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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Of Counsel:
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Re: *Rudofski vs Diocese of Joliet*

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Father Frederick Records

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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


- 1.) **Priest file of Father Frederick** (total pages 455)
- 2.) A Privilege Log, for documents in this priest file.
- 3.) **Review Committee** – consisting of minutes of the April 23, 2002 meeting.

Names of Accusers

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

My Best Regards,

SPESIA & AYERS

By: 
James C. Byrne

JCB/skm

cc: The Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon, JCD
The Honorable Michael Powers
Mr. Patrick Bradley, Esq.
Mr. Joseph M. Laraia, Esq.
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MINUTES OF THE JOLIET DIOCESAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

April 23, 2002

PLACE Conference Room, Chancery Building

TIME 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT Members: Judge Michael Orenic, Bp. Roger Kaffer, Fr. James Lennon, Thomas O'Donnell, Dr. Spadoni, Cynthia Power. Others: Bp. James Fitzgerald, James Byrne, Sr. Judith Davies

OPENING The meeting opened at 8:00 with prayer by all in attendance.



FREDERICK [redacted] alleged abuse by Fr. James Frederick (deceased) in the summer of 1968. Bishop Kaffer has been in contact with [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] alleged abuse by Fr. James Frederick (deceased) in the summer of 1967. Sr. Jean Keeley will be in contact with him.



| ORDERS | | DATE CONFERRED | ORDAINING BISHOP | PLACE | DATE CONFERRED | EXTRAORDINARY APPOINTMENTS | DATE RELIEVED |
|----------------|----|----------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| TONSURE | | | | | 6-12-61 | Teacher at Quigley Seminary | |
| FIRST MINORS | | | | | 8-11-75 | Diocesan Comptroller | |
| SEC. MINORS | | | | | 2-13-84 | Director of Finance | |
| SUB-DIACONATE | | | | | | | |
| DIACONATE | | | | | | | |
| PRIESTHOOD | | 5-30-59 | Martin D. McNamara | Cathedral, Joliet, Ill. | | | 000002 |
| DATE APPOINTED | | ASSIGNMENT | | DATE LEFT | DATE OF BIRTH | HOME ADDRESS | |
| 6 | 12 | 59 | St. Luliamus, Steger, Ill. | 6-12-61 | | 7832 South Morgan Street | |
| 6 | 12 | 61 | Notre Dame, Clarendon Hills, Ill. | 9-1-65 | | St. Leo | |
| 6 | - | 65 | Dean of Studies, St. Charles Sem. | 9-1-67 | | NATIONALITY Italian, Bohemian | |
| 9 | 1 | 67 | St. Charles Sem. Leave of absence | 6-15-68 | | FATHER'S NAME James Frank Frederick | |
| 6 | 15 | 68 | Asst. Supt. of Schools - Comptroller | | | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Clara Marie Florian | |
| 1 | 31 | 69 | Wilton Center, St. Patricks | 2-1-72 | | READING KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH None | |
| 2 | 1 | 72 | St. Anthony, Frankfort, Ill. | 8-11-78 | | SPEAKING KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH None | |
| 9 | 11 | 78 | Diocesan Comptroller | | | PUBLIC SPEAKING RATING | |
| 9 | | 79 | Marlatten, St. Joseph's | 6-19-80 | | St. Leo Grammar School-8 yrs.; | |
| 6 | 19 | 80 | " " " | 7-7-82 | | Mt. Carmel High School-4 yrs. | |
| 7 | 7 | 82 | St. Charles Borromeo, Romeville, Ill. | | | Mt. Carmel College-1 yr. Loyola U. 2 yrs. St. Thomas Sem. 5 yrs. | |
| 7 | 7 | 82 | St. Francis Motherhouse, Romeville, Ill. | | | DEGREES A.B. in Philosophy, M.A. in Religion | |
| 7 | 1 | 86 | Rev. of Cemeteries, Romeville, Ill. | | | REMARKS: | |
| 8 | 6 | 88 | Dioc. Sec. | | | | |

FREDERICK, JAMES M.

FR. FREDERICK SCAN FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET NO. 5

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BIRTH: 10-29-33

FREDERICK, JAMES

ORDINATION: 5-30-59

ASSIGNMENTS:

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| Steger | St. Liborius | Assoc. | 6-12-59 |
| Clarendon Hills | Notre Dame | Assoc. | 6-12-61 |
| Lockport | St. Chas Seminary | Dean of Studies | 6-1-65 |
| Leave of absence | | | 9-1-67 |
| Asst. Supt of Schools and Comptroller | | | 6-15-68 |
| Wilton Center | St. Patrick | Pastor | 1-31-69 |
| Frankfort | St. Anthony | Pastor | 2-1-72 |
| Joliet | Diocesan Office | Comptroller + | 8-6-78 |
| | St. Char. Sem. | In Res. | |
| Manhattan | St. Joseph | Pastor + | 6-19-80 |
| | | Comptroller | |
| Romeoville | St. Chas. Center | Director + | 7-12-82 |
| | | Comptroller + | |
| | | Financial Adm. | 2-13-84 |

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EXTRA DUTIES:

Teacher at Quigley 1961 to 1965
Diocesan Budget Committee 1971 -
Financial Administrator 2-2-84 -
Director of Cemeteries 7-1-86 to
Clergy Retirement Board 10-24-72 -

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December 9, 1954

Dear Father Kenneally:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 4, giving your appraisal of Mr. James Frederick, a student for our diocese.

I appreciate your careful analysis of his character since it is obviously so important that we do not ordain the wrong men. In any case of doubt we must protect the Church.

Thanking you and the faculty for all that you do for our students, and asking God to bless you in your important work for the Church, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. Martin D. McNamara, D.D.
Bishop of Joliet in Illinois

The Very Rev. W. J. Kenneally, C.M.
St. Thomas Seminary
1300 South Stelle Street
Denver 10, Colorado



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DIOCESE OF JOLIET
Chancery Office
310 BRIDGE STREET
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

000130

His Excellency,
The Most Rev. Martin D. McNamara,
Bishop of Joliet in Illinois,

Your Excellency:

Realizing what it may mean to me in the future, conscious of the source of edification which it will certainly be for others, and glad of an opportunity to comply with your wish, which has as its object my own welfare and the welfare of those who may be entrusted to my care, I willingly bind myself for five years from the day of my ordination to the priesthood to abstain from all intoxicants.

With sentiments of reverence and obedience, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Signature

Date: April 5, 1959

Place: St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, Colorado

Seminary Seal:

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January 30, 1964

The Reverend James Frederick
Notre Dame Church
64 Norfolk Avenue
Clarendon Hills, Illinois

Dear Father Frederick:

I will be interested in the courses you find at Chicago University on education.

You may assure Monsignor Howard that you will remain at Quigley next year.

Wishing you every blessing, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

MDM:jr

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February 7, 1964

The Rev. James Frederick
64 Norfolk Avenue
Clarendon Hills, Illinois

Dear Father Frederick:

The program you have outlined for yourself looks good. Be careful not to overwork.

The plans went out for bids to about twenty general contractors for our new Seminary a few days ago. We have chosen the name St. Charles Borromeo for obvious reasons.

Wishing you every blessing, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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CONFIDENTIAL

November 10, 1964

The Reverend James Frederick
Notre Dame Church
64 Norfolk Avenue
Clarendon Hills, Illinois --- 60514

Dear Father Frederick:

Concerning your letter of November 9, 1964, with reference to the recommendation requested of you, I would like to state first that you may answer the form. Secondly, you should answer the questions truthfully but in general without giving any details. Thirdly, for the additional information requested you can state that the teacher left your school system of his own volition because of circumstances not in any way connected with the school. For Question No. 2, you might state that hiring teachers is not up to you and so you prefer not to answer this question. For No. 3, you do not wish to make any reservations.

Trusting that the above will be a guide for your answers, and with best personal wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Romeo Blanchette
Vicar General

RRB:jr

Enc.

P.S. This week's Register will carry the notice about Father Maguire's future appointment as Spiritual Director at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

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June 7, 1965

Dear Father Frederick:

Effective September 1, 1965, I hereby appoint you as
Dean of Studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Lockport,
Illinois, with residence at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Wishing you God's blessing in this new appointment, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

The Reverend James Frederick
Notre Dame Church
64 Norfolk Avenue
Clarendon Hills, Illinois 60514

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FRANK J. KOBLER, Ph.D.
CONSULTANT IN PSYCHOLOGY

SUITE 1507
55 EAST WASHINGTON STREET
CHICAGO 2, ILLINOIS

STATE 2-0006
WHITEHALL 4-0800

August 6, 1965

Dear Monsignor Howard

There is no fee for J.F.
It was a challenge that
I enjoyed.

Best regards

Frank Kobler

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April or
May 1967
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RLK reports he heard recently of an accusation by student at S.P.S. against Fr. Frederick when he was teaching. Both submitted to tests. Evidently the authorities were satisfied. Msgr. Howard spoke about this recently to Fr. RLK. It seems also that Fr. Frederick on his own had a battery of tests taken when he heard he was considered for work at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Apparently these tests classed him as suitable.

[Fr. Eugene Kennedy, M.M. supposedly thinks something is wrong if someone only wants to teach young boys.]

1) Fr. RLK - says that J.F. has his "favorites" - blows hot and cold, and sometimes doesn't talk to some if they cross him - e.g. one refused to go South on a vacation with him.

2) The bell is out of order. RLK asked him to get it fixed. Instead J.F. wakes up boys by slapping them on the rump.

3) He has taken trips to Florida with some of his vicars (and also Bishop's cousin, Steadric).

4) JM - sometimes goes to "stop at a certain person's home" on Saturday afternoon to rest. Why not at the Seminary?

A chapter on "Emotional need" in Fr. Kennedy's book was found by some of the students as "Chapter on Fr. Frederick".

During the summer Fr. RLK noticed that the boys who worked there were late in J.F.'s room - watching TV. RLK called in on ^{one} but they were simply watching TV.

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I spoke to Fr. J.F. - told him to be 000
 Careful in view of criticism. His work E
 could be ineffective if questions were raised
 along these lines. Likewise in his position
 he must be impartial. "I have confidence
 in you; that is why I am naming you Procurator
 of the Seminary and Dean of High School Students."

May 31 - Fr. J.F. came to Chenuy for an
 appointment previously scheduled. He left the
 enclosed to show he had not been ^{always} taking
 his vacations with young men. He wanted
 to eliminate question mark from my mind.
 I told him O.K., but nevertheless to be
 careful & circumspect in his present work,
 reminding him that while at Inghly had
 been accused - although cleared.

R. B.

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ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY

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vacations

Fr. Frederick

1959 thru 1963

Captain and Mrs. John Parker (5-7 years older)
or William Keeley (friend of family; 11 yrs older)

1964 William Keeley

(at this time two boys, members of a scuba club of which I was moderator, asked for a ride back from Florida. They went down on their own for a diving trip)

1965 Frs. Edward Baseheart and John Kauzlarich

1966 Fr. John Kauzlarich and Msgr. E. Nuzskowski

Two
~~One~~ over-night trips

About 1964; classmate from Loyola had his young nephew in from farm. Asked if I would like to join them on an over-night to Lake Geneva. I asked one of the Quigley boys from LaGrange who had counted money for us at Clarendon Hills in order to keep company with the nephew.

About 1962 or 1963. Had to go to Belleville and St. Louis on business. Had much work to do on preparation for Master's Degree comprehensive exam. Asked a boy from Homewood, member of swimming team, if he would do the driving so I could work. Stayed at a Rectory of classmate. I think the boy's name was Mikes or Mates.

21
8
168 days

- I Told him ok
- Not to worry
- But be on constant alert
in his present work.
- R. B. -



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LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS 60441MOST STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

On Sunday, June 11th, all the boys who were working at the seminary for the vocation week retired about 11:30 p.m. Father Frederick went from one bed to the other talking to the boys and listening to what we were talking about. When almost all were asleep, Father Frederick sat on my bed and began rubbing the back of my neck, then shoulders and stomach. About every half-minute he asked me if I were asleep. I answered the first couple of times but then stopped answering, figuring he would leave if he thought I was asleep. After I quit responding, Father began rubbing my penis. Of course it became erect. I said nothing -- I was scared. I would guess Father continued doing this for at least twenty minutes. Then he got up and left and kept circling the dorm. Then he returned for about five minutes and did the same thing as before. Then he left, kept circling the dorm once or twice and returned to his room.

About 1:30, I got up and went to the washroom. Father was standing at another boy's bed. He shined his flashlight in my face and just said: "Hello". I returned to bed and went to sleep.

Tuesday of the second workshop week (June 20th), the other boy referred to above asked me if Father Frederick had done anything to me. When I told him "Yes", he said he was going to talk to a priest about it, for Father Frederick made him nervous the past week.

I swear to the truth of all this. (This oath administered while the breviary was touched with the right hand.)

The above sworn statement was given to me on Monday, July 10, 1967, in testimony whereof I hereby affix my signature.

Roger L. Kaffer
(Very Rev.) Roger L. Kaffer
Rector



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A F F I D A V I T

On ^{Friday} ~~Monday~~ night, June ⁹ ~~9~~, 1967, after I had retired for the night,

Father James Frederick approached my bed and began playing with my privates. I was confused, shocked and scared. I thought I must be dreaming. Father had liquor on his breath. I pretended I was asleep and rolled over on my stomach. He rolled me on my back again and continued. He was masturbating me, even though there was no emission of seed. I am absolutely positive it was Father Frederick. The next day I was still afraid and confused and wondered if it had all been a dream.

I would guess he did this for about an hour that night. This same thing happened three more nights: ^{the next night, Saturday, June 10th, and *} ~~one night later the same week,~~ again on Sunday, June 11th and

Tuesday, June 13th. On Sunday night, he also went to the bed of another boy. So ^{on} ~~the following~~ Tuesday night, ^{June 20th, *} when he again came to me, the other boy, realizing what

was going on, would make a lot of noise turning over. Father quickly ran to his room and returned with a flashlight, pretending to be checking on the noise. In a short time he returned to me. This went on several times that night. Due to this

help from the other boy, Father was not after me as long that night. I talked to the other boy and we consulted a priest, who told us he wanted to consult an older priest in Chicago. He then told me I should tell this to the Rector of the Seminary,

Father Kaffer, who would know what to do. I always pretended I was asleep, for I was afraid and did not know what to do. I did not treat Father Frederick any differently in the daytime for I did not want him to know I had been awake. My

reason for being at the seminary was to work this summer. Father Frederick asked me last January if I would work this summer. I solemnly swear to the truth of the above, so help me God.

Sworn to and ~~signed~~ in my presence this 11th day of July, 1967.

* These corrections were made by the affiant as he read this statement, which I had drawn up from memory after he had told me what had happened. B.L.T.

Roger L. Kaffer
(Very Rev.) Roger L. Kaffer, Rector



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MOST STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL MEMO TO THE BISHOP OF JOLIET.

On Saturday, July 15, 1967, I told Father James Frederick: "Jim, I know you have a very serious problem, and I want to help you; and I also want you to help me to minimize the effects that your problem has on the seminarians you have caused problems for. The boys were not asleep but scared when you tried to masturbate them. They said nothing and did nothing because they did not know what to say or to do. They consulted a spiritual director, who in turn consulted another spiritual director in another diocese, who of course told him to tell them they must call this to my attention, which they have done. I would like you to tell me everyone you have had this problem with, for I don't know if everyone has come to me or not, and I greatly fear for the psychological ~~and~~ health of them, and wish to keep a close eye on them."

He replied by saying he can't be sure of what happened, but he is quite sure that whatever he has done has been after he has ~~xxxx~~ been drinking, or very late at night. He said it would be limited to those who work here during the summer. I asked if he has ever had this problem during the school year, and he said he does not think he has been in the dorms late at night more than three times during the school year, for he usually retires early, but indicated it would still be limited to those who have worked here in the summertime.

I then told him I had talked to the Bishop, who told me to talk to him and then to come with him to see the Bishop as soon as possible. He asked what the Bishop would do, and I said I was not sure. Would the Bishop remove him from the seminary? I said I did not think it would be good for him or the seminarians if he were to remain -- did he? He said he thought he could control this problem. I then said I would not want him to remain. He then said he is glad, in a way, for he has been terribly worried about his mother, and could take care of her for a few years, seeing a Doctor, if the Bishop wants him to -- unless the Bishop has something else in mind. He said he hates parish work.

I then told him I had had negative doubts for nearly two years, but was always careful not to act in any way on them, lest I be unjust. When my doubts became positive, I did over-rule some assignments of house jobs that would preclude giving his favorites too close an association with him (assignments he had recommended), for his good and for theirs. Likewise, I told him I had talked to Msgr. Howard who said he was relieved I came, and told me of his difficulty at Quigley.

The whole conversation was as smooth as it could have been in the circumstances. Though he was not too talkative, he did not deny, did not become angry or externally emotional. It dismayed me that he gave no indication of remorse, made no reference to the spiritual implications of all this to himself or to the seminarians. I told him Father Lennon was the one consulted first by the boys, and that originally Father Lennon did not want Fr. Frederick to know this, lest he be embarrassed in Father Lennon's presence, but that he had agreed to my revealing his knowledge of the situation, for I thought Fr. F. might wish to talk to a fellow priest himself about it. I was further disappointed that he did not go immediately to chapel after our conversation. I really expected to meet him there.



In quorum fidem,

Roger L. Kaffer

Father Roger L. Kaffer, Rector

July 17, 1967.

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Oct. 23, 1967

Dear Bishop,

About two weeks ago the Doctor informed me that I could return to full and active work. He is sending you a statement to this effect. However, he would like me to see him periodically in the future to see how things are going. Needless to say, I intend to comply fully with his wishes.

I will not be needed at Notre Dame after Thanksgiving other than one Mass on Sunday if I am able to do so.

Therefore, I would like to ask to be considered for a chaplaincy at one of the high schools. Although I feel committed for this year at Marian I might be of some use with daily Mass, etc. I would then be able to teach during the next school year and thereby be an asset to the Diocese.

I also have the obligation of caring for my mother. Perhaps there is a one-man small parish within driving distance to one of our schools. I could then take care of the parish, take care of my mother quite easily, and also be of use with my teaching qualifications.

Finally, if you see a need in the Education Office of the diocese or an office dealing in finance I feel that I would be somewhat qualified with my past experience.

I mention these above suggestions in a spirit of obedience. I am hopeful that I would not have to move twice in the next year. I think this would make explanations to people burdensome. I send these thoughts only because of my genuine concern for my mother and also because I feel that I have some abilities useful to you in your administration, useful perhaps in the near future.

I feel confident that your trust will not be lost, and I truly will obey your wishes.

Sincerely in Christ,

James Frederick
Rev. James Frederick

P.S. Perhaps I could have an appointment to discuss the above.

Nov. 9, 1967. — Fr. Frederick came. In June I'll give him a chaplaincy or residency near one of our high schools, where he can teach at a salary commensurate to residence in a parish priest. No possibility of returning

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64 NORFOLK AVE.
CLARENDON HILLS, ILLINOIS 60514
FACULTY 3-5973

November 25, 1967

Dear Bishop,

I am writing to thank you for your kind interview a few weeks ago.

I have seen the Doctor once since my appointment with you. He told me to present a few more facts to you so that you might be completely informed regarding my cure.

First of all, it is of the greatest importance to me that I be able to reside in the school in which I am teaching. If a chaplaincy is unavailable I would still prefer residence in the school. I am more than willing to work in a parish, to take a daily Mass, to assist on week-ends, etc. I would be more than happy to continue working for Notre Dame on week-ends or any other parish you may chose. But for some reason I would find it difficult to be in residence in some Rectory. The Doctor said I should make this known to you so that you would be aware of any so-called pressures.

Secondly, I would hope that I could be placed in some type of administration along with a certain amount of teaching. This was my ability at the seminary. I suppose psychologically it would be important to return to a state in which I could use my talents; I suppose this is necessary for a complete and successful come-back. At any rate, The Doctor said I should make this known.

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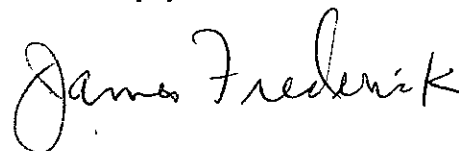
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FACULTY 3-5973

Finally, if I could be of any use to our diocese between now and June I think that my schedule could easily be rearranged at Marian to allow me to be free most of the afternoon.

The doctor asked to see me again after hearing from you regarding the above.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Rev. James Frederick

P. S. I would hope for work at Montini or Driscoll.
Moving would be a difficult task for my mother.

I had spoken with Brother Edmund in September. He was sorry that he had been away when I sought employment and hoped that I could be free for the second semester or for next year. Maybe one afternoon class at Montini would be a help.

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November 28, 1967

Rev. James Frederick
Notre Dame Church
64 Norfolk Avenue
Clarendon Hills, Illinois 60514

Dear Father Frederick:

I have on hand your recent letter in which you indicate that you would prefer residence in a school to residence in a rectory. You indicated the doctor asked that you make this known to me. You do not indicate, however, what it is in a rectory that brings on any special pressures that would not be found in a school. It seems to me that if we are going to work to help you, the doctor should be acquainted with this fact and should advise you on how to eliminate these pressures.

I would certainly appreciate hearing from the doctor if he has any definite recommendations for me in this matter. I am sure that you understand that it will not always be possible for me to give a priest the preference that he has, and so it is important that we try to eliminate pressures so that we are able to fit into almost any situation.

Confidentially, what would you think of a situation such as Immaculate Conception High School in Elmhurst, where you would be living in a rectory, but very close to the the school, and where you could teach and, also, probably help in the question of financial administration. I have not spoken to the pastor, but I would like to have your reaction as well as the reaction of the doctor to such a proposal. This would mean that you would also have an opportunity to do some parish work too, which I believe you are qualified to do and which you have done very satisfactorily in the past.

Since we have time before any commitment is to be made, I would appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

RRB:gmh

OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

QUIGLEY PREPARATORY SEMINARY SOUTH

7740 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620

PHONE: 436-4200

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January 19, 1968

Dear Bishop Blanchette:

Since I am leaving Quigley, I felt it best that you have these reports. I did not want them to fall into other hands.

Congratulations on your Auxiliary. I think it is great.

With every kind wish,
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Marty Howard

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Notre Dame Church

64 NORFOLK AVE.
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FACULTY 3-5973

Jan. 30, 1968

Dear Bishop,

I am writing to thank you for your letter which I received last Saturday. I couldn't be happier with the prognosis of my future; I am truly most grateful and appreciative. Maybe it is good to sink to the depths in order to truly appreciate the heights!

The possible appointment as procurator is really wonderful. I feel that it is exactly what I need to make a come-back. I love the administrative work, and I think that I can promise work to your satisfaction. In spite of many faults and a serious illness I feel that I have always had the good of the diocese and the church at heart---and I think Fr. Kaffer will back this up.

I've got many, many ideas in mind for this possible office, ideas which I think can save the school system a good deal of money. I think that working in volume can be a great asset!

I would like to ask your permission to consult Msgr. Brackin. Any good I did at the seminary was ENTIRELY his doing. I acted really as an instrument in his hand. I probably called him an average of two ^{or} three ^{or} four times a day many times. If you will grant this permission I can meet with him periodically between now and June and discuss many ideas!

At any rate, I don't know how to thank you for your trust and confidence. It is the best medicine possible. It's too bad every priest doesn't have the opportunity to realize the fact that his Bishop is truly a father.

Most gratefully in Christ,

James Frederick
Rev. James Frederick

Rev. James Frederick

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January 10, 1972

The Reverend James Frederick
St. Patrick Church
R. R. #1
Wilton Center, Illinois 60442

Dear Father Frederick:

Effective February 1, 1972, I hereby appoint you pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Frankfort, Illinois, which will be officially constituted on January 31, 1972. At that time, I hereby transfer you from St. Patrick Parish, Wilton Center, Illinois.

You will assume canonical possession and jurisdiction of St. Anthony Parish as soon as you make the customary profession of faith before our Vicar General, Chancellor, or Vice-Chancellor, acting as our delegate according to the provision of Canon Law.

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

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

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SAINT ANTHONY'S CHURCH
R.R. 1 FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS 60423
Telephone—Area Code 815-469-3750

050270
over

1 October 1976

Dear Bishop:

I am writing this because I am extremely angry and ~~fe~~ feel that I must get something out of my system quickly.

Vytas came here the other night and examined the books. He left quite satisfied, supposedly. The next day he called Fr. Gonzalez to inquire as to whether or not I said daily Mass. First of all, this is none of his business. Secondly, did he not think of the possibility that I might be helping out a priest quite often lately in the Heights who has been quite ill. But, the big thing is that he could have called me. I don't like it one bit (nor did Licinio) that he called Father behind my back with the mandate that he must not tell me. I would like to call it to his mind that it is I who always binates on a Sunday (you can check this out right in the sacristy next to your room). It has always been I who is at every Mass (including the first one on Sunday) to greet the people and help with Communion. It is I who always says Mass on vacation (even when I was on the A B plan with no remuneration). Except for the days I was in the hospital I haven't missed saying a Mass daily. I almost feel foolish sitting here defending myself. But this is much better than had you called me in, closed the door, and started with the usual "It has come to my attention."

Bishop, I don't like living as a yo-yo, sometimes feeling that I am doing a good job, at other times wondering why the dean is going around behind my back. If I am not doing my job ~~satis~~ to your satisfaction, whether here or at work, then perhaps it might be better for all if I were not active in an administrative role. This I must say: Please never send or let Vytas go to people behind my back with a mandate that they are not to tell me. Some people feel they owe me more loyalty than they do Fr. Memenas.

over

Fr. Frederick

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This whole thing is a sorry affair. Who I thought was once a good neighbor and friend ^{SHOULD} ~~could~~ have asked me about the daily Mass schedule, rather than do as he did.

I am tempted to blab this thing all over the Diocese, but I won't because I am too soft, as someone once said. However, it is going to take a great deal of virtue to feel that I can trust a former friend again.

Forgive me for disturbing your evening. If I didn't write this, and you would have brought it up, I am afraid I might have said something or took some foolish action that I would regret later.

Jim Frederick

P.S. I think what prompted this whole thing was that Vytas took a bulletin home with him. He probably noticed that the 8 a.m. was usually for the Intention of the Celebrant. This is because Fathers Gonzalez and Formosa are on the B plan. We don't have enough stipends for everyone.

If it were prompted by something else, then I am more suspicious than ever of the cloak and dagger dramatics.

N.B. — Talked to Fr. Frederick &

Fr. Vytas separately — and unbeknownst to each other!

Everything is OK!

They even went on vacation together later on. — Oct. 1976

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Sept. 1978

modified record } - possible superficial ulcer

~~Sept~~
Oct. 4 -

donated (1) } no superficial ulcer
abroad (2)

(Does gall bladder function?)

Nov. 1976

- get annual checkup

(said always to doctor)

Oct. 1975



- ~~None~~
③ "He had a problem"
"Not wise at this time"

- Recommended
AA

①

②

* west
Dr. West

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Dr. Dolehide — 000275
11250 S. Western A
Office: 779-7500
Home: 986-8171

(Little Co. of Mary)

get in touch re
address, then Dr. West.
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

DUMB THINGS I GOTTA DO

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- 1 ^F shoving = Mass ²⁷⁵ 13
- 2 - full movement
- 3 - drug reaction
- 4 (possible combinations
- 5 If the wife had noticed
- 6 some thing at Woods,
- 7 If something knowledgeable
- 8 in similar matters
- 9 told a priest: "combination ^{aware of}
- 10 of drug & alcohol", and
- 11 that some of the children had
- 12 noticed that Fr's actions ~~were out of the ordinary~~

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Dear Gallagher:

I am writing a difficult letter in strictest confidence. Fr Fredrick, our pastor is held in my highest regard. Lately he has had some difficulty which has been demonstrated during Mass. My initial reaction was that he had some serious illness, or was on drugs or alcohol. I checked with others in the parish & found he was using alcohol & tranquilizers. His behavior I found also was very distressing to some of the young people as they are very aware, in today's climate, of the actions of people on drugs. I am not writing this in any way to condemn or spend guilty a man whose words speak for themselves. Neither, however, should one bury one's head in the sand and

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Ignore the problem. If Father Frederick does

) not receive help I am fearful he will

end up the way many money do - as an alcoholic. I sincerely want Father not

to come to such an end. I do not

know what facilities for help are available

in our area but there is a place in

Porter's main, and I am told this is

probably new and not affiliated with the

Wargo clinic. Religion can go and the

others help - I'm not even sure Father

) for learned their stage. There is a

bar West side district an alcoholer program

at Little Co. of Mary Hospital. This man

is a former alcoholic there been help

and he may be able to offer some evaluation

or help. This letter is confusing - but it

is a plea for help, a plea not to ignore

the problem in the hope that it will go away.

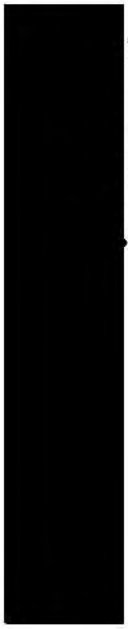
My God understand + judge my nature

in writing to you. I know I have pleased

somebody besides you. I can only

) Offer prayer -

Dr. Chast



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June 7, 1978

The Most Rev. Romeo R. Blanchette
The Chancery Office
425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Bishop Blanchette:

Father Frederick called me last Saturday night to announce that he was cleared for his ten day visit home at the end of this month. As you probably know, at the end of the ten days he returns to Rochester for two weeks before his final release. He is extremely happy at the thought of so short a time left for his treatment. I would be happy too, but I have some real concern about the future. I share these concerns with you in the spirit of your position as Ordinary, my own involvement with Father Frederick throughout some difficult days for him, and my concern for Father's physical and emotional well being.

It is my opinion, and only my opinion, that Father Frederick has not really accepted the truth of his situation. From listening to him, I can hear a loud and clear message that he is telling all of us exactly what he thinks we want to hear. For example, he asked if I had gotten rid of the pills and if I had told the druggist to stop filling the prescription. When I said that I had he was a little disturbed, especially because of his image with the druggist. He concluded by saying that it was all right for me to have done so because he has no need for the pills anyway. If it is true that he has no need for the pills, I could not be happier. However, I seriously doubt if such a need could be past history in just a few weeks time.

Another observation that I have made while living here at St. Anthony's is the environment of the house. On the occasion that I had come to see you at the Woods, over a year and a half ago, Father's threat of suicide revolved around his extreme loneliness. Having lived at the rectory only these few weeks I fear for his ability to cope with the aloneness that this house provides. I do not fault either man who lives here for the life style each follows. Father Gonzalez is a scholar and a monk. He spends hours behind closed doors.

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Father Formusa is a quiet man, whom you never see after supper. I share this information about the environment of the house not because I presume you can change things radically at this time, but rather because I am anxious to make you aware of the danger I see in Jim's returning to a situation that contributed to his problem. Jim, as you know so well, has a basically social nature. He told me before how difficult he finds the isolation here. Yet he is so very fearful that he will lose the parish that I know he would never speak about his loneliness.

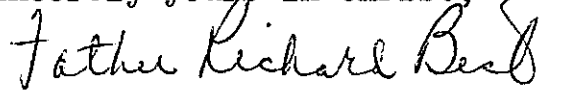
I know that Father Frederick would not be happy with me if he knew that I had written you this letter. I write it because I have a real need to let you know my thinking and because I know how serious an attitude you have toward confidentiality. My trust in you, Bishop, and my respect for your deep concern for Father Frederick and for St. Anthony's people prompts me to invade your precious time and to add to your numberless problems throughout the diocese.

Let me thank you for your continued prayerful support. Your constant encouragement for the work I do is a real affirmation of my priesthood and my ministry within the diocese of Joliet. Words would not express sufficiently my gratitude for your presence, your brotherly love, and your trust.

I really feel the need for a break at this time. I am going to get away for ten days. I am leaving Monday, June 12, for Ft. Lauderdale; and I will return on Wednesday, June 21. We are covered for daily Masses here at the parish and for the one Sunday that I will miss, June 18. Monsignor Nuszowski is assisting us while Father Gonzalez is in Bensenville.

With warm, personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Richard Best, O.Carm.

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16 July 1978

Dear Bishop Blanchette:

The other night, subsequent to our visit at the Motherhouse, you asked me to let you know if I had any impressions from our conversation. I feel it necessary to drop these few thoughts in order that my future relationship with you not commence on a confused or doubtful basis.

Until we met during this recent visit I was quite confident that I would opt to retain the parish. I had been assured on more than one occasion that the choice would be mine. Needless to say, I was quite surprised to discover that you preferred my returning on a full-time basis to the office. I found the next few days quite painful and difficult, especially since my future had been altered. Nevertheless, I made the decision to do as you preferred and to make every attempt to be obedient and serve the Diocese wherever the need was greatest.

I would like to make some comments on the things discussed during our visit.

Vacations

You mentioned that I should make every effort to take my vacations with fellow-priests. I agree totally with this advise; however, in my particular situation I am mystified as to why you stressed the obvious. Since ordination, I have never taken a vacation with anyone but priests (one exception on a diving trip). I plan to continue vacationing with Monsignor Nuzzkowski, Fathers Lutomski, Kauzlarich, Joyce, Doyle, Benzing, etc.

Recreation with priests

Again, the obvious. I wouldn't know how to recreate with anyone else to the extent that I do with priests. This has always been so very obvious that I am again mystified.

I plan to continue, as in the past, to be with priests. I plan to spend a great deal of time with my priest friends and also newly acquainted priest friends from Guest House. Fr. Menarik, a graduate, has been very helpful. I spent two or three days of the Therapeutic with him and Fr. Best. There are about six graduates from the Chicago

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area. It is very important that I keep close contact with them.

There are only a limited number of days in a week. If I attend on AA meeting per week, spend one or two evenings with this group of friends, on formal day off, etc., not a great deal of time remains. Certainly I will appear at Diocesan functions. Which ones I choose must remain my choice. FAR BETTER for me to be in the company of the above-mentioned groups than waste an evening by making an effort to be at a particular Confirmation, Holy Hour, etc., just in order to be seen. You realize that I will be in contact with all our priests during the course of my work at the Chancery and the various diocesan meetings that arise during the course of the year.

Day Off

This, by far, caused me the most frustration. I repeat the fact that I have spent my day off with Fr. Best each week for thirty years. You then stressed the fact that his job would interfere. Bishop, please give me enough credit for the intelligence necessary to consult my calendar, contact him, choose the day, etc. We have been doing this for many years.

All of the above would be understandable, were I a complete stranger to you. Since I HAVE NEVER even tried to conceal the dates or places of vacation, the people with whom I travel, etc., don't you think it is vitally necessary to respect my ability to continue in this vein? No greater harm could come to my after-care program than to feel that I am under constant supervision either directly by you or through some chosen person. Yet, if you consider our conversation in retrospect, I am sure that you can see how I feel in this regard. I strongly suspect that Mr. Herber is going to call you. We have discussed these matters, and I am confident that he will share his opinions with you in this regard.

Bishop, the management of the details in my life must be under my judgment. Where and when I eat, with whom I spend my evenings, etc., will be more detrimental than advantageous to me if I must lead the life of a child in these regards.

Brother Richard and I have always been close on both social levels and professional levels. He has spent countless hours at the Rectory, always in the company of fellow priests, enjoying free time and the company of good friends.

I would much rather give you a monthly report as to my social activities than feel that you have asked very close friends to "keep an eye on me." You may not realize how these thoughts were gleaned from our conversation, but the very topics you proposed lend themselves to these conclusions.

What are my plans? I think they are salubrious and self-satisfying. I plan to work morning and afternoons at the office.

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I plan to take two hours off in midday to pursue some athletic programs. I plan to attend one formal AA meeting per week. I plan to see Fr. Menarik and the other graduates hopefully on a weekly basis, or at least twice a month. I plan to take some evening courses in the not-too-distant future. Time permitting, I may help Brother Richard with Confessions, monitoring a class here and there, etc. I am truly looking forward to this new daily schedule; I am looking forward to the relief automatically engendered by relinquishing the parish and its duties.

Please understand the importance of this letter.

Finally, I will be home on the 27th of July. I will spend the following week both moving and preparing for the new task. I will probably also spend at least a half day each day at the office. On the 13th of August I plan to get away with Fr. Best for a week to take the vacation we had planned during June.

Sincerely,

Jim Frederick

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16 July 78

Most Rev. Romeo Blanchette, D.D.
425 Summit
Joliet, IL 60435

Dear Bishop Blanchette:

I hereby tender my resignation as Pastor of St. Anthony Church,
Frankfort, Illinois, to be effective August 11, 1978.

Sincerely,

James Frederick
Rev. James Frederick

*Rev. James Frederick
Rochester, Minnesota.
Dear Fr. Frederick,*

July 21, 1978

*In reply to your letter of July 16, 1978, I hereby
accept your resignation as pastor of St. Anthony parish, Frankfort, Illinois
effective August 11, 1978 (12:01 A.M.).*

*With best wishes to you for your continued progress and for
your cooperation and with anticipation of continued fine work for the
church, I remain,*

*Cordially yours in Christ,
+ Romeo Blanchette*

*P.S. It is my hope that you will receive this letter on July 24 or July 25.
Please call me at the chancery in the morning from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
on either day or at the woods on either evening from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
(815-469-4848) to indicate that you have received this letter.*

*over the phone on July 25, 1978, told Fr. Frederick that I had
[He had not yet received the letter] + R. Blanchette*

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29 July 78

Dear Bishop:

This is just one of many notes I plan on writing you rather frequently during the next few months. Contrary to the thoughts I expressed in a recent letter, I do plan on keeping you up to date on my activities. I will do this because I really do consider you one of my closest friends. I wish my motives were based on a more spiritual ~~ba~~ foundation, but hopefully that may come in time. The fact of the matter is that I would jump off the Empire State Building if I thought it would please you. Jerry Herber would be the first to confirm this. In fact, his last conference with me was to assure me that you had my interests at heart, that I should be patient if I thought you were interfering, that I really had a friend in you, etc., etc..... (The more I think about it--- you should ask that Jerry be the counsellor for Joliet priests. He really understands you; he likes you; he thinks your priests are the most fortunate to have a Bishop that really CARES. Even though he insisted I send that recent letter, he is the first to stick up for your genuine concern, friendship, etc.

I hope you won't put these memos in my file. They are merely quick notes, filled with typing errors, intended to keep you fully abreast of my comings and goings.

Please be patient during the next few weeks. I will be very busy moving to the seminary. Disposing of my mother's things, moving, etc., will require a tremendous amount of time. Moreover, Fr. Dennerlein has asked for a few days to help him become orientated. Father Ed Nester, a very close friend from Guest House, is coming to spend a few days with me subsequent to his graduation on the 9th of August. I plan to bring him to the Chancery, to meet you (I have to show off my friendship with the Bishop); finally, I'll take him to the airport on the 11th with Fr. Best. Fr. Nester will take off for the east coast--Best and I will take off for ten days in Florida. Jerry was very much in favor of the ~~z~~ vacation, especially in view of the fact that I will have made the move to the sem, put in some time at the Chancery, etc. He thinks ~~is~~ it is perfectly timed to get a rest in the real sense of the term.

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Regarding the A.A. meetings---I have contacted the Mustard Seed, a place highly recommended by Jerry. They have noon meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I'll probably change my day off to either Tuesdays or Thursdays. This will fit in perfectly with my schedule. I had dinner tonight (Saturday) with ~~Burch~~ Butch Menarik (pastor at Glenwood) and John Kauzlarich. I'll probably attend a second meeting with the priests in the Chicago area each week.

Regarding week-end help, Jerry wants me to be involved, but not on a weekly basis. He would rather have me help people on vacations, rather than tie myself up weekly with a particular parish. Brother Richard tells me that James Gaffney is delighted that I will be available. I'll get the word out that I am available in the area, especially to fill in for priests vacationing, etc. Brother Richard tells me also that they are desparate for a priest on week-ends for the Lewis students; ~~even~~ evidently, no one is there for week-end Mass for the Lewis students. We will wait and see how or if that works out. Secondly, if and when I take vacations, the brothers will continue to ~~at the~~ attend the local parish for Mass.

Brother has placed the red carpet at my feet. A suite of rooms has been cleaned, painted, etc. He had a private phone installed for me. He even had all seminary phones removed from my quarters; in no way am I to be disturbed by seminary calls (if you want my number---838-1456).

I can't think of much more to say. However, I do again ask you to be ~~patient~~ patient during these next few weeks. After the ten days vacation, I'll give you a decent day's work. One way or the other---we will get things back in order in the office. I'll write these memos periodically. Please understand my motive behind so doing.

Would you kindly get me faculties for Chicago? I have countless opportunities to hear Confessions there. I think my present faculties expire on the 13th with my transfer. I am sure that Frank Brackin would grant them verbally, but I would just as soon have you or Bill Donnelly get them in the proper fashion.

jim. Frederick

Frederick

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BISHOP'S OFFICE

June 2, 1980

Reverend James Frederick, Administrator
St. Joseph Church
235 W. North Street
Manhattan, Illinois 60442

Dear Father Frederick:

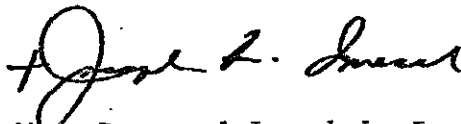
In order to provide for the pastoral care of the people of St. Joseph Church, Manhattan I appoint you to the position of pastor in that community. This appointment will take effect on Thursday, June 19, 1980. This assignment is in addition to your present duties on a diocesan level.

I am grateful to you for the leadership you have excersied in preaching the Gospel to your people. I pray that the Lord will continue to make your ministry fruitful and that you will be an authentic witness of the Good News.

I ask that you make every effort to join together with the other priests of your cluster in order that you might have the opportunity to offer them support and encouragement as well as enriching your own ministry. As much as possible I ask you to cooperate with the priests of the nearby parishes in providing programs for your people. Such cooperation provides the people with a very graphic example of what it means to be Church.

Assuring you of my prayers for you in your assignment and also of my willingness to be of any assistance that I can, I am

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

Memo from the

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

DATE: Bishop Ketter

TO: One last request:

I know how efficient you are. If I ever ^{HEARD} that you put our visit in writing, that Nat or Barb had knowledge of it, I would really take the gas pipe. Do whatever you want in your own handwriting + put in secret archives - ok with me.

Lastly, cause I really don't want to ~~discuss~~ discuss this till Dec - near the physical - don't ever call me till then. I don't need your friendship that much.

By the way, being hurt is a 2-way street. I was ~~hurt~~ hurt by both of you a few years ago that create

Memo from the

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

DATE:

TO:

asked me "Why does Bishop
Imesch + Bishop Kaffer hate you so
much"?

Again, with a loyalty I still
have, I responded "We all
have our good + bad days.

~~I~~ I'll NEVER tell you
about it. I'm too big of a
man to let it bother me.

Have a good meeting, even
though I am not there.

Fr. Frederick

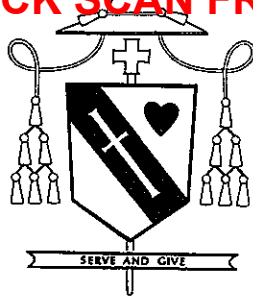
Please burn this memo.
I'm EVEN LOSING MY SENSE OF HUMOR

Assistant Bishop of Joliet

425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

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Your Excellency, I want you to know what I've done so far. I have located an AA meeting ^{place} in the loop, and you know I like to get down there at least twice a week. I also recall that when guys have slips and go ^{back} to either ~~St. Peter's~~ or Lutheran Council that the theme is "Have you been attending your meetings?" So I don't think we need to go to Lutheran Council yet until ^{maybe} I've had my physical. I will probably be at my first meeting ^{maybe} tomorrow - certainly Saturday. Now don't call me back. I don't even want to talk about this for awhile. Thank you. Goodbye.

I just want to add one more message, ~~but~~ ^{I'm gonna} hold you to confidentiality. I mean no going to any of the priests and saying "hypothetically" or any of that crap and I don't want Donnelly or Vorach to know either. I'm sure you've all talked about it at your staff meeting. You ~~can~~ just say we talked about it but I really ^{think is} ~~that's~~ a big point with me. And as far as the Doctor goes, I've thought about this too. I may let you call him but on the other hand that means you don't believe me. And if I'm being treated that way, ^{when} at a total insult, let alone, I think, a legal thing, ^{and} I've been honest with you, right? And I will continue to be honest with you, but you have to deal with me. I, I don't mean to sound arrogant but that's my feeling.

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[Redacted]
Cell phone: [Redacted]
Office: [Redacted]
Home: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]

April 22, 2002

Spoke with [Redacted] this afternoon. He attended Quigley South where he was taught math by Father James Frederick.

During the summer of 1967, between his junior and senior year of high school, [Redacted] worked at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Romeoville doing general maintenance. There were 2 or 3 other guys with him. They stayed at the seminary during the week and went home on weekends.

That summer, Father Frederick molested [Redacted] three times. He has never mentioned the abuse to anyone except his wife. With all that has been in the media, they have talked a few times about his abuse. [Redacted] is married and has 3 children.

The only reason [Redacted] came forward is that he wants to put the abuse on record. He does not want to go public. He would be willing to speak about his experience with someone from the Review Committee.

I asked [Redacted] if he desired counseling to help put the matter to rest. He said he wasn't sure, but probably not. I told him that if, in the future, it would be of help, to please contact me or the person who contacts him from the Committee.

When [Redacted] asked how soon someone would be calling him, I told him that I would bring the matter to the Chair of the Review Committee tomorrow at its meeting but wasn't sure how quickly someone would be in touch, and thanked him for calling about the abuse.

Judith A. Davies, OSF.
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF