocese of Chicago to date.

I thank you again Mother [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. Grace at [312] 642-1837 at any time with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

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: 10/6/93

Date allegation formalized with PRA: 8/20/02

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1961

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1963

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: More than one

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Brief summary of alleged abuse: Fr. Huppenbauer rubbing [redacted] stomach, kissing, fondling her under her clothes

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 9/3/02; Fr. Huppenbauer did not respond to the allegation

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: 2/03—Concluded, reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred

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Additional allegations made by accuser: None

Signature of PRA: Neal McCluskey **Date:** 3/28/06

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March 30, 2006

Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM, J.C.D.
The Catholic Center
PO Box 341669
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Dear Fr. Joyce,

I am in receipt of your March 24, 2006 letter addressed to Cardinal George regarding your client, Rev. Walter Huppenbauer.

I ask that once you are able to review the materials that you have requested and are prepared to address the Review Board, that you contact me in writing. At that point in time, we could schedule a time for you and Fr. Huppenbauer to address the Board in regards to [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against your client.

Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney
Fr. Walter Huppenbauer

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April 3, 2006

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, Illinois 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

I want to thank you again for meeting with Rev. Edward Grace and myself at [redacted] on March 29, 2006 to review the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP].

As we discussed on March 29th, I am returning the ISP and the related forms that we reviewed to you and have forwarded copies to your civil attorney and canonical advocate 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 April 17, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Grace at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Vincent Grace, Vicar for Priests
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April 6, 2006

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

I apologize in my delay in sending you this information, as I made the error of sending this to the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. When I was informed of the mistake, I asked that the letter addressed to you and the enclosed documents be returned to me.

I want to thank you again for meeting with Rev. Edward Grace and myself at [redacted] on March 29, 2006 to review the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP].

As we discussed on March 29th, I am returning the ISP and the related forms that we reviewed to you and have forwarded copies to your civil attorney and canonical advocate 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 April 17, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Grace at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM, canonical advocate
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-18

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: April 18, 2006

PRA spoke via phone today with Mother [redacted], who is currently serving as an on site "monitor" for Rev. Walter Huppenbauer at his residence, [redacted]. Sr. [redacted] had left PRA a voice mail message this morning to follow up with the e-mail she had also sent [see attached].

Sr. [redacted] expressed her concern to PRA with the information she had received last night regarding the IDPH Office of Health Care Regulation and the on site visits that will be made to all nursing home facilities between today and June 30, 2006. As per Sr. [redacted], a "Compliance Specialist regarding conformity with the Resident Sex Offender Regulation" will visit all facilities.

Sr. [redacted] then spoke of Fr. Huppenbauer and her concerns with [redacted] being found out of compliance with the aforementioned state regulation. PRA informed Sr. [redacted] that Fr. Huppenbauer has never been convicted of the sexual abuse of a minor by a civil court and is therefore, not a registered sex offender. Sr. [redacted] was informed that the statute of limitations has run in the matter concerning the alleged sexual abuse of a minor by Fr. Huppenbauer. PRA then clarified for Sr. [redacted] that the allegation against Fr. Huppenbauer has been substantiated in the eyes of the church and cannon law, not by civil law.

Sr. [redacted] expressed her relief and appreciation for the information and clarification provided regarding Fr. Huppenbauer. It was agreed that Sr. [redacted] would contact PRA when/if other questions or concerns regarding the aforementioned state regulation and Fr. Huppenbauer's residence at [redacted].

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

From: [redacted]
To: "Leah R. McCluskey" <lmccluskey@archchicago.org>
Date: 4/18/2006 7:21:01 AM
Subject: Fw: New IDPH Procedure on Resident Sex Offender Regulation

Leah,
Our Sister Administrator received this last night. It really worries me. Even though the 2 priests are in our apartments, not the nursing home section, they could still make a big deal over it, as the gentleman who did the monitor report did. What should I say if I am contacted?
Thanks for your help!
Sr. [redacted]
----- Original Message -----
From: Siste[redacted]
To: Mother [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 6:22 PM
Subject: Fw: New IDPH Procedure on Resident Sex Offender Regulation

[redacted]
I am not sure if the two priests would come under this category or not.
Just a heads up
[redacted]
----- Original Message -----
From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 3:49 PM
Subject: New IDPH Procedure on Resident Sex Offender Regulation

After a quickly-arranged conference call with the IDPH Office of Health Care Regulation and the provider associations, [redacted] has learned that all licensed facilities in the state can expect a visit between tomorrow, April 18, 2006 and the end of June, from a "Compliance Specialist" under contract with the state of Illinois regarding conformity with the Resident Sex Offender Regulation. These people will not be surveyors, but some could be retired surveyors. IDPH has been told to train these Specialists, but they did not have much say in the timing of this process. They pushed hard for the ability to give the provider associations even this much notice. They are trying to get permission to share the actual form with us. If that happens I will forward that to all of you, but we felt it was critical to get this information out as soon as possible since you may get a visit as early as tomorrow.

These Specialists (according to IDPH):

§ will be gathering information;

§ will not be issuing citations;

§ can take no regulatory action;

§ will be asking 5 questions that should take approximately one-half hour (1 side of one piece of paper).

§ there should be no regulatory fall-out from this for the facility.

The questions are (paraphrased from a conference call):

1) Do any identified sex offenders reside in this facility? If No, then proceed to question #4. If yes, then they will ask a question if they are registered offenders and you will be asked for their names.

2) Do you notify guests and visitors - how do you notify them? The Specialist will ask for a copy of the sign or other notice (since the IDPH signs will not be ready for 4-5 more weeks).

3) Do you provide written notification to residents and guardians of a resident sex offender?

4) Have you checked with the state police or the Department of Corrections registered sex offender websites?

5) Have you conducted background checks on new admissions and/or current residents? (Background checks on current residents do not have to be initiated until May 31, 2006).

These questions are meant to be yes or no answers, but clarifying information can be provided. These will not be scheduled during your Annual survey, but they may come during a complaint or other survey. You will get no feedback from Central Office after the visit.

If you have questions or complaints, please contact [redacted] And you can always call on [redacted] r myself if these visits do not meet the criteria as stated above. More information will be forthcoming as we get it.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Grace, Edward; Smilanic, Daniel
Date: 4/24/2006 6:59:15 PM
Subject: Huppenbauer

Frs. Smilanic and Grace,

I spoke with Fr. Michael Joyce today re: Huppenbauer's request to address the Board for a Supplementary Review of the allegation made against him by [redacted]. Joyce stated that they have reviewed Huppenbauer's files via Jimmy's office.

I told Fr. Joyce that they would tentatively be able to address the Board for 30 minutes at the scheduled June 17th meeting. I just wanted to run the timing/scheduling past Fr. Smilanic. Please let me know if you think that would work out and if we keep the "regular" time of 11-11:30am.

Thanks.

Leah

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-18

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: April 24, 2006

PRA received a phone call today from canonical advocate Rev. Michael P. Joyce regarding his client, Rev. Walter Huppenbauer.

Fr. Joyce informed PRA that he and Fr. Huppenbauer have had the opportunity to review the cleric's files. He then requested that he and Fr. Huppenbauer appear before the Review Board for a Supplementary Review of the allegation made against him [Fr. Huppenbauer] by [redacted]

When asked, Fr. Joyce stated that Fr. Huppenbauer does have additional information concerning the aforementioned matter that he wishes to write and present to the Review Board. PRA informed Fr. Joyce that he and Fr. Huppenbauer would be able to address the Board at the scheduled June 17, 2006 meeting. It was requested that Fr. Joyce and/or Fr. Huppenbauer forward a copy of the additional information to PRA no later than Friday, June 2, 2006. It was agreed that PRA would forward Frs. Joyce and Huppenbauer written correspondence to confirm the date and 30 minute time period they would be allowed to address the Board.

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

From: Daniel Smilanic
To: lmccluskey@archchicago.org
Date: 4/25/2006 2:12:08 PM
Subject: Re: Huppenbauer

The time/date is fine with me. If the number of these cases grows, I think we have to discuss how we handle them.
Fr. Dan Smilanic

>>> Leah McCluskey 04/24/06 6:59 PM >>>
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April 27, 2006

Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM
The Catholic Center
PO Box 341669
Memphis, Tennessee 38184-1669

Dear Fr. Joyce,

I am writing this letter to confirm your and Rev. Walter Huppenbauer's meeting with the Review Board on Saturday, June 17, 2006 from 11:00 am through 11:30 pm.

This time has been scheduled as per your request to provide additional information to the Board in a Supplementary Review concerning the matter of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Huppenbauer. I ask that any paper documentation that you intend to present to the Board be forwarded to my attention no later than Wednesday, June 7, 2006. I will then forward copies of the documentation to the Board for their review prior to the June 17th meeting.

The June 17th meeting will take place in the Office of Professional Responsibility, located at 676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910. Please let me know if you and/or Fr. Huppenbauer wish to park in the lot located across the street from Holy Name Cathedral and I can inform the appropriate office.

Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry

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MEMORANDUM

Signed + Returned to Laura 5/1/06 EG

To: Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, LNP Administrative Assistant

Re: **Rev. Walter Huppenbauer**

Date: April 28, 2006

Please sign the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP] for Fr. Huppenbauer and return to this office ASAP. A copy with all signatures will be sent to you for your file.

Thank you.

Attachment

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS
For

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

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This ISP for **Rev. Walter Huppenbauer** 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. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

4. W 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. W Abide by the assignment of residence to [redacted]

6. (W) 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. N/A 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.

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. * See attached

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.

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

Signed: Walter E. Huppenbauer Date: 4-13-06

Printed Name: WALTER E. HUPPENBAUER

Signature of PRA: Paul McCluskey Date: 4/18/06

Signature of VP: Edward P. [illegible] Date: 5/1/06

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes ☒ no ☐

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May 3, 2006

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of your current completed and signed Individual Specific Protocol. Please note that copies of this document have also been sent to your canonical advocate, civil attorney, Vicar for Priests, and to your on-site monitor Mother [redacted].

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Mother [redacted], on-site monitor
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests ✓
Rev. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., Canonical Advocate
Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney

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2. (W) N/A Therapy with the suggested frequency of ____ times per week/month (please circle one) as recommended by _____ (name of therapist). Attendance to therapy is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms. [redacted]

3. (W) Continued regular Spiritual Direction with the suggested frequency of ____ times per week/month (please circle one) as recommended by _____ (name of spiritual director). Attendance to Spiritual Direction is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.

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

Signed: Walter E. Huppenbauer Date: 4-13-06

Printed Name: WALTER E. HUPPENBAUER

Signature of PRA: Paul McCluskey Date: 4/18/06

Signature of VP: Edward P. [illegible] Date: 5/1/06

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes ☒ no ☐

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June 2, 2006

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Enclosed you will find the statement of Father Huppenbauer to the Professional Review Board for its supplemental meeting concerning the allegations of [redacted] Thank you for the opportunity to present this statement. I look forward to meeting you on June 17.

Sincerely,

Rev. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., J.C.D.
Advocate

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Statement of Walter Huppenbauer

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Professional Review Board

I thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and to address my denial of the accusations raised against me by Mr. [redacted]. As I prepared for this meeting, I had several questions. I found in reviewing your own record dated October 16, 2004 that you had similar questions. There is significant information about [redacted] that is not available to you or me. I originally intended to ask for that information through you so that I could mount a proper defense. However since you already requested that information and have not received it, I find it useless to make the request.

[redacted] presents behavioral problems that are often associated with victims of childhood sexual abuse. He may in fact be such a victim. However, I never abused him. His accusation against me may simply be projection on me of some other abuser, something he imagined, or something he concocted.

[redacted]s

[redacted]

The comments he attributes to me sound more like snippets he may have heard from the homilies I gave during that time period.

I ask you to recall the number of students who were enrolled in parochial schools during that time. If [redacted] wanted to avoid me, he had sufficient opportunities to get "lost in the crowd." He claims that I was in charge of the CCD program. I was not. Another priest headed the CCD program and even had his own desk in the Religious Education Office.

[redacted]

[redacted] presents himself as a prepubescent boy in the fifth grade in both his allegation and his deposition.

[redacted] presents several inconsistencies in his statement. [redacted] I believe that if you question [redacted] further about where the alleged abuse took place, you will find further and more substantial inconsistencies.

I fervently request that you ask [redacted] specific information about where the alleged abuse took place. These questions should ask for a description of the building, the room where he claims the abuse occurred, and what presented the opportunity. I also ask that you question him about where the wine came from. His answers about the physical surroundings, I am confident, will show that the abuse could not have taken place without others knowing about it.

[redacted] allegation is inconsistent with the other allegation against me. The behavior of child abusers usually follows a pattern. [redacted] allegation does not follow the pattern of the previous allegation that you found credible. Furthermore, the one possible witness he cites, [redacted] is deceased. There is no one to substantiate [redacted] claim.

Furthermore, [redacted] is represented by [redacted] an associate [redacted] prides himself on instigating charges of clerical sexual abuse. There is evidence in an email dated 11/18/04 that Mr. [redacted] was searching to build a case without evidence. The email to the Office of Professional Responsibility reads:

[redacted]

I believe that you will find it difficult to find [redacted] allegation credible with the above contradictions and inconsistencies. In other words, it is more likely that the alleged sexual abuse of [redacted] by Walter Huppenbauer did not occur.

I ask you to have the courage not to cave into false insinuations that collaborators with Mr. [redacted] promote. Please stand with the truth and admit that the allegations of [redacted] against me have been examined carefully and appear to be unfounded.

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
June 2, 2006

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements the Statement of Walter Huppenbauer to the Professional Review Board, dated June 2, 2006, responding to the allegation of abuse made by Victim MT. In the statement, Huppenbauer negated many aspects of Victim MT's statement, and Huppenbauer denied any inappropriate conduct with Victim MT.

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Professional Responsibility Review Board
Saturday, June 17, 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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- Prior to beginning with the Agenda, a brief discussion took place concerning the matter of the Supplementary Review requested by Rev. Walter Huppenbauer concerning the allegation made against him by [redacted]

I. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

B. [redacted]

II. **Review for Cause**

C. [redacted]

D.

[redacted]

III. Supplementary Review

E. **In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer [Retired/Withdrawn] – PFR - 18**

The Review Board was asked by Fr. Huppenbauer and his canonical advocate to conduct a Supplementary Review of the allegation made against him by [redacted] The allegation is as follows: oral genital contact.

- Fr. Huppenbauer and his advocate Rev. Michael Joyce requested to appear before the Review Board
- Fr. Huppenbauer expressed his objection to the "reasonable cause to suspect" decision of this matter, which he communicated to Cardinal George in August 2005
- Fr. Huppenbauer explained the delay in his coming before the Board: he first spoke to Cardinal George in August 2005; the delay in response to Fr. Joyce's letter to Jimmy Lago to request a review of Fr. Huppenbauer's files; and then the delay in receiving the invitation from Mr. Lago for Fr. Joyce to review Fr. Huppenbauer's files
- Fr. Huppenbauer stated to the Board that he is innocent of Mr. [redacted] allegations
- Fr. Huppenbauer spoke of Mr. [redacted] as a student at St. Thomas of Villanova; [redacted]
- Referring to Mr [redacted]s allegation, Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he would like for Mr. [redacted] to describe the building, room, etc. where the alleged abuse took place
- Fr. Huppenbauer expressed the ill feelings [mental, physical] he experienced while re-reading Mr. [redacted] allegation against him and other related information
- [redacted]

- A discussion of the delay in the response to Fr. Joyce's and Fr. Huppenbauer's request to review the aforementioned files and the eventual appearance before the Board for a Supplementary Review
- Fr. Huppenbauer expressed his want to "...make perfectly clear...that this [the alleged abuse of Mr. [redacted] did not happen..."; Fr. Huppenbauer expressed his being upset that this matter was considered to be credible
- Fr. Joyce spoke of the need for specific information from Mr. [redacted] of where the alleged abuse took place and then the need to investigate further
- Fr. Joyce expressed his belief that there is not "...moral certitude here..."

In a 6-0 vote [redacted] had left the meeting and was not present for the vote] in light of the information presented, the Review Board recommended that this matter not be re-opened.

IV. Other Matters

- [redacted]

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, August 19, 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

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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Saturday, June 17, 2006

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2006

II. From the May 13, 2006 Meeting:
Initial Review [Note: Identified as "Other Matters" on the May 13th Agenda]:
A. [redacted]

Other Matters:
[redacted]

III. **Initial Review:**
B. [redacted]

C. [redacted]

IV. **Review for Cause:**
D. [redacted]

E. [redacted]

IV. **Supplementary Review:**

F. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Huppenbauer (Retired 2001/Withdrawn 2002) – PFR-18

- Allegation made by [redacted]
- **Initial Review 10/16/04**
- **Review for Cause 5/21/05**

Revs. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., J.C.D., and Walter Huppenbauer to address the Board from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The next Board Meeting is the in-service scheduled for Saturday, ***July 15, 2006***

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-18

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter (Retired/Withdrawn) [redacted]

Date: June 17, 2006

A summary of the discussion from the Review Board Meeting on Saturday, June 17, 2006:

The Review Board was asked by Fr. Huppenbauer and his canonical advocate to conduct a Supplementary Review of the allegation made against him by [redacted] The allegation is as follows: oral genital contact.

- Fr. Huppenbauer and his advocate Rev. Michael Joyce requested to appear before the Review Board
- Fr. Huppenbauer expressed his objection to the "reasonable cause to suspect" decision of this matter, which he communicated to Cardinal George in August 2005
- Fr. Huppenbauer explained the delay in his coming before the Board: he first spoke to Cardinal George in August 2005; the delay in response to Fr. Joyce's letter to Jimmy Lago to request a review of Fr. Huppenbauer's files; and then the delay in receiving the invitation from Mr. Lago for Fr. Joyce to review Fr. Huppenbauer's files
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- Referring to [redacted] allegation, Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he would like for [redacted] to describe the building, room, etc. where the alleged abuse took place
- Fr. Huppenbauer expressed the ill feelings [mental, physical] he experienced while re-reading [redacted] allegation against him and other related information
- [redacted]
- A discussion of the delay in the response to Fr. Joyce's and Fr. Huppenbauer's request to review the aforementioned files and the eventual appearance before the Board for a Supplementary Review

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- Fr. Huppenbauer expressed his want to "...make perfectly clear...that this [the alleged abuse of [redacted] did not happen..."; Fr. Huppenbauer expressed his being upset that this matter was considered to be credible
- Fr. Joyce spoke of the need for specific information from [redacted] of where the alleged abuse took place and then the need to investigate further
- Fr. Joyce expressed his belief that there is not "...moral certitude here..."

In a 6-0 vote [[redacted] had left the meeting and was not present for the vote] in light of the information presented, the Review Board recommended that this matter not be re-opened.

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 6/17/06 (enter date: month/day/year) to conduct a(n)

(check one:) Initial Review Review for Cause Supplementary Review Review for Advice
Status Report

regarding the allegation of [redacted]
(enter n

against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
(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 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 ~~the~~ matter not ~~be~~ to be reopened

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June 27, 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 June 17, 2006 and conducted a Supplementary Review of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer pursuant to Article §1104.11 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Huppenbauer is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the recommendation that in light of the additional information presented both in writing and orally by Fr. Huppenbauer and his canonical advocate, this matter should not be reopened.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

I agree with the recommendation.
+ Francis
July 1, 2006

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

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July 21, 2006

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 July 1, 2006 in response to your letter of June 20, 2006, regarding the matter of **Reverend Walter Huppenbauer,** a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is prohibited from exercising ministry, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [redacted] This matter was discussed in a Supplementary Review by the Professional Responsibility Review Board at their meeting of June 17, 2006.

I accept the Review Board's recommendation that in light of the information presented in person and in writing by Father Huppenbauer and by his advocate that this matter should not be re-opened.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Rev. Richard Sander
Ecclesiastical Notary

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cc: Very Reverend John Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend Edward Grace, 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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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

Walter Huppenbauer [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [destination address and contact phone number] [redacted] from 6-30-06 [departure date] through 7-07-06 [return date]. W. Huppenbauer [name of cleric] will be chaperoned by [redacted] [name of chaperone]. PRA may contact the chaperone at the following phone number prior to departure [redacted] The identified chaperone has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of W. Huppenbauer [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

1. Contacts with minors by W. Huppenbauer [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 W. Huppenbauer [cleric name] over the aforementioned time period of travel.
3. As previously noted, the date of return to W. Huppenbauer's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 7-07-06 [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: Walter J. Huppenbauer **Date:** 6-14-06

PRA Signature: [signature] **Date:** 7/27/06

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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August 10, 2006

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 17, 2006 and conducted a Supplementary Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer pursuant to Article §1104.11 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Huppenbauer is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

As you know, on May 21, 2005 the Review Board conducted a Review for Cause and determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Cardinal George accepted this determination.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's recommendation that in light of the additional information presented both in writing and orally by Fr. Huppenbauer and his canonical advocate Rev. Michael Joyce, this matter should not be reopened.

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 McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
[redacted] civil attorney
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry

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August 10, 2006

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

As you know, the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 17, 2006 and conducted a Supplementary Review regarding [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.11 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's recommendation that in light of the additional information presented both in writing and orally by you and your canonical advocate Rev. Michael Joyce, this matter should not be reopened.

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. Edward Grace continues to be available to you. Fr. Grace may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Michael P. Joyce, canonical advocate
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Costello, Vincent; Grace, Edward
Date: 8/14/2006 4:37:53 PM
Subject: New on site supervisor at [redacted]

Frs. Costello and Grace,

I spoke with Mother [redacted] today regarding her reassignment effective on August 22nd. She suggested that the Superior who replaces her be the new on site supervisor. Sr. [redacted] stated that she would discuss this with their Mother [redacted] and does not see a problem in having her successor take over as on site supervisor of Huppenbauer and [redacted].

Sr. [redacted]'s last day at [redacted] is August 22nd. Her successor, Mother [redacted] is scheduled to arrive at [redacted] on September 7, 2006. Sr. [redacted] suggested that I contact Sr. [redacted] on either September 9th or 10th to set up a meeting for the three of us to meet with her to discuss the on site supervision.

One thing I think that the three of us need to touch base on is the fact that there will be no on site supervision August 22nd through September 7th. Also, we need to discuss this new change with Huppenbauer and [redacted]. Can we talk about this before the week is over?

Thanks.

Leah

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August 18, 2006

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

At your request, I have enclosed with this letter a copy of the June 1, 2005 letter sent to your attention in regards to the Review for Cause of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against you.

Please contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-18

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter [Retired/Withdrawn] [redacted]

Date: August 21, 2006

PRA received voice mail messages from Rev. Walter Huppenbauer on August 16, 17, and 18, 2006 regarding the letter that he had received on August 15, 2006. Fr. Huppenbauer requested a return call at [redacted]

PRA returned Fr. Huppenbauer's phone calls on August 18th. Fr. Huppenbauer was calling in regards to the June 17, 2006 Supplementary Review determination and decision of this matter made by the Review Board and Cardinal George, respectively. At his request, PRA did explain to Fr. Huppenbauer that based upon the information that he and his civil attorney provided, the Board determined that there was not sufficient additional information to reopen this matter for a Supplementary Review. PRA also clarified for Fr. Huppenbauer that the Cardinal agreed with the Board's determination. Fr. Huppenbauer responded by remarking that the Board and the Cardinal were choosing to believe [redacted] "lies" over his [Fr. Huppenbauer's] truths. He also noted that he has now lost "...more faith for the church..." than he had already lost. PRA did not respond to Fr. Huppenbauer's statements.

Fr. Huppenbauer thanked PRA for the return phone call.

After ending the phone call on August 18th, Fr. Huppenbauer called again after less than five minutes had elapsed and asked for a return phone call. When PRA returned the phone call, Fr. Huppenbauer asked if there was anywhere else that he could "appeal to." PRA suggested that he either contact Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice and the Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board or to his own canonical advocate to ask about an appeal to Rome. When asked, Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he did have Fr. Smilanic's direct phone number.

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

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September 5, 2006

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

I am writing in regard to your letter of August 10 to Father Huppenbauer which I received today. In that letter, you indicated that the review board recommended to Cardinal George that [redacted] allegation not be investigated further. Is it possible for you to provide the reasoning of the board? If it is, I ask for the reasoning. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Rev. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., J.C.D.
Advocate

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, dated September 7, 2006, summarizing voicemails Ms. McCluskey received from Victim MT. According to the memorandum, Victim MT was unpleased that Fr. Walter Huppenbauer denied Victim MT's allegation of sexual abuse. Ms. McCluskey attempted to respond to the voicemails by contacting Victim MT at the number he provided and also by leaving a message with Victim MT's attorney.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, dated September 11, 2006, which summarized voicemails and telephone conversations between Ms. McCluskey and Victim MT. According to the memorandum, Victim MT was trying to contact Ms. McCluskey and Victim MT was irritated that he did not receive a return call. Ms. McCluskey informed Victim MT of the efforts she made to contact him through the telephone numbers provided as well as through Victim MT's attorney. Ms. McCluskey also informed Victim MT that despite Fr. Walter Huppenbauer's denial of the allegation made against him, that Cardinal George accepted the Review Board's recommendation that there was reasonable cause to suspect that the abuse occurred.

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September 13, 2006

Rev. Michael P. Joyce, C.M., J.C.D.
The Catholic Center
PO Box 341669
Memphis, Tennessee 38184-1669

Dear Fr. Joyce,

I am writing in regards to your September 5, 2006 letter concerning your client Rev. Walter Huppenbauer and the Supplementary Review of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct made against him.

It is not our practice to report on the discussion of the Review Board, simply its conclusion. The Review Board did not feel that the additional information presented at the Supplementary Review warranted reopening the case.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board at [312] 751-8206.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Carol Fowler, Director of Personnel Services
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: December 15, 2006

PRA received a phone call from Mother [redacted] of [redacted] on December 12, 2006. Mother [redacted] requested a return call.

PRA reached Mother [redacted] via phone on December 12th. Mother [redacted] informed PRA that she did not feel comfortable signing the Daily Log sheets for Rev. Walter Huppenbauer, who resides at [redacted] As per Mother [redacted] she does not know if what Fr. Huppenbauer writes on his Daily Logs is the truth and as a result, cannot sign the forms in good conscience.

PRA expressed understanding and appreciation for Mother [redacted]'s phone call. Mother [redacted] was informed that her feelings would be shared with both of the Vicars for Priests, Rev. Vincent Costello and Rev. Edward Grace. At the end of the December 12th phone call, it was understood that Mother [redacted] would not sign Fr. Huppenbauer's Daily Log forms and that she would inform him that she would not sign them as per her conversation with PRA.

PRA informed Mother [redacted] that future handlings of the Daily Log forms would need to be addressed by the appropriate Archdiocesan offices and that it absolutely was not her responsibility to do so. Mother [redacted] was also informed that PRA and the Vicars for Priests would speak with Fr. Huppenbauer regarding the Daily Log forms.

Mother [redacted] expressed her appreciation for the return phone call and for PRA's understanding of her feelings towards the signing of the Daily Log forms. She may be reached at [redacted]

From: Daniel Flens
To: Grace, Edward
Date: 1/9/2007 11:27:12 PM
Subject: Fr. Huppenbauer

Ed,

Cardinal George agrees with your recommendation that both you and Leah should be present in any future meeting with Fr. Huppenbauer. He asked if you would call Fr. Huppenbauer re his request for a meeting and tell him that the Cardinal would want both of you to be part of the conversation. If he agrees to this, then I can either contact him directly or through you to arrange a date for a meeting.

Dan Flens

CC: Costello, Vincent

1/16/07
I called Wally —
He's OK with Leah + I then

— I called Flens - He will
check Cardinal's Schedule
— Email Leah + I with dates
for our approval
— Then He + I will call
~~Cardinal~~ Walter to confirm
date

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Flens, Daniel; Grace, Edward
Date: 1/16/2007 4:26:48 PM
Subject: Re: possible meeting dates

Fr. Flens,

I am free either of those dates/times. I would prefer the earliest time on either of the dates you have identified.

Thank you.

Leah

>>> Daniel Flens 1/16/2007 4:24 PM >>>
Ed & Leah,

Cardinal George has agreed to meet with Fr. Wally Huppenbauer as long as both of you are also present at the meeting. Fr. Huppenbauer has agreed to this. I presume it would be best to hold this meeting at the house, rather than the PC. Would you be available either the evening of Thursday, 2/22 or the late afternoon or evening of March 2 for this meeting? I will not contact Fr. Huppenbauer until I have a date that is good for the Cardinal and both of you. Thanks for checking.

Dan

Rev. Daniel A. Flens
Secretary to Francis Cardinal George, OMI

From: Edward Grace
To: Flens, Daniel; McCluskey, Leah
Date: 1/17/2007 12:00:04 PM
Subject: Meeting with Cardinal and Huppenbauer

January 17, 2007

Dan and Leah,

I would prefer to meet at the earliest available time on Friday afternoon, March 2nd. I could meet at the other times mentioned.

Thanks,

Ed Grace

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January 19, 2007

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

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 Mother [redacted] prior to sending it to my office. This is to ensure that Mother [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. Edward Grace 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,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM, canonical advocate
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Mother [redacted]

SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
Name:	Rev. Walter Huppenbauer	[redacted]
Address:	[redacted]	Out of state
Date of Birth:	[redacted]	[redacted]
Current age:	75	
Name of civil attorney:	Patrick Reardon	[redacted]

Date of Ordination [of accused]: 5/3/57

Location: Mundelein

Age at ordination: 26

Assignment location of accused: Little Sisters of the Poor Chaplain [last assignment]

Status of accused: Retired/Withdrawn

Name of canonical advocate: Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM

Date allegation received: 12/03

Date allegation formalized: 3/04

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1971

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1973

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: More than one

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Brief summary of alleged abuse: Oral genital contact

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 8/20/04 Response Date; Fr. Huppenbauer denies the entire allegation.

Stage of disposition by independent Review Board: 5/05—Concluded, reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred

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Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [redacted]

Date of birth: [redacted]

Current age: [redacted]

Name of civil attorney: [redacted]

Date allegation received: 10/6/93

Date allegation formalized: 8/20/02

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1961

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1963

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: More than one

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Brief summary of alleged abuse: Fr. Huppenbauer rubbing Ms. [redacted] stomach, kissing, fondling her under her clothes

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 9/3/02; Fr. Huppenbauer did not respond to the allegation

Stage of disposition by independent Review Board: 2/03—Concluded, reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred

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Additional allegations made by accuser: None

Signature of PRA: Pat McCarthy **Date:** 4/5/07

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.

TIME	PLACE	TELEPHONE (If appropriate)	PURPOSE
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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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.

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April 9, 2007

Mother [redacted]

Dear Mother [redacted]

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the summary of allegations of the sexual abuse of minors against Rev. Walter Huppenbauer 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. Huppenbauer will be directed to use as a client of this office.

As you know, one of our Vicars for Priests Rev. Edward Grace and myself are scheduled to meet with Fr. Huppenbauer today to review with him his updated Individual Specific Protocol [ISP]. Once I have a signed copy of Fr. Huppenbauer's updated ISP, I will forward a copy to you for your information and records.

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

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 18

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: April 10, 2007

On April 9, 2007, Vicar for Priests Rev. Edward Grace and I traveled to the [redacted] to meet with Mother [redacted] concerning Rev. Walter Huppenbauer and his 2007 Individual Specific Protocols [ISP]. Mother [redacted] has agreed to act as Fr. Huppenbauer's on-site supervisor, however has been clear that she does not feel comfortable signing Fr. Huppenbauer's Daily Log sheets, as she does not know where he is 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

While meeting with Mother [redacted] she stated that she does not have any concerns with Fr. Huppenbauer whatsoever aside from his health. [redacted] When asked, Mother [redacted] informed both Fr. Grace and myself that she does not have any questions concerning Fr. Huppenbauer.

I then gave Mother [redacted] the April 9, 2007 letter and related documents [see file] concerning Fr. Huppenbauer's current ISP, related documents, and an updated summary of allegations received against him to date. Prior to the end of our meeting, it was agreed that Mother [redacted] would call either Fr. Grace or myself to report any concerns and/or ask any questions regarding Fr. Huppenbauer.

After meeting with Mother [redacted] Fr. Grace and I met with Fr. Huppenbauer. I reviewed the entire ISP and supporting documents [Daily Log sheets, Travel/Vacation Notification] with Fr. Huppenbauer, and noted that Mother [redacted] has stated that she does not feel comfortable signing his Daily Log sheets. It was agreed that Fr. Huppenbauer would continue to complete his Daily Logs sheets and then send them to me on a weekly basis, without any signature from an "on-site supervisor." Fr. Grace and

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I informed Fr. Huppenbauer that the program formerly referred to as "monitoring" will most likely be changed to "supervision" and that the additional changes made to the program and the ISPs will follow. I also informed Fr. Huppenbauer that the current *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* are in the process of being updated. Fr. Huppenbauer expressed his understanding that once the changes to the "supervision" program are made and once the new misconduct policies are promulgated by Cardinal George, he would be informed and provided with copies of each.

[redacted]

Prior to ending the meeting, Fr. Huppenbauer asked Fr. Grace about wake and funeral arrangements for a cleric who has been withdrawn from ministry. Fr. Grace informed Fr. Huppenbauer that he would obtain the information and follow up with him.

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

AOC 015486

From: Leah McCluskey
To: FioRito, Barbara
Date: 4/10/2007 12:53:45 PM
Subject: Rescheduling of an appointment

Hello Barbara,

Fr. Grace and I met with Fr. Huppenbauer yesterday and during the meeting, he [Fr. Huppenbauer] asked if the meeting with the Cardinal that he had canceled about a month or so ago was in the process of being rescheduled. I told Fr. Huppenbauer that I would follow up with you regarding his question of rescheduling--the meeting was canceled by Fr. Huppenbauer on account of the weather and was to be on a Friday afternoon [4p] at the Residence. Fr. Huppenbauer had originally requested the meeting with the Cardinal and the Cardinal in turn asked that Fr. Grace and I be present.

Just wanted to pass along Fr. Huppenbauer's question to you.

Thank you.

Leah

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CC: Grace, Edward

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MEMORANDUM

To: File - 18

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: April 11, 2007

Mother [redacted] from [redacted] called and left a voicemail message this morning concerning Rev. Walter Huppenbauer. As per Mother [redacted], Fr. Huppenbauer fell in his room this morning and was taken to Alexian Brothers Hospital as a result of a possible broken femur.

I attempted to reach Mother [redacted] this afternoon to see if there were any updates on Fr. Huppenbauer's heath. Mother [redacted] was out of the building when I called and as a result, I spoke with Sr. [redacted] I explained to Sr. [redacted] that I was calling to follow up on the message that I had received earlier today from Mother [redacted] concerning Fr. Huppenbauer. Sr. [redacted] stated that Fr. Huppenbauer had called from the hospital approximately 20 minutes before and stated that he had broken his toe, not his femur. Further, Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he needed to remain in the hospital as per his doctors for treatment [redacted] for which he had an appointment scheduled for Friday of this week.

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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April 11, 2007

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Fr. Huppenbauer,

I want to thank you again for taking the time to meet with Rev. Edward Grace and myself this past Monday to review the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP].

As we discussed on April 9th, I am returning the ISP and the related forms that we reviewed to you and have forwarded copies to your civil attorney and canonical advocate as well. I ask that you review and discuss the ISP with your counsel and then return the signed protocol to me by April 26, 2007.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Grace at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Michael P. Joyce, CM, canonical advocate
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney

From: Edward Grace
To: McCluskey, Leah
Date: 8/24/2007 10:54:12 AM
Subject: Re: Huppenbauer

Leah,

I spoke with Barb Fiorito and asked her to suggest more dates. I'll forward them to you when she replies.

Ed

>>> Leah McCluskey 8/23/2007 4:50 PM >>>
Fr. Grace,

Thank you for the e-mail about Fr. Huppenbauer.

Saturday, October 6th does not work for me, as I will be enjoying a day with family after a cousin gets married on the 5th. Please ask if Barb could get more dates to us.

I am out of the office tomorrow [Friday], but will be back on Monday morning.

Thanks.

Leah

>>> Edward Grace 8/22/2007 4:23 PM >>>
Leah,

Walter Huppenbauer is back [redacted] He has renewed his request to see the Cardinal. As you probably recall, the plan was for you and I to be there for the meeting so that we (mostly you) could answer questions concerning specific details.

Barb Fiorito called to let me know that Walt had renewed the request. Given the Cardinal's schedule, it will be several weeks or more before an appointment can be given. I asked Barb to call me with potential dates to assure that we can co-ordinate out calendars with the Cardinal's. One possible hitch, Wally is not yet driving so he asked If the Cardinal could come to him. That sounds unlikely to me unless the Cardinal has some reason to be out in that neck of the woods.

After hearing from Barb, I called Wally to see how he is. He seemed good on the phone, but he still needs a walker to get around. All together, he was in the hospital and extended care for about 3 & ½ months. It began with a fall, [redacted] Now he is back [redacted]

As I typed, Barb Fiorito called. She suggested two possible dates for this meeting: Saturday, September 22nd at 10:00 at the residence, or Saturday October 6th at 9:30. I will be out of town on Sept. 22nd. How would October 6th work for you?
If the 6th doesn't work for you, I'll ask Barb to get us more dates. There will still be the problem of getting Wally down to the Cardinal. I doubt if he'll be driving by then. I suppose we could check with Sr. [redacted] and see how they arrange transportation for their residents.

Let me know. I should be here until about 5:15 and then I expect to be in tomorrow A.M. for a bit - golf is in the afternoon and I grow farther and farther behind.

Ed

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MEMORANDUM

To: PFR - 18

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter [Retired/Withdrawn] [redacted]

Date: August 24, 2007

On August 9, 2007, I received a phone call from Rev. Walter Huppenbauer. He was calling to inform me that he is finally home [redacted] after three and one half months in the hospital and rehab. Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he would return to me his signed Individual Specific Protocol [ISP].

Fr. Huppenbauer then asked when the matter of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against him was settled by the Archdiocese of Chicago. He also stated that he wanted to know if a letter had been sent to the parish where the alleged abuse had taken place. Fr. Huppenbauer added that if a letter had been sent to the parish, that he would like a copy.

I told Fr. Huppenbauer that I was not certain if and when a settlement in the matter had taken place. I also informed Fr. Huppenbauer that I did not know if a letter had been sent to the parish. It was agreed that I would attempt to obtain answers to his inquiries and get back to him.

I sent an e-mail to both [redacted] and Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry to forward Fr. Huppenbauer's question to them [see file].

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry
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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS
For

Rev. Walter Huppenbauer

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 for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (Director). 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. Walter Huppenbauer is as follows (Director 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. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

4. ____ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the on-site supervisor.* The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the cleric, the on-site supervisor 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. (W) Abide by the assignment of residence to [redacted]

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6. (W) 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.

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11. On-site visits by the Director and the VP annually to include a meeting with the cleric.

This Individual Specific Protocol is to be reviewed annually with the Director, 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 on-site supervisor, the Director, and the VP. The cleric, his on-site supervisor, the Director, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, or request that this Individual Specific Protocol be reviewed by the independent 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.

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

Signed: Walter E. Huppenbauer Date: 10-24-07

Printed Name: WALTER E. HUPPENBAUER

Signature of Director: [illegible] Date: 10/30/07

Signature of VP: _____ Date: _____

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes ☐ no ☐

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Signed: Walter E. Huppenbauer Date: 10-24-07

Printed Name: WALTER E. HUPPENBAUER

Signature of Director: Hal McCarthy Date: 10/30/07

Signature of VP: Edward D. Grace Date: 11/2/07

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes ☐ no ☐

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April 9, 2008

Reverend Walter Huppenbauer
[redacted]

Dear Father Huppenbauer,

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,

Jimmy M. Lago,
Chancellor

cc. Cardinal Francis George
Fr. John Canary
Fr. Vince Costello
Fr. Ed Grace
Jan Slattery

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MEMORANDUM

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

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter [Retired/Withdrawn] [redacted]

Date: May 21, 2008

As a follow up to our meeting on Friday, May 16, 2008 which included Rev. Walter Huppenbauer and Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests, I am sending you copies of the following information: the reports of Mr. [redacted] allegation and Fr. Huppenbauer's response; the Review Board Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2004 [Initial Review], May 21, 1005 [Review for Cause], and June 17, 2006 [request for Supplementary Review]; and Fr. Huppenbauer's statement to the Review Board received on June 5, 2006.

If you are in need of any additional information or have any questions on the attached material, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Attachments

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 18

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: Huppenbauer, Rev. Walter [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: September 19, 2008

Several months ago, Rev. Walter Huppenbauer asked Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I. if the two of them could meet to discuss the allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor that [redacted] made against him [Fr. Huppenbauer]. Cardinal George agreed to schedule the meeting and asked that Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests, and I be present as well.

The following is a summary of my notes from the meeting that took place on May 16, 2008 with the aforementioned parties present:

- Fr. Huppenbauer expressed his anger about Mr. [redacted] allegation against him and the resulting settlement that Mr. [redacted] received after the allegation was substantiated through the Review Board process; Fr. Huppenbauer expressed his protest that he did not and/or was not "...allowed to have representation..." when a representative from the Office of Assistance Ministry and I met with Mr. [redacted] to take his allegation

- I explained to Fr. Huppenbauer that the accused is not permitted to be present when representatives of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review [CAIR] and Assistance Ministry meet with the alleged victim when he/she formalizes his/her allegation against the accused; I offered that in the same sense, the accuser is not permitted to be present when the allegation is presented to the accused

- Fr. Huppenbauer stated that he is "completely innocent" of the allegations made against him by Mr. [redacted]

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- Fr. Huppenbauer made the point that the first allegation made against him was by a female and that the second was made by a male [Mr. [redacted]

- Fr. Huppenbauer said that he feels like he was railroaded [referring to Mr. [redacted]'s allegation against him]

- I read the letters that I had sent to Fr. Huppenbauer to notify him of the Cardinal's decisions concerning the Initial Review and Review for Cause of the matter of Mr. [redacted]'s allegation against him

- Cardinal George suggested that I add into the Initial Review letters a reminder to the accused and accuser of their right to appear before the Review Board

- When asked, I provided a verbal explanation of the policy and process followed when an allegation is received and the matter is appropriate to be before the Review Board [those instances when the accused is alive at the time the allegation is received]; I also explained that the communications between the Review Board and the Cardinal are confidential; the Cardinal asked that I send him copies of the Review Board meeting minutes that pertain to Mr. [redacted]s allegation against Fr. Huppenbauer; the Cardinal said that he would then discuss the matter further with Fr. Huppenbauer

- As the conversation continued, I provided the clarification that the information about the accused and/or accusers that is released to the media, aside from a list of names of those priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago [AOC] who have at least one substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against them, has never been released by the AOC and that the information is normally provided to the media by the accusers' attorneys, such as civil attorney [redacted]

- Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, Fr. Huppenbauer asked if there is a process for [withdrawn] priest funerals; Fr. Grace told Fr. Huppenbauer that there is such a process and that he would forward the information to him

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APPLEWHITE: Monica Applewhite here. Monica is M-O-N-I-C-A A-P-P-L-E-W-H-I-T-E. It is March 4th, 2009. We're at the...

JENKINS: [redacted]

APPLEWHITE: [redacted]. Shawnte, can you say and spell your name?

JENKINS: Yes. S-H-A-W-N-T-E, Shawnte Jenkins, J-E-N-K-I-N-S.

APPLEWHITE: We're also here with Father Huppenbauer. Can you say and spell your first and last name?

HUPPENBAUER: Walter, W-A-L-T-E-R and Huppenbauer, H-U-P-P-E-N-B-A-U-E-R.

JENKINS: Okay, I just want to start first about talking about your currently daily life. I know you've had an accident, so it's probably a little bit different, but if you can talk about before your accident and your plans on when you heal, what a typical day for you looks like. On a Monday morning, you would wake up and what does a day look like for you?

HUPPENBAUER: Oh, I probably get up, let's see, I usually get up around 6:30 and then I might get the paper and read the paper, do a crossword puzzle, eat breakfast and then shower and shave and everything after that and so that's gets into a good part of the morning that way because I have, most of the time, no place to go or anything doing, so I can just take my time. It doesn't matter whether I take my shower as soon as I get up or later in the day, which I usually did when I was functioning better. Then, I usually either fix lunch for myself or most of the time...well, all of the time now, I've been eating in the dining room here, but I would usually maybe eat one meal in the dining room at Noon and then fix my own breakfast and supper in the daytime. During the...I would celebrate mass a couple of times a week I celebrate mass privately and also I do some reading and then look for or at the news that comes on the computer and then I'll work some jigsaw puzzles on our website to try to keep my mind going and coordination and stuff like that. Then...

APPLEWHITE: Is there a jigsaw puzzle website?

HUPPENBAUER: Yeah, on our .org. You click leisure and then games and you can pick easy, medium, hard ones...whatever you want to do. They have all sorts of games on that for us old guys. What would be...let's see, again I would either probably fix supper or go down

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for supper and then after supper, then I would spend a large part of that would be like watching say Chicago Tonight, 7:00 on PBS and maybe some shows, maybe not. Take a little nap in my recliner. That's a pretty typical day.

JENKINS: If you do leave during the weekday, what kind of places would you go?

HUPPENBAUER: It would be the weekday it would be shopping for groceries once or twice a week, and it might be like things I might need at Wal-Mart or clothes at Kohl's...things like that. I was going out with Mark, usually once a week for lunch and once a week for breakfast usually, maybe twice, so when he was living here. I haven't seen him in the last month and a half or more because he's so far away now in <inaudible 4:24> and if he goes south, he just passes up here, so I don't see him that much.

JENKINS: Has his leaving affected your daily life in a big way?

HUPPENBAUER: Well, in a sense that he was so good when I was in rehab and he brought me things from my apartment and stuff like that. He really went out of his way for a lot of things after he moved. That was good that way. Now, I'm a person who doesn't like to ask for things, so the fellow that, on the way home from rehab, we stopped and got some breakfast stuff and one time after that he got it, so in the last month, so I have no...well, I have a couple of soup things and stuff like that but basically nothing in for other meals except and not even for breakfast now because I ran out of milk and juice and he's in the apartment next to me, but he had surgery on his foot, so he's got a small boot on his left foot too, so he's going to the doctor and change the dressing and all, but I wouldn't ask him to go shopping for me.

APPLEWHITE: You broke your leg, right?

HUPPENBAUER: Right. It's broken. I broke both bones.

APPLEWHITE: How much longer...are you still in rehab now?

HUPPENBAUER: [redacted] basically twice a week. I see the doctor on Friday, March 6 and determine if we can get this boot off and get an ankle brace so I

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can get my shoes on again. So, since November 20, I haven't had a shoe or anything on.

JENKINS: How did your accident happen?

HUPPENBAUER: Well, the place was in the parking garage at the doctors and I was next to <inaudible 6:49> Brothers Hospital there, the Everly building and I was being so nice. I had a blood drawing at my doctor and I gave some insurance information to a second doctor on an x-ray I was supposed to get and I got that and I was coming back to my car and I got in the wrong way. Instead of putting my back end in first and slide my legs around like I did when I was on the walker before, I had [redacted] in '07, and was on a walker for a while, and I was getting in with the right foot first and I was walking with a cane. I threw that in the passenger seat, put one foot in and then I usually put the other foot in, but I fell backward or sideways out of the car. There was another car next to me, so I hit that and made a pirouette and that's when I heard and I felt like a softball going up there. It happened 10 years ago, so I knew I had broken something because it was the same feeling 10 years ago. So, I have a plate in both feet now and screws in the new one.

APPLEWHITE: Same leg or different leg?

HUPPENBAUER: Different leg. The right one was the first time. It will be interesting if I try to fly on a plane with the metal detectors. I have a [redacted] too, so it will be a riot. I don't know if I'll have the opportunity or not though. Got to walk a lot better. So, that would be pretty basically...did I mention the office, breavery too, that takes at least 45 minutes during the day.

APPLEWHITE: Once? Do you say the office once or do you say the office five times?

HUPPENBAUER: Usually I'll say two or three times. Two or three breaks.

JENKINS: Typically when you do go out, around what time do you normally return back here?

HUPPENBAUER: Well, I spend about an hour grocery shopping. I spend maybe a couple of hours to and from and eating at the restaurant and that's almost always...well, do you want to know if I'm out late? No, I'm not out late at all. I very seldom go out in the evenings. Maybe if I go get a hair cut and I'll be back by 8:00. So, very seldom out in the evenings.

APPLEWHITE: Are you able to leave now at all with your leg the way that it is at the moment?

HUPPENBAUER: Not really unless I get a ride. Like, Friday, I'm going to get a ride to the doctor by one of the other tenants.

APPLEWHITE: So, who would take you if you go to the doctor?

HUPPENBAUER: It would be a tenant who lives in the building here.

APPLEWHITE: One of the other residents here.

HUPPENBAUER: One of the residents. Yeah, another apartment resident.

APPLEWHITE: Okay. Is that a friend of yours?

HUPPENBAUER: No, it's a person that has...there is about three people who have offered to provide rides for us or for anybody that needs it just to let them know that they are glad to do that.

JENKINS: So, it's like a volunteer service they have offered to the facility. How about the weekend? How is your weekend different than a weekday?

HUPPENBAUER: I'll probably go out for breakfast in the morning, but otherwise, it's pretty much the same. I don't think there is much of a variance at all.

APPLEWHITE: Since Father Mark is not here anymore, how do you...who are you friends with now?

HUPPENBAUER: Well, I'm friends with the fellow next door, the one that's been driving me and just general friends, but really, the Bishop, who is the Chaplain, he is probably the one I'm closest to here at the home.

JENKINS: What's his name?

HUPPENBAUER: [redacted] He is a retired Bishop [redacted]

JENKINS: How about classmates? Do you ever go out to dinner on a regular basis or have any meeting with any of your classmates?

HUPPENBAUER: Not too much. Occasionally, we may get together, but that might be only once a year or something like that.

JENKINS: Any volunteer work you are involved in or had been involved in?

HUPPENBAUER: Here?

JENKINS: Anywhere.

HUPPENBAUER: Not really, because I came here after I retired and I wanted to volunteer, but then shortly afterwards, the accusations were made public and then I wasn't able to. That's sort of a moot question, too, that I've thrown over in my mind. I'm not sure exactly because the first case was sent to Rome and a decision was made and the official ruling was that I could live here at the [redacted] and then I could celebrate mass privately and I could also minister to the Sisters and to the residence here, but the problem with that is there is hardly anything that is strictly private because people from the outside come in for masses in the Chapel and stuff like that.

So, that's why I've been saying private masses and I have not been to public masses, because if there is a person that comes in from the outside and they see me celebrating mass, they would be...cause a lot of trouble possibly. So, I wouldn't want to do that and I wouldn't want to the [redacted] to have a problem for them either and the residents are aware of the charges against me and the gossip and so forth goes around and sometimes people will bring it back to me and say, well, they are saying this or they are saying that. So, I figure that well, an added part of that is I was an associate in Palatine here for six years and then I was Pastor for 11 years at the same parish.

So, I know a lot of people, that's why I moved from Little Sisters in Chicago to [redacted] because I know people and I feel comfortable with the people. But, with the accusations and all, I've sort of drawn away from most people. Again, maybe once or twice a year, I'll go out with a husband and wife and we'll go out for dinner or something like that, but as time went on, that has gotten further and further away the times that we have done that. So, the thing that I have seen with volunteering, even I don't know how comfortable residents would feel if I were volunteering here, so I have not volunteered here because there is a big question mark over me.

APPLEWHITE: When you say a private mass, does anyone else come to celebrate with you?

HUPPENBAUER: No. It's private-private.

APPLEWHITE: Private-private? I've heard a lot of different definitions of private. It's not just not in the Chapel; it's not with anyone else?

HUPPENBAUER: No. It's on my kitchen table.

APPLEWHITE: Are you allowed to hear confessions?

HUPPENBAUER: Well, I guess I could technically minister to people here, but again, how would people feel coming to me knowing about the accusations?

APPLEWHITE: Was your Decree before 2002 or after? Do you know?

JENKINS: 2003 I think it was.

HUPPENBAUER: It was with the first...

APPLEWHITE: The first wave...

HUPPENBAUER: It had to be after 2003, because I retired in '01 and I was here a year or two and then the accusation was made public.

APPLEWHITE: Okay, because I think probably, just under what's become sort of the jurisprudence, it may be that in that time segment it wasn't clear. I don't think that would be permitted now, even with just the Little Sisters. I know it was a big question ...

HUPPENBAUER: Even if Rome said so? I mean, Rome is a big deal in a church.

APPLEWHITE: Yes, I understand. But the concern would be regarding your being in ministry with a religious community. For the first year or so after the Charter, whether this would be permitted was a big question.

HUPPENBAUER: Anyway, I'm not working with them. I'm not there and I won't because of the possibility of a scandal or people being upset.

APPLEWHITE: So, if we say that's not supposed to happen, that's not going to change anything for you?

HUPPENBAUER: No, I will continue not to volunteer, continue not to minister publicly or anything like that. Continue just to celebrate mass privately by myself.

APPLEWHITE: Is there anyone with whom you are providing pastoral counseling or spiritual direction?

HUPPENBAUER: No.

APPLEWHITE: Even [redacted]?

HUPPENBAUER: No.

APPLEWHITE: When we were here before, it sounded like the [redacted] had a special place in their heart for you and we know you've had longstanding relationships.

HUPPENBAUER: Yeah, I was a Chaplain for seven and a half years in Chicago and I did a good job at that. In all of my priesthood...it's been a very good priesthood and I'm proud of it.

APPLEWHITE: It seems like it would be a little bit harder for them to separate or to be able to say I don't go to him for this because you had that preexisting relationship. It sometimes makes it a little more awkward.

HUPPENBAUER: Like the Provincial now was the Superior in Chicago for most of the time I was there.

APPLEWHITE: [redacted]

HUPPENBAUER: Yes. And another Nun that is here had been [redacted] in Chicago for a short time now. She came back here this year or last year in '08. So, I do know some of them that way.

APPLEWHITE: Do you ever meet with anyone of them from sort of a "how are *you* doing, Father" perspective? Do you know what I mean? In support of you?

HUPPENBAUER: Well, like with Mother [redacted] like after we meet today, I'll tell her what happened and we meet every...I mean like that it would usually be...mostly if there was a change in something or something important came up or something like that, then I would ask to see her and we would talk about things.

APPLEWHITE: Does she stay here most of the time?

HUPPENBAUER: She's here... [redacted] It's the head of the house here.

APPLEWHITE: The local Superior.

HUPPENBAUER: She's here most of the time.

APPLEWHITE: [redacted] here is not here most of the time.

HUPPENBAUER: No, she's traveling around the country, although now she's got a knee replacement last week, so she's sort of here.

APPLEWHITE: She's stuck here for a little while. Do they have a policy about guests in the room or in your apartment?

HUPPENBAUER: No, it's wide open.

APPLEWHITE: Do you have guests in your room sometimes?

HUPPENBAUER: Not too often. Like [redacted] or come or the Bishop. Mostly that's who it is and really most of us are pretty private at the apartments and there would be...like right now, I would say, there is a family that I am friends with and they may stop over again maybe a couple of times a year.

APPLEWHITE: Can you tell us about that family? This is where it gets nosy.

HUPPENBAUER: Yeah, I'll let you be as nosy as I want you to be. I'll let this...I've known the wife since she was in grammar school, so it's been a long time. She married later in life and I witnessed the wedding for that. They have like two families...a 19 year old daughter and about a six year old, I suppose, something like that....they have a wide span in the families, and when I was...last year in '07, when I had [redacted], I was a few months in rehab too and they used to come and visit me there and they would...they did my laundry for me and things like that. So, that was good.

JENKINS: Where do they live?

HUPPENBAUER: They live in the suburbs. I haven't seen them for several months because they are having some medical problems with their older daughter and stuff like that and they've been really focused on the family so I maybe talked to them over the phone since I've been back maybe once or twice. So, I haven't seen them, though.

JENKINS: Can you tell us about times when you do encounter children like this family's child or any other children that you may encounter when you're here or out? Can you tell us about any encounters that you do have with children?

HUPPENBAUER: Well, if they would come here and if <inaudible 20:46> they don't bring the small child and sometimes they do and maybe some good

point is I've only been hugged by her once because she's...she never hugs me. She says hello or something like that. One day, when I was in rehab, she ran to me and gave me a hug. I don't know why. Otherwise, there is no contact at all there. There is no physical contact or anything.

JENKINS: How about with children that may be here visiting other residents?

HUPPENBAUER: I never see any, so I may see a lady who comes to mass with a few children. She's a home schooler and if it's after mass and I go by and see them in the lobby and just say hello, but that's it.

JENKINS: Have you ever been told what to do when you encounter children or been given any restrictions about your relationship with children.

HUPPENBAUER: The restrictions were no contact with minors unless another person was present.

APPLEWHITE: Not to be alone with them.

HUPPENBAUER: Don't be alone with minors.

APPLEWHITE: The family that we were just talking about, you said you've known the mom since she was in grammar school.

HUPPENBAUER: She's 40 nor or something like that. 40-41, somewhere in there.

APPLEWHITE: Are they aware of the allegations?

HUPPENBAUER: Yes, they are aware.

APPLEWHITE: The situation with the faculties. Do they know that you don't have faculties right now?

HUPPENBAUER: Yes. They are aware of the accusations.

APPLEWHITE: So, if in this family we were to say, the parents need to know this information, that wouldn't be new for them?

HUPPENBAUER: No.

APPLEWHITE: Did they find out from you or did they find out from the paper?

HUPPENBAUER: I think it was probably from TV or paper maybe and then we talked about it.

APPLEWHITE: A long time ago or recently?

HUPPENBAUER: Oh, yeah. That's when it first happened, so it's been a few years.

APPLEWHITE: Other families that you're close with?

HUPPENBAUER: Nobody much. Well, there's probably the [redacted] but the mom is in her 70's and the daughter is in her...she's going to be 50 this year.

APPLEWHITE: Not really a minor.

HUPPENBAUER: She's not a minor so there's nobody. Again, they did my laundry the second rehab because the other people weren't able to do it. So, they did it and it was a big help.

APPLEWHITE: When families or people come to visit here, do they visit with you in your apartment or here?

HUPPENBAUER: Usually in the apartment. Unless sometime we want more room or something, but usually I don't think I've come down here to visit with anyone.

APPLEWHITE: You have a bedroom and a den and a kitchen?

HUPPENBAUER: Bedroom, living room, kitchen, yes. Just like [redacted].

APPLEWHITE: I thought that they were probably similar.

HUPPENBAUER: A couple of different floor plans maybe and there is some that are a little bigger where maybe a couple would have. It's maybe a bigger bedroom or more space. For some reason, I don't know if the kitchen might be bigger too.

APPLEWHITE: So, if a family comes here...we have to make a decision about whether it's going to be okay to have children in that apartment at all. Is it a space you would go to if there were four people here? Is it big enough for that? I mean...

HUPPENBAUER: I have a recliner and a sofa, but I also have a desk chair. Sometimes I'll sit at the desk chair.

APPLEWHITE: Do you go to their house?

HUPPENBAUER: Yes. Maybe again that's a couple times a year.

APPLEWHITE: During holidays mostly or birthdays.

HUPPENBAUER: It would be maybe like for Thanksgiving or it might be for a birthday.

JENKINS: Is this the [redacted]s home or the other family.

HUPPENBAUER: No, the other family.

APPLEWHITE: What's the name of that family?

HUPPENBAUER: I'd rather not tell you.

APPLEWHITE: What we have to do is when there is minors involved, we have to verify people. We can't just sort of say, well, this is his private life and we're not going to know anything about it. That's actually true for people in general. When you have relationships in general, we have to know who they are.

HUPPENBAUER: Well, I don't want them involved. I think it's an imposition of your going to them and digging this whole thing up again and they are aware of it and we handled it, so I think that's enough. I don't agree to give you any information on who they are or where they live, telephone numbers and all.

APPLEWHITE: This process of verification, knowing who people are and that sort of thing, that is the program. That is what we're doing.

HUPPENBAUER: Well, maybe I'm not in the program then.

APPLEWHITE: Okay, I mean, that's totally strictly up to you, really. But, it's considered serious.

HUPPENBAUER: I consider it serious too that they remain private and that there have been no incidents and they are aware of it and so I don't see the need for it.

APPLEWHITE: This is...this kind of the...this part of the protocol or this part of this program is just one of those non-negotiable things in the program and you can totally decide you don't want to do it, but it's just going to be...

HUPPENBAUER: Well, what if I decide not to do it, then?

APPLEWHITE: Then the question has to come up, then the question becomes...

HUPPENBAUER: You're the hatchet person, then, right?

APPLEWHITE: I don't want to be the hatchet person. I want you to tell us about these people and I want to have the conversation.

HUPPENBAUER: HMMGH!

APPLEWHITE: I would like to do the verification.

HUPPENBAUER: To carry out Jimmy Lagose and the Cardinal's plan for getting rid of all of us

APPLEWHITE: It is absolutely not my agenda to get rid of you or anyone else.

HUPPENBAUER: Well, that's what happening.

APPLEWHITE: It doesn't have to...

HUPPENBAUER: No, I do refuse.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

HUPPENBAUER: Definitely, I do refuse. That's why I'm asking if I do refuse, then it's not according to your protocol, then what choices do I have?

APPLEWHITE: Well, then the options become more narrow in the sense that you have a choice to make...do you want to continue to be a priest in Archdiocese of Chicago, which you are today. Any you can be involved in this program of Prayer and Penance, which involves verification, or if you refuse, we have no choice but to pursue... ...

HUPPENBAUER: Then the process of laization.

APPLEWHITE: Again, it's strictly your choice.

HUPPENBAUER: Strictly my choice, forced by you, since your protocols won't accept my present way of living. From my side, unreasonable and you look for it on the opposite side that you've got the protocols and I won't agree with them.

APPLEWHITE: You don't have to agree.

HUPPENBAUER: No, I don't.

APPLEWHITE: But, what doesn't happen in the Archdiocese is if somebody is going to continue to be priest of the Archdiocese, that he can choose how he is going to live prayer and penance. The Program

of Prayer and Penance is this and if there are the movements of a person, where they go and what they do are held accountable now. That is a change. You can say, now, that's not the life I want. I want to be able to go where I want to go and do what I want to do with whom I want to be.

HUPPENBAUER: I've done that within limits and within proper limits and all. That's what gets to me. There has been no violation of any of that stuff, and I kept it in and I have been very good at it and I've done everything I've been asked to do and I think this is pushing me too far because it's involving my friends too much and it gets beyond me. It's no longer personal, but it's beyond me.

JENKINS: I just wanted to add that if you...and I believe we don't have any information to say otherwise, that you're living your life within those limits, the difference would be then now that we just have to verify those things for your own protection, for the church's protection....

HUPPENBAUER: Mostly for the church's protection.

JENKINS: It works both ways, but yes, absolutely...

HUPPENBAUER: I don't have to worry about it. It doesn't protect me because nothing is happening.

JENKINS: It can protect you from false allegations.

HUPPENBAUER: No it can't. I've already been falsely accused and the liar went out and I lost. I was falsely accused, so don't tell me that. I'm angry and you're going to know it. Just picture yourself if you've been falsely accused and the whole world knows it. It's not a fun living. So, they haven't helped me and I'm not going to abide by a new protocols then.

APPLEWHITE: Do you want us to stop this process?

HUPPENBAUER: We might as well because I'm not going to go into the lives of my relatives or something like that. They all know about it, but I'm not giving you names or addresses or places or phone numbers or anything.

APPLEWHITE: Do you want to have any time to think about? I mean, now that you know more about the program, do you want any time to think about it or do you just want to say, I don't want to be here?

HUPPENBAUER: Well, I'm not going to...I'm not going to go into the place you want me to by giving you more information.

APPLEWHITE: Okay.

HUPPENBAUER: So that's where I'm at.

APPLEWHITE: You don't want any time to think about it before we...

HUPPENBAUER: I really don't think so.

APPLEWHITE: Before we go back and say, no, he's not going to do this. I mean, do you want any time? A day? Two days?

HUPPENBAUER: I know usually you've given guys the time, a week or two or whatever they've been given, I understand that in the past...other guys that I know of, but I don't know. I won't become less angry and since my rights have been violated and I don't want my rights violated anymore by this protocol, and I don't really see any reason for going any further because of that. So, probably the decision I have is layization. Maybe that's the only one. I don't know, but I'm not going with the program.

APPLEWHITE: Well, we can certainly take that message back and I'm sorry.

HUPPENBAUER: I've been hurt deeply and I'm...that's where I'm at.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Leah McCluskey
From: Ed Grace
Re: Walter Huppenbauer
Date: March 18, 2009

Leah,

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Fr. Walter Huppenbauer addressed to the Holy Father.

I have also included a copy of an email from Pat Lagges indicating that he has received the original of this letter.

Ed

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From: Patrick Lagges
To: Grace, Edward; Jenkins, Shawnte
Date: 3/18/2009 11:45 AM
Subject: Re: Huppenbauer

I just got the original from the Cardinal's office.

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>>> Edward Grace 3/18/2009 11:44 AM >>>
Hello, Shawnte,

Thank you for sending over Fr. Huppenbauer's letter to the Pope.

Is this a copy or the original which Fr. Hueepenbauer signed? If it is the original I will make a copy for my file and send the original to Fr. Lagges for processing to Rome. If it is not the original, the original with Father's signature should go to Fr. Lagges.

Thank You.

Ed

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Leah McCluskey
FROM: Father Lagges *pl*
RE: Walter Huppenbauer
DATE: 25 March, 2009

Leah –

Cardinal George received a request from Walter Huppenbauer to begin laicization proceedings on his behalf. We also have his letter to the Holy Father.

Would you please send me a copy of what is in his file? I don't have much here, and I seem to remember that there was some further development in his case.

Thanks.

March 16, 2010

His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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Your Eminence,

After much careful and prayerful consideration I believe that it is in the best interest of all concerned that I resign from the Priesthood. Despite the fact that I feel very blessed to have served the Church as a priest for 52 years; I also feel that I can no longer continue to serve God and the Church in active ministry.

I understand that in order to complete the process of separating myself from the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Priesthood I have already contacted the Vicar for Canonical Services and begun the process of petitioning the Holy Father for laicization.

I sincerely regret any pain my decision may cause the Church.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Huppenbauer

Walter Huppenbauer