

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## MEMO TO THE FILE

Re: John Hefferan

This associate pastor evaluation was sought on a volunteer basis. The effort was discontinued; the evaluation was not completed as the process called for.

AOC 014385

Hefferan, John Edward

<sup>retired</sup>  
7/30/00

(1) St. Louise de MARILAC, LaGrange <sup>Bishop</sup>  
asst 7/7/56 - 7/7/62 <sup>Diocese</sup>  
<sup>Home.</sup>

(2) St. Anastasia, Waukegan.  
asst. 7/7/62 - 6/20/67

(3) St. Simeon, Bellwood.  
Asst. 4/20/67 - 1/28/69

(4) Infant Jesus of Prague, Flossmoor.  
Asst. 1/28/69 - 6/13/73

(5) St. John the Evangelist, Streamwood  
Asst. 6/13/73 - 06/75

(6) St. John Baptist Viamey, Northlake  
Associate(?) 6/11/75 - 06/81

(7) St. James, Highwood  
Associate 4/8/81 - 6/11/85

(8) St. Ann, Lansing  
Associate 6/11/85 - 6/11/90

(9) St. Gerald, OAK Lawn  
Associate  
4/11/90 - 7/1/97

(10) St. Bede, Ingleside  
7/1/97 - 9/29/00

(11) Retired. 9/30/00 - Bishop Lyrne Home, Lemont

(12) St. Alphonsus, Lemont  
Administrator, Temporary 7/1/02 - 1/15/03

Ministry Status  
Retired / withdrawn

(1) allegation received  
5/2/02 — occurred 1968 or 1969  
Infant Jesus of Prague.

Memo from  
VINCE COSTELLO

[REDACTED]

1  
2  
~~3~~  
~~4~~

J. H.

'93

[REDACTED]

pulled

9/9/93 - Remain in  
Ministry.

Also Dallas pulled

[REDACTED]

never followed

up.

\* [REDACTED] substantiated  
by Bd. <sup>10/18</sup> 2003 - withdrawal  
ASR Lagges.

Memo from  
VINCE COSTELLO

J. Hoffman

concerned about claim  
from '68-'69.

Complained about  
case.

Same penalty as p's  
who were removed

[REDACTED]

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Private Mass  
Stipend

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS  
For  
Rev. John Hefferan

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 Fr. John Hefferan is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

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

2. 

4.  The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the priest/deacon, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it lists all time periods, it is intended to provide an accurate record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-campus activity, please include the place, the general purpose of the visit/trip/activity (e.g. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the telephone number only if it is a private residence. (For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping rather than the name, location and telephone number of each individual store.) If your self-description is challenged, some documentation/verification may be requested.

5.  Abide by the assignment of residence to Bishop Lymne Home  
12230 S. W. 111 - Cook Rd.  
Lemont, IL 60439

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Revised 10/8/03)

John E.  
Hepperson  
Administrator  
St. Alphonsus Lemont.  
7-1-02 to 11-2-02.

- John E. -  
Hetteran.

Spiss

Bp. Lynne Home

Cronin - Admin.

Jr. Mc.  
Shinnahan.  
St. Pat.  
Lemont



PFR-15

3126424933 VICAR OF PRIESTS  
OCT-23-2002 11:07 ARCHIVES & RECORDS CENTER

**Infant Jesus of Prague**

- 1967: Rev. Richard L. Hills  
Rev. Laurence F. Maddock
- 1968: Rev. Richard L. Hills  
Rev. John E. Heffernan \*  
Rev. David P. McCarthy
- 1969: Rev. Richard L. Hills  
Rev. John E. Heffernan \*  
Rev. William Graney
- 1970: Rev. Richard L. Hills  
Rev. John E. Heffernan \*  
Rev. William Graney  
Rev. [REDACTED]

# Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

John Edward Hefferan

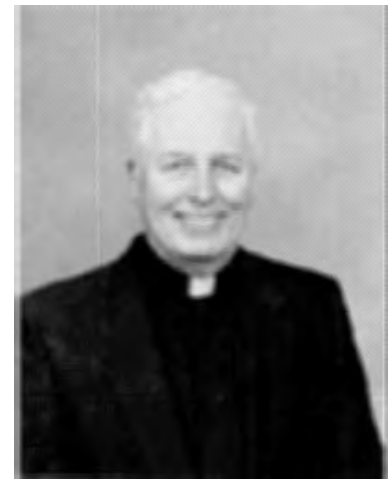
Born: [REDACTED]

Ordained: 05/01/1956

Died:

Ethnicity: Irish/Bohemian

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Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. Louise de Marillac Parish (La Grange Park)	Assistant Pastor	07/07/1956	07/07/1962
St. Anastasia Parish (Waukegan)	Assistant Pastor	07/07/1962	06/20/1967
St. Simeon Parish (Bellwood)	Assistant Pastor	06/20/1967	01/28/1969
Infant Jesus of Prague Parish (Flossmoor)	Assistant Pastor	01/28/1969	06/13/1973
St. John the Evangelist Parish (Streamwood)	Assistant Pastor	06/13/1973	06/11/1975
St. John Vianney Parish (Northlake)	Associate Pastor	06/11/1975	06/08/1981
St. James Parish (Highwood)	Associate Pastor	06/08/1981	06/11/1985
St. Ann Parish (Lansing)	Associate Pastor	06/11/1985	06/11/1990
St. Gerald Parish (Oak Lawn)	Associate Pastor	06/11/1990	07/01/1997
St. Bede Parish (Ingleside)	Associate Pastor	07/01/1997	09/30/2000
	Retired	09/30/2000	
St. Alphonsus Parish (Lemont)	Administrator	07/01/2002	
	On Leave		

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**Extraordinary  
Appointments:**

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

The following describes the responsibilities for different organizations and groups in St Gerard Parish

Altar & Rosary Society - White  
Holy Name Society - Hefferan  
St Gerard Mothers Club - White  
Ministry of Care - Hefferan  
St. Vincent de Paul - White  
Altar Boy - Hefferan  
Liturgy - Masses - White  
Youth - Hefferan  
CCD - White  
                    Hefferan  
School - White  
                    Hefferan

The following are shared: -

Funerals  
Weddings  
Instructions  
Nursing Home

	Rev. John Edward Hoffman
OK	<p>AY Jones de Madison - U MAIL</p> <p>Fred Tompkins</p>
OK	<p>AY Tompkins / Wau - U MAIL</p> <p>Algerman Foster</p>
OK	<p>AY Johnson / Bellmore</p> <p>John Mc Connell (MESSAGE)</p>
OK	<p>AY Orange / Elm</p> <p>William Miller</p>
OK	<p>AY John Evangelist / Stone</p> <p>Bot Tomelli (MESSAGE)</p>
OK	<p>AY John Baptist / N Mills</p> <p>Tom Reformat</p>
OK	<p>AY John / Hoffman</p> <p>Tammy Co. Muller (MESSAGE)</p>

Heffernan (2)

OK ~~H. Grant / Lansing~~ [REDACTED]  
Fred Pesch 10. MAIL

OK ~~H. Gerald / Oak Lawn~~ [REDACTED]  
Ruth Lo Bianco

OK ~~H. Beth / Englishside~~ [REDACTED]  
Tim Furman

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June 27, 1956

My dear Father Hefferan,

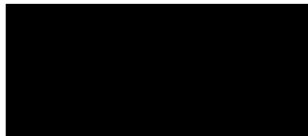
I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of  
St. Louise de Marillac Church, LaGrange, Park, Illinois.

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

With blessing,

Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. John Edward Hefferan



*Sj Hefferan*

June 25, 1962

✓ My dear Father **Hefferan**:

I hereby appoint you assistant to  
✓ the pastor of **St. Anastasia Church, Waukegan, Illinois,**  
transferring you from assistant to the pastor of  
✓ **St. Louise de Marillac Church, LaGrange Park, Ill.**

You will kindly report for duty on  
Saturday, July 7th, to **Mgr. Jos. Connerton, the pastor.**

Wishing you every blessing, I  
remain,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend **John E. Hefferan**  
**St. Louise de Marillac Rectory**  
**1144 Harrison Avenue**  
**LaGrange Park, Illinois**



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

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Office of the Archbishop

May 15, 1967

C

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
St. Anastasia Rectory  
624 Douglas Avenue  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

O

Dear Father Hefferan:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Assistant to the Right Reverend Monsignor Edward E. Plawinski, Pastor of St. Simeon Church, 430 Bohland Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

P

This appointment is effective June 20, 1967, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you will assume your new duties.

Y

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in this pastoral assignment, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Byrne  
Vicar General

By Order of the Most Reverend Archbishop

Very Rev. Msgr. Clifford E. Bergin  
Vice Chancellor

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward E. Plawinski



*Priest file*



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Office of the Archbishop

January 28, 1969

C

Reverend John E Hefferan  
St. Simeon Rectory  
430 Bohland Avenue  
Bellwood, Illinois 60104

O

Dear Father Hefferan:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicarius Cooperator to the Reverend Richard L. Hills, Pastor of Infant Jesus of Prague Parish, 1131 Douglas Avenue, Flossmoor, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

P

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

Y

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Richard L. Hills

*Priest file*



Office of the Archbishop

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May 30, 1973

C

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
Infant Jesus of Prague Rectory  
1131 Douglas Ave.  
Flossmoor, Illinois 60422

O

Dear Father Hefferan,

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

P

Reverend Thomas P. Boeger, Pastor  
St. John the Evangelist Parish - Streamwood

and grants you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

Y

This appointment will be effective June 11, 1973, 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 Hefferan,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Vicar General and Chancellor

cc: Reverend Thomas P. Boeger, Pastor - St. John the Evangelist Parish  
Reverend Richard L. Hills, Pastor - Infant Jesus of Prague Parish

AOC 014402



Priest personal f.

## Diocese of Rockford

1245 North Court Street  
Rockford, Illinois 61101

Office of the Bishop

January 22, 1974

The Reverend John E. Hefferan  
Saint John the Evangelist Rectory  
506 Parkside Circle  
Streamwood, Illinois 60103

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Dear Father Hefferan:

In order to provide for the pastoral needs of the Catholic people in your area, some of whom come frequently to the Diocese of Rockford for medical care, I hereby grant to you, with the approbation and consent of His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody, your Ordinary, the faculties of the Diocese of Rockford in accord with the norms of Canon Law and statutes of this jurisdiction with expiration date of December 31, 1974.

In any question concerning marriage, the proper canonical procedures are to be followed.

In ministering to any parishioners confined to hospitals in the Rockford Diocese, may I kindly suggest that you contact the Catholic Chaplain before hand to avoid confusion or misunderstanding.

These faculties expire in the case of your transfer from your present parish assignment.

With every good wish and prayer for you in your priestly ministry, I remain

Cordially in Christ,

*Arthur J. O'Neill*

Most Reverend Arthur J. O'Neill  
Bishop of Rockford



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979  
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Office of the Chancellor  
312/787-2315

May 29, 1975

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
St. John the Evangelist Rectory  
506 Parkside Circle  
Streamwood, Illinois 60103

Dear Father Hefferan:

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 Edward T. Boyle, Pastor, St. John Baptist Vianny parish, Northlake.

This appointment is effective June 12, 1975, 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, dear Father Hefferan,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Richard A. Rosemeyer*

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

cc: Rev. Thomas P. Boeger, Pastor, St. John the Evangelist parish, Streamwood  
Rev. Edward T. Boyle, Pastor, St. John Baptist Vianny parish, Northlake

AOC 014404



## Diocese of Rockford

1245 North Court Street  
Rockford, Illinois 61101

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Office of the Bishop

April 9, 1976

The Reverend John E. Hefferan  
St. John the Evangelist Church  
506 Parkside Circle  
Streamwood, Illinois 60103

Dear Father Hefferan:

With the approval of His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody, Archbishop of Chicago, I am happy to grant you the faculties of the Diocese of Rockford for the tenure of your office in your current parochial assignment.

The conditions are the ordinary ones usually attached in the interchange of diocesan faculties, viz., that in questions concerning marriage, canonical procedures are to be followed, and in ministering to your parishioners confined to Catholic Hospitals here, a reference to the Catholic Chaplain will be made if possible.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Cordially in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. O'Neil*  
Bishop of Rockford

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

*Chancery Office*

423 SUMMIT STREET  
JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60435

April 10, 1978

*Msgr. Rosena  
Put copy of the  
memo with each of the  
of priests.*

His Eminence John Cardinal Cody  
Archbishop of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Your Eminence:

Today I have granted the faculties of the diocese of Joliet to the nine priests who have recently been assigned to parishes bordering on our diocese.

I also appreciate the list of priests in the neighboring parishes since this helps us keep our own files up to date.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*William Donnelly*

Reverend William E. Donnelly  
Vice-Chancellor

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor

May 21, 1981

Rev. John E. Hefferan  
St. John Baptist Vianney Rectory  
46 N. Wolf Road  
Northlake, Illinois 60164

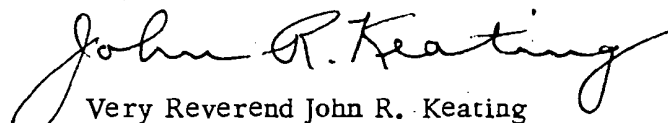
Dear Father Hefferan:

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 Joseph L. Curielli, Pastor, St. James Parish, Highwood, Illinois.

This appointment is effective June 8, 1981, 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,

  
Very Reverend John R. Keating  
Chancellor

cc: Rev. Joseph L. Curielli, Pastor, St. James Parish, Highwood.  
Rev. Raymond J. Morrison, Pastor, St. John Baptist Vianney Parish, Northlake.

AOC 014407



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Office of the Archbishop

May 27, 1985

Dear Father Kunz:

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have assigned the Reverend John E. Hefferan as Associate Pastor at Saint Ann parish. This appointment was made in consultation with the Clergy Personnel Board.

I commend him to you and the people of Saint Ann parish. It is my hope and prayer that in working together the Gospel will be proclaimed not only through your words and actions, but also through your example of fraternal concern for one another.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

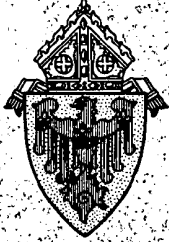
Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Norman R. Kunz  
Saint Ann Church  
3010 Ridge Road  
Lansing, Illinois 60438

cc: Reverend John E. Hefferan  
Clergy Personnel Board





# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop

May 27, 1985

Dear Father Hefferan:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Norman R. Kunz, Pastor of Saint Ann parish, Lansing, Illinois. This appointment is made following the recommendation of the Clergy Personnel Board.

This appointment is effective June 11, 1985, but I would ask you to make arrangements with Father Bellerive 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 James 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 good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
Saint James Church  
134 North Avenue  
Highwood, Illinois 60040

cc: Reverend Norman R. Kunz  
Reverend James F. Ouletta  
Clergy Personnel Board



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop

May 21, 1990

Dear Father Hefferan:

In light of the recommendation of the Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board, I hereby appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend William White, Pastor of Saint Gerald Parish, Oak Lawn. This appointment is effective June 11, 1990.

Please speak with Father White regarding the necessary arrangements and also consult with him to formulate a letter of agreement and job description in accord with the Senate guidelines regarding personnel. A copy of this agreement and job description should be sent to the Priests' Personnel Board by June 30, 1990.

John, know that you have my prayers as you begin this next assignment. I am confident you will receive a warm welcome at your new parish as you invite the people to live the Gospel more fully and be brought closer to the Lord. Please accept my deep gratitude for the work that you have done at Saint Ann Parish.

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

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Kenneth Vels*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
Saint Ann Parish  
3010 Ridge Road  
Lansing, Illinois 60438

cc: Reverend William J. White  
Reverend Norman R. Kunz  
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board

AOC 014410

PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED]:

3-16-93

- "I had an incident with a priest when I was in grammar school.  
[REDACTED]

- Time best to get back: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

- Agreed - I'll call her back [REDACTED] on 3-17-93.

=====  
PHONE CALL TO [REDACTED]:

3-17-93

- No one there. I left a message on her phone recorded that I'd like to set up a meeting and offered dates. I invited her to call me again today, or soon, and that if I don't hear from her, I'll be calling her again.

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PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED]:

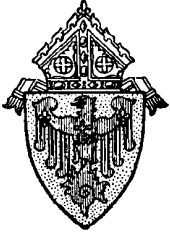
3-19-93

- She suggests Tuesday a.m. on 3-23-93 - "it's good for me." as a meeting time. I may leave message on her phone recorder again if I'd like - [REDACTED] but I can leave message. I did.

=====  
PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] (7:00 p.m.)

3-22-93

- Calling to confirm Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. here.



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VICAR FOR PRIESTS

645 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 543

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

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

Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 3/23/93  
Re: Rev. John Hefferan '56

Steven Sidlowski, the Fitness Review Administrator, notified me today that an allegation has come forward against Fr. John Hefferan of St. Gerald's church in Oak Lawn. Steve was to contact him to arrange a meeting for March 24. Steve and Ralph have met with the young woman who brought the allegation. I called John to alert him to the summons that will be put forth shortly from Sidlowski. I alerted him to his rights in this matter and I advised him to get an attorney. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I gave him the name of Patrick Reardon. I also told him that I would be available to be present with him when the allegations are made if he so desired. He seemed to want that at the time. This meeting will probably be set up for Wednesday, the 24th.

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a summary of Victim IY's allegation of minor sexual abuse against Fr. John Hefferan, given to Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, by Victim IY on March 23, 1993. According to the summary, the abuse consisted of one instance of Fr. Hefferan inappropriately feeling and kissing Victim IY and occurred at St. John Vianney in Northlake, Illinois in the late 1970s when Victim IY was in approximately 12 years old. Victim IY also alleged that she witnessed Fr. Hefferan abuse another girl in a similar way.

PHONE CALL TO REV. JOHN HEFFERAN:

3-23-93

- He mentioned "this lady had seen me in the rectory. She came up with something I don't remember at all."

- She mentioned she's upset.

- I will want an attorney.

- "It came out of the blue."

- Agreed to 1:30 p.m. meeting at my office. P.O.M. will also be there (he earlier agreed to that time). On morning of 3-24-93, P.O.M. and I agreed to meet at Vicar's Office instead due to more room available for J.H. and his attorney to confer as well as Pat and I being able to work while they're talking..discuss other matters.

AOC 014414

PHONE CONVERSATION WITH TOM PAPROCKI

3-24-93  
6:00 p.m.

- I discussed my determination and recommendation with Tom that, in brief, a monitor be placed on Jack Hefferan but that there not be an immediate withdrawal based on all the information as of now. In conjunction with that I recommend that he not be allowed around minors (under 18) without the presence of another approved, responsible adult. I also recommend he engage in counseling to address what appears to be clearly very inappropriate and highly imprudent behavior for a priest to engage in. I do not believe that [REDACTED] made up this allegation. I think she is very believable. She appears credible. [REDACTED]

However, I do feel that Jack Hefferan appeared to minimize any possible behavior on his part, if it did occur, which he now merely claims he "can't remember."

- It would probably be advisable that J.H. contact [REDACTED] to apologize in some way to the effect that if what she says occurred has upset or offended her, although he does not recall the incident, he apologizes.

- Tom agreed with my recommendation. He will communicate our recommendation to Cardinal B. tomorrow p.m. upon the Cardinal's return to Chicago. Tom will then notify me. I then will contact the Board. I'd suggested a Thursday p.m. meeting combination with conference call. Tom likes "combo idea" but as he and P.O.M. are off tomorrow, as well as POM's need to be present for [REDACTED] matter First Stage Review conclusion, which we both also now agree should be completed on Friday, so the parish can be notified about his "withdrawal," he proposes Friday 3-26-93 in early evening, say 6:30 p.m., if that's okay with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a summary of a meeting between Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review; Fr. Pat O'Malley, Vicar for Priests; Fr. John Hefferan; and Joseph Putrick, attorney for Fr. Hefferan on March 24, 1993, in which Fr. Hefferan responds to the allegation of minor sexual abuse made against him by Victim IY. According to the summary, Fr. Hefferan and Mr. Putrick addressed the specific details of Victim IY's allegation and denied that any improper activity occurred. Monitors and restrictions for Fr. Hefferan during the Review Board process were also discussed.



PHONE CALL FROM TOM PAPROCKI:  
RE: Jack Hefferan

3-25-93

- He spoke with Cardinal Bernardin (4:25 p.m.). Cardinal Bernardin "concurs with my recommendation." He'll talk to me sometime on Friday from his Office. (Tom P.)

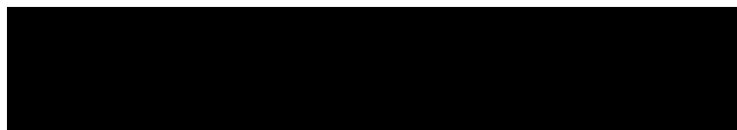
Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a summary of a phone call to Victim IY from Steve Sidlowski, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, on March 25, 1993, in which Victim IY responds to and clarifies certain details regarding her allegation of minor sexual abuse that were contested by Fr. John Hefferan.

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

Date: March 26, 1993

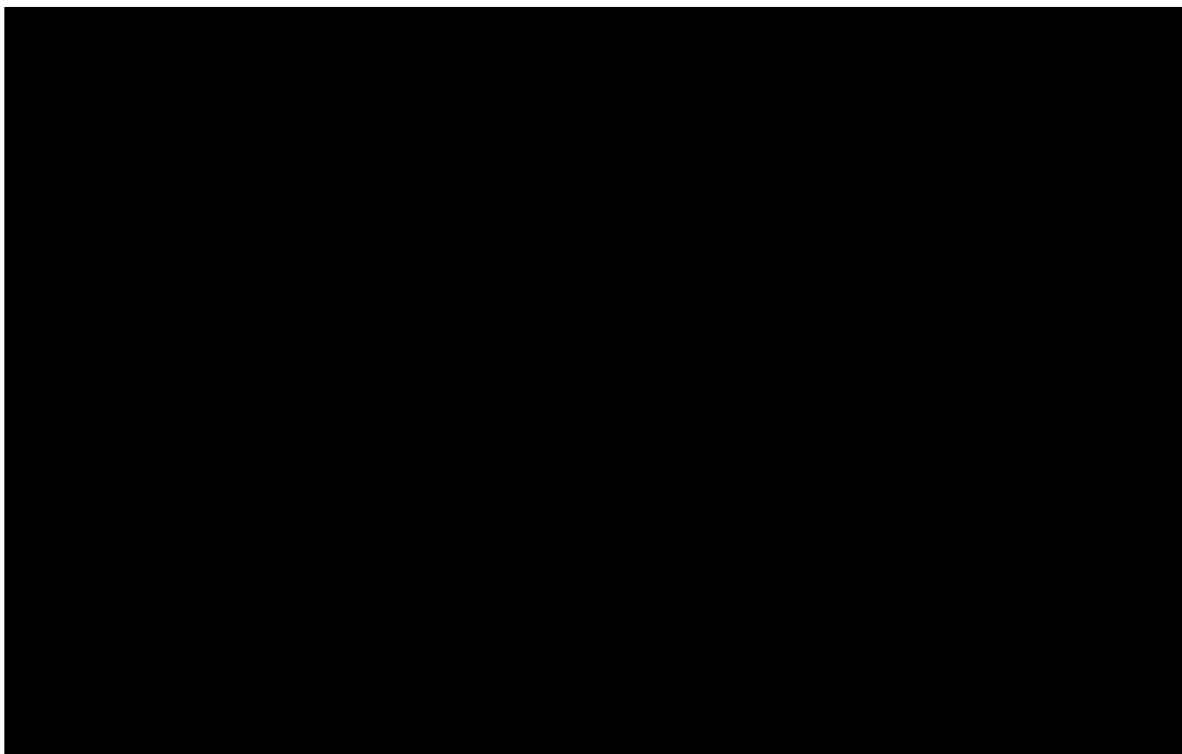
Board Members Present:



Others Present:

Thomas Paprocki

Steve Sidlowski



Matter of PFR-15 (J.H.):

1. The Board completed a First Stage Review in the PFR-15 matter pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

2. Determination: There is reasonable cause to suspect that

J.H. engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. Basis: Seeming credibility of alleged victim, [REDACTED] minors may be at risk of sexual misconduct in the unmonitored presence of J.H.

3. Recommendations to the Archbishop: Restrictions should be imposed upon J.H. in his ministerial assignment and which should include monitoring of his activities to ensure J.H. is not alone with minors without presence of another responsible adult; [REDACTED]

Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski  
Administrator

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Minutes Unanimously  
Approved By  
Review Board

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a summary of a phone call from Victim IY to Steve Sidlowski, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, on April 16, 1993, in which Victim IY inquires as to the status of her allegation of minor sexual abuse against Fr. John Hefferan.

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April 19, 1993

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
St. Gerald Parish  
9349 S. Central Ave.  
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453

Dear Fr. Hefferan:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on March 26, 1993. In the meeting, the Board fully considered my oral report. The Board assumed responsibility for the matter by conducting a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board made the following determinations:

- (1) Preliminary actions taken by me were appropriate;
- (2) Restrictions should be imposed upon you; and
- (3) Further action is required.

As a result, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that you should not be alone with persons under 18 yrs. of age without the presence of another responsible adult. [REDACTED]

The Board has instructed me to communicate their determinations and recommendations to you. In addition, I will contact you to discuss the further action to be taken and further review of the matter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Steve Sidlowski*  
Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Rev. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Joseph P. Putnick, Esq.

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April 19, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on March 26, 1993, and conducted a First Stage Review in the matter involving Rev. John E. Hefferan.

The Board has recommended to the Archbishop that restrictions should be imposed on Fr. Hefferan and that he should not be allowed alone in the presence of persons under 18 yrs. of age without the presence of another responsible adult. The Board also recommended that further action should be taken.

I've asked our Assistance Minister, Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, to contact you about any questions you may have about the further review of the matter. You also are free to contact me about any questions as well at (312) 751-5205 (06) or 1-800 994-6200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister

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April 19, 1993

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P. O. Box 1979  
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Your Eminence,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on March 26, 1993. The Board fully considered my oral report in the matter of the Rev. John Hefferan. The Board assumed responsibility for the matter by conducting a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board made the following determinations:

- (1) Preliminary actions taken by me were appropriate;
- (2) Restrictions should be imposed on Fr. Hefferan; and
- (3) Further action is required.

As a result, the Board recommends that Fr. Hefferan should not be alone with persons under 18 yrs. of age without the presence of another responsible adult. [REDACTED]

The Board has instructed me to communicate with Fr. Hefferan regarding the further action to be taken. I anticipate that a Second Stage Review will be scheduled in due course.

The Board will report to you any further determinations and recommendations following the Second Stage Review.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional  
Fitness Review  
Administrator



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SS/rm

cc: Members of the Review Board,  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review  
Board

MEMO TO FILE: PFR-15  
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator  
RE: John Heffernan — HEFFERAN  
DATE: June 29, 1993

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Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, [REDACTED] 1993: HEFFERAN

The Review Board completed a Second Stage Review and their determination is that it is reasonable to allow Father Heffernan to remain in ministry as an associate pastor in view of all of the facts and circumstances, giving appropriate consideration to the safety of children and the rights of the priest. Basis: Positive monitoring reports from three persons, including the pastor, school principal, and parish D.R.E., monitoring which Father Heffernan fully complied with, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; the known incidents also occurred in 1976 or 1978, so based upon [REDACTED]

HEFFERAN [REDACTED], the Board concurred with report that Father Heffernan is not likely to repeat sexual misconduct. HEFFERAN

The Board's recommendations to the Archbishop: Restrictions and monitoring previously imposed upon Father Heffernan should be discontinued; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the PFR-15 file and matter should be closed. HEFFERAN

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Steve Sidlowski, Administrator



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Sr. Anne Martin Phelan

July 1, 1993

Dear Sister Anne,

I called you at St. Gerald's Parish earlier today and learned from Sr. Jacqueline that you will be away from the parish until mid-August. I hadn't known you would be gone, but it is imperative, if at all possible, that we communicate some time soon.

Obviously, I was calling to see how Fr. Hefferan is complying with the restrictions/monitoring imposed upon him. I also called DRE Barb Devereux today and left a message to speak with her. I now intend to contact Fr. White as well.

As I have not heard of any problems regarding Fr. Hefferan from Fr. White, Ms. Devereux or yourself, my sense is that things must be going well. However, I need to find out directly and formally. There is a possibility that Fr. Hefferan's Second Stage Review may take place on July 24, 1993. If so, I would need formal reports from each of the monitors for the Review Board.

Therefore, I would most appreciate if you could either call me at 1-312-751-5205 or 5206 or write me (if so, please mark envelope "Confidential") as soon as possible. If you choose to write me, please mail your letter by no later than July 15, 1993 to insure that I'd have it well before July 24th.

Specifically, I need to know if you have observed any times in which Fr. Hefferan was alone with persons under 18 without the presence of another responsible adult or if you have ever noticed any inappropriate physical or other contact by Father with minors. If so, I would need to know how those situations were resolved; e.g., if Father was confronted and what his response was.

Again, the Review Board and I very much appreciate your assistance in monitoring Fr. Hefferan. I look forward to either hearing from you or receiving your written correspondence. I regret that I had to contact you while you are away from the parish. However, I am sure you understand the necessity of this communication. I earnestly hope that you have an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,  
*Steve Sidlowski*  
P.F.R.A.

SS/rm

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PHONE CALL TO BARB DEVEREUX: 7-2-93  
(Re: Her role in monitoring of Rev. Jack Hefferan)

\* "Everything's been fine from my side of it. He's not worked with the altar boys anymore, e.g. training them." Fr. White now doing that.

\* "I have heard and seen nothing, I never do see him alone with anyone under 18." NOR has she seen him involved in any sort of inappropriate physical or other contact with minors since the monitoring began.

\* She is in the parish every day and many, many times in the evening. The Religious Ed. Office is directly across from the rectory. "My Office looks directly onto Fr. H.'s rectory room."

\* Not even of signal of foul play by Hefferan, per Barb.

\* Adult Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers - Fr. Hefferan now responsible for these groups (adults).

\* Barb: "I have never even seen him in the school since this thing started."

\* Anytime he was in school with kids, e.g. for Rosary blessings, Barb was present.

\* To her knowledge, Hefferan has not gone on vacation either.

\* Barb will taking no vacation.

\* Monday, July 19th call Sr. and Fr. White and sit down to discuss Jack Hefferan's situation and how the monitoring is going.

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MEMO  
TO; File  
FROM: Steve Sidlowski  
DATE: July 2, 1993  
RE: Phone call to Sr. Anne Phelan 7-1-93

I spoke to Sr. Jacqueline in the convent at St. Gerald's Parish. She said Sr. Anne is out of town, will be visiting her family, then going to school in New York, then on to her Motherhouse. She just left this past Tuesday. She won't be back until mid-August.

As of July 12, she will be at St. Bonaventure College in New York. Until then, her address (with family) is [REDACTED]

The Vice Principal of the school, who Sr. Anne told me she would tell about Hefferan to monitor in case she is not around, is Alexandra Tasler. The school secretary who is coming in to answer phones in summer is Jean Parson.

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Ms. Barb Devereux  
Director of Religious Education  
St. Gerald Parish  
9349 S. Central Ave.  
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453

July 6, 1993

Dear Barb,

I have enclosed an updated copy of our monitoring rules for  
Fr. Jack Hefferan.

If you have any questions regarding these, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

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Sr. Anne Martin Phelan  
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July 6, 1993

Dear Sister Anne,

I have enclosed an updated copy of our monitoring rules for  
Fr. Jack Hefferan.

If you have any questions regarding these, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional  
Fitness  
Review  
Administrator

SS/rm

MEMO

TO: File (PFR-15)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: July 6, 1993

RE: Phone call from Sr. Anne Martin Phelan  
(7-6-93)

I had written Sister Anne on 7-1-93 regarding a monitoring report on Fr. Jack Hefferan. Sister called back today from Iowa.

I asked her if she has noticed any situations since monitoring of Hefferan began wherein he was alone in the presence of those under 18 without another responsible adult being there. I also asked her if she had noticed any situations where Hefferan may have inappropriately touched anyone under age 18. Sister responded, "No, I have not observed anything" like that.

Sister noted that Hefferan has been careful to withdraw himself from the school since monitoring began.

In the school, Sister noted "I've not observed him in the school at all. He never had alot of contact" to begin with apparently, except for Holy Days.

She added that "he doesn't seek the kids out, especially with girls."

Sister noted that during the regular school year she is in the school most every day. She noted that school begins this year on the last Monday in August, 1993.

In the parish, in general, Sister pointed out that she understands that Hefferan is now moderator of one adult group, though he is no longer in charge of the altar boys apparently.

Sister rejoined that "I certainly would confront him" if she was to observe Hefferan alone with anyone under 18 or doing something inappropriate with a minor, but to date "I haven't seen anything even close."

She said Hefferan has never taught any classes in the school so that's not a problem.

She is not sure if Hefferan has a log in/date book - perhaps Fr. White knows more often his whereabouts she noted.

She will return to Chicago in roughly mid-August, 1993. Within two



to four weeks upon her return, we agreed she will call me or I will call her to see how monitoring is going.

Sister Anne acknowledged that she does have a copy of the monitoring rules, but I told her I would send her an updated copy of the monitoring rules for a non-priest.

MEMO

TO: File (PFR-15)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: July 9, 1993

RE: Phone call to Jack Hefferan

I called Jack Hefferan [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I explained to him that there was a 50/50 chance that his case would be heard in the Second Stage Review on July 24, 1993. Therefore, it was imperative that I receive [REDACTED] from him by then.

[REDACTED]

I told him that if his case is heard in a Second Stage Review on 7-24-93 I will call him up sometime soon after that to let him know the outcome. If his case is not heard in a Second Stage Review on 7-24-93, we agreed I would not call him.

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PHONE CALL TO FR. BILL WHITE: 7-16-93  
(Pastor St. Gerald Parish, Oak Lawn, Ill.)

\* Father White was not available. Fr. Jack Hefferan had answered the phone and took a message for Bill White to call me. Apparently, Fr. White is leaving for vacation on Monday, July 19, 1993 or perhaps even Sunday night, and according to Hefferan, will be gone for three weeks. So I stressed to Jack Hefferan that it is important that I speak with Bill White before he leaves. Hefferan told me that he would give White the message.

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Rev. William White  
St. Gerald Parish  
9349 S. Central  
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453

July 17, 1993

Dear Fr. White,

Thank you for speaking with me earlier today about how things are going regarding Fr. Hefferan's monitoring. As we discussed, I am sending you a copy of the formal rules/guidelines for monitoring.

When we first discussed Jack Hefferan's situation, we basically went over what is in the information I have enclosed. However, apparently we had not confirmed formally the idea of a log book. At that time, the program and new procedures were in transition from the old system under the Vicar Fr. O'Malley, and since then we have more fully solidified these guidelines.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you again for all of your great assistance in this difficult situation.

I hope you have a great vacation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

PHONE CALL TO FR. BILL WHITE: 7-17-93  
(Pastor St. Gerald Parish and Monitor of Jack Hefferan)

\* Father White says things have been going very well regarding Fr. Hefferan's monitoring. Hefferan now has the Adult Lectors and the Adult Commentators' group rather than the altar boys as was the case before the allegation came forward. All those who serve on those two groups are over 18.

\* I asked Father White a series of questions about the monitoring. He basically stated that "everything has gone very well." He said, Jack Hefferan is "aware of the situation and talks to me about it."

\* In particular, Father White has noticed absolutely no situations where Hefferan is alone with teen-age girls without the presence of other responsible adults.

\* [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. Moreover, Fr. White has not noticed Hefferan engage in any sort of inappropriate touching of any minors since the monitoring has begun.

\* Fr. White has found no need to ever confront Jack Hefferan since the monitoring has begun about situations which Hefferan should not be in.

\* Fr. White is going on vacation for three weeks. We discussed that after he returns apparently Hefferan plans to go on vacation for a week or so to a cottage in Western Illinois he usually goes to with his brother ([REDACTED], Ill.). I explained that Hefferan will need to account for his itinerary when he is away from the parish and someone should be accompanying him on his vacation who knows about his situation and will let us know if any problems arise. Hence, it appears that Jack Hefferan's brother will need to be notified about the situation; I'm not sure if he already knows, so I will need to check with Jack Hefferan before he leaves on vacation. Fr. White was also not sure that Hefferan is aware of the need for a log book in general at the parish, though he intends to talk to Hefferan about it, and we agreed that I would also talk to Hefferan about it.

\* Overall, Fr. White stated "I think Jack has done everything that has been expected of him, for example [REDACTED] and has complied with every request." Overall, Jack has been cooperative in Fr. White's view.

\* I explained to Fr. White that there is a chance Fr. Hefferan's Second Stage Review will be on 7-24-93 although it is questionable due to the volume of other more pressing matters at this point.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TJP*  
and Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

Date: July 21, 1993

Re: Reverend John Hefferan

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Steve,

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations of the Review Board concerning Reverend John Hefferan as described in your letter to His Eminence dated April 19, 1993. Although I had conveyed the Cardinal's decision to you orally shortly after the Review Board conducted its First Stage Review on March 26, 1993, I am providing this written memo for your records.

It is my understanding that appropriate steps have already been taken to implement the Review Board's recommendations.

The work of the Review Board and yourself in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD  
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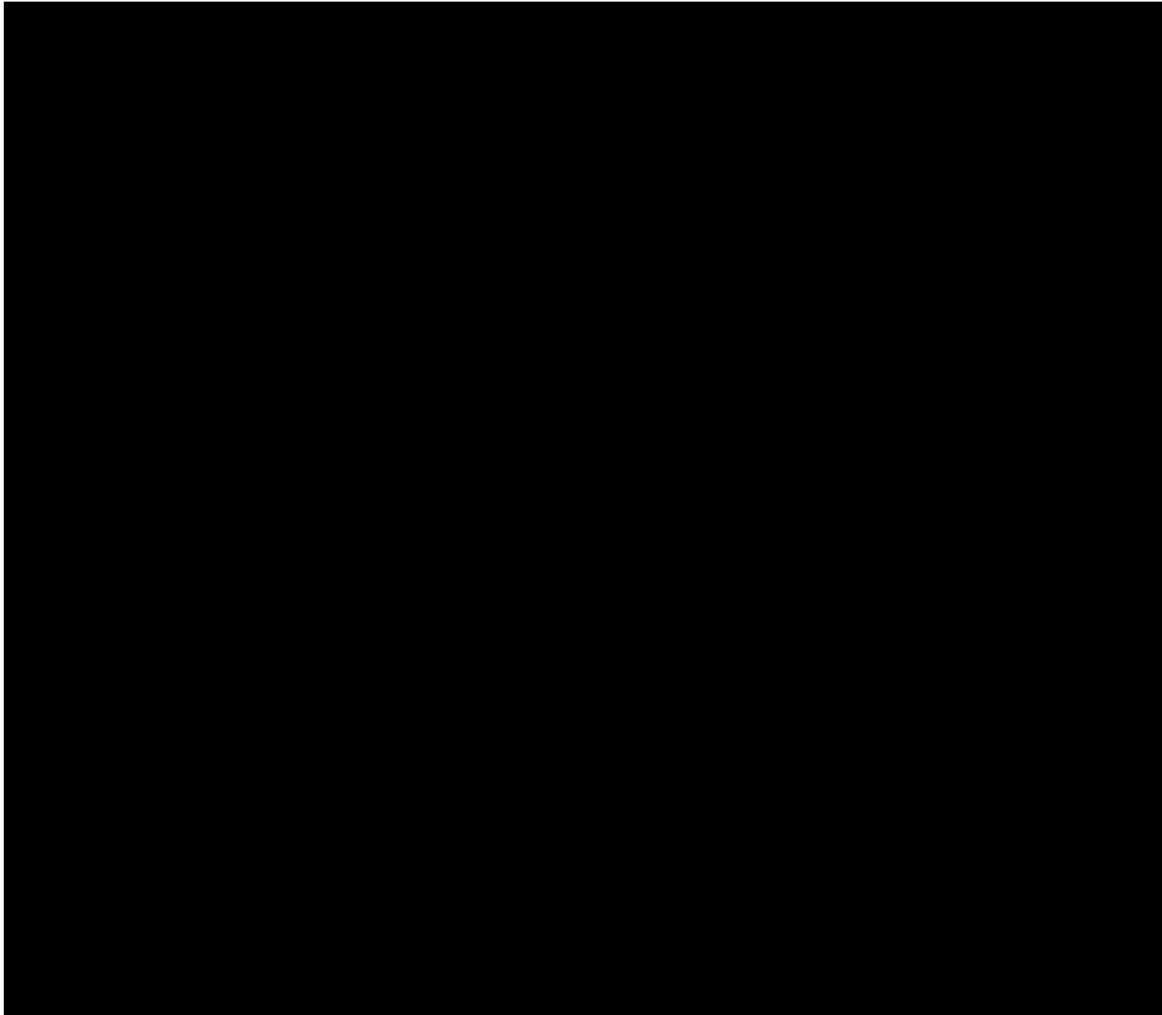
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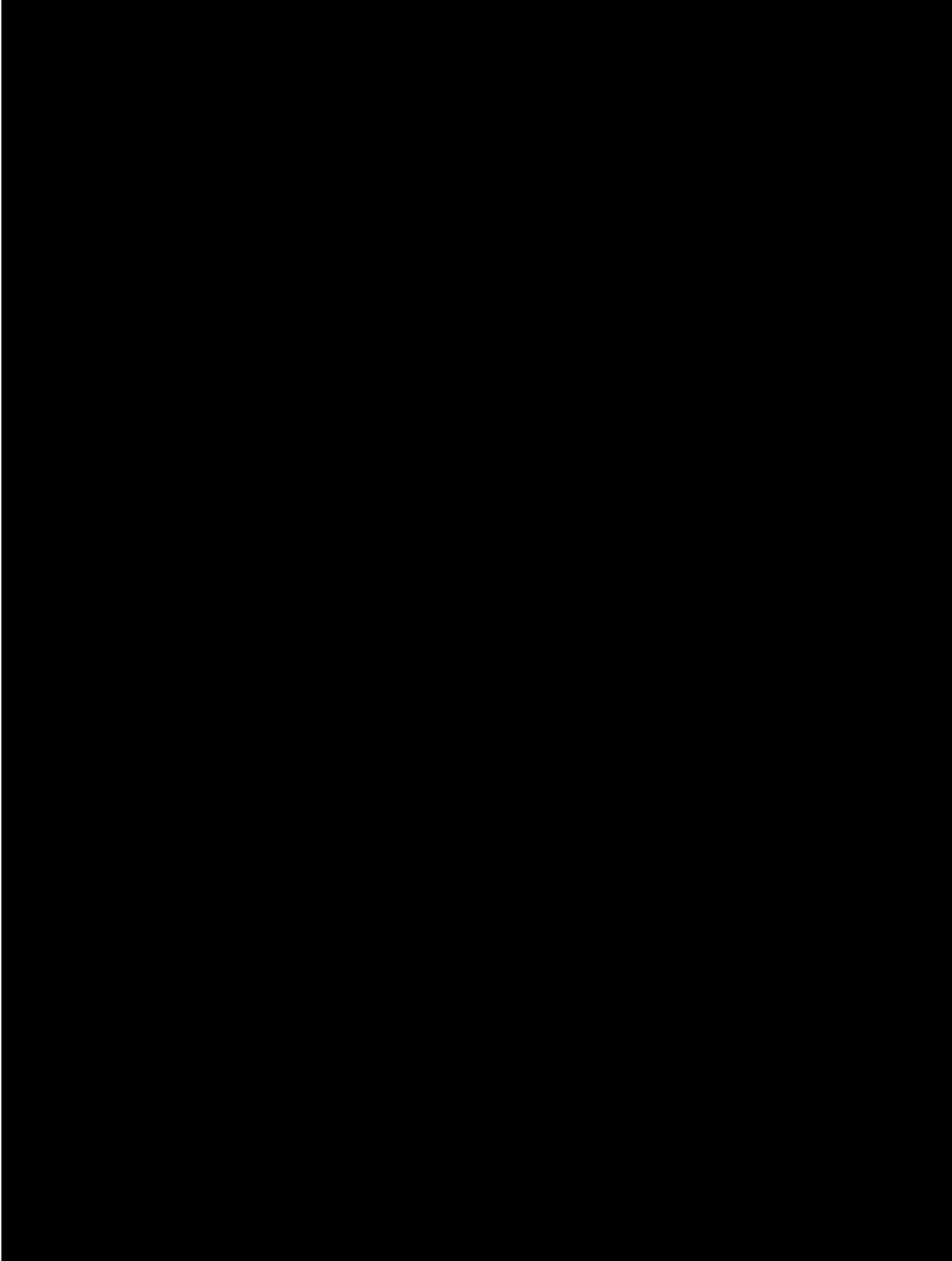
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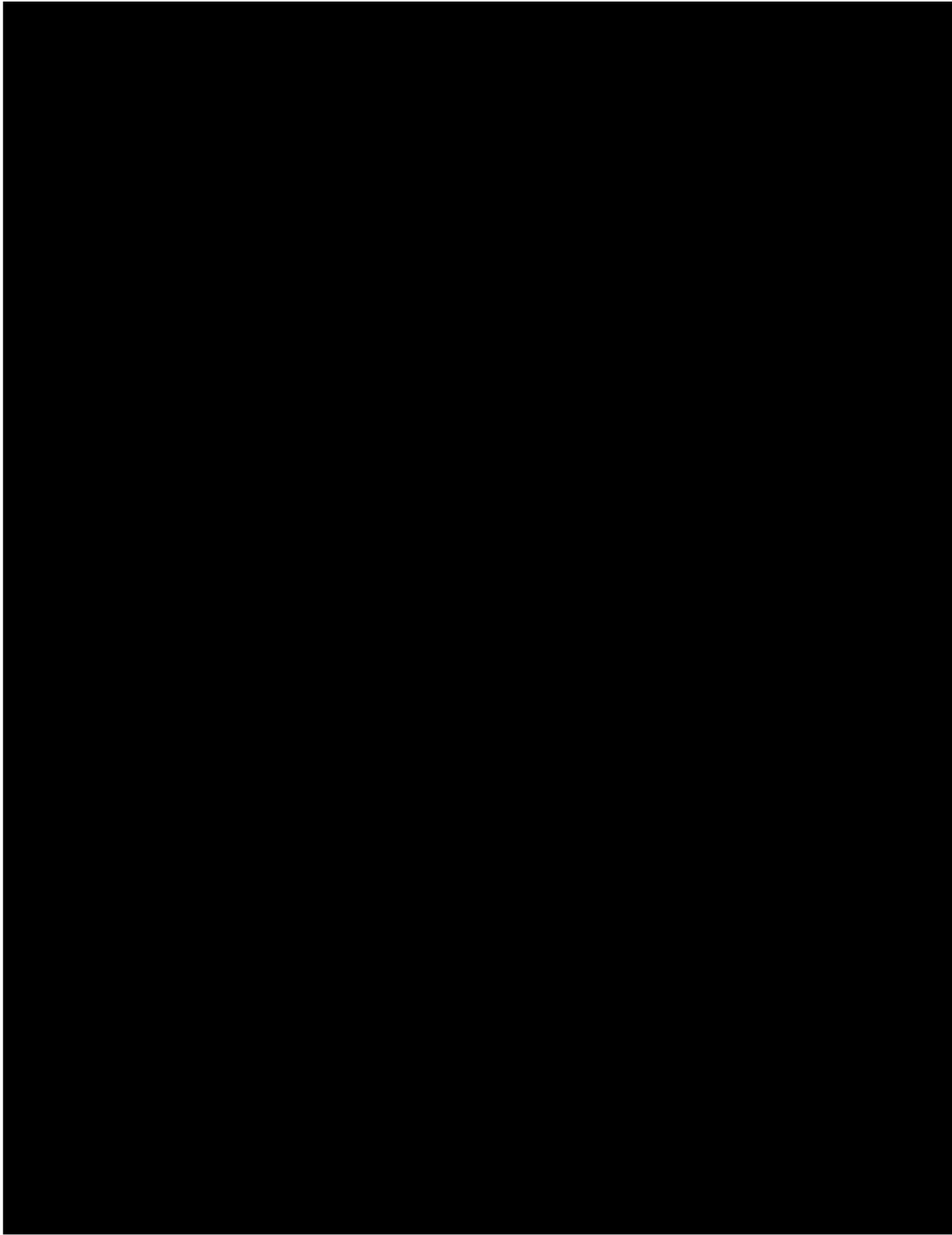
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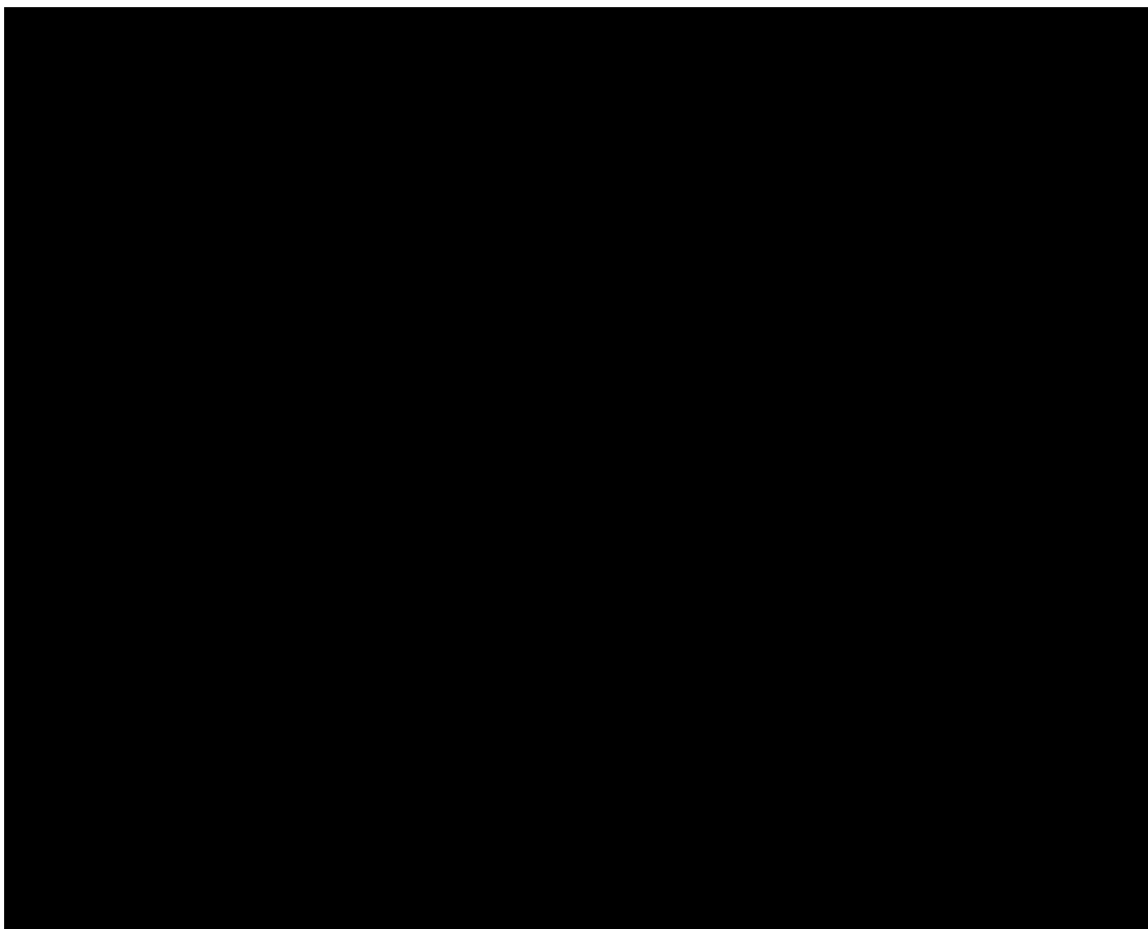
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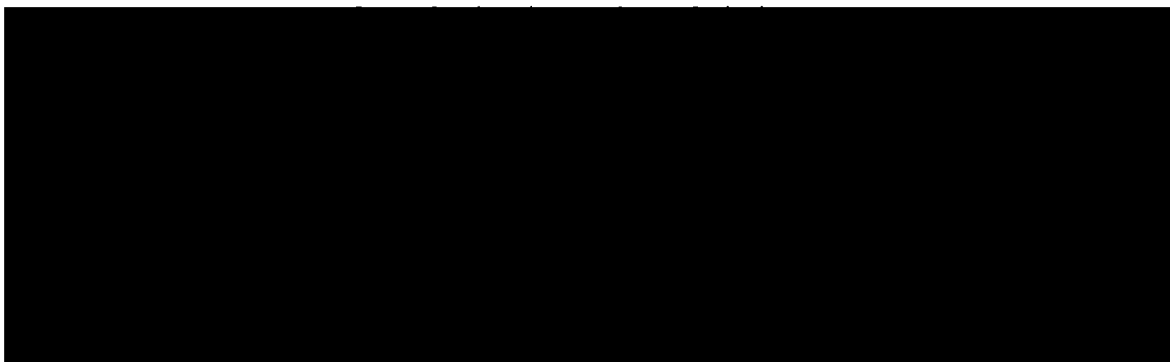
**Matter of PFR-15 (J.H.):**

1. The Board completed a Second Stage Review in the PFR-15 matter pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For Continuation of Ministry.

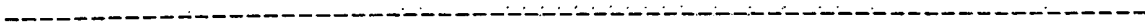
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3. Recommendations to the Archbishop: Restrictions and monitoring previously imposed upon J.H. should be discontinued;

[REDACTED]  
; the PFR-15 file and matter should be closed.



Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski  
Administrator



Minutes Unanimously  
Approved By  
Review Board

WRITTEN REPORT/SUMMARY FOR SECOND STAGE REVIEW

REVIEW DATE: July 24, 1993

1. NAME: Rev. John (Jack) Hefferan AGE/D.O.B. 63

2. ORDAINED: 1956

3. PRESENT ASSIGNMENT OR RESIDENCE:

St. Gerald Parish  
9349 S. Central  
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453

4. ALLEGATIONS/INFORMATION:

Date of Offense	Sex/Age of Child	Credibility	
		Yes	No
<u>1977 or 1978</u>	<u>F/12 or 13</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
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5. GENERAL NATURE OF OFFENSE(S)      stated that Fr. Hefferan <sup>raised her</sup> for about a minute on the mouth

and was feeling her inappropriately;

6. OTHER PROBLEMS DURING MINISTRY Per POM, none.

7.

8. [REDACTED]

9. DATE OF FIRST STAGE REVIEW COMPLETION: 3-26-93

10. REVIEW BOARD'S DETERMINATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ARCHBISHOP/ARCHBISHOP'S DECISION: There is reasonable cause; restrictions should be imposed upon Rev. Hefferan (not being allowed alone with those under eighteen without other responsible adults present); [REDACTED] Cardinal fully accepts the Board's recommendations.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS**

After the First Stage Review, Fr. Hefferan's Pastor, Fr. William White, Sr. Ann Marie Phelan, the St. Gerald's School Principal, and the Director of Religious Education Ms. Barbara Devereux, were all asked if they would be willing to serve as monitors to ensure Fr. Hefferan not be alone in the presence of minors and that he not act in any sexually inappropriate manner with minors. They all agreed to help. They agreed to report any problems which might arise and I fully apprised them of the expectations of monitoring i.e. the monitoring guidelines. I have conferred with each of the monitors more than once.

On 7-17-93 Fr. White noted that things have been going very well regarding Fr. Hefferan's monitoring. He now has the adult lectors, adult commentators' group rather than altar boys as was case before allegation. In particular Fr. White has observed absolutely no situations where Jack Hefferan is alone with teen-age girls without the presence of other responsible adults. Also, he has not noticed Jack [REDACTED] engage in any sort of inappropriate touching of any minors either. He has found no need to ever confront Jack Hefferan since monitoring has begun about situations Fr. Hefferan should not be in. Overall, Fr. White feels Jack Hefferan has been cooperative and complied with his monitoring restrictions.

Sr. Ann Martin Phelan and I spoke on July 6, 1993. I asked her if she had noticed any situations since monitoring where Fr. Hefferan was alone with those under 18 without responsible adults present or noticed any situations where he may have inappropriately touched any minors. Sister responded "No I have not noticed anything like that." She added that he has been careful to withdraw himself from the school since monitoring began. She added that "he doesn't seek the kids out, especially with girls." Apparently, he never had

alot of contact with the school children to begin with per Sister. She stated that she will confront him if she observes him in such inappropriate situations but to date "I haven't seen anything even close." He does not teach any classes in the school. [REDACTED]

I also spoke with D.R.E. Barb Devereux on 7-2-93. She said "I have seen and heard nothing" that would alarm her. "I never see him alone with anyone under 18." Nor has she seen him involved in any sort of inappropriate contact with minors since monitoring began. She's in the parish every day and many many times in the evening. Her office is directly across from the rectory and looks directly onto Fr Hefferan's rectory room.

On 4-16-93, [REDACTED] called to seek status of case. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**RECOMMENDATION:** My recommendation for Fr. Jack Hefferan is unchanged. I believe that monitoring should remain in place and that he should not be withdrawn from his ministerial assignment in the interest of the safety of our children. Although [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], the incident that [REDACTED] refers to of sixteen to seventeen years ago is extremely inappropriate and Fr. Hefferan continues to appear to minimize the effect that his misconduct has had on [REDACTED]. Indeed, my recent phone conversation regarding [REDACTED], Jack Hefferan [REDACTED], and I have seen indication of his continuing attitude that [REDACTED] is the only one who's the problem in this matter.

[REDACTED]

As such, I recommend that the restrictions continue to be imposed upon Fr. Hefferan although perhaps the level of his monitoring be modified due to his compliance apparently to date. For example, perhaps a date or log book which keeps a tab of his daily whereabouts which the monitors have access to, may for instance not be as rigidly adhered to, and/or perhaps his restrictions could be specifically addressed toward no unsupervised contact with girls and not necessarily include males. If all goes well with continued monitoring and [REDACTED], perhaps at a supplementary review two to six months from now, with no sign of further acting out, then perhaps the restrictions could be lifted.



MEMO

TO: File (PFR-15)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: July 27, 1993

RE: Phone call to/from Rev. Jack Hefferan

Jack Hefferan called to see if the Board did a Second Stage Review on his case. I told him that they did on 7-24-93. I told him that the Board found that it was reasonable to keep him in ministry in view of all of the facts and circumstances, that his monitoring up until now should cease (that the Board recommended that), and that the Board further recommended that he should [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I told him that the Cardinal must actually still make the decision. He will be getting a letter from me stating the Board's determination and recommendations and will later receive a letter, to my knowledge, from Rev. Paprocki, Chancellor, formally notifying him of the Cardinal's decision in the matter.

I told him he that he could tell the other monitors of the Board's recommendations that is isn't final until the Cardinal makes the formal decision. He had not yet received [REDACTED], so I told him I would mail him his copy. He asked if he should contact the Vicar to arrange [REDACTED]; I told him he could if he wants to but it's not official until the Cardinal signs off. I told him I still must get a definite answers on whether his file will be closed once the Cardinal renders a decision, or if it will remain open technically until we see the results of his cooperation with [REDACTED] if the Cardinal so decides.

Jack Hefferan seemed pleased and said his faith in the procedures/process has now been restored.



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Memo to File  
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 7/28/93  
Re: John Hefferan '56

The Fitness Review Board reviewed the Hefferan situation on 7/24/93. They said there is no need for any more monitoring at this time. They do suggest [REDACTED]. We will follow up on this.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional  
Fitness Review



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

Rev. John E. Hefferan  
St. Gerald Parish  
9349 S. Central Ave.  
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453

July 28, 1993

Dear Fr. Hefferan:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on July 24, 1993. At the meeting, the Board fully considered my written and oral reports and conducted a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.11 of The Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is reasonable to keep you in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances.

Moreover, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that the restrictions imposed on you should be discontinued and, specifically, the monitoring of your activities should cease. As such, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that your file should be closed at this stage of the proceedings.

However, the Board also recommended to the Archbishop that you

The Board requested that I communicate its determination and recommendations to you.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Rev. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Joseph P. Putnick, Esq.  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor

bcc: John O'Malley

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional  
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July 28, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on July 24, 1993 and conducted a Second Stage Review in the matter involving Rev. John E. Hefferan.

The Board has recommended to the Archbishop that the restrictions imposed on Fr. Hefferan should be discontinued and, specifically, that the monitoring of his activities should cease. As such, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that Fr. Hefferan's file should be closed at this stage of the proceedings.

However, the Board also recommended to the Archbishop that Fr. Hefferan [REDACTED]

I have asked our Assistance Minister, Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, to contact you to answer any questions you may have. You are also free to contact me as well at (312)751-5205/5206 or 1-800 994-6200.

Sincerely,

*Steve Sidlowski*

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister.

bcc: Rev. Pat O'Malley  
Rev. John Canary  
John O'Malley

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Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Ill. 60690

July 28, 1993

Your Eminence,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on July 24, 1993. The Board fully considered my oral and written reports in the matter of the Rev. John E. Hefferan. The Board conducted a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is reasonable to keep Fr. Hefferan in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances.

Moreover, the Board recommends that the restrictions imposed on Fr. Hefferan be discontinued. As such, the Board recommends that Fr. Hefferan's file should be closed at this stage of the proceedings.

However, the Board also recommends that Fr. Hefferan

The Board requested that I communicate its determination and recommendations to Fr. Hefferan and I have done so.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski  
ProfessionalFitness  
ReviewAdministrator

SS/rm

cc: Members of the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate to the  
Review Board

BCC: John O'Malley

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop



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August 17, 1993

Dear John,

I know that Steve Sidlowski has already informed you of the outcome of the Review Board's consideration of the allegation made against you.

I know that you are relieved. I am writing simply to let you know that you have been in my prayers. But I also know the anxiety an unfounded accusation causes. I personally have experienced the same trauma.

Be assured, John, of my continued prayers and support for you.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

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

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
St. Gerald Parish  
9349 S. Central Ave.  
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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 9/1/93  
Re: John Hefferan '56

John Hefferan called today. He just got back from vacation. He knows that he needs [REDACTED] as directed by the Fitness Review Board. He will call me when I get back from Colorado to follow up with that.

He had also received a bill from the attorney and he will submit that bill to John O'Malley.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TJP*  
and Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

Date: September 9, 1993

Re: Reverend John Hefferan

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Steve,

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations of the Review Board concerning Reverend John Hefferan as described in your letter to His Eminence dated July 28, 1993 following completion of the Second Stage Review at the Board's meeting on July 24, 1993.

I have written to Father Hefferan to inform in writing of the Cardinal's decision accepting the Review Board's recommendations. A copy of my letter is enclosed for your records.

The work of the Review Board and yourself in this matter is greatly appreciated.

AOC 014456



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

September 9, 1993

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
St. Gerald Parish  
9349 S. Central Avenue  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Dear Father Hefferan:

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations of the Review Board following completion of the Second Stage Review at the Board's meeting on July 24, 1993. These recommendations were communicated to you in writing on July 28, 1993 by Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator.

Specifically, Cardinal Bernardin accepted the Board's determination that it is reasonable to allow you to remain in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances. Moreover, the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendation that the restrictions imposed on you should be discontinued and the monitoring of your activities should cease. Accordingly, the file on this matter is now closed.

As you now put this concern behind you, please know of my prayers for continued blessings in your ministry. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me or Steve Sidlowski.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services  
Mr. Joseph Putnick, Attorney at Law

AOC 014457

MEMO

TO: File (PFR-15)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: Sept. 23, 1993

RE: Phone Calls to (Former) Monitors of Rev. Jack Hefferan

Phone Call to Rev. William White, Pastor of St. Gerald Parish:

I called Fr. White and informed him that officially the monitoring of Fr. Jack Hefferan had come to an end. I told him that Fr. Jack Hefferan should have received a letter from the Chancellor, Fr. Paprocki, about a week and a half or so ago confirming that Cardinal Bernardin had accepted the Review Board's recommendations and that his monitoring should cease. Also, the Cardinal decided that Jack's file should be closed, as the Review Board had recommended.

Fr. White had indeed heard from Jack Hefferan that he had received the letter from Fr. Tom Paprocki and that his file was closed.

I thanked Fr. White for his assistance in this difficult situation

Fr. White expressed relief that the monitoring had come to an end and hopes that the case will not ever have to be re-opened.

Phone Call to Sr. Ann Marie Phelan (Principal of St. Gerald School 9-23-93): I also called Sr. Phelan to confirm with her the above information as referred to in my phone call to Fr. White. i.e. I told her that the formal monitoring of Fr. Hefferan had come to an end. I also thanked her and she was also thankful that the situation had ended.

She did ask whether or not the case could be re-opened. I told her that that is always a possibility, for instance, if another victim were to come forward or new-very significant information came forward from this original victim. However, I told her that we don't expect that and that the person who has come forward has been in touch with Victim Assistance Ministry. Sr. Ann assured me that if for some reasons something unusual did occur which seemed inappropriate between Fr. Hefferan and any minor that she observed, she would most certainly let me know, although she does not expect such a situation to arise.

Phone Call to Barb Deveraux D.R.E. at St. Gerald Parish: I called Barb Deveraux. She was not in but her phone recorder was on. I left a message for her to give me a call.

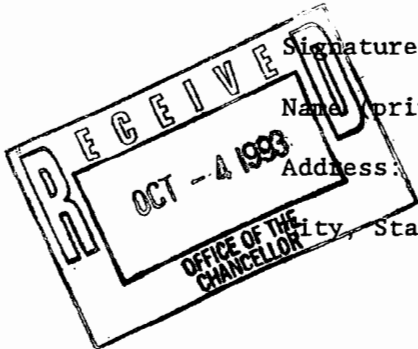
Ms. Deveraux called me back later in the day on 9-23-93. I explained to her formally the same information I had given to Fr. White and Sr. Ann Phelan. i.e. the monitoring has ceased and Jack Hefferan's case is closed. Ms. Deveraux seemed relieved and thanked me for my professionalism in dealing with this difficult matter. I thanked her very much knowing that it must have brought much stress to her. She, too, like Sr. Ann asked whether there was any possibility the matter might ever be re-opened. I said that technically, the answer was yes, however, it would have to be some significant information or perhaps a new alleged victim who would come forward for the case to be reconsidered perhaps.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MISCONDUCT POLICIES

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Please check one:

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.



Signature:

Rev. John E. Hefferan

Name (printed):

REV. JOHN E. HEFFERAN

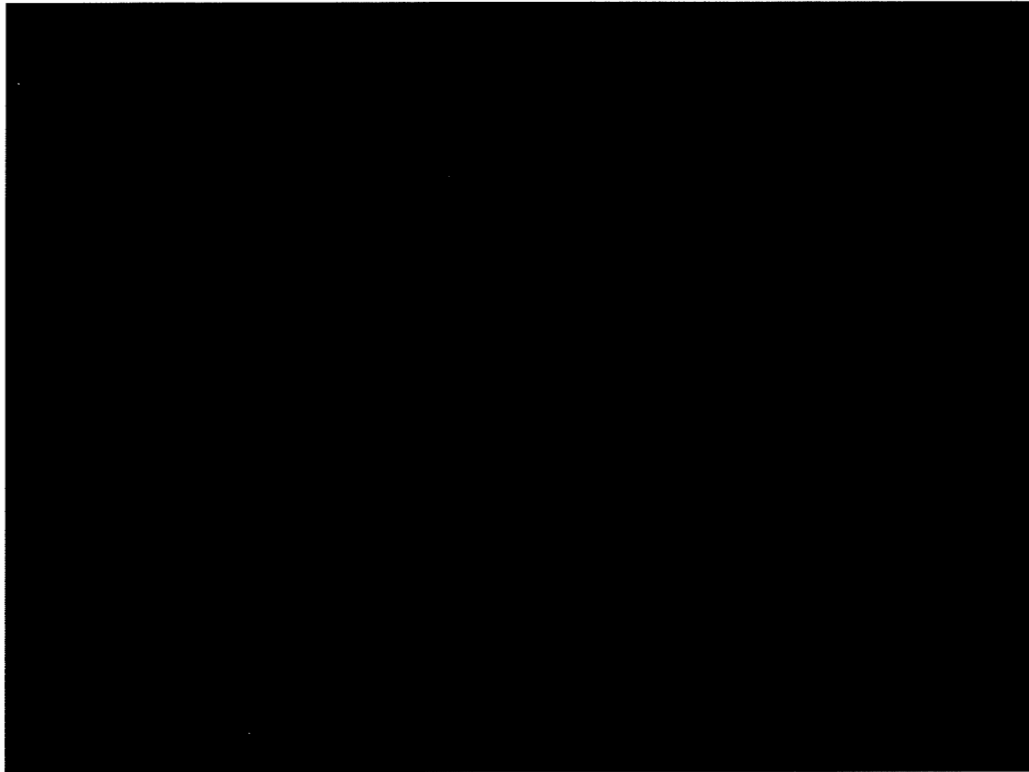
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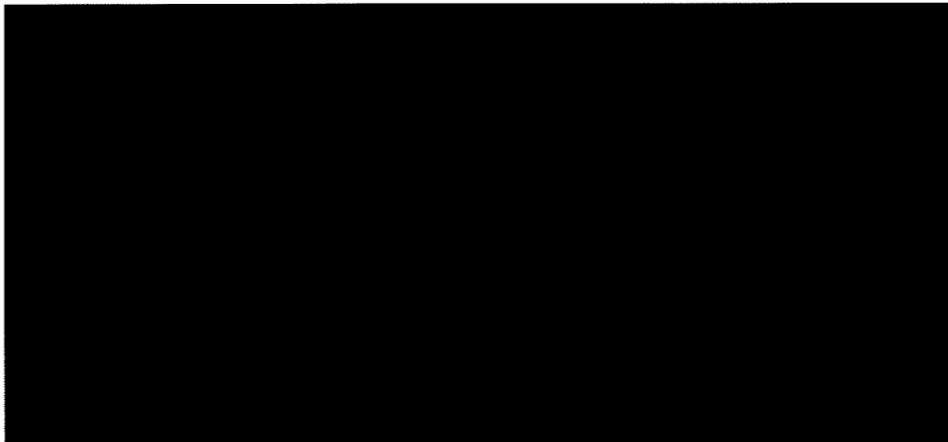
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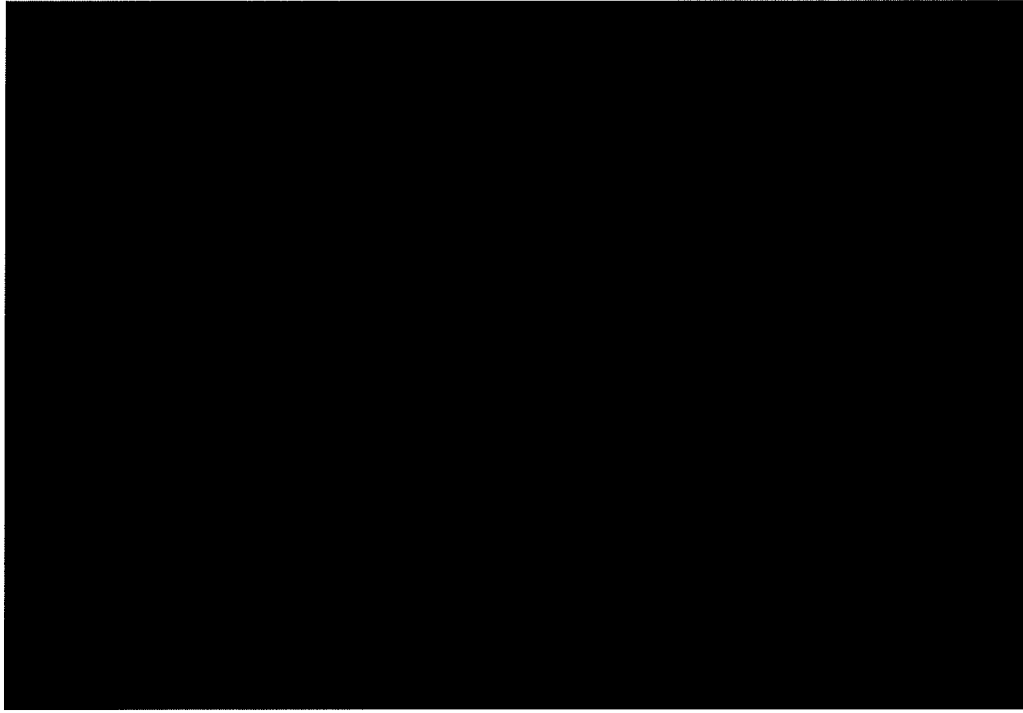


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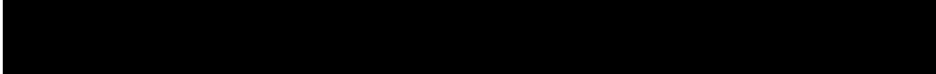


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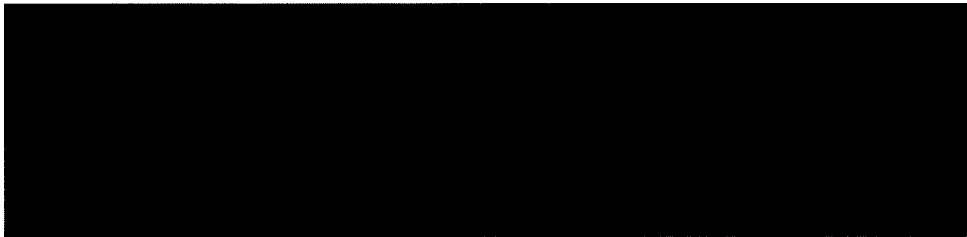
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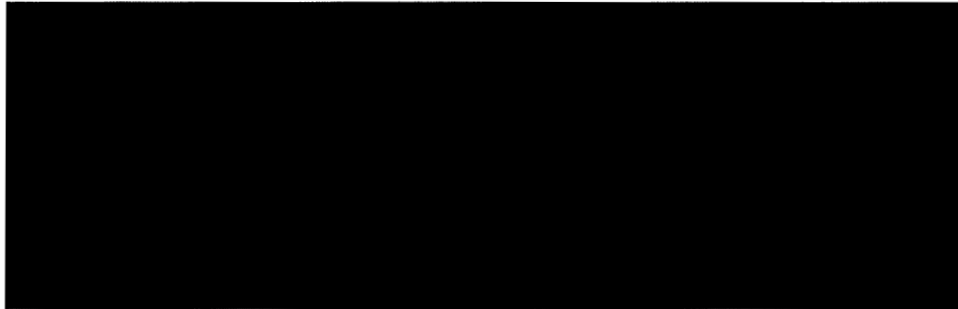
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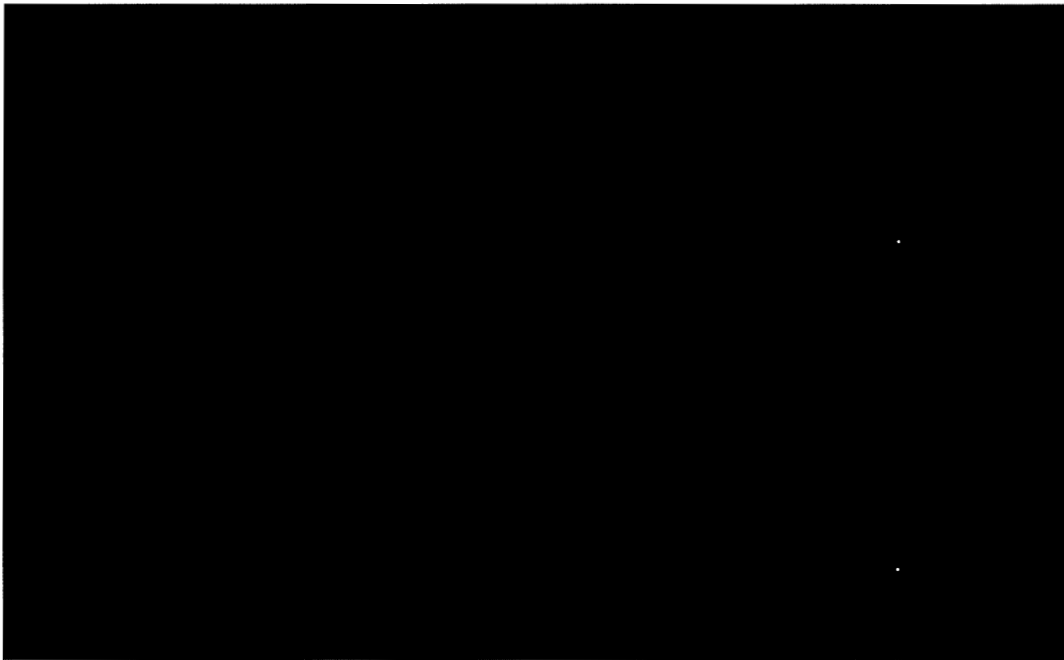
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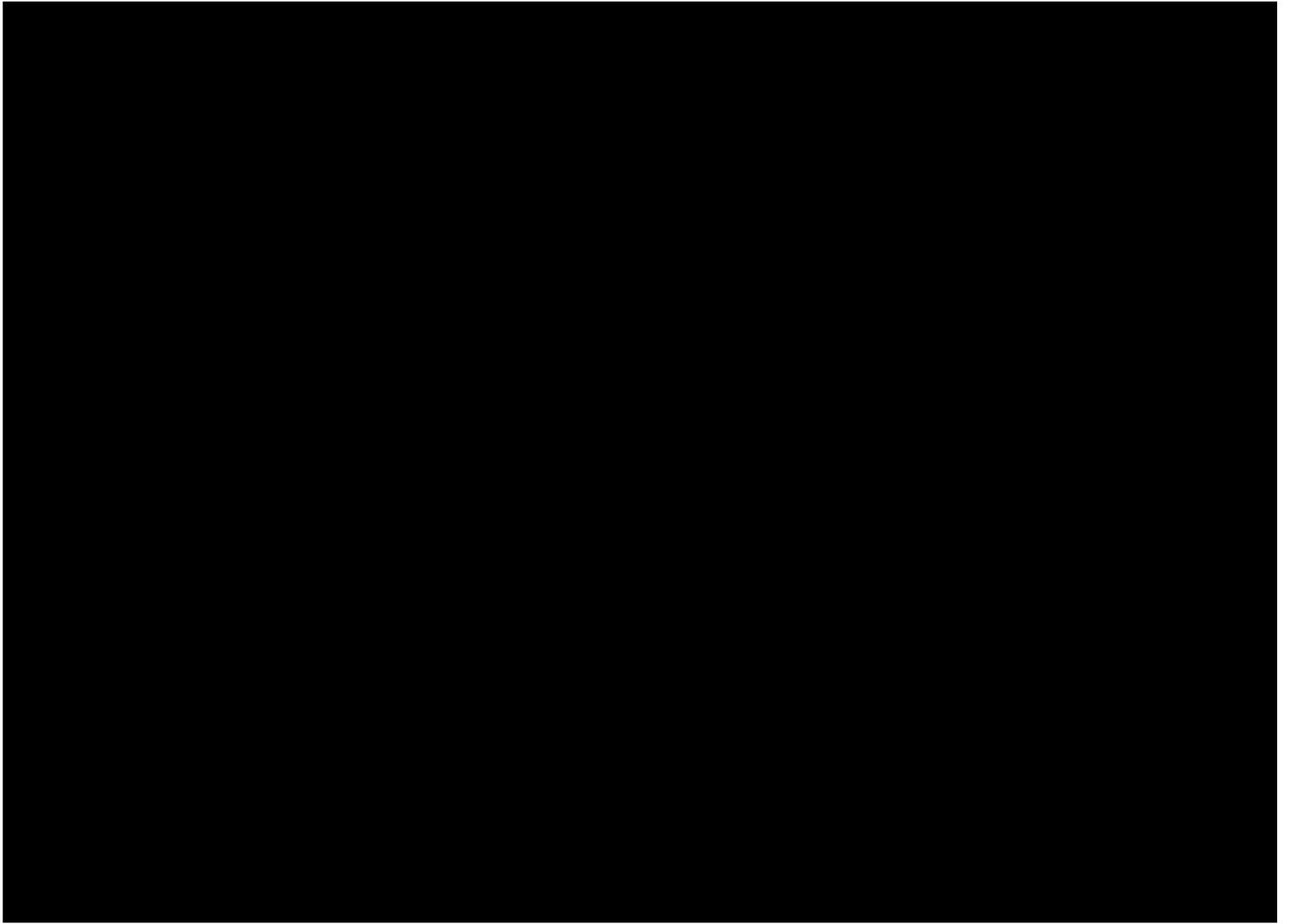
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PRIESTS STILL IN THE ASSOCIATE CHANGE - NOT INCLUDING SABBATICAL RETURNEES

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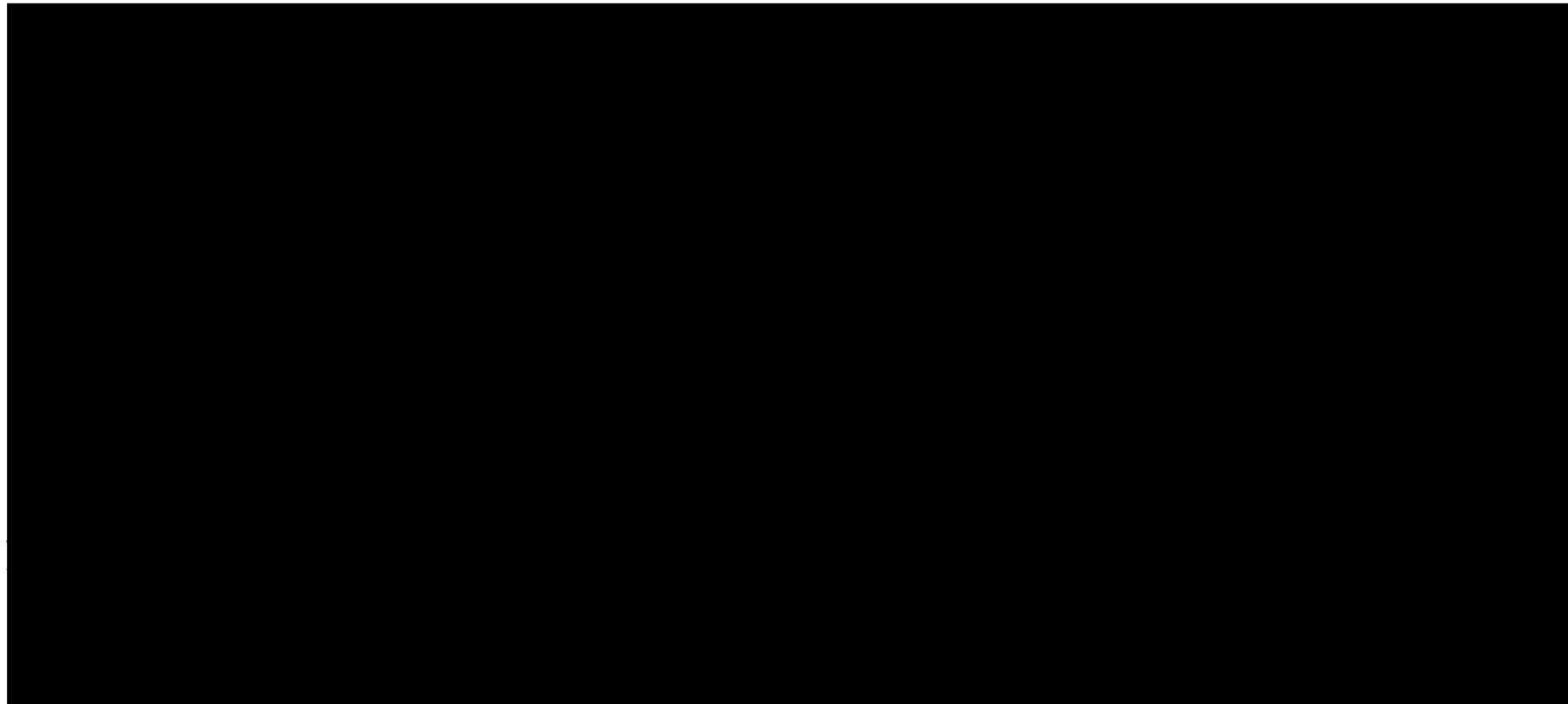
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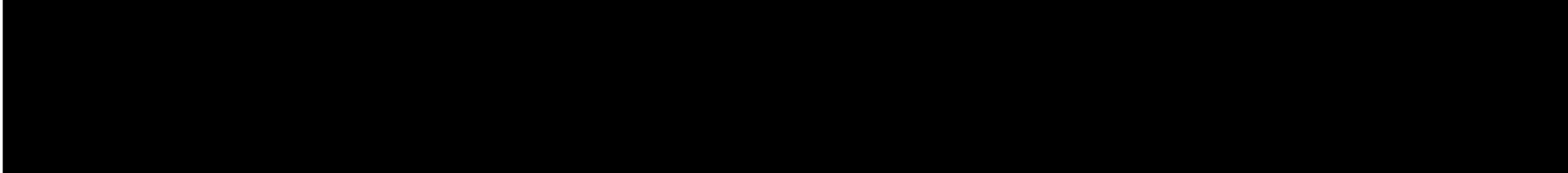


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That Rev. John Hefferan '56 be extended as Associate Pastor at St. Gerald/Oak Lawn for one year.

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**John Hefferan '56/ST. GERALD-OAK LAWN:**

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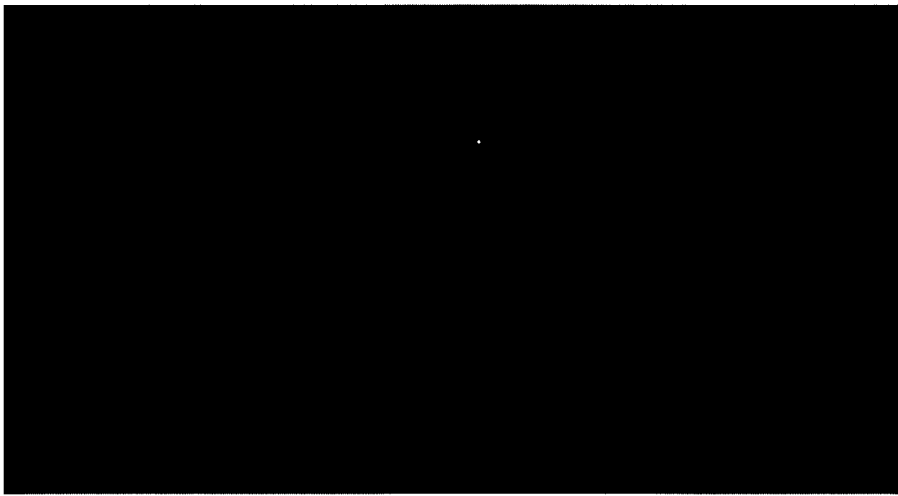


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# ASSOCIATE IN CHANGE PROCESS

## PHASE 1:

**Rev. John E. Hefferan '56**

NAME OF ASSOCIATE /ORD DATE

CONTACT PERSON

**St. Gerald Parish**

PRESENT PARISH

9349 S. Central Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

ADDRESS

**708 422/0234**

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THEIR PHONE NUMBER

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Rev. William White

PASTOR

06/11/90

## PHASE 2:

### EXTENSIONS

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## PHASE 2:

### SABBATICALS

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## NOTATIONS:

October 27, 1995

**AGENDA**

Meeting: #17 - Fifteenth Board  
Date: January 19, 1996  
Place: Priests' Placement Board

**Present:** Rev.: Jeremiah M. Boland, John M. Collins, Kevin J. Feeney,  
Joseph J. Kinane, Robert E. McLaughlin, Steven W. Patte,  
John S. Siemianowski, Kenneth J. Velo.

**Absent:** Rev.

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I **Opening Prayer:** Rev. John M. Collins

II **Acceptance of Minutes:**

III **Reports: (See Attached Sheet)**

IV **Acceptance of Agenda:**

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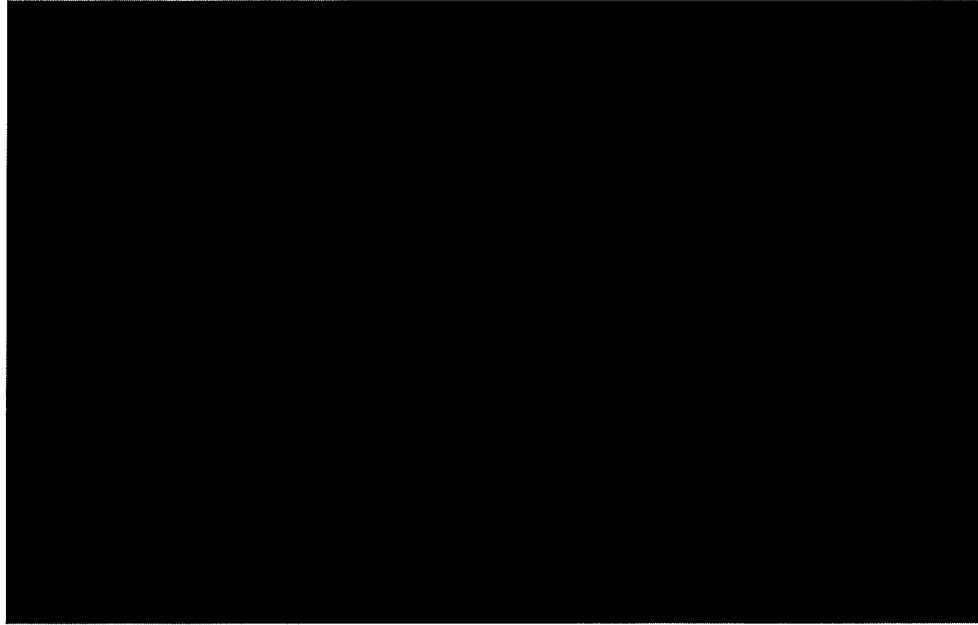
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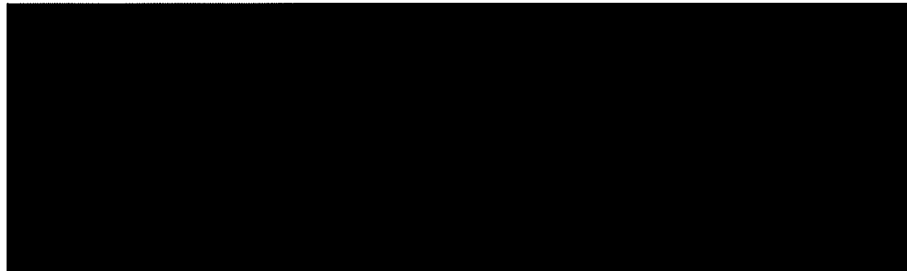
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**John Hefferan '56:**

**MOTION: 7-0-0** That John Hefferan '56 be extended as Associate Pastor at St. Gerald/Oak Lawn for one year.

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ASSOCIATE IN CHANGE PROCESS

PHASE 1:

Rev. John E. Hefferan '56

*Joe Kinane*  
CONTACT PERSON

NAME OF ASSOCIATE /ORD DATE

St. Gerald Parish

THEIR PHONE NUMBER

PRESENT PARISH

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Oak Lawn, IL 60453

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Rev. Richard LoBianco

708 422/0234

PASTOR

PHONE NUMBER

06/11/90

Date Assigned

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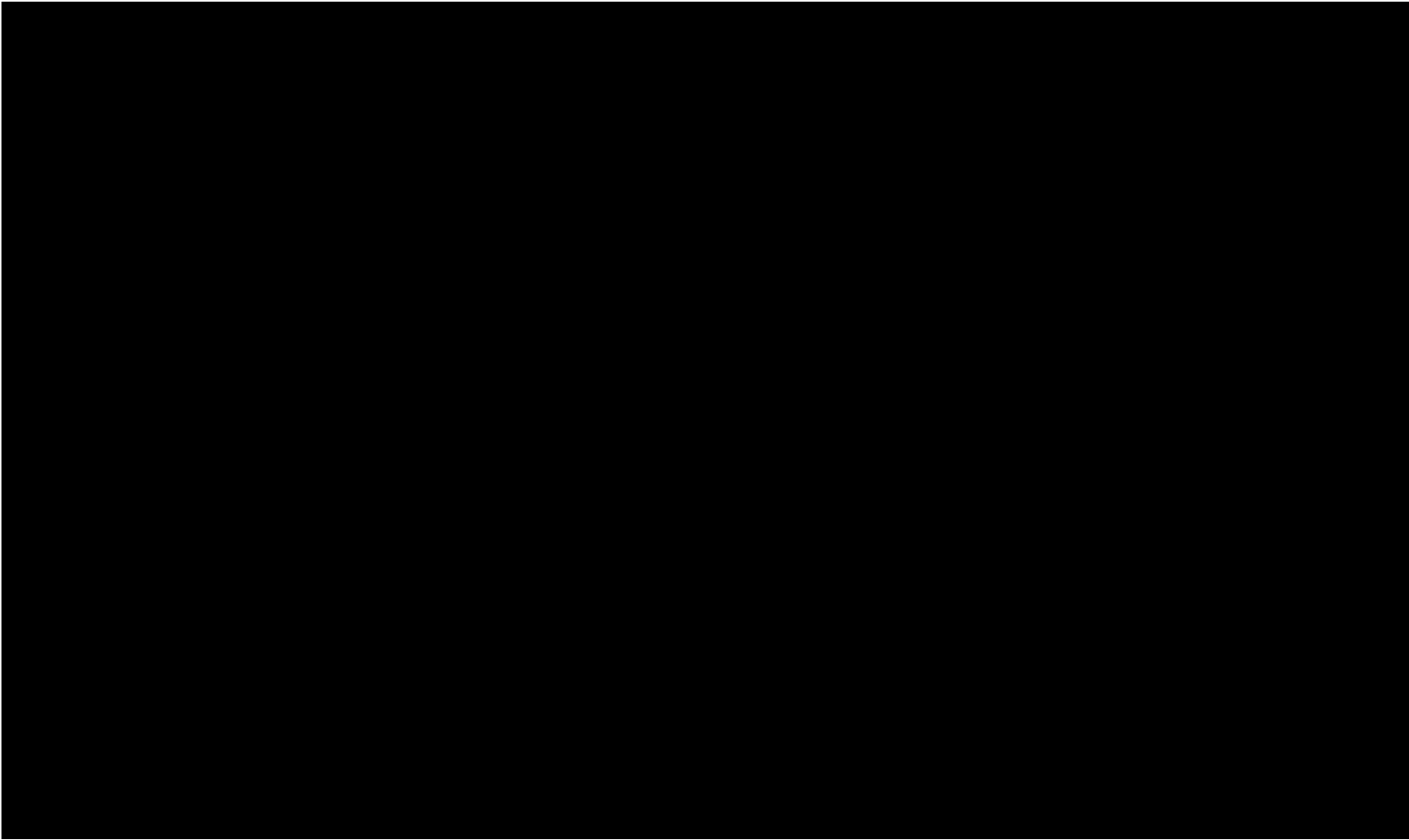
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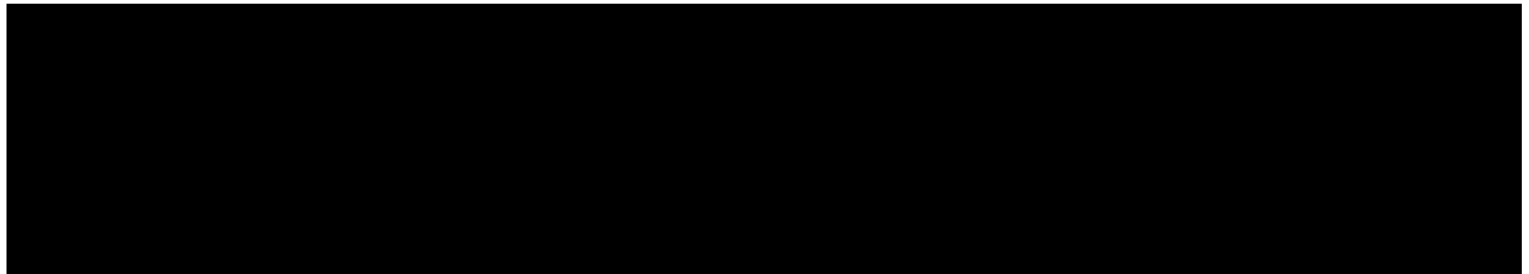
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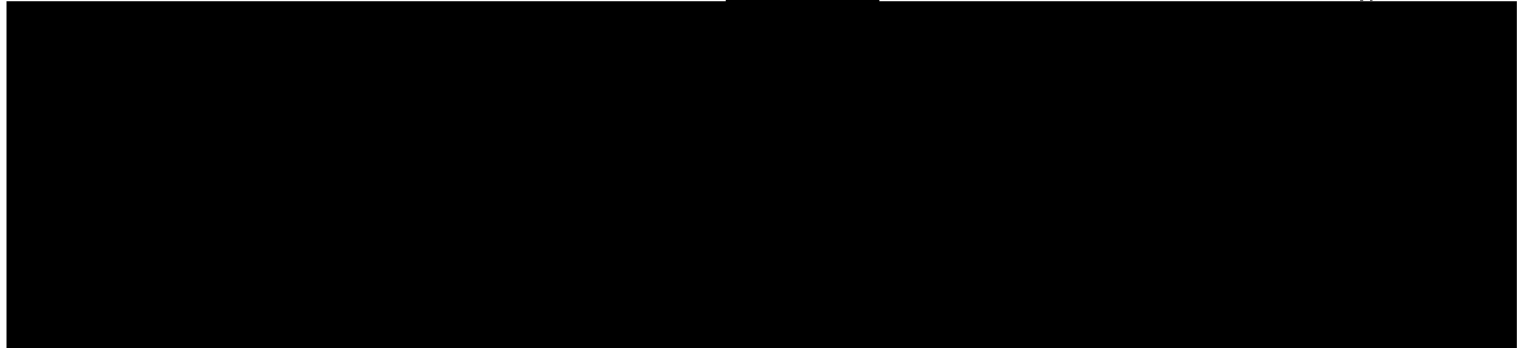
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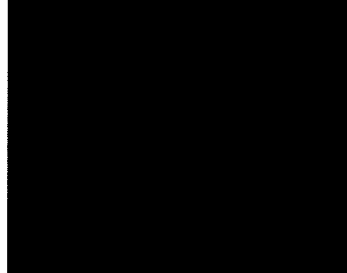
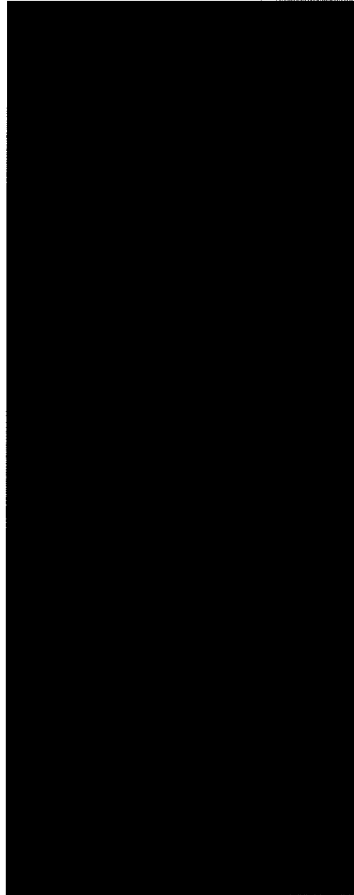
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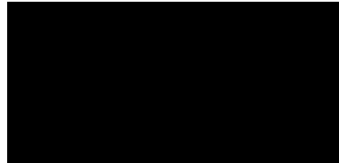
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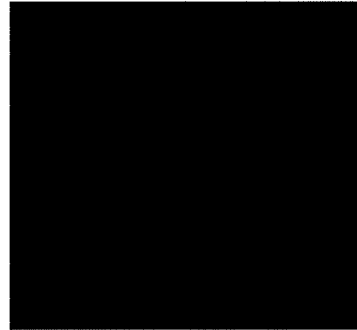
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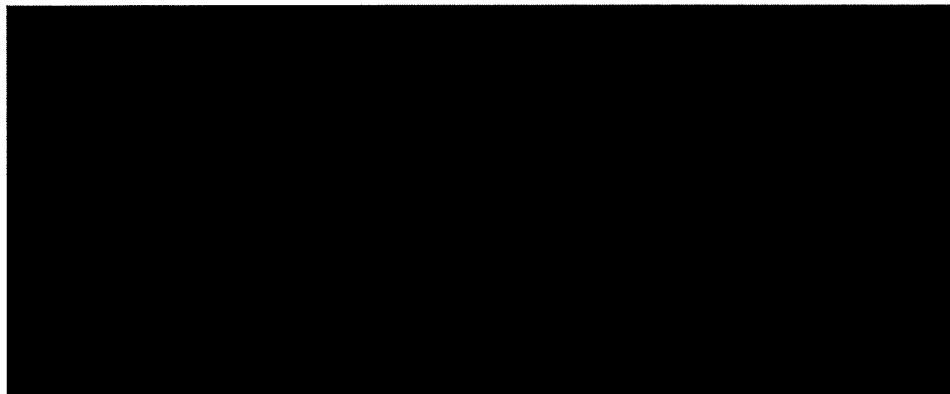
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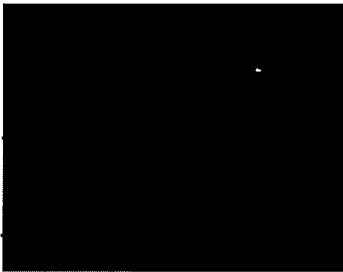
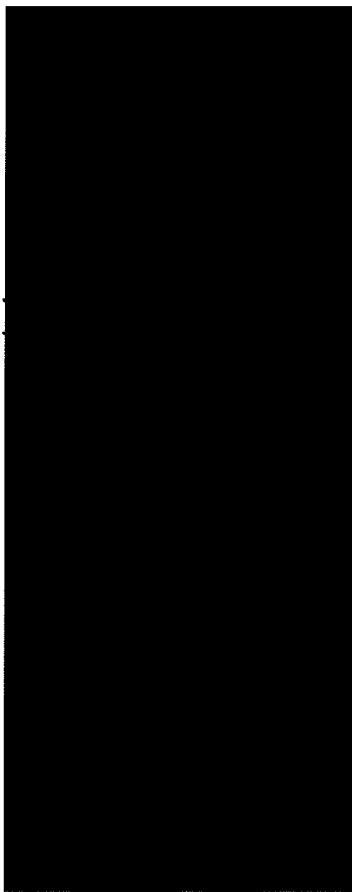
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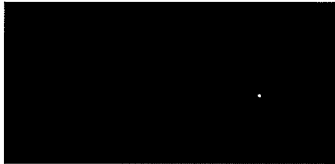


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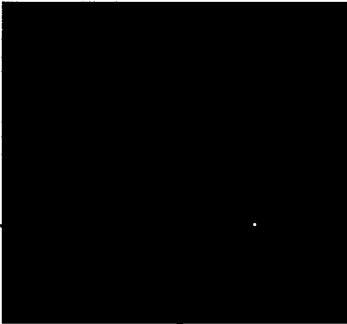
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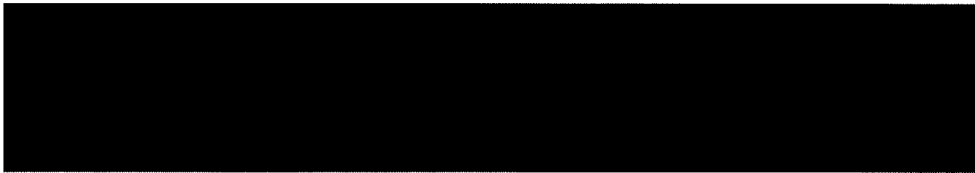
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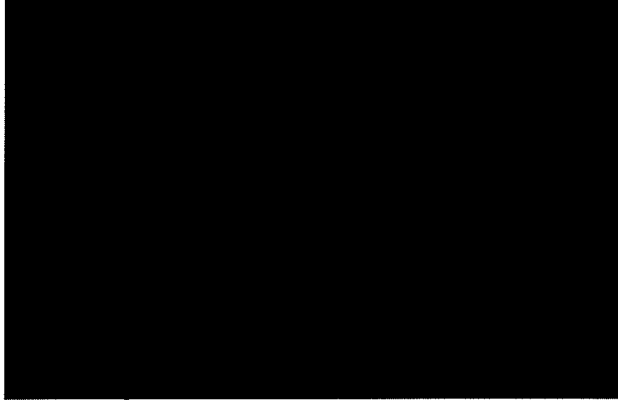


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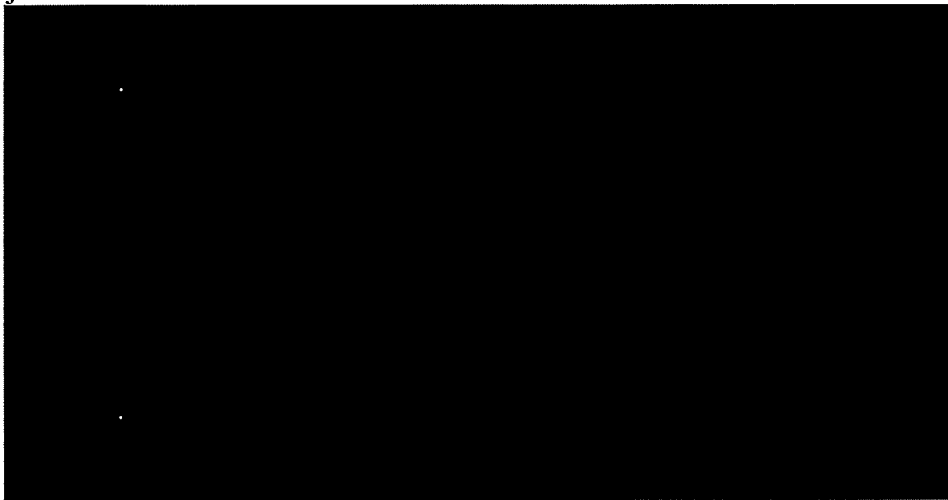




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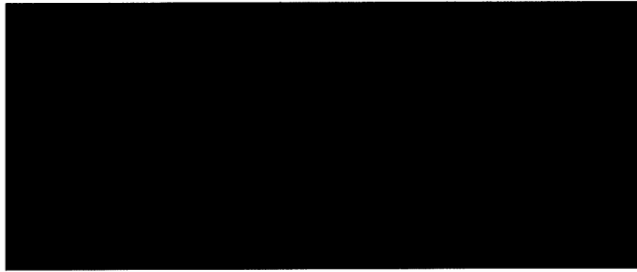


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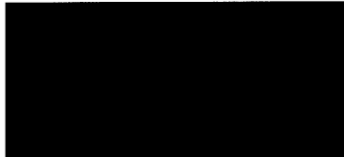


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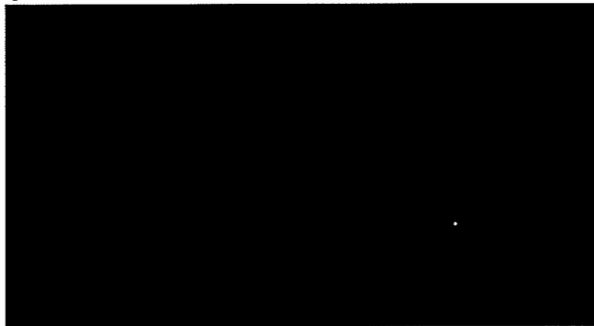




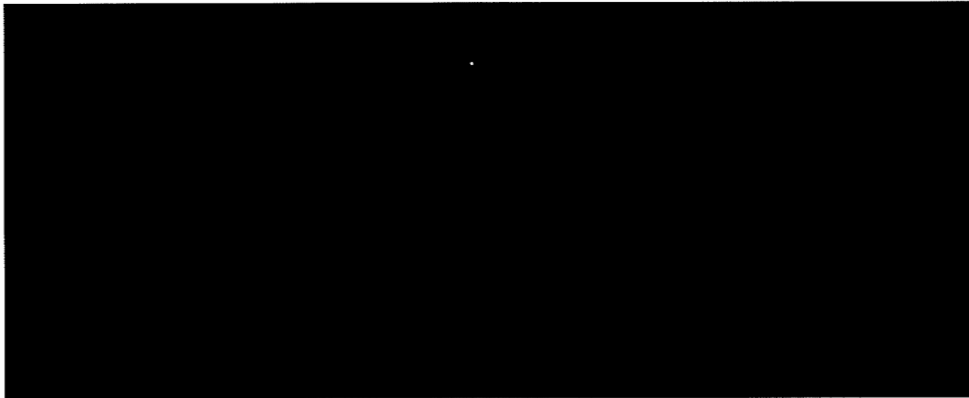
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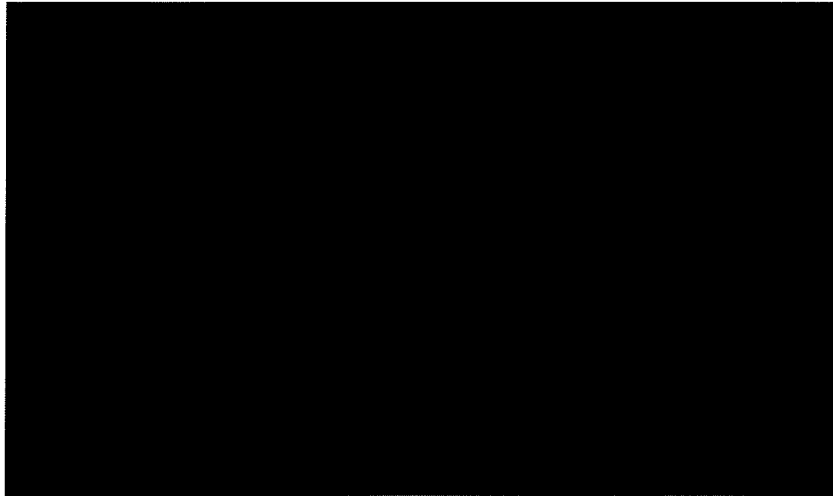


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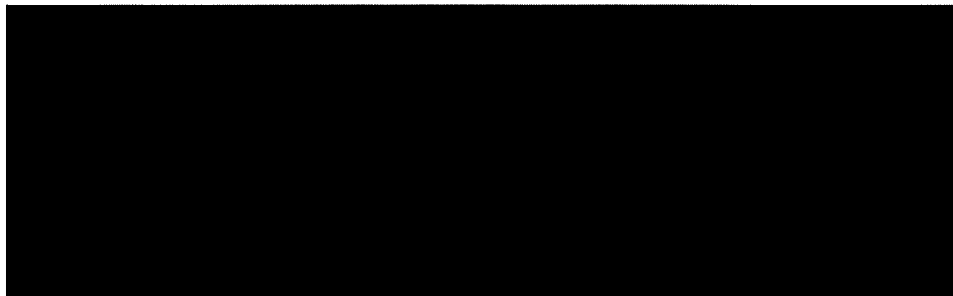
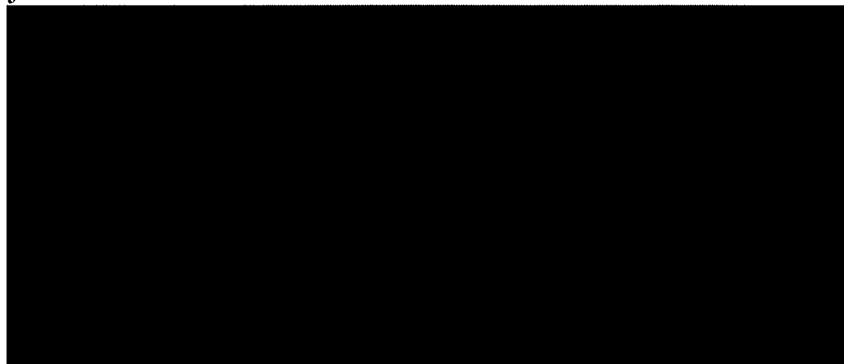


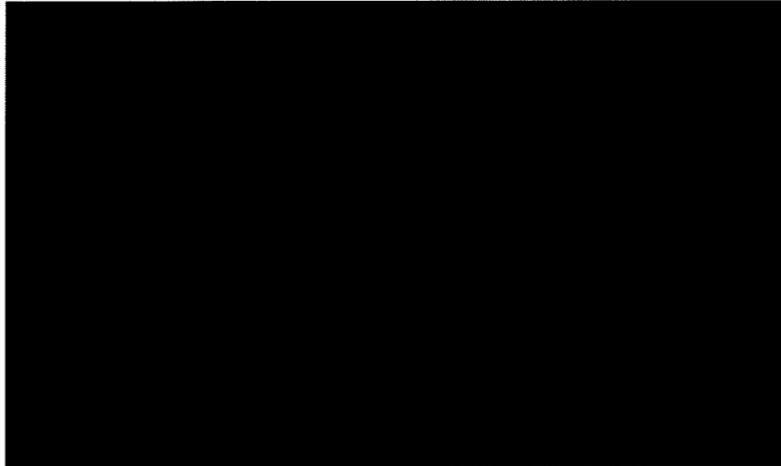


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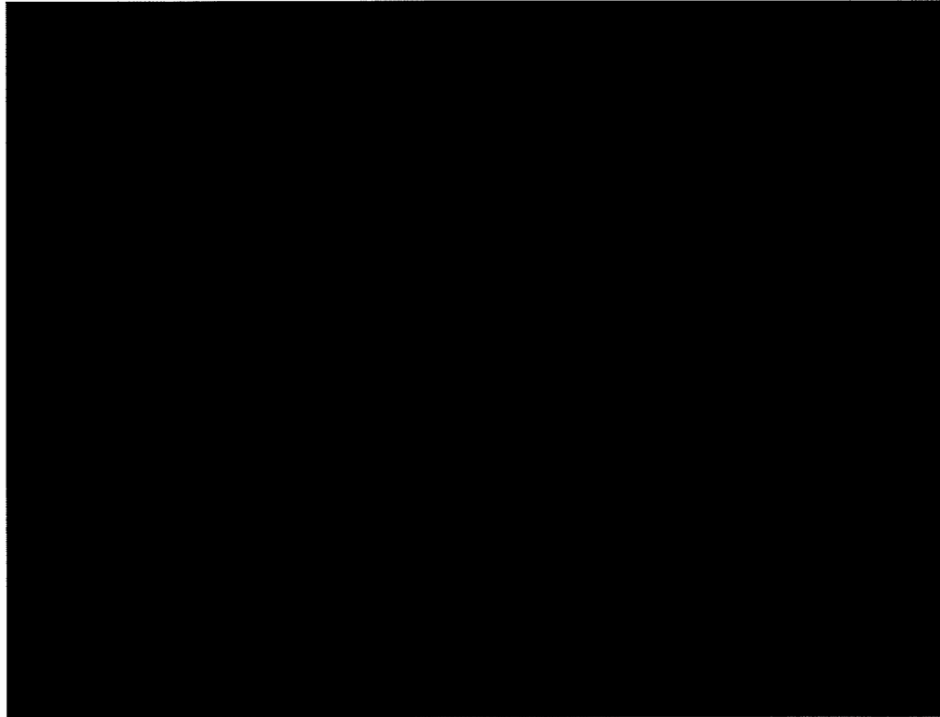




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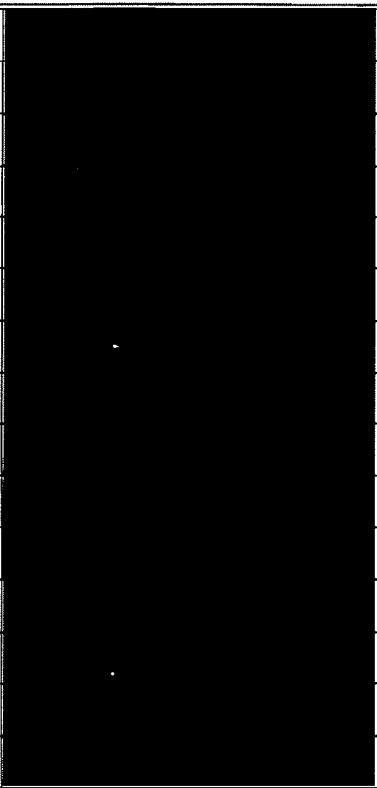
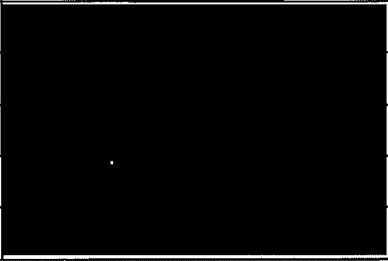
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SEE NOTE

ASSOCIATE / PREFERENCE:

FEBRUARY 1997

NAME JOHN E. HEFFERAN ORINATION YEAR '56



AFTER INTERVIEWING WITH THE PASTORS, I RANK THESE FIVE PARISHES WHICH I WOULD PREFER FOR MY NEXT ASSIGNMENT.  
(PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LIST YOUR REASONS FOR EACH CHOICE.)

PARISH PREFERENCE	REASONS
1. ST. BEDE, INGLESIDE	AM MOST ACQUAINTED WITH THIS PASTOR. SLIGHTEST CHANGES IN ME=TEAM PARISH NEEDS, 1 <sup>ST</sup> TIME WITHIN HOUR OF CLASSMATES OR FAMILY
2. ST. BARBARA, BROOKFIELD	ADMIRE PASTORAL PLANS AND STYLE (FULL INVOLVEMENT) OF PASTOR. NOT OVERWHELMING SIZE. HALF OF MY FIRST PARISH WAS BROOKFIELD.
3. ST. JOSEPH, LIBERTYVILLE	NEEDS YOUNGER THAN I, BUT LOCATION AND EFFICIENT STAFF (PRE-PASTOR) SO WISH I WERE HEALTHIER,
4.	IN PAST I TOOK PLACE OF TWO PRIESTS SOMETIMES BUT [REDACTED] AND AGE NOW HAVE ME SKIP LARGE PARISHES AND THOSE
5.	WHOSE PASTORS TELL ME THEIR PARISHONERS DESERVE A YOUNG PRIEST. ALSO SKIPPING WHO DID NOT RETURN CALL. (LATE START)
PLEASE PLACE YOUR SIGNATURE IN THIS BOX.	

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEADLINE - Tuesday April 8, 1997

THIS FORM CAN ALSO BE FAXED DAY OR NITE: (312) 751-5281 BUT THE ORIGINAL MUST BE MAILED TO OUR OFFICE.

OUR OFFICE NUMBER IS (312) 751/5270 IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT US.

PERHAPS INTERESTING BACKGROUND FROM  
ONE WITH MOST CHANGES (NONE BEING  
PASTOR'S IDEA) NEVER IN CHICAGO, IN  
EVERY SECTION (TO EXTREME CORNERS  
OF DIOCESE) BUT NORTHWEST WHERE  
I SPENT CHILDHOOD SUMMERS AND  
CURRENT OFF DAYS, AND NOW APPLY.  
THIS SYSTEM WELCOME, SINCE  
OFTEN HAD NO CHOICE AND HAVE ALSO  
LISTED THIRTEEN AT A TIME.  
THANK YOU

John E. Hofferan

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J. Beginnings of Associate Change:

1. 19 ASSOCIATES IN THE '97 CHANGE

John E. Hefferan '56

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**K. Vicar For Priests Agenda:**

1. John Hefferan '56
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**VI Old Business:**

**VII New Business:**

**VIII Adjournment: TIME: P.M.  
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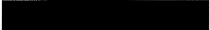
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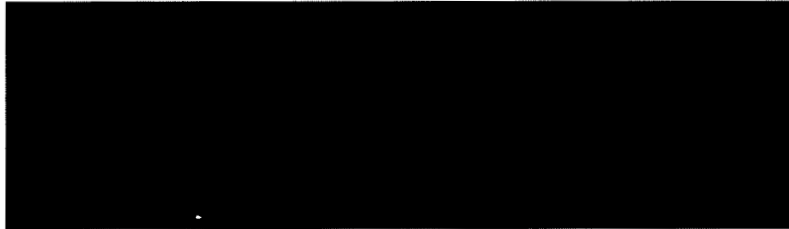


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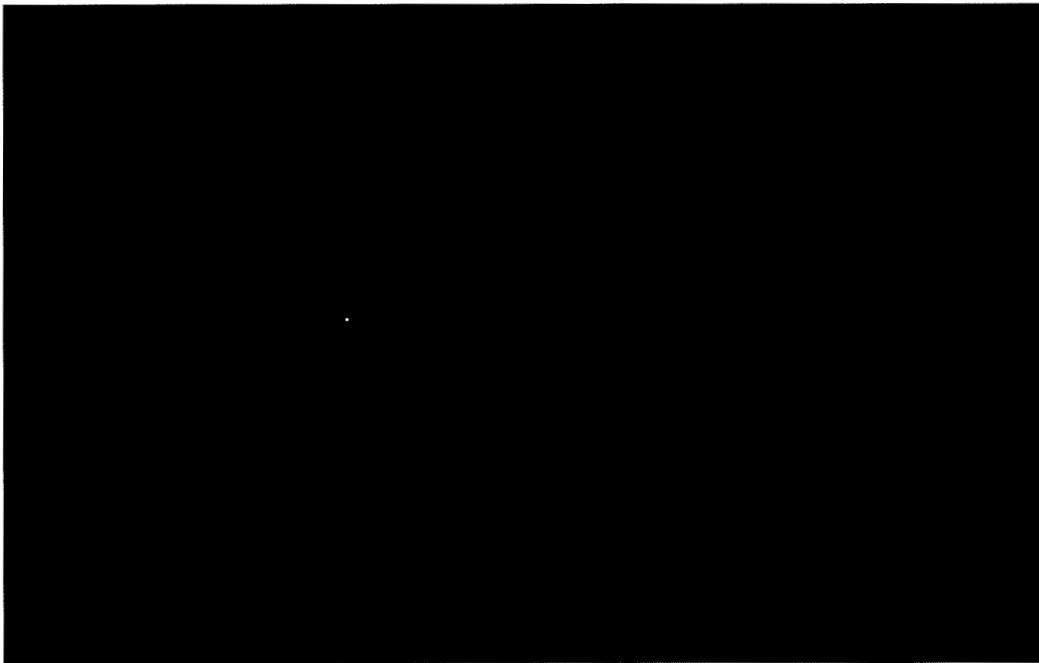


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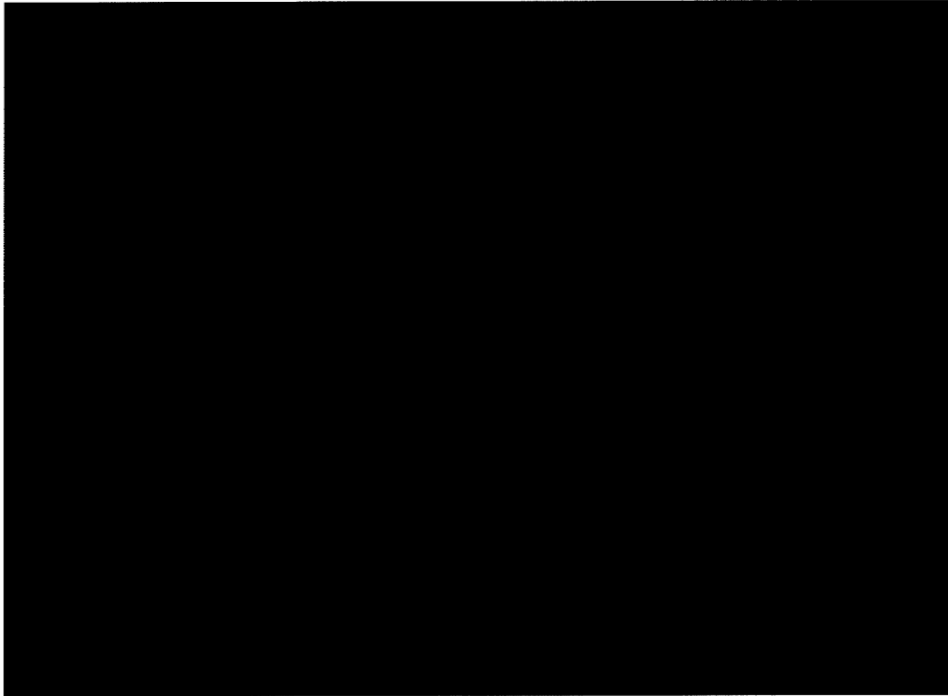
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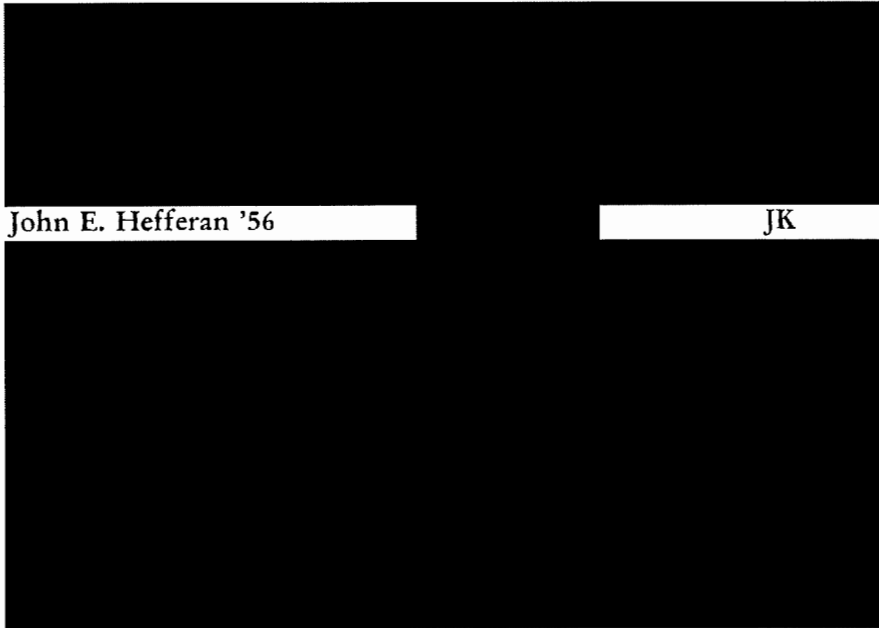


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John E. Hefferan '56

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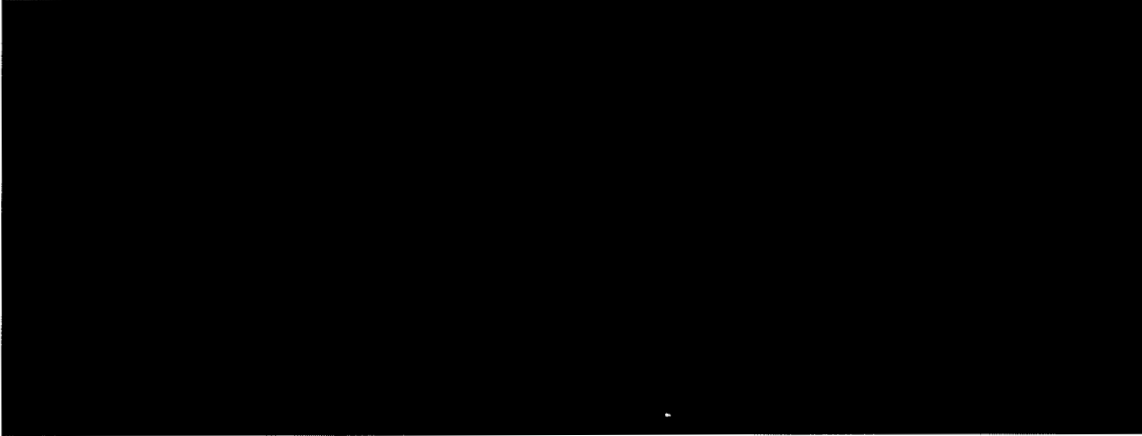
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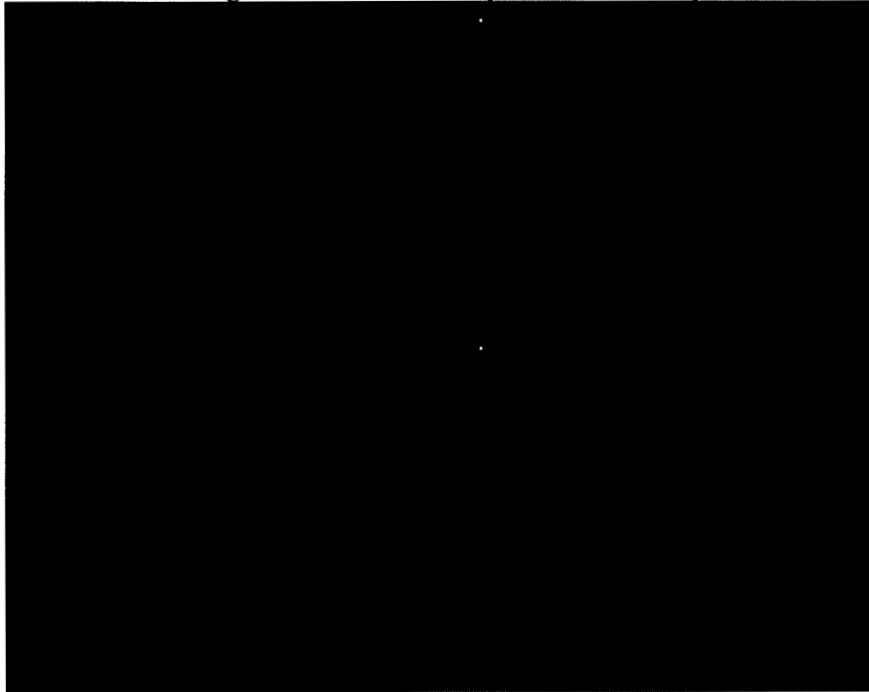


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sabbatical)

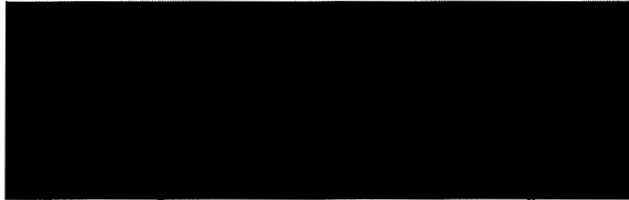
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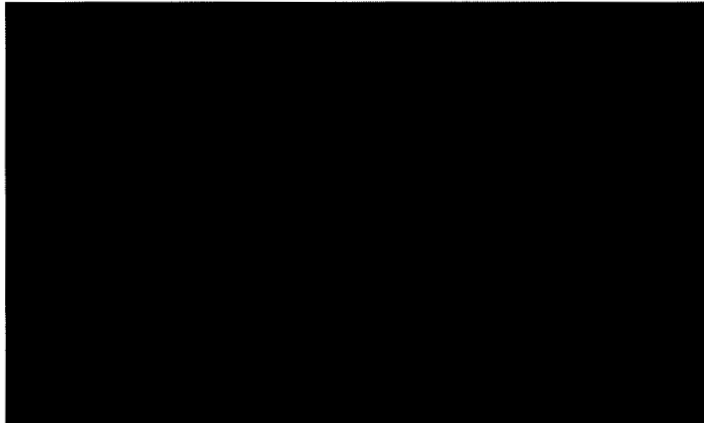
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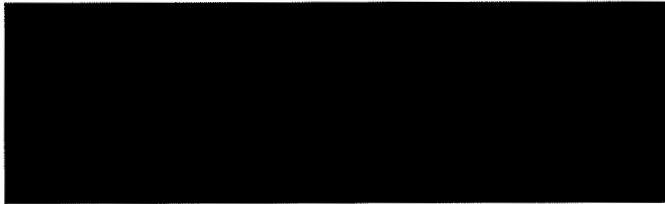
3. **John Hefferan '56:** Jerry met with John and John will be moving. There may be need for help for John. Dan will follow up.



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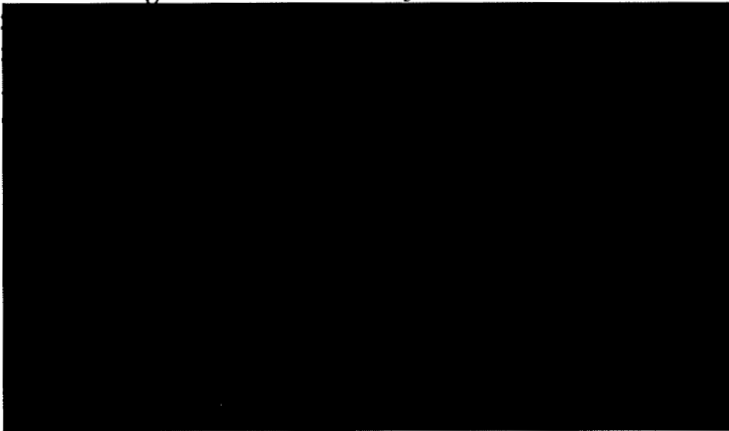
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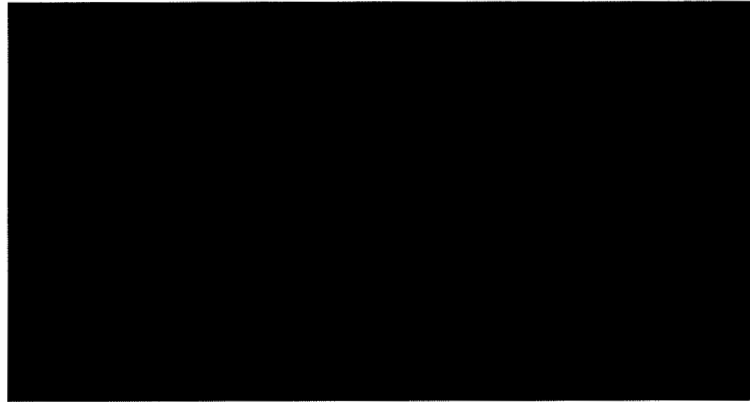
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St. Bede/Ingleside J Hefferan

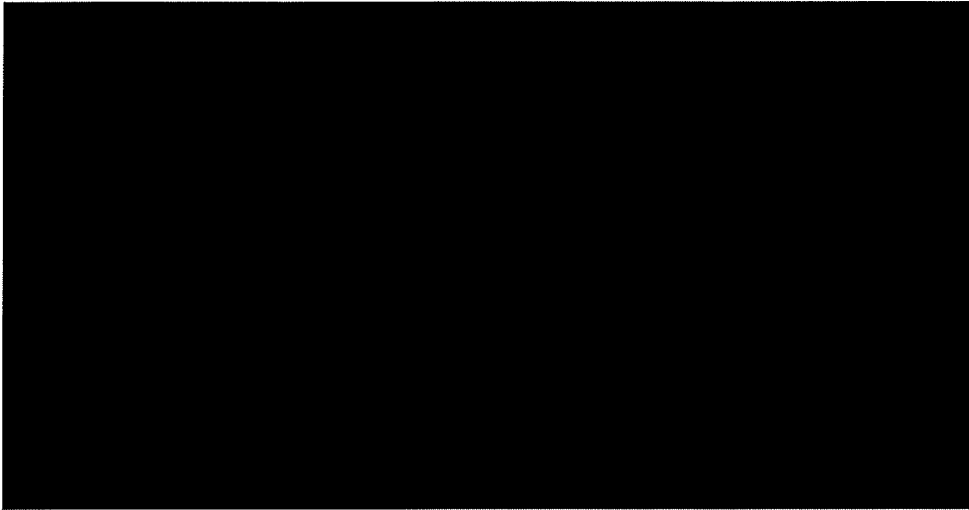
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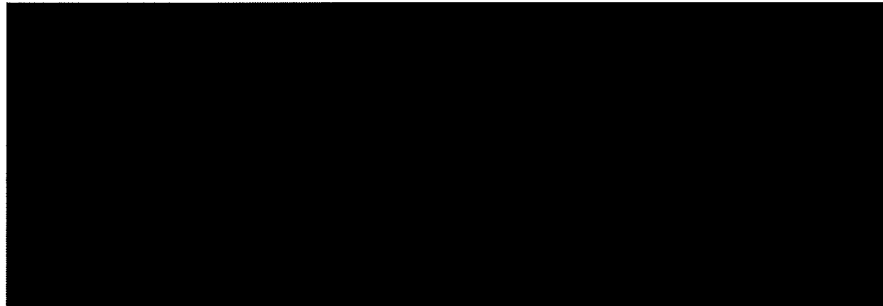
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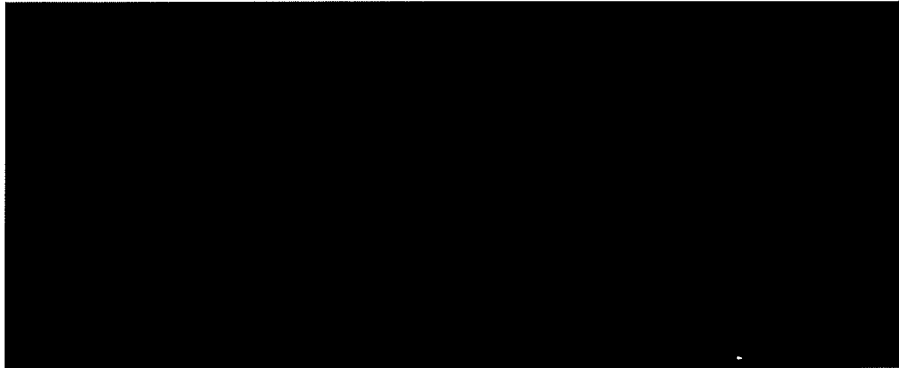


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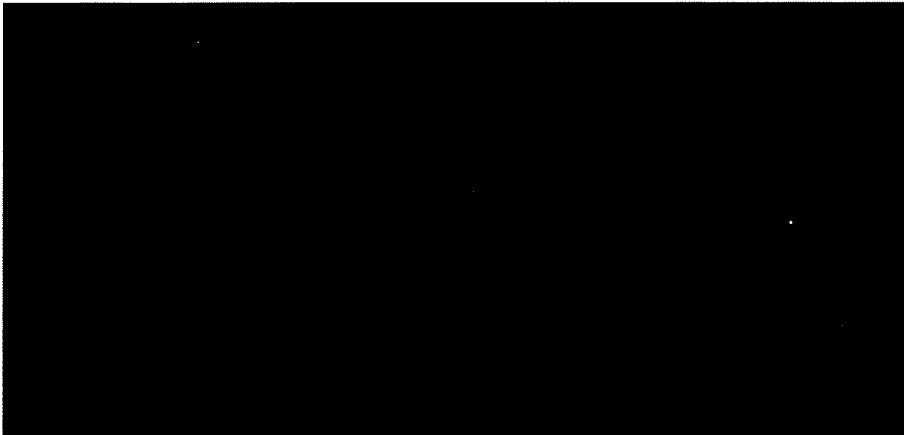


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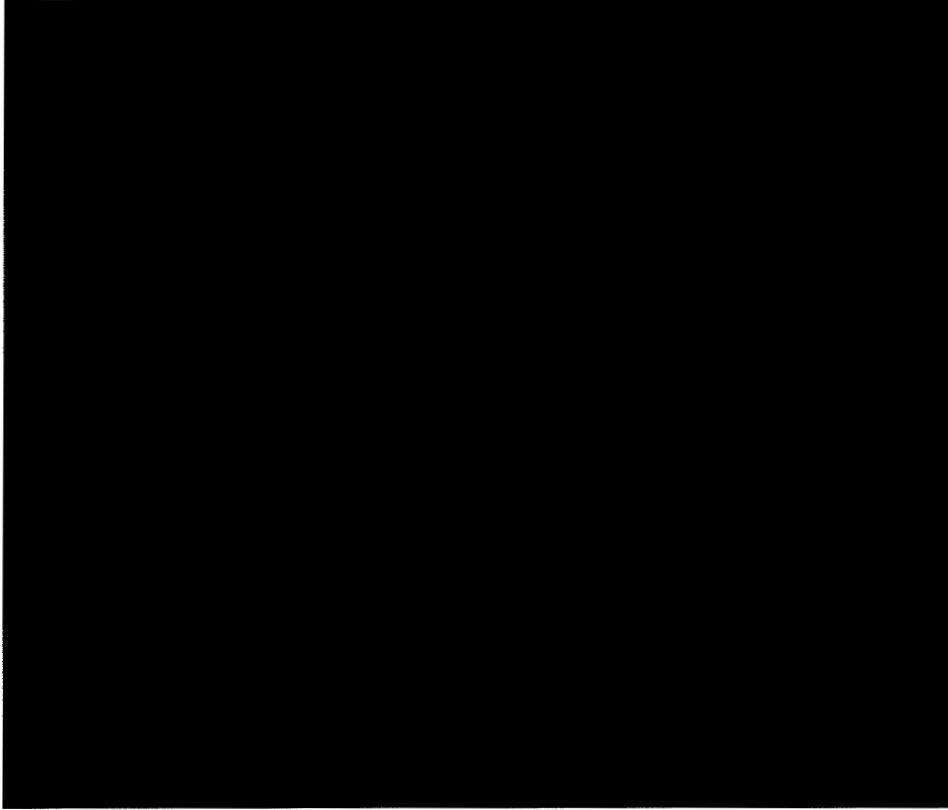
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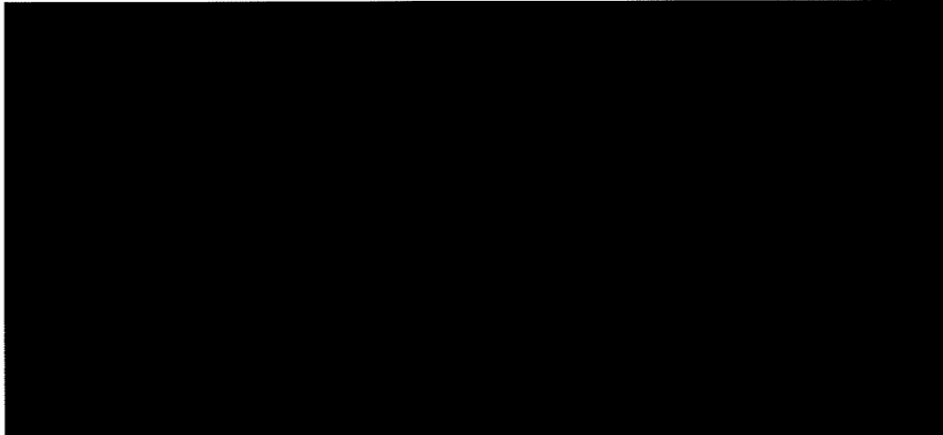


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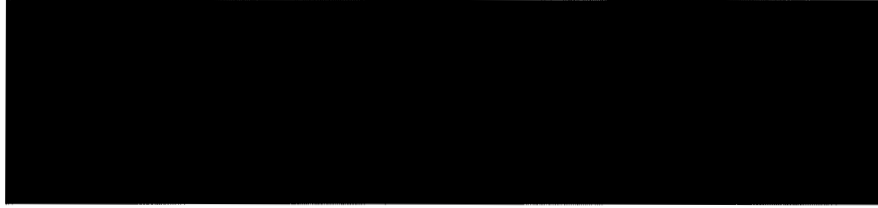
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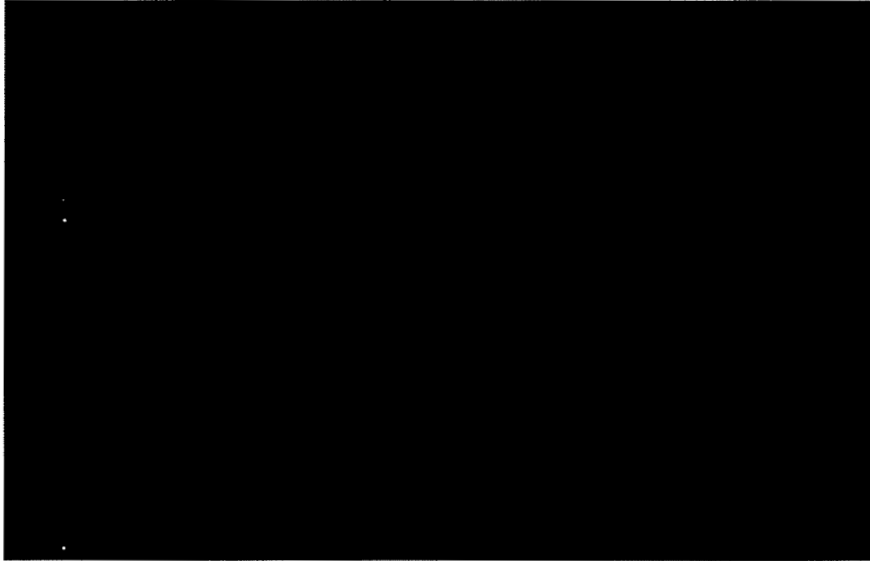
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St. Bede/Ingleside J Hefferan OK



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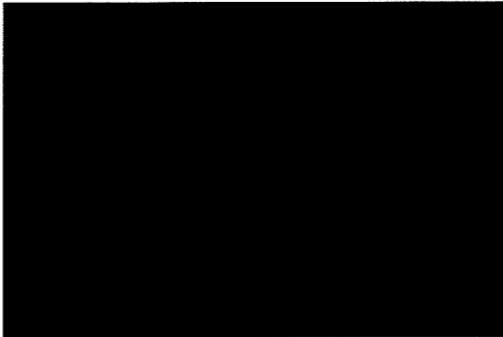
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VI Old Business: None discussed.

VII New Business: [REDACTED]

VIII Adjournment: TIME: 12:30 P.M.  
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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

May 13, 1997

Dear Father Hefferan:

In light of the recommendation I have received from the Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, I hereby appoint you Associate Pastor to the Reverend John Krebs, Pastor of St. Bede Parish in Ingleside. This appointment is effective July 1, 1997.

Please discuss the necessary arrangements with the pastor. You are asked to send your mutual agreement to the Priests' Placement Board by August 25, 1997. I am deeply grateful for the ministry you offered to the faith community through your years of service at St. Gerald Parish.

Be assured of my continued prayers, support and encouragement for you at this time of transition.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis E. George".

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rev. Jeremiah Boland".

Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
St. Gerald Parish  
9349 S. Central Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Vicar for Administration  
✓ Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Most Reverend Gerald Kicanas, Vicar  
Reverend Farrell Kane O.Carm, Dean  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board  
Office of Ministerial Evaluation  
Reverend Richard LoBianco, Pastor  
Reverend John Krebs, Pastor

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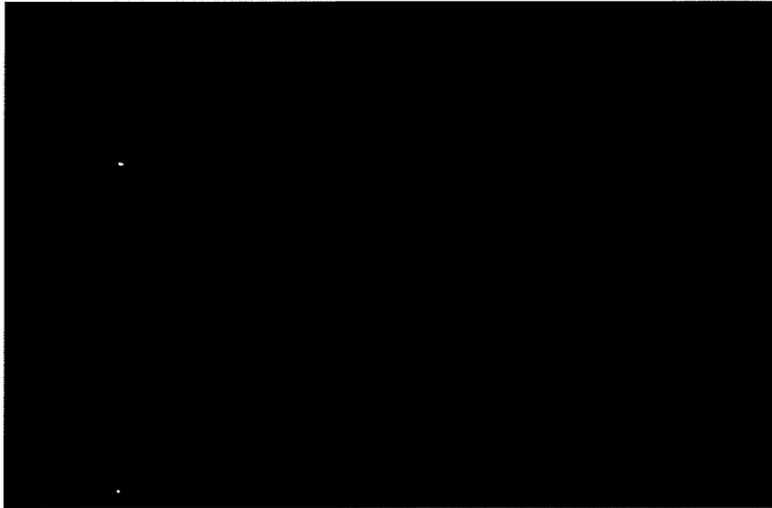
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VII New Business:

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27. **John Hefferan '56:** Archbishop Francis George O.M.I. has appointed John as an Associate Pastor at St. Bede Parish in Ingleside, effective July 1, 1997.

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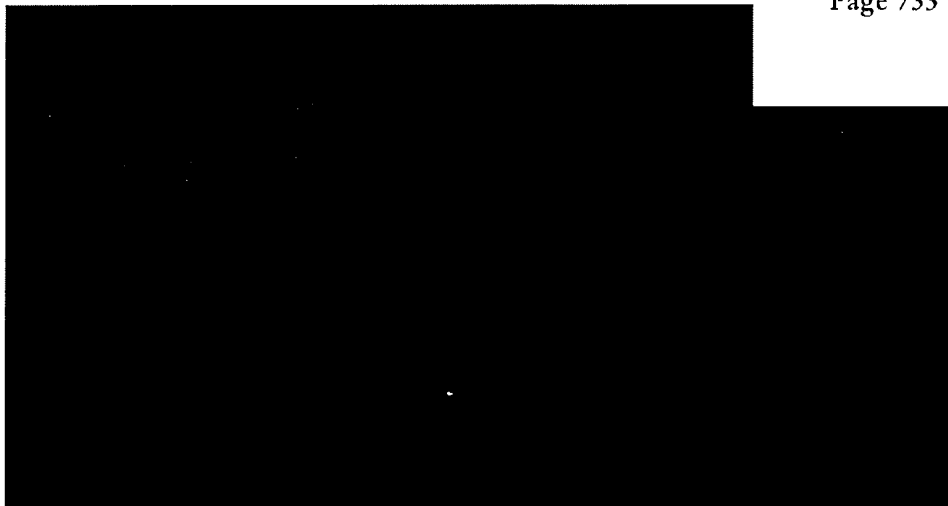
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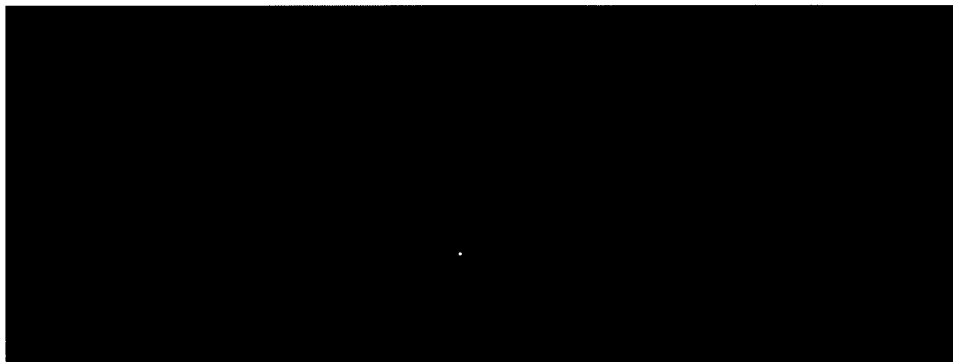
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VI Old Business: None discussed.

VII New Business: None discussed.

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MOTION: 7 - 0 - 0

A G E N D A

Meeting: #73rd - Fifteenth Board  
Date: May 23, 1997  
Place: Priests' Placement Board

**Present:** Rev.: Jeremiah M. Boland, John M. Collins, Kevin J. Feeney,  
Joseph J. Kinane, Robert E. McLaughlin, Steven W. Patte,  
John S. Siemianowski.

**Absent:** Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo.

**I** Opening Prayer: Rev. John M. Collins TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

**II** Acceptance of Minutes: VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

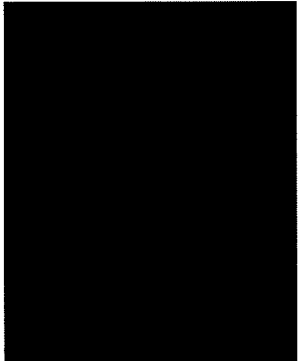











**III** Reports: (See Attached Sheet)

**IV** Acceptance of Agenda: VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

**V** Business:

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B. Vicar For Priests Agenda: 11:30

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12. **John Hefferan '56:** Dan Coughlin [Vicar for Priests] has talked to John and will continue their conversations.

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received  
8-27-97

RETURN DATE: 8/25/97

SAMPLE LETTER OF AGREEMENT

With an awareness of a call to Mission and in a spirit of respect for persons and mutual accountability, this agreement is between Rev. JOHN KREBS, Pastor of ST. BEDE Parish and Rev. JOHN HEFFERAN who agrees to accept this position of Associate Pastor of ST. BEDE Parish for the period of 3 years beginning 7/1/97 and ending 5/6/2000.

Both Pastor and Associate Pastor agree to fulfill their responsibilities as described in the attached Ministry Description and recognize their accountability to the Pastor/Administrator of ST. BEDE Parish and the Archbishop of Chicago.

Rev. JOHN HEFFERAN is entitled to the salary and benefits of an Associate Pastor as outlined by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

7/23/97  
Date

Rev. John E. Hefferan  
Signature of Associate Pastor

Rev. John F. Krebs  
Signature of Pastor

(O V E R)



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Diocesan Priests' Personnel  
Rev. Jeremiah M. Boland/Executive Sec.  
312-751-5270



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690  
FAX 312-751-5281

August 29, 1997

Reverend John Heferan  
St. Bede Parish  
36455 N. Wilson Road  
Ingleside, Illinois 60041

Dear John,

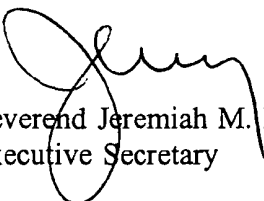
I hope you are comfortable and at home at St. Bede Parish.

According to Priest Personnel Policy, each associate pastor or resident priest, along with the pastor, will prepare a letter of agreement determining tenure and mutual expectations, which they will sign and mail to the Priests' Placement Board office. This agreement will be kept in the associate or resident's personnel file.

Enclosed you will find a sample letter of agreement in a format that may be helpful when devising your own. The Board asks that you send in your letter of agreement within the next two weeks.

I hope all is going well with you. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

  
Reverend Jeremiah M. Boland  
Executive Secretary

JMB/cs

cc: Reverend John Krebs

enc: Sample Letter of Agreement & Ministry Description

AOC 014513

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

June 14, 2000

Dear Father Hefferan,

I am writing to you regarding our agreement as to your retirement date: September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

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

John, 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. Bede in Ingleside. You have indicated that you will be living at the Bishop Timothy Lyne Retirement Center in Lyons. Know of my continued prayers and support, as well as my gratitude.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Cardinal George O.M.I." in a cursive style.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rev. James J. Boland" in a cursive style.

Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
St. Bede Parish  
36455 N Wilson Rd  
Ingleside, IL 60041

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Moderator of the Curia  
✓ Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Most Reverend Timothy J. Lyne, Vicar for Senior Priests  
Most Reverend Gerald Kicanas, Vicar  
Reverend Farrell Kane OM, Dean  
Reverend John Krebs, Pastor  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board  
Reverend Charles F. Kelly, PRMAA  
Mr. Alex Becker, PRMAA

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14. John Hefferan '56: The Cardinal has written John confirming his retirement date of 09/30/00. John will be living in the new Bishop Tim Lyne Home in Lemont.

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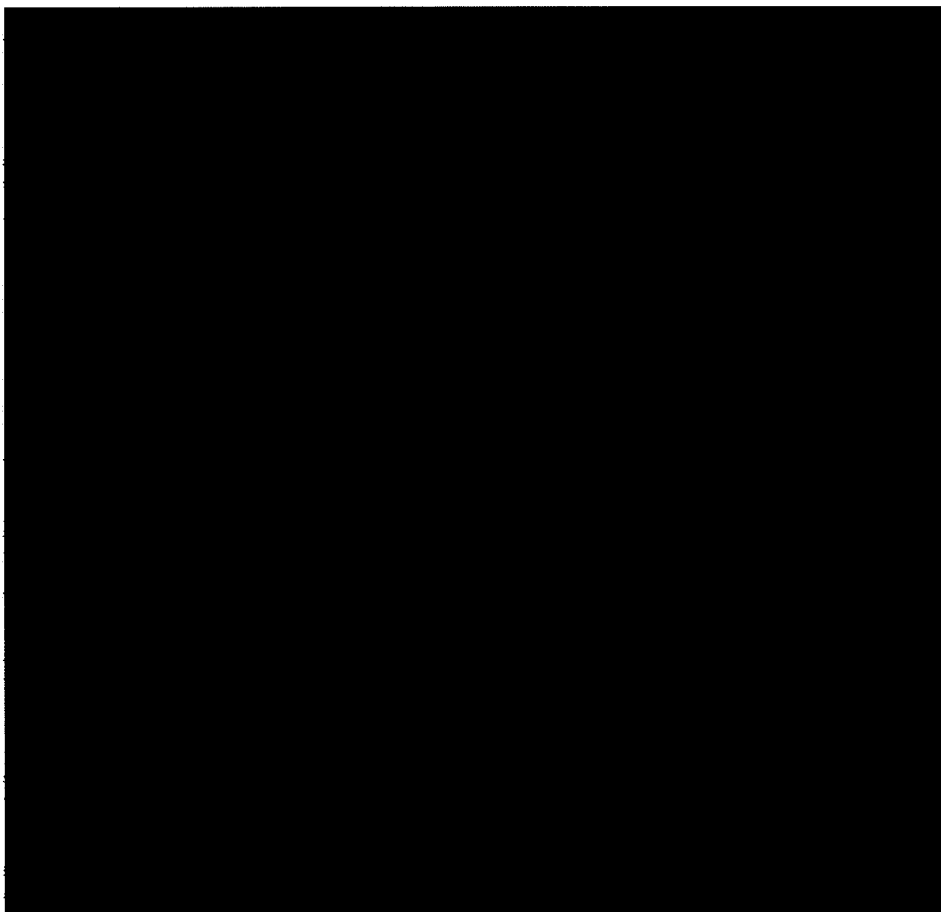
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**Bonaccorsi, Ralph**

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**From:** Sutton, Becky  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2002 4:28 PM  
**To:** Bonaccorsi, Ralph  
**Subject:** FW:

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2002 6:58 AM  
**To:** bsutton@archdiocese-chgo.org  
**Subject:**

In 1964-1967 I was sexually exploited by a priest. His name was Heffernan and he was at St. Anastasia parish in Waukegan, IL. I have no interest in any lawsuit, etc. but I also know I was not his only victim and am sending this to you in hopes you will investigate. Thank you

--- [REDACTED]  
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--- EarthLink: The #1 provider of the Real Internet.

Dear [REDACTED]

We are sorry to hear of the allegation against Fr. Heffernan. There are no other allegations on file for him.

You can contact KL @ 312-751-5205 to make a formal allegation or write out the allegation & send to KL @ [REDACTED]. Further information is needed if we are to process this information.

Sent 4-29-02  
9:30 AM

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PHONE MEMO	TO	KL	DATE	5/2/02	TIME	7:03	AM PM	
	FROM	[REDACTED]	PHONE (	[REDACTED]	CELL (			
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WILL CALL AGAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	WAS IN	<input type="checkbox"/>	URGENT	<input type="checkbox"/>			

called 5.2.0  
left message

Incident many years Infant Jesus of Crague '70  
 graduation. 6th or 7th grade students [REDACTED] Fr.  
 Heffernan. Hands on breasts + fondled them. [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Written confirmation of call.



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May 3, 2002

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time and making the necessary effort to report Father Heffernan for clerical sexual misconduct with a minor.

Your call will be documented among the calls we are receiving at this time. A summary of your allegation will also be placed in Father's file. In the event that others come forward, your information will be included.

Victim Assistance Services are available by calling either Ralph Bonaccorsi or Dr. Michael Bland at 312-751-8267.

I wish you well in your efforts at healing.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi  
Dr. Michael J. Bland

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Vicar General



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July 1, 2002

Dear Father Hefferan,

Due to the transfer of Reverend Kevin Spiess, pastor of St. Alphonsus in Lemont, the parish is in need of an administrator. I am pleased to appoint you as parochial administrator. This appointment is effective immediately, and will remain in effect until a new pastor is selected or until other arrangements are made. Attached are our Archdiocesan guidelines for administrators of parishes.

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

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Raymond Goedert".

Most Reverend Raymond Goedert  
Vicar General

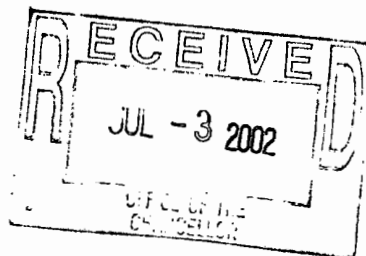
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Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
Bishop Lyne Home  
12230 S Will-Cook Rd  
Lemont, IL 60439

cc: Francis Cardinal George O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago  
✓ Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Reverend James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Reverend Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests  
Most Reverend John Gorman, Vicar  
Reverend Edward Upton, Dean  
Reverend Kevin Spiess, Pastor  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board

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GUIDELINES FOR PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATORS

The general law of the Church imposes the same obligations and grants the same rights as a Pastor to the Administrator, unless restricted by the Diocesan Bishop. These guidelines are to be considered such qualifications.

- 1) The parish should be run in accord with the established pattern, whenever possible, and in consultation with the parish council.
- 2) There should be no major changes or innovations.
- 3) Non-budgeted or non-contracted expenditures over \$2,500 should be made only in consultation with the Vicar or Dean.
- 4) Major decisions (such as hiring or firing employees, finalizing budgets, setting tuition rates, etc.) should be postponed if at all possible. If they cannot, they should be handled through the normal shared decision-making process of the parish and keeping with the general philosophy of the parish. It may be well to consult with the Vicar or Dean about these matters as they develop.
- 5) As the end of the period of administration draws near, the administrator should prepare a summary report of decisions, activities, expenditures, etc. for the newly appointed pastor.
- 6) An administrator is paid the salary of a pastor.
- 7) If a retired priest is appointed administrator of a parish, his pension benefits remain unchanged and, in addition, he is entitled to receive from the parish a full pastor's compensation, with the appropriate seniority increment corresponding to the number of years of priestly service since ordination; however, the seniority increment shall not accrue beyond the age of seventy.

Your willingness to accept this office is deeply appreciated. These guidelines are not meant to be an added burden of your generosity, but to assist you during this interim and to be of help to the returning pastor.



AGENDA

Meeting: #39<sup>th</sup> - Eighteenth Board  
Date: July 12, 2002  
Place: Priests' Placement Board

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

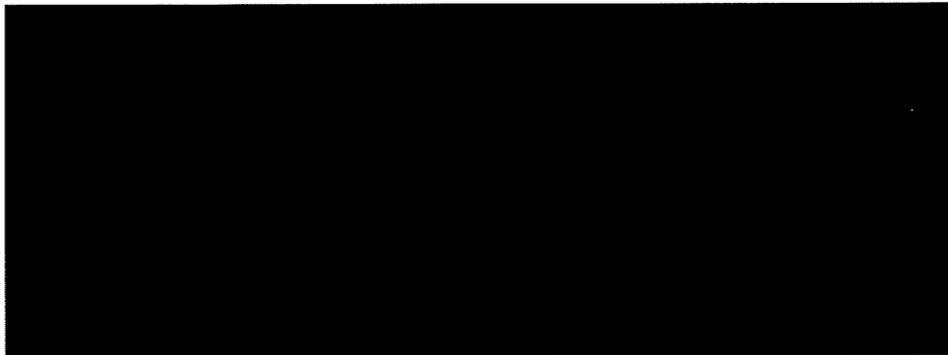
Absent: Rev.

I Opening Prayer: Rev David A. Jones \_\_\_\_\_

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

III Reports:

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4. John Hefferan '56: The Cardinal has appointed John as Parochial Administrator of St. Alphonsus / Lemont commencing 07/01/02, and will remain in effect until a new pastor is selected or until other arrangements are made.

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I Opening Prayer: Rev David A. Jones 10:14 am

II Acceptance of Minutes: 7 - 0 - 0

III Reports:

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PPR-15

file [redacted]

**McCluskey, Leah**

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**From:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2002 9:48 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Response to e-mail sent 4/29/02

Dear [redacted]

My name is Leah McCluskey and I am the Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator at the Archdiocese of Chicago. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator is on medical leave.

I am e-mailing you as a follow up to your original e-mail message sent to the Archdiocese dated April 10, 2002 regarding allegations of sexual misconduct against Fr. Heffernan at St. Anastasia parish in Waukegan, IL. In reviewing our files, it has been determined that the information sent to you stating that there have been no other allegations of sexual misconduct made against Fr. Heffernan is incorrect. As per an internal memo that I received this morning (with a copy of your original e-mail attached), there are other allegations of sexual misconduct present in Fr. Heffernan's file.

I would like to discuss with you the possibility of meeting so that you may formalize your allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Heffernan if you so choose. Please feel free to either e-mail me or contact me via phone at (312) 751-5206 at your earliest convenience.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
Rev. James Kaczerowski, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
✓ Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the PFRB  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri Palomino, <sup>LNP</sup> Administrative Assistant  
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: September 30, 2002

RE: [PFR-15] Hefferan, Rev. John (Resigned) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of an allegation received by this office on 5/2/02. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review 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 Hefferan, John/[REDACTED].

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

A:/PCAC Notification Memo

*Leah:  
I will check  
out assignments  
at Infant Jesus of Prague  
1967-70's  
Laura N.P.*

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant<sup>LNP</sup>  
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: October 15, 2002

RE: [PFR-15] Hefferan, Rev. John (~~Resigned~~) (Retired)/ [REDACTED]

### Correction

Please mark your files, Father Hefferan is Retired not Resigned.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

A:/PCAC Notification Memo

AOC 014525

FR-15

**McCluskey, Leah**

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**From:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2002 11:26 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing this e-mail in follow up to the delayed e-mail that I sent to you [on September 17, 2002] regarding your initial contact with this office on 4/29/02.

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend the offer of any services or support with which our office may assist you at this time regarding your allegations of sexual misconduct against a priest at St. Anastasia parish in Waukegan, Illinois from 1964-1967. If you choose, I have great interest in communicating with you regarding this extremely sensitive and difficult matter.

Please contact me at any of the following:  
Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
Chicago, Illinois 60690  
Phone: 312.751.5206  
E-mail: [lmcccluskey@archdiocese-chgo.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archdiocese-chgo.org)

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

A G E N D A

**Meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> - Nineteenth Board  
**Date:** December 6, 2002  
**Place:** Priests' Placement Board

**Present:** Rev.: Kurt D. Boras, John W. Clemens, William T. Corcoran,  
Leonardo Gomez, Joseph P. Grembla, David A. Jones,  
Robert G. Mair, Daniel P. McCarthy, Daniel J. McCormack

**Absent:** Rev.

**I Opening Prayer:** Rev Daniel McCormack \_\_\_\_\_

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

**III Reports:**

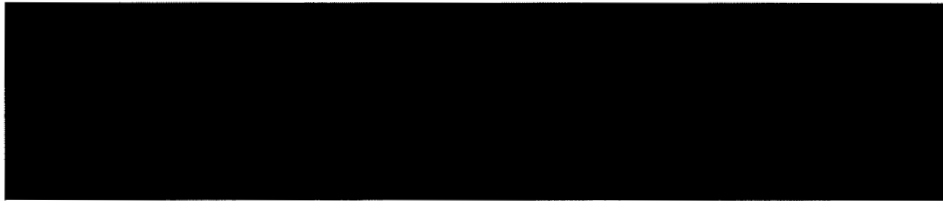
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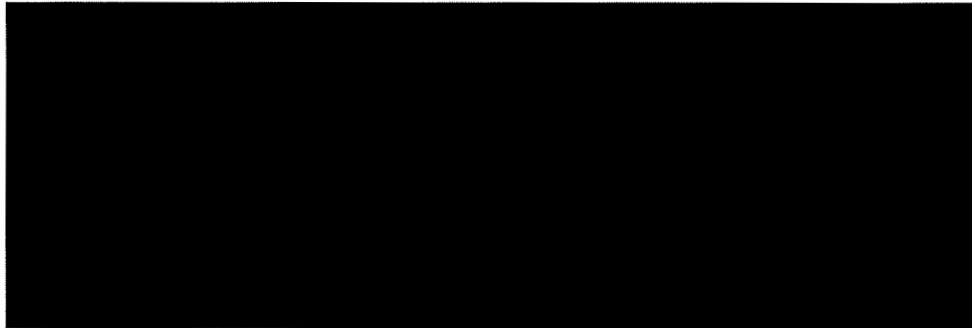


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**IV Acceptance of Agenda:** *Vote:* \_\_\_\_\_

**V Business:**

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MINUTES

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Robert G. Mair (arriv. 10:30), Daniel P. McCarthy, Daniel J. McCormack

I Opening Prayer: Rev Daniel McCormack 10:11 a.m.

II Acceptance of Minutes: 8 - 0 - 0

III Reports:

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[REDACTED] Hefferan '56: The Cardinal has written to [REDACTED] thanking his help in administrating St. Alphonsus in the absence of a pastor.

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IV Acceptance of Agenda: 8 - 0 - 0

V Business:

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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.

1/09/03  
(Date)





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

1/9/03  
(Date)

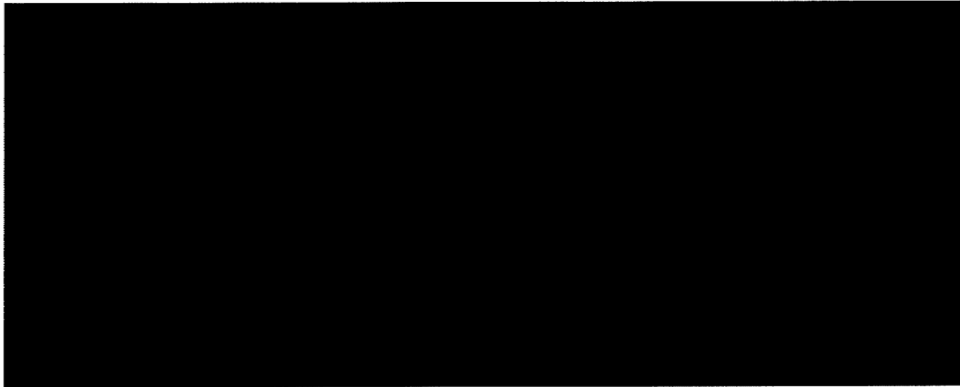
  
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MIKE JUST  
(Print Name)

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Michael Just, Interim Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim JA's statement, given to Mr. Just on January 15, 2003, formalizing her allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. John Hefferan when Victim JA was a minor. According to the summary, the abuse occurred at Infant Jesus of Prague parish in Flossmoor, Illinois when Victim JA was in junior high school in the late 1960s. The abuse consisted of one incident of Fr. Hefferan fondling Victim JA's breasts.

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

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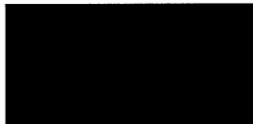


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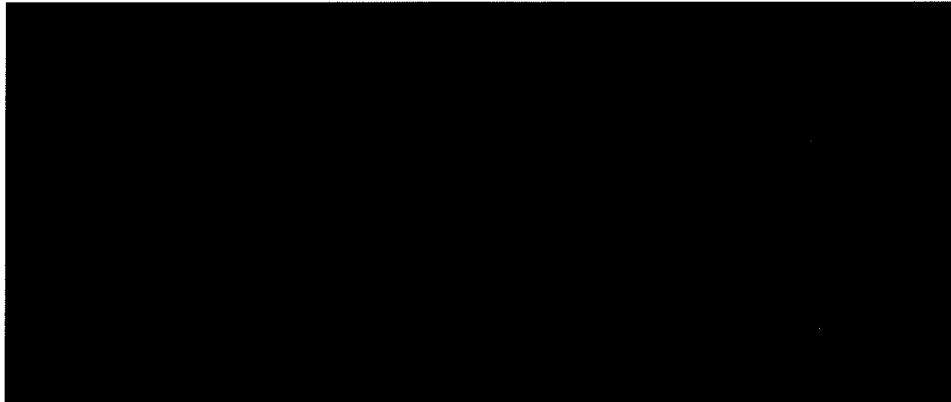
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John Hefferan '56



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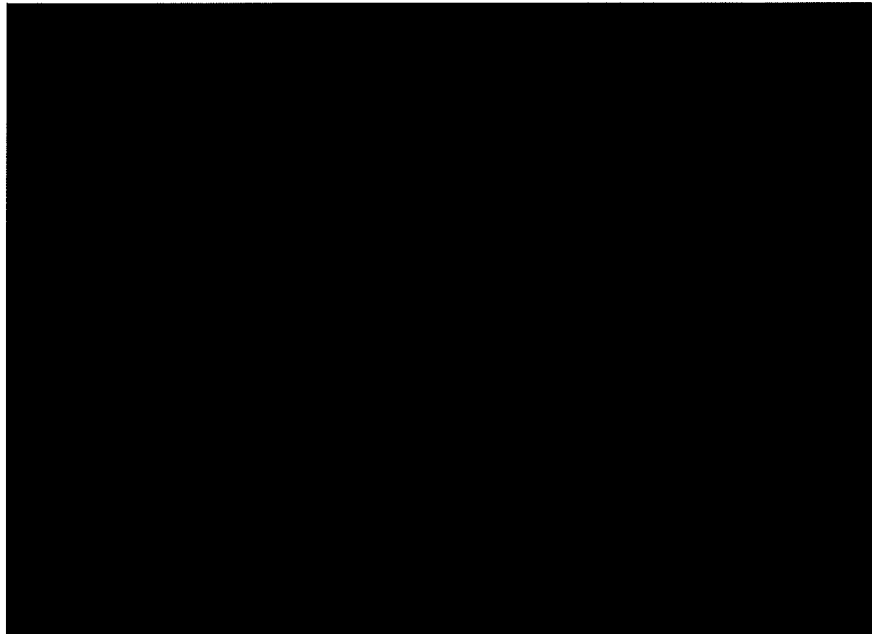
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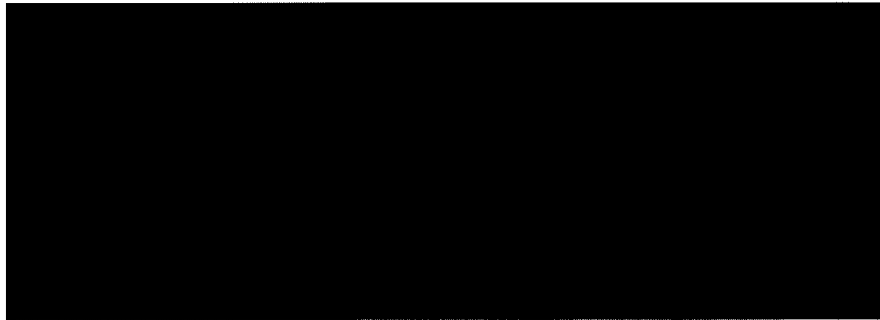
7. John Hefferan '56: John has been removed from ministry as of 01/15/03.

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## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: *Michael Just*

FROM: *Laura Neri-Palomino*

DATE: *1/21/03*

FAX NUMBER:

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URGENT     FOR REVIEW     PLEASE COMMENT     PLEASE REPLY     PLEASE RECYCLE

*Please give to Michael Just.*

*Thank you*

**Confidential**

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-15

From: Michael C. Just, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re: Rev. John Hefferan (Retired) Response to Allegation of [REDACTED]

Date: January 27, 2003

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**Date of Interview:** January 24, 2003

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

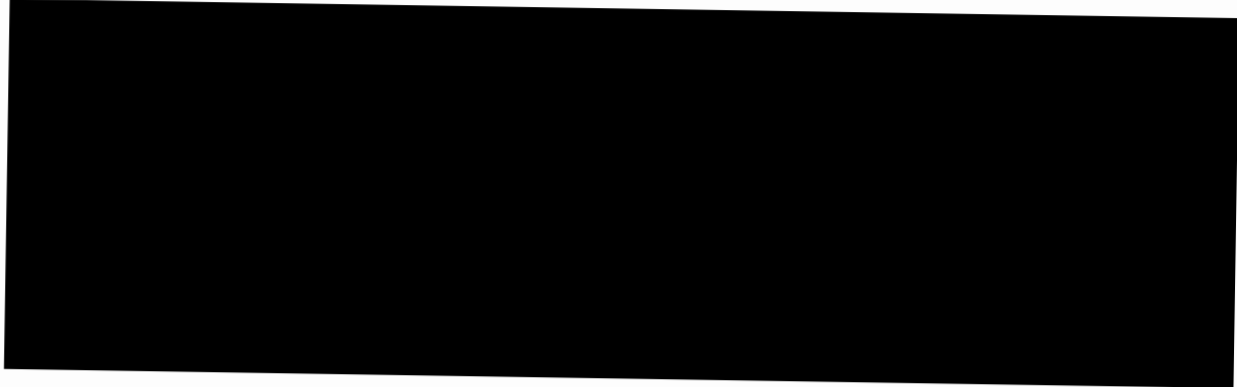
**Present at Interview:**

Fr. John Hefferan, accused  
Pat Reardon, attorney for John Hefferan  
Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Michael C. Just, Interim Profession Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]

PFRA conducted an interview of the accused, Fr. John Hefferan [JH] at the office of the Vicar for Priests. JH was represented by his attorney, Pat Reardon [PR]. PFRA explained the Review Board process to PR prior to beginning the interview. PFRA asked JH and PR whether they had any questions regarding the interview or Review Board Process, to which JH replied with some confusion, since he believed he had been suspended from active ministry due to another case which had gone before the Review Board. PFRA explained that the pending matter for which he was being interviewed arose from allegations independent of those which the Review Board may have considered in the past, and that the Review Board may consider and act upon each new victim's allegations separately. PFRA subsequently read the written allegations of [REDACTED], concerning an alleged incident of sexual abuse, which were made by [REDACTED] to this PFRA on January 9, 2003. Throughout his response, JH sounded articulate, did not demonstrate apparent difficulties in recollecting the events to which he referred, and appeared alert and well-oriented to time and place.

JH's attorney, PR, responded initially on behalf of his client, stating: "The bottom line is, I think I want to look at [JH's] past files and I'd make a response in writing if there's anything there. [JH] denies this incident in its entirety. He denies that anything like this occurred with any persons at any parish at any time."

JH then spoke on behalf of himself. JH stated that he did not touch [REDACTED] in the manner stated in her allegations because he had never touched anyone in such a manner throughout his entire ministry. JH confirmed he was assigned to Infant Jesus of Prague at the time [REDACTED] states she was abused. JH stated he did not know [REDACTED]'s name or identity from the time he was assigned to Infant Jesus of Prague because he had been assigned to at least nine parishes over the years. "I bumped into [REDACTED]s and had cousins who were [REDACTED]s," he stated.



PR then represented that JH had no active memory of the incident and that responding to the allegations would be "like trying to prove a negative." He was not certain that he would prepare a written response on behalf of his client, predicating such a response on his review of JH's records with AOC. PFRA thanked JH and PR for coming in and terminated the interview.

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

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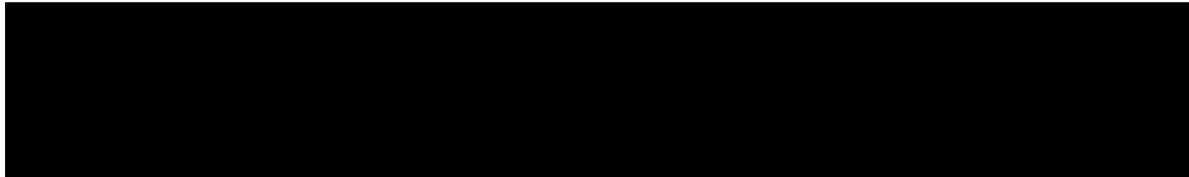
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February 12, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Reardon,

I am writing this letter in regards to three of your clients: [REDACTED], John E. Heffernan, and [REDACTED]. As you are aware, all three of the aforementioned men have allegations of sexual misconduct against them.



On January 24, 2003, Michael Just read the allegations of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] to John E. Heffernan in your presence. Again, as you requested, this matter has not yet been presented to the Review Board for their consideration so that you could have a chance to review John Heffernan's file.



At this point in time, I would like to request the formal responses of [REDACTED], John E. Heffernan, and [REDACTED] no later than Wednesday, March 5, 2003. These matters will be placed on the Review Board agenda for Saturday, March 15, 2003.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.751.5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 2/15/2003 to conduct a  
(enter date: month/day/year)

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

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

against Rev. John Hefferan  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:)  <sup>retired</sup> 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: fondling of breasts of adolescent girl  
(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. 6-0  
 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: Fr. Hefferan lives at Bp. Byrne Retirement Home for Priests in Lenox. Not known if he is doing any parish ministry, but if so, it should cease.



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**Professional Fitness Review Board**  
**Saturday, February 15, 2003**

**Revision**

MINUTES

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Members absent:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members present:**

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

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**I. Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2003**

**II. Case Reviews**

**First Stage Review:**

**A. In the Matter of Rev. John Hefferan [JH][Retired]-PFR-15**

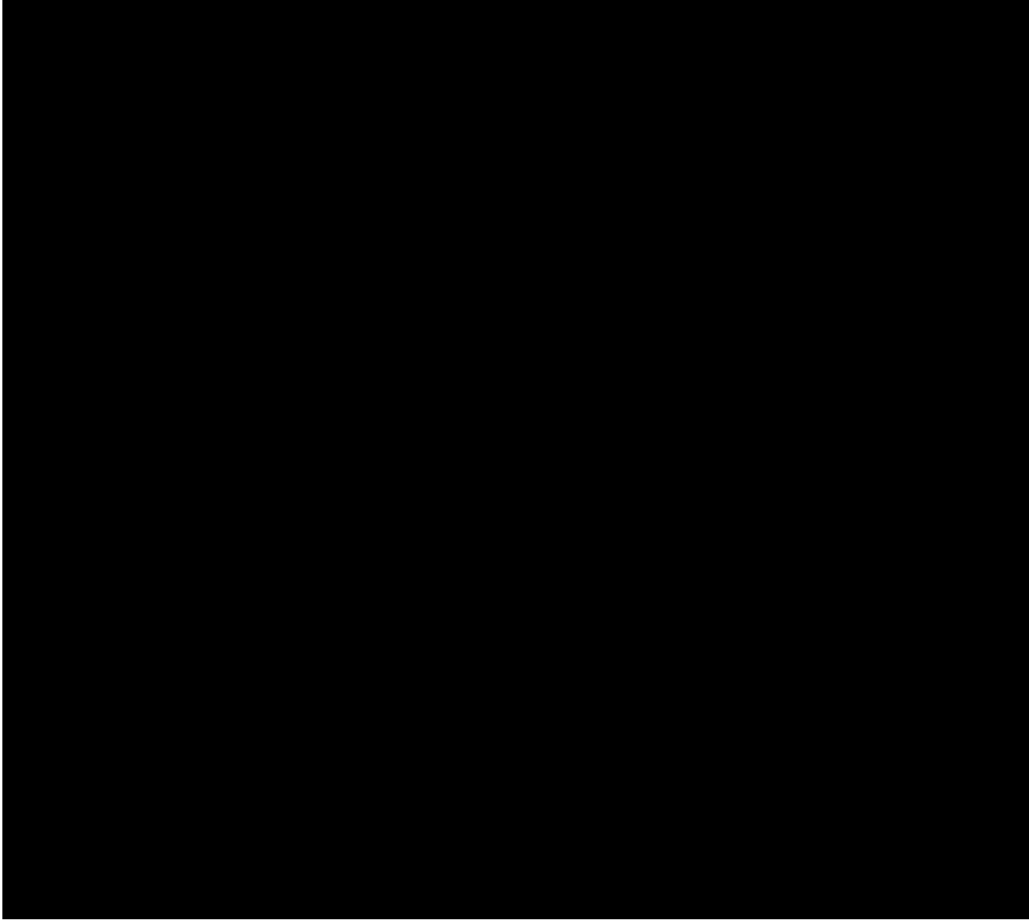
The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: JH fondled [REDACTED]'s breasts over her clothes.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur.

**B.**

[REDACTED]

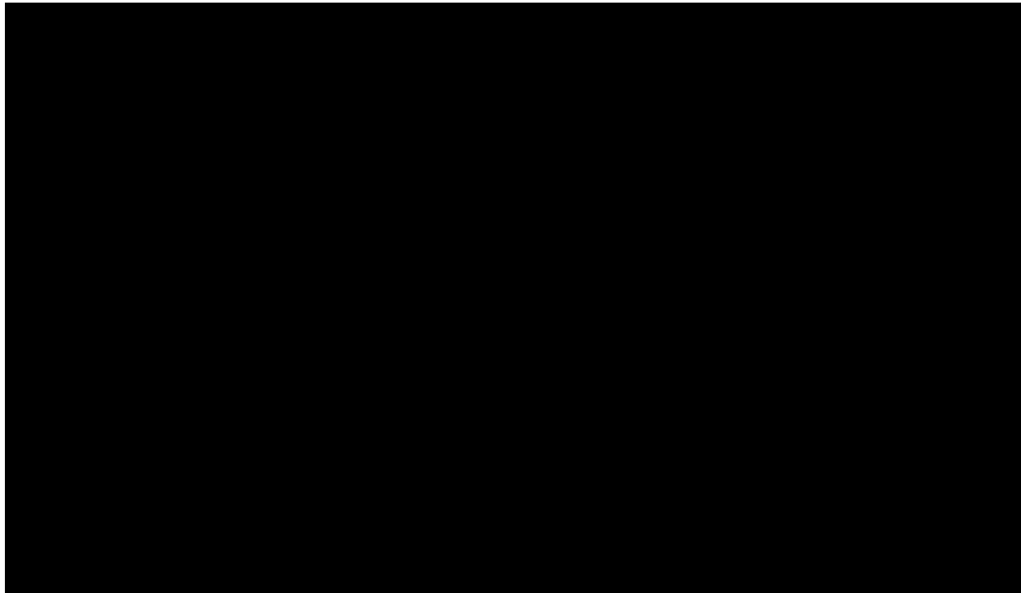
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**Second Stage Reviews**

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**III. Other**

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

**Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board  
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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, February 15 2003 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

**I. Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2003**

**II. Case Reviews**

**First Stage Reviews:**

- A. In the Matter of Rev. John Hefferan (Retired) – PFR-15
- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

**Second Stage Reviews:**

D. [REDACTED]

**III. Other Matters**

- [REDACTED]
- A possible conflict with the May 17th Board Meeting date.

**The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 15, 2003**

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 2/15/03 to conduct a  
(enter date: month/day/year)  
(check one:)  First Stage Review  Second Stage Review  Supplementary Review  Status Report  
regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against John Hefferan (Retired)  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

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which claims as follows: fondling breasts over 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: unanimous 6-0

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February 18, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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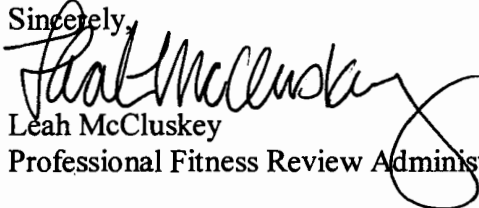
Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on February 15, 2003. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of John Hefferan [Retired] in the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A First Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board recommends that there is reasonable cause to suspect that John Hefferan engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

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

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

*I accept the finding  
F. M.  
Feb 23, 2003  
But is there any possibility  
that the trust was not  
deliberately made?*

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-15

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **John Hefferan (Retired)**

Date: February 18, 2003

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on February 15, 2003:

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED].  
The claim is as follows: JH fondled [REDACTED]'s breasts over her clothes.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur.



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March 7, 2003

Fr. John Hefferan  
C/o Patrick Reardon  
221 N. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Fr. Hefferan,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on February 15, 2003 and conducted a First Stage Review regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.08 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5206 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,

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

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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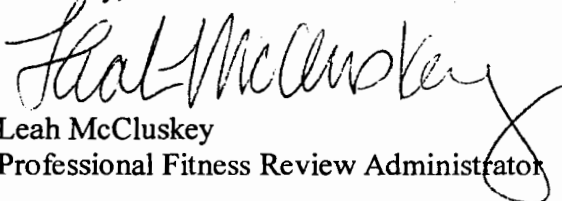
Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on February 15, 2003 and conducted a First Stage Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against John Hefferan [Retired] pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's finding that there is reasonable cause to suspect that John Hefferan did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor.

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 312.751.8307.

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

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of February 18, 2003, regarding the matter of **Reverend John Hefferan**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is currently retired from ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED], following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on February 15, 2003.

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 Hefferan** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. I ask the Review Board to consider in its Second Stage Review whether there is any possibility that the touch was not deliberately sexual in nature.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

*Rev. Richard Laudis*

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
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March 11, 2003

RESPONSE OF FATHER JOHN HEFFERAN  
TO ACCUSATIONS OF [REDACTED]  
AS READ BY MICHAEL JUST

On Friday, January 24, 2003, Father John Hefferan appeared at the office of the Vicar for Priests to meet with Michael Just and Father Kaczorowski. Mr. Just read a report of an interview with a [REDACTED] accusing Father Hefferan of an act of improper conduct alleged to have occurred in either 1968 or 1969. Father Hefferan denies this accusations.

Father Hefferan deplors the fact that he is placed in the position of attempting to defend himself from an accusation so remote in time as to be not certain even in the mind of the accuser. The interview with [REDACTED] reports a single incident in either 1968 or 1969 at an unknown time of year. Such a lack of specificity on part of [REDACTED] might be understandable, given that she attempting to relate and recall an incident either 35 or 34 years ago, which [REDACTED] was so short-lived" and did not cause her to be traumatized or to make any outcry or complaint until now. However, this lack of specificity denies Father Hefferan of the most basic due process in responding. For example, if the alleged incident took place in 1968, it would have almost certainly have involved someone other than Father Hefferan, since he was assigned to St. Simeon in Bellwood and did not transfer to Infant Jesus of Prague in Flossmor until 1969.

Father Hefferan has no memory of anyone named [REDACTED]. He can only state that he did not engage in the conduct described in the report. The accusation forces Father Hefferan to attempt to prove a negative.

The report of the incident suggests that it was [REDACTED] over a period of two years. Thirty four years later it is impossible to document the whereabouts of Father Hefferan [REDACTED]. As indicated above, Father can generally account for [REDACTED] by pointing out that he was living and working at St. Simeon in Bellwood and would have had no reason to be at the parish in Flossmor. For this reason Father requests more specificity as to the date of the alleged occurrence.

When Father moved to Flossmore it was to replace a fellow priest at Infant Jesus of Prague, who had suddenly and unexpectedly left the ministry. If the incident happened [REDACTED] in 1968, then at the very least, there must be a mistake as to identity. Father Hefferan has no way at this time to test the process of identification used

by this 12 year old witness. By making this statement Father does not imply that he has any knowledge of any impropriety by any other priest stationed at Infant Jesus of Prague Church.

Indeed, while the report of this incident describes obviously clumsy and awkward conduct, Father Hefferan is in no position to judge that a fellow priest was motivated by sexual gratification rather than some ill-advised attempt at friendliness or affection. However, he suggests that such an interpretation is entirely possible, given the described brevity, the lack of any report of conversation or attempt at secrecy.

[REDACTED]

Father Hefferan has no knowledge of the person making this allegation and therefore bears no ill will toward her and does not question her good faith. Nevertheless, he is deeply disturbed that such an allegation would be made about an incident alleged to have occurred over 30 years ago in a manner which allows virtually no chance to investigate, establish identification information, or to interview persons with contemporaneous knowledge of the circumstances and parties. He notes that there was no contemporaneous outcry, or any other corroboration of the alleged incident nor of any contemporaneous identification. He further notes that the Pastor of the parish at the time, Reverend Richard Hills, is now unavailable for interview, having died just over a year ago. The paucity of details makes any investigation difficult. However, at the very least, Father suggests that the name of the other person alleged to have been working with [REDACTED] on the day in question should be provided, as well as the name of the adult alleged to have been supervising. He requests this information in order to confirm that a misidentification has occurred.

Father Hefferan reminds the Professional Fitness Review Board that in 1993 a complaint of inappropriate conduct was made about him by a [REDACTED]. At that time Father Hefferan participated in a complete review of this allegation as well as [REDACTED]

After a complete review Cardinal Bernardin accepted the Board's recommendation to close the file. No restrictions were placed on Father Hefferan.

Father Hefferan has attempted to serve the people of God and minister as a priest to the best his ability since his ordination in 1956. Since his retirement he has continued to assist in administering parishes where priests are scarce. He makes no claim to perfection; however he humbly submits that he has remained true to the ideals of the priesthood for forty-seven years and has never engaged in sexual misconduct with any minor. He is deeply hurt by this false allegation of wrongdoing.

Father Hefferan further humbly submits that he is fit to continue the ministry he has been performing during his retirement. He asks that his Cardinal-Archbishop allow him to continue the service to which he has dedicated his entire life.

*Rev. John Hefferan*  
Reverend John Hefferan

*Patrick G. Reardon*

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Attorney and Counselor at Law  
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May 15, 2003

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,


Additional information has come to my attention today in investigating two of the matters on the agenda of the Professional Fitness Review Board for Saturday, May 17, 2003.

In the course of independently investigating matters relating to accusations against Father Anthony Vader and Father John Hefferañ, I have discovered that, along with the issues raised in the written submissions, there is a very real possibility of misidentification. Suspicion has arisen today about the behavior of a priest, who was assigned to both parishes, Holy Cross and Infant Jesus of Prague, at the times relevant to the allegations against each of the above priests. I will attempt to investigate this issue as quickly and fully as possible, as it affects the fact finding process as to each of the above priests.

It is my belief that the current submissions show sufficient problems with the accusations to require finding in favor of the fitness of each of the two priests. If there continues to be a question, I hope that I will be given an opportunity to submit any additional information as to this new potential issue.

Best Wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick G. Reardon

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June 10, 2003

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

As you know, I wrote to you on May 15, 2003 about my concerns that there may have been a serious misidentification in the matters of Father Vader and also Father Hefferan.

I have attempted to examine the files of Reverend [REDACTED] to determine when he was ordained, when he was assigned to certain parishes, particularly Holy Cross and Infant Jesus of Prague. I wish to determine whether there is any information relevant to his knowledge or interaction with young women at these or other parishes. I wish to learn of his relationships and interaction with other parish priests, who may now be interviewed as to whether they remember information relevant to my investigation. I wish to examine Father [REDACTED]'s relationship to the work of Domen Delacado (phonetic spelling) and Father [REDACTED]'s work with young children.

I wish to obtain photographs of Father [REDACTED] Father Anthony Vader and Father John Hefferan from the relevant times relating to the accusations, i.e. the mid 1950's to the mid 1960's.

I believe there is a very strong possibility that one priest may be mistaken for another in a parish setting, particularly by very young parishioners. I experienced this myself in my ministry at St. Agatha Church during the late 1960's. I followed a very popular priest in my assignment. For several years young (and not so young) parishioners referred to me as "Father Mallette." I am sure to this day many of them would still identify me by that name.

Despite my concerns, I have been unable to conduct my investigation. Officials of the Archdiocese have denied access to records of Father [REDACTED]. I believe due process requires a



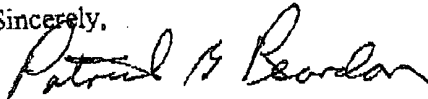
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complete investigation of this matter. I have been assured by John O'Malley of the Archdiocese legal department that you will conduct an investigation and share all information with me. I will await your communication as soon as possible.

I call your attention to the fact that there are at least two priests named [REDACTED] who were ordained in the early 1950's. I am aware that one is deceased. I believe he is the subject of concern. However, I could not be certain of this without examining the files of both men.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Patrick G. Reardon

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**Professional Fitness Review Board  
Saturday, June 21, 2003**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Members absent:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members present:**

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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**I. Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2003**

**II. Case Reviews**

**Initial Review**

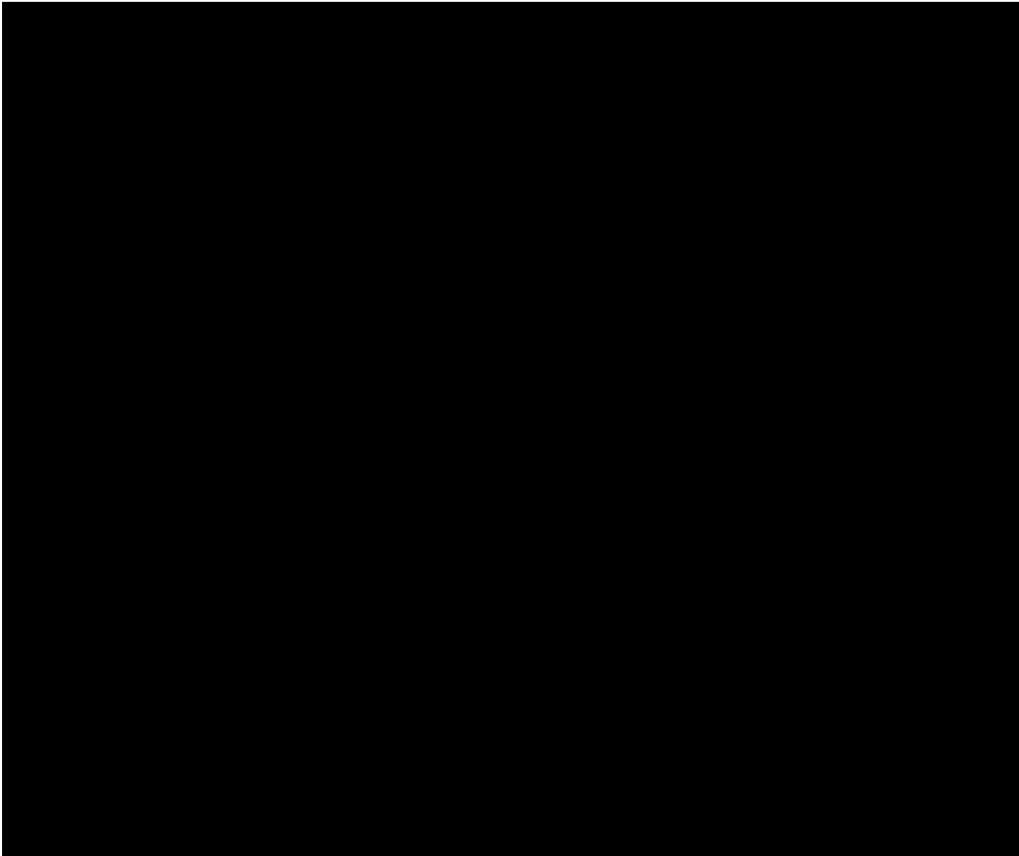
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**Second Stage Review**

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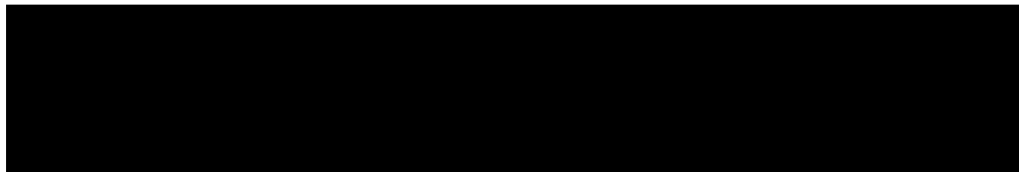


D. **In the Matter of John Hefferan [Retired] – PFR - 15**

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: Fr. Hefferan placed his hands on [REDACTED]'s breasts and fondled them.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, the Review Board recommended to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommended that PFRA not follow up on the allegation of mistaken identity [that [REDACTED] has mistaken Fr. Hefferan for a different priest]. The Board recommended that Fr. Hefferan and/or his attorney be directed to John O'Malley, Director of Legal Services with any concerns regarding obtaining information of a priest who was possibly incorrectly identified as Fr. Hefferan by [REDACTED].

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**III. Other Matters**

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**Next scheduled meeting is July 19, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
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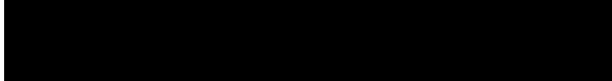
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**PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD MEETING**  
**Saturday, June 21, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



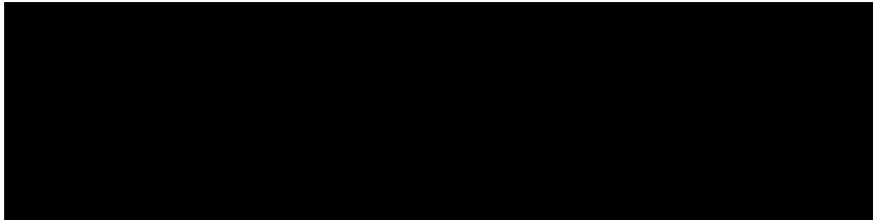
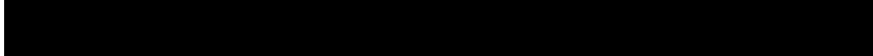

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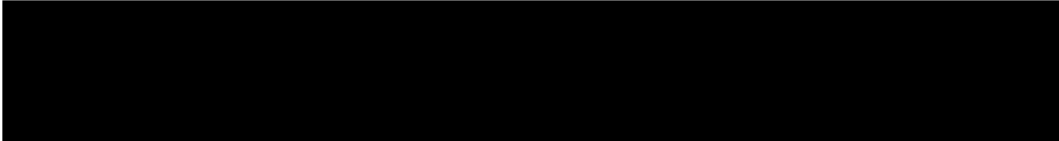
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- III. Other Matters



*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, July 19, 2003*

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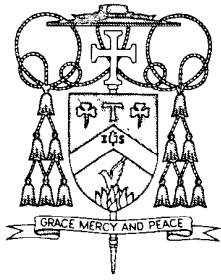
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The Board further recommends: 6-0 reasonable cause to suspect



Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Residence For Retired Priests  
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6/23/03

Dear Jim,

Thank you for information on this process timing.

I had assumed that my accuser had mixed up with someone else, now I want you to know what I recently was able to tell attorney Rivoran we learned that Per. [REDACTED]

was assigned to Infant Jesus of Prague (Flossmor) in June of 1970,

The timing of the allegation was 1968 or 1969, when finishing grammar school, when [REDACTED] and Hefferan were there

I knew [REDACTED] came awhile after I came there in 1969, probably after school year ended,

yours in Christ,  
John E. Hefferan



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June 23, 2003

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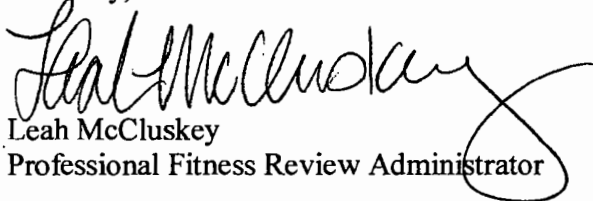
Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on June 21, 2003 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against John Hefferan pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board has recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

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

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

*I accept this  
recommendation only after  
the investigation into the possibility  
of misconduct is complete.  
J. Hefferan  
June 25, 2003*

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

To: File -PFR-15

From: Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting

Re: John Hefferan (Retired)

Date: June 25, 2003

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TO: Fr. James Kaczorowski	FROM: Leah McCluskey
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Fr. Kacz,

Here is the the initial allegation against John Hefferan made by [REDACTED].

Leah

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3 July, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
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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 June 23, 2003, regarding the matter of **Reverend John Hefferan**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is not engaged in public ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the Second Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on June 21, 2003.


I wish to postpone my decision concerning the Review Board's recommendation and ask that a Supplementary Review be conducted to investigate more thoroughly the possibility of a mistaken identity.

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. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
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July 17, 2003

Fr. John Hefferan  
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon  
Mr. Patrick G. Reardon  
221 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Fr. Hefferan,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 21, 2003 to conduct a Second Stage Review regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has received the Board's recommendation that the information presented seems to be true of an offense. However, the Cardinal has not yet acted on the recommendation and has requested that I present recently acquired information to the Board at the meeting scheduled for July 19, 2003. Once the Board makes their recommendations regarding the additional information, the Cardinal will be able to make a determination regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation against you.

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. He may be reached at the Vicar for Priests office at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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Dear [REDACTED],

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The Cardinal has received the Board's recommendation that the information presented seems to be true of an offense. However, the Cardinal has not yet acted on the recommendation and has requested that I present recently acquired information to the Board at the meeting scheduled for July 19, 2003. Once the Board makes their recommendations regarding the additional information, the Cardinal will be able to make a determination regarding your allegation against Fr. Hefferan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205 or via e-mail [lmcluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-15

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Hefferan, John

Date: July 17, 2003

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PRA spoke with Fr. John Hefferan via phone on July 15, 2003 regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against him. PRA has learned through Fr. Hefferan's attorney Patrick Reardon that there is a possibility that [REDACTED] mistook Fr. Hefferan for a priest by the name Fr. [REDACTED].

PRA asked Fr. Hefferan if he could recall any concerns with Fr. [REDACTED]'s behavior, specifically around minors, while they were assigned to Infant Jesus of Prague in the early 1970s [1971]. Fr. Hefferan's first point was that he and Fr. [REDACTED] were not assigned together at Infant Jesus of Prague at the time [REDACTED] alleges the abuse [1968 or 1969]. Fr. Hefferan's first comments were not about Fr. [REDACTED], but suggested that the priest whom he succeeded at Infant Jesus of Prague "left suddenly." When asked by PRA, Fr. Hefferan was unable to recall the name of his predecessor. However, Fr. Hefferan did not suggest any reason as to why his predecessor left Infant Jesus of Prague.

In regards to Fr. [REDACTED], Fr. Hefferan suggested that he [Fr. [REDACTED]] participated in "all sorts of partying." When asked by PRA for clarification, Fr. Hefferan stated that Fr. [REDACTED] spend much time with the nuns from his [Fr. [REDACTED]'s] previous assignment [Our Lady of Grace]. Fr. Hefferan also stated that "a number of nuns [from Our Lady of Grace] had married Augustinians" and noted that Fr. [REDACTED] had "married a number of them." When asked by PRA, Fr. Hefferan stated that Fr. [REDACTED] "partied" with the nuns at their parish and not at Infant Jesus of Prague.

Fr. Hefferan spoke of a letter written by Cardinal Cody to their pastor regarding Fr. [REDACTED]. As per Fr. Hefferan, the letter from Cardinal Cody referred to a letter written by Fr. [REDACTED] stating that he [Fr. [REDACTED]] would come back to the priesthood only if Cardinal Cody allowed married priests. Fr. Hefferan then remarked that Fr. [REDACTED] had left the priesthood and married a [former] nun.

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In terms of their assignment together at Infant Jesus of Prague, Fr. Hefferan recalls that Fr. ██████ was not around on the weekends “for the last year or two.” As per Fr. Hefferan, Fr. ██████ would travel to Indiana for courses in Ethics at Indiana University. Fr. Hefferan also referred to one occasion when Fr. ██████ “escorted Miss Mexico” from Mexico to Indiana University. When asked by PRA, Fr. Hefferan did not have any details of Fr. ██████ escorting Miss Mexico to Indiana and emphasized that it only occurred on one occasion.

Fr. Hefferan then referred to the specific allegation brought against him by ██████. He stated, “I would never touch anyone’s breasts.” Also in reference to ██████’s allegation, Fr. Hefferan stated, “I’m the kind who wouldn’t ask them [students] to do things like ██████.”

Fr. Hefferan referred to his ten assignments within the Archdiocese of Chicago and stated that he was “always with youth.” He spoke of accompanying youth groups on Ski Trips and organizing/being active in Teen Clubs at his parishes.

Fr. Hefferan then pointed out that he was assigned to Infant Jesus of Prague one year before Fr. ██████. In regards to appearances, Fr. Hefferan stated that he and Fr. ██████ were “close in height” and “less than one year apart in age.”

Referring to ██████, Fr. Hefferan stated “hopefully someone touched this woman on her shoulder” to get her attention due to not knowing her name as opposed to touching her breasts as stated by ██████ in her allegation. Fr. Hefferan then noted “if her ██████ testimony is [based upon] when we [Fr. Hefferan and Fr. ██████] were associates [at Infant Jesus of Prague] then she has that wrong.”

Fr. Hefferan was extremely cooperative during the conversation and PRA thanked him for his time.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests



**PATRICK G. REARDON**  
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July 18, 2003 [REDACTED]

Leah McCluskey  
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

This letter is in response to the copies of letters sent by fax in care of this office to my clients, Father Anthony Vader and Father John Hefferan, dated July 17, 2003, and received here today. In those letters you make reference to "recently acquired information" which you will present to the Professional Fitness Review Board on July 19, 2003. I must remind you that neither I nor my clients have been advised of this new information or been given a chance to investigate or respond to it. I have no idea what new information has been acquired, but I strongly submit that even the appearance of due process would require that information relevant to an accusation be shared with the accused.

I remind you of the letter I sent on June 10, 2003, requesting information relevant to the files of Reverend [REDACTED] now deceased. I enclose a copy of that letter. (I note that it bears the address of the Archdiocese rather than your office; however it was faxed to you directly on June 10.) In that letter I indicated my deep concern over misidentification. Despite this concern, I and my clients have been denied access to the relevant file material. I was assured by the lawyer for the Archdiocese that you would conduct an investigation and share the results with me. You and I spoke of this assurance by telephone at the time I sent the letter. I requested answers to several specific questions so that I could conduct follow-up interviews and investigation. Your July 17<sup>th</sup> letter is the first communication I have received indicating that any information has been obtained.

I requested photos of the parties relevant to the Vader inquiry. I have heard and received nothing. In the interim, I have acquired some of these photos through other means. If you do not have them, I can provide them upon request.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick G. Reardon

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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Pat,

The following are in regards to the above cases concerning [REDACTED] and

[REDACTED]  
Leah

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July 25, 2003

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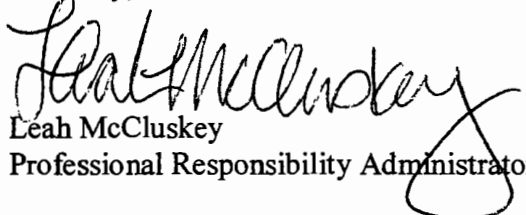
Dear Mr. Reardon,

This letter is in response to your letter to me dated July 18, 2003. I received the fax in the evening of July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The "recently acquired information" that you referenced from my letter to Fr. John Hefferan dated July 17, 2003 was a direct reference to the information that you brought to my attention regarding the possibility that Fr. Hefferan was mistaken for another priest by his alleged victim. Contrary to your understanding, no "recently acquired information" was presented to the Review Board on July 19, 2003, as Fr. Hefferan's case was not on the agenda. Fr. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice and myself have not yet finished our investigation of the aforementioned matter, however, upon the completion of our investigation you will be notified as we had previously discussed. Only after the investigation is complete and the information has been shared with you and Fr. Hefferan will this matter be placed on a Review Board agenda, the date of which you will be notified by Fr. Hefferan's Vicar for Priests, Fr. James Kaczorowski.

If you have any questions or concerns in the future, I appreciate written notification, however, I remind you to feel free to contact me via phone at [312] 751-5205 as well.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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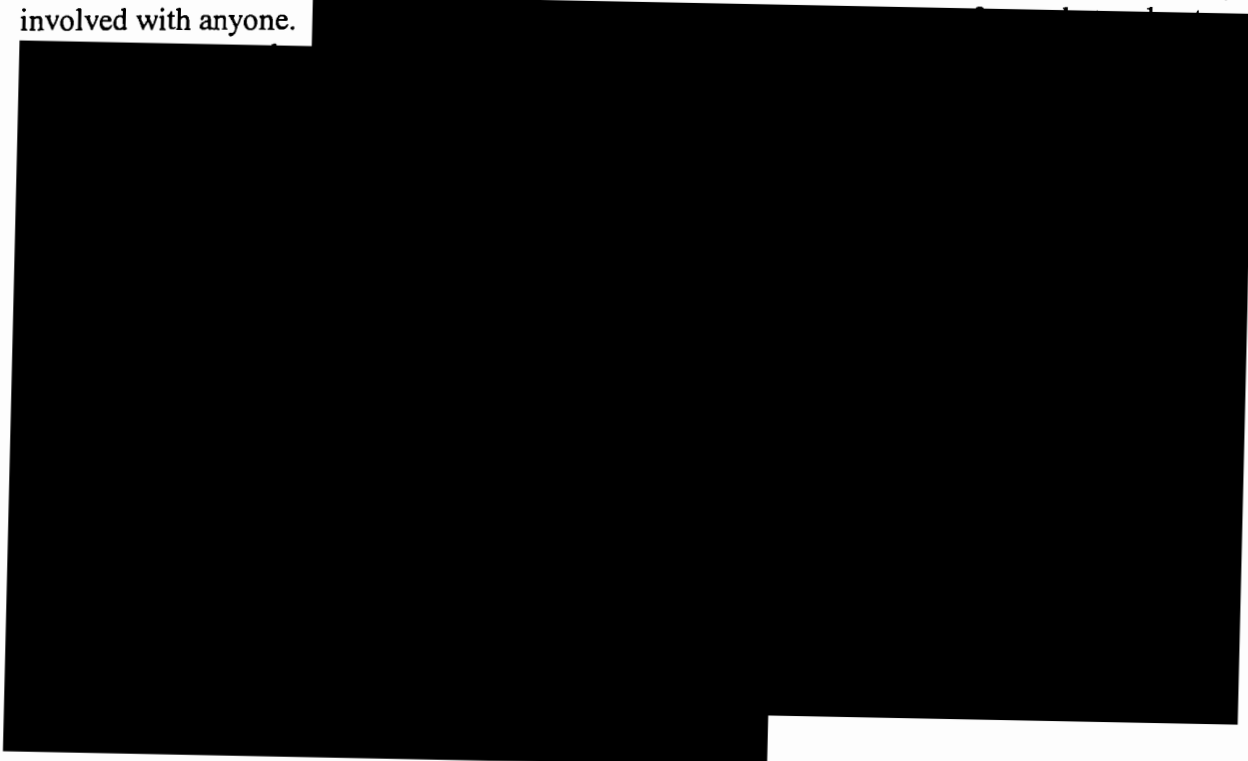
FINAL REPORT:

Investigation of the response of Rev. Anthony Vader to an allegation.

In response to the allegation made against him, the accused has presented an explanation that he has been mistaken for another priest. In other words, the accused has stated that the one making the allegation has mistaken him for ██████████ '50 (deceased). The accused and ██████████ were assigned for a common period of time at Holy Cross parish (65<sup>th</sup> Street). Another accused and ██████████ were assigned for a common period of time at Infant Jesus of Prague (Flossmoor). In response to this explanation, the Professional Fitness Review Administrator (PFRA) and the Promoter of Justice (PJ) are conducting an investigation.

There are four anecdotal features that have surfaced. The first is that ██████████ was known as a 'womanizer'. The second is a report, attributed to Vader, that a woman came forward with the story that as an underage girl, she and ██████████ were sexually involved with each other, apparently while he was assigned to Holy Cross parish. The third is that he was married months after he left the priesthood. The fourth is that someone recently mistook the other accused priest for ██████████.

The first step was to examine the ██████████ file. There was nothing in the ██████████ file to indicate that he was ever involved in any misconduct with minors, nor that he was ever sexually involved with anyone.



The second step was to talk with those who had known him. This was done by the PFRA and the PJ.

The PJ interviewed the Rev. [REDACTED], who was ordained with [REDACTED]; he is a retired priest of the Archdiocese. He recalled that at their 'class meetings', he and [REDACTED] and another classmate always ended up talking in a corner: they did not want to participate in the gambling that characterized such gatherings. He recalled that [REDACTED] married following his resignation and that he was later divorced.

[REDACTED]

Fr. [REDACTED] stated that he never knew of, nor heard of, any sexual misconduct on the part of [REDACTED], either with adults or underage individuals. He stated that he was surprised when he learned of [REDACTED]'s resignation. When asked directly, he stated that there was no resemblance between [REDACTED] and Vader, or the other accused priest.

The PJ interviewed [REDACTED], a resigned priest of the Archdiocese. [REDACTED] was ordained during the same era as [REDACTED], and the [REDACTED] file contains references to him as a friend in the Instructions For Burial. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were friends, and became quite friendly during the period that both were moving out of the priesthood. He stated that he knew of no sexual involvement with anyone, and no questionable involvement with kids, on [REDACTED]'s part. He stated that he knew of no bizarre or unusual behavior. He said that [REDACTED]'s marriage lasted about 5 to 7 years.

[REDACTED]

He stated that he never heard of [REDACTED] having psychological problems.

He recalled that another close friend would be [REDACTED] an ex-priest of the Archdiocese, if he is still alive: he was one of the founders of the ACP and went on to work at Notre Dame University. When asked directly, he stated that he had never thought of it before, but there might be a slight resemblance between [REDACTED] and Vader; he emphatically stated that there was no resemblance between [REDACTED] and the other accused priest.

[REDACTED]

The PFRA spoke with Msgr. [REDACTED] a retired priest of the Archdiocese. He was assigned with [REDACTED] at Holy Cross. PFRA explained that [REDACTED]'s name had surfaced in connection with the investigation of allegations of sexual misconduct with minors made against other

priests. PFRA asked Cardiff if he had any knowledge of issues with [REDACTED] concerning minors. Cardiff stated that he had never 'heard anything' regarding concerns with [REDACTED]'s behavior around or with minors. He recalled that [REDACTED] worked with adults, [REDACTED]

The PFRA spoke to Fr. [REDACTED] ('56), another retired priest of the Archdiocese who is now living in California. In the 1970 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were assigned together at Our Lady of Grace. The PFRA asked him if he was aware of any questions or concerns regarding [REDACTED]'s interactions with minors and/or young females. He replies that he was extremely surprised with the questions asked regarding [REDACTED]. Further, he said that there was nothing he ever say that would have him question [REDACTED] and his interactions with minors or with young females.

The PFRA spoke with Fr. Thomas Tivy, the Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese. From 1969 to 1970, [REDACTED] was assigned to Our Lady of Grace. Fr. Tivy grew up in Our Lady of Grace and was the pastor of the parish for a number of years, although neither of those periods of time were at the same time as [REDACTED]'s assignment there. PFRA asked Fr. Tivy if he had any knowledge of issues with [REDACTED] concerning minors. Tivy stated that he never heard of any issues concerning the behavior of [REDACTED] with minors.

The PFRA spoke with the other accused priest about [REDACTED]'s reputation; it has been suggested that one who has brought an allegation against him mistook him for [REDACTED]. He and [REDACTED] had both been assigned to Infant Jesus of Prague, although apparently not simultaneous with the time when the alleged abuse took place. This priest stated that [REDACTED] was involved in all sorts of 'partying'. When asked to develop that statement, he expanded his recollections by observing [REDACTED] was 'partying' with nuns at their parish and not at Infant Jesus of Prague. This priest felt that [REDACTED] left because he wanted to marry, and he married an ex-nun. This priest also stated that [REDACTED] traveled on weekends to Indiana University for courses in Ethics. This priest asserted that on one occasion [REDACTED] accompanied 'Miss Mexico' from Mexico to Indiana University. The other accused priest stated that he and [REDACTED] were 'close in height' and 'less that one year apart in age'.

The PFRA employed the services of a private investigator to search for the woman with the story that she and [REDACTED] were sexually involved with each other. Vader had stated that the woman had a close female friend whose brother was a [REDACTED]. He provided the names of the women as best he could recall. The investigator could find no trace of the woman or her friend. The investigator reported that the name of the [REDACTED] brother did not match any name in the current or past [REDACTED] roster. He also looked into past [REDACTED], and he could not find a match.

Fr. [REDACTED] was not contacted because of his age.

Pursuant to the 'photographic line-up', when the question of a mistaken identity was presented to the ones bringing the allegation, they were incredulous. They reminded the PFRA that they had confronted Vader ten years earlier about the abuse, and they knew very well what his physical appearance is.

A redacted copy of the Interim report was given to Vader's civil attorney; the names of the priests who were interviewed were removed so that their privacy would be respected. If his attorney is able to present new information, the Professional Responsibility Review Board could decide to conduct a Supplementary Review.

CONCLUSION:

Other than Fr. Vader's statement about what someone else said to him, there does not seem to be any evidence of any sexual abuse of minors of the part of [REDACTED]. So far, the resemblance of [REDACTED] and Vader or the other accused priest is questionable. The recollections of the other accused priest do not skew with the details about [REDACTED] that have surfaced, and so it is hard to find much credibility in them.

Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic  
August 16, 2003

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 9/11/03 3:26PM  
**Subject:** RE: Response to e-mail sent 4/29/02

Dear [REDACTED]

Yes, I am here and it is very good to hear from you. I can completely understand how difficult it must be to hear from me and/or the Archdiocese itself. I so appreciate and value your response.

As you can imagine, we continue to receive allegations of sexual misconduct against priests on a steady basis. In terms of your offer to help, I only want to be sure to offer to you an opportunity for us to meet and/or speak if you wish to formalize your allegation against Fr. Heffernan. Also, if you at any time wish to seek assistance or help from the Archdiocese, please contact our office for Assistance Ministry. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Take care [REDACTED]--and again, it was very good to hear from you.

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 09/10/03 04:54PM >>>



----- Original Message -----

**From:** McCluskey, Leah  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 9/17/2002 10:51:50 AM  
**Subject:** Response to e-mail sent 4/29/02

Dear [REDACTED],

My name is Leah McCluskey and I am the Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator at the Archdiocese of Chicago. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator is on medical leave.

I am e-mailing you as a follow up to your original e-mail message sent to the Archdiocese dated April 10,



2002 regarding allegations of sexual misconduct against Fr. Heffernan at St. Anastasia parish in Waukegan, IL. In reviewing our files, it has been determined that the information sent to you stating that there have been no other allegations of sexual misconduct made against Fr. Heffernan is incorrect. As per an internal memo that I received this morning (with a copy of your original e-mail attached), there are other allegations of sexual misconduct present in Fr. Heffernan's file.

I would like to discuss with you the possibility of meeting so that you may formalize your allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Heffernan if you so choose. Please feel free to either e-mail me or contact me via phone at (312) 751-5206 at your earliest convenience.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract supplements a series of e-mails between Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator at the Archdiocese of Chicago, and Victim IZ between September 17, 2002 and September 11, 2003. On September 10, 2003, Victim IZ responded to Ms. McCluskey's e-mail of September 17, 2002 to state that the original response to her e-mail allegation did not encourage her to communicate with the Archdiocese further, but she hopes that the Archdiocese is pursuing the other allegations against Fr. Heffernan. Victim IZ wants to know what the Archdiocese is doing about the other allegations and what Victim IZ can do to help.

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## **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING** **Saturday, September 20, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### AGENDA

- I. **Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2003**
- II. **Review of August 16, 2003 Board Meeting recommendations**
- III. **Revised Monitoring Protocols**
- IV. **Case Reviews**
  - A. In the Matter of John Hefferan (Active/Retired 2000) - PFR-15
    - Allegation made by [REDACTED]
    - Information in possible mistaken identity--already been through Second Stage Review
  - B. [REDACTED]
  - C. [REDACTED]
- Review for Cause**
  - D. [REDACTED]
- Second Stage Review**
  - E. [REDACTED]
  - F. [REDACTED]
- VI. **Other Matters**

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, October 18, 2003\_\_*

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board  
Saturday, September 20, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[Redacted]

**Members absent:**

[Redacted]

**Non-members present:**

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]   
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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**I. Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2003**

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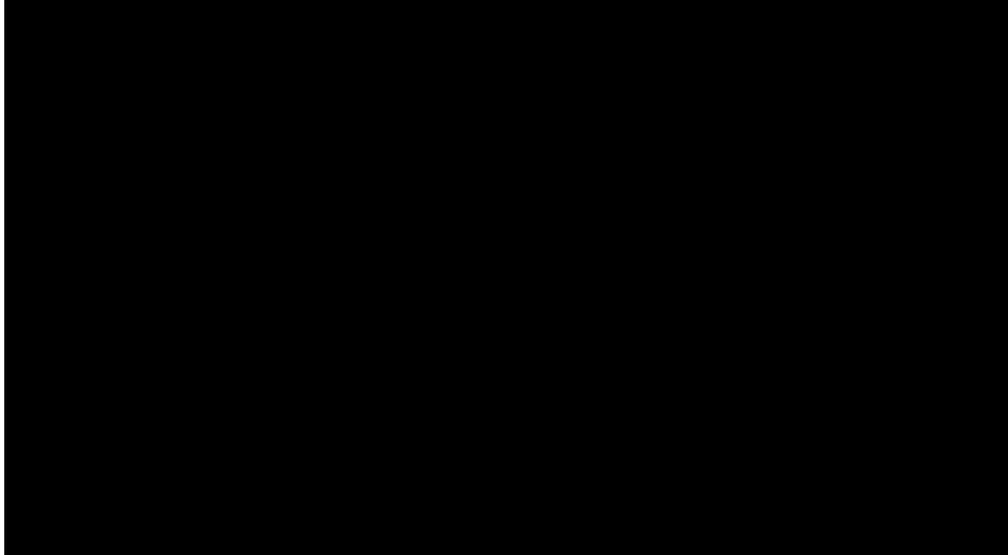
**II. Monitoring Protocols**

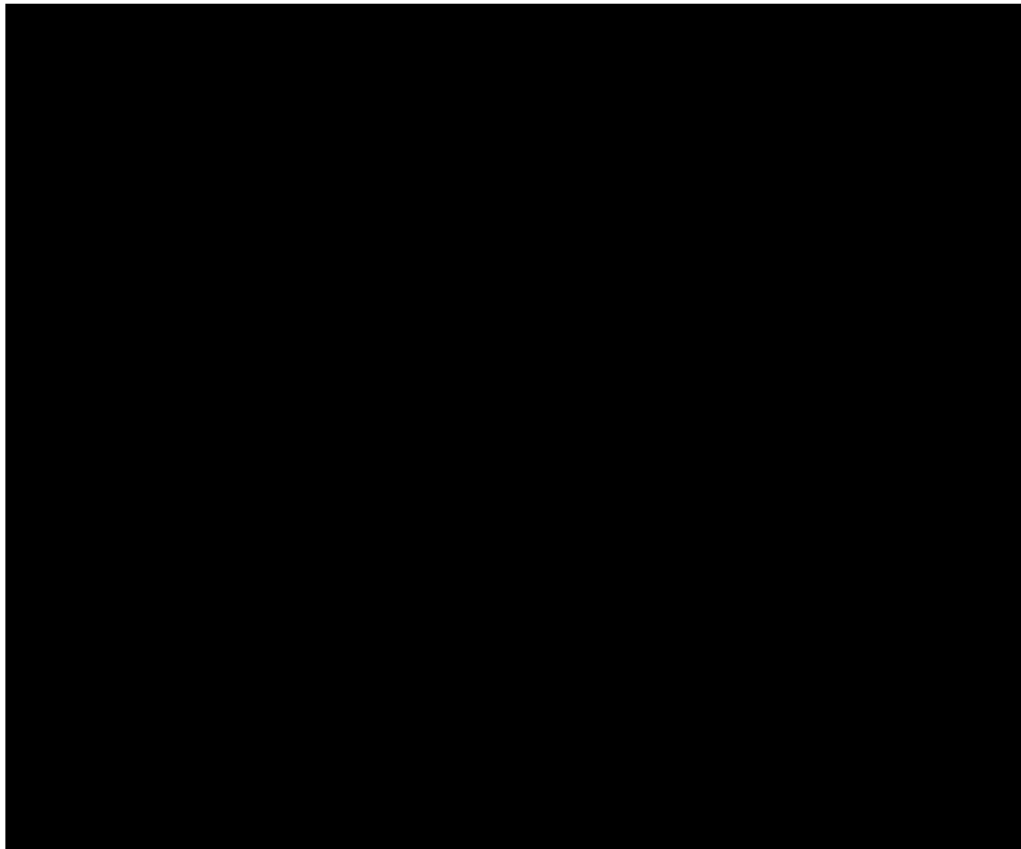
- [Redacted]
- The Board expressed their concerns with the validity of the Individual Specific Protocol [ISP] forms when they are verbally agreed to and not signed
- In regards to the ISP, a suggestion that a line be added on the ISP, "A signature on this form does not indicate guilt. It indicates the agreement to comply with protocols." --or something similar
  - Board then recommended that all men be presented with ISPs again with aforementioned "disclaimer"
  - Also suggested men be notified of possible financial consequences that may result in not signing/complying with ISP

- The Board suggested the need for consequences for those men who are under the ISP and are not adhering to all requests [i.e. refuse to sign ISP or refusal to complete the Daily Log forms
  - Suggested consequences
    - Reduction in monthly salary
    - Archdiocese would not pay for car insurance
  
- The Board expressed their concerns with the performance of Fr. Anthony Talarico as the monitor at Mundelein
- The Board expressed their great concern with the monitoring at Mundelein
  - Suggested that Pat O'Malley monitor
  - Suggested that Ted Jakubowski monitor
  
- The Board suggested to PRA that all monitoring information be brought to their attention for review on a quarterly basis
- Violations of monitoring protocols need to be brought to the Board as an agenda item
- Board is interested in information as to how Vicar for Priests initiate monitoring
- Board recommended that monitors be "trained" prior to providing monitoring of those removed from ministry [i.e. a checklist provided to monitors of things to be aware of]
- Board recommended that monitors have specific qualifications
- Board recommended that monitors participate in Safe Environment/Virtus training [as per Jan Slattery, training sessions are scheduled for November 13, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup>]

**III. Review of August 16, 2003 Board Meeting recommendations**

**IV. Informal update on matters in Office of Professional Responsibility**

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**IV. Case Reviews**

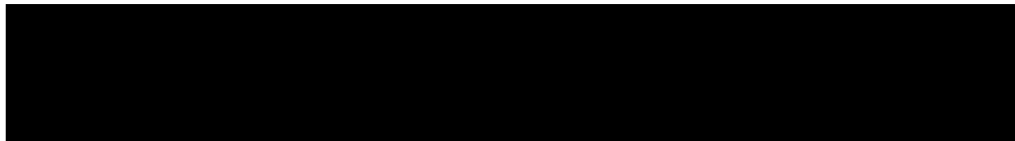
**A. In the Matter of John Hefferan [Active/Retired 2000] - PRF - 15**

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clothes off. ██████████

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Board recommended to uphold their First and Second Stage Review recommendations that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board also recommended that there is no evidence to uphold the possibility that Fr. Hefferan was mistaken for another priest by ██████████ as her alleged abuser.

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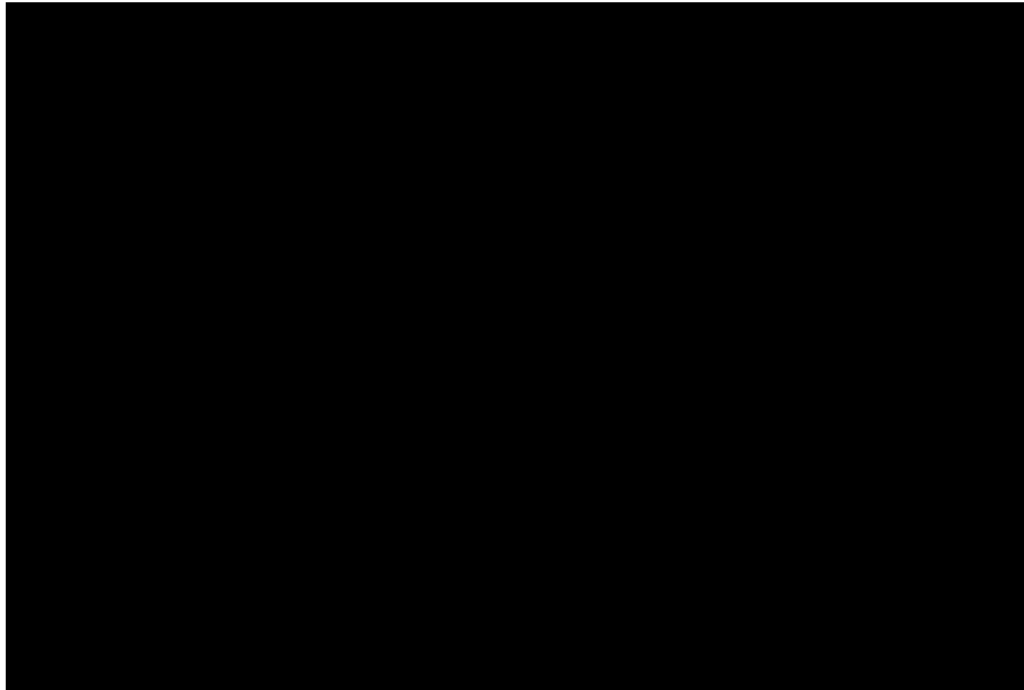
Review for Cause

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Second Stage Review

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**Next scheduled meeting is October 18, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

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

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-15  
From: Review Board Minutes  
Re: Hefferan, John (Active/Retired)/[REDACTED]  
Date: September 20, 2003

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### **A Summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on September 20, 2003:**

The Review Board conducted a Supplementary Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: frequent visits to rectory included [REDACTED] being fondled and being kissed. Later, touching and kissing with clothes off. [REDACTED]

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Board recommended to uphold their First and Second Stage Review recommendations that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board also recommended that there is no evidence to uphold the possibility that Fr. Hefferan was mistaken for another priest by [REDACTED] as her alleged abuser.



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September 22, 2003

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 September 20 and was presented additional information regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against John Hefferan pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board recommended to uphold their First and Second Stage Review recommendations that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommended that there is no evidence to uphold the possibility that [REDACTED] did not correctly identify John Hefferan as her alleged abuser.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept this  
conclusion -  
FF  
O.S.F., 2003*

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

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October 16, 2003

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

Dear Fr. Hefferan,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on September 20, 2003 and was presented additional information regarding [REDACTED]'s 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 determination to uphold their First and Second Stage Review recommendations that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommended that there is no evidence to uphold the possibility that [REDACTED] mistakenly identified you as her alleged abuser.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205 or via e-mail [lmcluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that Rev. Thomas Tivy continues to be available to you. He may be reached at the Vicar for Priests office at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

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October 16, 2003



Dear [REDACTED],

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The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination to uphold their First and Second Stage Review recommendations that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommended that there is no evidence to uphold the possibility that you did not correctly identify John Hefferan as your alleged abuser.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

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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.**



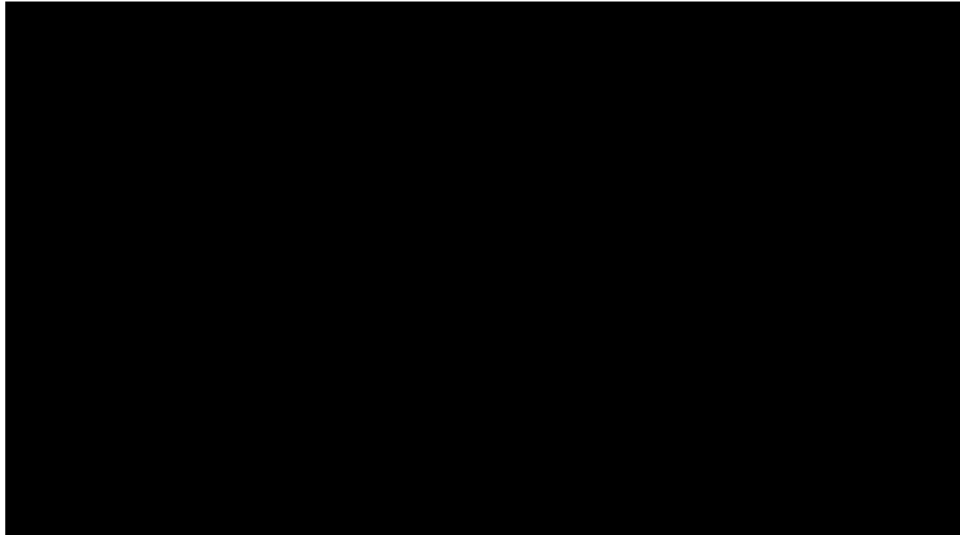
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**D. Relative Monitors**





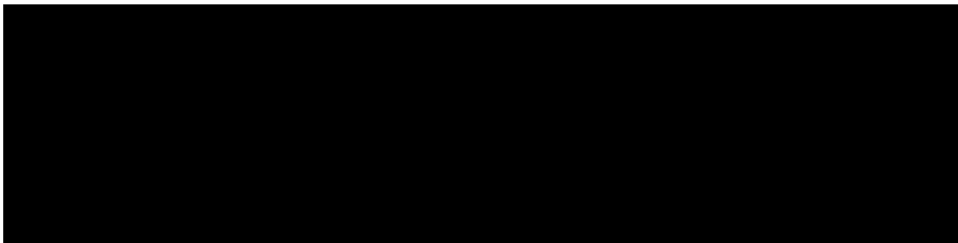
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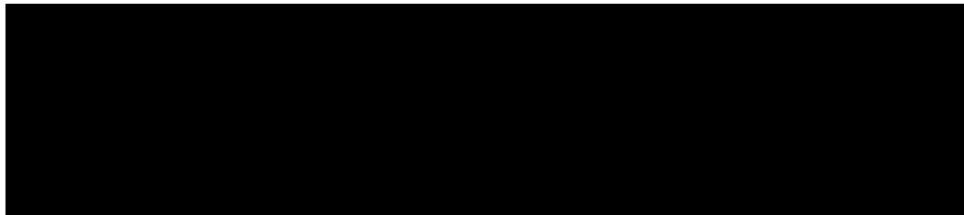


**John Hefferan**

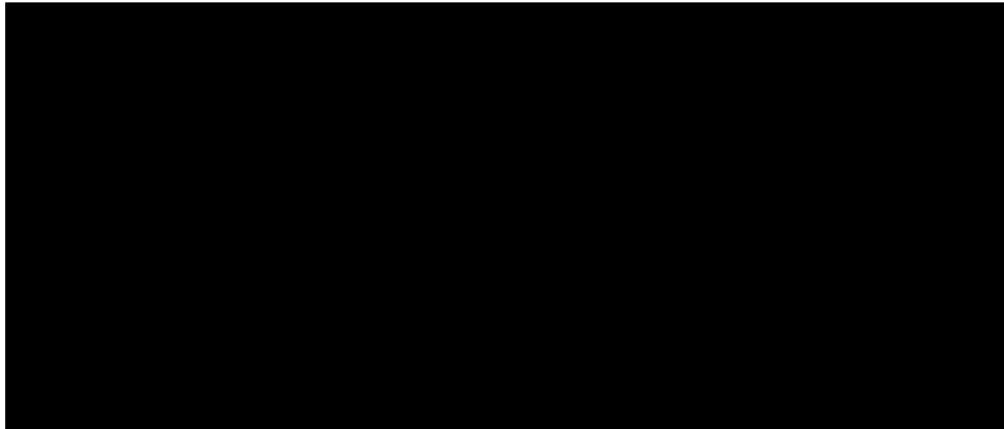
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- Prior to recent allegations, had been celebrating occasional masses for nuns
- PRA to discuss with Fr. Tivy need for Fr. Hefferan to have a monitor; possibility that Fr. John McNamara [Fr. [REDACTED]'s monitor] act as Fr. Hefferan's monitor

**F. Placements**





**G.**



**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  
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## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING Saturday, October 18, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2003

II. Case Reviews

#### Initial Review:

A. [REDACTED]

#### Review for Cause:

B. [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

D. Relative monitors

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

E. Update on other monitors

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- John Hefferan (Retired 2000) - PFR-15

F. [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

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



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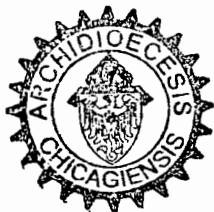
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
676 N. St. Clair St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of 8 October, 2003 in response to your letter of September 22, 2003, regarding the matter of **Reverend John Hefferan**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is currently retired, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. I understand that the Professional Responsibility Review Board considered additional information regarding this matter on 20 September, 2003.

I accept the Review Board's determination that there was no evidence presented which suggested that the conclusions of the First and Second Stage Reviews should be changed in any way. Therefore, I understand that it is still the opinion of the Review Board that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Reverend John Hefferan engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor. I accept their conclusions.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Francis Cardinal George in cursive.

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

*Res. Richard Haudek*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-15  
From: Review Board Minutes  
Re: John Hefferan (Active/Retired)  
Date: October 24, 2003

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### **A Summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on October 18, 2003:**

#### **Update on other monitors**

- John Hefferan has resided at Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Residence for Retired Priests in Lemont, IL since his retirement in 2000
- Prior to recent allegations, had been celebrating occasional masses for nuns
- PRA to discuss with Fr. Tivy need for Fr. Hefferan to have a monitor; possibility that Fr. John McNamara will act as Fr. Hefferan's monitor

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-15

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Hefferan, Rev. John [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: December 3, 2003

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PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests met with Rev. John Hefferan and his monitor, Rev. Michael Walsh at the Bishop Lyne Home on December 2, 2003. The purpose for the meeting was to discuss the monitoring protocols with Frs. Hefferan and Walsh.

PRA provided Fr. Hefferan with a copy of the allegation made against him by [REDACTED] as well as a copy of his response. Fr. Hefferan was also provided with copies of *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*, his Individual Specific Protocols, a Daily Log form, and the Travel/Vacation Agreement form. PRA read over the Individual Specific Protocols with Fr. Hefferan and explained that no signature would be asked for until he is able to discuss the monitoring protocols with his canonical advocate. Fr. Hefferan was informed that PRA would send copies of all information to his advocate once one is identified.

PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski answered questions and concerns regarding the monitoring asked by Frs. Hefferan and Walsh. Both men had questions regarding a possible canonical trial, to which PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski referred them to Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice. PRA provided Fr. Hefferan with Fr. Smilanic's contact information.

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

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JOHN E. HEFFERAN [name of cleric]

has informed this office that he will be traveling to  
10400 CITY RD.  
MISSION INN RESORT, HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS FL 32776 (352) 324-3883 [destination address and contact phone number] from

FEB. 3RD 2004 [departure date] through FEB. 13TH 2004 [return date].

JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] will be monitored by

REV. GEO. KLEIN [name of travel monitor]. GEORGE KLEIN [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] must be in the presence of GEO. KLEIN [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. GEO. KLEIN [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of JOHN HEFFERAN [cleric name] over 2/3-2-13/04 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to JOHN HEFFERAN's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 2/13/04 [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: John E. Hefferan Date: 1/9/04

PRA Signature: Paul MacInnes Date: 1/16/04

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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February 3, 2004

Rev. John E. Hefferan  
Bishop Lyne Residence  
12230 S. Will-Cook Rd.  
Lemont, Illinois 60439

Dear Fr. Hefferan,

I hope that this letter finds you and Rev. Michael Walsh doing well.

As you may know, Fr. Kaczorowski and I went to the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on January 26, 2004 to meet with several of the men who are to be adhering to the monitoring protocols. Enclosed with this letter you will find copies of the current Individual Specific Monitoring Protocols, a Daily Log form, as well as a Travel/Vacation Agreement form, which is the same information provided to the men at the retreat house. This information will also be forwarded to your daily monitor, Fr. Walsh. These forms have been adjusted with the assistance of Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Promoter of Justice as a result of the feedback that many of you have provided to me in the past.

Cardinal George has agreed with the Review Board's recommendation that you review and sign the Individual Specific Protocol and return it to me no later than March 31, 2004.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205. Fr. Kaczorowski may also be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc Rev. Michael Walsh, Bishop Lyne Residence  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to FLORIDA [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from MAR 12 2004

3/16/04 [departure date] through 3/24/04 [return date]. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] will be monitored by HCS BROTNER

[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] during the aforementioned period. Original document from the files of

[see attached correspondence]

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1. Contacts with minors by JOHN HEFFERAN [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 JOHN HEFFERAN [cleric name] over 3/16-3/24 2004 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to JOHN HEFFERAN's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 3/24/04 [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: John C. Hefferan Date: 3/11/04

PRA Signature: Paul McIlroy Date: 3/15/04

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## MEMORANDUM



To: File – PFR-15


From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Hefferan, Rev. John E. [Retired/Withdrawn]/

Date: September 15, 2004

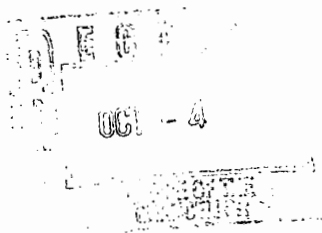
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Upon a review of files, it was determined that PRA last had contact with  via e-mail on September 10, 2003 regarding her allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. John E. Hefferan. PRA responded to 's e-mail on September 11, 2003 requesting that she contact the Office of Professional Responsibility when and if she chose to formalize her allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Hefferan. She was also provided with the contact information for Assistance Ministry at the time.

Due to the fact that PRA has not heard from  since the September 11, 2003 e-mail was sent to her, this matter is considered to be Inactive at this time.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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**CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**  
Archdiocesan, Religious and Extern Priests

Parish/School/Agency BISHOP LYNE RESIDENCE

DATE 9/29/04

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.

Rev. John E. Hefferan  
Signature  
REV. JOHN E. HEFFERAN  
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:  
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155 E. Superior  
Chicago, IL. 60611

Religious/Extern Priests:  
Rev. Jeremiah Boland  
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352/324-3885  
FR. 1ST JOTHAM/1/05 [departure date] through 2/10/05 [return date].

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activities and whereabouts of JOHN HEFFERAN [cleric name] over

2/1 - 2/10/05 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to JOHN HEFFERAN's [cleric name]  
residence has been scheduled for 2/10/05 [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: John E. Hefferan Date: 1/4/05

PRA Signature: Paul Manduca Date: 1/7/05

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JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

AZ [destination address and contact phone number] from

3/9/05 [departure date] through 3/16/05 [return date].

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JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] will be monitored by

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Cleric Signature: John E. Hefferan Date: 2/17/05

PRA Signature: Paul McCann Date: 2/22/05

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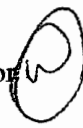


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## MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Corrections to September 30, 2003 Review Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 20, 2005

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After a review of files pertaining to [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. John Hefferan, it was determined that a mistake was made in the existing Review Board Meeting Minutes for September 30, 2003 regarding this allegation [see attached].

On page three of the aforementioned meeting minutes, under section IV. **Case Reviews A. In the Matter of John Hefferan [Active/Retired 2000] – PFR – 15**, the information regarding the details of the claim is incorrect. The claim should read as follows: **in 6th or 7th grade, [REDACTED] Fr. Hefferan placed his hands on [REDACTED]'s breasts and fondled them. [REDACTED]**

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-15

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Hefferan, Rev. John [Retired/Withdrawn]/ [REDACTED]

Date: October 20, 2005

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After a review of files of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. John Hefferan, it was determined that there is incorrect information contained in the memorandum to "File – PFR – 15" dated September 30, 2003 [see attached].

The September 30<sup>th</sup> memorandum should read the following information in regards to [REDACTED]'s claim against Fr. Hefferan:

The claim is as follows: **in 6th or 7th grade, [REDACTED] Fr. Hefferan placed his hands on [REDACTED]'s breasts and fondled them.** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]'s claim was not reflected correctly in the September 30<sup>th</sup> memorandum based upon incorrect information recorded in the September 20, 2003 Review Board Minutes [see corrections in file].

Please make the appropriate corrections in all files related to this matter.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Father Smilanic  
Father Costello  
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
**FROM:** Father Lagges *PKL*  
**RE:** Advocate for Father [REDACTED] and Father Hefferan's case  
**DATE:** 21 October, 2005

[REDACTED]

With regard to Father Hefferan's case, all I have in my files is one accusation from 2003. This went through an Initial Review, which the Cardinal accepted, and a Review for Cause, which he did not immediately accept, pending a Supplemental Review. After the Supplemental Review, he accepted the Review Board's conclusion that there was reasonable cause to suspect the action occurred.

Therefore, we need to report the case to CDF. We can still do so since the accusation came in after April 30, 2001. (Accusations which came in prior to April 30, 2001, had to be reported to CDF prior to the Feast of Christ the King last year.) It was my understanding that we had put the case on hold because Father Hefferan was retired, living at the Lyne Residence, and had agreed not to engage in any public ministry. If he now no longer wishes to abide by his agreement, we can send his case to Rome.

What we would probably ask Rome for would be permission to impose a penal decree on Father Hefferan, prohibiting him from engaging in ministry, identifying himself as a priest, acting as an agent of the Archdiocese, and dispensing him from the obligation to wear clerical garb. In essence, we would be asking him to do what he already agreed to do. I'm not sure it's worth troubling the CDF with this.

Father Hefferan has Monsignor Soseman as his advocate. I don't know how involved he has been in the case.



Memo from:

Rev. Edward D. Grace

To: Vence Date: 10/31/05

Don Smulovic called  
Concerning John  
Heffernan Canonical  
advice -  
MSGR Richard  
Soseman  
of Peoria. *EG*

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**From:** Daniel Smilanic  
**To:** Costello, Vincent; Grace, Edward  
**Date:** 11/10/2005 11:24:38 AM  
**Subject:** MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Salve!

It turns out that the 'mistaken identity' plea was used not only by Heffernan, but also by Vader. Both claimed to be confused with the same ex-priest, a [REDACTED]. We did an investigation, which was in the Vader file. I never put Heffernan's name in the report, referring to him only as 'another accused priest'. I did that because we didn't know how far the report would travel and we were trying to control the exposure of his name. As a matter of fact, as Vader's lawyer, Riordan got an early, redacted, draft form of the report. I am sending you the final, complete report as an attachment.  
Dan Smilanic

To: Cardinal George  
From: V. Costello  
Re: John "Jack" Hefferan (Class of '56)  
Date: November 11, 2005

*OK - JS  
Will be kept the case  
in a separate journal?*

Your Eminence:

On Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, there was a meeting about Jack Hefferan. As you may recall it was prompted by a call to me from Jack shortly after the announcements were made about the resolution of the cases we sent to Rome. Jack wondered why he was under the same restrictions as those other priests were. After all, he contended, his case was never sent to the Holy See. After some reading of his files and a series of phone calls we decided to have a meeting where many of the major players could enter into a conversation and everyone would hear the same thing at the same time.

The players in the room were Fr. Pat Lagges (he had to leave at a certain point during the meeting because of another appointment), Fr. Dan Smilanic, Leah McCluskey, Fr. Jack Hefferan, [REDACTED] (Jack's brother who is a litigator), Pat Reardon (Jack's civil lawyer), Monsignor Richard Soseman (by phone - Jack's Canonical Advocate), and me.

Let me cut to the chase and get to the conclusion as best I recall it. Monsignor Soseman will send you a letter asking you to review the Supplemental Review of our Review Board regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. If you review the Supplemental Review and you are satisfied with the work the Board did the first time around then the case should be appealed to Rome. If you are not satisfied with their work you should ask them to meet for a second Supplementary Review and discuss the case again. If they return the same recommendation to you, you can accept or not. However, if you accept that recommendation then the case must go to Rome.

Of course there is another variable. If there is a Second Supplemental Review and the Board changes their recommendation to you, you can, of course, accept it or reject it. If Jack is exonerated by the Board and you agree with their recommendation I suspect he should get his collar back and all restrictions should be lifted.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Cc: Fr. Pat Lagges, Fr. Dan Smilanic, Ms. Leah McCluskey, Fr Ed Grace



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November 11, 2005

Msgr. Rick Sosaman  
St. Mary of the Woods  
119 Saint Mary St.  
Princeville, IL 61559-9244

Dear Msgr. Sosaman,

Enclosed you will find copies of [REDACTED]'s interview report dated March 23, 1993 and Rev. John Hefferan's Response dated March 24, 1993 to allegation of sexual misconduct of a minor made by [REDACTED].

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

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Cc: Mr. Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-15

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Hefferan, Rev. John [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: November 16, 2005

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The attached August 16, 2003 memorandum prepared by Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice and the Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board, reports the conclusion of the investigation of the suggested "mistaken identity" of accused priests in separate allegations of the sexual abuse of minors.

The identified accused priest in the August 16<sup>th</sup> memorandum is Rev. Anthony Vader. Both Fr. Vader and his civil attorney Mr. Patrick Reardon suggested that he [and another accused priest represented by Mr. Reardon] were mistakenly identified as the abusers of children in separate allegations. Documentation from Mr. Reardon suggests that Fr. Vader was mistakenly identified by his two abusers [see file], and that the alleged abuser may have been Rev. [REDACTED] [see Vader file].

Fr. Smilanic refers to "the other accused priest" in the August 16<sup>th</sup> memorandum. This other priest is Rev. John Hefferan. Mr. Reardon had also suggested that Fr. Hefferan had been mistakenly identified instead of Fr. [REDACTED] [see file and attached memorandum].

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

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-15

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Hefferan, Rev. John [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: November 30, 2005

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As requested by Rev. John Hefferan, a meeting was held at the Vicar for Priests Office on November 9, 2005 to discuss the matters of alleged sexual misconduct against him and the subsequent monitoring restrictions imposed. The following were present at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Vicar for Priests Office: Fr. Hefferan, [REDACTED] [brother; also a civil attorney], Patrick Reardon [Fr. Hefferan's civil attorney], Msgr. Rick Sosaman via phone [Fr. Hefferan's canonical advocate], Rev. Daniel Smilanic [Promoter of Justice], Rev. Patrick Lagges [Judicial Vicar], Rev. Vincent Costello [Vicar for Priests], and PRA.

Once introductions were made, Fr. Hefferan began by stating that he spoke with Fr. Costello after the media coverage in September 2005 of priests withdrawn from ministry for sexual misconduct with minors and restrictions imposed. Fr. Hefferan then questioned those present about the allegations made against him and when/if his case was to be sent to Rome [The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith].

As PRA referred to Fr. Hefferan's file kept in the Office of Professional Responsibility, it was agreed that copies of the allegation made by [REDACTED] and Fr. Hefferan's responses would be sent to Mr. Reardon and Msgr. Sosaman.

PRA then provided clarification information on the allegations made against Fr. Hefferan by [REDACTED] as well as by [REDACTED].

Fr. Smilanic then provided those present with information on the history of the independent Review Board and subsequent changes to the process of the Board through the meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB] that took place in Dallas in 2002.

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Fr. Smilanic and PRA addressed the "restrictions" that Fr. Hefferan had been placed under in 1993 as a result of an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that had been made against him. Both further explained that these restrictions from 1993 prompted Fr. Hefferan's removal from ministry in Fall 2002, as the "Zero-tolerance" policy had been adopted by the USCCB in Dallas 2002 [any priest with at least one substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor made against him would be removed from active ministry].

Fr. Hefferan, [REDACTED], and Mr. Reardon then all contributed to conversation regarding their feeling that [REDACTED] identified Fr. Hefferan as her abuser by mistake. Mr. Reardon referred to his letters/work concerning this matter and a case of "mistaken identity" and his suggestion that Fr. Hefferan was mistaken for another priest by the name of Rev. [REDACTED] [see file]. Fr. Smilanic and PRA spoke of the investigation that took place surrounding the possibility of mistaken identity and that the results of the investigation were presented to the Review Board. It was determined by the Board and accepted by Cardinal George that there was not a proven case of mistaken identity evident.

Fr. Hefferan again asked about his case being sent to Rome. As per Fr. Lagges, at this point in time there is no choice but to send the matter involving [REDACTED] to Rome, as it was a substantiated allegation of misconduct through the Review Board process. Fr. Lagges also informed those present that it might be one or two years prior to receiving any response from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [CDF] on this matter.

Fr. Smilanic provided a description and overview of the Priest Information Service for those present.

Msgr. Sosaman asked if there would be a review of files to specifically address the possible case of mistaken identity concerning Fr. Hefferan and Fr. [REDACTED]. Fr. Smilanic and PRA assured those present that a review of files would take place. As per Fr. Smilanic, he would locate the memorandum he wrote in regards to the past investigation of this matter.

Fr. Smilanic advised Msgr. Sosaman that he write to Cardinal George in order to request a Supplementary Review of the substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Hefferan.

Mr. Reardon requested that PRA send to him copies of [REDACTED]'s allegation against Fr. Hefferan and his response. PRA stated that copies of the information would be sent to Mr. Reardon and Msgr. Sosaman.

As per Cardinal George, Fr. Costello advised Fr. Hefferan that he request to address the Review Board [for the Supplementary Review] or write a response that he does not wish to address the Board.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar

TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to 10400 CITY RD. HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS FLA. 32776 (352)-324-3885 [destination address and contact phone number] from MISSION INN RESORT

3/21/06 [departure date] through 3/28/06 [return date]. **RECEIVED**

JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] will be monitored by REV. GEO. KLEIN [name of travel monitor]. **JAN 26 2006**

REV. GEO. KLEIN [name of travel monitor]. GEO. KLEIN ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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[see attached correspondence]

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1. Contacts with minors by JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] must be in the presence of GEO. KLEIN [name of travel monitor]. This is a red ink stamp! DO NOT COPY

Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. GEO. KLEIN [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of JOHN HEFFERAN [cleric name] over

3/21/06 - 3/28/06 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to JOHN HEFFERAN's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 3/28/06 [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: John E. Hefferan Date: 1/19/06

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/26/06

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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Cleric Signature: John C. Hefferan Date: 3/3/06

PRA Signature: Paul McElroy Date: 3/7/06

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March 30, 2006

**HAND DELIVERED**

Rev. Michael J. Walsh  
Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Residence for Retired Priests  
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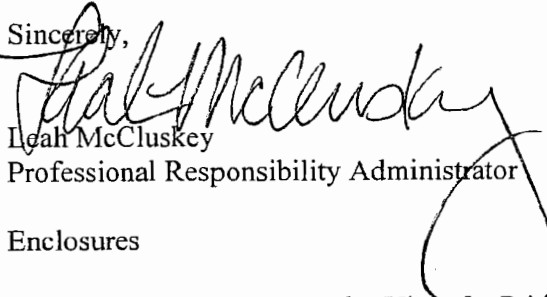
Dear Fr. Walsh,

I am writing this letter in regards to Rev. John Hefferan, a resident of the Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Residence for Retired Priests, and your agreement to serve as his on-site "monitor." As you know, Fr. Hefferan 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. Hefferan and Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests on March 31, 2006. Also enclosed is a "Summary Time Line" of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against Fr. Hefferan received by the Archdiocese of Chicago to date.

I thank you again Fr. Walsh for your agreement to assist both my office and the Vicar for Priests office with this matter. Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Costello at [312] 642-1837 at any time with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Roberta Magurany, Administrator Bishop Lyne Residence for Retired Priests  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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April 4, 2006

Rev. John Hefferan  
Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Home for Retired Priests  
2230 S. Will Cook Road  
Lemont, Illinois 60439

Dear Fr. Hefferan,

I want to thank you again for meeting with Rev. Vincent Costello and myself at the Bishop Lyne Home on March 31, 2006 to review the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP].

As we discussed on March 31<sup>st</sup>, I am returning the ISP and the related forms that we reviewed to you and have forwarded copies to your canonical advocate and civil attorney as well. I ask that you review and discuss the ISP with your counsel and then return the signed protocol to me no later than April 18, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Costello at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah McCluskey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney  
Rev. Msgr. Richard Soseman, MA, JCL, canonical advocate

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS

For

Rev. John Hefferan

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

This ISP for Rev. John Hefferan 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. 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. *does not participate in therapy*
3. N/A 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. *does not have a spiritual director*
4. (P) 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. (P) Abide by the assignment of residence to Bishop Lyne Residence in Lemont, IL.

6. 9 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.
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: Rev. John E. Hofferan Date: 4/6/06

Printed Name: REV. JOHN E. HEFFERAN

Signature of PRA: [Signature] Date: 5/1/06

Signature of VP: [Signature] Date: 5/3/06

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes  no

(Revised 1/XII/04)

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April 14, 2006 Good Friday

His Eminence Francis Eugene Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
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*There are several inaccuracies in this letter 5/10/06 vz*

Your Eminence:

Laudetur Iesus Christus! Through the auspices of the Archdiocese, I am involved as a canonical advocate for priests who are under accusation. In general, I have been impressed with the norms in place in the Archdiocese of Chicago, both for the protection of children, and for the rights of those who have allegedly engaged in some delict, generally following the law of Christ as formalized in the Canon Law of the Church.

Today I write Your Eminence on a matter which reflects some difficulty with your procedure. Fr. John Hefferan, a priest of the Archdiocese, went into administrative leave when he was accused of a delict. He was completely cleared of that delict as the accusation proved to be a case of mistaken identity. He was not informed that he had been cleared and remained on leave, and his file never reflected having been cleared of this allegation. Later, another accusation was put before the Review Board. Unfortunately, the Board examined the accusation against Fr. Hefferan under the assumption that he was on leave because of a delict, not knowing that he had been exonerated of the first accusation. We believe that this might have unduly influenced the Review Board concerning this second allegation.

In an informal session with Fr. Hefferan, his brother, Ms. McCloskey, Mr. Pat Riordan, and Fr. Smilanic, it was decided that I might write to Your Eminence, in order that Your Eminence might consider possible solutions to this issue. Fr. Hefferan's family would like him to be free to celebrate the Sacraments within a family setting, an occasional funeral or Baptism. Fr. Hefferan does desire this small latitude. Attached Your Eminence will find an brief explanation of the case, and possible resolutions.

Please know that I humbly and sincerely join you in prayer before God's Holy Altar in this matter and in all of your important work. Should you wish to contact me, I can be reached at my parish. I will soon be traveling to Berkeley for an Apostolic Visitation, but could be reached on my cell phone at [REDACTED]. With the greatest sentiments of esteem, I remain, Your Eminence,

Cordially Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Richard Soseman  
Canonical Advocate

*There are several inaccuracies in the report. 5/10/06 v2*

**Explanation of Fr. Hefferan's Case**

Fr. John Hefferan, a priest of the Archdiocese, was accused of a delict and was briefly restricted from youth work. However, when the Review Board voted, he was completely cleared of that accusation. This was not communicated to Fr. Hefferan. Instead, and most unfortunately, while he was conducting a staff meeting as a parish administrator, Fr. Hefferan was contacted by telephone and told that he was to be immediately out of ministry because the Diocese was about to announce that all those accused were taken out of ministry. Only this past November 9<sup>th</sup>, at a meeting arranged by Fr. Vince Costello, did Ms. McCluskey inform Fr. Smilanic that the Board had voted to recommend no restrictions on Fr. Hefferan's ministry. Through a clerical error, Fr. Hefferan was forced into the same punishment meted out to all other priests who had been accused, even though he had been cleared by the board.

It seems that Fr. Hefferan and Fr. [REDACTED] of the same age and appearance, were stationed at the accuser's parish, Fr. [REDACTED] first, then later Fr. Hefferan. Many years after, Fr. Hefferan was accused of this very minor misdemeanor, which would have taken place in 1968 or 1969, an apparent misidentification. Those prosecuting the case told the board that in 1968 Fr. Hefferan was at the parish of the alleged delict, even though his civil attorney Mr. Pat Reardon proved he was not. Fr. [REDACTED] was assigned to the same parish in 1970, and it is to be supposed that perhaps the accusation should have been made against him.

In his investigation of the circumstances of the case, in order to come to Fr. Hefferan's defense, Mr. Reardon wanted information on the other associate mentioned but was not provided with any information. Instead, Fr. Smilanic said he would investigate the other priest, but apparently was unable to provide due diligence in this minor investigation. On November 9, 2005, Fr. Smilanic reported that the other priest had died, as far as he knew. Two days later Fr. Hefferan dialed this man at "Rent A Priest." This priest has left the Catholic priesthood, but apparently he still ministers in Florida and in the Chicago Archdiocese as a kind of freelancer. He wishes to protect this source of income, so he stated he would not get involved in the situation. Since he is a departed priest it seems the Archdiocese is unable to pursue this avenue of investigation.

During the second and most recent review of an allegation against Fr. Hefferan by the Review Board, the Office of Professional Responsibility was asked why Fr. Hefferan was already out of ministry. The Board was told only that he was already out of ministry; as of yet his spurious removal due to the clerical error was not yet discovered. We believe that this might have unduly influenced the Review Board concerning this second allegation, as they would have more easily "convicted" someone already removed from ministry.

Last October, when Fr. Vince Costello was asked why Fr. Hefferan has the same penalties as those whose cases were returned from Rome, he discovered that Mrs. McCluskey had mistakenly put a serious charge against another priest into Fr. Hefferan's file. That false information was sent to many on the review board and only this Winter was the information retracted.

Since the few allegations against Fr. Hefferan had been so minor, his case had not been reviewed in any special way, and was thought by one of the Vicars for Priests to be ignored, while much more serious allegations against other priests were pursued.

In an informal session with Fr. Hefferan, Fr. Hefferan's brother, Ms. McCluskey, both Vicars for Priests, Mr. Pat Reardon and Fr. Smilanic, it was decided that Msgr. Soseman, his canonical advocate, should communicate this sad and mangled case to your Eminence in order that you might consider possible solutions to this issue.

Fr. Hefferan's family would like him to be free to celebrate the Sacraments within family settings, an occasional funeral or Baptism. Fr. Hefferan is satisfied with his retirement, though he had to stop celebrating Masses at even the neighboring nursing home and Poor Clare Convent; and because he willingly complies by not publicly representing himself as a priest, he misses priest's gatherings, and was even forced to miss his 50th anniversary of the priesthood.

All present at the informal meeting mentioned above were of the opinion that a injustice had occurred, even if by accident, and that some resolution should be found. In light of the difficulties caused by these rather serious clerical errors, and the possible undue influence exercised on the Review Board, we would humbly ask that you consider one of the following actions:

1. **Setting aside the Review Board's decision, allowing Fr. Hefferan to fully function in the pastoral ministry;**
2. **Respecting the finding of the Review Board, but in light of the confusion and mishandling, granting Fr. Hefferan a special exemption, allowing him to celebrate Sacraments and Requiem Masses of family members;**
3. **Or, ordering that the second allegation and finding of the Review Board be reevaluated before the Board another time.**

Should Your Eminence choose the third option, we would ask that both Fr. Hefferan and his brother be able to address the session of the Review Board.

All of those present at the informal session mentioned above, felt that allowing Fr. Hefferan and his brother to address the Review Board would be helpful in the resolution of this matter, should Your Eminence choose to pass this matter before the Review Board another time.

We realize that Your Eminence, with your experience and wisdom, might choose one of these options or might choose to resolve this matter in another way. If Your Eminence should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact anyone involved in this matter.



**From:** Daniel Smilanic  
**To:** Costello, Vincent; McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 4/27/2006 11:13:08 AM  
**Subject:** Re: John Hefferan and [REDACTED]

Vince -

Apparently, we are dealing with two [REDACTED]. I think we have to get the assignment record from Infant Jesus and see what is going on. As an attachment, please find the report I wrote - the 'other accused' is Heffernan.

Dan Smilanic

>>> Vincent Costello 04/25/06 4:59 PM >>>

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I don't know if this alters anything. I think John canonical advocate should know about it, if he does not already.

Let me know what you think.

Vince Costello

**From:** Daniel Smilanic  
**To:** vcostello@archchicago.org,lmcluskey@archchicago.org  
**Date:** 4/27/2006 7:30:58 AM  
**Subject:** Re: John Hefferan and [REDACTED]

Vince -

I believe we investigated this and I wrote a report about it. Leah has the report in her file, and I have the original on my computer. When I get into the office today, I will send you a copy as an email attachment.  
Fr. Dan Smilanic

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Vince Costello

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent  
**Date:** 4/27/2006 9:42:59 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Dear Leah,

Fr. Costello,

Thank you for the e-mail. [REDACTED]

As for Hefferan, yes, the Board was presented all of the "mistaken identity" information and determined that the allegation against Hefferan is still substantiated.

I will give Bishop Lyne a call.

Leah

>>> Vincent Costello 04/25/06 3:31 PM >>>  
Dear Leah,

This afternoon Bishop Lyne called me. We spoke about a number of things. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In any event, I told Bishop Lyne I'd contact you on the matter and ask that you speak with him. He also asked about John Hefferan. We spoke briefly about the mistaken identity defense that he still raises. I told the bishop about Dan's investigation leading him to believe that [REDACTED] had died. I told Bishop Lyne that Father Hefferan still maintains that there is a [REDACTED] who is active in one of those ex-priests groups, but I thought it was the job of Father Hefferan's canonical advocate to do the spade work on that. With all the time you have on your hands you might wish to speak with the Bishop about that case as well.

Father Costello

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May 10, 2006

Rev. John Hefferan  
Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Residence for Retired Priests  
12230 S. Will-Cook Road  
Lemont, Illinois 60439

Dear Fr. Hefferan,

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 Rev. Michael J. Walsh.

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

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney  
Msgr. Richard Sosaman, Canonical Advocate  
Rev. Michael J. Walsh, On-site Monitor

**From:** Daniel Smilanic  
**To:** Treanor, John  
**Date:** 5/10/2006 4:04:11 PM  
**Subject:** QUESTION

In working with a canonical issue, Frs. Costello & Lagges, Ms. McCluskey and I came across a file question.

Could you examine the file of [REDACTED] RIP (ordained in 1950 and resigned circa 1975)? In his list of assignments, it indicates that he was assigned to Infant Jesus of Prague (Flossmoor) in 1970 - is that assignment corroborated by any documentation in his file? In other words, is there anything in his file (letter from Chancery, *New World* article, etc.) that verifies that he was ever assigned to Infant Jesus of Prague, other than the simple list of assignments, which may be wrong. We are trying to resolve a point about mistaken identity.

Thanks,  
Fr. Dan Smilanic

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Lago, Jimmy; O'Malley, John  
**Date:** 5/17/2006 8:20:41 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fr. John Edward Hefferan

Jimmy,

As of today, you are correct. I put it this way, as Fr. Costello pulled myself, Fr. Smilanic, and Fr. Laggis together last week to review Hefferan's file as prompted by questions raised by Hefferan himself. However, we are just beginning to do this and as it stands, Fr. Hefferan is a retired and withdrawn priest of the diocese with at least one substantiated allegation against him.

Thanks.

Leah

>>> Jimmy Lago 05/17/06 7:24 AM >>>

I am sending out a priest information service letter regarding Fr. Hefferan and want to make sure it reflects our latest assessment of his situation.

Letter to be sent says that in March 1993, there was a finding of reasonable cause to suspect and he was placed under monitoring. He retired in 2000; and withdrawn from public ministry in 2003.

Correct?

jim Lago

**CC:** Costello, Vincent; Smilanic, Daniel

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent  
**Date:** 9/15/2006 12:57:41 PM  
**Subject:** Hefferan

Fr. Costello,

Got your message re: Fr. Hefferan.

No, the Cardinal did not initiate a Supplementary Review. As per the policies, either party [alleged victim or accused] of a matter could request through my office a Supplementary Review. The purpose of a Supplementary Review is to present the Review Board with any additional information that had not been presented in the past [for an Initial Review or Review for Cause]. Please see the policy 1104.11:

**The Board may consider new information about a determination or recommendation made in connection with a prior review, exercise its responsibility as described in Sections 1104 and 1105, or oversee the work of the Administrator, the victim assistance program, the supervision and therapy program for affected clerics or any other matter within its responsibility.**

Further, a Supplementary Review may be initiated by [see policy 1104.11.2]:

**A Supplementary Review may be initiated by the Board, the Administrator, the Archbishop, or the Archbishop's delegate. In addition, an affected cleric, a person who made an allegation, a victim or the family of a victim may apply to the Board in writing for such a review and shall include in the application a statement of the question or point for review, the applicant's position with respect to the matter, and any supporting explanation or information.**

As for your question regarding the matter that "nailed" Fr. Hefferan, the allegation made by [REDACTED] was determined to be "reasonable cause to suspect" by the Review Board on 9/20/03 and was accepted by Cardinal George on 10/9/03.

I hope this answers your questions. Please let me know if you need any other information.

Thanks.

Leah

The archbishop, myself, VP, etc. could also

**CC:** Smilanic, Daniel

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Leah McCluskey  
**FROM:** Father Lagges *PL*  
**RE:** Father Hefferman's file  
**DATE:** 4 January, 2007

**RECEIVED**

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

In preparation of sending Father John Hefferan's case to Rome, could I have the material from his file?

Thanks.

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5 January, 2007

Rev. Msgr. Richard Soseman  
St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church  
119 Saint Mary Street  
Princeville, IL 61559-9244

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Dear Monsignor Soseman:

In April, 2006, you wrote to Cardinal George concerning the case of **Father John Heffernan**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese who has been accused of sexual misconduct with two minors. You had proposed several solutions to the situation, but we have apparently reached an impasse in resolving his case.

It appears that this is a case which must be sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, since Father Heffernan was accused of sexual misconduct with a minor in 2003. The Archdiocesan Review Board reviewed the material in both an Initial Review and a Review for Cause. In both instances, it found that the case warranted further action. In addition, a Supplementary Review was conducted in September, 2003 to consider the possibility of mistaken identity on the part of the accuser. The Review Board considered the results of an extensive investigation by Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic and recommended to Cardinal George that there was nothing in the investigation which would lead them to change their previous recommendation; that is, that there was reasonable cause to suspect that Father Heffernan had engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. Cardinal George accepted their conclusions that this was not a case of mistaken identity.

Since there seems to be some confusion about what is in Father Heffernan's file and the conclusions of the prior accusation in 1993, I think it would be helpful if you would review the file prior to my sending the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. In order to do that, you should contact the Chancellor, Mr. Jimmy Lago, at 312.751.5382. I believe that a review of the file is necessary to clarify some of the issues in this case.

If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Lagges".

(Rev.) Patrick R. Lagges  
Judicial Vicar

cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey, Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Mr. Jimmy Lago

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January 19, 2007

Rev. John E. Hefferan  
Bishop Lyne Home  
12230 S. Will-Cook Rd.  
Lemont, Illinois 60439

Dear Fr. Hefferan,

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 Bishop Lyne Home. Upon filling out the form, please provide a copy to Rev. Michael Walsh prior to sending it to my office. This is to ensure that Fr. Walsh is aware of your planned overnight absence in the event that he does not receive a copy of the notification form from my office prior to any planned departure. I have enclosed a blank copy of the notification form with this letter.

Rev. Vincent Costello and I will be in contact with you regarding any future additional changes to your Individual Specific Protocol, Daily Log, and/or Travel/Vacation notification forms. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Msgr. Richard Soseman, MA, JCL, canonical advocate  
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## Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, January 20, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:



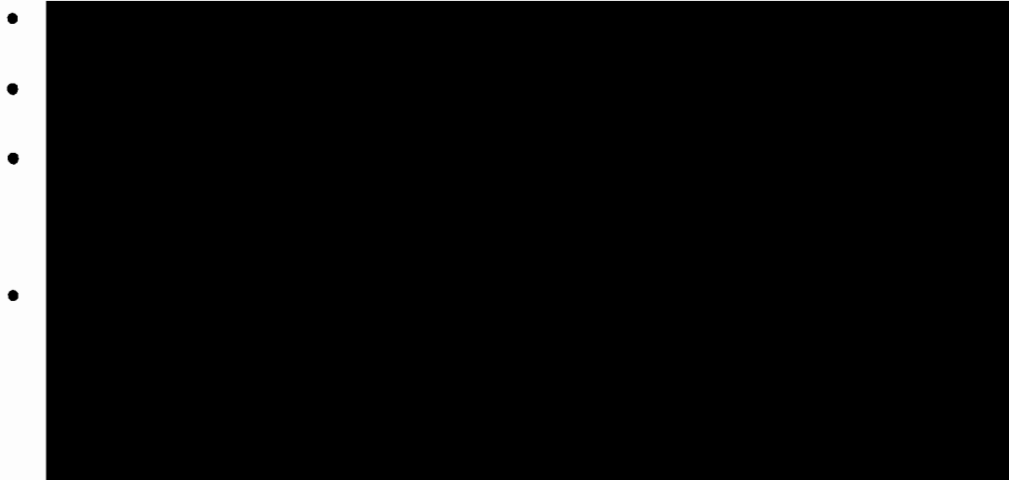
#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board



#### **I. Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2006 and November 11, 2006**

- October 25, 2006 Minutes approved
- November 18, 2006 Minutes approved
- [REDACTED] announced that the February 17, 2007 Review Board meeting is cancelled due to scheduling conflicts



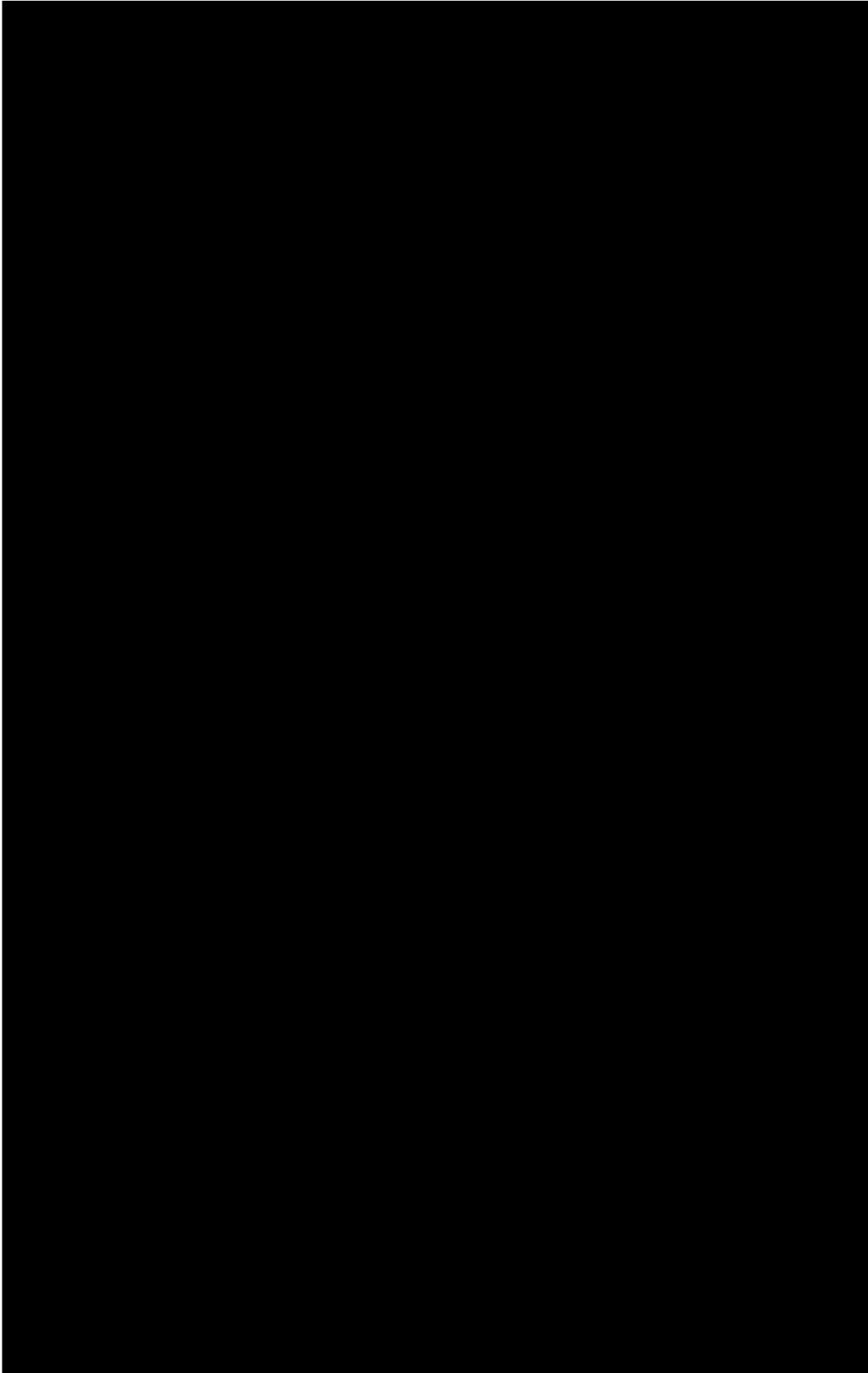
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**II. Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

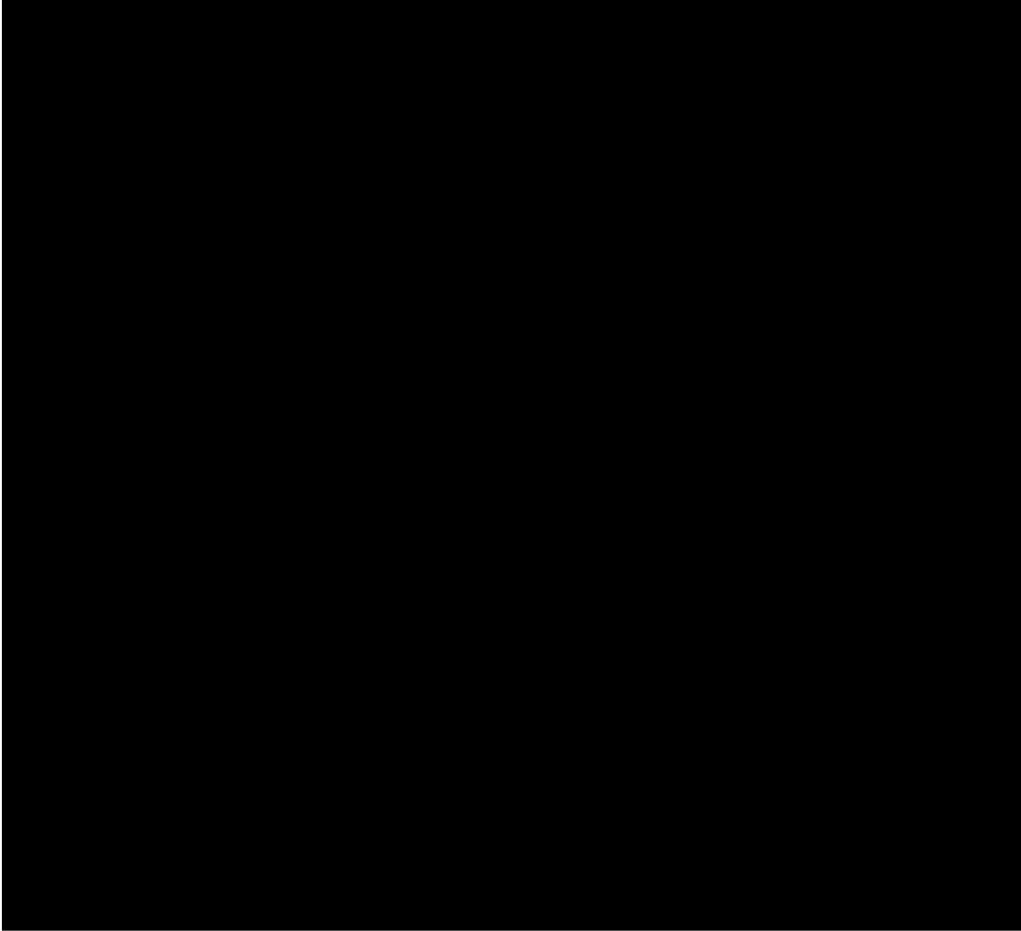
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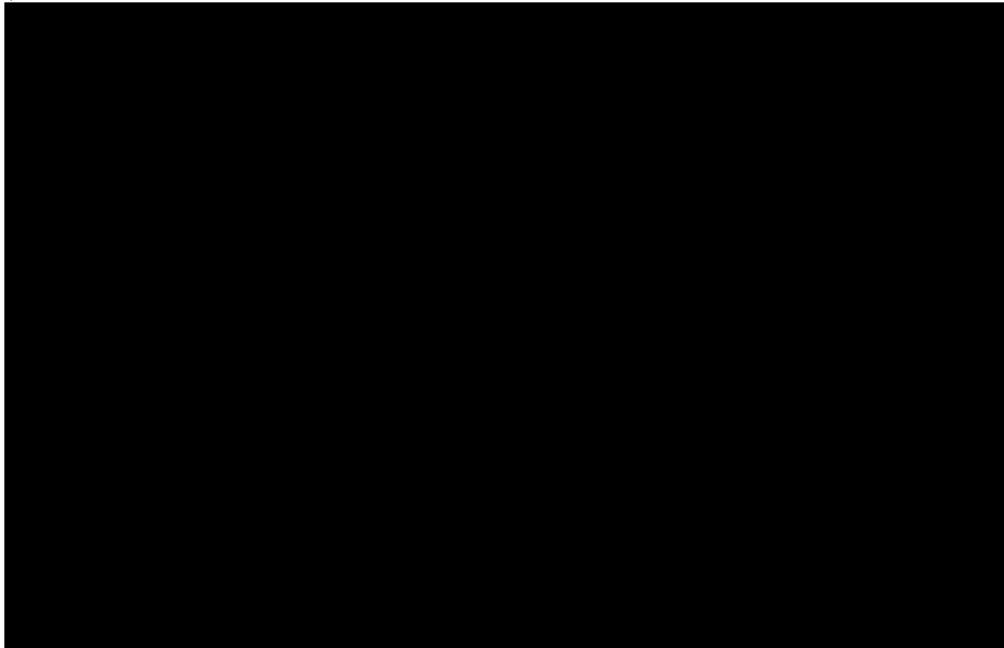


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**III. Review for Cause**

**E.**



**F.**

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**IV. Request for Supplementary Review**

**H. In the Matter of Rev. John Edward Hefferan [Retired/Withdrawn] – PFR – 15**  
The Review Board was informed of canonical advocate Msgr. Richard Sosaman's request to reopen the matter of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against his client, Rev. John Hefferan.

The Board requested that it be updated on the matter, as Judicial Vicar Rev. Patrick Lagges sent Msgr. Sosaman a letter suggesting that he request to review his client's entire file.

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**Other Matters**

- The next Review Board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2007
- The Review Board meeting in April will be on April 14, 2007
- [REDACTED] and Fr. Smilanic provided a brief overview of the committee working on updating the *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*; close to a final draft which will be circulated to all Board members for their review; comments to the draft to be directed towards [REDACTED] or Fr. Smilanic

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*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
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, January 20, 2007

### AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2006

II. Case Reviews

#### Initial Review:

A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

III. Review for Cause:

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

IV. **Request for Supplementary Review:**

H. In the Matter of Rev. John Edward Hefferan (Retired 2000/Withdrawn 2003) – PFR-15

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]
- Initial Review 2/15/03
- Review for Cause 9/20/03

I. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

V. **Other Matters:**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Rescheduling of February 17, 2007 and April 21, 2007 Review Board meetings

*Upcoming Review Board Meeting dates are to be discussed*

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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-15

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Hefferan, Rev. John E. (Retired/Withdrawn) [REDACTED]

Date: January 20, 2007

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A summary of the discussion at the Review Board Meeting on January 20, 2007:

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The Board requested that it be updated on the matter, as Judicial Vicar Rev. Patrick Lagges sent Msgr. Sosaman a letter suggesting that he request to review his client's entire file.

Cc: Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

JOHN E. HEFFERAN [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to  
MISSION INN, HOWEY IN THE HILLS FL, 32776 - GOLF RESORT  
[destination address and contact phone number] 352-324-3885

from 2/27/07 [departure date]  
through 3/6/07 [return date]. JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric]  
will be chaperoned by REV. GEO. KLEIN [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 JOHN HEFFERAN [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time  
frame.

of an original document from the files of  
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
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DO NOT COPY

1. Contacts with minors by JOHN HEFFERAN [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 JOHN HEFFERAN [cleric name] over the aforementioned time period of travel.
3. As previously noted, the date of return to JOHN HEFFERAN's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 3/6/07 [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: John E. Hefferan Date: 2/3/07  
PRA Signature: Paul McCloskey Date: 2/8/07

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 3/28/06

2/8/07: PRA spoke w/ Fr. Klein. Confirmed info. & travel. Told

that Fr. Hefferan could not

children under 18. PRA also clarified wa. unrelated to minors.

Klein of Fr. Hefferan's restrictions (no collar, no public ministry, no

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**HAND DELIVERED**

April 24, 2007

Rev. Michael Walsh  
Bishop Lyne Home  
12230 S. Will-Cook Road  
Palos Park, Illinois 60464

Dear Fr. Walsh,

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the summary of allegations of the sexual abuse of minors against Rev. John Hefferan 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. Hefferan will be directed to use as a client of this office.

As you know, one of our Vicars for Priests Rev. Vincent Costello and myself are scheduled to meet with Fr. Hefferan today to review with him his updated Individual Specific Protocol [ISP]. I have also enclosed with this letter a blank copy of the ISP that Fr. Hefferan will be asked to follow.

Fr. Walsh, I want to thank you again for your continued assistance with the matter of Fr. Hefferan's relation to this office. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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**SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION**

	<b>ACCUSED</b>	<b>ACCUSER</b>
<b>Name:</b>	Rev. John Hefferan	██████████
<b>Address:</b>	Bishop Lyne Home	██████████
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	██████████	██████████
<b>Current age:</b>	76	43
<b>Name of civil attorney:</b>	Patrick Reardon	

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**Date of Ordination [of accused]:** 5/1/56

**Location:** Mundelein

**Age at ordination:** 25

**Assignment location of accused:** N/A

**Status of accused:** Retired/Withdrawn

**Name of canonical advocate:** Msgr. Rick Sosaman

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**Date allegation received:** 3/16/93

**Date allegation formalized:** 3/23/93

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1977 or 1978

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1977 or 1978

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:**

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** inappropriate touching by Fr. Hefferan [over clothes of ██████████ and kissing

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 3/24/93

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 4/93—Fr. Hefferan should not be allowed alone with minors w/o responsible adult; 7/93—previous restrictions imposed on Fr. Hefferan should be discontinued and specifically, that the monitoring of his activities should cease

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 49

**Name of civil attorney:** N/A

**Date allegation received:** 5/2/02

**Date allegation formalized:** 1/9/03

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1968 or 1969

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1968 or 1969

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** in 6th or 7th grade, [REDACTED] Fr. Hefferan placed his hands on [REDACTED]'s breasts and fondled them

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 1/24/03; Fr. Hefferan denied the allegation

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 10/03—Concluded, reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of birth:**

**Current age:**

**Name of civil attorney:** N/A

**Date allegation received:** 4/10/02

**Date allegation formalized:** N/A

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1964

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1967

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** unknown

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** [REDACTED] alleges that she was abused [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by Fr. Hefferan from 1964-1967 at St. Anastasia

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** not presented to Fr. Hefferan, as [REDACTED] did not choose to formalize allegation and provide additional information

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** not presented to Review Board due to no formal allegation made by accuser

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**Signature of Director:**



**Date:**

4/24/07

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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Safe Environment Office



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May 4, 2007

Rev. John Hefferan  
Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Residence for Retired Priests  
12230 S. Will-Cook Road  
Palos Park, Illinois 60664

Dear Fr. Hefferan,

I wanted to thank you again for taking the time to meet with Rev. Vincent Costello, Rev. Edward Grace, and myself last month to review the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP].

As we discussed on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 May 21, 2007.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Costello at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests ✓  
[REDACTED] civil attorney  
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney  
Rev. Msgr. Richard Soseman, MA, JCL

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June 4, 2007

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Dear [REDACTED],

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is [REDACTED] and I am the younger brother of Father John Hefferan. I am preparing an appeal of my brother's removal from ministry which resulted from your allegation of misconduct. It is the single "credible accusation" (church terminology for "possibly true") filed against Father John in his more than fifty years in the priesthood. Please be advised that I am in no way challenging your good faith or your honesty in proceeding as you did. I thought it best to send this letter rather than call or visit you since you may wish to have no further connection with this matter. I would, of course, respect whatever decision you make.

The reason for the delay in submitting an appeal is based on the fact that we only recently obtained the report to Cardinal George from the appointed canon lawyer on this matter, Monsignor Sossaman. Yes, the judicial process of the church is slow moving, but Monsignor Sossaman recommended a more lenient penalty than full laicization. Since my brother was already retired when you made your allegation, his ministry was very limited. Living in the priest retirement home he would say mass at the lay old people's home on the same property and administer the sacraments there as well. Other than that my brother's ministry in retirement pretty much involved only family and friends. Not allowed to wear a collar, it has become an embarrassment to attend wakes and other affairs of friends and relatives. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] My brother could not attend the 50th anniversary celebration of his classes' ordination and I was informed that if he pre deceases me I may not lay him out in the casket with his collar on.

Father John is now 77 and my senior by 3-1/2 years. Since our mother died when I was one, there is no other family than the two of us. I mention these matters so you better understand why I must go forward with an appeal. There is no one else to do so.

Father John never wanted to be anything other than a priest and I too followed him to the seminary. While I left the seminary after only six years, I do know many of the priests in the arch diocese. I went on to get a law degree and start a family [REDACTED] [REDACTED] But I still attend the meetings of my seminary classmates and I must say many of them believe you may have mis-identified the person who touched you.

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It is for this reason that I have written to you. You see there was a priest ordained from the class one year behind my brother and two years ahead of my class. His name is Father [REDACTED] and he and my brother look like twins, same height, weight, and curly black hair. [REDACTED] was assigned to a neighboring parish back in 1968 and 69 but spent a lot of time at and then moved into Infant Jesus of Prague. He had actually moved into the rectory before being officially assigned there.

[REDACTED] had a reputation of sorts, a renegade. And then one day [REDACTED] was gone, without saying anything to Father Hill. When my brother returned from Ireland, where he visited our 32 cousins every other year, Father Hill asked "Do you know where [REDACTED] might be?" The two then checked with the arch diocese and learned [REDACTED] had sent a letter to Cardinal Cody saying he'd be back when the Church allowed married priests. Reports exist that [REDACTED] married a nun, divorced her and married a 2<sup>nd</sup> nun. We asked the Office of Professional Fitness Review to locate [REDACTED] for us. They agreed but made one of their many mistakes in this case, telling us [REDACTED] was dead. That is true, but that is the other Rev. [REDACTED] ordained in the diocese, one who never set foot in Infant Jesus of Prague. We then searched ourselves for the [REDACTED] of interest and found him in a few seconds in Google – listed under "Rent a Priest." [REDACTED] is still wearing a collar, marrying and burying people who couldn't get church authorization. We called [REDACTED], but he refused to comment on your allegation pointing out he didn't want to jeopardize his current profession.

While I am pointing out mistakes made by the Office of Professional Fitness Review, they listed my brother's assignment to Infant Jesus of Prague began in 1968, one of the two years you remember the incident took place. In fact my brother's assignment began in June 1969 and even though we pointed out the Office's mistake, no correction was made. My brother was never in Infant Jesus of Prague prior to June 1969.

Let me conclude. When I am at a meeting of my ex-classmates and they ask about my brother, knowing he as denied your allegation, they all say, "It had to be [REDACTED]." I could drive up with a small bus full of priests who would say that if you would like. We asked [REDACTED] to send us some pictures of himself in his 40s but he said no. But you were there and we weren't.

I would appreciate any comments you might have – by phone or mail. My phone number is [REDACTED] and I am enclosing a self addressed envelope. If you don't respond I will understand.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

As I prepared to mail this I had a further thought. Under the new church "justice system" for priests when a "credible accusation" is made there is no -  
presumption of innocence until proven guilty:  
opportunity to cross examine the accuser:  
statute of limitations.

It is a system quickly established to ward off the plaintiff bar. But has also warded off many vocations in my opinion.

Sorry for the written add on but I'm a poor typist

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## NOTE TO FILE

**FROM:** Ralph Bonaccorsi RB

**DATE:** June 7, 2007

**RE:** [REDACTED] V0 433

Ralph Bonaccorsi received a telephone call today from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported that she had received a two-page type written and a one-page hand written letter from the attorney brother of Reverend John Hefferan against whom [REDACTED] made an allegation of sexual abuse. The hand written page was on the attorney's professional letterhead.

Ralph Bonaccorsi advised [REDACTED] to send a copy of the letter c/o: Leah McCluskey so that her questions and concerns could receive the scrutiny and attention they deserve. [REDACTED] agreed readily and will mail a copy to Leah McCluskey no later than Friday, June 8, 2007. [REDACTED] will telephone on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 to arrange a time to speak with Leah McCluskey or any other Archdiocesan persons related to the case.

cc: Leah McCluskey

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter written by Victim JA to Leah McCluskey at the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review on June 12, 2007, in which Victim JA encloses a copy of a letter which Fr. Hefferan's lawyer sent to her on June 6, 2007. Victim JA summarizes the history of her contact with the Archdiocese and inquires of Ms. McCluskey how Fr. Hefferan's lawyer obtained Victim JA's name and address and what other information has been shared with Fr. Hefferan and his representatives. Victim JA is concerned that the matter of her allegation, contrary to what she had assumed for several years, is unsettled and ongoing. Victim JA also asks Ms. McCluskey's intervention in the matter to ensure that Fr. Hefferan and his representatives have no more direct contact with Victim JA.

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## Memorandum

**To:** Rev. Vincent Costello

**From:** Ambi Jeffries, Secretary, Office for the Protection of Children and Youth 

**Date:** 6/19/2007

**Re:** FYI: Letter from [REDACTED] regarding allegation against [REDACTED] Hefferan 

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Attached is documentation regarding allegations made by [REDACTED] against [REDACTED] Hefferan. If you have any questions, please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org)



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**MEMORANDUM**

To: File – PFR - 15

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Hefferan, Rev. John [Retired/Withdrawn]/[REDACTED]

Date: July 3, 2007

Today I attempted to reach [REDACTED] via phone to further discuss the information contained in her June 12, 2007 letter addressed to me [see attached]. [REDACTED] had attached to her June 12<sup>th</sup> letter copies of a letter addressed and sent to her by civil attorney [REDACTED], brother of Rev. John Hefferan.

I left a voice mail message for [REDACTED] and asked her to contact me at her earliest convenience so that we could schedule a time to talk on the phone. I confirmed that I had received her June 12<sup>th</sup> letter and stated that I would like to be able to speak more with her about her concerns.

[REDACTED] may be reached at [REDACTED].

Cc Mayra Flores, Office of Assistance Ministry

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 15

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: Hefferan, Rev. John [Retired/Withdrawn]/[REDACTED]

Date: July 5, 2007

[REDACTED] left me return voice mail messages on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> after I tried to reach her via phone on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I was able to reach [REDACTED] via phone this morning and confirmed for her that I did receive her June 12, 2007 letter and attachments [see file]. [REDACTED] explained that she [REDACTED] needed to attempt to schedule a time to speak more specifically about her June 12<sup>th</sup> letter and attachments.

It was agreed that [REDACTED] would attempt to reach me via phone later in the afternoon of Monday, July 9, 2007. It was also agreed that [REDACTED] would at least leave a message for me on July 9<sup>th</sup> if we were not able to speak with a suggestion of the next time that she would be available.

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Mayra Flores, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc Jim Serritella, Attorney  
John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

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July 16, 2007

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted],

As we discussed on the phone earlier this week, I am writing to you in response to your June 12, 2007 letter to me concerning Rev. John Hefferan. Unfortunately due to our schedules, we have not been able to speak for any extended period of time on the phone.

I want to thank you again for writing your June 12<sup>th</sup> letter as well as sending copies of the correspondence that you received from civil attorney [Redacted] on behalf of his brother Fr. Hefferan. As I had said when we spoke briefly last month, I do understand your concerns and questions that you again expressed in your letter to me.

Since your initial June contact to inform us of your concerns, I reviewed the corresponding file in my office and noted that your address is on the original report of your allegation against Fr. Hefferan. In accordance with our policies, Fr. Hefferan was presented with your allegation as well as a copy of the report itself and asked to provide a response. I am assuming that this is the method in which [Redacted] obtained your home address.

[Redacted], clearly it is your choice to respond or not to [Redacted]'s letter. It seems that [Redacted] is acting on behalf of Fr. Hefferan and has written to you in response to your allegation. The Archdiocese of Chicago does not have any ability to prevent such contact by [Redacted].

[Redacted], if you wish I would still be willing to schedule a time that works for you when we could discuss this further on the phone. Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205, via e-mail at [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org), or through written correspondence.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

cc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

Jim Semiteila, Attorney

Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

**From:** Edward Grace  
**To:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 10/5/2007 5:49:44 PM  
**Subject:** Hefferan

Leah,

A couple of days ago John McNamara called to tell me that Mike Walsh was concerned that John Hefferan might be getting into trouble because he had not been turning in daily logs. I told John McNamara to reassure Mike Walsh that he shouldn't worry about it.

However, if there is a problem we should address let us know before it becomes a major issue.

I hope you have a good weekend and enjoy the wedding.

Ed

**CC:** Costello, Vincent

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board

Saturday, November 17, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Present Via Phone:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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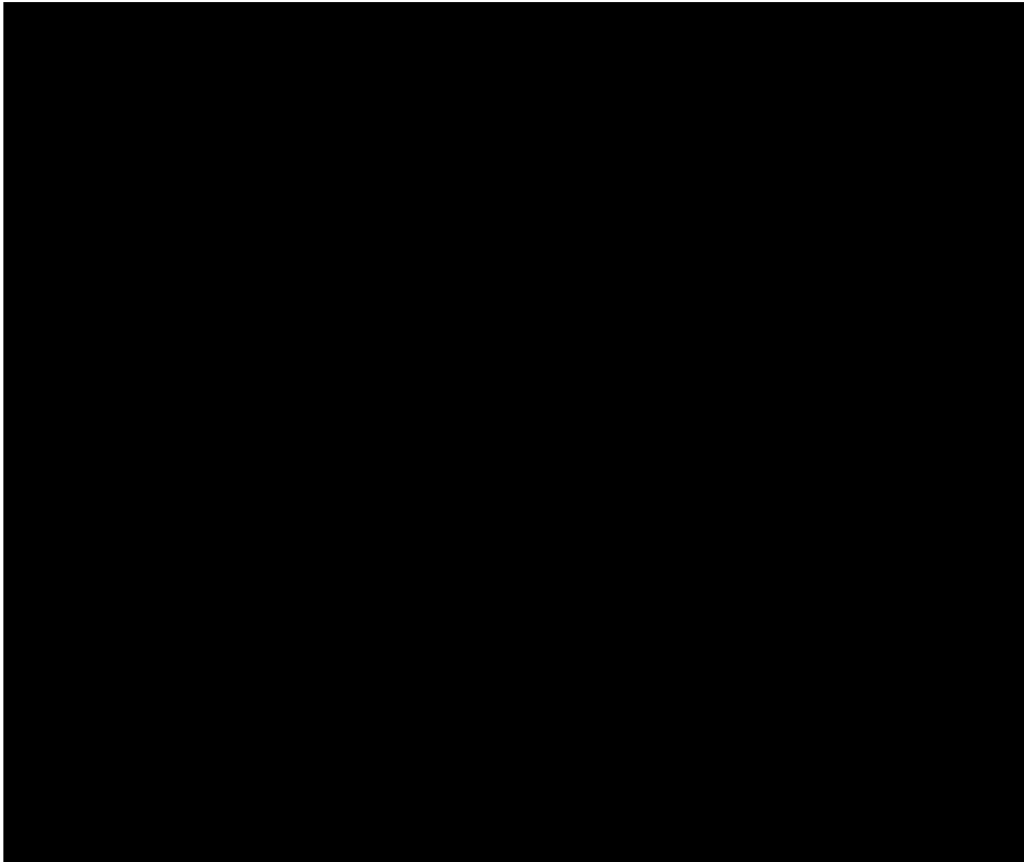
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- I. **Approval of Minutes** – October 20, 2007 and October 29, 2007
    - Typos and changes made to the October 20, 2007 minutes; changes will be made and distributed for Board members to review at the next scheduled Review Board meeting
    - October 29, 2007 minutes approved

- II. **Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

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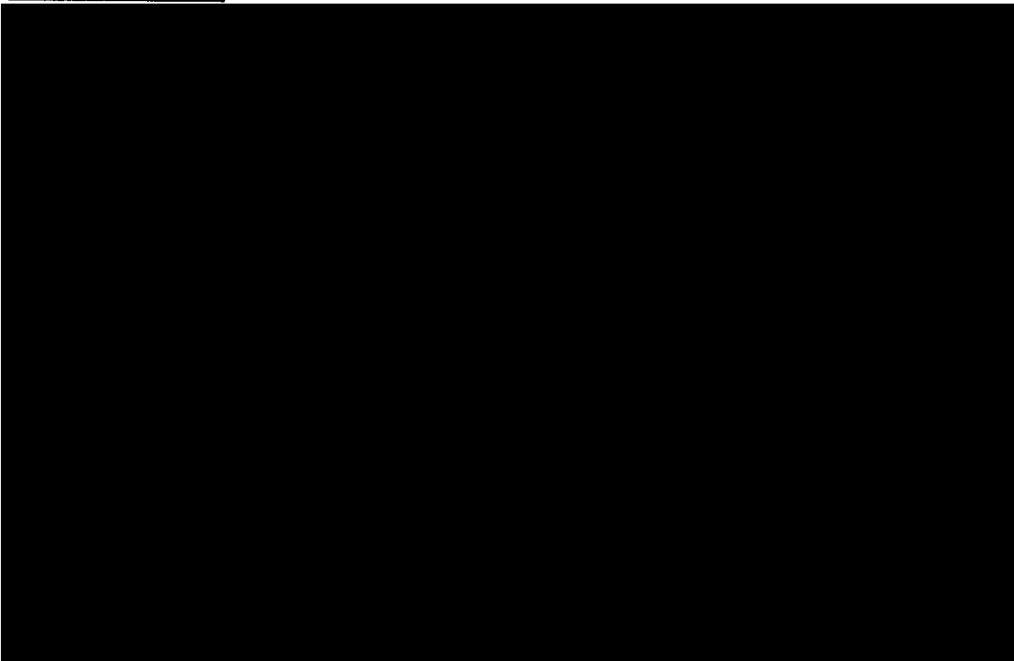
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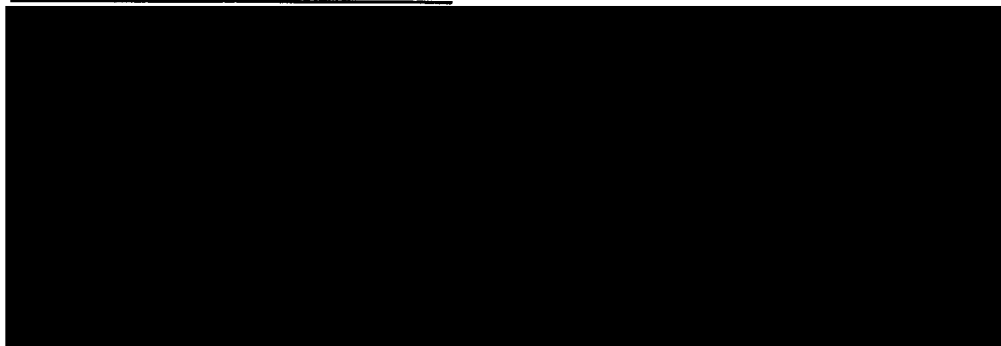
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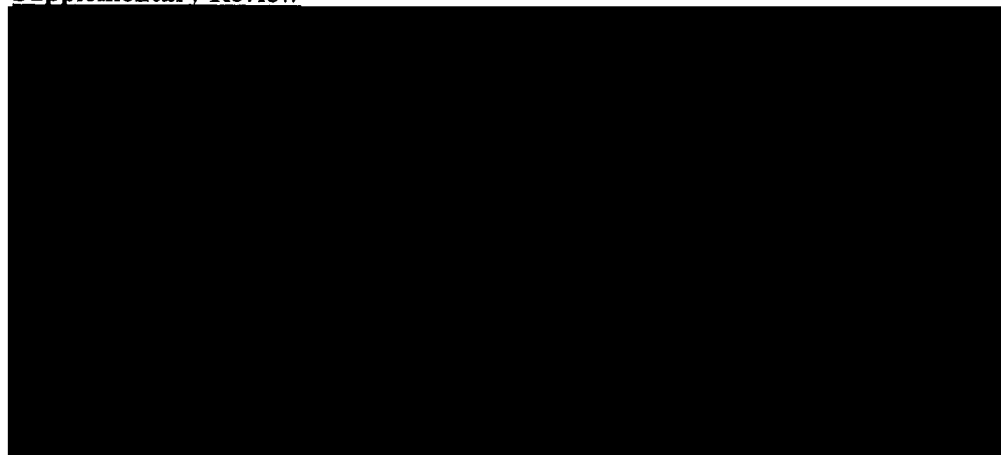
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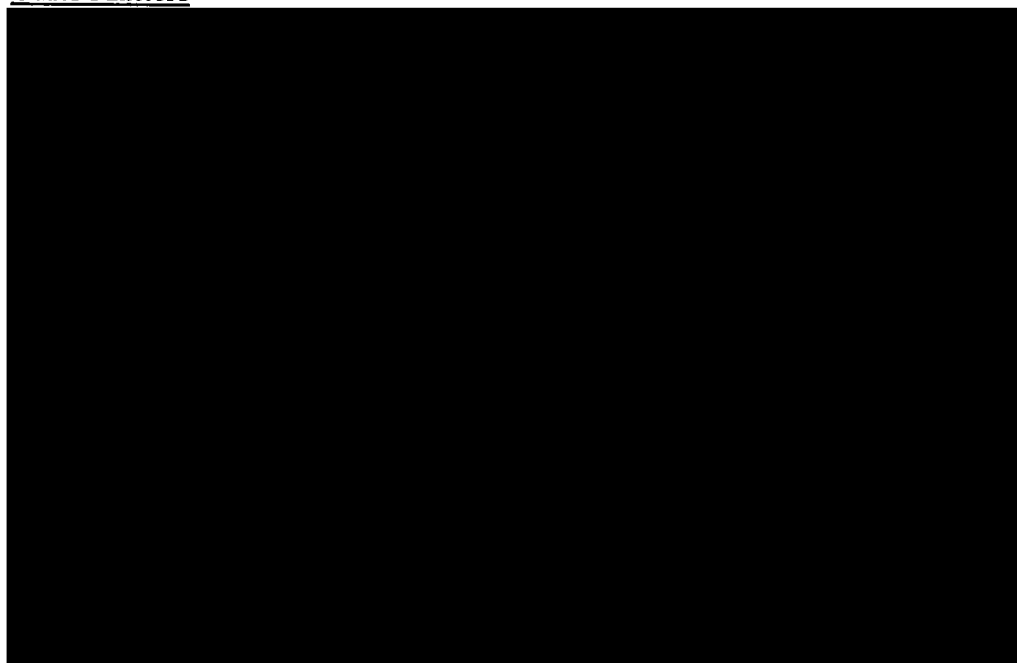


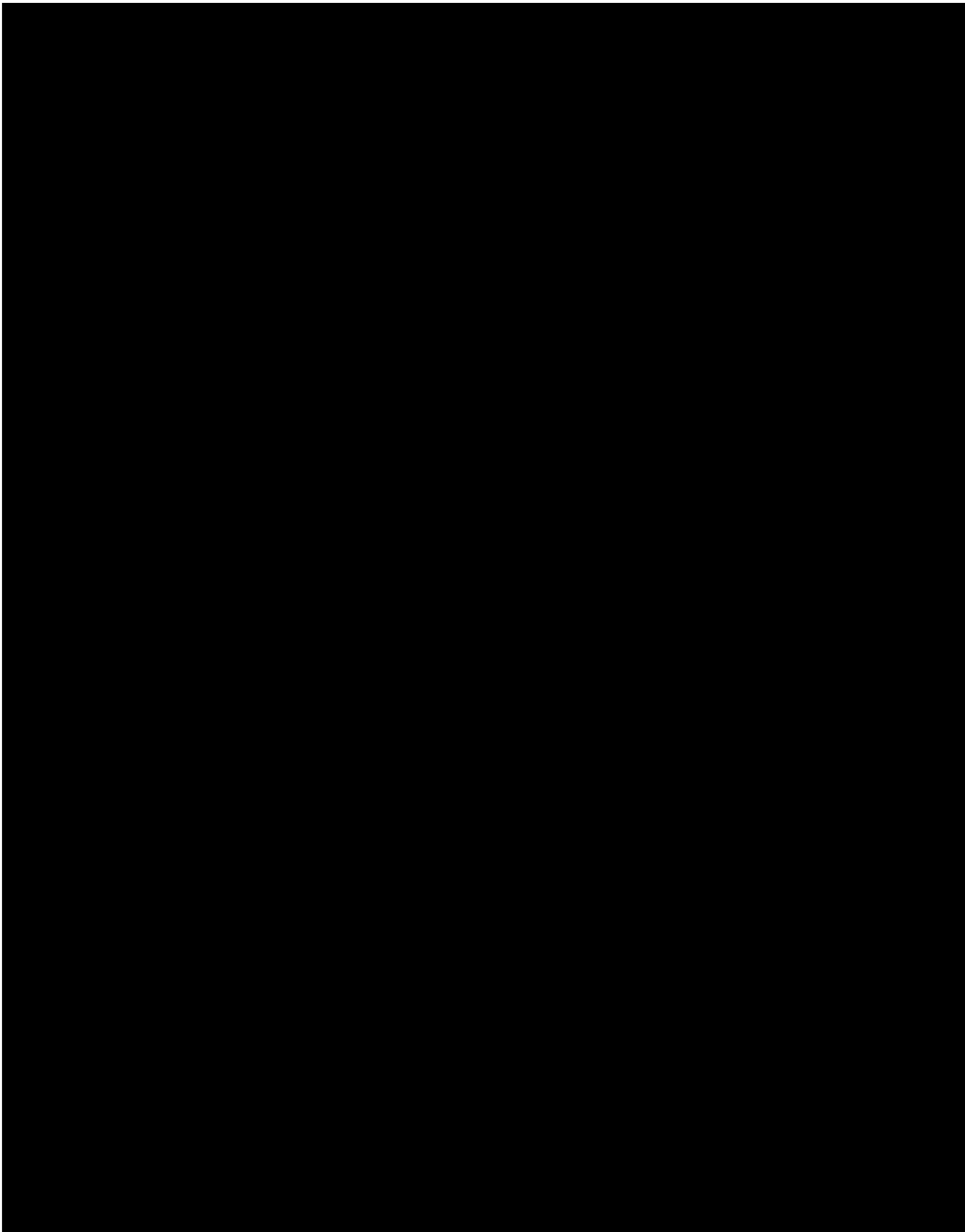
**IV. Supplementary Review**

**E.**



**V. Other Matters**





**Daily Logs**

- Ms. McCluskey spoke to the Review Board about those priests withdrawn from ministry who reside in nursing home care [Rev. R. Peter Bowman, Rev. Norman Czajka, Rev. Anthony Vader] and their inability to write in order to complete the “Clergy Daily Log” forms; it was agreed that Ms. McCluskey inform these men that they only have to complete a “Clergy Daily Log” form to be returned to her when they leave their respective buildings [residences]
- It was agreed that Rev. John Hefferan be notified that he is to be completing “Clergy Daily Logs” and “Travel/Vacation Notification” forms as per his Individual Specific Protocol [ISP]; Fr. Hefferan resides at Bishop Lyne Home



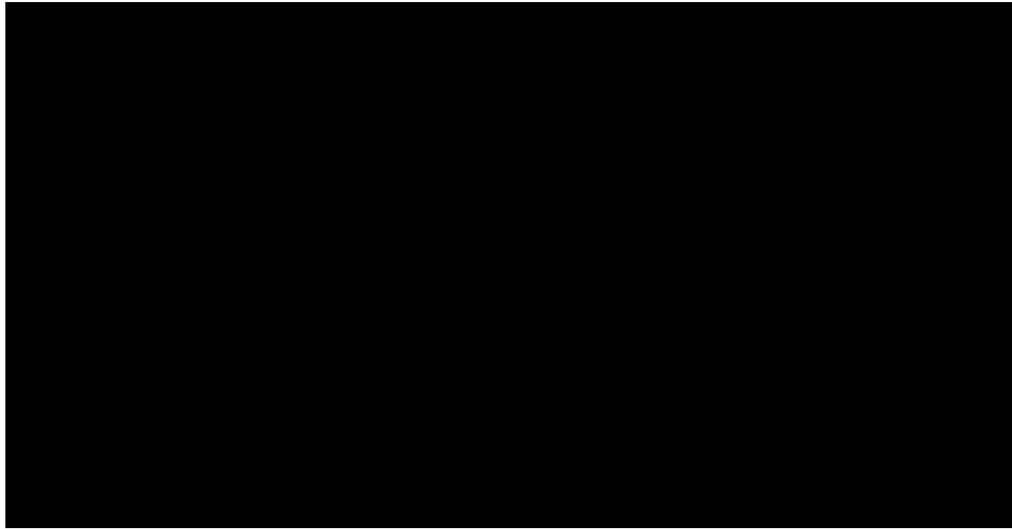
- The Board suggested that on a case by case basis, [REDACTED] statuses of Fr. Bowman, Fr. Czajka, Fr. Hefferan, and Fr. Vader be obtained from their respective medical professionals; in addition, it was requested that a quarterly report is obtained from the on-site supervisors of Frs. Bowman, Czajka, Hefferan, and Vader concerning each cleric's ability/inability to fill out the "Clergy Daily Logs" and/or his ability/inability to leave the facility

**Update from 10/20/07 Review Board Meeting**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

**VI. Review Board Concerns or Not**

[REDACTED]



*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

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Office of the Chancellor  
Jimmy M. Lago



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April 9, 2008

Reverend John E. Hefferan  
Bishop Lyne Home  
12230 South Will-Cook Rd – Apt. 106  
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Father Hefferan,

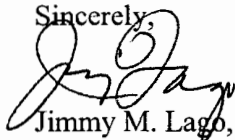
This letter is to update you on actions we are taking to upgrade our monitoring and supervision program. For the past year, we have been reviewing the recommendations from the consultants we hired in 2006 as well as the Ad Hoc Committee who worked with us this past year to redesign our programs for oversight 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

*mailed  
4-9-08*

AOC 014667

OK to schedule  
- Loh

Oct 2, 2008

Dear Father Flene,

Last Friday Sept 26 I attended the golden anniversary of ordination (class of 1959) held at Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary. I was a class mate of those priests, five years at Quigley and first philosophy at Mundelein before I left

At the luncheon following mass I was privileged to meet Cardinal George and asked if I might, at his convenience, meet with him to discuss an appeal of Rev. John E. Hefferan's removal from ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago (class of 1956). John Hefferan is my brother

Cardinal George agreed to see me but pointed out his schedule was full at least through the end of 2008. The Cardinal was most kind and directed me to write to you so that an appointment on this matter could be arranged at some future date.

I very much appreciate this opportunity and look forward to seeing the Cardinal again with, of course, any others of the Archdiocese he believes should be present. To expedite matters I will prepare a summary of my arguments and

[REDACTED]

thoughts and send them to you some time before our meeting. At this time, however, I am enclosing a copy of a letter I sent to the accuser, [REDACTED], last year. [REDACTED] never responded but the enclosed reflects one of my arguments, mistaken identity.

I also have a draft letter written by Monsignor Roseman, appointed canon lawyer on this matter. Monsignor recommended therein a number of modifications in the decision made in my brother's case. Being only a draft, I am cautious to send it at this time since I don't know if it was later amended.

In the past two years or so we have heard nothing further from the two Vicars assigned for my brother's defense Monsignor Roseman and attorney Pat Reardon. My last phone calls to Pat Reardon went with no response.

Respectfully  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓  
**FROM:** Rev. Daniel Flens (for Cardinal George) *DAF*  
**RE:** attached correspondence from [REDACTED]  
**DATE:** November 6, 2008  
**CC:** Mr. Jimmy Lago

At the Golden Anniversary Mass for priests in late September, Cardinal George had a conversation with [REDACTED], brother of Fr. John Hefferan. [REDACTED] spoke with the Cardinal about his brother's status and asked to meet with the Cardinal to discuss this matter further. When [REDACTED] called for an appointment, I asked him to put something in writing. His letter arrived while the Cardinal and I were in Rome.

Cardinal George has agreed to meet with [REDACTED] sometime after January 1, 2009. You will be notified once the date has been set. The Cardinal asked me to forward you a copy of [REDACTED]'s letters. The Cardinal asks that you look into Fr. Hefferan's file and advise him on how to reply to the issues [REDACTED] raises about his status. Thank you.

**From:** Daniel Smilanic  
**To:** Daniel Flens  
**CC:** Leah McCluskey, Vincent Costello  
**Date:** 11/30/2008 3:16 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fr. John Hefferan

Dan -

Quite some time ago, there was a meeting with Fr. Hefferan & his attorney brother, with Leah, Pat Lagges and a Vicar for Priests, as well as others. I want to recall who was at that meeting & if there was an outcome, then I will get back to the Cardinal. As I recall, nothing was accomplished at that gathering, and I want to be clear about the case.

Dan

>>> Daniel Flens 11/28/08 11:24 PM >>>

Dan,

As I believe you saw from an exchange of e-mails in late November, Cardinal George agreed to meet with [REDACTED], brother of Fr. John Hefferan. This meeting is presently scheduled for January 2, 2009. [REDACTED], a retired attorney, has told the Cardinal he is not approaching this meeting as his brother's legal representative but as a family member concerned about some aspects of his brother's case.

The Cardinal said he wants to have Fr. Hefferan's case file with him in this meeting and be up-to-date on the case. Could you give him the necessary information when you meet with him on Dec. 16?

An additional wrinkle arose over the weekend. I received a phone message at the Residence stating that Fr. John Hefferan had called and that he also planned to be present at the meeting on January 2. Fr. Hefferan left a phone number of [REDACTED]. I have not yet returned his call. The Cardinal asked me to make you aware of this - he's wondering if Fr. Hefferan should be added to the meeting (he was not mentioned as part of the original meeting request) and, if Fr. Hefferan is to be there, if you would also want to be present.

Please advise. Thank you.

Dan Flens

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Rev. Vincent Costello

**From:** Santa Garcia, Secretary *SG*  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**Date:** December 9, 2008

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Leah McCluskey asked me to mail you the attached paperwork for your file(s).  
Please call Leah at 312/ 751-5205 with any questions you may have.

Attachment(s)



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Jeffrey Grob

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: Hefferan, Rev. John (Retired/Withdrawn)/[REDACTED]

Date: June 29, 2010

Pursuant to your request, the following is a summary of the Review Board process of the matter of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. John Hefferan:

- 5/2/02: allegation received
- 1/9/03: [REDACTED] formalized allegation
- 1/24/03: allegation presented to Fr. Hefferan for response
  
- 2/15/03: First Stage Review
- 2/18/03: First Stage Review recommendation letter to Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.; reasonable cause to suspect that John Hefferan engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor
- 2/23/03: Cardinal George's response to recommendation; accepted the Review Board's recommendation
- 3/7/03: letters to [REDACTED] and Fr. Hefferan to communicate Cardinal George's decision concerning the First Stage Review
  
- 6/21/03: Second Stage Review
- 6/23/03: Second Stage Review recommendation letter to Cardinal George; reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred
- 6/25/03: Cardinal George's response to recommendation; accepted the Review Board's recommendation only after the investigation into the possibility of mistaken identity
- 7/17/03: letters to [REDACTED] and Fr. Hefferan to communicate that Cardinal George had not yet acted on Review Board's recommendation

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- 7/3/03: letter from Cardinal George to me asking for Supplementary Review of matter
- 9/20/10: Supplementary Review
- 9/22/03: Supplementary Review recommendation letter to Cardinal George; to uphold First and Second Stage Review recommendations that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred
- 10/8/03: Cardinal George's response to recommendation; accepted the Review Board's conclusion to matter
- 10/16/10: letters to [REDACTED] and Fr. Hefferan to communicate Cardinal George's decision to uphold Review Board recommendations that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Robinson, Ruth  
**Date:** 11/9/2010 11:56 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Phone Call  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Ruth,

Thank you for your e-mail with regard to [REDACTED]. As you know, I spoke with [REDACTED] on Thursday (11/4) at length with regard to the matter of her allegation against Fr. John Hefferan. During our conversation, [REDACTED] mentioned that she did speak with you briefly. At [REDACTED]'s request, I provided her with the clarification that you are the person in the Office of Assistance Ministry to speak with if she had questions about [REDACTED]. I explained to [REDACTED] that Ralph Bonaccorsi and Mayra Flores are no longer with the Office of Assistance Ministry, but are with the Archdiocese of Chicago in different positions.

I asked [REDACTED] if I could confirm the address that I have for her:

[REDACTED]

She confirmed that this is her current address--and then said that she feels that she accidentally gave you the wrong zip code when you asked her for her address.

Leah

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>>> Ruth Robinson 11/4/2010 2:55 PM >>>

Hi Leah,

I just spoke with [REDACTED]. I retrieved the call from Matt's line. [REDACTED] stated that she had come forth with an allegation in 2000 or so. She said that she could find the names of the persons whom she had contact with in the past. She said that she had several questions and she wanted to know her rights. She said that she had formalized her allegations and she had received documentation that they were credible. I discussed OPCY programs with her. She said that she thinks that you are the one that she needs to talk to. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. She would like for you to call her. Her phone # is [REDACTED] Her address is [REDACTED]

Ruth

Ruth Robinson

Assistant Director  
Office of Assistance Ministry  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
312-534-8256

To: File  
From: K. Budzikowski  
Date: Nov. 15, 2010  
Re: Rev. John Hefferan

Today I contacted Fr. Hefferan to tell him that [REDACTED] had contacted the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review to find his contact information. Leah McCluskey, who fielded the request, said she had to give the information since it was in the current Directory and was, therefore, public. I asked if she had contacted him and he responded that she had not. I told him she did not give any reason as to why she wanted the information. I was calling just to give him a "heads-up" so he wouldn't be too surprised if she did contact him.

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To: Shawnte Jenkins  
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Allegation/Response 03/11/2003

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You are very welcome! Please let me know if I can help with anything else...

Leah

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>>> Shawnte Jenkins 4/18/2013 4:20 PM >>>  
Thanks Leah!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2013, at 4:08 PM, "Leah McCluskey" wrote:

> Hi Shawnte,  
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> Last one!  
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> Additional response on behalf of Hefferan to [REDACTED]'s allegation.  
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> Leah  
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>  
> Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
> Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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Hi Shawnte,

Last one!

Additional response on behalf of Hefferan to [REDACTED]'s allegation.

Leah

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Shawnte,

Attached is Hefferan's response to [REDACTED]'s allegation.

Leah

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Shawnte,

Attached is [REDACTED]'s allegation against Hefferan.

Leah

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Hi Shawnte,

[REDACTED] did not choose to formalize her allegation via in-person interview.

Leah

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Hi Shawnte,

Typed notes regarding Review Board process for [REDACTED]'s allegation against Hefferan.

Leah

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Hi Shawnte,

The attached are typed notes re: Hefferan's response to [REDACTED]'s allegation.

Leah

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Hi Shawnte,

The attached are typed notes re: [REDACTED]'s allegation against Hefferan.

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## INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: JOHN HEFFERAN

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE

May, 2013

DATE OF REVIEW

May, 2014

### History of Assignments

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Ordained: May 1, 1956

July 7, 1956 – July 7, 1962 - St. Louis de Marillac Parish, La Grange Park

July 7, 1962- June 20, 1967 – St. Anastasia Parish, Waukegan

June 20, 1967 – January 28, 1969 – St. Simeon Parish, Bellwood

January 28, 1969 – June 13, 1973 – Infant Jesus of Prague Parish, Flossmoor

June 13, 1973 – June 11, 1975 – St. John Evangelist Parish, Streamwood

June 11, 1975 – June 8, 1981 - St. John Vianney Parish, Northlake

June 8, 1981- June 11, 1985 - St. James, Highwood

June 11, 1985- June 11, 1990- St. Ann Parish, Lansing

June 11, 1990- July 1, 1997- St. Gerald Parish, Oak Lawn

July 1, 1997- September 30, 2000- St. Bede Parish, Ingleside

September 30, 2000-Retired

July 1, 2002- St. Alphonsus Parish, Lemont

### HISTORY OF ABUSE ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED.

#### ALLEGATION 1. TIMEFRAME: 1977-1978

Allegation came forward in 1993. The victim stated that John Hefferan kissed her on the mouth while feeling on her inappropriately. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In April 2003 The Professional Responsibility Review Boards recommended that John Hefferan not be allowed to be alone with minors without a responsible adult. July 1993 the imposed restrictions were discontinued and monitoring ceased.

## **ALLEGATION 2.TIMEFRAME: 1968-1969**

Allegation came forward in 2003. The victim stated that when she was in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] John Hefferan fondled her breasts.

John Hefferan denied the allegation. In October 2003 the review board concluded that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred.

## **CURRENT CANONICAL STATUS.**

On October 23, 2003 the Independent Review Board determined that there was reasonable cause to suspect that John Hefferan sexually abused a minor. Cardinal George accepted the determination.

## **CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.**

John Hefferan is currently residing at the Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Residence for Retired Priests. One other member of the Prayer and Penance Program also resides there. No children are permitted to live at the residence. All residents are retired priests. John Hefferan eats most meals at the residence. John Hefferan also maintains relationships with his brother's family that has minor children. John Hefferan discloses his only contact with minors or young adults occurs when visiting his family's home during family gatherings.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT STRENGTHS.**

John Hefferan has expressed his willingness to participate in a strengthened risk management protocol that includes verification of his whereabouts, the people he spends his time with, and his activities. Thus far he has been compliant with existing protocols. If his expressed openness to accountability proves to be consistent with his actions, John Hefferan's lifestyle will not change dramatically.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES.**

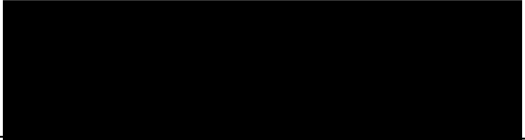
John Hefferan has enjoyed a tremendous amount of freedom by living alone without a site monitor. He has been able to leave the house daily, managing his own schedule with minimal accountability. A strengthened risk management protocol with more accountability to others may be a challenge for him, as it will mean giving up a significant level of privacy. John Hefferan leads a very solitary life with minimal disclosure of social contacts.



## RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

### STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 1: SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS WHILE IN MINISTRY

<b>RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY</b>	<b>METHOD OF VERIFICATION</b>	<b>DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>DATE OF REVIEW</b>
With a prudent companion who is present from the time he arrives until the time he leaves, John Hefferan is permitted to spend time with families who have minor children. This includes time in their homes or in public places. Such contact must first be disclosed and logged for review by his Compliance Supervisor. John Hefferan is prohibited at all times from being alone with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network. Oversight by Compliance Supervisor. Unannounced verification (telephone, in-person visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves his residence and email to his Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan is required to return to his residence no later than 9:00 pm, unless previously approved by his Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan is required to allow his Compliance Supervisor access to his residence for the purposes of verification.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of Mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry), and introducing or calling himself "Father" or "Reverend".	<i>Verification with Community Support Network. Oversight by Compliance Supervisor. Unannounced verification (telephone, visits) of daily logs.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan will provide to his Compliance	<i>Completion of</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014

Supervisor a listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his ongoing support and accountability <b>(to be submitted within 5 business days of implementation of protocol)</b> .	<i>Community Support Network form</i>		
John Hefferan is prohibited from attending liturgy, or any aspect of parish community life at the following parishes: St. Louis de Marillac Parish, La Grange Park St. Anastasia Parish, Waukegan, St. Simeon Parish, Bellwood, Infant Jesus of Prague Parish, Flossmoor, St. John Evangelist Parish, Streamwood, St. John Vianney Parish, Northlake, St. James, Highwood, St. Ann Parish, Lansing, St. Gerald Parish, Oak Lawn, St. Bede Parish, Ingleside, St. Alphonsus Parish, Lemont or any other parish in which he has served in ministry.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network. Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network. Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care, counseling and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>Verification with support network. Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan is prohibited from working or volunteering with any organization that provides services to persons under the age of 25. This includes any form of work in schools,	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014

parishes or rectories.	<i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>		
John Hefferan is encouraged to continue to work with his medical doctor to manage his health conditions.	<i>Discussion with Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan is required to attend scheduled meetings for Prayer and Penance Participants.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014

#### STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 2: HISTORY OF BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS WITH MINORS

<b>RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY</b>	<b>METHOD OF VERIFICATION</b>	<b>DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>DATE OF REVIEW</b>
John Hefferan is prohibited from viewing, downloading or otherwise possessing pornography or sexually explicit materials of any kind. Computer is subject to removal off site for verification purposes.	<i>A Verification by Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
Online chat, social networking involvement, and other internet relationships, as well as sites visited are subject to review by his Compliance Supervisor (with designated Information Technology Personnel) for the first six months of the program. The need for ongoing review will be evaluated following this period of time.	<i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
[REDACTED]	<i>Verification by [REDACTED]</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014
John Hefferan will meet weekly with his Compliance Supervisor at his residence for the first three months. If protocols are maintained, meetings may shift to bi-weekly. [REDACTED] is required to bring to the meetings with his Compliance Supervisor the following documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current cellular and land</li> </ul>	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014

telephone bills • Current credit card bills for all credit cards			
John Hefferan is prohibited from visiting public parks and from visiting "Child-Oriented Destinations*"	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May, 2013	May, 2014

### CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOLS.

Depending on the gravity of the instance of non-compliance, any of the following consequences may apply:

Immediate voluntary polygraph to determine whether abuse may have occurred.

Restriction from travel.

Change of residence.

Implementation of routine polygraph verification.

Canonical action, up to and including involuntary removal from the priesthood.

### SIGNATURES.

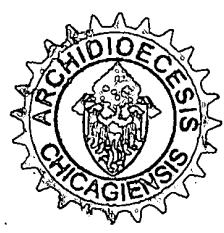
Signed: John E. Hefferan Date: 8/7/13

Printed Name: JOHN E. HEFFERAN

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Ron Kenneth Bredenkamp Date: Aug 5, 2013

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: Margaret F. Cash Date: 8/14/13

Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal George Date: July 30, 2013



### COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

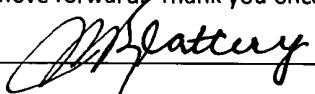
The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago has initiated a program of support and accountability for the priests of the Archdiocese who have been removed from ministry due to their sexual misconduct with minors. The program is voluntary in that a priest may choose to participate or may choose to leave the priesthood. John Hefferan has expressed his desire to engage in this program, fully recognizing it will mean a significant increase in accountability and a decrease in his overall levels of privacy. This is seen as a positive sign, as openness to support and intervention by others is one of the essential components for long-term abstinence from sexual offending.

The Archdiocese has asked John Hefferan to identify the friends and family members who would be willing and able to offer support and accountability to him as he moves through his daily life. You were among those he identified.

If you are willing to accompany John Hefferan in this way, the following is asked of you:

1. That you review John Hefferan's history of allegations and substantiated offenses,
2. That you review his *Individual Specific Protocols*, which tell you what he is permitted to do and what he is not,
3. That you agree to support John Hefferan through interrupting high-risk behaviors (such as his attempting to be alone with a minor) if they occur and informing his Compliance Supervisor of any other concerns or violations of the protocols,
4. That you agree to on-going, open communication with John Hefferan's Compliance Supervisor so that any problems may be identified and addressed before they become serious.

I am personally grateful to you for considering what can only be considered a ministry to John Hefferan and for the support you have offered him thus far. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate in this program, please do not feel an obligation and please do not turn to the pages that follow which contain confidential information. If you would like to move forward with the commitment to participate, please indicate with your signature below. Once you have reviewed all of the information, you will have another opportunity to indicate your willingness to move forward. Thank you once again for considering this important work.

  
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Jan Slattery

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth, Director

I have a commitment to support John Hefferan in his personal program of wellness. I am willing and able to assist him in avoiding situations that could lead to further sexual misconduct and further harm to others, including misinterpretations of his behavior or false allegations of abuse.

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Signature and date

Community Support Network for John Hefferan

Name	Relationship	Contact information