


BECKER, Robert C.		Date of birth	Ordained	
			April 29, 1965	
Nationality				
Date Appointed	Assignment	Charge	Date Left	
6-30-65	Queen of Martyrs	Asst.	11/1/72	
11/1/72	Post-graduate studies - Canon Law (Rome)		6/74	
7/24/74	O.L. of the Snows	Associate	11/26/75	
7/24/74	Notary and Procurator Advocate of the Metropolitan Tribunal			
11/26/75	St. Clement	Associate	11-7-86	Extraordinary Appointments
3/31/76	Vice-Officialis, Metropolitan Trib.		10/22/83	Defender of the Bond - Notary - 5/6/68
10/22/83	Officialis " "		11-7-86	
11-7-86	Judge - Metropolitan Trib		10/22/89	
11-7-86	St. Gertrude, Chicago	Residence	10/22/89	
10/22/89	Deceased.			

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Name Becker Robert Charles
(last) (first) (middle)

Born [REDACTED] Chicago Ill St. Andrew
(date) (city) (state) (parish)

Baptized Aug 28, 1939 Chicago Ill St. Andrew
(date) (city) (state) (parish)

Ordained April 29, 1965 Mundelein, Ill St. Mary of Lake Sem
(date) (city) (state) (location)

Ordaining Bishop M. Rev. Cletus O'Donnell Admin., Archdiocese of Chicago
(name) (diocese)

First Solemn Mass May 2 1965 Chicago Ill St. Margaret of Scotland
(date) (city) (state) (parish)

Name of Father [REDACTED] Living ☐ Deceased ☒

Name of Mother (maiden) [REDACTED] Living ☐ Deceased ☒

Nationality German, French, Scotch-Irish

Home Parish St. Joachim, Chicago

Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Present Residence Chicago, Ill St. Gertrude 764-3621
(city) (state) (parish) (telephone)

In case of emergency notify:

1. [REDACTED] brother
(name) (relationship)
[REDACTED]
(address)
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
(city) (state) (zip code)
2. [REDACTED]
(name)
[REDACTED]
(address)
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
(city) (state) (zip code)

How is your health at the present time? ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor

Comment: [REDACTED]

Schools Attended

Elementary	<u>St. Joachim</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Ill</u>	<u>1945-1953</u>
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Secondary	<u>Quigley Prep. Sem.</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Ill</u>	<u>1953-1958</u>
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
College				
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Philosophy	<u>St. Mary of Lake Sem</u>	<u>Mundelein</u>	<u>Ill</u>	<u>1958-1961</u>
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Theology	<u>St. Mary of the Lake Sem</u>	<u>Mundelein</u>	<u>Ill</u>	<u>1961-1965</u>
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Post Graduate	<u>Pontifical Gregorian Univ.</u>	<u>Rome</u>	<u>Italy</u>	<u>191972-1974</u>
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Degrees Earned	<u>S.T.L.</u>	<u>St. Mary of the Lake Sem</u>		<u>1965</u>
	(degree)	(college or university)		(year)
	<u>J.C.L.</u>	<u>Pontif. Greg. Univ</u>		<u>1974</u>
	(degree)	(college or university)		(year)
	(degree)	(college or university)		(year)
Degrees Honorary				
	(degree)	(college or university)		(year)
Works Published				
	(degree)	(college or university)		(year)
Works Published				
	(title)	(date)	(publisher)	
	(title)	(date)	(publisher)	
	(title)	(date)	(publisher)	
Ecclesiastical Honors Received				
				(date)
				(date)
				(date)

I am familiar with the following modern languages. Please indicate degree of fluency.

Language	Reading Proficiency			Speaking Proficiency			Proficiency to Celebrate Sacraments		
	High	Moderate	Slight	High	Moderate	Slight	High	Moderate	Slight
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In addition to my official assignment(s) I am currently engaged in the following priestly activities: (Example: Cursillo, confessor to religious)

My personal preference with regard to PARISH work that would favor my assignment to:
(mark as #1, the kinds of parishes in which you have the deepest interest; mark as #2, those in which you have a moderate interest; mark as #3, those in which you have a little interest; mark as 0, those in which you have no interest):

____ No Special Preference 2 Suburban Parish 0 Black Parish
1 City Parish 0 Bilingual Parish (specify language) _____ 0 Changing Parish
0 Hispanic Apostolate Parish _____ Other (describe) _____

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Please describe any special experience, training, and talents that should be considered in making your assignments.

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Skills Inventory

Administration What When Description*

- ☐ Supervision _____
- ☐ Leadership Development _____
- ☐ Conflict Management _____
- ☐ Program Development _____
- ☐ Evaluation _____
- ☐ Planning and Goal Setting _____
- ☐ Financial Budgeting _____
- ☐ Office Management _____
- ☐ Written Communication _____
- ☐ Oral Communication _____
- ☐ Listening Skills _____
- ☐ Negotiating Skills _____
- ☐ Team-Building Skills _____
- ☐ Committee Skills _____
- ☐ Community Organization _____
- ☐ Grant Writing _____

*Describe in 20 letters or less

Pastoral and description of experience,
education and/or certification

- ☐ Counseling
- ☐ Crisis Counseling
- ☐ Pre-Marital Counseling
- ☐ Home Visitation
- ☐ Inactive Visitation
- ☐ Community Visitation
- ☒ Liturgical & Homiletical
- ☐ Youth Ministry
- ☐ Young Adult Ministry
- ☐ Adult Education
- ☐ Spiritual Renewal Program
- ☐ Parish School Involvement (specify)
- ☐ Religious Education (specify)
- ☒ Hospital Visitation
- ☒ Nursing Home Visitation
- ☐ Parish Renewal
- ☐ New Member Recruitment
- ☒ Funerals
- ☒ Weddings

Full Time Assignments (Chronological)

3910

Assoc. Pastor, Queen of Martyrs Parish,	1965 - 1972
(position)	(to)
Graduate studies in Canon Law, Rome Italy	1972 - 1974
(position)	(to)
Matrimonial Tribunal of Archd. of Chi, Advocate	1974-75
(position)	(to)
" " " "	Vice-Officialis 1974-1983
(position)	(to)
" " " "	Ovicialis 1983-1986
(position)	(to)
" " " "	Judge 1986 - current
(position)	(to)
(position)	(to)
(position)	(to)
(position)	(to)
(position)	(to)
(position)	(to)
(position)	(to)

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Administrative Assignments

National or U.S.C.C.	(position)	(from)	(to)
Diocesan [see above]	(position)	(from)	(to)
	(position)	(from)	(to)
	(position)	(from)	(to)
	(position)	(from)	(to)
	(position)	(from)	(to)
	(position)	(from)	(to)

Other Assignments:

	(position)	(from)	(to)
	(position)	(from)	(to)
	(position)	(from)	(to)
	(position)	(from)	(to)
	(position)	(from)	(to)
	(position)	(from)	(to)

My present major, official assignment is Judge, Matrimonial Tribunal

at 155 E. Superior since Nov 1986
(address) (month) (year)

Military Service none
(name of service) (position) (rank) (dates)

(name of service) (position) (rank) (dates)

(name of service) (position) (rank) (dates)

Hospitalization Insurance Blue Cross - Blue Sheild [Archd. plan]
(insuring company)

Automobile Liability Insurance Aetna [Archd. plan]
(insuring company)

Last Will and Testament about 1968
(date of most recent copy) (place)

Do you have a copy in a sealed envelope on file in the Chancery? I think so

Funeral Arrangements

Preferred Place of Burial family plot, [REDACTED]

(Filed at the Chancery Office, together with a recent copy of the Will, should be a letter of instructions to be opened at the time of death.)

August 8 1988
Date

Robert H. Becker
Signature

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

(Please type all information)

NAME	Becker	Robert	Charles
	(last)	(first)	(middle)
BORN	Chicago	Illinois	St. Andrew
	(city)	(state)	(parish)
BAPTIZED	Aug. 27, 1939	Chicago	Illinois
	(date)	(city)	(state)
ORDAINED	April 29, 1965	Mundelein,	Illinois
	(date)	(city)	(state)
			St. Margaret of Scotland
			(parish)
ORDAINING PRELATE	Most Rev. Cletus O'Donnell		Aux. of Chicago
	(name)		(diocese)
FIRST SOLEMN MASS	May 2, 1965	Chicago	Illinois
	(date)	(city)	(state)
			St. Margaret of Scotland
			(parish)
NAME OF FATHER			Living <input type="checkbox"/>
			Deceased <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NAME OF MOTHER (maiden)			Living <input type="checkbox"/>
			Deceased <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Father: French, German, Scotch Irish		
	Mother: Bavarian, French Canadian		
HOME PARISH:			
KNOWLEDGE OF MODERN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH:			
Reading	Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	Average <input type="checkbox"/>	Fluent <input type="checkbox"/>
Spoken	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confessional Work Only			
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY:			
1.			Brother, sister-in-law
			(relationship)
			(telephone)
	(city)	(state)	(zone)
2.			sister-in-law
			(relationship)
			(zone)
	(city)	(state)	(zone)

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SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

ELEMENTARY	St. Joachim (name)	Chicago (city)	Illinois (state)	1945-1953 (years)
	St. Andrew (name)	Chicago (city)	Illinois (state)	1947-48 (years) (part of 3rd grade)
SECONDARY	Quigley Prep. Sem (name)	Chicago (city)	Ill (state)	1953-58 (years)
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
COLLEGE	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
PHILOSOPHY	St. Mary of Lake (name)	Mundelein (city)	Ill (state)	1958-61 (years)
THEOLOGY	St. Mary of the Lake (name)	Mundelein (city)	Ill (state)	1961-65 (years)
POST GRADUATE	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
DEGREES EARNED	A.B. (degree)	St. Mary of Lake (college or university)		1961 (year)
	M.A. (degree)	St. Mary of Lake (college or university)		1964 (year)
	S.T.B. (degree)	St. Mary of Lake (college or university)		1963 (year)
	S.T.L. (degree)	St. Mary of Lake (college or university)		1965 (year)
DEGREES HONORARY	(degree)	(college or university)		(year)
WORKS PUBLISHED	(title)	(date)		(publisher)
	(title)	(date)		(publisher)
	(title)	(date)		(publisher)

ECCLESIASTICAL HONORS RECEIVED:

(date)

(date)

(date)

NATIONAL OR N.C.W.C.		(position)	(from)	(to)
DIOCESAN	Notary and Defender of the Bond		5/6/68	7/22/72
	" " " " " "	(position)	(from)	(to)
	Metropolitan Tribunal Vice Official		7/18/74	3/25/76
	" " Judge	(position)	(from)	(to)
			3/25/76	1/1/86
		(position)	(from)	(to)
			1/1/86	
		(position)	(from)	(to)

Queen of Martyrs Parish	Assistant	July, 1965	-	9/22/72
	(position)	(from)		(to)
Post Graduate studies-Canon Law-Rome		9/22/72	-	7/18/74
	(position)	(from)		(to)
O.L. of the Snows	Associate	7/18/74	-	12/1/75
	(position)	(from)		(to)
St. Clement	Associate	12/1/75	-	1/1/86
	(position)	(from)		(to)
St. Entrance	Resident			
	(position)	(from)		(to)
	(position)	(from)		(to)
	(position)	(from)		(to)
	(position)	(from)		(to)
	(position)	(from)		(to)

Canon Law Society	Sec'y. & Treasurer	10/14/75
"	(position)	(from) (to)
"	President	(from) (to)
"	(position)	(from) (to)
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MILITARY SERVICE

(name of service)	(position)	(rank)	(dates)
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HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
(insuring company)

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

Federal Mutual Insurance Company
(insuring company)

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

(date of most recent copy)

(place)

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

PREFERRED PLACE OF BURIAL

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
Chancery Office
719 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

His Excellency, Cletus F. O'Donnell, J.C.D.
Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Your Excellency:

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

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Robert C. Becker
Signature

Date: April 28, 1965

Place: St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois.

Seminary Seal:

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June 14, 1965

My dear Father **Becker**:

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of
Queen of Martyrs Church, Chicago, Illinois.

You will kindly report for duty on Wednesday,
June 30, to **Monsignor Vitha, the pastor.**

Wishing you every blessing in this, your first
appointment, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Cletus F. O'Donnell
Administrator

Reverend Robert C. Becker
9926 S. Morgan Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643

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February 25, 1966

Rev. Robert C. Becker
Queen of Martyrs Rectory
3539 West 103rd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643

Dear Father Becker:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 6, 1966, which has just reached me. It appears that it has been delayed somewhere in the mail.

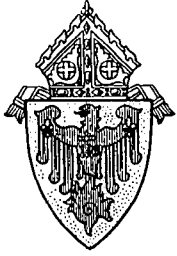
I note that you will send the copy of your Will to the Chancery Office.

With every good wish, I am, dear Father Becker,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Mrs. Byrne -
please file



File: Fr. Becker

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Matrimonial Tribunal

SIXTH FLOOR, 211 EAST CHICAGO AVENUE

July 13, 1972

To: His Eminence
From: Father Becker
Re: Italian Lessons

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Your Eminence, this is the invoice for the Italian lessons that I am taking at Berlitz. I expect to finish them around LABOR Day. They are going well; three times a week, four hours at a session.

Although we didn't have time to talk on Tuesday at the Senate meeting, I appreciated hearing that you had found time to do some work on a schedule for me in Rome. I am eager to hear what it might be.

Thank you for your interest.

Father Becker

TO: Father Becker

DATE: July 17, 1972

FROM: Cardinal Cody

I have forwarded the check directly to the Berlitz School of Languages for your tuition.

+J.P.C.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

To: Cardinal Cody
From: Father Becker
Date: July 25, 1972
Re: Roman Studies

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I am sorry to bother Your Eminence again. I am considering setting a firm date for departure, to make airline arrangements, etc. You indicated that you had made some preliminary arrangements for me when you last were in Rome. Was there anything said at that time that would affect my arrival date--are they expecting me at any specific time. If not, I was considering setting my departure for sometime in the latter part of September. Thank you again for your interest.

Trust's Personal *Rev Robt Becker*

NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE
GRADUATE DEPARTMENT, CASA S. MARIA DELL'UMILTÀ
VIA DELL'UMILTÀ, 30 - ROME

*Do - attach
to pre. con.*

August 23, 1972

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Dear Monsignor,

Enclosed you will find the bill for your graduate student(s) in attendance at the Casa Santa Maria.

Please remit payment to the Reverend Richard J. Mahowald, Superior, Casa Santa Maria, Via dell'Umiltà 30, 00187 Rome, Italy.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter and with every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Rev. R. J. Mahowald

Reverend Richard J. Mahowald
Superior

The Chancellor
Archdiocese of Chicago
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

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NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE

VIA DEL GIANICOLO, 14

R O M E

POSTAL ADDRESS:
00120 VATICAN CITY STATE (EUROPE)

August 23, 1972

The Chancellor
Catholic Chancery Office
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Please remit to The Pontifical North American College the total amount due as described.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
All fees and services at the Casa Santa Maria for the academic year 1972-1973: Rev. Robert C. Becker	
TOTAL DUE TO NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE	\$2,600.00

Please return the **duplicate copy** of this invoice with your remittance.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Rev. RJ Mahowald
Business Manager

(Photocopies of paid invoices are attached for your reference, if applicable)

AOC 000017



August 28, 1972

Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Mahowald, Superior
Casa Santa Maria dell'Umilta
Via dell'Umilta, 30
00187 Rome, ITALY

Dear Monsignor Mahowald:

I am planning to send one of our young priests, the Reverend Robert C. Becker, to take a course in Canon Law at the Gregorian University and, at the same time, to have some special tutoring lessons in canonical procedure from a few friends of mine at the Congregation of the Sacraments and the Rota.

I would ask if you could provide accommodations for him at the Casa and, of course, the Archdiocese will be pleased to take care of all of his expenses.

He would plan to arrive at the latter part of September so that he might be in time for the opening of classes.

Thanking you for whatever information you might provide me with and with kindest personal regards, I am, dear Monsignor Mahowald,

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

JPC:dmv

Archbishop of Chicago

NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE
GRADUATE DEPARTMENT-CASA S. MARIA DELL'UMILTÀ
VIA DELL'UMILTÀ, 30 - ROME

September 4, 1972

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

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Your Eminence:

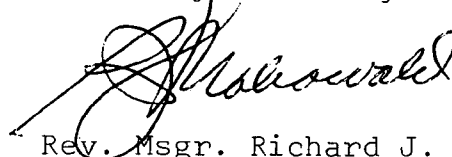
Your letter of August 28, 1972, arrived here on September 1. Reverend Robert C. Becker had written to me a short time ago and indicated that an official appointment to higher studies would be forthcoming. I have already been in contact with him and have given him some information that could be helpful as he prepares to come to Rome for a course of studies in Canon Law at the Gregorian University. We will be able to accommodate him here at the Casa Santa Maria, and the billing for his expenses will be made as you suggested.

I am likewise attaching a copy of our list of useful suggestions that we revise from time to time and that is quite helpful to those who are coming to Rome for the first time. This is merely to give Your Eminence some idea as to the type of things that we think are useful and necessary. I sent a similar copy to Father Becker and undoubtedly he will find it helpful in making final arrangements to come to Rome.

I wish to reiterate my personal thanks to Your Eminence for your interest in the program of the Casa Santa Maria and for the encouragement and support that you have always given.

With a request for your blessing and prayers for our work here at the Casa Santa Maria, and with every good wish, I remain,

Yours very sincerely in the Lord,



Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Mahowald,
Superior

RJM:hr
Enc.

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USEFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR PRIESTS COMING TO ROME

THE PONTIFICAL NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE

GRADUATE DEPARTMENT - CASA S. MARIA DELL'UMILTÀ

VIA DELL'UMILTÀ, 30 - 00187 ROME

TEL. 6790.658

1) Obtain transcripts of grades and courses from all seminaries and universities attended. (It is helpful to include a description of each course).

2) Obtain about twenty-five (25) passport—size photos. These are needed for visas, library cards, identification cards, etc.

3) (a) If traveling by ship, allow ample time for baggage to arrive at point of embarkation. Address it to yourself care of North American College, Vatican City, Europe. If baggage is shipped unaccompanied, address it to North American College, Uffici Merli, Vatican City, Europe. DO NOT USE ROME or ITALY in the address or you will get involved with Italian customs. Air freight, preferably with TWA, is an efficient way to ship personal effects.

(b) The Seminary Department of the North American College group flight Alitalia AZ 611 is departing New York at 6:30 P.M. on August 31. This flight is scheduled to arrive in Rome on September 1. There is no special ticket discount for those over 25 years of age. However, there are special baggage arrangements being made to bring personal effects to Rome via air freight, at a comparatively low price. There will also be bus transfer from the airport to the Seminary Department and the Graduate House for those who wish to use this flight. If you are interested in this flight, please let me know as quickly as possible in order that Alitalia representatives can contact you in the United States.

(c) Group flights may possibly be arranged for the fall session of the Institute for Continuing Theological Education that is held at the Casa Santa Maria. This flight would depart on an airline and flight to be announced at a later date. It would depart New York September 19, arriving in Rome September 20. This may be a convenient flight for some people, and anyone interested in this possibility could advise the Superior of the Casa Santa Maria at the earliest convenient time.

4) It would be helpful for incoming priests to acquaint themselves with the fundamentals of the Italian language, especially vocabulary, before coming to Rome. We suggest that you arrive on SEPTEMBER 1, in order to participate in a program of Italian literature and language, if you are not familiar with the language. The following are the language programs available to those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity:

~~There are two special programs for incoming priests. One is a program of Italian literature and language, which begins on September 1. Another is a program of Italian literature and language, which begins on September 15. Both programs are available to those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity. The cost of the program is about \$100.00.~~

(b) The Canonesses of St. Augustine operate a language school that opens on September 15. Modern laboratory equipment, up-to-date teaching techniques and a certain amount of personal attention can be provided. Financial arrangements can be made on an hourly basis at a reasonable rate. Please ADVISE US if you wish to participate in this basic program that lasts about five weeks.

(c) A special course at the Italian University for Foreigners in Perugia, is available from September 4 to 29. Application for this program should be made directly to:

Università Italiana per Stranieri Piazza Fortebraccio
Palazzo Gallenga 06100 Perugia, Italia

The catalog lists the possibilities for accommodation during the period of the Language Institute. This is an exceptional opportunity, and some seminarians and priests prefer to take an extended program during the summer. This could provide an introductory course for those unfamiliar with the basics of Italian.

(d) Arrangements can be made here in Rome for a private tutor. This is generally more expensive.

(e) There are other programs available at Berlitz, the London School, etc., here in Rome.

5) Most everyday needs may be obtained in Rome. However, if you prefer particular brands, they may not be available or may be expensive.

6) Italian customs may levy duty on typewriters unless actually carried in hand or sent with belongings to Vatican City. Olivetti typewriters of excellent quality are available at reasonable cost in Rome.

7) Bed linen, blankets and laundry service are supplied by the Casa. Each resident is expected to provide his own towels, wash cloths, soap, etc. Please mark your clothing before arrival. Your laundry number is 17.

8) Cigarettes may be purchased at the Casa. The price is comparable to that in the States. American pipe tobacco and cigars are not available in Italy. Customs allows a small quantity of these items to be brought into the country. Such items being mailed from the States should be sent only to the Vatican address and not more than one box of cigars or pound of tobacco should be sent each month.

9) Electrical equipment: electric current in the Casa runs about 120-135 AC at 50 cycles (U.S. has 60 cycles). American-made typewriters, radios, etc., will generally run off this current. Electric razors may need a special transformer.

10) Roman weather is changeable. The fall and winter can be chilly and rainy. Sweaters, raincoat, umbrella, rubbers, top coat are advisable. Comfortable shoes for walking are a must.

11) Clerical dress is expected in Rome. The black suit and rabat are acceptable attire.

12) Books are available from many sources in Rome. Those books published in the U.S.A. are generally more costly than they would be if purchased in the States. Judge your needs accordingly. You should bring with you the basic texts and books that will be useful to you in your major area of concentration. The Seminary Division of the North American College operates a bookstore. They offer reasonable discounts for Casa residents.

13) Opportunity for recreation is ample. The facilities of the Seminary Department of the College are available to the Casa residents (tennis, handball, bowling, baseball). Sporting equipment is expensive and difficult to obtain, e.g. tennis shoes.

14) Money: Personal checks can be cashed at a small agency near the Casa, at American Express, Cook's Travel Agency, or at the Istituto per Opere di Religione at Vatican City. It is advisable to have a checking account in the States at your local bank. Make prior arrangements to have your money deposited there.

15) Blue Cross or similar hospitalization plans usually extend coverage to European hospitals. This should be checked before departure. Make certain that you have basic coverage.

16) No visa is required for entrance into Italy by American citizens. You will be required to apply for residence papers upon arrival at the Casa.

17) The universities begin their academic programs in mid-October. THE CASA SANTA MARIA IS OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 1st. Try to arrive at least by about October 1st.

18) An international driver's license is very useful—see AAA.

19) If you arrive by air, there is airport bus service from the airport to the central air terminal in Rome. Cabs are expensive. If you do take a cab, settle the price beforehand. This should never exceed 6000 lire, or about \$10.00.

20) If you plan to travel in Moslem countries or behind the Iron Curtain, it would be helpful to have your passport photo taken without Roman collar.

21) Please Inform the Superior of the Casa when and how you will arrive.

22) For any further information or advice write to:

Rev. Richard J. Mahowald
Casa Santa Maria
Via dell'Umiltà, 30
00187 Rome, Italy

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Archbishop of Chicago
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John Becker
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Your Eminence:

I wish to thank you for your check in payment of the fees here at the Casa Santa Maria for Reverend Robert C. Becker. I hope that Father Becker will feel very much at home here and come to enjoy his stay at the Casa Santa Maria. I am certain he has a positive contribution to make to all who are resident here.

We look forward to the beginning of the Institute program on September 20. This adds a wonderful dimension to the Casa Santa Maria family of priests. The contribution this group makes to the priests who are resident here is really quite significant. There is a harmonious balance and a mutual influence that will help priests of the future to live more comfortably in the company of each other and to share ideas in such a way that they will work for the best interests of the Church.

May I repeat again my sincere gratitude to all Your Eminence has done for the Casa Santa Maria. Your interest, encouragement and support are things that can be of help to us in the present and in the years ahead.

May I ask Your Eminence for your continued blessing and prayers that God might assist us with His grace this year and that we might enjoy a measure of success in the programs that we have here at the Casa Santa Maria.

With every good wish, I remain,

Yours very sincerely in the Lord,

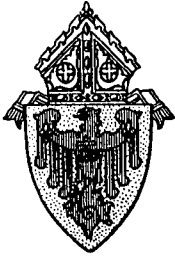


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Reverend Robert C. Becker
Queen of Martyrs parish
3539 W. 103rd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60655

Dear Father Becker,

You are hereby assigned to Rome for post-graduate studies in Canon Law, with residence at Casa Santa Maria, Via dell'Umiltà, 30, 00187 Rome, Italy. You are, therefore, relieved of all your duties at Queen of Martyrs parish.

We wish to thank you for the work that you have done both at the parish and at our Metropolitan Tribunal.

Wishing you much success in your studies in Rome, we remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Msgr. John M. Vitha, Pastor
Very Rev. John Dolciamore, Officialis

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His Eminence John Card. Cody
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Ill., 60690

Your Eminence:

Now that things have settled down and taken definite shape, I want to tell you about the program I have been able to work out for myself.

I spent the first several days inquiring about programs. I spoke to the dean of the faculty at the Gregorian University, Fr. Beyer, and to the Sec'y Gen. of the Lateran, Msgr. Biffi. I also spoke to as many of the American Students as I could find from each University, to find out what actually was being taught in the classrooms.

I discovered right away that there was no way an accredited University in Rome could give me a Licentiate in only one year. The requirements for this degree, of course, are not their own but those of the appropriate Congregation. There was no way that the Lateran, even, could allow me credit for work already done during my work for the STL at Mundelein. Msgr. Biffi was very definite on this point.

I then went about seriously comparing the courses offered by these two universities. I came to the conclusion that, contrary to what I had expected, the course at the Gregorian University would be much more useful to me in the work I expect to be doing for the Archdiocese at the Tribunal.

Both faculties contained about as many men in curial positions of one kind or another. On the other hand, the course descriptions in the catalogues and the observations of the older men here at the house from both schools suggested that the Gregorian was much more concerned with the shape of the law in the future than the Lateran. Certainly both schools teach the present code, as it is the law in force. Yet the Gregorian promised to go a step beyond by making us aware of the work of the revision commission, and the directions of their discussions, so that when we should encounter the 'new' law in the future, we will already be somewhat familiar with it. The relevant Vatican documents figure prominently in the catalogue of the Gregorian University, as well.

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With this information as a background, I felt that the direction being taken by the faculty at the Gregorian would be more practical and beneficial for me. I therefore registered at the Gregorian University as a regular full-time student in their Canon Law program. I must say that, right from the first, their classes have taken the directions they promised. The professors do not bind themselves to a canon by canon treatment, but are looking behind the present law to something more permanent, and therefore of more use to the student.

The main treatise this year is De Sacramentis, and we will of course concentrate on Marriage. We will also have short courses on some of the other sections of the code. The courses on De Personis and De Processibus will be the main matter next year, again with some smaller matters.

Through one of the professors at the Gregorian, I was offered an opportunity to work for a couple of months at the Congregation of the Sacraments. I began this week, and will be there three days each week until the work is completed. A group of us, under the direction of a Msgr Ragni, are doing a statistical survey of RNC cases from 1962, analyzing the kinds of people involved in these marriages, and the length of time required to process the case. It is interesting to see the work of the Congregation from their end, and I don't think the time involved will interfere with my studies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the interest you have shown, and for the investment you have made in my work. I have tried to keep this foremost in mind in lining up my program of studies. I hope that my studies here in Rome will enable me to be of the most service to yourself and the people of Chicago. I would feel it a compliment to receive any comments you might have to make on my program, or on any matter in which I might be of service while here.

Meanwhile, assuring you of a constant place in my prayers, I am, Your Eminence,

Sincerely yours in Christ

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5 January, 1973

Dear Cardinal Cody,

Two days ago I received two letters from you. One notified me that you had sent the bank a check to cover some of my transportation expenses. The other contained a very pleasant surprise in the form of a check and your good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

I am very grateful for this thoughtful and generous remembrance. Your continued generosity has removed whatever undertainty there was in my mind concerning my financial status. Since no one in my family is in a position to back me up, that was no small consideration. Once again, my sincere thanks.

I was surprised to discover that I had much more difficult a time adjusting to things when I returned in November than I had had the first time. I guess that we get so used to dealing with other people's emotions in times of stress that we forget we have some of our own. With the Christmas vacation behind, I feel my old self again, and expect no difficulty in getting to the task at hand.

Fr. Camelli and I had dinner with Fr Egan last night, as a sort of welcome. He seems eager to get at his new appointment, as well he might be. He offered some suggestions to me for my own research, which I will consider carefully. Once again, Your Eminence, I want to thank you for your interest, and especially for your generosity. May your New Year be filled with blessings and peace, for yourself personally, and for all the people of our Archdiocese.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

John Becker

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26 March 1973

His Eminence Cardinal John Cody
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Dear Cardinal Cody:

I hope that by now you have recovered from the fatigue of your round-the-world trip. I know that you were given very little time to rest while you were here in Rome. I had hoped to have the opportunity to discuss my program with you a little bit, but that was clearly impossible. I thought that I would do so in this letter.

The first semester exams are long gone now, successfully completed. There will be an exam in the course 'Jus Publicum' before the Easter holidays, and then the only exams facing me will be the finals in all the books of the code we have taken this year. That will be a thirty minute oral, which is not as bad as it might be. I am doing a seminar on the causes of nullity in marriage through defects in consent, which is very interesting. Fr. Navarette is good in his insight as to what makes a good case presentation. I am finding it very helpful.

The first phase of the study of RNC cases has been completed. The number codes are now being transferred from the work sheets to IBM sheets for use in optical scanning equipment that is at the Vatican. It will be some time before that stage of the project is finished. It seems that they do not plan to publish the material; it was uncertain whether it would be communicated privately to the Ordinaries or not. I suppose you know more about it than I.

I expect that our exams in June will be completed before the fifteenth of the month. I have agreed to assist the formation department of NAC in a project they have in conjunction with the US Army Chaplain's Office. There is a retreat program during July for high-school and jr. high-school dependants, in Berchtesgaden. So I expect to be there from July 6 until August 4.

I will be free from then until classes resume Oct 15, and Msgr. Mahowald strongly prefers that we vacate the house during August for maintenance purposes. So, if it is all right with you, I would like very much to return to the city during the remainder of August and part of September. I would be eager to assist at a parish for week-end help, and perhaps Father Dolcianiore could put me to work somehow at the Tribunal. What I would hope to have time to do, besides visiting with my friends, would be to do some re-

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search in connection with my license tessina, either at the Tribunal library, or the library at St. Mary of the Lake, or both. I am beyond the stage of being able to enjoy a protracted vacation-- I would rather be doing something constructive during these months.

I do not know what would be the best way to work out a living arrangement, but perhaps Msgr. Rosemeyer would be able to write me about it, if you would wish it that way. Since I would like to use the seminary library, that might be another possibility for a place to sleep. Or, if you would prefer, I could make my own arrangements.

With assurance of my daily prayers for yourself and all the people whom we serve, I am, Your Eminence,

Sincerely yours in Christ

Robert C. Becker

Rev. Robert C. Becker

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June 21 1973

Your Eminence,

I would like to thank you very much for your kind visit last Sunday, and even more for your generous gift. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I will leave Rome for Germany on 4 July; I will arrive in Chicago Sunday Aug 5. I will contact you after that time to express my thanks personally.

With best wishes for a peaceful and fruitful summer, I am,

Gratefully yours,
Fr. Robert Becker

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Mr. Daniel Ryan
Office of the Archbishop
Post Office Box 1279
Chicago, Ill., 60690

Dear Dan,

I wrote to the Cardinal today and mentioned to him that I had incurred some expenses that I thought you might be able to take care of. Specifically, three semesters of tuition, at \$112 each (\$336) and approximately \$100 for books. I rather think that that is all at the moment.

When I spoke to the Cardinal during the Summer, I mentioned some difficulty with our receipt of The New World. I called the circulation office of the paper at the Cardinal's suggestion, and it was very disappointing. They had not, very sorry to hear. Please express my thanks to the Cardinal, as he will appreciate it.

Thank you for your cooperation, Dan. I look forward to seeing you this Summer.

Sincerely yours,

Father Robert Becker

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Dear Cardinal Cody,

Now that I have been back in the City for a couple of weeks and am pretty well organized again, I have a chance to write to you.

Thanks to the co-operation I received from the library staff at St. Mary of the Lake, I have completed about half of my tessina for the license. I expect to put the rest of it on paper over the Nov. 1 week-end coming up. That will mean I can devote full time to classes without interruption. Our class load is considerably lighter this year. We are concentrating on De Processibus and De Personis and Roman Law, although there are several other smaller courses also. There will, I am sure, be ample time for me to prepare for the comprehensive exam at the end of the year.

The Casa is completely full. One man was living in the laundry room until someone else got sick and had to return to the States, opening up a room. We are about evenly split between good students and Institute participants. I understand that next year the administration will have to limit the number in the Institute to insure space for graduate students. Your information about Father Bagley was quite correct. He returns to the States next week. He will be the next Chancellor of Worcester, Mass. Msgr. Farrell replaces him.

The book you sent with me was delivered to Archbishop Farrell's office. This was no problem at all.

I am sending to Don Ryan a list of some courses I have procured--tuition and books. I am sure he will confer with you about them.

The rail here in Rome has been absolutely terrible. I hope this letter reaches you in good time. Moreover you get it, however, be assured of my continued prayers.

Travelling, after 10.15.73.

Father Robert A. Boskin

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November 16, 1973

Reverend Robert Becker
Casa S. Maria dell'Umilta
Via dell'Umilta, 30
00187 Rome, ITALY

Dear Father Becker:

I have received your interesting letter of October 30, 1973, and I am pleased to know that you are safely settled again in Rome. I am happy, too, to learn that you were able to get some good work done on your thesis while you were at the seminary.

We have had no official word about the appointment of Monsignor Ben Farrell to assume direction from the Audience Office, but I suppose that this will come in due time. I am pleased to learn that Father Bagley will be the Assistant Chancellor to my classmate, Bishop Flanagan of Worcester. Incidentally, I was one of his co-consecrators in Burlington, Vermont.

Mr. Ryan has given me your letter of October 30, 1973, and I have deposited a check in the amount of \$436.00 (cf. attached deposit slip) to your account as of this date.

With better transmittal of The New World, you will be able to keep up on the latest news.

I have had four funerals this week, two of them boys who were burned to death at Angel Guardian Home; today Monsignor Kelly's funeral, and I am now leaving to preside at the funeral of the third boy, a non-Catholic, at the Home. This whole thing was a tragedy, a youthful prank that fired back on the four boys who were in the room sniffing paint thinner. One either lit a cigarette or dropped a match in the can of paint thinner. There was a terrific explosion and two of the boys were actually burned to death; another ran out of the room in flames. He was 99% burned so it is a merciful blessing that the Lord took him to Himself. He is an Indian boy, not a Catholic. The fourth boy is badly burned internally and his lungs may possibly be scorched. He is still alive but it is doubtful whether he will survive.

Hoping that this will be in Rome to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving, and with all best wishes to yourself and your fellow Chicagoans, I am,
dear Father Becker,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

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22 April 1974

Dear Cardinal Eddy,

I hate to do this to you in what should be a season of joy, but I have to join the crowds of others who write to you asking for money. I had planned to cover my transportation home out of my pocket and discuss reimbursement when I arrived in Chicago. But a check with my bank statement suggests that this might not be a good idea. So, I am afraid I have to ask you to advance some money for my trip home.

My plans are to come home aboard the Michaelangelo, sailing July 4. The fare--student rate, second class--was to have been \$240, but the oil business has caused increases, so that it now stands at \$312. That includes a large allowance for personal effects, as you know, but I am sure I will be over that somewhat. Then of course I will have to get from New York to Chicago. Your Eminence, would it be unreasonable for me to ask for \$500? If you think proper, perhaps you could ask Mr. O'Connor to deposit whatever amount you do think proper in my account at the First National of Chicago, as he does with my salary. Needless to say, I appreciate whatever can be done. I am grateful that due to your support I have never really lacked for anything during my stay here.

I trust your Easter season was happy. I was lucky enough to be able to assist in the distribution of Communion at the Papal Mass on Holy Thursday, as well as to have rather good seats for the outdoor Easter Sunday morning Mass. I don't know what the papers said in the States, but the Pope did not look like a sick man. He did look like the man who is 77 years old and still works rather hard. His leg seemed to be bothering him slightly, but not too much, at least on Easter.

I am looking forward with some eagerness to finding out what assignment will be given me for a residence. Perhaps that is because it will be only the second parish assignment I have had since being ordained nine years ago. I think Fr. Keating knows me well enough, but naturally I would be happy to correspond with him if he wishes.

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Thanking you once again, Your Eminence, for your constant
interest in my work, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Robert C. Beck

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Reverend Robert C. Becker
Casa S. Maria Dell'Umilta
Via dell'Umilta 30
00187 Rome, Italy

Dear Father Becker,

In haste before my departure for the Regional Meeting
of the Bishops of Region 7, I want to acknowledge your letter of
April 22, 1974.

I am delighted to learn that your plans for your return
have fully materialized and I assure you that it was a pleasure a
pleasure to advise you that \$500.00 has been deposited to your
account here in Chicago.

I will speak with the Personnel Board this week about
your place of residence. I will have Father Keating communicate
with you as soon as this has been decided.

With every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear
Father Becker

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

cc to: Fr. Keating

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John Cardinal Cody**

TO **S. F. Nowak**

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Your Eminence:

Attached please find a copy of a deposit slip for Father Becker's bank account. The check for \$500.00 and the deposit slip will be mailed to the bank either this afternoon or tomorrow.

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Reverend Robert C. Becker
259 East 3rd Street
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126

Dear Father Becker:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as a full-time member of the staff of our Archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal, effective immediately. It is my understanding that at the present time you will best be able to serve the Tribunal in the capacity of Ecclesiastical Notary and Procurator/Advocate.

Since you have just recently returned to Chicago, may I ask you to contact my Officialis, Reverend John V. Dolciamore, to determine the exact date you shall begin your new duties, and to take the required oath of office.

With sincere congratulations on the successful completion of your Canon Law course, and wishing you every blessing and success in this new work, I am, dear Father Becker

Very truly yours in Christ,

+ John Card. Cody

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

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cc: Very Rev. John V. Dolciamore
Priests' Personnel Board ✓

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

TO: Mr. O'CONNOR - MAILING DEPARTMENT
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SENATE OFFICE

FROM: CARDINAL CODY

DATE: 7/17/74

Will you please make the following change immediately. When this change has been made, will you please advise the Cardinal's Office (Miss A. Punzi). Send back completed changes once a week. Thank you!

Rev. Robert C. BECKER (our diocesan priest)

from - Casa Santa Maria
Rome - ITALY

TO - Our Lady of the Snows Rectory (ASSOCIATE)
4858 S. Leamington
Chicago, IL 60638

and also Notary and Procurator/Advocate of the Metropolitan Tribunal.

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Reverend Robert C. Becker
Metropolitan Tribunal
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Father Becker,

In accordance with Canon 476, and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, His Eminence, Cardinal Cody, is pleased to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Leo J. Kinsella, Pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Chicago, and grants you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty. You will, however, also retain your present duties as Notary and Procurator/Advocate of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese.

It is understood that you will render every priestly assistance, in conformity with your duties in the Metropolitan Tribunal, to the Pastor of the Parish. It will be feasible, I am certain, for you to hear confessions and to assist with Masses on the weekend, and to take whatever other assignment would render your priestly service helpful to the parish.

This appointment is effective immediately, but I would ask you to make arrangements with Father Kinsella 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 Becker,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vicar General and Chancellor

cc: Very Rev. John V. Dolciamore
Reverend Leo J. Kinsella, Pastor
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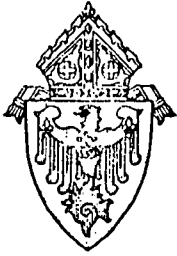
SAN DIEGO, Calif. (NC) -- Father Bertram Griffin of Portland, Ore., was elected president of the Canon Law Society of America at the society's annual convention here.

Father Edward Dillon of Atlanta, Ga., was elected vice president.

Other officers elected were: Father Robert Becker of Chicago, Ill., general secretary and treasurer; Father John Kinney of St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minn., recording secretary; and Fathers Thomas Green of Bridgeport, Conn.; Lucien C. Hendren of Santa Fe, N.M., and Msgr. John Hedderman of Salt Lake City, Utah, consultants.

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November 12, 1975

C
Reverend Robert C. Becker
Our Lady of the Snows Rectory
4858 S. Leamington
Chicago, Illinois 60638

Dear Father Becker:

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In accordance with Canon 476, 3, and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, it gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend John F. Fahey, Pastor of St. Clement parish, Chicago, and to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of this position. You will, however, retain your present position as Advocate of the Metropolitan Tribunal.

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This appointment is effective December 1, 1975, but I would ask you to contact Father Fahey about the exact time that you are to take up your new residence and duties.

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

+ John Cardinal Cody

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Rev. John F. Fahey, Pastor, St. Clement parish, Chicago
Rev. Leo J. Kinsella, Pastor, Our Lady of the Snows parish, Chicago
Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board

week of Nov. 24, 1975

bcc: Angie Punzi -- for TNW/ Notices and Priest's Personal File

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TO: MR. O'CONNOR - MAILING DEPARTMENT
MISSION PRESS - Mr. Eugene Watrach
SENATE OFFICE

FROM: CARDINAL CODY

DATE: 11/14/75

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Will you please make the following change immediately. When this change has been made, will you please advise the Cardinal's Office (Miss A. Punzi). Send back completed changes once a week. Thank you!

Rev. Robert C. BECKER (class of '65)

from - ASSOCIATE
O. L. of the Snows
Chicago 60638

TO - ASSOCIATE
St. Clement Parish
642 W. Deming
Chicago, IL 60614

(while retaining his present duties at the Metropolitan Tribunal).

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March 25 1976

Priest file

Reverend Robert C. Becker
St. Clement Rectory
642 W. Deming
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Father Becker,

In accordance with Canon 1573, 3, I am pleased to appoint you as Vice-Officialis of the Metropolitan Tribunal. This appointment is effective immediately upon your taking the required oath of office. In appointing you to this responsible duty, I would ask you to work under the direction of the Officialis, the Very Reverend John V. Dolcimore.

I am aware of your ability, dedication and willingness to be of help to myself and the Archdiocese and I appreciate sincerely your acceptance of this new assignment.

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in this work, I am, dear Father Becker,

Very truly yours in Christ,

+ John Card. Cody

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Very Rev. John V. Dolcimore, Officialis

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TO: Mr. O'CONNOR - MAILING DEPARTMENT
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SENATE OFFICE

FROM: CARDINAL CODY

DATE: 3/30/76

Will you please make the following change immediately. When this change has been made, will you please advise the Cardinal's Office (Miss A. Punzi). Send back completed changes once a week. Thank you!

Please NOTE that the following priests have been appointed
VICE-OFFICIALIS of the Metropolitan Tribunal:

Rev. Robert C. BECKER (while residing at St. Clement)

Rev. William A. SCHUMACHER (while residing at St. Peter Can.)

(refer to page VII of our directory)

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Priests file - Becker.

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH
642 DEMING PLACE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60614

one copy

April 2, 1976

His Eminence John Cardinal Cody
Archbishop of Chicago
1555 N. State Parkway
Chicago, Il., 60610

Your Eminence:

I would like to express to you my gratitude, for the confidence in my which you have shown in appointing me to the post of Vice-Officialis. I realize that this is a very responsible post in the Archdiocese. I hope that I will be equal to the task. You may be assured that I will do all I can to conduct the affairs of the Tribunal in such a way as will be a credit to the Archdiocese, to the priests and people we serve.

With gratitude to Your Eminence, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert C. Becker

Rev. Robert C. Becker

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June 4, 1976

Reverend Robert C. Becker, J.C.L., S.T.L.
The Metropolitan Tribunal
211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Father Becker,

On March 25, 1976 I appointed you as Vice-Officials to the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is now my pleasure to grant you the following faculties which you may use as the need arises, using the title of "delegated by special mandate."

Wishing you success in your work with the Tribunal and with kindest personal regards, I am dear Father Becker,

Very truly yours in Christ,

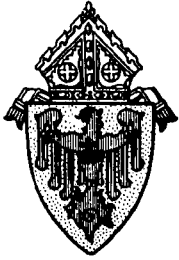
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Office of the Matrimonial Tribunal
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TO: CARDINAL CODY

FROM: FATHER BECKER

DATE: July 17, 1978

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Your Eminence:

Last week, Father Thomas Tivy and I received invitations from the Dean at the Catholic Theological Union, to teach their course in Sacramental Law for the coming year -- I in the Fall term and Fr. Tivy in the Winter term. Father Dismas Bonner, O. F. M., had been teaching this course. As you know, he has been chosen Provincial for his community, and will be unable to continue on the faculty.

I have discussed the matter with Father Dolciamore. The course involves instruction for some 150 minutes each week, and can be scheduled at our convenience. I feel that we will have sufficient time to schedule this without doing a disservice to the Tribunal. Father Dolciamore agreed. We both think it wise that instruction in Matrimonial law be provided by someone with practical experience in the field.

Although we have not committed ourselves, we have expressed our strong interest in teaching this course. If you have any objections, your Eminence, or wish to speak to us about it first, please let me know. I feel that we should give CTU a firm answer this week, so that scheduling can be arranged.

TO: FATHER BECKER and FATHER TIVY

FROM: CARDINAL CODY

DATE: 7/18/78

While I would like to have you assist the faculty at CTU, I wish to advise you confidentially that I have been already approached by another priest about this same position.

Furthermore, I do not believe good for you to become involved in this work. I would much prefer that you explain that your work in our Matrimonial Tribunal will not permit you to take time away from this commitment.

I hope you understand my position - I also would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the both of you for your fine priestly work. Kindest personal regards.

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M E M O

TO: Cardinal Cody
FROM: John V. Dolciamore *JSD*
DATE: September 29, 1981
RE: Course for Tribunal Judges

Your Eminence:

Almost all the arrangements have been made for Fathers Becker and Tivy to attend the Course for Tribunal Judges to be held at the Gregorian University in Rome beginning November 3. Rooms have been reserved for them at the Casa on Humility Street, and travel arrangements are just about complete.

Fr. Gordon, Director of the Course has accepted them as students. However, he would like a letter of permission for each to take the course. I am attaching a letter for each.

Would you be kind enough to sign each and return them to me? The instructions are that the letters accompany the registration form which each has now completed. We will return them to Father Gordon.

Many thanks.

TO: FATHER DOLIAMORE

FROM: CARDINAL CODY

DATE: 9/30/81

Attached are the two letters which I have signed for Fathers Becker and Tivy and which you will mail. I am giving a copy of this memo to Msgr. Brackin so that he will know of these arrangements.

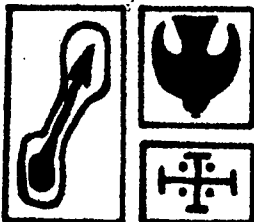
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cc: Msgr. Brackin

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Rev. Robert C. Becker
St. Clement Parish
642 W. Deming
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Bob:

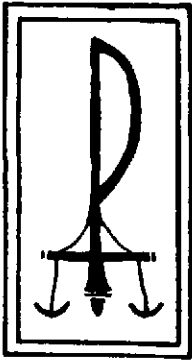
As you know, Very Rev. John P. Fahey has been appointed to a six year term as pastor. The Senate proposal that initiated the term of office proposal calls for an evaluation of a pastor's performance before reapplication for a second term.

Enclosed is an explanation of the entire evaluation process and the appraisal of pastor form you will be asked to fill out at a later date. The process is aimed at helping a Pastor make a good decision about reapplication in the sixth year.

Pastors appointed for a six year term are asked to complete the in-depth review of their performance in the third or fourth year of their pastorate.

I would like to summarize some elements of the explanation that affect you:

1. The form you will fill out will be seen only by the evaluation team and is confidential to them. They will share with the pastor a report based on the parish profile, the parish goals, and their interpretation of all the appraisal forms returned.
2. After this report has been discussed with the pastor and with others if this would be his decision, a final report is drawn up with commendations and recommendations. This report will be given to the Pastor and the Vicar. The Vicar will utilize this report in his following visits.



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3. In his sixth year, the pastor makes his personal decision to reapply. The Vicar based on his knowledge and the in-depth report is asked to support the pastor in his decision. If he cannot, a review process is available.

These procedures have been worked out after much consultation with pastors. As you note, the in-depth review you will be asked to participate in does not make a decision about reapplication. It comes before that time so that good information, support, and recommendations can be made to help the pastor.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me. The evaluation team your selected will also be in contact with you.

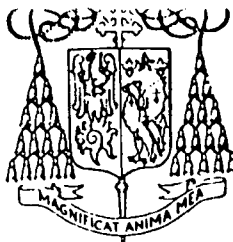
Thank you for your consideration and help.

Sincerely,

JEF/pma
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cc. Vicar- **Very Rev. Frederick Niemeyer**
✓ Clergy Personnel Board- Rev. John MaNamara
and
Rev. William Mannion

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*Print file
Fr. Becker*

Cardinal Cody

*thanks you most sincerely for your thoughtful Christmas greetings
and wishes you an abundance of blessings during the New Year.*

*On the occasion of his Golden Jubilee of ordination to the Priesthood,
he asks you to join with him in giving thanks to Almighty God.*

He gratefully extends to you a most cordial blessing.

+ John Cardinal Cody

P.S. - I am very grateful for your letter of December 22 -
I was very pleased to learn that your contact with
(over)

the Church Universal, gave all of you who attended the
"Cursus Renovationis pro Judicibus" a new perspective
on your Tribunal work.

Your thoughtfulness in celebrating Mass for my inten-
tions on December 9 at the Tomb of St. Peter is deeply
appreciated. The great support I have received in
recent months from all of our brother priests has been
a source of tremendous strength for me and has helped
me to bear this Crucifixion!

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M. Rev. John Card. Cody
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Dear Cardinal Cody,

1) I have just returned from six weeks in Rome, attending the "Cursus Renovacionis pro Judicibus" at the Gregorian University. I want to express my most sincere thanks to you for allowing Fr. Tivy and me to take part in this program. The course was very thorough. The major focus was on the final drafts of the New Code, which Cardinal Felice made available to us. I was able to spend quite a bit of time speaking privately with Fr. Gordon of the Greg, and received some advice which will be very helpful to us in the Tribunal. Among the lecturers were several of the Auditors of the Rota (including Msgr. Egan), so we were given a good insight into the thinking of the Rota on various points of jurisprudence. There were nearly eighty participants in the course, representing some forty-two countries. There were twelve from America. This opportunity to come in contact with the Church Universal gave all of us a somewhat new perspective on our Tribunal work.

2) Since I was not in the city at the time, let me take this opportunity to offer congratulations to you on your Golden Jubilee. On December ninth, all of us from Chicago went to St. Peter's to celebrate Mass for your intentions in the crypt, at the tomb of St. Peter. I understand the celebration here was splendid.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to take part in this program. I know it will help us in our work for the Tribunal.

1) And, lest I forget, best wishes for a Happy Birthday and a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,


Rev. Robert C. Becker

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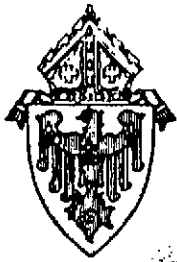
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Memo to: Cardinal Bernardin
From: Fr. Hergenrother
Date: December 14, 1983
Re: New Judicial Vicar - Rev. Robert C. Becker

I just wanted to remind you that in his letter of appointment the new code calls for a specific effective date and termination date.

It is my understanding that Fr. Dolciamore would like it to be as soon as possible.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Bernard Hanley
Manager of Media Relations
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin has named Rev. Robert C. Becker as Officialis (Chief Judge) for the Archdiocese of Chicago succeeding the Very Rev. John V. Dolcimore. Father Becker will head the Metropolitan Tribunal which chiefly adjudicates requests for declarations of nullity of marriage.

Cardinal Bernardin also re-appointed Rev. Leonard A. Bogdan as Vice-Officialis and named a judge of the tribunal, Rev. Thomas A. Tivy, as a second Vice-Officialis.

Father Dolcimore, Pastor of Divine Providence Church, Westchester, since 1976, has served the Tribunal since 1956. In 1967 he became Vice Officialis and assumed the responsibilities of Officialis in 1972.

Father Becker has been Vice Officialis of the tribunal since 1976. He served as Notary/Defender of the Bond from 1968 to 1972 and from 1974 to 1976. He recently completed a term as President of the Canon Law Society of America.

Father Becker attended St. Joachim Elementary School, 9035 S. Langley Ave., Chicago, and seminaries of the archdiocese, leading to his 1965 ordination to the priesthood.

Father Becker received his Licentiate in Sacred Theology from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in 1965 and the Licentiate in Canon Law from Rome's Gregorian University in 1974.

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Father Becker's assignments as Associate Pastor have included Queen of Martyrs Parish, Evergreen Park, 1965-1972; Our Lady of the Snows, 4858 S. Leamington, Chicago, 1974-1975. Since 1975 he has served as Associate Pastor at St. Clement Parish, 642 W. Deming Pl., Chicago.

Father Bogdan, Associate Pastor of St. Symphorosa Parish, 6135 S. Austin Ave., Chicago, served with the Metropolitan Tribunal as Defender of the Bond in 1968, Notary in 1969, Judge in 1977 and Vice Officialis in 1979. From 1974-77 Father Bogdan studied at the Rome's Pontifical Lateran University and in 1979 was awarded its Doctorate in Canon Law degree.

Educated at St. Turibius Elementary School, 4125 W. 56th Pl., Chicago, and at archdiocesan seminaries, Father Bogdan was ordained in 1960. His Associate Pastor assignments include St. Camillus Church, 5426 S. Lockwood Ave., Chicago, 1960-66; St. Isidore Church, Blue Island, 1966-70; St. Symphorosa Church, 6135 S. Austin Ave., Chicago, 1970-74 and 1977 to the present, except for a few months in 1979 when he served as Administrator at Sacred Heart Church, 4602 S. Honore Ave., Chicago.

Father Tivy, Associate Pastor at St. Sylvester Church, 2157 N. Humboldt Blvd., Chicago, has served the Tribunal as Advocate, 1968-74 and as Judge since 1974. Educated at Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School, 4416 N. Troy Ave., Chicago, and at archdiocesan seminaries, Father Tivy was ordained in 1962. In 1968 he received the Licentiate in Canon Law Degree from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. His assignments as Associate Pastor have included St. Lambert Church, Skokie, 1962-66; St. Hilary Church, 5600 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, 1968-76; and St. Gregory Church, 1634 W. Gregory Ave., Chicago, 1976-83.

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Dear Bob:

As a result of the consultation process and in light of our personal conversations, I am pleased to appoint you Officialis of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago in accord with Canon 1420. This appointment is effective January 1, 1984 until January 1, 1988 in accord with Canon 1422.

I am confident, Bob, that you will continue to expand the excellent canonical ministry of our Tribunal. I would ask that you place a special emphasis on collegiality, canonical competence and pastoral sensitivity.

As you begin an even more responsible ministry, be assured of my support and encouragement. On a more personal note, I hope you will take as good care of yourself as you do of the people of God.

I am enclosing with this appointment a list of special faculties delegated to you and the Vice Officialis'.

With prayerful good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Robert C. Becker, Officialis
Metropolitan Tribunal

cc - Clergy Personnel Board

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1. To substitute judges according to norm 19, 1 of Provida Mater.
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3. To commit cases to judgment by one judge.
4. To appoint auditors.
5. To direct the intervention of the promoter of justice in contentious cases.
6. To appoint and substitute the promoter of justice, defender of the bond, and notary in individual cases.
7. To administer the oath of office to tribunal officials and personnel.
8. To approve advocates.
9. To permit judges from other jurisdictions to gather evidence in confines of the archdiocese.
10. To execute sentences.
11. To instruct ratum non consummatum cases.
12. To investigate and issue decrees in presumed death cases.
13. To grant permission to the laity to institute civil divorce or separation proceedings (cc. 1152-1153)
14. In cases of the dissolution of a marriage by reason of the Pauline Privilege:
 - a) to make the interpellations with the faculty of subdelegating this authorization;
 - b) to dispense from the required interpellations according to the norms of law;
 - c) to permit the person who has been baptized to enter into another marriage. (cc. 1143-1150)

December 20, 1983

By mandate of His Eminence,
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

With firm faith, I, Reverend Robert C. Becker, believe and profess each and all of the articles which are contained in the Creed; that is:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. By whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. And of his kingdom there will be no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets. And one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen.

I also firmly accept and hold in each and every part all that the Church has either defined by way of solemn pronouncement, or asserted and stated by way of its ordinary magisterium, concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, as proposed by the Church: especially the doctrines regarding the mystery of the Church of Christ, the Sacraments, the Sacrifice of the Mass, and the Primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Reverend Robert C. Becker, promise before God that I will faithfully exercise the office of Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago which has been entrusted to me. In the fulfillment of my duties I will be guided by the Code of Professional Responsibility adopted by the Canon Law Society of America. So help me God.

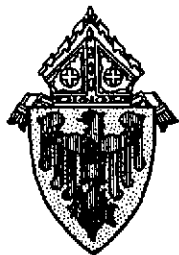
/s/ Robert C. Becker

Signed under oath before the undersigned on (month) Dec (day) 22
(year) 1983.

/s/ John Hugenother

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M E M O

TO: Rev. Robert C. Becker

FROM: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin *GLB*

DATE: June 11, 1984

In accord with the provision of Canon 1425, par. 4, and the recently received permission from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, I authorize you as Judicial Vicar to entrust cases to a single clerical judge, when in your judgment the ordering of cases in the Tribunal makes it impossible to establish a college of three judges.

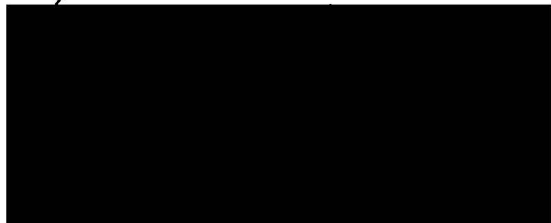
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Father Becker began sick leave on
March 9, 1986 at



Robert L. Kealy

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TO: CLERGY DIRECTORY
MAIL DEPARTMENT
SENATE
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
DATE: November 20, 1986

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Will you please make the following change immediately. Please make note of the following changes for:

Rev. Robert C. Becker *eff 11-7-86*

From: St. Clement Rectory
and
Officialis
Matrimonial Tribunal

to: Resident
St. Gertrude Parish
1420 W. Granville Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60660

and

Judge
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Dear Father Becker:

I am grateful for your outstanding work in the Metropolitan Tribunal. At this time, I would like to formally appoint you as a judge of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago in accord with canon 1421. This full time appointment is effective as soon as you sign your Oath of Office before the Chancellor, Father Robert L. Kealy, and will extend until January 1, 1990 in accord with canon 1422.

At the same time, Bob, I am pleased to appoint you to residence at St. Gertrude Church, Chicago, with the faculties of an associate pastor.

As you resume your work at the Tribunal, I wish to assure you of my personal support and encouragement.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Robert L. Kealy
Chancellor

✓ The Reverend Robert C. Becker
St. Gertrude Church
1420 W. Granville Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60660

cc: Clergy Personnel Board
Bishop Timothy J. Lyne
Rev. Robert L. Kealy

JLB:RLK/cfb

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

TO: CLERGY DIRECTORY
MAIL DEPARTMENT
SENATE
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
DATE: October 23, 1989

INFORMATION LINE
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Will you please make the following change immediately.

REV. ROBERT C. BECKER, '65 159
St. Gertrude Parish
1420 W. Granville
Chicago, Illinois 60660

Delete Father's name from your mailing list. He passed away yesterday.

cc: Linda Burns
Robbin Thomas

/cfb

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ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH
1420 West Granville
Chicago, Illinois 60660

October 23, 1989

Rev, and dear Father:

Rev. Robert C. Becker, class of '65, died Sunday, October 22, 1989.

Wake will be held at Barr Funeral Home, 6222 N. Broadway on Tuesday, October 24 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Body will lie in state at Church of St. Gertrude, 1420 W. Granville on Wednesday, October 25 from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m., followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 7:00 p.m. Priests wishing to concelebrate please bring alb and stole.

Interment on Thursday morning, October 26 at [REDACTED]

Kindly offer up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of his soul.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. William G. Kenneally

Rev. Thomas Cademartire

Rev. John Lynch



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Office of the Archbishop

DECREE

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

In accord with Canons 1432 and 1436, #1, I, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, hereby appoint for all cases the following to the office of Defender of the Bond for the Metropolitan Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Without prejudice to the principles enunciated in Canon 1436, #1 and #2, these appointments are valid and effective for five years.

✓ Reverend Robert C. Becker
Reverend Robert Flinn, SVD
Reverend Michael A. Hack
Reverend David Hynous, O.P.
Reverend Robert L. Kealy
Reverend Patrick R. Lagges
Reverend John P. Lucas
Reverend David Mulvihill
Reverend Louis Palazzola
Reverend Daniel Smilanic
Reverend Thomas A. Tivy

Archives of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Robert L. Kealy
Chancellor

Given at Chicago
This 30th Day of June, 1989

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Office of Administrative Services

October 23, 1989

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Witness of the Archdiocese: [Signature]

TO: ALL PASTORAL CENTER AND RELATED AGENCY EMPLOYEES
FROM: EMPLOYEE SERVICES

Rev. Robert C. Becker, Tribunal Office, passed away over the weekend.

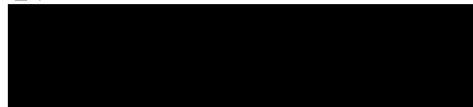
Following are the funeral arrangements:

Visitation: Tuesday, October 24, 1989
3:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Barr Funeral Home
6222 North Broadway
Chicago, Illinois 60660

Father Becker will lie in state:
Wednesday, October 25, 1989
3:00 to 7:00 P.M.
St. Gertrude Church
1420 W. Granville Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60660

Funeral Mass: Wednesday, October 25, 1989
7:00 P.M.
St. Gertrude Church
1420 W. Granville Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60660

Interment: Thursday, October 26, 1989
10:00 A.M.



REV. ROBERT C. BECKER, '65, died Sunday, October 22, 1989 at the age of 50. Former Officialis and presently Judge of the Metropolitan Tribunal.

Wake: Tuesday, October 24, 1989, 3-9 PM
Barr Funeral Home
6222 N. Broadway

Lying in state: Wednesday, October 25, 1989, 3-7 PM
St. Gertrude Parish
1420 W. Granville Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60660
764-3621

Funeral: Wednesday, October 25, 1989, 7 PM
St. Gertrude Parish

Bishop Timothy J. Lyne is scheduled for the Mass

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PMS JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNADINE, DLR

155 EAST SUPERIOR ST

CHICAGO IL 60611

ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CANON LAW SOCIETY OF AMERICA, I EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY TO YOU AND TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO ON THE LOSS OF FATHER ROBERT BECKER. FATHER BECKER'S SERVICE AS TREASURER AND PRESIDENT OF THE CANON LAW SOCIETY IS FONLLY REMEMBERED. HIS FRIENDSHIP AND EXPERTISE WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED. BE ASSURED OF OUR PRAYERS IN THIS TIME OF SORROW.

EDWARD G PFNAUSCH

EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

REPORT ON INSURANCE POLICIES OF DECEASED PRIEST

Name: REVEREND ROBERT C. BECKER

Date of death: OCTOBER 22, 1989

1. There was an Archdiocesan policy with Aetna paying \$2,000

Named beneficiary: [REDACTED]

2. Optional policy with Hartford Insurance

This policy pays \$2,000 if the deceased was under age 60 and \$1,000 if he was over age 60 at the time of death.

X Yes, Father had this policy

 No, Father did not have this policy

Named beneficiary: ESTATE

Two certified copies of the death certificate are needed for each policy.

These insurance matters are handled by:

Ms. Robbin Thomas
Archdiocese of Chicago
Employee Services Department
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690
Tel. (312) 751-5359

This report was prepared by: MISS CONCETTA F. BRUNO

Date of this report: OCTOBER 24, 1989

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Memo from
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki

To Joe Treason Date 1/6/99

I am returning to you the attached file for Fr. Robert Becker, deceased. However, I am retaining the sealed envelope that was in his file and will re-activate it in the chancellor's office as a misconduct file due to a pending legal claim.

Fr. Paprocki

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
VICTIM ASSISTANCE MINISTRY
CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION**

For the purpose of review of the treatment being provided me, I hereby give permission to _____ to release a report concerning my treatment as itemized below to the Office of Professional Responsibility, Victim Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and its Clinical Advisory Panel comprised of licensed mental health professionals, representatives of the office and the Office of Vicar for Priests. These recipients may disclose this information as necessary in consulting with other mental health professionals who specialize in areas relevant to my treatment. Otherwise, no further redisclosure by these recipients is authorized without my specific, written consent.

The written report to which I give consent shall include but not be limited to the following:

- An initial diagnostic formulation
- Treatment orientation/model
- Initial treatment plan and goals
- A periodic progress review of treatment
- Any medication or psychiatric/medical consultation
- Changes in treatment planning and goals
- Recommendations.

I also authorize _____ to respond to all questions of the Office of Professional Responsibility concerning these aspects of my treatment, whether oral or written.

I recognize my right to inspect and copy, if I so choose, all records and other written information to be disclosed pursuant to this consent.

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My signature below indicates that I have carefully reviewed this consent form and freely consent to the disclosure of the records and information as specified above.

11-11-99
Date

11-11-99
Date

Kathleen Liggan
Witness' Signature

Kathleen Liggan
Witness' Name Printed

This can be returned:

Michael J. Bland
Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of Assistance Ministry
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

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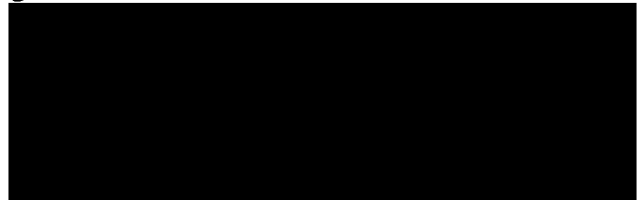
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Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of Assistance Ministry
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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.

11-11-99
Date



Print Name

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

11-11-99
Date

Michael J. Bland
Signature

Michael J. Bland
Print Name

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Office of Professional Fitness Review
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Chicago, IL 60611



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Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-72
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator
Re: Robert Becker
Date: November 22, 1999

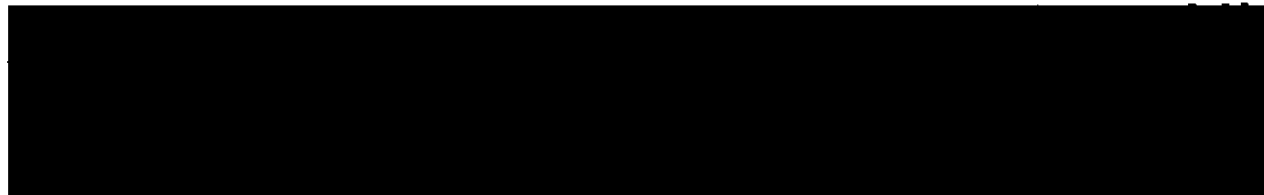
Summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Meeting on November 20, 1999:

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review of the allegation of [REDACTED] against Fr. Becker. The details of the allegation, time frame, etc. are consistent with previous allegations. Accordingly, the Board Members and PFRA who interviewed the alleged victim find the allegation to be credible. Fr. Becker is deceased and therefore no further information is available.

ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL

3-29-93

- "I'm calling about something that happened several years ago."
- "Have you called me before?" "No." It was back in the 70's...
- Archdiocesan priest.
- He was under 18 yrs. old - "in grammar school"
- I am talking "sexual misconduct."
- I want information. Robert Becker - Queen of Martyrs on South Side; he's since passed away, is my understanding. But lots of things happened back then in...'68-'69-'70. He was a young priest then. It was so involved by sexual misconduct against others. It was peripheral in my case. My concern that it hasn't happened to any one else. To see if he's still out there. He went to Rome at some time.
- St. Clement's in Chicago - Deming Pl. - when I last saw him 5/6 years ago. He had been a resident there.
- He was put in charge of Sex Education at the parish - he'd meet on an individual basis with the boys and alot of things happened. Also in the Locker Room re. the school athletics.
- He had other guys undress. He said he was doing a study for the Catholic League (sport's league) and he'd ask me to weigh-in in the nude - 3 or 4 other guys also.
"I don't think he ever actually touched me." I am fairly confident that he did fondle other boys there - friends of mine...probably 1/2 the males in his school year - so he probably met with 30-50 males. There were about 170-200 kids in my 7th or 8th grade class. Most of us now in our late 30's.
- For now, I'd like to leave my name anonymous but if he's alive, I'll tell you my name and do whatever I have to to give you more information.



- He's not sure how he found out that Becker may have died. A pretty good source, though, he thinks.

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- Checked with Archdiocesan Directory - he's not in directory.
- 3-29-93, 3:00 p.m. - Per Chancellor Tom Paprocki - he confirms that the Rev. Robert Becker is deceased.

PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] - 4-5-93

- (Now identified himself as [REDACTED] but only first name).
- [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

To: Professional Conduct Administrative Committee

From: Jan Leonatti

Re: [REDACTED] Family

Date: July 24, 2002

The attached is a copy of a Catholic Lawyer's Guild questionnaire completed by [REDACTED]. She alleges abuse by Father Ken Ruge (deceased) and Father Robert Becker (deceased). This is a case we are aware of that has been previously settled. In her comments, she states that [REDACTED]

By this memo, I ask that Ralph contact [REDACTED] to see if these are new allegations, or those previously settled.

Attachment

A handwritten signature, likely of Jan Leonatti, in cursive script.

The following are issues that will come before the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) at their June meeting. Cardinal George would like your feedback so he may help shape policy that reflects the point of view of the laity of the Archdiocese.

Victims:

Lifetime therapy

Upon making an allegation, what assistance does a victim expect from the Archdiocese?

Comments:

*Names turned over to Authorities.
"Statute of limitations" lifted*

Reassignment to ministry:

No priest should ever be reassigned to parochial ministry after a substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

No priest should ever be reassigned to *any other* ministry (office work, hospital chaplain, etc.) after a substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

Any reassignment to any ministry after a substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor must be accompanied by full public disclosure, and in consultation with parishes, victims, and other concerned parties.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

*They're out period!
This is a crime - minors involved.*

Any reassignment to any ministry after a substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor must be approved by a diocesan fitness review board, which includes lay persons and experts not in the employ of the Archdiocese.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

No, this is a crime

Reporting allegations:

All allegations involving sexual misconduct with a person still a minor should be reported to the civil authorities whether required by law or not.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

All new allegations involving sexual misconduct with a person who was a minor when the alleged abuse occurred, but is now an adult, should be reported to the civil authorities.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

*Even old allegations
Please left the statute of limitation*

The names of all clergy against whom any allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor has ever been made should be released to civil authorities.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

The names of all persons who have made allegations of sexual misconduct against a priest should be released to the civil authorities.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

Each diocese should have an independent review board to receive allegations against priests.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

*along with people regarding
the law. These are crimes*

Accountability:

Bishops should commit themselves publicly to being accountable to each other and to their people for the implementation of their policies regarding sexual misconduct.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

*Our local priest did nothing. They were
not coming at all. Just Cardinal Bernardini*

The USCCB should adopt "zero tolerance" and full-reporting policies.

Circle one:

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

Other comments:

Name (optional)

Parish (optional)

Return To:

The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Ch.
c/o David M. Hartigan
Carroll Hartigan Cerney Ltd.
30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60602

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter written to Cardinal Bernardin, by the mother of three children, Victim GK, Victim GL, and Victim GM, abused by Fr. Robert Becker, dated February 28, 1994. In her letter, the mother requests a meeting between members of her family and Cardinal Bernardin to address the damage, hurt, and loss of faith suffered by her family as a result of the abuse of her three children.

***Contact Names and Numbers for
Reporting Sexual Misconduct of Clergy.***

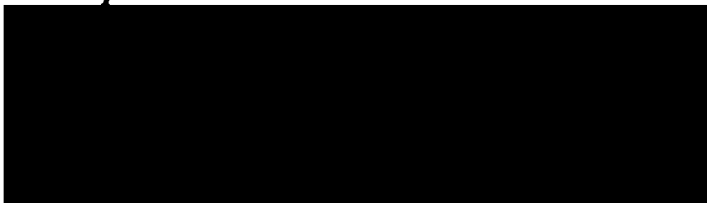
Illinois State's Attorney's Office:
312-890-2796

Division of Children and Family Service(DCFS):
1-800-252-2873

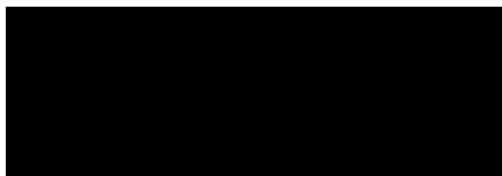
Archdiocese of Chicago Fitness Review Director:
Steve Sidlowski 312-751-5206 Cook/Lake County 800-996-6200
Rita Mongan 312-751-5206 Cook/Lake County 800-996-6200

Archdiocese of Chicago Assistance Ministry:
Ralph Bonaccorsi 312-751-8267 312-751-8293
Michael Bland 312-751-8267 direct 312-664-1055
Mayra Flores 312-751-8267 312-751-8293

Therapists/Counselors:



I, [REDACTED] was given a copy of these names and numbers by Michael Bland and Ralph Bonaccorsi. At the sametime, they explained my rights in reporting sexual abuse/misconduct of clergy to minors.



October 10, 1993

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests
✓ Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
✓ Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Patricia Zacharias, Office of Professional Responsibility

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino^{LNP}, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: January 12, 2007

RE: [PFR-72] Becker, Rev. Robert (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 1/12/07.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Becker, Rev. Robert/ [REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Dennis Lyle, Rector, Mundelein Seminary
Very Rev. James Presta, Vicar, St. Joseph Seminary

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-72

From: Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator 52

Re: Becker, Rev. Robert (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Date: January 12, 2007

PRAA and Mayra Flores met with [REDACTED] and his attorney [REDACTED] this morning. The purpose of the meeting was to formalize [REDACTED] allegation of sexual abuse against another priest as well as Fr. Becker.

A file will be opened regarding the above new case and the information will be entered into the RADAR database.

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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-72 and PFR-37

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Becker, Rev. Robert [REDACTED]
Ruge, Rev. Kenneth/ [REDACTED]

Date: March 3, 2004

PRA contacted [REDACTED] today as a follow-up to a phone conversation that he had with Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi of Assistance Ministry on January 9, 2004.

Upon [REDACTED] request, PRA explained to him the nature of today's phone call. When asked by PRA, he agreed that it was not a good time for him to talk. [REDACTED] asked for PRA's name and contact information and indicated that he would contact PRA at his convenience.

[REDACTED] was reached by his cellular phone [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
✓ Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility ^{LNP}

DATE: October 28, 2003

RE: [PFR-72] Becker, Robert Charles (Deceased) [REDACTED]

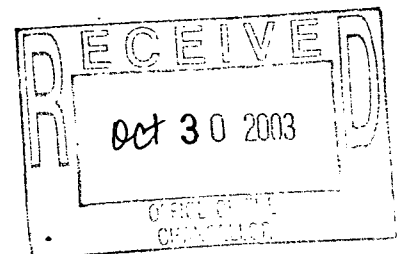
Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 10/21/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Becker, Robert Charles [REDACTED].

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway



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October 15, 2003

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

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE: [REDACTED] v. Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

This is to advise you that we represent the interests of [REDACTED] in a claim against the Archdiocese of Chicago, Fr. Ken Ruge and Fr. Robert Becker for misconduct while those priests were serving in and for the Archdiocese of Chicago. This letter is to advise you of our representation and to confirm our understanding that we have entered into a tolling agreement, a copy of which is included.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey R. Anderson
jeff@andersonadvocates.com

JRA:tat

cc: Marc Pearlman

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review
✓ John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, ^{LNP}Administrative Assistant
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: April 24, 2003

RE: [PFR-72] Becker, Robert (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 4/23/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, 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 Becker, Robert [REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

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Office of Professional Fitness Review
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Chicago, IL 60611



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November 29, 1999



Dear 

Please be advised that the Review Board conducted a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Reverend Robert Becker engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

Since Father Becker is deceased, the Board is unable to take any further action.

Please know that our Assistance Ministry (312-751-8267) is available to you. If you have any questions concerning the Board's determination, you can reach me at 312-751-5206.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

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

AOC 000088

January 14, 1999

MEMORANDUM

To: FILE
From: KATHLEEN LEGGDAS, PFRA
Re: [REDACTED] ALLEGATION AGAINST FRS. BECKER (dec'd) & KEN RUGE

Victim Assistance Minister and I explained our roles, distributed VAM brochure and copy of the PFR Policies and Procedures. I informed [REDACTED] of current monitoring and protocol restrictions in place for Fr. Ruge.

Attached is the Statement given by [REDACTED] alleging sexual misconduct as a minor by Fr. Becker and Fr. Ruge (PFR-37)

[REDACTED] was clear and concise in his account of the alleged misconduct. He periodically consulted with [REDACTED] his attorney.

Note that [REDACTED] indicated he would draft a response to some or all of the questions he advised his client not to answer. [REDACTED] wanted to be precise in the wording of these.

[REDACTED] indicated that therapy is one interest of [REDACTED] Ralph Bonaccorsi (VAM) offered to provide a list of all therapists we currently use.

[REDACTED] stated at the outset that, although he and his client want to cooperate with our process, he saw the meeting purpose to be a settlement negotiation.

Information will be presented to the Review Board on 1/16/99.

cc: Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Rev. Lawrence McBrady
[REDACTED]

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Memorandum

To: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

From: Patty Zacharias, Assistant Director (AD), Office for Child Abuse Investigation and Review (CAIR)

PZ

RE: (PFR-72) Fr. Robert Becker(deceased) [REDACTED]

Date: June 8, 2007

The CAIR office recently received the final allegation report from [REDACTED] through his attorney's office.

The report has been distributed and the matter concluded within RADAR.

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Memorandum

TO: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Mayra Flores, Office of Assistance Ministry
Vicar for Priests Office

FROM: Patty Zacharias, Assistant Director (AD), Office for Child Abuse Investigations
and Review (CAIR) (PZ)

RE: **PFR 72 Becker, Rev. Robert (Deceased)** [REDACTED]

Date: June 1, 2007

Please find attached the final allegation report regarding the above case.

The formalization process for this allegation has now been completed within CAIR and thus noted in RADAR.

AOC 000091

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim H's statement, given to Ms. Zacharias on April 2, 2007, formalizing his allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Robert Becker at Queen of Martyrs Parish in the late 1960's or early 1970's. According to Victim H's statement, Victim H participated in masses several times a week which were led by Fr. Becker. When Victim H was in the seventh grade, Fr. Becker requested personal conferences with Victim H, as he did with other male students. Fr. Becker performed oral sex on Victim H or forced Victim H to perform oral sex on him during four of these private meetings he conducted in a conference room at the school. Victim H also reported that Fr. Becker visited the men's locker room to watch student athletes undress themselves and encouraged the seventh and eighth grade boys to watch the older students who were more physically developed.

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Memorandum

TO: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Mayra Flores, Office of Assistance Ministry
Vicar for Priests Office

FROM: Patty Zacharias, Assistant Director (AD), Office for Child Abuse Investigations
and Review (CAIR) (PZ)

RE: **PFR 72 Becker, Rev. Robert (Deceased)** [REDACTED]

Date: May 30, 2007

Please find attached the final allegation report regarding the above case.

The formalization process for this allegation has now been completed within CAIR and thus noted in RADAR.

AOC 000093

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim I's statement, given to Ms. Zacharias on January 12, 2007, formalizing his allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Robert Becker. According to Victim I's statement, Victim I came to know Fr. Becker through Fr. Ruge. In October 1983 Fr. Becker arranged to take Victim I to a resort at Woodhaven Lakes RV Park near Sublette, Illinois. Fr. Becker asked Victim I to complete a multiple choice questionnaire that was sexual in nature, including questions about masturbation. During the trip Fr. Becker also exposed himself, masturbated Victim I and attempted anal sex with him. Abuse of a similar nature occurred during other trips with Fr. Becker to Woodhaven, on an out of state trip, and during an overnight stay at St. Clements rectory between approximately 1983 and 1986 when Victim I was in approximately eighth to tenth grade. Victim I reports going to Woodhaven with Fr. Becker seven to eight times per year, often with other boys. Fr. Ruge would also accompany them on these trips on occasion, including to Woodhaven and out of state. During these trips, Fr. Becker and/or Fr. Ruge would ask the boys to sleep in their beds with them, or would find opportunities to have to share beds. Victim I also alleges abuse by Fr. Ruge.

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VIA FACSIMILE (847-969-9514) & U.S. MAIL

Mr. Joseph G. Klest
Law Offices of Joseph G. Klest
1701 E. Woodfield Road, Ste. 909
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Re: [REDACTED] Rev. Robert Becker

Dear Mr. Klest:

I am following up on your letter of March 1, 2007 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that someone from her office has been or will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8267), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.

Please direct your communications about this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



James A. Serritella

lj

cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)
Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)

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Mr. Joseph G. Klest

April 19, 2007

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[REDACTED]

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March 1, 2007

[REDACTED]

Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of the Chancellor
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

RE: [REDACTED] v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, et al.

To Whom It May Concern:

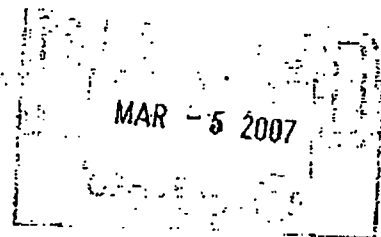
Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED] in his claim against the ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO and Father Robert Becker arising out of sexual childhood abuse committed by Father Becker when [REDACTED] was a minor.

Please be advised that I claim a lien for my services as attorney for the above-captioned individual, and I ask that someone contact me before March 16, 2007 to discuss a reasonable resolution to this claim.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

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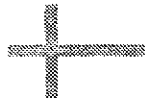
**THE TOLLING BELL —
A DEVOTION**

*No man is an island, entire of
itself; every man is a piece of
the continent, a part of the
main. If a clod be washed
away by the sea, Europe is
the less, as well as if a
promontory were, as well as
if a manor of thy friend's or of
thine own were: Any man's
death diminishes me, because
I am involved in mankind,
and therefore never send to
know for whom the bell tolls;
it tolls for thee.*

Meditation XVII
John Donne

ROBERT CHARLES BECKER

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August 22, 2005



Archdiocese of Chicago
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RE: [REDACTED] v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, et al.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED] in his claim against the ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO and Fathers Ken Ruge and Robert Becker arising out of sexual childhood abuse committed by Father Ruge and Father Becker when [REDACTED] was a minor.

Please be advised that I claim a lien for my services as attorney for the above-captioned individual, and I ask that someone contact me before September 1, 2005 to discuss a reasonable resolution to this claim.

Very truly yours,



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September 28, 2005

VIA FACSIMILE [REDACTED] & U.S. MAIL

[REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED] Rev. Ken Ruge and Rev. Robert Becker

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on your letter of August 22, 2005 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that someone from her office has been or will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8267), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.

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Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

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cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)
Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)

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Mr. Joseph G. Klest
September 28, 2005
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MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

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

DATE: March 31, 2005

RE: [PFR-37]Ruge, Kenneth (Deceased)/[REDACTED]
[PFR-72]Becker, Robert (Deceased)/[REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 3/24/05. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Becker, Robert and Ruge, Kenneth [REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Rev. George Rassas, Vicar General

AOC 000105

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March 31, 2005

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

My name is Leah McCluskey and I am the Professional Responsibility Administrator at the Archdiocese of Chicago. I work in the Office of Professional Responsibility where we receive all allegations of the sexual abuse of minors by clerics in this diocese. Cardinal George forwarded me a copy of your February 17, 2005 letter to him.

[REDACTED] I am so sorry for the pain that you and your loved ones have experienced as a result of the abuse you sustained as a child. I am thankful that you have written to Cardinal George at this time and shared all that you have.

From your letter, I do understand that you do not wish to go into detail of the abuse that you sustained. However, I have enclosed information about my office with this letter. If you so choose, please feel free to read the information and if you find yourself with questions or concerns, please contact me at any time either by letter, phone, e-mail, or fax. The following is my contact information:

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[REDACTED] please know that my thoughts are with you and your family. I look forward to hearing from you at any time if you wish.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

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

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

Dear Cardinal George:

I am writing to you now because I can no longer control my thoughts. I hope that this letter finds your desk without too many eyes reviewing...

The reason for this letter is because of something that happened [REDACTED] when I was 11 years old. This incident involved a priest in the Chicago Archdiocese, and I was able to shut it out of my mind until recently...

From 1984 to 2002 I was not bothered by the "incident", and lived a normal life. In 2002, when all of the abuse lawsuits came out with the church, images came back. I forced myself to forget what happened [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In 2003, when more abuse was in the media, I again forced myself to forget what happened [REDACTED] Now, for the last month, images are constantly distracting me and I'm afraid they are not only affecting me, but also my home life and career.

I am writing to you because I need answers. How could priests do something like this? How could you (the Archdiocese) hide them? What is done now to expose these types and keep them away from kids? These are just a few questions of the many I have...

I am not willing to go into detail about my past "incident" at this time... However, I would like you or someone on your staff to research the below (these 2 priests co-owned a trailer in Michigan for "retreats").... After that, I would like a response in writing or possibly a meeting to discuss how you (The Archdiocese) can help me in my restless time. I don't think that is asking too much...

- Father Becker (deceased)
- Father Rugsy (deceased)
- Woodhaven RV Park (Michigan)

I look forward to your response.

[REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

To: Assistance Ministry
From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino *LNP*
Re: Becker, Robert (Deceased) [REDACTED]
Date: September 14, 2004

The above matter is concluded and is being referred to Assistance Ministry for follow-up.

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

AOC 000108

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim AQ's statement, given to Ms. Leggdas on November 12, 1999, formalizing his allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Robert Becker. According to Victim AQ's statement, he came to know Fr. Becker through Fr. Ruge at St. Leonard, who was a friend of the family, in the sixth and seventh grade. According to Victim AQ the two priests owned a trailer in Woodhaven RV Park. Fr. Becker and Fr. Ruge took Victim AQ and other boys on weekend trips to Woodhaven Lakes. Victim AQ reported that on these trips, Fr. Becker slept naked beside Victim AQ, fondled his genitals, masturbated him and forced Victim AQ to fondle Becker's genitals. Victim AQ had initially contacted the Archdiocese regarding his abuse by Fr. Becker in 1992, after his family was questioned by the State's Attorney's Office.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File
FROM: Father Kealy *PK*
RE: Father Robert Becker
DATE: February 27, 1992

On February 24, I received a call from [REDACTED] and spoke with her. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I talked with her again today. Her brother [REDACTED] is the father of [REDACTED] I know their family and they are fine people. [REDACTED] She has [REDACTED] sons: [REDACTED]

She and her family had been close friends of Ken Ruge and Bob Becker. She said that she just found out that her two older sons had been abused by Bob Becker. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said yes. Apparently it was fondling and happened more than once. It started when [REDACTED] was 12, but [REDACTED] don't know how often it happened or for how long a period of time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that the first time was at Woodhaven Lakes, where Becker had a trailer. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had been part of Becker's [REDACTED] However, he was oblique about what his problem was and [REDACTED] never fully realized what the problem was, much less related it to their own family.

AOC 000110

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] said they have two friends whose sons were abused by another priest and they will be contacting me or Pat O'Malley. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Jan. 30, 1989

RE: Robert Becker

1. Bill Kennealley came in just for his periodic report on how things are going. He said that basically it is a matter of maintenance. He doesn't really have much contact with Bob in the rectory.

2. One of Bill's concerns is that when he talked to Tom Ventura about taking Bob, there was no discussion at all of the length of time that Bob would be there. Bill thinks now that that might have been a mistake. It would probably be better if a term had been established. Bob has been there about two years now. The only thing that was pretty definite was that there was no expectation of Bob to do any parish work. It would be very difficult for Bill to sit down with Bob now to try to negotiate a term. He doubts if Bob would even want to sit down.

3. Bill does not want to over-state the problem. This is not a high priority situation with him. But it is a little awkward and Bill just wonders how long will Bob remain there.

4. Bill used the word "languishing" to describe Bob's situation. He has no involvement in the parish whatever. He has very little outside interests. He reads mystery stories, plays with his computer and is in his room most of the time. He is very preoccupied with his health. Basically, Bob seems to be incapacitated. He is not of any real help at the parish and Bill wonders if this is good for Bob for the diocese to keep him in this kind of situation. It also seems as though Bob is going to the Tribunal less and less. There just seems to be a general weariness about him.

5. It's also awkward with regard to the parishioners. Bob seems to cast a pall over everything. Bill gave an example of how on Sunday morning three or four parishioners were with him in the kitchen having a good time, laughing and joking, etc. Bob walked in and there was immediate silence. It was very awkward, as not even Bill knew just what to say. Then Bob went on and the joking and laughing resumed. It just seems as though no one quite knows how to deal with it.

6. [REDACTED] There have been no young boys in the rectory and Bob has had no contact with anyone.

7. I told Bill that I would do the best I could to check with Bob to see how long he plans to be at St. Gertrude's, what is happening at the Tribunal and the possibility of him teaching at the seminary, etc. But I did not give Bill much hope that I would succeed in clarifying the situation. I told Bill that it is bewildering for all of us and I just appreciated very much his willingness to be kind and offer Bob gracious shelter.

ROBERT C. BECKER

1420 W. Granville
Chicago, IL 60660

May 31, 1988

Rev. Raymond Goedert
Office of the Vicar for Priests
800 N. Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ray,

I would like to take care of a couple of items of business.

[REDACTED] I received it a couple of weeks ago. I would like to ask if you could forward it to PRMAA for payment. I cannot handle such a big chunk at once and it is quite old already.

[REDACTED]

Finally, because I will not be back to keep our scheduled appointment on June 14, I asked Joyce to suggest a re-schedule. She suggested 10:00 on June 23 (Thursday). If there is a problem with that after I am gone, you could leave a message with the secretary here at the rectory.

Thanks, Ray, for all your help and support. I am really looking forward to this workshop.

In Christ,

Bob Becker
Bob Becker



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Vicar for Priests
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311
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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File
DATE: Feb. 18, 1988
RE: Robert Becker

1. Bill Kenneally, the pastor of St. Gertrude, met with me today just to give a progress report on Bob Becker's presence in the rectory. Bill wasn't quite sure what his role was as the on-sight supervisor, but he thought he ought to touch base with me.

2. With regard to Bob's personality, [REDACTED]

But it just seems as though Bob is in a world all of his own. He is quite concerned about his health and seems to lack any joy. This makes him a bit unattractive to live with. Bob is not involved in the parish at all. As an example, Bill mentioned that a parishioner who was "Mr. Pillar of the Church" had died and Bill just mentioned it to Bob and Bob had no idea at all who he was.

3. With regard to his work habits, Bill doesn't think he goes to the Tribunal very often. Actually, Bill doesn't know how many days Bob is supposed to go but he notices that Bob is around the house late in the morning quite frequently. Bill is not sure it's a good idea for Bob to be in a parish with no parish involvement. He says Mass on Sunday and his homilies can sometimes be quite long and sad and a sort of "veil of tears" approach. Bob doesn't get much positive feed-back on his homilies. He also says Mass once or twice during the week.

4. On a positive note, the secretary at the rectory said the other day that she thought that Bob "seemed to be a little more pleasant". I mentioned to Bill that that was my reaction also the last time I met with Bob. I know what Bill is talking about as far as the sadness in Bob is concerned, because that has been my impression most of the time. It just seems as though he is kind of listless and preoccupied and there is no sparkle in his eyes or face. But the last time he did seem a little more relaxed and I even mentioned it to Bob.

5. Bill said he thought that the notion of Bob's being at St. Gertrude's was that it be a transition place for him but not that he remain there for a long time. Bob mentioned that he would like to teach Canon Law at Mundelein. But he never said whether he has pursued this. Bill is not trying to get rid of Bob. At present, he is just neutral on his presence. Bob doesn't add anything to the place and I tried to explain to Bill that for all practical purposes he and the people of St. Gertrude are providing Bob with a safe haven while he concentrates on his recovery. I gave Bill an idea of the numbers of meetings Bob has to attend and as a result he really doesn't have much time for anything else.

AOC 000114



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Office of the Archbishop

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMO

To: Father Ray Goedert
Vicar for Priests

From: Cardinal Bernardin *DLB*

Date: January 27, 1988

Re: FATHER BOB BECKER

I am enclosing a copy of the report I received several days ago. Although I saw Bob a short time ago, I'll ask him to come in again for a few moments so that I can go over the recommendations with him.

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Vicar for Priests
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311
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Off: (312) 642-1837
Res: (312) 528-0540

TO: File

DATE: August 20, 1987

RE: Bob Becker

I met with Bob today. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Bob has been handling his problems quite well. He is satisfied with his work at the Tribunal. The one area that he feels a little uncomfortable still is in broadening his adult relationships. He finds that difficult, but he has made progress, especially with regard to his oldest brother. To a lesser extent, he has improved his relationship with his other brother, who is also older than himself. Bob does not have a lot of friends within his own class. He does think that Jim O'Brien, Ken Ruge, and John Lucas are pretty good friends.

[REDACTED]

TO: file

1 July 1987

From: T. Ventura

RE: Rev. Robert Becker (summary report)

1. As I finish my term as Vicar for Priests, I have received
The file for Bob Becker.
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2.



ROBERT C. BECKER
1420 W. GRANVILLE AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60660

December 14, 1986

Dear Tom,

First of all, I want to tell you once again how much I
appreciate [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Also, someone suggested that it would be
good if everyone had a list of the names, addresses and phone
numbers [REDACTED] I'm including
those lists with this letter.

Thanks again for our attendance and support. I was sure I
could count on you. I'm confident you can count on me to do my
part too.

Have a splendid Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Thanks for all you've done, Tom
Bob

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Vicar for Priests
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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File
DATE: Nov. 17, 1987
RE: Bob Becker

I met with Bob today. Bob feels much better physically. [REDACTED]

Bob and I discussed the possibility of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and he would be interested in hearing more about that. Bob also feels that it is important for him to have a periodic check with me just to make sure that someone is riding herd on him and seeing to it that he lives up to all of his obligations.

AOC 000119



MEMO FROM

To: Father Becker Rev. Kenneth Velo

RE: Appointment W/ Cardinal Bernardin DATE: November 16, 1987

Dear Bob:

I tried to reach you by phone, but was unable to make contact.

I have set aside time for you to meet with the Cardinal on Thursday afternoon, December 10, 1987, at 1:00 p.m.

Sorry this couldn't take place before Thanksgiving!

*Changed to
2:30 PM*

12/10
1:00 pm
2:30 -

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Metropolitan Tribunal
Fifth Floor, 155 East Superior Street

To; Ken Velo

From: Bob Becker

Re: Appointment with Card. Bernardin

Date: November 3, 1987

When I was with the Cardinal briefly last Spring, he suggested that I check in with him once in a while.

I wonder if I could see him for fifteen minutes or so before Thanksgiving?

Bob Becker

*Thurs. Dec. 10
1 P.M.*

October 23, 1986

Dear Cardinal Bernardin:

In these past months when I have been on sick leave, I have seriously considered many physical and emotional health issues. I am now aware that my health demands changes in my work. I do not believe that it is in my best interests to continue as Officialis of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

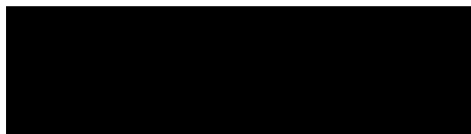
I am aware that my term of office comes to an end on December 31, 1986. I ask that I not be reappointed to another term.

I am also aware that the Tribunal has been functioning smoothly in my absence. I believe that it would not be in the best interests of the Tribunal, nor of my own health, if I were to attempt to resume the duties of Officialis for the few short weeks remaining in my term. I ask, therefore, that you accept my resignation from the office of Officialis, effective immediately.

I want to thank you for your constant care and concern for me, and to assure you that I stand ready to serve the Archdiocese in any way I can.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Robert E. Becker



Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

1986

F. Robert Beckler

Sept. 21

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for your letter of Sept. 1. I am very pleased that things are going well for you. You are in my prayers everyday.

Tom Ventura, who wrote you several days ago, and I are in touch with each other. I am confident that things can be worked out satisfactorily.

God bless you always. Fraternally,
Joseph



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September 16, 1986

Rev. Robert Becker
[REDACTED]

Dear Bob,

I hope you received the copy of my memo to Cardinal Bernardin concerning my visit on August 25. Again, I wish to thank you for your warm welcome and gracious hospitality on the occasion. Now I would like to provide some additional information in preparation [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1. I have arranged with John Flavin for you to stay at our rectory (St. Sebastian) that week.

2. I contacted Ed McLaughlin about your involvement in the Monday afternoon priests' group. I believe he phoned you about this. Ed was enthusiastic about your participation.

3. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4. Concerning your assignment after you return to Chicago, I discussed the matter with the Cardinal. Here are his ideas:

A) He doesn't think that it would be wise to appoint you to the faculty of the Seminary as a Professor of Canon Law. However, he is open to your teaching a course there on a part-time basis if that were agreeable with Jerry Kicanas and the Mundelein faculty.

B) He agrees with you that you should not continue as Officialis or Vice-Officialis of the Matrimonial Tribunal.

C) He would like you to work as a canon lawyer on the staff of the Tribunal. This would be your official assignment. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AOC 000124

5. Concerning a place of residence, I have looked into that matter and have a couple of possible parishes under consideration. I hope that these will be more definite soon. I would like to have more clarity about this before October 12.

[REDACTED]

I hope that covers all the bases, or at least enough of them to provide an overview of how things are shaping up on this end. As you know better than any of us, this is a complicated matter. On the one hand, we are all trying to be realistic and practical in all of these decisions. On the other hand we want you to know clearly that you are loved, respected and valued back here in Chicago.

Please feel free to phone me to discuss these points at greater length if you wish.

[REDACTED]

Peace,

Tom Ventura

Tom Ventura

P.S. - I just learned that the Cardinal [REDACTED] and may have an opportunity to go over some of these items with you himself.

copy: Cardinal Bernardin



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d told Fr. Ventura
that it was not intended
in Fr. Becker working &
living at the Seminary
(though he could teach a
course there).

August 26, 1986

+JB
9/5/86

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Chicago, Illinois 60611

Off: (312) 642-1837

Res: (312) 528-0540

TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Tom Ventura *TV*

RE: Bob Becker

1.

2.

Could you give me your
reactions to these questions and ideas so I can communicate more definite information
to Bob?

A. What work would he do?

- Bob's first choice would be to teach Canon Law at Mundelein if Ed Stokes
is leaving as rumored and if Jerry Kicanas would want him. It is an adult community.
He would have the support of people like Wayne Prist and Lou Cameli whom he values.

- His second choice would be to work in the Tribunal in an ordinary capacity.
He does not want to be officialis or vice-officialis.

B. Where would he live?

- Obviously if he taught at the Seminary he would live there and help at a
parish on Sundays.

- If he worked at the Tribunal he could live at Holy Name Cathedral where
there would be little or no contact with families or children.

- He could be resident at a parish that had room.

C. Supervision

- He agrees that his "on site supervisor" -- eg. pastor, rector, department
director -- should know the full story of his case so that person could effectively
supervise him.

- I would see him once a month for supervision.

D. [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Informal but crucial support from family members and friends
- [REDACTED]

F. Other Information

- For the initial period of his return (6 months or so) Bob should have a reduced work schedule for a number of reasons:

a) The requirements of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] are demanding in terms of time and energy.

b) It checks any tendency to workaholism or using work as an escape from facing relationships and other important issues.

- Bob would also be available (ala Mike Place) as a canonical resource person for the Chancery office, Pastoral Council, Diocesan Synod, etc.

copy: Bob Becker

Bob Becker

8-25-86.

1. Home visit: stay at St. Sebastian. * YES.
2. Reduced work load for first six months.
3. Work?
 - A) Helping tired of Tribunal work.
 - B) Replace Ed Stokes as Canon Law teacher at SML (if it is true that Stokes is retiring.)
Wayne Priest is a support + a strength.
 - ~~B~~ C) Canonical resource person for CPM, Synod.
4. Live? Holy Name Cathedral.
Resident at some other parish.

• Write Memo to Cardinal:

- Home visit
- Work
- Living place.

- Ventura ask Kicanas about availability of Canon Law position for Becker.

5. Bob go to priests support group

[REDACTED]

earliest = Oct. 30. ^{ALWAYS.} (Thurs.)

Vacation : yes.

TIMETABLE:

- [REDACTED] → ~~SEPT. 19 to OCT. 4~~
OCT. 13 TO 18
till Havin.
- [REDACTED] ~~SEPT. 19 to OCT. 4~~
(tentative) Early November



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August 12, 1986

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Res: (312) 528-0540

TO: Ken Velo
FROM: Tom Ventura *TV*
RE: Residence site: St. Clement Parish

In response to your memo of August 12, 1986 concerning the availability of St. Clement as a residence site for Msgr. Jack Gorman, I want you to know that Fr. Bob Becker has been informed previously that he will definitely not return to St. Clement's after completion of [REDACTED]

Therefore you and the Personnel Board can feel free to implement this recommended placement without feeling that you would be dislodging Bob. I appreciate your sensitivity to that factor.

copy: Msgr. Gorman
Rev. John Fahey
Personnel Board
Rev. Robert Becker

AOC 000130

Becker

August 6, 1986

*Sent a
personal
acknowledgment
8/12/86*

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

I want to tell you how much I appreciated your thoughtfulness in coming by to visit me and Russ. You gave me the clear message of your concern and support. I needed to hear that. I was caught up in the business of your visit and was not able to talk or even think clearly. If you were here now, I would want to tell you how full of shame I feel for having betrayed you and the Archdiocese. You have personally been very good to me. I was not so honest and straightforward with you. In the face of all of that, your kindness to me has been all the more poignant.

I am continuing to work at freeing myself, so that I can open myself and my feelings to others. I am finding that very difficult.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At that time, some of the men were having difficulty with their ordinaries or superiors. Your pastoral concern made a big impact on the community.

I did hear you when you chided me about writing to you. I want to do that. Whether I manage it or not might be a measure of how well I am doing [REDACTED]

Thank you once again for your concern and support.

Yours truly in the Lord,

Bob Becker

AOC 000131

TO: TRIBUNAL STAFF
FROM: FR. TIVY
DATE: JUNE 18, 1986

Last week I received a letter from Father Becker and he asked me to share some things with you.

He expressed gratitude for cards and letters, but cannot, at present, respond individually. Your wishes and prayers are deeply appreciated. He is feeling much better and more relaxed than in a long time.

He is looking forward to his return to the Tribunal, but he probably will be away until November, at least. [REDACTED]

Cards and letters would be welcome and can be sent directly to Father Bob Becker, [REDACTED]

Bob asked me to convey his apologies for the abruptness of his leaving and lack of explanation at that time. He trusts you will understand that he just wasn't feeling well enough at that time to face the staff and answer questions. He asks for your continued prayers for his complete recovery.

These are the facts he wished to be shared with the professional and lay staff. I know that you will respect Bob's right to privacy in this matter and keep him in your prayers.

The present arrangement with Father O'Brien, Father Bogdan and myself trying to fill Father Becker's shoes will continue until he returns.

I wish to thank all of you for the spirit of cooperation which is keeping the office running smoothly.



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Office of the Chancellor

(312) 751-8220

MEMORANDUM

To: Father Ventura

cc: Cardinal Bernardin

From: Father Kealy *RK*

Re: Father Becker

Date: May 7, 1986

I spoke with Father Becker today. He sounded good. He told me that the [REDACTED]

He said he would write Tom Tivy a letter, which he would ask Tom to share with the professional staff of the Tribunal, in which he would explain that he is [REDACTED]

AOC 000133



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Res: (312) 528-0540

April 30, 1986

Rev. Robert Becker

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your note.

I was impressed by your eagerness to proceed. That is a healthy sign that it will be productive.

My Silver Jubilee Mass is this Sunday. Our Church is still not finished. However, it is a good reminder that after 50 years as a human and 25 years as a priest I, too, am still not finished. Sort of a parable in action.

I talked to both Bob Kealy and Tom Tivy who want to extend their support to you and their assurance that the office is functioning.

People in the office have inquired about you. They have been told that you are on medical leave. They would like to send cards or letters. How would you want to handle that? Perhaps you could let Tom or Bob know what you prefer.

I have not heard any scuttlebutt around the Diocese that anyone knows anything but that you are on medical leave. I think the fact that you had difficulty with hepatitis makes "medical" mean physical

Good luck, and keep in touch. It's always good hearing from you.

Peace,

Tom Ventura

Tom Ventura

AOC 000134

updated report.

1. Rev. John Dekey, pastor of St Clemente, informed me that the parish staff has completed the process of investigation and that they have talked to all of the boys whose names surfaced, and to their parents.
2. This was a difficult and stressful experience for the staff and for some of the boys and their parents. However, it seems to have been a helpful experience for all parties.
3. No other names came to light. There appear to have been no additional incidents other than those which originally came to our attention.

4.



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22 April 1986

Rev. Robert Becker
Suitland, Maryland

Vicar for Priests
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Dear Bob,

Thanks for both of your letters. It was really good to hear from you, and I'm glad we had a chance to talk on the phone. I appreciated your comments and observations [REDACTED]

Especially impressive were the insights you shared from an [REDACTED]

I communicated with [REDACTED] to clarify the confusion you mentioned [REDACTED]
I hope it is now clear that [REDACTED]

If any further ambiguity persists, please get in touch with me right away and I'll do my best to clarify it again. I hope also [REDACTED]
Conversation with [REDACTED]

You seem to be dealing with the delay rather well. Congratulations. It can't help but be unsettling to everyone to have to deal with the sad reality of [REDACTED]. I pray for him as an individual and for the Institute as a community during this very difficult time.

As for news from these parts, you may know that the Cubs and Sox have been dismal this

Spring. There have been two hostage situations on the near north side recently - one at Till and Southport where two died, The other at Belmont and Racine where no one was harmed. I guess Don Ross, The fundraiser is no longer with The diocese which seems to mean that The efforts to raise a large sum to bankroll The inner city schools has to be re-thought.

My class celebrates 25th anniversary of ordination this year. May 2 is The Mass at The Cathedral. My own celebration is May 4. Our church is currently being remodelled, so there's some question whether scaffolding might be part of The decor that day. I'm also recovering from surgery on April 4. So far so good.

The Hispanic Caucus is urging The Diocese to re-start another Mission in Latin America so that we can have a presence in The service of that area of The world both to minister to The people there and to train our own personnel for Hispanic ministry.

That's some of what's happening around here, just to attempt to give you a flavor of things.

You have been good to work with, Bob, on this complex and sometimes painful matter. I admire the way you've handled it. Keep me in your prayers as I will you.

Please,

Tom Ventura.



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vi April 1986.

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Office of The Director
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir or Madam,

I realize that things are in something of a transitional situation with the serious illness of [REDACTED]. However, I do want to communicate with you concerning [REDACTED].

First, I spoke by phone with [REDACTED] about Father Robert Becker. She was very helpful. Evidently there was some confusion about whether [REDACTED]

Second, concerning Father Russell Romano. I believe that his rector, Father John Klein, provided some background information on him. Enclosed is a copy of an updated memo to [REDACTED]

Continued success in your important work.

Sincerely,

Father Thomas Ventura



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

March 10, 1986

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Res: (312) 528-0540

TO: File

FROM: Fr. Tom Ventura *TV*

RE: Fr. Robert Becker

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1. 2-28-86: Bob Oldershaw, associate at St. Clement, informed me that parishioners [REDACTED] had met with Dawn Murphy, principal, and Joan Callaghan, parish social worker, to express concerns about Bob Becker and their sons [REDACTED]. Thereafter Ms. Murphy made a report to DCFS.

2. Background: A classmate of Fr. Becker (Fr. Ken Ruge) owns a house trailer at Woodhaven Lakes near Amboy, Ill. With the permission and sometimes at the request of parents Fr. Becker has taken many boys from the parish on overnight trips to this trailer. The general age span is 7th through 9th grade.

3. [REDACTED]

4. In briefing me on the situation Fr. Oldershaw (who was acting pastor since Fr. Fahey was out of town) told me that the [REDACTED] were good parishioners. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Both of these events had troubled their son [REDACTED] a great deal.

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5. 2/28/86: I confronted Fr. Becker in the presence of Father Oldershaw. He stated that he had never touched or fondled any boy; that he instructed the boys to shower and change their underclothes when they had been involved in strenuous activities so they wouldn't catch cold; that he shared a bed with boys on a couple of occasions when it was cold out on the porch where additional beds were located; that he had experienced a special concern for [REDACTED] after his father had died suddenly; that one boy, [REDACTED], had jumped out of bed in the middle of the night on one occasion when, in his sleep, Fr. Becker had rolled over into him. He stated that he was unaware that these things had been troubling to some of the boys.

(I was not able to use the names of any of the boys in talking with Fr. Becker since the [REDACTED] did not grant permission for this.)

I gave Fr. Becker a mandate that a) he was never under any circumstances to bring a boy or boys under 18 to the trailer b) that he was to curtail his involvement with children at the parish. The penalty for non-observance is that he is liable to suspension.

6. 3/1/86: [REDACTED]

7. 3/1/86: [REDACTED]

8. 3/1/86: At the request of Fr. Oldershaw I met with the St. Clements staff. They requested assistance in sorting out their own feelings about this situation and its potential impact on their parish, and to help them contact the parents in an effective manner. After consulting Dr. Issel of the Archdiocesan Health Program, I recommended Jill Gardner Ph.D. (271-9001) and Carroll Cradoch, Ph.D. (874-4300 #1400).

9. 3/1/86: [REDACTED]

10. 3/2/86: I met again with Fr. Becker to discuss [REDACTED] moving away from St. Clements, etc.

11. 3/2/86: I met with the parish staff and Gardner and Cradoch.

12. 3/2/86: Phone calls to John Fahey, pastor, to fill him in on the case. Fr. Oldershaw had already informed him on the background. He would return to Chicago on 3/3/86.

13. 3/3/86: Meeting with Fr. Becker and Fr. Ruge, owner of the trailer, to discuss the situation and to reiterate in his presence the mandate

placed on Fr. Becker, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

14. 3/3/86: Obtained a referral for Fr. Becker to lawyers Patrick Tuite and Nan Nolan in case he should require legal assistance.

15. 3/3/86: After consultations with Fr. Roache, Vicar General, and Dr. Issel, I contacted the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When I informed him of this, he was relieved, but wondered about his future work in the Archdiocese after he [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] I also discussed with him the parish staff's plans to contact the other parents. He understood their responsibilities, but expressed concern that he not be considered "guilty until proved innocent."

16. 3/4/86: Meeting with the St. Clement staff and consultants Gardner and Cradoch to discuss the specific parents who would be contacted and the most sensitive and effective way of pursuing it.

A) Families of these children:

[REDACTED]

B) Two incidents: September 1985

Late December 1985 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility of Victim J's statement, given to Ms. Zacharias on October 26, 2005, formalizing his allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Robert Becker. According to Victim J's statement, he came to know Fr. Ruge at Divine Infant Parish through a friend. Fr. Ruge and Fr. Becker took Victim J and several other boys to Woodhaven RV Park twice in approximately 1984. On the second trip, Victim J awoke to Fr. Becker masturbating him. Fr. Becker would tell Victim J that the abuse was appropriate and natural.

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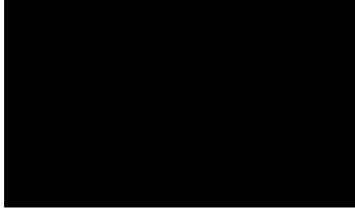
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January 4, 2006



Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of your report with all of the necessary signatures. A copy of the report is also enclosed for your attorney.

If you have any questions please contact Patty Zacharias at 312-867-8793.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures

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January 4, 2006



Dear [REDACTED]

Per your letter dated December 19, 2005, I have consulted with Leah McCluskey to determine what information I can release to you and [REDACTED]. Your inquiry was regarding other allegations of molestation against Fr. Becker and Fr. Ruge.

Our records indicate that there is at least one substantiated allegation against Fr. Becker and at least one substantiated allegation against Fr. Ruge.

Due to confidentiality, that is all of the information that I can share with you. I hope that [REDACTED] finds it helpful.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you or [REDACTED] have any other questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Zacharias".

Patty Zacharias
Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator

Cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

AOC 000144

[REDACTED]

December 19, 2005

[REDACTED]

Archdiocese of Chicago
ATTENTION: PATTY ZACHARIAS,
Professional Responsibility Asst. Admin.
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

RE: [REDACTED] **v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, et al.**

Dear Patty:

Enclosed is the Memorandum you prepared signed by [REDACTED]

When he returned it to me, he suggested that you or Ralph mentioned that you could get the number of how many other victims were molested or claimed to have been molested by Ruge and/or Becker. He is still interested in seeing the information on that – and any other information you could provide that would not be confidential.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours, ~~—~~

[REDACTED]

Enc.

AOC 000145

[REDACTED]

November 15, 2005

RECEIVED [REDACTED]

NOV 17 2005

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Archdiocese of Chicago
ATTENTION: PATTY ZACHARIAS,
Professional Responsibility Asst. Admin.
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

RE: [REDACTED] v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, et al.

Dear Patty:

Enclosed is a copy of a draft memorandum wherein [REDACTED] made a few changes. If you would like to retype it and have him sign a clean typed copy, please forward it to me for his signature.

If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Enc.

AOC 000146

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Legal Services

John C. O'Malley
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April 28, 2005

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

CORRECTED LETTER

RE: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: approx. [REDACTED]
Date of alleged abuse: approx. 1985

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an allegation from [REDACTED] approximately [REDACTED] years of age, that in approximately 1985 when he was [REDACTED] years of age, he was the alleged victim of sexual abuse by Fr. Robert Becker. Fr. Becker was an archdiocesan priest and is deceased. At this time, it is not clear where the alleged abuse occurred. There is no other information available at this time.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John C. O'Malley".
John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

JCOM:sm

cc: Ms. Shauna Boliker
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Mr. James A. Serritella

SCDir\05SC030\Corrected Letter to State's Attorney Office re [REDACTED]

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

COPY

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

March 31, 2005

Dear [REDACTED]

When I read your letter of February 17, 2005, I was very moved by the anguish that you described. It has taken a few weeks for some of the information that you requested to be obtained.

You have asked about Robert Becker and Kenneth Ruge, both deceased priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It has been determined by the Professional Responsibility Review Board of the Archdiocese of Chicago that both Robert Becker and Kenneth Ruge engaged in sexual abuse of minors.

In response to your request for help, I have given a copy of your letter to Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Ms. McCluskey works in the Office of Professional Responsibility where all matters of the sexual abuse of minors by clerics are forwarded. Please expect a contact from Ms. McCluskey in the near future. Ms. McCluskey will be able to share with you information on her office as well as the Office of Assistance Ministry. In this way, we may begin to assist you in this tragic matter.

You have asked some very good questions about motivation, responsibility, supervision and prevention. As to motivation, those who use minors for sexual gratification are sinners who are also suffering from a dangerous mental disturbance. As to the responsibility, we have tried to apologize to all those who are suffering because of the failure on the part of some bishops to supervise priests adequately. Through more vigilant supervision, more rigorous evaluation and more accurate education, we are making several efforts to address the problem. It is national policy to bar from public ministry and access to minors any bishop, priest or deacon against whom an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor has been found credible.

You and your family will be in my prayers during this Easter season; please remember me in your own prayers. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

AOC 000148

PFR-37, KEN RUGE - 5/12/97

Allegation - from [REDACTED]

Met Ken Ruge & Bob Becker in 1980 -

1. Summer of 1980 -'81.....he was 10 or 11 attending school/parish at St. Leonard's. KR was an associate at the time.
2. KR & BB would bring [REDACTED] to Woodhaven - they owned it together - groups and individually with another boy. -KR allegedly would crawl into the same bed with [REDACTED] and fondle his genital area - over the clothes - and both were naked at times - grabbing, fondling and stroking his penis.
3. Many times they would be in the sauna at the summer home and fondling by KR on [REDACTED] would occur.
4. Camping trips to [REDACTED] (1983), [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] - BB, KR, [REDACTED] and another boy. BB and the other boy in one bed; KR & [REDACTED] in the other - side by side beds. Fondling, grabbing of his genital area - both were naked.
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. Videos, "porno films" - 13 or 14 at the time. The four would watch together.
8. Drinking "alcohol" was involved - would not force, but [REDACTED] did drink.
9. Claims KR molested him more than 20 times, but less than 100.
10. [REDACTED] This relationship was between 1980-1985.
11. [REDACTED]
12. [REDACTED]

September 26, 1996

Office of Professional Responsibility
ATTENTION: RALPH BONACCORSI
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

RE: [REDACTED] v. FATHER KEN RUGE, FATHER ROBERT BECKER &
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
Date of Loss: 1980 - 1985

Dear Mr. Bonaccorsi:

Please be advised that I have been retained by [REDACTED] to prosecute his claim against FATHER KEN RUGE, FATHER ROBERT BECKER & the ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO and claim a lien for my services.

If you are covered by a policy of insurance which insures you for such claims, please send a copy of this to your insurance company at your earliest convenience; otherwise, please contact me so that we can discuss a resolution of this claim.

Very truly yours

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MEMORANDUM


To: Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Matthew Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry

From: Ambi Jeffries, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Date: 08/28/07

Re: [PFR-72] Becker, Robert Rev. (deceased) 

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 08/23/07.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding **Becker, Robert Rev. (deceased) and/or** 

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Very Rev. James Presta, St. Joseph Seminary
Rev. Dennis Lyle, Mundelein Seminary

Re: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services
Jim Serritella, Attorney

From: Margaret Farley
To: Zacharias, Patricia
Date: 4/16/2007 3:36:24 PM
Subject: re: teacher at Queen of Martyrs

According to our records a teacher named [REDACTED] taught at Queen of Martyrs from 1970 to 1975. The data base days DOB as [REDACTED] and the SS# is [REDACTED]. The principal's name was "Sr. Mariann" and that does not give us much, but I am sure I can ask a Mercy Nun who that might have been and where she is, etc.

>>> Patricia Zacharias 04/16/07 1:07 PM >>>
Hi Sr. Margaret,

Can you help me find out if a teacher from Queen of Martyrs School in Chicago named [REDACTED] who taught 7th grade there (that I know of) for the school year of 1970-1971 is locatable for me to contact?

THANKS!

Patty

Patricia J. Zacharias
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Assistant Director
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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR – 37
File – PFR - 72

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (P)

Re: Ruge, Rev. Kenneth [Deceased] [redacted] [third party allegation]
Becker, Rev. Robert [Deceased] [redacted] [third party allegation]

Date: April 29, 2008

While meeting with [redacted] on February 22, 2008 so that he could formalize his allegations of sexual abuse against Revs. Kenneth Ruge and Robert Becker, he provided some additional information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] identified [redacted] as a fellow altar boy at Divine Infant in the late 1970s/early 1980s. He said that Fr. Ruge took him, [redacted] and another altar server named [redacted] to “the trailer” where they also met Fr. Becker. [redacted] said that [redacted] is two years older than him and [redacted] is his [redacted] age. He also said that the three of them were altar servers together [redacted]

[redacted] expressed that he knows that [redacted] “...didn’t have a good experience with Becker either.” He said that he and [redacted] talked about this in high school and what they would like to do to Fr. Becker.

[redacted] said that he and [redacted] “compared notes” when they were out in the woods at the trailer. He said that the two of them also talked about being concerned about going home with the priests. When asked for clarification, [redacted] said that [redacted] told him that the same thing happened to him, that Fr. Becker had touched him during the night.

[redacted] also stated that Frs. Ruge and Becker provided him and [redacted] alcohol to drink while at the trailer.

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To: Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Carol Fowler, Personnel Services
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

From: Carolyn Perz, Office Manager *CP*
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Date: May 7, 2008

Re: [PFR- 072] Becker, Rev. Robert (Deceased) [REDACTED] (third party allegation)

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on February 22, 2008. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding (PFR – 072) Becker, Rev. Robert (deceased) and/or [REDACTED]

Call Leah McCluskey with any questions you may have at 312-751-5205.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: John O'Malley, Attorney

BC: James Serritella

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VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL

April 30, 2008

[REDACTED]
C/o Jessica Arbour
Jeff Anderson & Associates
E-1000 First National Bank Bldg.
332 Minnesota St
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against Revs. Kenneth Ruge and Robert Becker. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on February 22, 2008. Thank you again for traveling to meet with Mr. Matt Hunnicutt and me.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you through Jessica Arbour of your attorney Jeff Anderson's office.

[REDACTED] in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes by May 14, 2008. Please know that you may also respond by May 14th with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by May 28th. I have noted this time frame so that this matter may continue forward.

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

Sincerely,


Sean McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

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September 11, 2008

[REDACTED]
C/o: Jeff Anderson
Jeff Anderson & Associates
E-1000 First National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed please find a copy of the signed Allegation of Sexual Misconduct for your file. A copy has also been sent to your attorney, Jeff Anderson. Please call Leah McCluskey a call at 312-751-5205 with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Santa Garcia, Secretary

Enclosures

AOC 000156

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim CL's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on February 22, 2008, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Becker. The alleged abuse consisted of Fr. Becker providing Victim CL with alcohol and three incidents of fondling, which occurred during an overnight trip at a trailer shared by Fr. Becker and Fr. Kenneth Ruge. The alleged abuse involved Victim CL waking up in the middle of the night to find Fr. Becker fondling him, and occurred during the summer before Victim CL entered high school. According to Victim CL's statement, Frs. Becker and Ruge used to take him and other boys to the trailer on trips and would give them alcohol prior to abuse occurring. According to Victim CL's statement, he has talked to other friends of his who were also abused by Fr. Becker on these trips. Victim CL was also an altar boy.

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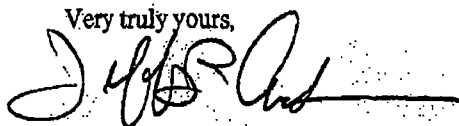
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RE: [REDACTED] v. Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Counsel:

We represent the interests of [REDACTED] in his claims against the Archdiocese of Chicago and Fr. Robert Becker for misconduct while that priest was serving in and for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please add him to the Tolling Agreement and send us confirmation. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey R. Anderson
jeff@andersonadvocates.com

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cc: Marc Pearlman

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry
Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests
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Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

FROM: Ambi Jeffries, Secretary, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

DATE: 1/11/2008

RE: [PFR-72] Becker, Robert Rev. (deceased) 

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 1/4/2008.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Becker, Robert Rev. (deceased) and/ or 

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Very Rev James Presta, St. Joseph Seminary
Rev. Dennis Lyle, Mundelein Seminary

Be: Jim Sennetka, Attorney
John O'Malley, Office for Legal Services

From: [REDACTED]
To: <pzacharias@archchicago.org>
Date: 1/4/2008 5:29 PM
Subject: Scheduling

Hi Patty-

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I also need to schedule a time for you to meet with Geb Gebhardt, a new client. He lives in Idaho, but would be willing to meet with us at either Midway or O'Hare. Again, any M,W, or F is fine with me. Geb was abused by Ruge and Becker in approximately 1977 or 1978 at the trailer. He was a parishioner at Divine Infant, where Ruge was an associate priest.

Perhaps you could give me 3 or 4 dates in late January, early February?

Thanks much.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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September 4, 2009

[REDACTED]
C/O Jeff Anderson & Associates
366 Jackson Street
Suite 100
St. Paul, MN 55101-2989

Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a draft copy of the report based upon the meeting that took place with you, Patty Zacharias and Matt Hunnicutt on August 28, 2009.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to Ms. Zacharias with any changes in the envelope provided. She or Leah McCluskey will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you through your attorney.

[REDACTED], in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report with your changes by September 18, 2009. Please know that you may also respond by September 18th with a written request to Ms. McCluskey for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to her by October 2, 2009. In the event that she does not receive a response from you by September 18th, she will assume that the draft report is accurate and will proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions please contact Patty Zacharias at 312-534-8793 through September 9, 2009 and Leah McCluskey at 312-534-5205 after September 9, 2009

Ms. Zacharias also asked that I enclose a copy of *§ 1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*. Which was inadvertently omitted from the packet of information given to you on August 28th.

Sincerely,

Santa Garcia
Secretary

Enclosure

AOC 000161

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim CM's statement, given to Ms. Zacharias on August 28, 2009, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Becker. The alleged abuse consisted of one incident of fondling while Victim CM was sleeping, which occurred during an overnight trip at a trailer shared by Rev. Becker and Rev. Kenneth Ruge. The alleged abuse occurred in the spring of 1976 when Victim CM was approximately 13 years old. According to Victim CM's statement, he later spoke with another boy who was on the overnight trip with him and told him about how Fr. Becker abused him; in turn, the other boy indicated that he was abused by Fr. Ruge in a similar manner on the same trip.

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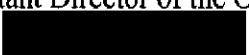
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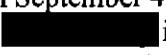

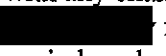
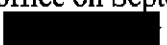
To: File – PFR - 72


From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: Becker, Rev. Robert Charles (Deceased) 

Date: November 19, 2009

Ms. Patricia Zacharias, former Assistant Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, met with  on August 28, 2009 so that he could formalize his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Robert Charles Becker.

On September 4, 2009, Ms. Zacharias mailed her draft report of the August 28th meeting to  in care of his attorney Jeff Anderson for his review. In her September 4th letter, Ms. Zacharias asked  to review the draft report and return it to her with any changes by September 18, 2009. Ms. Zacharias also indicated in her letter that  may request a two-week extension to review the report and then return it to me in her absence by October 2, 2009. I did exchange e-mails with Ms. Chris Rued of Mr. Anderson's office on September 15, 2009, granting Ms. Rued's request for the extension so that  could review the draft report and return it to me.

As of today's date, I have yet to receive a signed report and/or any corrections to the September 4th draft report of  allegation against Fr. Becker. As a result, the September 4th report written by Ms. Zacharias will be circulated as the final report and the involvement of this office in this matter is concluded.

Cc Rev. John Collins, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

AOC 000163

MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Patty Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Date: 6/25/08

Re: [PFR-72] Becker, Robert Rev. (deceased)/ [REDACTED]

The CAIR office received this allegation from Attorney Jeff Anderson's office on 08/23/07.

Jeff Anderson's office indicated they would contact the CAIR office when [REDACTED] was ready to schedule a meeting to formalize his allegation with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

As of this date, there has been no further contact about this matter.

I am making this file inactive.

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MEMORANDUM

To: File [PFR-72]

From: Patricia Zacharias, Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Date: June 17, 2009

Re: [PFR-72] Becker, Fr. Robert (deceased) Our Lady of the Snows, Chicago/
[REDACTED] (third party allegation)

During a meeting on July 11, 2008, [REDACTED] stated that he believes Fr. Robert Becker sexually abused a friend of his from elementary school named [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] was a minor.

He said he and [REDACTED] served as altar boys together and were good friends while in elementary school. He said he and [REDACTED] recently became reacquainted and it is his understanding that [REDACTED] plans to talk with him about the abuse he experienced by Fr. Becker.

I told [REDACTED] he is welcome to share my contact information and information about my office with [REDACTED] if he feels comfortable doing so.

It has been over 180 days since this case was opened. [REDACTED] has not contacted the CAIR office. I have made this case inactive within RADAR.

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MEMORANDUM

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Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

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From: Sarah Stevens, Secretary *SS*
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Date: July 18, 2008

Re: **[PFR- 72] Becker, Rev. Robert (deceased) Our Lady of the Snows,**
Chicago/ [REDACTED] (third party allegation)

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on July 16, 2008.
Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding
[PFR- 72] Becker, Rev. Robert (deceased) Our Lady of the Snows,
Chicago/ [REDACTED] (third party allegation).

Call Patricia Zacharias with any questions you may have at 312-867-8793.
Thank you.

Attachment

Cc: John O'Malley, Attorney

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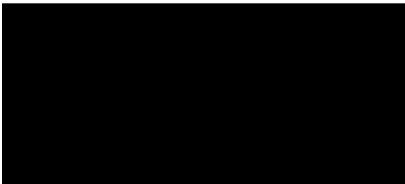


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PFR-72

November 19, 2008

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Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of your Allegation with all of the necessary signatures. A copy of the report is also enclosed for your attorney, [REDACTED]

Please call Patty Zacharias at 312. 867-8793 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia, Secretary
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Bcc: James Serritella

AOC 000167

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim K's statement, given to Ms. Zacharias on July 11, 2008, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. Robert Becker. Victim K described an incident in 1974 or 1975 where a priest, possibly Fr. Becker, stared at him while he was putting on his alter boy clothing at Our Lady of the Snows parish. Victim K reported being unable to remember the specifics of the alleged abuse by Fr. Becker and did not wish to discuss any further abuse with Archdiocesan representatives.

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June 26, 2008

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Ms. Shauna Boliker
Assistant State's Attorney
State's Attorney of Cook County
2650 South California, Room 11D10
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE:

[REDACTED]
Our File #08 SC 055
Date of Birth: Approx. 1963
Date of Incident: 1974
Location of Incident: Our Lady of the Snows

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review has received an allegation from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that their son, [REDACTED] told them that he was sexually abused by Fr. Robert Becker at Our Lady of the Snows parish in 1974. The alleged abuse occurred when [REDACTED] was in sixth grade at Our Lady of the Snows and 11 years old. Fr. Becker is deceased.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,


John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓
Mr. James A. Serritella
Ms. Dixie Peterson, DCFS Counsel
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August 15, 2008

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Ms. Shauna Boliker
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State's Attorney of Cook County
2650 South California, Room 11D10
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE
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RE: [REDACTED]


Our File #08 SC 061
Date of Birth: Unknown
Date of Incident: Unknown
Location of Incident: Unknown

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review has received an allegation from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] a friend from grammar school, was sexually abused as a minor by Fr. Robert Becker. Fr. Becker is deceased.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

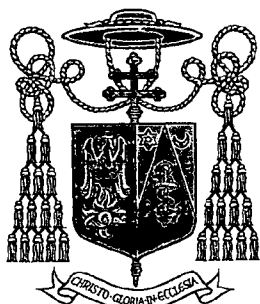

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓
Mr. James A. Serritella
Ms. Dixie Peterson, DCFS Counsel

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AOC 000170



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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

COPY

June 9, 2008



Dear [REDACTED]

It was with sadness and concern that I read your letter to me dated May 29, 2008.

While it must have been a difficult letter to write, I thank you, nonetheless, for your courage and determination in seeking out resources for your son, [REDACTED] and for yourselves.

I have forwarded your letter to our Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and I have asked them to follow up with you. You should expect to hear from Patricia Zacharias with information on the Archdiocese's process for addressing these painful matters. She will also provide you with information on resources, which are available to you through our Office of Assistance Ministry.

I write to offer my solace and prayers during this difficult time for your family. With them, I offer a sincere invitation to meet with you or speak by telephone, if you wish.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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

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July 23, 2008

FILE COPY

Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a draft copy of the report based upon the meeting that took place with you, Patty Zacharias and Kathleen Leggdas on July 11, 2008.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to Ms. Zacharias with any changes in the envelope provided. She will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you through your attorney.

[REDACTED] in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report with your changes by August 6, 2008. Please know that you may also respond by August 6th with a written request to Ms. Zacharias for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to her by August 20th. In the event that she does not receive a response from you by August 6th, she will assume that the draft report is accurate and will proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions please contact Patty Zacharias at 312-867-8793.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Stevens".

Sarah Stevens
Secretary

Enclosure

AOC 000172

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MEMORANDUM

To: Cardinal Francis George

From: Patty Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Date: June 6, 2008

Re: Letter from [REDACTED]

OK to
send
letter
+ PZG
6/9/08

On Friday, June 6th, Leah McCluskey forwarded a letter to me, which you had received, from [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Illinois. Within this letter, they described a recent disclosure by their adult son that Reverend Robert C. Becker had sexually abused him in the 1974.

Leah asked me to call them on your behalf. She said you had asked for me to convey your gratitude to them for communicating with you and your willingness to speak directly with them if they would like to do so.

As I reviewed the letter, I saw that [REDACTED] only gave their mailing address and did not provide a phone number. As this may indicate they do not wish to be contacted by telephone, it is my suggestion that I contact them via letter rather than trying to reach them by phone.

Leah asked that I contact your office and advise you of this suggestion. She also suggested I ask if you would like to write the letter or if you would like for the letter to be sent through my office.

In the event you wish for the letter to be sent by my office, I have attached a draft of a letter for your review.

Thank you, Your Eminence.

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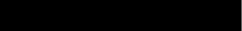
To: Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Carol Fowler, Personnel Services
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

From: Sarah Stevens, Secretary 
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Date: June 9, 2008

Re: **[PFR- 72] Becker, Rev. Robert (deceased)** 

FILE COPY

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on June 6, 2008.
Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding
(PFR-72) Becker, Rev. Robert (deceased) and/or 

Call Patricia Zacharias with any questions you may have at 312-867-8793.
Thank you.

Attachment

Cc: John O'Malley, Attorney

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To: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Director, Assistance Ministry
John O'Malley, Legal Services

From: Patty Zacharias, Assistant Director (AD), Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (CAIR) PZ

RE: [PFR-72] Becker, Rev. Robert (deceased), [REDACTED]

Date: September 19, 2008

Please find attached the final allegation report regarding the above case. The report contains the revisions submitted by [REDACTED] however, he did not return the final report. It is therefore being distributed "as is."

The formalization process for this allegation has now been completed within CAIR and thus noted in RADAR.

BC: James Serritella

AOC 000175

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A G E N D A
Meeting No. 10 - The Fifth Board
Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Date: October 17, 1975

1. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 9.

2. Reports:

A.

B.

C.

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Reports (Contd):

Agenda No. 10, The Fifth Board, October 17, 1975

D. [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. Bob Becker, Tribunal, would like a change of residence from Our Lady of the Snows. He and Kinsella have had a parting of the ways. The move would be acceptable to both. Cf. Agenda.

G. [REDACTED]

H. [REDACTED]

I. [REDACTED]

Other Reports:

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. [REDACTED]

5. Associates/Residents

[REDACTED]
Robert Becker, Tribunal: residence
[REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]