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Frankoka, Wis.

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Archbishop Moses E. Filley
Milwaukee, Wis.

Your Excellency:

It has been stated that this will never reach the eyes of the Archbishop, but I am appealing for the sake of my children and all the children of Holy Apostles in New Berlin.

In one room out here the sixth, seventh and eighth grades are together. They are given "catechism" lessons by Father Krusing - these lessons consist of these subjects:

Lectures on pregnant women

A talk on change of life.

The statement that "when your mother loses their figures and get big and fat, they are going to have a baby." The problem of figuring out how

large the Blessed Mother must have been with the Infant by the time she made the journey on a donkey to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

I am not a confirmed crank, and I have not taken the word of my seventh grade daughter but have had confirmation of such lessons.

Sermons on the sixth commandment were so filthy our parishioners were completely shocked. With children attending the Mass, Father spoke of how probable it would be to have little seven and eight year old boys sliding their hands up a girl's leg.

Our children have been told the things they must know at the age we feel is proper - I have bought books from the Church Mart for this purpose, but surely, Your Excellency, these are not proper subjects from a priest for this age group.

We have been told time and time again that Catholic education is the only kind for a Catholic child, but I don't believe even a public school lectures on these subjects without permission.

With all the dreadful things we read in the papers, we Catholic parents must curb and guide our children somehow, but we are absolutely hampered in our efforts out here. We have talked together and have come to the conclusion that, if we never had bad children before, we will now because of some of the thoughts which Father instills in their minds.

We cannot take our problem to Father himself because out here we are living in a miniature Quosia. A tempus Tentum is all we get out of it, and we either conform to these rules or we may go elsewhere.

Because I know that no one will read an anonymous letter, I am signing my name, but my husband and I are fully aware of the fact that should this appeal be given any consideration and Father Trossing be told of the identity of the writer, we will, more than likely, be dismissed as members of the parish which has been done before. But we take this chance because our children's morals are our most important considerations.

If we are silent because of our fear of Father (and, in that, I include many parishioners) I feel that we can be termed "negligent parents" as many judges term parents of delinquent children.

Please protect our children,
Your Excellency, and please help us!

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. 