

June 24, 1960

My dear Father Bogdan:

I hereby appoint you assistant to  
the pastor of Saint Camillus Church, Chicago,  
Illinois. You will kindly report for duty on  
July 6th to Father Mackowiak, the pastor.

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

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

3946 W. 56th Place

Chicago 29, Illinois



*Priest File*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

May 10, 1966

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Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Camillus Rectory  
5426 S. Lockwood Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

Dear Father Bogdan:

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It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Assistant to the Reverend Sylvester W. Dudzinski, Pastor of St. Isidore Church, Blue Island, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

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This appointment is effective May 16, 1966, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you assume your new duties.

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

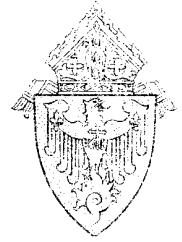
cc: Rev. Sylvester W. Dudzinski

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Office of the Archbishop

May 10, 1979

Very Rev. Monsignor J. J. ...  
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Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Father ...

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Very truly yours,

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February 18, 1969

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Isidore Rectory  
1811 W. Burr Oak Avenue  
Blue Island, Illinois 60406

Dear Father Bogdan:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as a full-time member of the staff of our Archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal, effective immediately.

For the present, I would ask you to retain also your assignment at St. Isidore Parish, Blue Island, Illinois, and to give as much assistance as possible in the parochial affairs of the parish. I am sure that Father Dudzinski will be glad to adjust your schedule so that you will be able to assist in the ever increasing work of our Metropolitan Tribunal.

Wishing you every blessing and success in this new priestly assignment, I am, dear Father Bogdan,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Sylvester W. Dudzinski

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

June 5, 1970

Rev. Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Isidore Rectory  
1811 West Burr Oak Avenue  
Blue Island, Illinois 60406

Dear Father Bogdan:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicarius Cooperator to the Reverend Francis N. Maniola, Pastor of St. Symphorosa Parish, 6135 South Austin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty. You will, however, also retain your present duties as Notary 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 June 15, 1970, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you assume your new duties.

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Francis N. Maniola



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Vicar General

August 29, 1974

C

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Symphorosa Rectory  
6135 S. Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

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Dear Father Bogdan,

By special mandate of His Eminence, John Cardinal  
Cody, I am happy to assign you to take Post Graduate studies in  
Rome.

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Wishing you every blessing and priestly success, I  
am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Brackin  
Vicar General

cc: Rev. Francis N. Maniola, Pastor  
Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board

AOC 007020



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

November 23, 1976

C

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Symphorosa Rectory  
6135 S. Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

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Dear Father Bogdan:

Upon recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, it gives me great pleasure to reappoint you to our Metropolitan Tribunal and, in accordance with Canon 476, to reassign you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Francis N. Maniola, Pastor of St. Symphorosa parish, Chicago.

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This appointment is effective immediately, but I would ask you to confer with Father Dolciamore and Father Maniola regarding the date when you will resume duty.

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Wishing you every blessing and priestly success, and with cordial personal regards, I am, dear Father Bogdan,

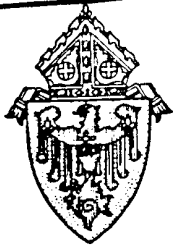
Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Very Reverend Donald S. Bartoszek, Urban Vicar, Vicariate IX  
Very Reverend John V. Dolciamore, Officialis, Metropolitan Tribunal  
Rev. Francis N. Maniola, Pastor, St. Symphorosa parish, Chicago  
Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board

bcc: Angie Punzi-- for NOTICES, Priest's Personal File

*Not for TNW publication unless  
indicated hereafter.  
J.R.K.*



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

August 18, 1979

C

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Symphorosa Rectory  
6135 S. Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

O

Dear Father Bogdan:

Due to the resignation of the Reverend Edward S. Gunia, pastor of Sacred Heart parish (S. Honore), Chicago, that parish has become vacant.

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In accordance with Canons 472 and 473, we are pleased to appoint you Vicar Econome of Sacred Heart parish. As Vicar Econome you will have all the obligations of the Pastoral office, particularly that of celebrating the Mass for the people (Canon 473, 1), just as if you were the pastor of that parish.

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This appointment is effective today and will remain in effect until a new pastor is appointed.

Wishing you every blessing in your new pastoral charge, we remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

+JPC:JRK/ ag





# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

December 12, 1979

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Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Symphorosa Rectory  
6135 S. Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

Dear Father Bogdan,

In further reference to our conversation, I am pleased to appoint you as Vice-Officialis of the Metropolitan Tribunal in accordance with Canon 1573, 3. This appointment is effective immediately upon your taking the 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 very grateful for your 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 important work, I am, dear Father Bogdan,

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

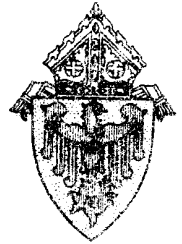
+ John Cardinal Cody  
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Very Rev. John V. Dolcimore, Officialis

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop

December 13, 1979

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Symphoros Rectory  
6135 S. Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

Dear Father Bogdan,

In further reference to our conversation, I am pleased to appoint you as Vice-Official of the Metropolitan Tribunal in accordance with Canon 1578, § 2. This appointment is effective immediately upon your taking the oath of office. In appointing you to this responsible duty, I would ask you to work under the direction of the Official, the Very Reverend John V. Dolanmore.

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

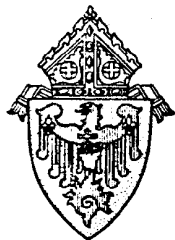
Wishing you every blessing and peace as in this important work, I am, dear Father Bogdan,

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

*John Cardinal Coughlin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Very Rev. John V. Dolanmore, Official

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## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

18 lutego, 1980

[REDACTED]  
Kardynał Prymas Polski i Arcybiskup Warszawa  
Ulica Miodowa, 17-19  
00-246 Warszawa  
Polska

Wasza Eminencjo,

Zamierzam wydelegować do Polski księdza Leonarda A. Bogdana, Vice-Officialis a archidiecezji chicagowskiej, do Polski na okres około dwa miesiące podczas tego lata. Chciałbym ażeby oprócz opanowania języka polskiego poprzez prywatne lekcje i obcowanie z żywym językiem na codzień, zapoznał się on z różnymi procedurami trybunału małżeńskiego i z polską terminologią używaną obecnie przez trybunał w orzekaniu wyroków. Znajomość tych spraw jest bardzo pożądana zważywszy na ciągle wzrastającą liczbę spraw wpływających do trybunału naszej diecezji, posiadającej wysoki odsetek wiernych pochodzenia polskiego.

Sądzę że ksiądz Bogdan poznałby najlepiej pracę trybunału w Polsce w trybunale Archidiecezji Warszawskiej, bo wydaje się byłby on najbardziej reprezentatywny dla modus operandi trybunałów w Polsce.

Ksiądz [REDACTED] z Waszej Archidiecezji zasugerował aby ksiądz Bogdan zamieszkał w domu dla duchowieństwa zwanym popularnie "Roma" przy ulicy Nowogrodzkiej 49 w Warszawie. Ponieważ Trybunał Stołeczny mieści się w tym samym budynku, takie miejsce zamieszkania zapewniłoby łatwy dostęp do źródeł i zaznajomienia się z działaniem Trybunału, terminologią oraz innymi praktycznymi aspektami funkcjonowania Trybunału. Wiedza w tym zakresie byłaby bardzo cenna w pracy z ludnością polską na terenie naszej Archidiecezji.

Jezeli permisja Waszej Eminencji jest konieczna dla umożliwienia zakwaterowania w tym miejscu, proszę uprzejmie o udzielenie jej księdzu Bogdanowi. Do uzyskania wizy wjazdowej i ewentualnego zwolnienia z obowiązkowej wymiany dewiz oficjalne zaproszenie może się okazać niezbędne, i o nie również proszę Waszą Eminencję.

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Jestem przekonany że doświadczenia uzyskana przez księdza Bogdana podczas jego pobytu w Polsce, a szczególnie w Archidiecezji Warszawskiej będą z wielką korzyścią dla niego, zarówno duchową jak i naukową. Polecam go też Waszej Ojcowskiej uwadze i dobroci duchowienstwa i wiernych w Polsce.

Zyczac wszelkich błogosławieństw Bozych w Waszej pracy duszpasterskiej jako Prymasa Polski i zapewniajac o modlitwach na waszą intencję, pozostaje Waszej Eminencji

Oddany w Chrystusie

Arcybiskup Chicagowski

ENGLISH TRANSLATION



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

18 February 1980

*Office of the Archbishop*

His Eminence, [REDACTED]  
Cardinal Primate of Poland and Archbishop of Warsaw  
Ulica Miodowa, 17-19  
00-246 Warsaw  
Poland

Your Eminence,

I plan to send the Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan, Vice Officialis of the Archdiocese of Chicago, to Poland for a period of about two months during this coming summer. In addition to his learning conversational Polish, I would like him to become acquainted with the various tribunal procedures and technical Polish terminology which is currently used by tribunal officials in the adjudication of cases. Such knowledge is highly desirable in view of the ever-increasing number of marriage cases submitted to the tribunal of this archdiocese, where there is a high concentration of people of Polish origin.

In my judgment Fr. Bogdan would obtain the best practical knowledge of tribunal procedure in Poland from the tribunal of the archdiocese of Warsaw, since that tribunal would undoubtedly be the most representative of the modus operandi of all tribunals in Poland.

Father [REDACTED] of your archdiocese suggested that Fr. Bogdan take up his lodging at the clergy hotel in Warsaw, which is popularly termed "Roma", located on ul. Nowogrodzka 49. Since the Metropolitan Tribunal Office is located within the same building, this site would provide ready access to the study of tribunal procedures, exposure to practical terminology, etc. used within Poland. Such knowledge would be a genuine asset to his work with the large number of Polish-speaking people, who reside in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

If it is necessary to obtain permission of Your Eminence for lodging at this hotel, would you be so kind as to grant Fr. Bogdan this favor. Likewise, since it may be necessary to have an official invitation from your office to obtain a Polish visa and possibly an exemption from the mandatory currency exchange, would you please send this to my attention on behalf of Fr. Bogdan.

I am sure that the experiences of Fr. Bogdan during his sojourn in Poland, in particular within the Archdiocese of Warsaw, will be most profitable for him both spiritually and scholastically. I further commend him to your fatherly concern and kindness and to the goodness of the clergy and faithful of Poland.

AOC 007027

With every best wish for God's blessings in your pastoral work as Primate of Poland and assurance of prayers on your behalf, I am Your Eminence

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

the Tribunal Office is also located. However, as a matter of courtesy he suggested that Cardinal Wyszynski be informed of where I will lodge. However, out of deference to the Cardinal I phrased the letter as though his permission would be necessary.

In brief, the suggested contents were obtained from various Polish priests, who said that this is the ordinary procedure in such matters. I probably will be going to the Polish Consulate soon to obtain preliminary information and learn about mandatory procedures. At this point I want to find out the way to save this archdiocese money by determining if I should at least register with the University in Warsaw and take it from there. When I find out more information, I will let you know.

Thank you again for this opportunity to study Polish. It will be a great asset to this tribunal. By the way, the translator of this letter is from Poland. He did a

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim MV to the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated May 29, 1982, recanting his previous allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Leonard Bogdan. According to the letter, Victim MK made the false allegation in anger and fear.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

September 28, 1982

*Sent a  
personal  
acknowledgement  
+ JLB*

Dear Archbishop Bernardin,

I was quite elated to hear that you are in the process of establishing a Seminary Board. From my limited personal experience and from the experiences of many other priests the minimal qualifications for admission and/or retention of prospective candidates to the priesthood on all levels of formation must be seriously re-evaluated. Hopefully, the work of this board will effect some positive guidelines, to be eventually disseminated among the clergy of Chicago, which will help us in recommending young men for candidacy to the priesthood. It has always been my personal belief that we owe this in justice to the Christian faithful, who lend their financial support to the seminary system.

I write this letter because of some very unpleasant experience I have had during the past year with one of the candidates, who attempted to discredit me and seriously calumniate me both at school and in his neighborhood. I received little support from the seminary authorities when I brought it to their attention. So I had to resolve the matter in another way with the investment of much time and energy and the aid of a fellow priest in this office. Thankfully, the matter was successfully resolved. But it is incidents like this which make priests wonder what are the qualifications a student should have when they allegedly aspire to the priesthood. What criteria should be applied to retain doubtfully qualified candidates in a seminary system? What harm can be done to other seminarians?

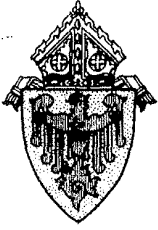
I realize a seminary board will never have all the answers. But I hope that this will be a beginning for an improved seminary system and a vehicle for attracting qualified candidates to the priesthood. Thank you for your genuine interest and concern. I congratulate you for the insight you have manifested in this area. I support your efforts. I pledge my continued assistance in any way I can.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Leonard C. Bogdan*

Vice-Officialis





## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

September 29, 1982

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Dear Lenny:

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I want to thank you again for your support relative to the establishment of the seminary board. I feel very strongly that a board would be of benefit to all our seminaries and, in particular, St. Mary of the LAke.

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However, the concern which you expressed is not so much the responsibility of the board as the administration and staff. Certainly a board can establish criterion, etc. In the final analysis, however, it is the people on the spot who must implement the policy, make judgments, etc.

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You may be sure that I intend to give a high priority to the formation programs in our seminaries. The well-being of the church in the future depends to a large extent to the quality of our seminaries. It is my intention to make our seminary system the best in the country.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph L. Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Leonard A. Bogdan  
Vice Officialis

JLB:cfb



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Vicar General

December 7, 1982

Rev. Ernest D. Cierniega  
Sacred Heart Church  
4602 S. Honore  
Chicago, Illinois 60609

Dear Father Cierniega:

In response to your request, I wish to inform you that with the approval of His Excellency, Joseph L. Bernardin, and in accordance with Canon 465,4, I am pleased to appoint Rev. Leonard Bogdan as Vicar Substitute and to grant him the necessary faculties to care for the parish during your absence. This appointment will be effective until January 2, 1983.

With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Brackin  
Vicar General

Rev. Kenneth Velo  
Assistant Chancellor

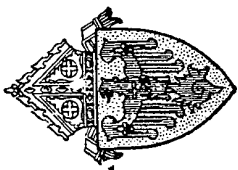
cc: Rev. Leonard Bogdan  
Very Rev. Edward J. Erzozowski  
Clergy Personnel Board ✓

AOC 007032

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the statement of Victim KR, as recorded and prepared by Fr. David Baldwin, Director of Counseling at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South, of Victim KR's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Leonard Bogdan, dated April 22, 1983. According to the statement, Victim KR met Bogdan in 1980 during Victim KR's early years of high school. After a couple of years, the relationship between Victim KR and Bogdan turned sexual, with the alleged abuse consisting of kissing, mutual oral sex, and Bogdan attempting to have anal intercourse with Victim KR on one occasion. Victim KR stated that he told several family members of the abuse, which ended the relationship with Bogdan.

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Memo from


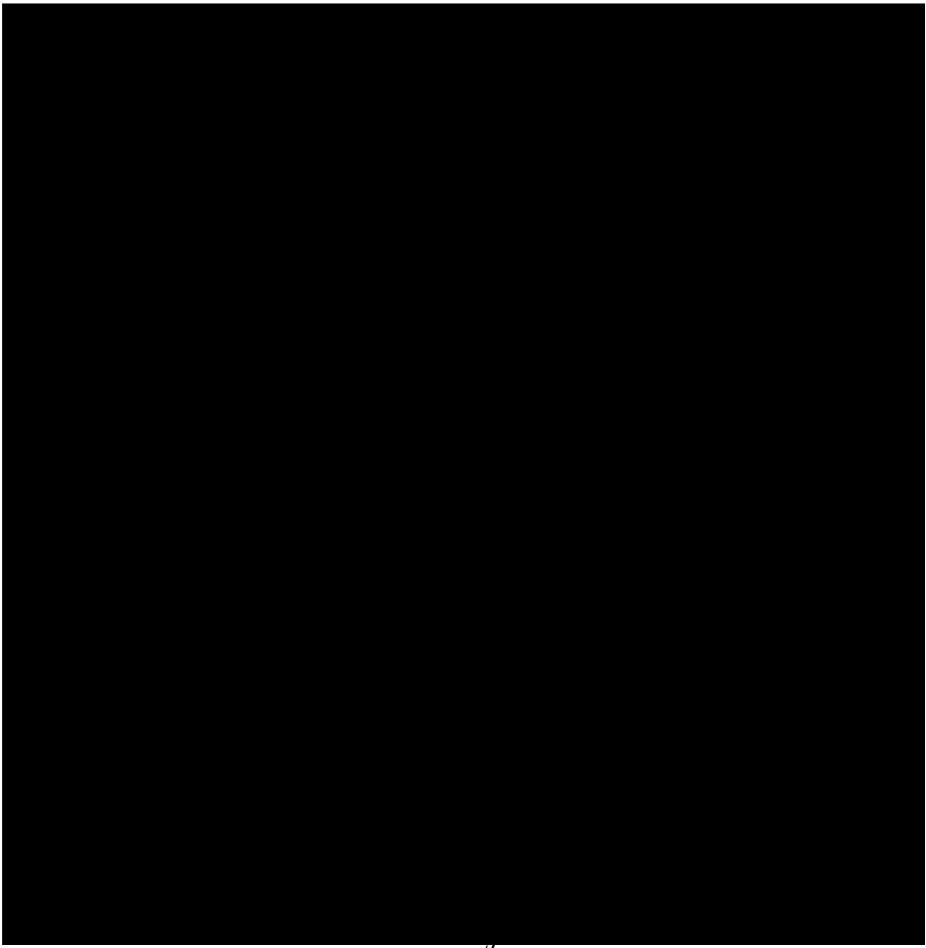
Rev. John R. Keating

To: File Date: 5/3/83

Today I spoke with  
Mr. Bogdan about this —  
c. 1½ hours at the Chanery.  
Convincingly he at-  
tacked the liability  
of the [redacted]  
boy.

Mr. B. has dissociated  
himself completely from  
the [redacted]  
He was very relieved +  
grateful for the meeting.  
J. R. K.

Written about 8 months after the  
original allegations:



Explanation: This was written by [REDACTED]  
spontaneously on the back of a graduation picture  
he gave me. It is corroborative of the letter  
dated 6/6/86, which I asked him to write in the  
event that any adverse accusation against me  
should surface in view of his past allegations.

I still have the "original" in my possession.

I did forgive him eventually inspite of the fact  
that it did cause me great pain and suffering.  
I did share some of this with Fr. Keating when  
he called me in after receiving a letter from  
[REDACTED]. [REDACTED] wrote the letter at the behest  
of his counsellor at school. Actually [REDACTED] was  
guilt-ridden and got caught up with his allegations--  
he had to save face and went through the motions.

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### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements Fr. Leonard Bogdan's explanation in response to Victim KR's allegation of sexual abuse against Bogdan. The redacted portion is a letter from Victim KR to Bogdan thanking Bogdan for his support and help over the years.

Minutes, Meeting #15, The Ninth Board, Friday, Dec. 9, 1983, CPB Office

3. Reports: (continued)

- The Cardinal has appointed Bob Becker to the position of officialis of the Marriage Tribunal. Tom Tivy and Len Bogdan will share the position of vice-officiales.

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December 22, 1983

Dear Len:

As a result of the consultation process, I am pleased to reappoint you Vice Officialis of the Metropolitan Tribunal in accord with Canon 1420. This appointment is effective January 1, 1984 until January 1, 1988 in accord with Canon 1422.

I appreciate, Len, your willingness to continue this important ministry of justice. In cooperation with Fathers Becker and Tivy, I am confident that you will continue to share your expertise for the benefit of the Tribunal as well as the people of God.

Be assured of my support and availability. With prayerful good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Leonard A. Bogdan, Vice Officialis  
Metropolitan Tribunal

cc - Clergy Personnel Board



# Pontifical College Josephinum

OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

April 11, 1984

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, D.D.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

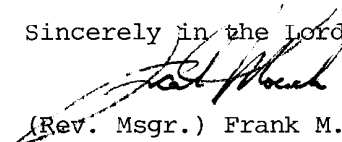
Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

You were most kind to take the time from your busy schedule to speak with me last week and I appreciate the understanding you shared.

To state briefly in writing the content of my request, I was encouraged by the office of the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to inquire about the suitability and availability of Father Leonard Bogdan to teach Canon Law at the Josephinum. Thus I ask you to give consideration to whatever you can do to assist us in meeting the need for a professor in this discipline for the coming school year. I appreciate the potential difficulties which you foresee and you know that I hold your judgment in highest regard.

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration. I enjoyed our exchange very much.

Sincerely in the Lord,



(Rev. Msgr.) Frank M. Mouch

FMM:ACL

Re: Fr. Bogdan

April 17, 1984

Dear Monsignor [REDACTED]:

Many thanks for your recent visit. It was good to see you again. It brought back many memories of the many good years that we worked together when I was in Cincinnati.

Regarding Leonard Bogdan, I have the following comments to make. He is a fine priest and a good canonist. I have a high regard for him. There are two factors, however, which prompt me not to support his becoming a member of the faculty at this time.

First, Father Bogdan has been experiencing some depression. When I first came to Chicago, I spoke with him at some length and discovered that the situation had existed for some time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I would have reservations, however, about his going elsewhere at this time.

The second difficulty is that, with the requirements of the new Code, we are facing a serious problem in our Tribunal: Many of our Tribunal priests have a great deal of experience but no degrees in Canon Law. With the great volume of work, I would find it impossible to release someone like Father Bogdan who has a degree.

I regret, Frank, that I cannot respond positively to your request. I hope you understand my position.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Monsignor [REDACTED]  
Rector, Pontifical College Josephinum  
7625 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43085

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# Pontifical College Josephinum

OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

April 24, 1984

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

Thank you very kindly for your letter of April 17. I appreciate the consideration you have given us. The problem you face of a shortage of degree personnel for your Tribunal is common throughout the United States.

May you be richly blessed in this Easter season.

Sincerely in the Lord,

(Rev. Msgr.)

FMM:ACL



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

October 9, 1985

*Office of the Archbishop*

Dear Father Bogdan,

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the fine work you did on a new pagella of faculties for the Archdiocese. I agree that it is long overdue. I'm sure that Bob Kealy will be meeting with you soon and I await the outcome of your discussions so that we can move this project forward speedily.

I will ask Bob to discuss the pastoral manual with you also. It's a fine idea and I'm sure Bob would be grateful for your help.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
Saint Symphorosa Church  
6135 South Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

bcc: Reverend Robert L. Kealy

JLB:RLK/kc

AOC 007042

October 9, 1986

Dear Tom,

I have enclosed two envelopes, one white (St. Sym's), one blue. In the blue envelope there is a signed statement by "A" (████████ case). I had the original in my confidential file. I have enclosed a copy. Obviously, this is only an accessory piece of evidence. ██████████ can substantiate the situation.

In the white envelope is the material I placed in my personnel file at the Chancery. I retrieved it today. I am giving you permission to inspect it but only on the condition that the contents in no way adversely affect the writer (whether personal, scholastic, vocational, etc.). I received it under this condition. The materials are copies. I have the originals in my possession. If there is any doubt that ██████ wrote them, I believe that a graphologist can substantiate the writer as being one in the same person. Obviously, certain names and certain ideas would have to be deleted before an outsider would inspect them. If you want to eventually see the originals, I will be happy to show them to you.

One thing also occurred to me last night regarding my having further contact with ██████ after the incident. I already stated one reason (friendship with mother). In addition, I was not made aware until much later that ██████ sent a letter to ██████. When I spoke with ██████, I was given the impression that someone had telephoned him. After our discussion the matter was dropped without any negative repercussions. It was not until Sept. or Oct. that I learned about the letter. This was after I had spoken to ██████ on more than one occasion. Since I was not aware that the letter was in my file, I didn't consider it a source of future concern. I thought it has been destroyed. When I became aware of a letter in my file with the note "TO BE OPENED ONLY BY THE CARDINAL" I became concerned--but I really didn't know what it might have been about. When ██████ did contact me again in May, 1986 I had some kind of intuition about that letter in my file. That is why I asked for a disclaimer from ██████. I hope this clarifies some of the matters we discussed.

*Len*

AOC 007043

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim KR to the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated June 6, 1989, recanting his previous allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Leonard Bogdan, which Victim KR made in the Spring of 1983. According to the letter, Victim KR felt that Bogdan was interfering with his social life and made the allegation in attempt to distance himself from Bogdan. Victim KR also noted that he got the idea of making the allegation against Bogdan from a friend, who also admitted that his allegation against Bogdan was false.

*St. Symphorosa Rectory*  
*6135 South Austin*  
*Chicago, Illinois 60638*  
September 12, 1986

The Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board  
Hillside and Harrison Avenues  
Hillside, IL 60162

Re: St. Patrick's Parish, Lake Forest, IL

Attn: The Reverends John P. Finnegan and Lawrence P. McBrady

Dear Fathers:

I hereby submit my formal application for the role of pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Lake Forest, Illinois. In view of the various comments contained in the "Parish Profile Resume of St. Patrick" I have indicated below some of my personal observations regarding various concerns expressed by parishioners on August 25th.

In view of a pastor's obligations toward fiscal responsibility and personal accountability I believe that he has an obligation in justice to adequately inform his parishioners of the financial status of the parish <sup>on</sup> a periodic basis either personally or through the Parish Finance Committee in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines. Furthermore, a pastor should convene an open parish meeting at least once annually to answer questions, provide insight, obtain suggestions, etc. regarding financial matters from the parishioners-at-large. Prior to such a meeting detailed and clear printed reports should be made available to all parishioners. With collaboration and consultation between pastor and parishioners most financial goals can be more effectively accomplished.

As a full-time member of the Matrimonial Tribunal for almost 18 years I have been accustomed to dealing with people who are hurting and in need of healing. I think that I can at least begin to bridge the gaps that have developed within the the parish community of St. Patrick.

As both a full-time and part-time associate I have had much experience in youth work over the years (e.g., teen clubs, sodalities, scouting, etc.). I continue to believe that a pastor must be committed to the needs of young people, the future of the Church. I realize that such a task may be difficult. However, various resources can be continuously tapped to bring the youth of today closer to the parish community and to make them feel needed and welcomed.

Prayerful liturgies and liturgical progress are high priorities in my priestly ministry. The involvement of women and youth in various liturgical roles sanctioned by the local Church can significantly enhance the public worship at St. Patrick. An adequate educational program for the laity in this regard can serve to overcome many personal prejudices as regards the role of the laity, especially women, in the liturgical life of the parish.

I do not think that a so-called conservative element of a parish regarding liturgical practices should be ignored. A healthy balance between traditional practices and modern reforms can be integrated into the liturgical life of a parish. Education and tolleration are important elements to achieve mutual respect for time-honored traditions and recently adopted practices involving liturgical reform. There is room for both. Respect for the magisterium and the presence of "Catholicity" with the liturgy can be accomplished by remaining within the parameters of liturgical law and custom. Obviously, emotion often distorts the reality. Constant patience and continuous dialogue can be effective in dealing with polarized groups within a parish community.

Because of the size of the parish community at St. Patrick's it should be relatively easy to get to know all the parish families to some degree. Home visitation would be a viable means to accomplish such an end. In addition, visibility and availability can do so much to bridge the gaps between various groups within a parish.

I believe that I have sufficient maturity, experience, and health to deal with the various problems narrated within the parish profile. I am also ready to return to full-time parish ministry after my many years of service to the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago in tribunal work (viz., 2/69 to present). This should prove to be a needed and salutary change. When I spoke to Cardinal Bernardin about a pastorat in recent months, he stated that he would affirm such a decision on my part.

In view of a personal commiment I made to Cardinal Bernardin I intend to remain involved in tribunal ministry at least until ~~the~~ my term as Vice Official expires at the end of December, 1987. I believe I can effectively coordinate the two ministries without compromising my primary duties as a pastor at St. Patrick's. Others have done the same in the past.

If feasible and possible, I hope to accomplish some other personal goals in the area of Canon Law (e.g., research and writing). Recently, I have been directly involved in such activity with the Office of the Chancellor (e.g., compilation of recent presbyteral faculties, current legislation on Mass offerings, the canonical implications of a parochial domicile, etc.). Living at St. Patrick's will afford me easy access to canonical books and periodicals at the seminary library for reference purposes. I believe that I should continue to share with the local Church my God-given talents in the area of Canon Law.

I also wish to add that my pastoral experience at Sacred Heart Parish (46th & Honore) as temporary administrator (1979) and vicar substitute (1982) has enhanced my ability to deal with parish problems based on personality difficulties and conflicts. The record should speak for itself.

My various extra-parochial experiences over the past 26 years have further added to my ability to deal with various age groups and ministerial situations. To cite a few examples: a) State (2 yrs) and local (23 yrs) Chaplain of the Daughters of Isabelia; b) Worldwide Marriage Encounter from 1979-82 (local and executive level); c) Catholic Engaged Encounter from 1982-83; d) Substitute professor of Canon Law at De Andreis Seminary from 1980-82. In all these areas of ministry I was well received by those to whom I ministered.

I therefore ask that the Personnel Board seriously consider my request for the pastorate at St. Patrick in Lake Forest.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Leonard A. Bogdan*  
Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan ('60)



*St. Symphorosa Rectory*  
*6135 South Austin*  
*Chicago, Illinois 60638*  
September 15, 1986

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
155 East Superior  
Chicago, IL 60611

Your Eminence:

I believe that it is my duty to inform you that I have applied for the Pastorate at St. Patrick in Lake Forest. I have enclosed a copy of my letter to the Personnel Board if you wish to read it.

First of all, I want to state that I will remain a member of the Tribunal at least until my term expires in December, 1987. I made this commitment to you and intend to keep it in so far as I am able. Others have done the same in the past. I do not anticipate any special difficulties in completing the work I have begun. I made a point of this to the Personnel Board.

Secondly, I decided not to wait until next year to apply for a parish since St. Pat's is the type of parish in which I believe I can effectively minister. I always preferred a small parish. Since I am people-centered, I believe that I can interact well with the people there inspite of the problems that may be present within the parish community. In reality, they are not insurmountable. In addition, there may not be another parish of comparable size available for quite some time. From all that you have said to me in the past this would be an ideal size for me because of real or imagined limitations.

I spoke with the current administrator and parish secretary to obtain further insight into the parochial situation. What I gleaned from such conversations I truly believe that I possess the needed qualifications to administer effectively in such a setting. In addition, I should have some spare time to continue to share my canonical expertise with the archdiocese by writing and research. The proximity of the seminary with library resources makes this an ideal setting.

Currently, my health is very good. I do not anticipate further problems since those in the past were precipitated primarily by clerical injustice and ignorance. As I told you, coping with fellow clerics rather than lay people has been the source of many problems in my priesthood. Finally, you stated that you would affirm such a decision on my part regarding the pastorate, though I am a year early. I hope that you will consider this request when you make your final decision regarding the appointment for St. Patrick's Parish.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

*Len Bogdan*

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

enclosure

AOC 007047



THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
HILLSIDE & HARRISON AVENUES  
HILLSIDE, ILLINOIS 60162

*Clergy Personnel Board*  
*Telephone: 261-5274*

September 15, 1986

Dear Leonard

This is to acknowledge reception of your application for the pastorate of St. Victor's Parish. Your letter will be shared with the entire Board and given every consideration.

Enclosed is a copy of the parish profile.

Fraternally,

Rev. Lawrence P. McBrady  
Executive Secretary

Rev. Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Symphorosa  
6135 South Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

LPM:dos

AOC 007048

FILE: PRIEST FILE

September 18, 1986

Dear Len:

I appreciate your courtesy in letting me know that you have applied for the pastorate at St. Patrick's in Lake Forest. I am confident that the Personnel Board will give your request serious consideration.

I take this occasion to thank you for all you have done for the Archdiocese. Be assured of my continued prayers for you.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Symphorosa Rectory  
6135 South Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

JLB:dlw

AOC 007049

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the timeline prepared by Fr. Tom Ventura, Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated October 8, 1986, summarizing the history of the relationship between Victim KR and Fr. Leonard Bogdan.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces handwritten notes, dated October 14, 1986, summarizing a conversation with Fr. [REDACTED] and Fr. [REDACTED]'s recollection of Victim MV's allegation against Fr. Leonard Bogdan. According to the notes, Victim MV and Victim MV's father approached Fr. [REDACTED] because they were concerned that Bogdan communicated concerns about Victim MV's vocation as a priest to administrators. Fr. [REDACTED] noted that he did not see any inappropriate behavior by Bogdan with Victim MV.



for CLERGY EDUCATION

April 13, 1988

Rev. Leonard A. Bogdan  
Saint Symphorosa Rectory  
6125 South Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

Dear Father Bogdan,

Thank you for your recent letter explaining your reasons for applying to the Institute and providing basic biographical information.

I am happy to inform you that this official notification of acceptance for the Spring session of 1988 will become effective as soon as we receive your deposit of \$500 toward the cost of board, room and tuition (\$2150). An urgent and unforeseen reason requiring that you cancel your application would be seen by us as sufficient reason to return the deposit to you. However we would hope that you would inform us as soon as possible, should this happen, so that those on the waiting list could be given sufficient notice.

Further information will be mailed to you a few months before the beginning of the session. Please let us know if your mailing address at that time will be different from your present address.

Feel free to write or call if you have any questions.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

*Ed Frazer*

Edward J. Frazer, S.S.  
Associate Director

% St. Patrick's Seminary • 320 Middlefield Road • Menlo Park, CA 94025 (415) 325-9122

AOC 007052

TO: Sabbatical Board  
RE: Fr. Leonard Bogdan, Tribunal  
FROM: Fr. Dave Byrne  
DATE: April 28, 1987

Len proposes a 6 month sabbatical, January through June, 1988. He concludes his term with the Tribunal in December 1987. I advised him that he did not need a letter of affirmation from the Dean since he is a resident in the deanery and no longer affiliated with his agency after December; Wayne concurred.

January 27-April 25, Len would be enrolled in the Vatican II program at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, California.

The balance of time during 3 months would be pursuing skill development with computers through the Computer Discovery Center, 2930 N. Lincoln, Chicago. He is interested in 5 individual 3 hour courses and a unit of 12 hours in programming. Residency would be either at his present parish or convenient locations in-city.

The rest of his time would be rest/relaxation/transition time between agency work and parochial assignment.

EXPENSES

\$3150	tuition/room/board at Menlo Park
75	materials
200	texts
600	room/board at a rectory if not his own
414	computer/word processing enrollment
<u>\$4439</u>	

I recommend that Len's proposal be accepted as outlined above.

*St. Symphorosa Rectory*  
*6125 South Austin*  
*Chicago, Illinois 60638*  
May 2, 1987

Ms. Marilyn Aleide  
Archdiocesan Sabbatical Board  
St. Mary of the Lake University  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Ms. Aleide:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter from the Reverend Edward J. Frazer, Associate Director of the Vatican II Institute. As you will note, in order to secure a firm reservation in the program a \$500.00 deposit toward the standard program cost is required as soon as possible. Would you be so kind as to forward this deposit in my name to Father Frazer.

Father Byrne of the Sabbatical Board spoke to me a few days ago and stated that my sabbatical was approved.

If there are any further questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 767-1523 (rectory) or 751-8206 (tribunal).

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of this matter, I am

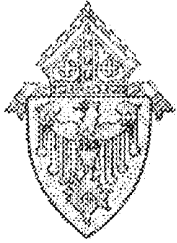
Sincerely yours,

*Leonard A. Bogdan*

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

cc. Edward J. Frazer, S.S.





## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

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

May 4, 1987

Archdiocesan Sabbatical Board  
ATTN: Reverend Wayne F. Frist  
St. Mary of the Lake University (CDM)  
Mundelein, Illinois 60060

Dear Father Frist:

Please be advised that the Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan has my consent to undertake a sabbatical leave as of January 1, 1988 for a period of six months. Since two other men will be returning from post graduate studies by that time, his absence will not entail any burden on this Tribunal.

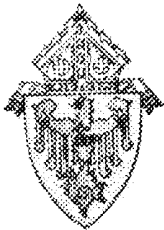
In accordance with the usual policy governing sabbaticals, the Tribunal will assume Father Bogdan's salary during his approved period of absence. This has been written into our budget for the forthcoming fiscal year.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Thomas Tivy*

Reverend Thomas A. Tivy  
Judicial Vicar

cc. Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Office of the Archbishop*

May 11, 1987

Dear Len,

In light of the recommendation of the Sabbatical Board, I am pleased to grant your request for a sabbatical beginning January 1, 1988 through July 1, 1988. Please inform Father Ken Velo of your address during this time.

The appointment is made with the understanding that you will have completed your term of office at the Tribunal, and will seek a new assignment in July when you return.

Following archdiocesan policy, the Tribunal will pay your salary for the period of the six-month sabbatical. The Center for Development in Ministry will pay tuition, room and board expenses.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your fine work at the Office of the Metropolitan Tribunal, as well as for your 27 years of service to the Archdiocese.

As you look forward to this important transition in your priesthood, please know that you have my support and prayers. Please pray for me as well.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

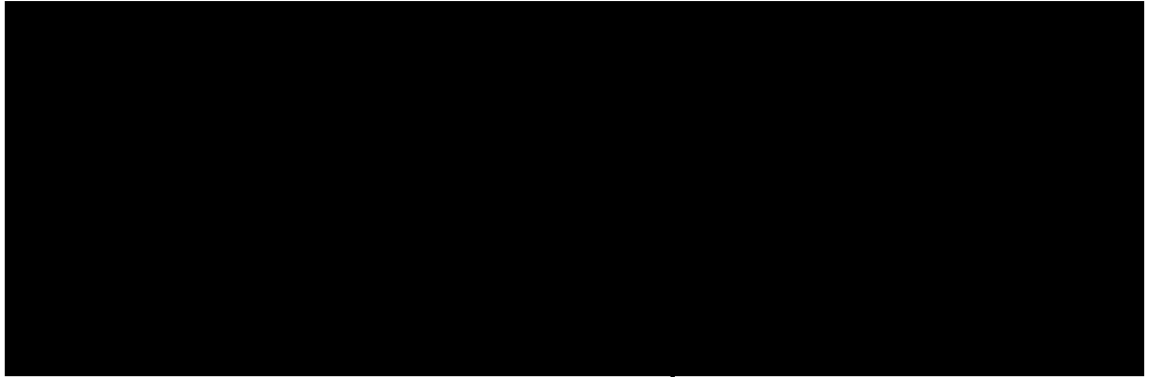
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
Saint Sympherosa  
6135 South Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

cc: Reverend Kenneth Velo  
Reverend Wayne F. Prist  
Clergy Personnel Board  
Reverend Thomas A. Tivy

Len Bogdan

5-15-87:



Future: Dec. 31, 1987: end of Len's term in Tribunal.

Jan 27 - April 25, 1988: sabbatical in Menlo Park

May - month of writing & reflecting on West Coast.

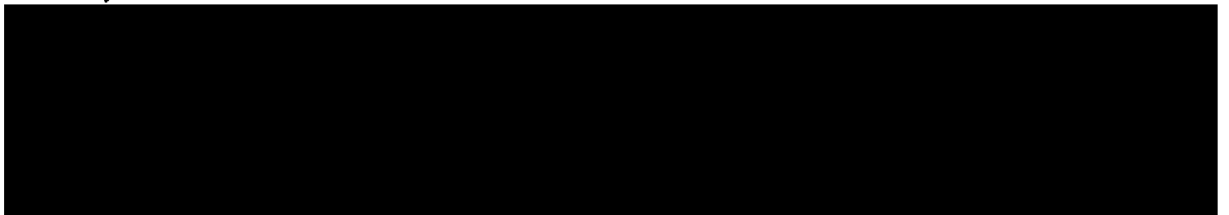
June - back to Chicago. Possible course in  
word processor & computer.

June 30 - end of sabbatical. Reassignment, -  
most likely in a parish. Not likely he would  
want to return to Tribunal work.

(Possible contact with Harvath by phone or letter.)

Supervision -

- Tom Kasputis was excellent as on site supervisor but  
will be transferred in June. A possible new  
supervisor is Tom Wintel.



Next meeting (with Goedert) June 23, 9:30 am.

Got the Laughlin report.

11-11-86.



was accepted but never came to Niles.

- went to 2. South grad. in 1984 (Sept. 1986)
- from St. Barbara parish.
- questions about him. eg. unpaid tuition at U. of L.  
eg. He asked a priest friend to co-sign on an  
auto. The priest ended up paying. (The priest  
informed us but did not allow us to use it.)
- difficult family situation. Father is disabled.  
Mother works hard, but is sick.
- No idea why he did not show up. We called.  
He said he would come, but he never showed up.  
Bob decided not to pursue it.



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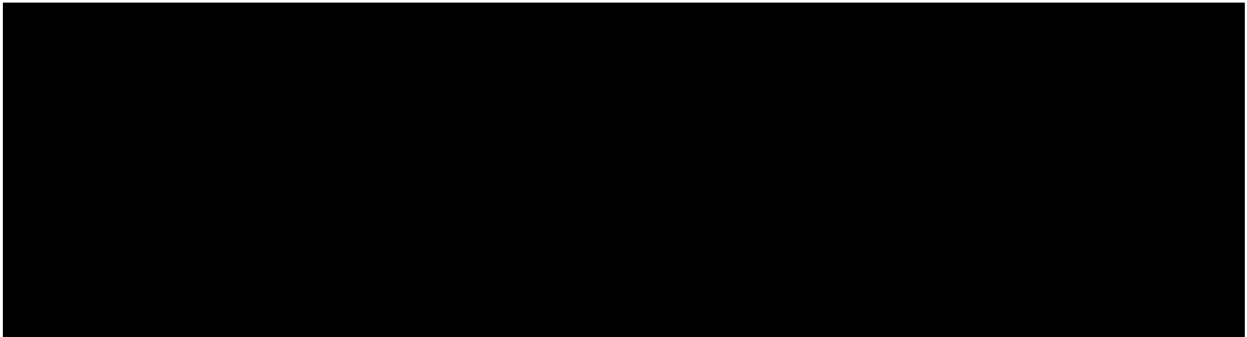
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

June 23, 1987

Vicar for Priests  
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Off: (312) 642-1837  
Res: (312) 528-0540

TO: Cardinal Bernardin  
FROM: Tom Ventura *N*  
RE: Len Bogdan (progress report)



3. Looking back over my contacts with Len, I have been pleasantly surprised by his honesty, maturity and inner resources in dealing with some painful and challenging issues. There is more to him than people might think.

4. The future

- Len will leave the Tribunal on December 31 when his current term ends.
- He will begin a 6 month sabbatical on January 1, 1988
- What happens when he returns?
  - a) He definitely does not want to resume tribunal work.
  - b) Ray Goedert observed that parish work as either a pastor or associate would very likely be too unpredictable and stressful for a person like Len.
  - c) Ray Goedert felt that perhaps teaching Canon Law coupled with residence in a parish might be the best scenario for Len.

5. Supervision: Ray will continue to meet with Len on a regular basis. Tom Kasputis, his on-site supervisor has agreed to continue that relationship with Len until January.

copy: Ray Goedert

to: file

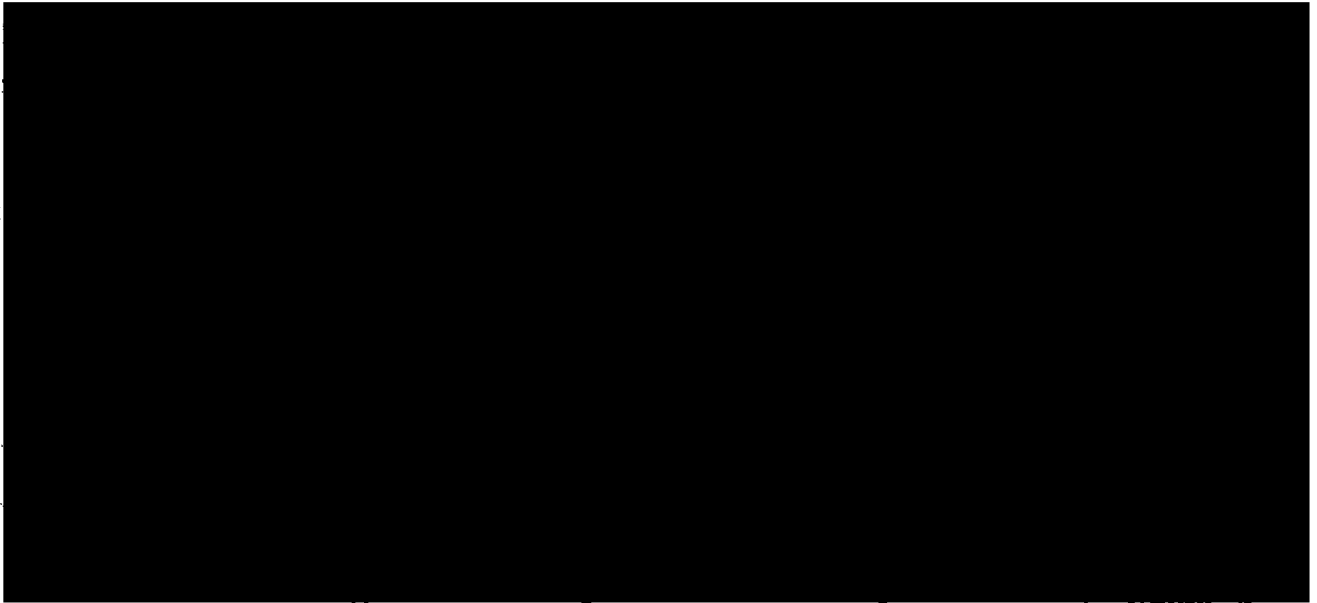
3 July 1987

From: T. Ventura

RE: Rev. Leonard BOGDAN (summary report at  
end of my term.)

10-6-86: Rev R. Keely, Chancellor, informed me of a  
confidential report dated 4-25-83 which surfaced  
in the process of a file review program in his office.  
It involved alleged misconduct by B. with  
a minor.

10-8-86



Because of prior dealings with B. in June 1984  
and June 1985 I had concerns about his stability  
and decided to pursue the matter.

10-13-86:

[REDACTED] He said the student had  
insisted on strict confidence, that the matter was  
dealt with in that manner by Rev. [REDACTED]  
Chancellor at that time, and that his impression  
[REDACTED]

10-14-86: Contacted Bishop [REDACTED] who stated that  
he had handled the case, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] since his transfer to Virginia he (K.) had lost touch with the case.

10-14-86: Contacted Rev. [REDACTED] who was involved in another instance of allegations concerning B. which he refused to in his account. Mulvihill's assessment was positive. (cf. 10-14-86 summary.)

10-26-86: [REDACTED]

11-07-86: B. provided additional information about [REDACTED]

11-11-86: Contacted Rev. [REDACTED] for current information regarding [REDACTED] (cf. 11-11-86 notes)

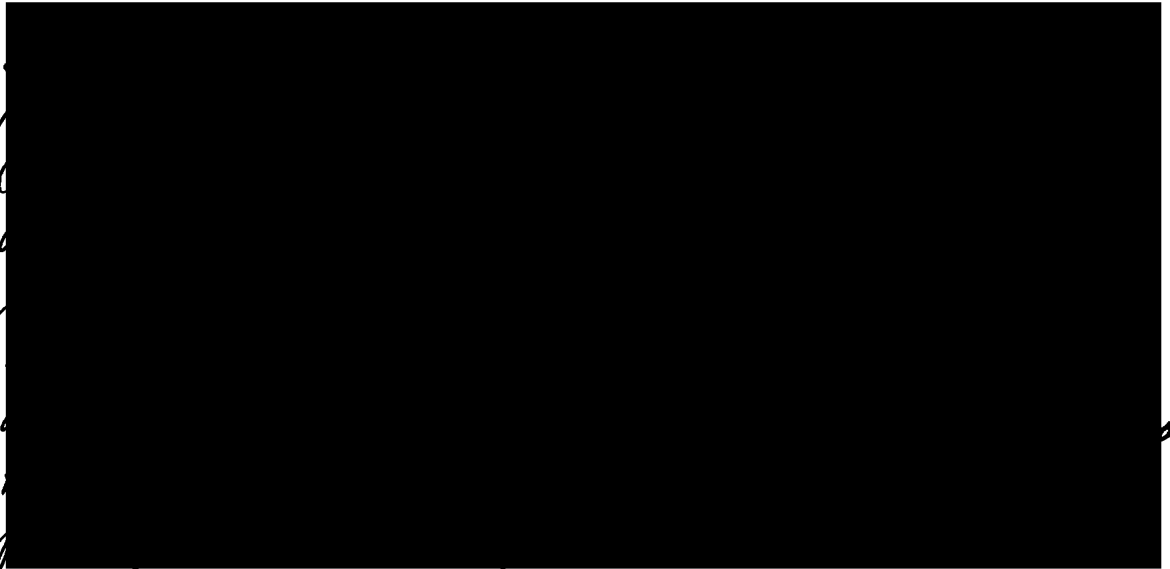
12-5-86: [REDACTED]

6-12-87: T. Kasperis has been reassigned but states that he is willing to continue supervisory relationship with B. for the remaining 6 months before his term ends in December. He is positive about B's progress.

6-23-87: Meeting with B. and Rev. R. Goedert who will succeed me as Vicar as of July 1, 1987. Purpose was to summarize the past and to effect transition to supervision by Goedert. (cf. 6-23-87 progress report.)



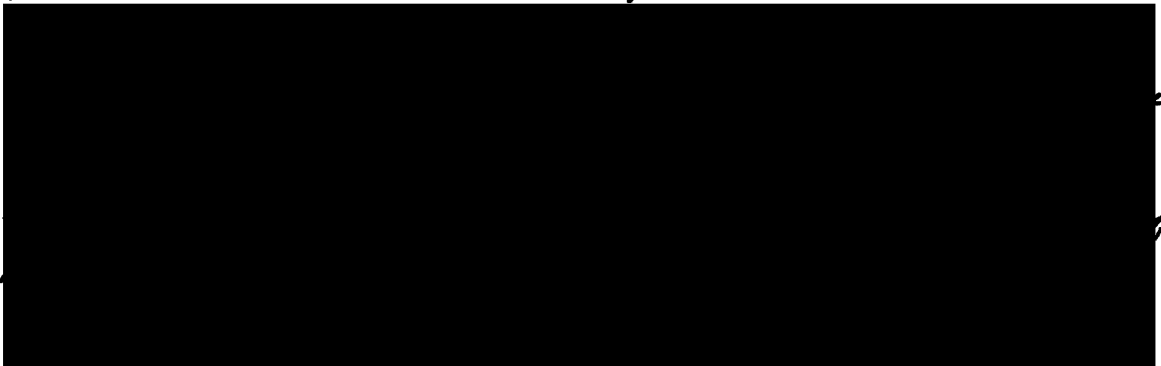
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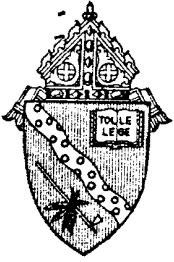
12-30-86: Contacted Rev. T. Kasputis who agreed to serve as supervisor for B.

1-7-87: Meeting of B. and Kasputis to provide background information and to establish the framework of a supervisory relationship. Note: given his history, B. has been impressive in his ability to deal well with the stress of these past months, a hopeful sign.

2-23-87:



We discussed B's plans for the future since his term on the Tribunal ends Dec. 31, 1987. I will continue to see him monthly for additional support and supervision. (cf. 5-15-87 notes for a summary.)



# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

P.O. Box 949 215 N. Westnedge Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49005 (616) 349-8714

JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN

To: Fr. Velo

For your confidential  
information and that  
of the Personnel Bd.

CONFIDENTIAL

July 28, 1987

The Reverend Leonard Bogdan  
Saint Symphorosa Parish  
6135 South Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

Dear Father Bogdan,

Thank you very much for the wonderful news that was communicated in your letter of July 6, 1987, namely your decision to minister with us in the Diocese of Kalamazoo for at least a 3-year period beginning July, 1988. Thank you also for adding the observation that additional time would be negotiable, of course, in accord with the wishes and approval of Cardinal Bernardin. Please excuse my delay in replying to you personally, but as you know, I was away on vacation when your letter arrived, and I have returned to the office just as of last weekend.

By this letter, I wish to confirm in a formal way our mutual agreement that as of July, 1988, you will begin the work of establishing a Tribunal for the Diocese of Kalamazoo as my first diocesan Judicial Vicar. This appointment to take place a year from now, is understood against the background of our prior communications and understandings. The compensation schedule for you during your term of service with us will be that of the Archdiocese of Chicago as I had indicated to you previously.

In the days ahead I will be in communication with you so as to provide for the basics of personnel and office requirements in preparation for your arrival and this new endeavor.

I cannot tell you how pleased and happy I am that providence has allowed for a priest-canonist of your caliber with a strong pastoral sense to collaborate with me in this very important dimension of my responsibility and ministry as Bishop. As we are able to enter into this mutual agreement, this is a very important moment of blessing for the Diocese of Kalamazoo. You know well

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The Reverend Leonard Bogdan  
July 28, 1987  
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my deep gratitude to His Eminence Cardinal Bernardin for his willingness to release you for service with us--without his affirmation, clearly all of this would not be possible. I am deeply grateful to you as well for considering our needs and accepting this new challenge after so many years of faithful service in the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I do look forward in a very personal way to our continued communication and collaboration.

Asking the Lord's generous blessings upon you for now and for the future,  
I am

Sincerely in our Lord,



Bishop of Kalamazoo



cc: His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin ✓

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Father Bogdan  
FROM: Cardinal Bernardin  
Date: September 14, 1987  
RE: Plans for your new assignment

Len:

As you know, I received a copy of the letter Bishop [REDACTED] sent to you regarding your future work in the Tribunal of Kalamazoo.

I am sure you have your own time table for announcing this; however, it would be helpful for you to tell your pastor, Father John McNamara, if you have not already done so already.

At a recent meeting with the Personnel Board, I became aware of a number of parishes in need of associate pastors, Saint Symphorosa among them. At this point, your pastor should know that you will not be residing at the parish, so he can anticipate the needs of the parish.

Many thanks.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF THE MATRIMONIAL TRIBUNAL  
POST OFFICE BOX 1979  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

9/25/87

Dear Ray,

In our last conversation you asked me to give you the birth date  
of that person about which we spoke.

It is [REDACTED]

Keep up the excellent work!!!

*Lin Bogdan*

# vatican II institute for CLERGY EDUCATION

November 15, 1987

Dear Father,

In my earlier letter confirming your acceptance for the session which begins January 27, 1988, I promised to send you further information about the Institute. Hopefully this letter anticipates most of your questions as you prepare for your sabbatical, but if not, please feel free to call or write:

**How to get here:** The Institute is located on the grounds of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California, in a building in back of the seminary, opposite the swimming pool. It can be reached by car by taking the Willow Road exit off Highway 101, going west on Willow to Middlefield Road (about a half mile), turning right on Middlefield. After two short blocks you pass the fire station, and take the next driveway on the right. If you are arriving by plane and have no way of getting to the Institute, please let me know as soon as you have your exact flight information, and I will try to arrange to have you picked up at the airport.

**Calendar:** The Institute will begin on Wednesday, January 27 at 5:00 p.m. Registration will take place anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on that day. Rooms will not be available for occupancy before then. There will be a break period during the session from Wednesday morning of Holy Week to Tuesday evening of Easter week, that is from March 30 to April 5. Classes resume Wednesday morning, April 6. During this break, however, and during the rest of the session we ask that you do not return to your normal ministry activities so that you will return from your sabbatical refreshed. The Institute will conclude Monday, April 25 at noon.

**Schedule:** Normally we have classes four hours a day, four days a week. An additional day each week is used for study time, counseling opportunities, morning classes, theological reflection and liturgy preparation. There is a day off each week, normally on Thursdays once orientation is over. On some Sundays, there will be class in the morning, but on most Sundays we encourage you to get around to liturgy at various places in the area where it is particularly well done, and occasionally to a Protestant worship service. Ordinarily classes will be in the morning and evening, leaving the afternoons for rest, recreation and reading. Sometimes classes are moved into the afternoon to provide variety and allow for an occasional free night.

**Facilities:** The rooms at the Institute are private rooms, well lighted, furnished with bed, desk, dresser, closet, easy chair and lamp. Sheets and bedding are also provided, but please bring your own towels. Heating is adequate but you may wish to bring a small heater if you come by car. The lavatories and showers are

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central. The recreational facilities of the seminary are open to us, including swimming pool, exercise room, courts for tennis, handball and basketball. We have three bikes available for general use but you may want to bring your own. There are golf courses and hiking areas nearby.

**Telephones.** Rooms are wired for telephone service, and the Institute has rotary type phones that you can borrow. (If you require touch tone for your long distance company, you will have to bring your own instrument.) On the first day, you can indicate whether you want personal phone service and the Institute will order it. For those not requesting personal phone service, there is a pay phone available, and you can be reached on the Institute's number: (415) 325-9122.

**Address:** Your address for mailing and shipping will be:

Vatican II Institute  
c/o St. Patrick's Seminary  
320 Middlefield Road  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

**Dress, etc.:** Dress, during the Institute will be casual and relaxed. Clerical dress, while not normally needed, may be appropriate for a few events. Coat and tie may be useful on occasion as well. While we anticipate good weather, evenings can be cool, and you may also want heavier clothing for visits to the mountain areas. An umbrella may be useful occasionally in getting to the parking area, etc. For concelebration, please bring your own alb and stole. And for your favorite recreational activities you will want appropriate equipment as well as clothing.

**Meals:** The three daily meals are served in the seminary dining building. On Sunday evening, a hot meal is not served in order to give the Sisters on the kitchen staff a night off. You may wish to use this time to try out the many good restaurants in the area. Liquor is not normally supplied by the Institute; some sort of pool is usually set up by the participants themselves for a social time before dinner. Please budget for the expenses of weekly meals out, social hours and entertainment.

**Courses and books:** The enclosed brochure describes the courses; there is some variation from session to session, but this list remains basically in effect. Books used in the courses will be available for purchase at a discount rate by the Institute. You may already have some of them, and may want to bring them with you, particularly the Bible, new Code as well as other reference volumes and titles such as:

- X Gospel Parallels, ed. Throckmorton
- X A Guide to the Gospel Parallels by Flanagan
- X The Documents of Vatican II, ed. Abbott
- X Spiritual Renewal of the American Priesthood ed. Larkin
- X Liturgical Press' Commentary on John's Gospel by Brown

- X Principles for a Catholic Morality, by O'Connell
- X A New Look at the Sacraments by Bausch
- X The Reality of Jesus by Lane
- RCIA Study Text, USCC
- X The Priest and Stress, USCC
- X The Bible Makes Sense by Brueggemann
- X Sabbath Time by Edwards
- X The Road Less Travelled by Peck
- X Take Heart, Father by Bausch
- X Sadhana, a Way to God, and Well Springs by De Mello

**Visitors:** For visitors or for participants who come early to the area for some vacation days prior to the session, reasonable motels in Menlo Park are The Mermaid Inn (415-323-9481) and Riviera Motor Lodge (415-321-8772). The seminary is normally unable to offer accommodations. Classes and events at the Institute are open only to participants.

**Cost:** The charges for board, room and tuition (\$3150) are payable in full at registration. If you have made a \$500 deposit, this is applicable toward these charges. Please make arrangements with your diocese or province regarding payment before you come to the Institute. Not included in the tuition, board and room are personal laundry expenses (coin machines are available), textbook costs, and personal needs. Because you are on sabbatical and will probably want to go out to eat and take sight seeing trips, you will want to include enough in your budget for this.

**Health:** An emergency walk-in clinic is available in nearby Palo Alto. The Institute also offers guidance and encouragement for exercise and moderate diet. It is advisable, however, to get a physical examination before you arrive. Please get flu shots for your own and others' sake.

Father Len Racki, the other Associate Director, and I look forward to spending these three months with you. We are confident that you will enjoy the experience and find it as profitable as did our eight hundred plus alumni from the past 26 sessions. Let me know if I can be of help!

Sincerely in the Lord,



Edward J. Frazer, S.S.  
Associate Director



St. Symphorosa Rectory  
6135 South Austin  
Chicago, Illinois 60638  
December 13, 1987

~~Ms. Marilyn Aleide~~  
Archdiocesan Sabbatical Board  
St. Mary of the Lake University  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Ms. Aleide:

Please find enclosed a copy of a recent letter I received from the Vatican II Institute relative to my forthcoming sabbatical. On pages 2 and 3 are a listing of books, which I am to purchase upon my arrival. I am not sure of the exact cost, but perhaps with this listing someone on the Sabbatical Board could approximate the cost. I have placed an x before those which I do not have, and thus need to purchase. Since I am not certain as to whether a check for the same may be issued in my name or another entity, I do not know how this expense should be taken care of. It may be that a bookstore at the seminary would provide these texts, and thus the check would not be made out to Vatican II Institute...

A summary of expenses is as follows:

\$2650.00 (balance due for sabbatical program) [payable to Vatican II Institute  
for Clergy Education]  
\$600.00 (for room/board [\$20/day--30 days] at St. Mary's Cathedral Rectory in  
San Francisco) [payable to Cathedral of St. Mary]  
\$50.00 (fee for materials) [payable to Vatican II Institute...]  
\$25.00 (laundry expenses) [payable to Leonard A. Bogdan]  
\$200.00 (for books to be purchased) [payable to self (?) or Institute (?)]

At a later date a request will be made for approximately \$400.00 to computer/word processing courses to be taken in the Chicago area.

All of the above costs have been approved and within the allowable budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Leonard A. Bogdan*  
Leonard A. Bogdan

\$ 2,700. payable to Vat. II Institute  
\$ 600. " " St. Mary's  
Cathedral

c. Reverend David Byrne

P.S. I will be leaving Chicago soon after January 1. I would appreciate the checks as soon as possible.

*OK to pay*  
*Vat. II*  
*Sabbatical*  
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*(Jo Bob Muciala)*



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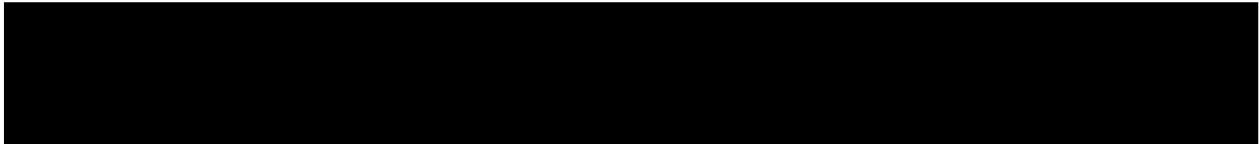
*Vicar for Priests*  
*800 North Clark Street, Suite 311*  
*Chicago, Illinois 60611*  
*Off: (312) 642-1837*

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DATE: Dec. 17, 1987

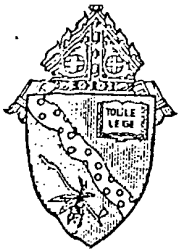
RE: Len Bogdan

I met with Len Bogdan today. Len is preparing to leave the Tribunal and to go on Sabbatical. He will be on a sabbatical in California until June, 1988, at which time he will go to Kalamazoo to set up a Tribunal there.



Len will send me his address once he is located in Kalamazoo.

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# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

P.O. Box 949 215 N. Westnedge Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49005 (616) 349-8714

December 28, 1987

My Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, and Pastoral Ministers:

By this letter I wish to announce three decisions which will provide for the present and future needs of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. On November 24, 1987, at the Presbyteral Meeting, I made a presentation to the members present as Diocesan Consultors, regarding these issues and sought their feedback. I asked all who were present at that meeting to observe appropriate secrecy pending the completion of my communication with appropriate persons. Now that I am able to make public these announcements, you are urged to pursue any further discussion you may desire with members of the Presbyteral Council who were present for that November 24th meeting including, of course, either Father [REDACTED] or myself.

In the first place, as of July 1, 1988, a Tribunal for the Diocese of Kalamazoo will be established at the Chancery. Through the generosity of Cardinal Bernardin, I am able to announce the appointment of Father Leonard A. Bodgan, presently the Adjutant Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Chicago, to be the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Kalamazoo effective July 1, 1988. Father Bodgan has served for many years in the Archdiocesan Tribunal of Chicago and since 1979 as Adjutant Judicial Vicar. He has his doctoral degree in Canon Law from the Lateran University in Rome and a wide variety of experience in the pastoral sphere as you can see from the enclosed resume which points clearly to his pastoral orientation. He will see the role of Judicial Vicar as that of minister of reconciliation against the background of the convictions of our Church about marriage and the requirements of Canon Law. It is appropriate that I publicly express my deepest gratitude to Cardinal Bernardin for his long-standing friendship and magnanimity in sending Father Bodgan to us for at least three to five years. More specific details about other Tribunal personnel will be forthcoming in due time. Father [REDACTED] and the Lansing Tribunal have very graciously agreed to receive all marriage cases from the Diocese of Kalamazoo through July 31, 1988, and the Tribunal of Lansing will process all such cases received through July 31, 1988, to their completion. All marriage cases from parishes of the Diocese of Kalamazoo will be sent to the Tribunal of Kalamazoo, beginning August 1, 1988.

Speaking on behalf of all of you, I also want publicly to note my deepest appreciation to Bishop [REDACTED] Father [REDACTED] and the entire Staff of the Tribunal of Lansing who have served us so unselfishly and with consistent effectiveness over the past sixteen and one-half years. Our relationship has been very fruitful both for our priests and for the pastoral well-being of so many of our people. We all owe debt of deep gratitude to Father Pamment for the fine ministry which he has rendered for our good.

Every Diocese should have its own Tribunal. It is one of those basic structures of the local Church which a first bishop should put in place for his successors and for permanent service to a new Diocese. It is in that light and against the background of Father Bodgan's availability that I move to establish a Tribunal at this particular time. When a prospective Judicial Vicar of such competence can come to us, it would not be appropriate to delay further in establishing a Tribunal. As we look to the years ahead, a future new Bishop of Lansing and a future new Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Lansing might not find it possible to continue the same Tribunal relationship we have been privileged to have in our first years as a new Diocese.

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Secondly, and very much related to the establishment of our Tribunal, I want to tell you that beginning in the fall of 1988, Father [REDACTED] will be assigned to full-time study for the Licentiate Degree in Canon Law at St. Paul's University in Ottawa. You are probably aware of the presence of Father [REDACTED] on the Ottawa faculty. Father [REDACTED] is considered one of the finest canonists on our continent. Father [REDACTED] will be preparing to assist Father Bodgan and our Tribunal in the summer of 1989 and then full-time beginning in the summer of 1990, once he has received his Licentiate Degree. I have every confidence that Father [REDACTED] will prepare himself well to perform this ministry for the Diocese of Kalamazoo, and I am grateful to him for undertaking this type of formal study for the good of our local Church. During his time in Ottawa, Father [REDACTED] permanent address in the Diocese of Kalamazoo will continue to be St. Philip Rectory, Battle Creek.

Thirdly, beginning in the spring semester, that is February, 1988, I am assigning Father [REDACTED] to full-time doctoral studies in moral theology at the Gregorian University in Rome. It has become very clear to me over the past few years that dealing with sensitive medical-moral matters is part and parcel of the day to day ministry of the Chancery. The need for outside consultation with those having the proper credentials is needlessly time-consuming and unwieldy given the frequency with which medical-moral questions are addressed to my office, whether these reflect personal concerns of doctors and nurses, etc. or institutional mergers, joint ventures, etc. The requests for a medical-moral expert for our diocese has also come to the surface on several occasions at Presbyteral Council meetings. Thus, Father [REDACTED] will be focusing his study on the medical-moral sphere. Given his background of study and teaching in the area of ethics, as well as his experience in working with me day to day in these matters, his time of residency in Rome is expected to last for two semesters after which he will be able to complete his dissertation and return to continue as Executive Administrative Assistant to the bishop and Moderator of the Curia. I would add also my expression of gratitude to Father [REDACTED] for his readiness to undertake a period of full-time study and writing so that a genuine need of our Diocese might be competently addressed.

It would not be possible to overstate my enthusiasm as I look to the blessings, both present and future, which will come upon our Diocese through the establishment of a Tribunal and the training of our own priests in fields where expertise is much needed. This is the first time in God's Providence that we have been able to send priests on for full-time graduate study. Please join me in thanking God that we find ourselves in such a position, and in begging the Lord of the Harvest to continue to send us fine candidates for priesthood. Please join me in thanking God as well for the prospective availability in our midst of the beautiful ministry of reconciliation which is the Tribunal ministry, which we will be able to begin next July.

Your prayers for the Lord's blessings upon these new ventures will be so important in the days ahead. Know that Father Bodgan, Father Schmidt, and Father [REDACTED] are very much counting on the special prayerful support that comes from brother priests.

Asking the Lord's continued generous blessings upon you and your ministry during this season when the Word made flesh binds us, who share His priesthood, more closely to Himself, and wishing you a Happy New Year, I am

Cordially yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo

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c: [REDACTED]

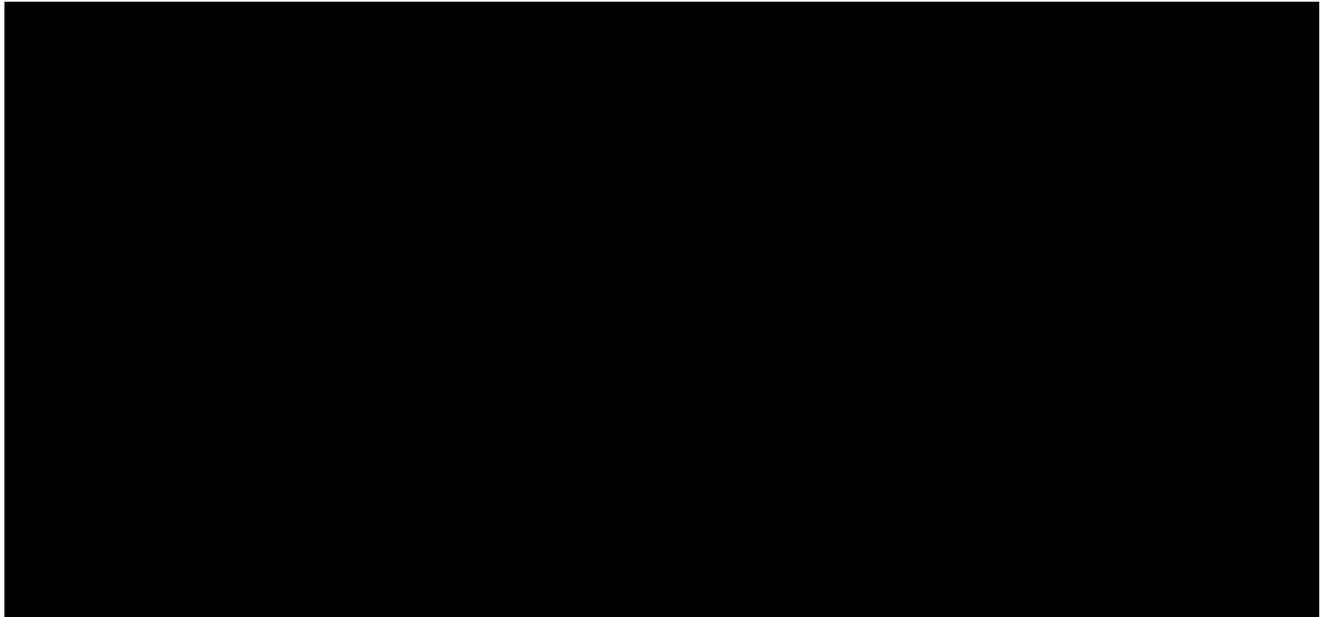
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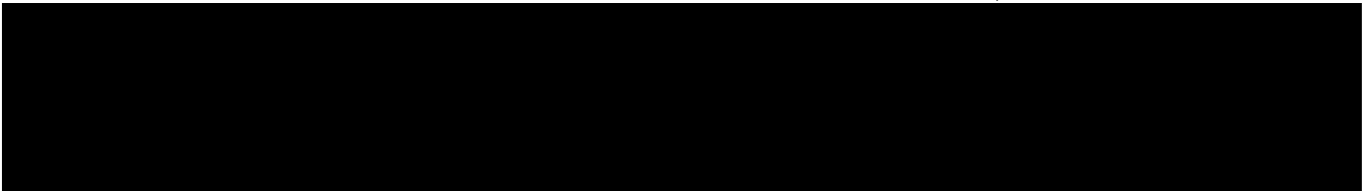
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His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, announces the following appointments:



SABBATICAL LEAVE

→ Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan, from the Office of the Metropolitan Tribunal, to Sabbatical Leave, beginning January 1, 1988 until July 1, 1988.



Dated at the Office of the Archbishop  
December 28, 1987

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SABBATICAL ADDRESS

Rec'd:  
1/4/88

Re: Leonard A. Bogdan

VATICAN II INSTITUTE  
c/o St. Patrick Seminary  
320 Middlefield Road  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
[REDACTED]

(Primary residence)

If I cannot be reached at the above address/telephone, an alternate would be:

Reverend [REDACTED]  
Cathedral of St. Mary  
1111 Gough Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
[REDACTED]

The above information is valid from January 15 to end of April.

When I am not in the Menlo Park/San Francisco area, Fr. [REDACTED] will know of my whereabouts.

Special emergency number if answering system at Cathedral is ON: [REDACTED]

P.S. I will be returning to Chicago/St. Symphorosa Rectory at the end of April.



# Saint Symphorosa Rectory

6135 South Austin Chicago, Illinois 60638 (312) 767-1523

January 5, 1988

Your Eminence:

On December 31, 1987 I received a copy of a letter by Bishop [redacted] in which he announced to the priests of Kalamazoo his future plans for a local tribunal. He mentioned me by name. Consequently, the matter is now public.

I will not initiate any comments on this matter unless necessary. Since I plan to leave Chicago on January 15th, I request that you also make no comments before that date of my departure. However, it may become necessary if word has gotten back here already. Then I have no choice in the matter.

The reason for my request is simply to avoid verbal explanations until I return to Chicago at the end of April. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Finally, I want to compliment you on your brief talk on priesthood and vocations at Fr. John Spitzkovsky's funeral liturgy. It was superb!

Faternally yours,

*Len Boylan*

*St. Symphorosa Rectory*  
*6135 South Austin*  
*Chicago, Illinois 60638*  
January 5, 1988

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
1555 North State Parkway  
Chicago, IL 60610

Your Eminence:

On January 1, 1988 my term as Adjutant Judicial Vicar expired according to my letter of appointment. Currently, I still am Promotor of Justice and a Defender of the Bond for the Metropolitan Tribunal of this Archdiocese. Since I am officially on sabbatical leave, I realize that another should be appointed to the office of Promotor of Justice.

Consequently, I hereby submit my resignation as Promotor of Justice, effective as of the date of the appointment of another person at your initiative.

Since I am theoretically still a member of the Metropolitan Tribunal during my sabbatical leave, I see no immediate need to resign from the office of Defender of the Bond. Likewise, since I am also a Judge for the Court of Appeal, Province of Chicago, I presume I will retain that post until my sabbatical officially concludes.

In order to avoid submitting another letter of resignation at a later date, I hereby state that I also resign as Defender of the Bond of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago and Judge of the Court of Appeal, Province of Chicago, effective July 1, 1988.

It has been my pleasure to serve People of God of this Archdiocese in countless ways over the past twenty years during which I was a member of this Tribunal.

Respectfully yours,

*Leonard A. Bogdan*  
Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN

*To: Fr. Velo*

*Ken -*

*The games Len plays!  
I don't think I have to  
respond to this. But  
we have to try to respect  
his wishes*



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF THE MATRIMONIAL TRIBUNAL  
POST OFFICE BOX 1979  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690  
1/5/88

Dear Colleagues:

Under explicit secrecy I have not been able to communicate this information on a public basis. However, since it is now public in KALAMAZOO, word may soon reach Chicago.

Briefly, I was approached in March, 1987 to consider this assignment. I did not give a conditioned affirmative until June, 1987. IN July, 1987 Bishop [REDACTED] and I came to the decision to GO WITH IT. Other consultations had to take place before any official word would be made public.

Since I have only a few days before I leave Chicago, I decided to say nothing, simply to avoid questions, etc. I am sure by May it will be public here (perhaps even much, much sooner).

*Len*

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*JAB*

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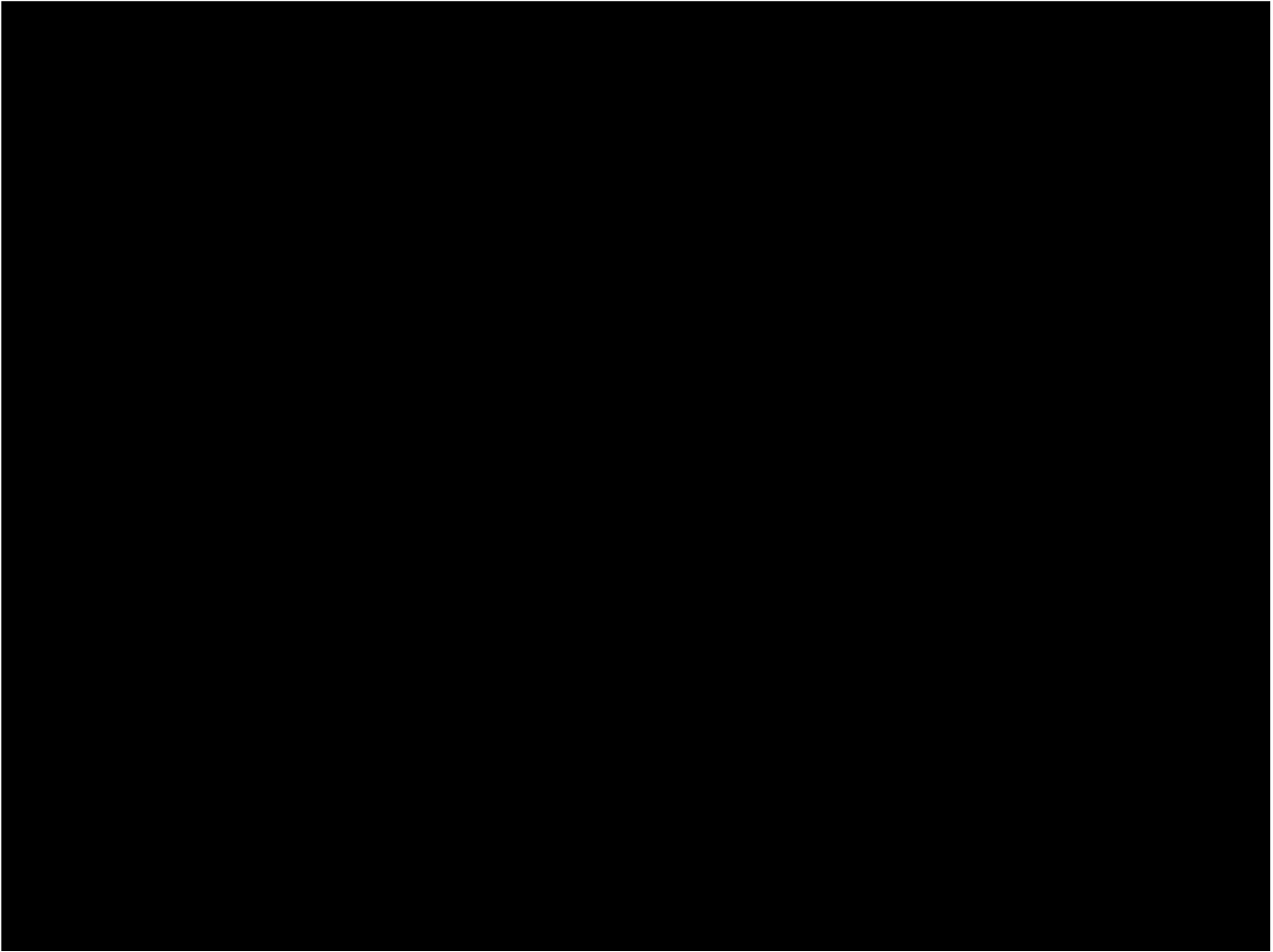
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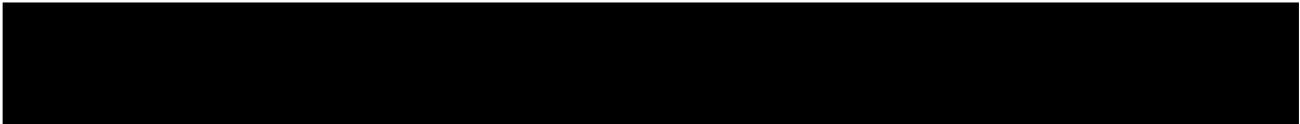
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His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, announces the following appointments:



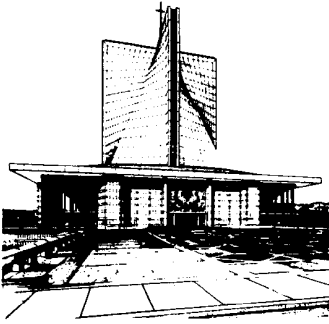
ACTIVE OUTSIDE DIOCESE

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan, from Adjutant Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal, and most recently from Sabbatical Leave, granted permission to serve the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan as Judicial Vicar of their Tribunal for a period of three years.



Dated at the Office of the Archbishop  
June 17, 1988

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# St. Mary's Cathedral

1111 Gough Street • San Francisco, California 94109-6686 • Telephone (415) 567-2020

April 14, 1988

*Address on envelope  
St. Patrick's Seminary  
320 Middlefield Rd.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025*

Dear Cardinal Bernardin:

The conclusion of the sabbatical program at St. Pat's Seminary is fast approaching (viz., 4/25). Soon thereafter, I will return to Chicago to complete some other academic pursuits. Thus far, this experience has been most profitable: spiritually, psychologically, emotionally, and academically. Undoubtedly, it has served as an ideal mode of transition for my future ministry within the local Church of Kalamazoo.

[REDACTED]

As a point of historical background, the primary precipitating factor for past problems has stemmed from continuous, unjust and cruel treatment by various members of the archdiocesan presbyterate. Among more recent, pleasant experiences has been my positive interaction with other clerics at Vatican II and several priests together with a few seminarians of the Province of San Francisco. The majority of them unwittingly have helped me focus on the positive. As a result, I am more hopeful about establishing with fellow clergymen future interpersonal relationships which will be a source of affirmation, growth, and mutual support.

Since the end of 1985 I have continued to fear interpersonal contact with priests who are alcoholic or who have tendencies in that direction. For the greater part of 20 years I suffered at the hands of such priests. Not having learned the skills to cope with their erratic behavior, since this was foreign to personal experience within my family circle, I became more and more depressed and withdrawn. This program finally gave me the courage to interact, when necessary, with those so afflicted. The positive self-image which I was able to recapture over the past few years, coupled with practical insights into self and others as a result of this experience, has generated a new self filled with confidence and esteem.

In addition, the experience of major losses, all by death, of supportive and significant others in my life (in particular, Cardinal Cody and my mother) within a brief period of time (viz., 1982-83) resulted in so high a level of stress that I could no longer effectively use those coping mechanisms which gave my life some degree of balance. As a consequence, the world around me simply caved in. The ongoing affirmation of lay persons (women in particular) together with a variety [REDACTED] was the only human means of support which sustained me for the most part during that darkest period in my life. Nonetheless, further disappointments only added to my inner turmoil. Finally, in June, 1985 the psychological pressures

became so intense that I could no longer cope with the reality around me.

Yet, the avoidance of many archdiocesan priests still remained a basic part of my overall lifestyle--a defense mechanism based primarily on fear.

By the beginning of 1986 [redacted] was no longer a part of my daily experience. [redacted]

This obviously marked a major turning point in my life. As a positive self-image began to emerge, I was more in control. More significantly, as I reflect in retrospect, a major external change in my immediate surroundings took place. Someone left my midst! It was then I grew even more rapidly--yet without my reflecting on the WHY. The answer was quite simple as I now look back. A basic philosophical principle was operative: sine causa effectus nullus. At our last meeting I made a particular point of this.

In addition to the fact of causal elimination, I received more and more affirmation from those around me, lay persons as well as clergy. I was now given new opportunities I did not have for years. Though I was initially cautious, gradually my presence at the office became more frequent. My involvement in matters voluntary grew more evident. (You might want to ask around about this.) It was during that period that an inner strength emerged rapidly. This experience at the Vatican II Institute, without a doubt, served to further reinforce the growth experiences of the past two years.

Some examples of current behavior may serve to point out various changes that have occurred since my participation in this program at St. Pat's: At my own initiative, I concelebrated the Mass of Chrism at St. Mary's Cathedral, something I had not done since 1982. (By the way, the clergy attendance was superb!) I participated in the presbyteral ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral, a celebration that I avoided since 1982 or 1983. In addition, I plan to concelebrate the diaconate ordination in San Francisco before I leave, something I have not done since '81 when I taught at De Andreis Seminary in Lemont.

Cum mente sana in corpore sano, I look forward to the ministerial challenges that lie ahead.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

*Len*

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
1555 North State Parkway  
Chicago, IL 60610



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*Office of the Archbishop*

April 19, 1988

Dear Len:

I appreciated receiving your letter of April 14, 1988. It is good to hear you are enjoying your sabbatical program.

Thank you, Len, for your open and honest assessment of the growth that you have experienced these past few months. I am also pleased to hear that you have had such positive results, especially in areas which have previously been so painful for you in the past.

Be assured of my continued prayers and support. Although miles separate us, we are one in the bond of faith and one in the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Joseph*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
Saint Patrick's Seminary  
320 Middlefield Road  
Menlo Park, California 94025

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SABBATICAL REVIEW AND EVALUATION FORM

Name Leonard A. Bogdan Phone [REDACTED]  
Address 542 West Michigan Avenue Year of  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007 Ordination 1960

Present  
Assignment Judicial Vicar--Diocese of Kalamazoo

Location of your Sabbatical St. Patrick's Seminary (Vatican II Institute)  
Menlo Park, CA

Dates of your Sabbatical Jan. 26 - April 27 (Menlo Park) [4/1/88 - 6/30/88]

Briefly describe the components of your sabbatical:

Observed the formalities of Vatican II Institute  
Took various courses in computer studies in Chicago during the month of May  
Prepared for me departure to the Kalamazoo Diocese during June  
(During my last two months in Chicago, I lived at St. Symphorosa Rectory, my usual  
Personal: place of residence prior to my sabbatical.)

1. Briefly state the goals you set for your sabbatical:

To rejuvenate myself physically, mentally, psychologically, intellectually, and  
spiritually.

2. How did your sabbatical meet your goals?

Very well! I judge that the Vatican II Institute answered my needs. The comprehensive  
program at St. Pat's met all my goals.  
The time back in Chicago served as an effective transition back to the priestly ministry

3. How has your sabbatical affected your ministry and your career development?

There was an obvious updating in various areas of theology, scripture, moral theology, etc. Many aspects of the Vatican II Program touched on areas of immediate importance to both parish and tribunal ministry. I experienced much growth while at Menlo Park.

PROGRAM:

1. Describe the quality of instruction of the program in which you participated:

Excellent to very good for the most part. A few of the lecturers were mediocre, and only one was very poor.

2. Describe the depth of the program:

For the most part, there was much depth especially in the area of liturgy, scripture, and theology.

3. How would you describe and evaluate the other participants in contributing to your experience?

We were a very sharing group. Just living with priests who had many different ministerial experiences was quite broadening.

4. Describe the quality of the spiritual components of the program (e.g. prayer life, worship, reflection, spiritual direction, etc.):

All were very good. The opportunities were frequent and meaningful.

5. Describe the quality of the program's environment, in terms of:

a. location: Very ideal especially if one likes northern California.

b. comfort: Quite good.

c. food service: Good for institutional cooking.

d. housing: Adequate

e. extra-curricular activities: Quite good especially if one had a car.

6. Did the program offer you personal assistance in the areas of:

a. [REDACTED] Yes X No       

If yes, describe its quality: Very good. [REDACTED]

b. academic counseling Yes        No X

If yes, describe its quality:       

c. personal counseling Yes X No       

If yes, describe its quality: Very good

7. Were other options made available to you in addition to the basic program? Yes        No        Somewhat

If yes, please describe: Good

8. Overall, how would you rate the program? EXCELLENT

9. Would you consider the program: financially worthwhile YES  
overpriced NO

Please explain why: The quality of the lecturers and other opportunities for a variety of experiences.



GENERAL:

1. What was most satisfying to you about your sabbatical?

An opportunity for updating, rest, relaxation, and meeting other clergy with a variety of ministerial experiences.

2. What was least satisfying to you about your sabbatical?  
(7:30 PM to 9:30 PM) lectures

Frequent evening

3. Any further comments and/or suggestions for the Sabbatical Board and the Center for Development in Ministry? Please try to send checks for bills due more expeditiously. I don't like creditors waiting so long.

10. Would you recommend this site/program to other priests?

Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

qualifiers on your response: ~~Wait~~ Without reservation

ARCHDIOCESAN CONCERN:

1. How were your ministerial responsibilities covered while you were away? Very well. Two returned from formal studies while two departed.

2. Describe the extent to which your absence caused hardships in your ministerial setting: NA

3. Was your remuneration (salary, car allowance, stole fee) received by you on time?

Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

4. Was your income sufficient to meet your needs during the sabbatical?

Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

5. To what extent did you feel "connected" with the Archdiocese during your sabbatical? I received a copy of the Chicago Catholic and a copy of the parish bulletin. I was always kept abreast of any important items.

6. Did you regularly receive Archdiocesan mailings?

Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

7. To what extent was communication necessitated and executed with and by the Center for Development in Ministry? One letter of inquiry about the program.

6135 South Austin Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60638  
May 20, 1988

CDM (Sabbatical Program)  
University of St. Mary of the Lake  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Attn: Miss Merleanne Hiett

Dear Miss Hiett:

I have enclosed a voucher for payment to the Progressive Computing Industries, Inc. for computer classes/materials. This program of education was approved by the Sabbatical Board.

There is a possibility that I may take one more course in "Word Processing" if it becomes available in June.

I am also requesting the sum of \$50.00 payable to Leonard A. Bogdan for books purchased at the Vatican II Institute in Menlo Park, CA. When I previously submitted my book bill for \$104.00, there was an error involved. Just recently, I received a bill from Vatican II for an additional \$50.00. Enclosed is a copy of my check.

In summary, please issue the following checks:

- 1) Progressive Computing Industries, Inc.  
(address on voucher)  
\$400.00
- 2) Leonard A. Bogdan  
(address given above--Austin Ave.)  
\$50.00

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

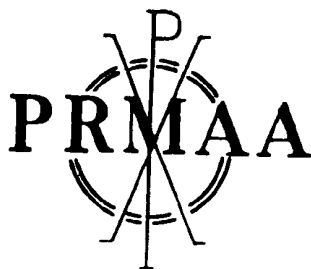
*Leonard A. Bogdan*

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

cc. Reverend David Byrne

Priests file

**Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association  
of the Archdiocese of Chicago**



May 31, 1988

1400 South Wolf Road  
Hillside, Illinois 60162  
378-7373 449-6100

[REDACTED]  
Roman Catholic Bishop of  
the Diocese of Kalamazoo  
P. O. Box 949  
215 North Westnedge  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49005

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

The Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association (PRMAA) is responsible for health insurance and pension benefits for priests of the archdiocese.

Father Leonard A. Bogdan has informed us of his movement to the Diocese of Kalamazoo for a three year period.

Father Bogdan also described to us the arrangement made to continue health and pension benefits from the Archdiocese of Chicago with premiums paid by the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Currently, our annual premium for Blue Cross/Blue Shield Major Medical is \$1,684.00 and our Aetna pension is \$400.00. Please feel free to remit these premiums either annually, quarterly or monthly at your convenience.

As we review our plans annually, we will advise you of any changes in our premiums.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

May Father Bogdan's years of ministry in Kalamazoo be blessed.

Sincerely,

PJP:jl

Rev. Patrick J. Pollard

cc: Rev. Leonard Bogdan  
Rev. Donald Ahearn  
Mr. Andrew Pollard  
Rev. Kenneth Velo

AOC 007090

Phones: 616 (AC)

Rectory - 345-5147

Tribunal - 349-7974 (after 7/23)

General # - 349-8714 (Pastoral Center)

Done! 7/19 486-7008

Could you notify the Liturgy Office  
& Personnel Board(?) of my address change.  
My liturgy mail still goes to St Symon's.

It's great here! The rectory staff  
is delightful & the Bishop is fabulous!

To: Lm B.



Center for Development in Ministry

June 16, 1988

Enclosed please find payment  
of \$400.00 for computer  
classes for Mr. Leonard  
Bogdan. (See enclosed  
invoice). Thank You.

Sincerely,

Merleanne Hiett  
Center for Development in  
Ministry

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, A CORPORATION

Check No.

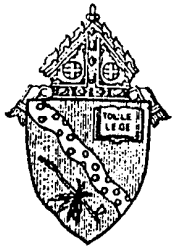
PAY TO THE ORDER OF:

PROGRESSIVE COMPUTING  
INDUSTRIES, INC.  
4941 WEST 63RD STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60638

DATE  
06/15/88

AMOUNT  
\$\*\*\*\*\*400.00\*

G. Z. Schneider  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE



# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

SEP 1 1988  
P.O. Box 949 215 N. Westnedge Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49005 (616) 349-8714

FILE

Dear Father Bogdan:

I am deeply grateful to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, for his kindness in granting you permission to serve the Diocese of Kalamazoo for a three year period so that we can establish our own Tribunal.

As a result of the process of consultation, I am pleased to appoint you the first JUDICIAL VICAR of the Diocese of Kalamazoo in accord with Canon 1420, §1. This appointment is effective July 1, 1988 until June 30, 1991 in accord with Canon 1422.

I am very grateful for your dedication and willingness to be of assistance to myself and the people of God of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. I sincerely appreciate your acceptance of this office. Be assured of my support and availability.

Wishing you every blessing in this important ministry, I remain

Very gratefully yours in Christ,



Bishop of Kalamazoo

Given at the Chancery  
June 30, 1988

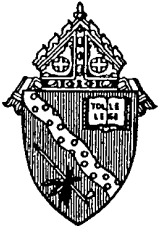


Chancellor

The Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan, J.C.D.  
Diocesan Tribunal  
215 North Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

c: His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Clergy Personnel Board, Archdiocese of Chicago

AOC 007093



DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

P.O. BOX 949

KALAMAZOO, MI 49005

January 12, 1989

Office of the Marriage Tribunal  
215 North Westnedge Avenue  
616-349-7974

Re: Overnight at Center for Development in Ministry (2/6/89)

Your Eminence:

Rather than just return my reply card with a **NO** response, I believe that I should offer you a brief explanation. I do see the value of such a meeting and am not adverse to attending per se. However, since it will include classmates, I do not wish to be a part of it. At the present time, I am very content with my ministry and living conditions. I have never received such support from clergy as I do in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Since I anticipate a negative reaction from being around classmates, I deem it best to avoid such encounters to maintain emotional equilibrium. None of my classmates ever came to my assistance when I needed it. Consequently, I would prefer never to have to encounter them in the future.

I would not be adverse to attending such a meeting with another group of archdiocesan clergy at a later date. In this way my internal composure would not be disrupted by adverse external stimuli.

In the near future, I will write you again and give you an appraisal of my current ministry in this Diocese. At least, I can thank YOU for giving me this opportunity.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

*Len*

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

AOC 007094





ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Office of the Archbishop*

January 20, 1989

Dear Len:

Thank you for your letter informing me that you will be unable to be present for the Overnight.

I can understand some of your feelings, but to be quite honest, I am saddened because of the hurt you feel from our priests. It is good to know that you have received such a warm welcome from the priests of Kalamazoo and I sense the energy you have received from this.

Len, although miles separate us, know that we are all one in the bond of the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Please pray for the success of the Overnight and be assured of a remembrance in my prayers.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Joseph Carl Bernardini*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
Diocese of Kalamazoo  
P.O. Box 949  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49005

bc: Reverend Raymond E. Goedert ✓

AOC 007095



Off: (312) 642-1837

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Jan. 31, 1989

RE: Leonard Bogdan

1. [REDACTED], came to see me today. [REDACTED] is the vocation director for the Claretians and the director of Casa Claret at 2124 W. 22nd place, Chgo., 60608. [REDACTED] can be reached on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the day at [REDACTED]. Evenings he can be reached at [REDACTED] That is his own phone. The house phone is [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] had been advised by Bishop Rodriguez to consult with me. One of the former members of the Casa Claret presented a very serious problem to [REDACTED]. The individual involved was [REDACTED]. He first spoke to Bruce about this on Jan. 24, 1989. [REDACTED] had belonged to Casa Claret for 1 1/2 years and had to drop out because he was doing so poorly at school. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Casa Claret is a home for young men who are interested in Church, not necessarily priesthood. Some of the conditions are that they get a college education and also a job. They are permitted to date, etc.

3. [REDACTED] said that he just called [REDACTED] one day to see how he was doing. [REDACTED] asked if he could come by the Casa to talk to [REDACTED] and he did that very same evening. [REDACTED] said he looked awful. His physical condition has deteriorated. [REDACTED] invited him to go out for a beer so that they could talk. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] there was a lot of silence in the conversation, then eventually [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he had been molested by a priest while he was a student at Quigley South.

6. [REDACTED] said that he had recorded a lot of notes from [REDACTED] conversation and he would type them up and send them to me.

[REDACTED]

8. While at Casa Claret, [REDACTED] was very shy and non-communicative. He would joke around with the other fellows, but his jokes all seemed to have a violent side to them. The other guys saw [REDACTED] as a very angry person. Bruce described [REDACTED] as being "very slippery". The guys in the house would challenge [REDACTED] on this.

[REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

12. Before [REDACTED] left, I pulled the file on this particular priest and I read from the confidential envelope prepared by Fr. [REDACTED]. Because it was confidential, I told [REDACTED] that he must not reveal what I said to him, but I thought he should know that [REDACTED] wrote a complete retraction of all of this in 1986. As a result, we really don't know what the truth is. Either [REDACTED] is lying now and was lying when he first told the story to the counselors or else the retraction is a lie. In either case, there is nothing that Bruce can do about it at this time. However, I did indicate that somewhere along the line I would speak to [REDACTED] about this and see whether [REDACTED] has owned up one way or the other.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Fr. Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated January 31, 1989, summarizing Fr. Goedert's conversations with an order priest. According to the memorandum, the order priest met with Victim KR to discuss Victim KR's alleged sexual abuse by Fr. Leonard Bogdan and the order priest discussed Victim KR's life since the alleged abuse by Bogdan.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from an order priest to Fr. Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated February 1, 1989, summarizing a conversation with Victim KR in which Victim KR detailed his allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Leonard Bogdan. According to the memorandum, Victim KR was 14 when he met Bogdan and the alleged abuse consisted of mutual oral sex and mutual masturbation. During the conversation with the order priest, Victim KR also discussed the impact of Bogdan's abuse.

February 1, 1989

Rev. Raymond E. Goedert  
Vicar for Priests  
800 N. Clark, Suite 311  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Dear Ray,

Thanks again for the time you spent with me, for listening and offering some insights in best responding to [REDACTED] I am grateful for your concern and guidance.

[REDACTED]

At this point, I am thankful for the response to [REDACTED] and I will pray the issues for him are resolved honestly. Since you [REDACTED] are responding to the situation, I will assume my responsibility of responding as best I can to [REDACTED] desire for continued education and service in the Church.

As we agreed in our conversation, I am enclosing a text of my understanding of what [REDACTED] indicated to me. I took a few notes, and this text represents as much as I can remember from my notes and memory of the conversation. Because of the confidential nature of the material, you possess the only text, and it exists only for you so that you are aware of my understanding.

Best wishes, Ray, for your good service and example to the Church and clergy. With prayer for your work,

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Augustine Cathedral  
542 W. Michigan Avenue  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

March 13, 1989

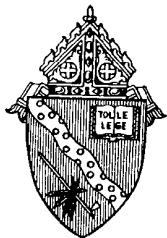
Dear Len,

Just a few words to say that I have been thinking about you these past few days. You have been in my prayers and I want you to know of this. Working outside of the diocese, I am sure, is difficult at times, but know that you are representing the Church of Chicago well through your work and effort.

May the Lord be close to you these Lenten days and may you know of my oneness with you always.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Joseph Carl Bernardini*



DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

P.O. BOX 949

KALAMAZOO, MI 49005

December 11, 1989

Office of the Marriage Tribunal  
215 North Westnedge Avenue  
616-349-7974

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
1555 North State Parkway  
Chicago, IL 60610

Your Eminence:

Per our conversation of November 27, 1989 I want to express my gratitude for your decision to allow me to remain active in the Diocese of Kalamazoo for an additional two years, that is, to July, 1993.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to meet with you last month. Your clarification of certain matters was uplifting. I realize the many personnel problems which face you in so large an Archdiocese. I see what Bishop Donovan has to endure at times, and you have similar problems but magnified 100 times plus.

Asking God's blessings in your pastoral care of souls, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

*Len Bogdan*

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

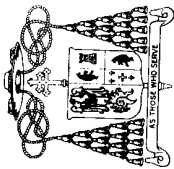
Reverend Kenneth Velo

*Bro,*

*Would you mind  
doing the paperwork.*

*Thanks.*





MEMO from  
CARDINAL BERNARDIN

To: Fr. Kealy Date: 12/13  
Fr. Vello

For: ☒ Information

☐ Comment

☐ Approval

☐ Signature

☐ Please draft a reply  
for my signature.

☐ Please reply in your  
own name.

☐ Please return

☐ Per conversation

Remarks:

He still thinks the  
present of the Archdiocese  
did not treat him  
well.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Bogdan

Office of the Archbishop

December 20, 1989

Dear Len:

Thank you for your letter of December 11th. It was good to have an opportunity to meet with you on November 27th. I wish to confirm our understanding that you may continue to work in the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Kalamazoo until July, 1993 according to the wishes of Bishop [REDACTED]. I am confident that you will bring to your work there the same competence you have always shown in canonical matters.

Len, I want to take this opportunity to thank you again for the priestly service you rendered to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago for some thirty years, both in the Marriage Tribunal and in parish ministry. We look forward to your return to Chicago in due time.

I wish you a grace-filled Christmas Season and every blessing for the New Year.

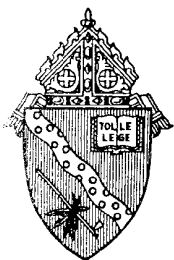
Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Carl Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard Bogdan  
Diocese of Kalamazoo  
Post Office Box 949  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49005

cc: Most Reverend [REDACTED] Bishop of Kalamazoo  
Reverend Kenneth Velo, Priests' Personnel Board  
Reverend J. Cletus Kiley, Personnel Services

AOC 007104



# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

P.O. Box 949 215 N. Westnedge Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49005 (616) 349-8714

January 29, 1990

Your Eminence,

In the first place, I wish to thank you for the copy of your letter to Father Leonard Bogdan which I received on December 20, 1989. It has given me special joy that Len is very happy and content in his ministry with us here. I am sure you know well how valuable Len and his skills are to us at this point in our history, as we are still in the early days of establishing our Tribunal and its practice. You can be sure that Len and his competence are not at all taken for granted but appreciated in every way. You can also be assured of my gratitude, literally beyond words, for your most generous sharing with us of precious priestly personnel. In all honesty we would surely not be able to provide some very basic services to our people, if it were not for the presence and competent service of fine priests from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank you for the copy of your Pastoral Letter entitled "The Family Gathered Here Before You" which arrived in my office more recently. I am anxious to read it in its entirety, but my overview to date tells me that once again you have managed to articulate the fine and delicate balance which exists in a Church which is immanent yet called to reflect the Transcendent, a Church which is hierarchical, but also truly a charismatic People of God. Thank you for this renewed effort to teach our people and to assist your brother Bishops in our teaching ministry.

Be assured of my prayerful support during what must be difficult days, as you seek to carry out with love the needed decisions you have made to provide for the future of the Church of Chicago.

Asking every generous blessing of the Lord upon you and your important ministry, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Bishop of Kalamazoo

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

AOC 007105

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Augustine Cathedral  
542 W. Michigan Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

July 31, 1990

Dear Len,

I have been thinking about you and want you to know of my continued interest and concern for you, as well as my encouragement and support.

Len, be assured, too, of my prayers. May the Lord be with you in a special way these days. Warm regards from Chicago.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL

542 W. MICHIGAN AVE.  
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN 49007

June 9, 1991

Dear Cardinal Bernardin:

Due to the fact that I am unable to attend the festivities marking your 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the rank of Bishop, I still wish to extend my congratulations and expression of warm affection. I imagine that your current celebration with the clergy will evoke many mixed emotions, but primarily that of gratitude to God for the gift of sharing in the fullness of the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ. Though the office of Diocesan Bishop is especially challenging in the post Vatican II era, nonetheless you have been blessed in abundance by a loving and provident God. I trust He will be as generous to you in the years to come.

I am especially grateful for the love, support, and friendship you have afforded me in the past. Undoubtedly, it has continued to be a personal source of great joy. Though I currently labor in your "satellite diocese," as you have affectionately termed it, you still remain my vicar of Christ in the local Church of Chicago. It is a strong bond despite the distance that separates us. This became especially evident to me when I participated in the ordination ceremony at Holy Name Cathedral on May 18 last. The chance to exchange a brief hello still lingers in my mind.

I also want to take this opportunity to mention that things are going very well in my labors within the local Church of Kalamazoo. Though the tribunal ministry remains my primary labor, Bishop [REDACTED] utilizes my expertise in a variety of other ways. Consequently, there is little time left to become bored. Nonetheless, I am very happy and content to assist within the wider Church, where the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

It is difficult to believe that almost three years have elapsed since my arrival here. I hope now to fine tune the tribunal structure during the remaining two years, as I await with anticipation the arrival of my successor upon completion of his doctoral studies. What the future holds in store for me after I have finished my current commitment, I leave to God's providence and your good will. As I mentioned to you on more than one occasion by word or in script, the happiest days of my priesthood encompassed my teaching of Canon Law at De Andreis Seminary in Lemont and at CTU in Chicago as an interim professor over a period of three years. If such a post ever again becomes open in the future, I hope you will consider me as a viable candidate.

May God continue to bless your labors on behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I truly appreciate what you have done for me. I term it that "shot in the arm" I needed to regain my emotional equilibrium and function effectively in the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Oremus pro invicem,

*Len Bogdan*

P.S. Did you ever receive the photocopy of the invitation and insert from the Benedictine Sisters at St. Scholastica that I sent you last month?

AOC 007107



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Pls. file*

*Office of the Archbishop*

June 17, 1991

Dear Len:

Many thanks for your letter of June 9. I quite understand why you were not able to attend the anniversary celebration for the priests. It was a great occasion; nearly 600 attended.

I appreciate very much the sentiments you expressed regarding the 25th anniversary of my episcopal ordination. In a very special way, I am grateful for your understanding and support.

Needless to say, I am pleased to learn that things have gone so well with you in Kalamazoo. It is hard to believe that you have been away three years. During the next two years, we can begin to discuss what assignment you may have when you return. It will be good to have you back.

I did receive the photocopy and insert from the Benedictine Sisters at St. Scholastica which you sent me. I thought I had acknowledged your letter. I intend to bring the matter to the attention of the Sisters. I have not yet had a chance to do it, although I have spoken with Sister Carol Crepeau about it.

I hope, Len, you have a pleasant and restful summer. Be assured of my continued prayers and support.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

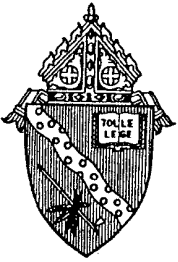
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
St. Augustine Cathedral  
542 W. Michigan Avenue  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

bc:  Father Velo

AOC 007108



# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

215 N. Westnedge Ave. P.O. Box 949  
Kalamazoo, MI 49005 (616) 349-8714

June 18, 1991

The Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
Diocesan Tribunal  
215 North Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

Dear Father Bogdan,

I am deeply grateful to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, for his kindness in granting you permission to serve in the Diocese of Kalamazoo for an additional two years to continue ministering in our Tribunal.

Consequently, I am pleased to extend your appointment as JUDICIAL VICAR of the Diocese of Kalamazoo to June 30, 1993, in accord with Canon 1420.1.

I also reconfirm all delegated faculties (authorization) granted you on July 1, 1988, as long as you retain the office of Judicial Vicar.

I am very appreciative of your dedication and willingness to be of assistance to the people of God of the Diocese of Kalamazoo and to me as Bishop. Be assured of my continued support and availability.

Wishing you every blessing in this important ministry of healing, I remain

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

[Redacted Signature]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo

Given at the Chancery June 18, 1991.

[Redacted Signature]  
Chancellor

cc: His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin✓  
Clergy Personnel Board, Archdiocese of Chicago  
The Reverend [Redacted]

COPY

AOC 007109



Off: (312) 642-1837

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Dec. 4, 1991

RE: Leonard Bogdan

1. I made copies of the two letters in Lenny Bogdan's file from [REDACTED]. One was from a greeting on the back of a graduation picture. The other was a letter ~~of~~ recanting the charges that he had made against Leonard Bogdan.

2. To our knowledge, it looks as if they are from two different hands. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Dec. 11, 1991

RE: Len Bogdan

1. I spoke to [REDACTED], pastor of St. Barbara's, phone [REDACTED]. I asked Al if he knew the whereabouts of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] knows the entire history of [REDACTED] and filled me in on a lot that has happened to him. He did know about the relationship [REDACTED] had with Len. In fact, [REDACTED] says he's been very angry at Len for a long time because of the nature of that relationship. He said that Len felt that he practically owned [REDACTED] and resented anybody else getting any of his time.

2. We had a long talk about [REDACTED] and the tragedies that have followed him through his life. He feels he's a good guy, but who had so many bad things. The relationship with Len was one of those things. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## OPTIONS

A. Staying at Kalamazoo: (to definite/indefinite date)

WORK

- 1) Continue working at Tribunal as per former agreement to 7/93.
  - a) If PVD prefers - only to end of summer - when others could come on the scene.
  - b) Maintain low profile.

RESIDENCE 2) Continue living at Cathedral Rectory

- a) Contact with grammar school is non-existent for all practical purposes. In addition, the age groups is not of any consequence.
- b) Supervisor can be the sexton.
- c) This is the most practical under the present circumstances.
- d) If more close supervision is deemed necessary, residence with the Bishop is possible - but a higher profile might be thereby established.

3) Addendum: If [REDACTED] deems the responsibility too great, leaving the Diocese by summer would avoid any wonderment. Up to such a time, I could carry out all my responsibilities as of now, since they <sup>have</sup> ~~do not~~ involve any contacts with a minor ABOVE of either gender. Nor have any special friendships <sup>with minors</sup> been formed which would pose a source of scandal, admiration, etc.

## B. Returning to Chicago:

WHEN? 1) During the summer would seem to be the best time to avoid any administrative, etc. Currently, I have completed my original 3 year agreement. The additional two years was an agreement ad nutum Archiepiscopi vel metropolitae. In addition, others have made ~~me~~ aware of my timing of 1st Instance work, especially the formulation of the final decision..

FUTURE  
WORK:

- 2) There are two suggestions:
- a) Primary work: II Instance Tribunal (Court of Appeal) as a permanent Judge on ALL cases.
- (1) This would eliminate the appointment of one part-time judge in every case.
  - (2) This is a preferred arrangement by the Signatures that is, first instance judges when possible should not judge in second instance when personnel ~~also~~ <sup>availability</sup> allows this.
  - (3) Such an appointment would eliminate my having to formulate decisions in 1st Instance - very difficult for me to do on a regular basis when voluminous.
  - (4) When Bill S. is on vacation, etc., I could do the supervisory work, etc.
  - (5) Complaints by judges in 1st Instance to do II Instance work would be somewhat minimized.  
until

2, a) - continued

(6) Working in first instance <sup>in Chicago</sup> would involve too many readjustments - which could be psychologically detrimental again. Likewise, the site of the <sup>place of office</sup> office is away from 155 E. Superior.

b) Secondary work : part-time teaching

(1) Since teaching the canonical aspects of the sacraments, etc. is a favorite of mine, I could be cased with the <sup>(permanent)</sup> diocesan program, ministry formation, etc.

(2) Canonical consultant to any office on a low key basis. I recently did this for <sup>the</sup> Office of Worship of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

(3) Though I probably would not qualify now to teach at Mundelein Seminary, I could do "behind the scenes" work with DVD in the form of hand-outs, which I have done for him up to now.

(4) Some writing which would serve the benefit of various programs in the Archdiocese without my name being attached thereto.

WHERE? 3) Residence: to be determined with the advice of Pat O'Malley. This would apply also to any necessary supervision.

C. In all Cases:-

1)

[REDACTED]

2) With God's help I have no sexual addictions

[REDACTED]

Respectfully submitted,  
L.A.B.

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January 3, 1992

## Confidential

Dear Bishop [REDACTED]:

This letter is the follow-up to the conversation we had earlier today regarding Father Leonard Bogdan.

Because of the incident which I described to you, it is necessary that Father Bogdan fulfill certain conditions:

(1) He must be supervised. Since Father Bogdan lives at the Cathedral rectory, the pastor of the Cathedral should be informed of the situation and agree to supervise him.

(2) If Father Bogdan does parish work at a place other than the Cathedral the pastor or administrator should be apprized of the situation and be willing to accept him. We have found that this is a very important dimension of the policy we have developed. Perhaps it would be better if this were discontinued. There would be one less person who would have to know.

(3) [REDACTED]

(4) He must not be in the presence of minors under 18 without the presence of another adult.

(5) Generally, Father Bogdan should keep a low profile.

You graciously indicated that you were willing to keep Father Bogdan under these conditions. I was pleased to hear that he has done so well while in Kalamazoo.

AOC 007116

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January 3, 1991

Since speaking with you, I have spoken with Father Bogdan and he will meet with you to discuss the matter. After that, I would appreciate a letter from you indicating that you and he are in agreement as to what needs to be done.

I am very grateful, [REDACTED] for your understanding and cooperation.

May the peace and joy of Christmas be yours throughout the New Year.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

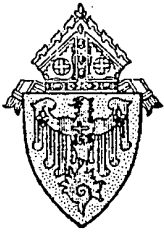
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

[REDACTED]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo  
2131 Aberdeen  
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cc: ✓ Reverend Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests

AOC 007117



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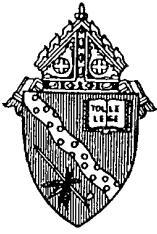
TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Jan. 3, 1992

RE: Leonard Bogdan

1. Len met with the Cardinal and myself on Jan. 2 for a short time. We went over the possibilities that Len and I had given the Cardinal. The Cardinal agreed that the best thing for Len to do at this time was to return to Kalamazoo. The Cardinal also said he would call Bishop [REDACTED] on Jan. 3 or 4, inform him of what the situation is and ask him for his decision.
2. The Cardinal also agreed that the options that Len had offered as possible means of employment when he returns to Chicago are quite acceptable to him. The meeting went very well and Len drove back to Kalamazoo right after the meeting.





DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan *LAB*

DATE: January 7, 1992

RE: Confidential File of Leonard A. Bogdan

As a matter of record I want to state that I understand the position of the Archdiocese of Chicago to employ various cautionary procedures to avoid civil liability, etc. In addition, I agree with them in principle without reservation. This same attitude prevailed when my case was routinely reopened in late 1986. To avoid any form of litigation wherein my public reputation could be at stake, I complied without hesitation to every mandate given me by the Vicar for Priests. After that I thought my case was laid to rest. You can imagine my inner turmoil when it was reopened last month.

I realize there is little I can do to answer effectively the charges made. It appears now that there is a presumption of guilt versus innocence in such matters. Even a disclaimer seems insufficient since it too can be "disclaimed" whenever it appears advantageous. As a consequence, I reviewed my own files on this issue. I came across one item that may support some credibility on my part. It is enclosed. Bishop Donovan saw the original so he can attest to the authenticity of said photo and message inscribed on the reverse side. This was unsolicited and given me the same year of the initial accusation. There is often a thin line between fantasy and reality. [REDACTED] Obviously, one can be the victim of fantasy and not objective reality. I guess one's record is the only other means of proof.

All these things having been said, I intend to comply fully with each and every mandate given me by Cardinal Bernardin in a spirit of obedience, whether or not such is justifiable. I do not need any form of litigation at this point in my life since the results of the same are often much more devastating. It is unfortunate that there are no adequate means to prevent the innocent from becoming the victim.

P.S. Please place this memorandum and exhibit in my file with all the other records.

AOC 007119



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January 20, 1992

Rev. Leonard A. Bogdan  
Cathedral of St. Augustine  
542 West Michigan Avenue  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

Dear Len,

I received your letter when I got back from vacation on January 20 and as you requested I have placed that particular note in your file. I am very happy that you are cooperating as we go along.

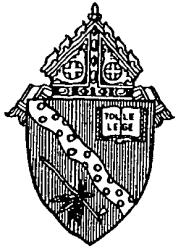
I look forward to the coming months when we will continue to cooperate and when we can work out a future that will be helpful for you and for your ministry.

Thanks again for your letter. See you soon.

Faternally yours,

  
Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests

AOC 007120



# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

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February 1, 1992

CONFIDENTIAL

Your Eminence,

At this point in time, I find myself in a position to respond to your confidential letter of January 3, 1992 with regard to Father Leonard Bogdan. Father Bogdan and I have spoken at length, and I am happy to report that I have found him both very open and very cooperative. Father Bogdan accepts the conditions deemed necessary for his continued active ministry in the Diocese of Kalamazoo and has committed himself to their fulfillment.

For the record I would spell out in detail that:

- 1) The rector of the Cathedral Church of St. Augustine where Father Bogdan resides has been informed of the situation, and has discussed the matter both with myself and Father Bogdan. Father [REDACTED] (the Cathedral rector) has agreed to act as supervisor.
- 2) Effective February 27, 1992, Father Bogdan, in addition to his duties as Judicial Vicar, will assist in priestly ministry, including weekend liturgical ministry, at the Cathedral Church of St. Augustine where he also resides. He will provide this assistance according to a "formula" to be worked out by himself and Father [REDACTED] which will take account of his full time Tribunal responsibilities. This will mean that after February 27, Father Bogdan will not be doing parish work at a place other than the Cathedral.
- 3) [REDACTED]
- 4) Father Bogdan has not been nor does he intend to be in the presence of minors under 18 without the presence of another adult. The Cathedral elementary school is very accessible, but at no time has Father Bogdan shown the least interest to involve himself in any way.
- 5) Father Bogdan generally has kept a low profile and has agreed to continue to do so -- I believe this would be his natural tendency in any event.

I would want to repeat my words of deep appreciation and respect for the fine ministry which Father Bogdan has accomplished with us to date, because of which I am so willing that he remain with us into the future.

AOC 007121

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Please accept my deep gratitude for your willingness to accomodate our needs and situation here in light of the responsibilities which are yours.

I am sure that in the days ahead we will both keep Father Bogdan and his ministry in our prayers. Please pray for me as well, and be assured of my prayers for your important ministry, both in the archdiocese and for the sake of the universal Church.

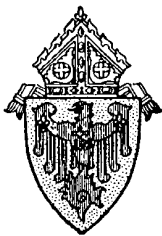
Fraternally in the Lord,



Bishop of Kalamazoo

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
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cc. Reverend Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests ✓  
Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan —



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Memo to File (POM)

Re: Rev. Leonard Bogdan

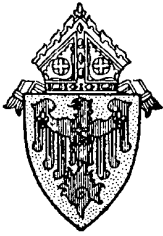
6/16/92

I spoke to Bishop [REDACTED] of Kalamazoo today. His phone number is [REDACTED]. I had spoken to him previously on June 13 to pass on to him that the Cardinal is requesting that Fr. Bogdan move out of the rectory or parish setting as soon as possible. We had hoped that he could move in with the Bishop while he continues to work in the Chancery Office where there is absolutely no contact with minors.

The Bishop reassured me that there has been no contact with minors and that the rector of the cathedral has made sure of that. Fr. Bogdan does help out on weekends and is absolutely essential in the parish, but has nothing to do with the school or with young people.

I told the Bishop that I would speak to him today, on the 16th, after the Cardinal's Commission Report had been issued. I spoke to the Cardinal after the Press Conference and reminded him of the phone call to Bishop [REDACTED]. He said he would be speaking to [REDACTED] when they were down at Notre Dame.

[REDACTED] is in a real bind for priests on weekends to day Masses. It's a very difficult situation for him and he wondered if somehow or other Len could continue to say Mass on weekends, be under supervision, stay away from minors as he has been doing, [REDACTED] and still somehow reside in the Cathedral Rectory. So I will leave it to the Cardinal, whom I spoke to on the evening of 6/16 to talk with Bishop [REDACTED]



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Memo (POM)

To: Cardinal Bernardin

7/6/92

You asked me to draw up a proposed letter to Bishop [REDACTED] of Kalamazoo. The following text may be of help to you.

Dear Bishop [REDACTED]

When we spoke down at Notre Dame about the situation with Fr. Leonard Bogdan, you asked me to put my thoughts in writing. I realize from both what you said and what our Vicar for Priests, Fr. O'Malley, has told me that Fr. Bogdan's removal from the Cathedral Rectory would be a great inconvenience for you. You and your people have done a good job of supervising him and, like you, I feel that there are no children presently at risk.

Nevertheless, with the recommendations from my appointed Commission and the climate such as it is here in Chicago, I must ask once again that he not reside in a parish rectory. I wish I could make an exception in this case, knowing how problematic it will be for you. If you cannot accommodate him in a supervised out-of-rectory residence, then I shall have to have Fr. Bogdan returned to the Archdiocese where he will have some ministry but within a supervised setting.

All of this is very unfortunate and it seems that everyone suffers in the process. I am grateful to you for your total cooperation in the past and for your willingness to help at this time. Please accept my apologies for laying this burden upon you but I really have no choice.

Cordially yours,

Cardinal Bernardin

*Bogdan/Danavon*

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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July 13, 1992

Dear Bishop [REDACTED],

I appreciated the opportunity to speak with you about Fr. Len Bogdan when we were together at Notre Dame.

I realize both from your earlier conversation with Fr. Pat O'Malley and our brief discussion that moving Len from the Cathedral rectory will be a great inconvenience for you. You and your colleagues have done a good job supervising Len and, like you, I feel that there are no minors presently at risk.

I have now had a chance to reflect further on our conversation, together with my advisors. With the recommendations from the special Commission I appointed to address this issue, as well as the climate which presently exists in Chicago, I must ask once again that Len not reside in a parish rectory. I truly wish I could make an exception in this case, knowing how problematic it will be for you.

If you cannot accommodate Len in a supervised out-of-rectory residence, I will surely understand. But then I would feel obligated to ask Len to return to the Archdiocese where he would have some ministry but be in the kind of supervised setting which was stipulated by the Commission.

All of this is so unfortunate, [REDACTED] and it seems that everyone suffers in the process. I am grateful for your total cooperation in the past and for your willingness to help at this time. Please accept my apology for laying this burden on you at this time, but I really have no choice.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

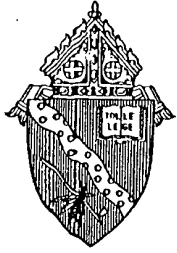
Faternally in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

[REDACTED]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo  
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bc: Fr. O'Malley

AOC 007125



# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

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Sept. 29, 1992

## PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Your Eminence,

Belatedly, and with apologies for the delay, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 13, 1992, concerning Father Leonard Bogdan.

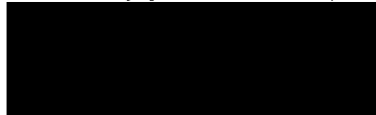
Please be informed that Father Len has been living with me at my residence at [REDACTED] I can assure you that he is living in a supervised out-of-rectory residence.

Father Len continues to give excellent service in the Tribunal. Our priests seem very satisfied with his ministry of reconciliation to/for their people, and of course, I continue to be most grateful to you for your kindness in allowing Father Len to minister in our Diocesan Tribunal.

I can tell you that Father Len is a pleasant addition to my residence. As a visiting professor from Rome remarked, Father Len seems to be possessed of "beatitudo naturalis."

With kindest personal regards and prayerful good wishes in your very important ministry in Chicago and in the national and international Church, I am

Cordially yours in Christ,

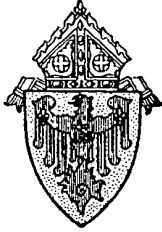


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January 19, 1993

[REDACTED]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo  
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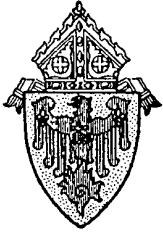
Dear Bishop [REDACTED],

As we begin this new year, I hope that the prospects for you and your ministry in Kalamazoo are optimistic. One of the things that I have to do at the beginning of this year is to check back and see how Fr. Leonard Bogdan is doing. We know that as of this past summer, at the Cardinal's request, you were gracious enough to invite Fr. Bogdan into your own household. I presume that he has been under your supervision since that time. I have just recently been in touch with Fr. Bogdan to make contact once again.

The Cardinal would like me to inquire regarding the following concerns:

1. How much longer will Fr. Bogdan be needed in Kalamazoo?
2. Has he been observing the restriction not to be in the presence of minors under 18 without another adult being present?
3. From your observation, how is his spirit and morale at this time?
4. [REDACTED]

I am sorry to trouble you with this list of questions because I know you must be a very busy man, but it is



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imperative that I be able to respond to the Cardinal when he inquires about Fr. Bogdan.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priest



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 1/19/93

Re: Leonard Bogdan

I spoke to Leonard Bogdan to check in and see how he's doing. He is presently living at the Bishop's house and is under his supervision and finds the Bishop very supportive. Len told me that the Bishop is going to ask for an extension of his stay in Kalamazoo. The person who was supposed to come in and replace him somehow has gotten side-tracked and it will take more time to replace Len. That request will be made shortly.

I asked about his supervision and he says that the Bishop takes care of that for him.



I told Len that I would be in contact with the Bishop through my letter. He will inform the Bishop that I will be writing to him soon.



MEMO from

CARDINAL BERNARDIN

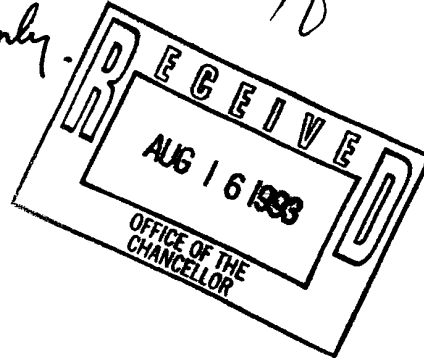
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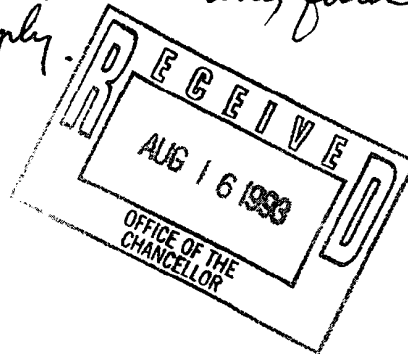
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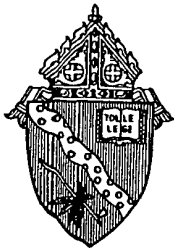
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# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

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March 22, 1993

The Reverend Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Father O'Malley,

With apologies for the delay, I write at this time in response to your letter of January 19, 1993, concerning Father Leonard A. Bogdan.

Father Len has been living with me in accord with my last letter to you concerning his residence. He has been under my personal supervision since moving into my residence.

May I respond now to your four questions:

1) Father Bogdan came to the Diocese of Kalamazoo in the later summer of 1988 with an original leave from Chicago for three years; His Eminence graciously extended that leave for an additional two years. It would be my fervent hope that we might receive a favorable reply to a request for an additional three or four years; it is about this further extension that I will soon be writing to Cardinal Bernadin. There are several reasons for requesting the above-mentioned extension. For the time being, until I write to His Eminence, I will mention only one reason which is immediately below.

I have a priest completing (I hope!) his Doctorate in Canon Law at the University of Ottawa. He is expected to return to the Diocese of Kalamazoo in June of this year but must return to Ottawa in the fall of 1993 to defend and publish his thesis. It has been my plan and my hope that Father [REDACTED] work with Father Bogdan for one or two years to learn the practical and administrative points of tribunal procedure before appointing him to the office of Judicial Vicar.

In direct answer to your question, I judge that Father Bogdan will be needed in the Diocese of Kalamazoo for three or four more years beyond this date for the above reason and for other reasons I plan to share with His Eminence; you will receive a copy of this letter.

2) Father Bogdan has been scrupulously observing the restriction not to be in the presence of minors under eighteen years of age without another adult being present.

3) The spirit and morale of Father Bogdan are excellent. We have observed that his mental/emotional health has stabilized since his arrival in the Diocese of Kalamazoo in 1988. Father Len has also expressed to me on more than one occasion that he is no longer depressed or anxious. He has been revitalized in so many ways. He has been of great assistance to me personally in a variety of ways since his move to my residence. He seems cheerful and happy. A visiting professor from Rome remarked that he seems to have a remarkable "beatitudo naturalis" as he termed it.

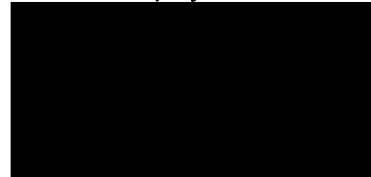
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Please feel free to contact me, Father O'Malley, at any time. I trust the above gives you the information you seek.

We count Father Bogdan as a real blessing. He has done and consistently continues to do a superb job in our Tribunal which he established. He is deeply appreciated by the Bishop of Kalamazoo and by our priests. Truly, he has been and is a real gift to the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Be assured of my prayerful good wishes as you seek to fulfill your very important ministry as Vicar for Priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Cordially yours in Christ,



Bishop of Kalamazoo

P.S. please excuse ~~Any~~ errors you may find in this letter. In matters of this kind, and especially when one of the staff is involved, I do my own typing. Furthermore, may I ask that any correspondence addressed to me in the future about Father Bogdan be marked Personal and Confidential. Thank you.





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April 16, 1993

Your Eminence,

It is my prayerful hope that this letter finds you in good health and that, by the grace of God, you are in good spirits as you bear the heavy burdens of your important office.

In a letter I wrote to Father Patrick O'Malley on March 22, 1993, I indicated that I would be writing to Your Eminence about Father Leonard Bogdan.

As you are aware, Father Bogdan has been living at my residence for several months; prior to coming to my residence, he resided at St. Augustine Cathedral Rectory until you requested that I arrange a non-parish residency. He has been under my personal supervision. I must say that his conduct has been most exemplary. He keeps me informed as to his activity, as to where he goes and with regard to the persons with whom he associates; generally, his association has been with brother priests. Father Bogdan has scrupulously observed the restriction not to be in the presence of minors under eighteen years of age without another adult being present.

Almost from the day he arrived in Kalamazoo in the late summer of 1988, Father Bogdan's spirits and morale have been excellent. He has told me on more than one occasion that he is happy and not depressed or anxious since his arrival in Kalamazoo. He appears to have been revitalized in so many ways. He is cheerful; so much so that a visiting professor from Rome, in whose presence Father Bogdan often was, remarked that he seems to have an unusual "beatitudo naturalis" as Father Fucek termed it. [REDACTED]

I wish to express again my appreciation for your generosity to the Diocese of Kalamazoo and to myself personally for loaning Father Bogdan to labor here over four and one-half years to date. My original request for three years and the request for an extension through June 30, 1993, was based on the hope that a priest I have doing his Doctorate in Canon Law would complete his work in mid-1992. In addition, I have planned to have Father [REDACTED] work along with Father Bogdan for one or two years to learn the practical points of tribunal procedures before appointing him to the office of Judicial Vicar to succeed Father Bogdan. Unfortunately, that hope did not materialize. Father [REDACTED] will not be back from St. Paul's in Ottawa until June of 1993; he must return in the fall of 1993 to defend and to publish his thesis. Consequently, this is one of the primary reasons for requesting another extension of Father Len's ministry in this Diocese at this time.

There are also other urgent reasons why I am making this special request for another extension. Without going into too great detail, I will simply indicate them in summary fashion:

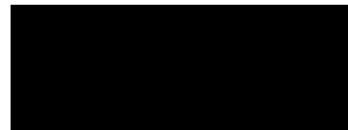
- 1) First of all, the increase in formal case work in the Tribunal has reached a point where it is no longer feasible to depend on one judge only. At least, an additional part-time judge is needed to expedite the increasing number of petitions for nullity;
- 2) Due to pressing parochial needs in the Diocese, I have had to recall another priest who completed only one year of formal studies in Canon Law. I do not anticipate that I can allow him to return to formal studies before September, 1994, or later. His presence in one of the larger parishes is currently paramount.
- 3) Apart from one other diocesan priest who is a full-time chaplain for a local religious community, Father Bogdan is the only diocesan priest who is in full-time non-parochial ministry. His services are therefore invaluable because he has been able to fulfill those non-parochial ministries which otherwise would be without needed priestly direction and involvement; for example, serving as a member of the Liturgy Commission. In most cases, the local diocesan clergy cannot assume additional non-parochial responsibilities because of age, health, parochial duties etc. In fact, I believe that the next Judicial Vicar will also need to assume other responsibilities beyond Tribunal ministry on a part-time basis.
- 4) In recent times, I have given serious consideration to re-establishing our Permanent Diaconate Program. Due to Father Bogdan's present restrictions with regard to parochial ministry, he would be available to assist in various non-parochial ministries after Father Schmidt's return to this Diocese (v.g. teaching in the diaconate program or in other diocesan adult education settings.)

In conclusion, may I add that Father Bogdan has been of great assistance to me in a variety of ways since his move to my residence. He also has expressed on more than one occasion about how his mental/emotional health has stabilized since his arrival here in 1988. Therefore, all things considered, I request that you grant him permission to minister in the Diocese of Kalamazoo for at least three to four additional years.

With kindest personal regards and prayerful good wishes that you and your important ministry may be abundantly blessed, I am

CC: The Rev. Patrick O'Malley

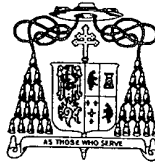
Fraternally yours in Christ,



Bishop of Kalamazoo

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
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Chicago, Illinois 60610

*P.S. Please excuse the mistake. I typed this myself since in a small Chancery .....*



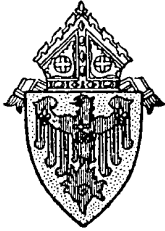
MEMO from

CARDINAL BERNARDIN

To: Fr. O'Malley Date: 4/20/93

Pat,

Earlier I sent you  
the letter from Len Bogdan  
asking for an extension.  
This is the follow-up  
letter. We need to  
respond. Please advise.  
Thanks.



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

645 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 543

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

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

Memo

To: Cardinal Bernardin  
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 4/21/93  
Re: Leonard Bogdan

Len is asking for an extension of his stay in Kalamazoo. As far as we're concerned that seems to be a very workable situation. Again, if he were to come back here, we'd have to find a residence for him and we'd have to find work for him. He has both of those and a supportive situation. I know you mentioned that Bishop [REDACTED] is not well, but it sounds like the situation there is really under control.

Therefore I recommend that his stay be extended and also that he stay in touch with our office. This is a recommended text for a letter you might use to respond:

Dear Leonard,

Thank you very much for your letter of April 13. I have received the letter from Bishop [REDACTED] and he sounds very pleased with both your contribution to the Tribunal and your own personal presence there. It also sounds to me like you have made progress and are reasonably happy with what you are doing and with your own personal progress.

I therefore will extend your stay in the Diocese of Kalamazoo for another three years until June 1, 1996. During your time there, I would continue to expect you to be in touch with our Vicar for Priests' Office. Please contact Fr. Pat O'Malley at your earliest convenience to alert him to your situation. I'm happy to grant this extension and hope that your stay will be beneficial to both you and the diocese of Kalamazoo and the Church in general.

With all good wishes,

Respectfully yours,  
Cardinal Bernardin

cf. Pres' file

April 26, 1993

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With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
2131 Aberdeen  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

JLB:sam

cc: [REDACTED]

bc: Rev. Pat O'Malley

AOC 007139

April 28, 1993

Dear Bishop [REDACTED],

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude your letter of April 16 requesting that I extend Father Bogdan's stay in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. I am happy to do this and have so notified Len. A copy of my letter to him is enclosed. I hope you are well. Keep me in your prayers and I will do the same for you.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

bc: Rev. Pat O'Malley

enclosure

[REDACTED]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo  
215 N. Westnedge Avenue  
P.O. Box 949  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49005

JLB:sam

AOC 007140

2131 Aberdeen Drive  
Kalamazoo MI 49008  
May 29, 1993

Dear Pat,

Per our telephone conversation of one month ago, I am writing at this time to determine whether it is feasible to request excardination from the Archdiocese of Chicago with incardination into the Diocese of Kalamazoo based on RETIREMENT benefits and the necessary funding which the Diocese of Kalamazoo will seek. If this issue can be resolved, then I will take the necessary steps to seek this favor.

I spoke with Bishop [REDACTED] about the funding, and he told me to contact the Michigan Catholic Conference, which is the retirement agency for Kalamazoo. Unfortunately, I have not been able to come up with the exact figure due to some communication gaps with the person in charge. However, I have received enough information to indicate a ball park figure.

From the last communication I received, the amount sought will be between \$60,000 and \$65,000. This takes into account any accrued interest for past yearly contributions. This amount also INCLUDES the years 1988-92 (wherein the Diocese of Kalamazoo made contributions on my behalf to the Archdiocese). A final figure should be known within a few weeks.

I believe that it would be advantageous to approach Cardinal Bernardin with this tentative figure to ascertain his thinking on the matter. Then I will know whether I can/should move forward.

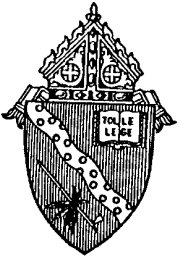
I will be on vacation to June 9. I will be in Chicago on June 10/11 for dental appointments, etc. A telephone number for contact: [REDACTED]

If your office contacts me in the future about any of these matters, please use the above address. My secretary at the office address does not always honor my directives about not opening mail from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,



Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan



THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

215 N. Westnedge Ave. P.O. Box 949  
Kalamazoo, MI 49005 (616) 349-8714

The Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
Diocesan Tribunal  
215 North Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Dear Father Bogdan,

I am deeply grateful to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, for his kindness in granting you permission to serve in the Diocese of Kalamazoo for an additional three years to continue ministering in our Tribunal.

Consequently, I am pleased to extend your appointment as JUDICIAL VICAR of the Diocese of Kalamazoo to June 30, 1995 in accord with Canon 1420.1.

I also reconfirm all delegated faculties (authorization) granted you on July 1, 1988, as long as you retain the office of Judicial Vicar.

I am very appreciative of your dedication and willingness to be of assistance to the people of God of the Diocese of Kalamazoo and to me as Bishop. Be assured of my continued support and availability.

Wishing you every blessing in this important ministry of healing, I remain

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

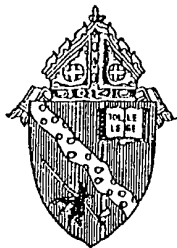
[Redacted Signature]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo

Given at the Chancery June 1, 1993

[Redacted Signature]  
Chancellor

cc: / His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Clergy Personnel Board, Archdiocese of Chicago  
The Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests





# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

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June 3, 1993

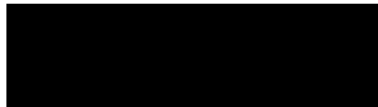
Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your letter of April 28, 1993, in which you extended the leave of Father Leonard A. Bogdan from the Archdiocese of Chicago until June 1, 1996. I am deeply grateful for your great kindness in helping out our small Diocese by extending the stay of Father Bogdan in the Diocese of Kalamazoo for another three years. Thank you, too, for the copy of your letter of April 26 to Father Len. You will never fully realize, I'm sure, what a blessing you have provided us in our critical shortage of priestly personnel here in the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Be assured of my continuing prayers for you in your very important ministry in Chicago, in our nation, and in the Universal Church.

With kindest personal regards and prayerful good wishes, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,



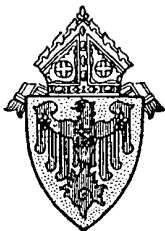
Bishop of Kalamazoo

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c: The Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
The Reverend Patrick O'Malley

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

AOC 007143



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June 7, 1993

Rev. Leonard Bogdan  
2131 Aberdeen Drive  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

Dear Len,

I received your letter of May 29, 1993. If I do not get in contact while you are in the city, you need to know what disposition we are making with your request. The PRMAA Board which is in charge of our non-vested pension has never received a request such as this before; namely, that a lump sum of money would be given to the diocese to which a man is being incardinated.

As I said in our conversation, when a man comes into our diocese on incardination, he is immediately put under our full pension plan, no matter what his age. He brings nothing with him from his previous pension plan. In the past, we have treated priests who leave Chicago for another diocese in the same way.

Because of the specific nature of this request, I have asked that it be placed on the agenda of the next PRMAA meeting in September. The Board will make its recommendation and I will convey that to you at the earliest opportunity. After talking with Fr. Pat Pollard, I am almost certain that the PRMAA board will follow our usual custom.

In the meantime, I hope you had a good vacation and all has gone well. Take care.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests



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Memo

To: PRMAA

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 6/7/93

Re: Rev. Leonard Bogdan

Fr. Leonard Bogdan would like to be incardinated into the diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan. There is some question about his retirement. He went to help out in the Chancery Office there in 1988 and has been there for these last five years. During that time the diocese of Kalamazoo has paid approximately \$500 to \$600 per month into our retirement fund for Bogdan. They would like to know what kind of a pension they might expect from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Fr. Pollard was out of town and I spoke to Andy Pollard about this matter. He felt that it should be brought up to the PRMAA Board since it is a rather unique request. I would ask you therefore to put it on the agenda for our next meeting since Bogdan will soon be seeking a response.

After conversation with Fr. Pollard as of 6/7/93, I will inform Bogdan of our usual policy, that there is no carryover from our pension plan since it is not a vested plan. If he decides to incardinate in Kalamazoo, that diocese will be expected to pick up his entire pension, just as we pick up the pension of a man who incardicates with us.



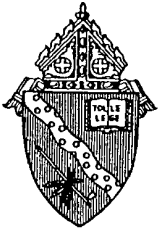
DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO  
OFFICE OF THE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL  
P.O. BOX 949  
KALAMAZOO, MI 49005  
616-349-7974 or 349-8714

6/17/93

Pat -

after I typed the letter, the thought  
occurred to me that there may be  
some negotiation as to the amount if  
the Board would consider the merits  
of the request.

Len



DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

P.O. BOX 949

KALAMAZOO, MI 49005

June 17, 1993

*Office of the Marriage Tribunal*  
215 North Westnedge Avenue  
616-349-7974

Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue (Suite 543)  
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Pat,

The final amount for full funding of the Kalamazoo Priests' Pension Plan on my behalf is \$60,500.00 (September, 1993). I just received the final figure from the Michigan Catholic Conference office.

I recognize the observations you made in your last letter regarding the custom of the Archdiocese of Chicago relative to men incardinating or excardinating and their status with said pension plan. However, the reason for the contrary custom in Kalamazoo is based on several factors.

First of all, the funding for the Kalamazoo plan is only about 75% at the present time. The median age of the non-retired, active priests (**43 total**) in this Diocese is **57**. Priests are able to request retirement at age 65 without a reduction in benefits (with an increase to age 70). Twelve priests are currently receiving benefits from the Kalamazoo plan. Since the Diocese is less than 25 years old along with a small number of diocesan clergy in its ranks, Bishop [REDACTED] has to take into account many factors in fulfilling his stewardship responsibilities. Perhaps, this will shed some light on the reasons for the request.

I await the decision of the Retirement Board of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

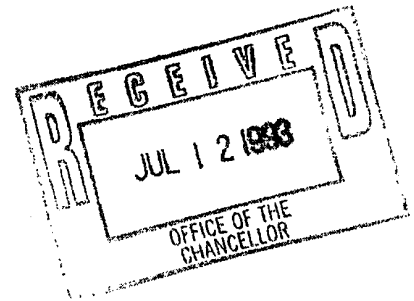
Faternally yours,

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

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

2131 Aberdeen Drive  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008  
July 7, 1993

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
1555 North State Parkway  
Chicago, IL 60610



Your Eminence:

After months of continual prayer, serious contemplation, and professional consultation, I have reached an important decision in my life. It deals with my firm desire to incardinate into the local Church of Kalamazoo. Recently, I spoke with Bishop [REDACTED] regarding this decision. He indicated that he has no objections in this matter and is willing to accept me as an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

The principal reasons for my decision are reflected in the norm of canon 270. There is an urgent need for priests in this Diocese. I have the professional ability to meet various diocesan needs, especially in areas of ecclesiastical law and related disciplines (e.g., matters liturgical). Therefore, I believe that this Diocese can benefit from my God-given talents.

Secondly, as I have stated to you on more than one occasion, my psychological health and equilibrium have never been better since my arrival here five years ago. Undoubtedly, God's providence has played an important role in this matter. Perhaps, the stress of Chicago urban living has had a great deal to do with this, coupled with my continued exposure to some superiors with alcoholic weaknesses. Nonetheless, the factors which had caused me my psychological pain and spiritual unrest are no longer operative in my life. I truly fear a return of past frustrations should it become necessary for me to reassume some day priestly ministry in any form within the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I did speak with Father Bill O'Malley about the matter of excardination several weeks ago. He saw no difficulty with this request. However, from a personal point of view there is one issue that still remains unresolved, namely, my pension benefits upon reaching a qualified retirement age. Hopefully, this matter can be amicably and justly resolved in accord with the spirit and norm of canon 269, 1<sup>o</sup>. Father O'Malley is aware of the specifics in this matter. Therefore, I eagerly await your decision regarding this request for excardination.

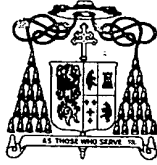
Thanking you in advance for your consideration of this matter, I remain

Respectfully yours,

*Leonard A. Bogdan*  
Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

c: Bishop [REDACTED]

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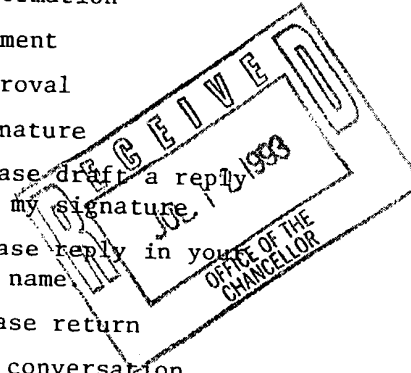


MEMO from

CARDINAL BERNARDIN

To: Fr. Paprocki Date: 7/12/93

For: ☐ Information  
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for my signature  
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own name  
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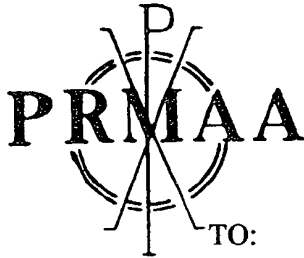
Remarks:

We need to talk  
with Pat O'Malley  
about this.

FATHER THOMAS J. PAPROCKI

Pat says bp. knows  
the whole scene.  
"Copsatic at every level"  
bp. should be reminded in the  
record of the situation.  
Pat Holland will work out prison.  
Boston should be in touch - him.

# Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association of the Archdiocese of Chicago



1400 South Wolf Road  
Hillside, Illinois 60162  
708-449-6100

TO: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

FROM: Rev. Patrick Pollard

DATE: July 26, 1993

RE: Rev. Leonard A. Bogdan

I was perplexed by your call on July 23, 1993, about a letter that Len Bogdan sent to Cardinal Bernardin dated July 7th in which he proposed excardination.

I had received your memo (June 7, 1993) recapping Len's intention to excardinate from Chicago and incardinate in the Diocese of KALAMAZOO. On June 8th we spoke and I restated the limits of our pension plan.

Our pension plan makes no provision for portability. Therefore, Len would lose all pension benefits from Chicago upon incardination into the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

On July 12, 1993, I spoke directly with Len in Kalamazoo. We had a good conversation. He told me he had sent a letter. I believed it was a fishing expedition!

My interpretation of our telephone conversation is the following:

- A. Len does want to continue to work for the Diocese of Kalamazoo. I explained my concern about our pension contract provision and my concern that he not walk away from this pension benefit.
- B. I suggested that the Cardinal would not thwart his ministry intention. And would most likely keep extending his stay or even come close to making it a permanent assignment.
- C. I explained to Len that we have other priests from Chicago practically on permanent assignment in other Dioceses. Thus, they maintain their Chicago link and at retirement will be eligible for full benefits.



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Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
July 26, 1993

- D. Len seemed reticent; he sounded afraid of what might happen after Cardinal Bernardin's tenure. I told him I thought his fears were unfounded. But he insisted.
- E. Len then asked me about taking early retirement at age 60. I told him that that was a possibility. He was most likely figuring that he would ask for early retirement from Chicago at age 60 at \$450 per month, then continue to work for the Diocese of Kalamazoo (after incardination) where they would promise a pension of \$650 per month at retirement age. Thus, he would eventually gain the entitlement equal to our current monthly full pension.

We, the PRMAA Board, have been studying the question of changing our pension plan contract to allow for portability for the past two years. The costs and benefits at this time to provide portability are not prudent or practical. Thus, we have continued the plan as is.

May I recommend that you ask the Cardinal to restate to Len his intention to allow him to continue to minister in the Diocese of Kalamazoo for as long as he wishes. May I also suggest that if the Cardinal wishes he may want to refer Len's letter to the PRMAA Board for consideration and a response directly to Len.

I hope this proves helpful!

Keep enjoying summer!

PJP:jl



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Memo

To: Cardinal Bernardin

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley *Tom*

Date: 7/30/93

Re: Rev. Leonard Bogdan

At a recent meeting on Wednesday, July 28, I mentioned to you Fr. Bogdan's request for excardination from Chicago and incardination into the diocese of Kalamazoo. Since Kalamazoo is a relatively newly formed diocese their pension plan is only 75% funded at this time. Bogdan is 60 years old and, as you know, will require special monitoring if and when he returns to Chicago.

On 7/28/93, you agreed that we could let him go as long as we know that the Bishop and authorities in Kalamazoo are fully informed (as they already are at this time) as to Len's difficulties. The diocese of Kalamazoo then assumes full responsibility for Bogdan and his behavior.

When I checked Bogdan's request regarding the pension, I found that the amount of money he would need to fully update his funding in the pension fund at Kalamazoo is \$60,500.00. In the letter in which Bogdan gave me this information, he added a note saying that there might be some negotiation as to the amount if we would consider the merits of the request. My suggestion is that you authorize me to go ahead and negotiate with him and to put a cap on what we would give of somewhere between 45 and 50 thousand dollars.

The request for this money would not be processed through the PRMAA since this goes contrary to their operating procedures. Whatever amount we would agree to pay, and I would check that with you before any final OK was given, would come from the Pastoral Center. It could be attributed to the Fitness Review Administrator's budget as a severance package.

In our telephone conversation of 7/30, you did give me permission to go ahead.



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August 3, 1993

Rev. Leonard Bogdan  
2131 Aberdeen Drive  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

Dear Len,

The Cardinal has received your request for excardination and is certainly willing to consider such a move. After I explained the difficulty arising around the pension, the Cardinal asked me to handle this matter.

While the Archdiocese has never made a lump sum payment to another diocese for a priest's pension, the Cardinal does understand the reason for your request.

You had asked for a lump sum of \$60,500. I'm sure you understand the straitened financial circumstances in which our Archdiocese presently finds itself. You also mentioned, with a note attached to your previous letter, that possibly some negotiations could take place about the sum. The archdiocese at this time is willing to consider a gift payment to the diocesan retirement fund of \$45,000. The payment would not be coming from the Pension Fund or the PRMAA but from the Archdiocese as a gift from the Cardinal.

At your earliest convenience, please advise me as to how to proceed in this matter.

Faternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

**CONFIDENTIAL**

August 4, 1993

Dear Bishop [REDACTED]:

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan has written to me requesting excardination from the Archdiocese of Chicago for the purpose of incardination into the Diocese of Kalamazoo. In his letter, Father Bogdan said that he has spoken with you about this, that you have no objections in this matter, and that you are willing to accept him as an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Therefore, in accord with canon 267, §1, I am providing this letter of excardination, granting Father Bogdan's request for excardination from the Archdiocese of Chicago, in order to incardinate into the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

As you have already been informed, Father Bogdan has been ministering under certain restrictions. In particular, he is not to be in any parochial ministry or in any ministry which involves contact with minor children. In addition, he is not to be alone in the presence of a minor under the age of eighteen years without another adult present. These restrictions were imposed after being recommended by the Special Commission on Clerical Sexual Misconduct with Minors in June, 1992. Although I know you are aware of the situation, I feel that I must officially remind you of these restrictions and the circumstances which prompted them so that there would be no question that you were fully informed prior to consenting to his incardination. It is my strong recommendation that these restrictions continue.

Since Father Bogdan has now been working for you for some time in your Tribunal, I trust that you are satisfied with his ministry. I am grateful for your assistance and cooperation in this matter, and I trust that Father Bogdan's future ministry will be mutually beneficial for him personally and for the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

*Thomas J. Paprocki*  
Chancellor

[REDACTED]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo  
2131 Aberdeen Drive  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

bc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests

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Post Office Box 1979  
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August 4, 1993

Dear Father Bogdan:

I am writing in response to your letter of July 7, 1993, requesting excardination from the Archdiocese of Chicago, in order to incardinate into the Diocese of Kalamazoo. In light of the reasons explained in your letter, I am willing to grant your request. In doing so, however, please know that I must officially remind Bishop [REDACTED] of the restrictions we had placed on your ministry and the circumstances which prompted them. Since Bishop [REDACTED] has already been informed of the situation, I trust that this official reminder will not change his willingness to accept you as an incardinated priest into the Diocese of Kalamazoo, as you indicated in your letter. I will be writing to him accordingly.

Len, I am grateful for the many years of ministry you provided to this local Church. I pray that your years ahead will bring you happiness and peace.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
2131 Aberdeen Drive  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

cc: [REDACTED], Bishop of Kalamazoo

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Post Office Box 1979  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: Father Patrick O'Malley

From: Cardinal Bernardin *JB*

Date: August 5, 1993

Re: Fr. Leonard Bogdan

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In response to your memo of July 30, 1993, I am confirming in writing that you have my authorization to negotiate with the Diocese of Kalamazoo regarding Len Bogdan's pension.

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August 9, 1993

Archdiocese of Chicago  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 543  
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Pat:

I received your correspondence of August 3 last Friday. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. The gift payment of \$45,000.00 is most generous and is greatly appreciated.

I spoke with Bishop [REDACTED] about the matter. I also gave him a copy of your letter. He or I will be in touch with you in the near future regarding this matter.

Presently, Bishop [REDACTED] must entertain a PLACET/NON PLACET vote of the entire diocesan presbyterate before moving to incardination. Once all is in order, you will be notified as to the matter of the generous gift.

Thanking you again for your kind consideration of this matter, I am

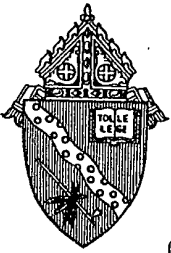
Faternally yours,

*Len*

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

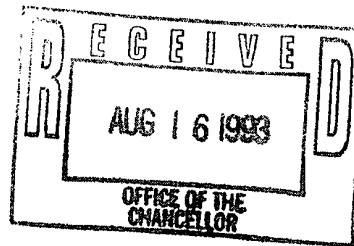
c: Bishop [REDACTED]

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Your Eminence,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of and to thank you for your letter of August 4, 1993, concerning the Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan. Let me assure Your Eminence that Father Bogdan took the initiative with me to seek incardination in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. My response was that I would be willing to consider him for incardination if, and only if, you were willing to grant him excardination.

Thank you for your letter of excardination in accord with Canon 267, 1.

According to the praxis we have followed in past cases of excardination/incardination, I will be canvassing the incardinated priests of the Diocese of Kalamazoo for their "placet" or "non-placet" with reference to the incardination of Father Bogdan. After that I will make the final judgment as to incardination and inform you of that decision.

In accord with Canon 269, 2, may I ask you for the appropriate testimonials concerning Father Bogdan's life, morals, and studies. In addition, because of the special circumstances surrounding Father Bogdan, may I ask that I may personally examine the files and the secret archives pertaining to Father Bogdan; if you are agreeable to this, I will be happy to come to Chicago to meet with the appropriate person you may wish to delegate for this examination of files.

I have noted very carefully all the comments etc. made in the second paragraph of your letter of August 4, 1993, addressed to me. Thank you for your clarity.

As I wrote to you in recent months, the ministry of Father Bogdan in the Diocese of Kalamazoo has been most satisfactory. I am convinced that eventual incardination into the Diocese of Kalamazoo will be beneficial to this Diocese and to Father Bogdan personally.

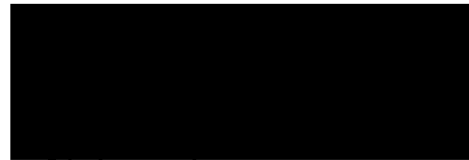
Father Bogdan has share with me a copy of a letter he received from Father O'Malley, Vicar for Priests, in which your great generosity and kindness are manifested with regard to Father Len's retirement. With him, I am deeply grateful for this thoughtful consideration.

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With kindest personal regards and prayerful  
good wishes and with an assurance of prayer for you in your  
important ministry in Chicago, in the United States, and in  
the Universal Church, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,



Bishop of Kalamazoo

cc: The Rev. Patrick O'Malley

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago  
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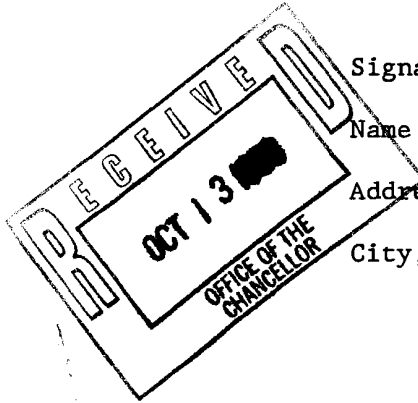
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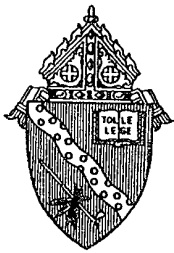
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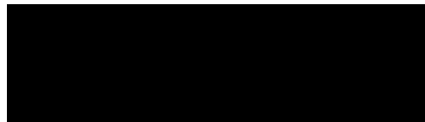
October 20, 1993

Your Eminence,

On August 10, 1993, I wrote to you in response to your letter of August 4, 1993, concerning Father Leonard Bogdan. Since I have had no response, my presumption is that my letter was lost in the mail. Therefore, I enclose herewith a copy of my August letter to you. It is my hope that we might be able to settle the excardination/incardination matter with reference to Father Bogdan as soon as reasonably possible.

With kindest personal regards and prayerful good wishes, I  
am

Cordially yours in Christ,



Bishop of Kalamazoo

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
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c: The Reverend Patrick O'Malley

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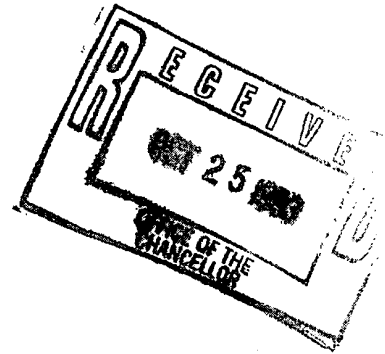
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Memo

To: Rev. Thomas Paprocki  
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 10/23/93  
Re: Leonard Bogdan

This is just a reminder that a letter needs to go out to Bishop [REDACTED]. As I recall from our last conversation, you and I thought we should go over Bodgan's files beforehand, so keep that in mind when you set a date for the Bishop to come to look over those files.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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October 26, 1993

Dear Bishop [REDACTED]:

Please excuse the delay in responding to your letter of August 10, 1993, but there was some confusion here about handling the follow-up to your correspondence. As a result, I am grateful for your letter of October 20 reminding me of this matter.

In response to your request, asking that you may personally examine the files and the secret archives pertaining to Father Leonard Bogdan, I am certainly agreeable to this. These files are basically in two places: the Office of the Chancellor and the Office of the Vicar for Priests.

The Chancellor is Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki. His office is located here at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center on the 4th Floor at 155 E. Superior Street. His telephone number is (312) 751-8220. The Vicar for Priests is Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley. His office is located two blocks south of the Pastoral Center at 645 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 543. His telephone number is (312) 642-1837. I am sure that Father Paprocki and Father O'Malley would be willing to meet jointly with you at either location, or separately at both locations, whichever you prefer.

I have already directed Father Paprocki and Father O'Malley to share any and all materials in their files with you. [REDACTED]

I am pleased that you are convinced that eventual incardination into the Diocese of Kalamazoo will be beneficial to your Diocese and to Father Bogdan personally. Thank you for your personal interest in this matter and your pastoral solicitude on behalf of Father Bogdan.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Carl Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

[REDACTED]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo  
215 N. Westnedge Ave.  
P.O. Box 949  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49005

cc: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests

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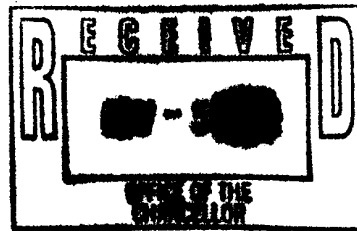
RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby give my consent to the CHANCELLOR of the Archdiocese of Chicago to allow BISHOP [REDACTED] the right to inspect the secret archives of the Archdiocese of Chicago relative to my personal file in the possession of the Chancellor.

I give this consent freely in accord with the norm of law.

November 1, 1993

SEAL Leonard A. Bogdan  
Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan





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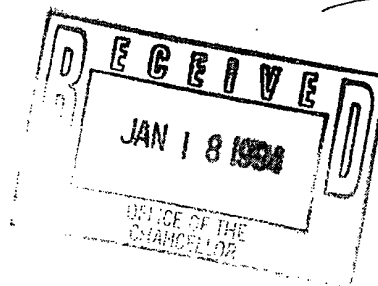
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KALAMAZOO, MI 49005

November 1, 1993

215 North Westnedge Avenue  
616-349-7974

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
2131 Aberdeen Drive  
Kalamazoo MI 49008



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Dear Father Bogdan:

I am aware of the fact that four months will have elapsed as of November 8 since you formally manifested your desire to me to seek excardination from the Archdiocese of Chicago and incardination into the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Before I finalize the process of incardination on your behalf, I still hope to clarify some issues with Cardinal Bernardin relative to your personal file within the secret archives of the Archdiocese. Hopefully, the delay will not be lengthy.

Consequently, for the present I must delay any further action for your incardination into the Diocese of Kalamazoo. I will inform you when I believe that it is feasible to finalize the matter on your behalf. In essence, I am temporarily refusing your request.

Sincerely yours, ,



*cc: The Reverend Patrick O'Malley ✓*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki *TJP*  
Chancellor

Date: November 5, 1993

Re: REVEREND LEONARD A. BOGDAN

On November 5, 1993, I met with Bishop [REDACTED], Bishop of Kalamazoo, at the Office of the Vicar for Priests. At this meeting, Bishop [REDACTED] reviewed the files regarding Father Bogdan in the Vicar for Priests' Office. Bishop [REDACTED] and I also reviewed Father Bogdan's files from the Chancery.

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11/5/93

Mr. O'Malley,

Thank you so much for your kindness.  
I have reviewed the file of Leonard from beginning  
to end. I left everything in the file; Sister did  
make me some copies of a few sheets.

Gratefully,

[REDACTED]

November 30, 1993  
The Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle

I, the Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan, having received a duly authorized document of excardination from the Archdiocese of Chicago, hereby declare under Sacred Oath that I wish to enter permanently the service of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. I do this freely and of my own accord with full realization of all the duties and responsibilities connected and fully aware of the effects indicated in the Sacred Canons.

I call upon God to be my witness that I do promise obedience and reverence to the Most Reverend [REDACTED], Bishop of Kalamazoo, and to his successors.

So help me God and these His Holy Gospels which I touch with my hand.

Leonard A. Bogdan  
The Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

Witnesses

[REDACTED]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo

[REDACTED]  
Notary pro hoc

cc: His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

AOC 007168

11/30/93

Dear Cardinal Bernardini:

This evening I was formally incardinated into the Diocese of Salamanca by Bishop [redacted] in his home chapel with four priests and one seminarian in attendance. It was a very moving ceremony.

I want to thank you for your grant of incardination and your gift of \$45,000 to supplement my retirement fund. I truly believe the Lord has called me at this point in my life to labor in his vineyard in SW Michigan.

I also wish to express my support and prayers on your behalf for the trials you have experienced over the recent allegation. Unfortunately, anyone today can become a victim of Calumny—who is convicted by the peers with a presumption of guilt. This must stop! Hopefully your apparent innocence will be a catalyst to effect laws which will prevent such future calumny from becoming a public issue.

May the crucified Lord help you & sustain you in this time of trial.

Prayerfully,  
Ken Boydan



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PAUL VINCENT  
By the grace of God and favor  
of the Apostolic See  
BISHOP OF KALAMAZOO

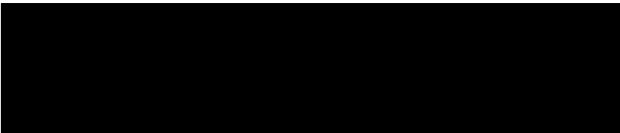
To Our Beloved Son in Christ, LEONARD A. BOGDAN,  
Greetings in the Lord,

Having considered the needs of our Diocese, observing the requirements specified by Canon Law concerning the "titulus" of your ordination, having established by a duly authorized document your excardination from the Archdiocese of Chicago, and having your declaration under oath prescribed by the Canons, made in our presence, that you wish to permanently enter the service of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, we comply with your wish and by this document incardinate you perpetually and absolutely and declare you to be so incardinated for the service of the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Given at Kalamazoo, Michigan, under our signature and seal and the signature of our Notary pro hoc this thirtieth day of November, 1993.

  
Bishop of Kalamazoo

  
Notary pro hoc

cc: His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin,  
Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 007170

November 30, 1993  
The Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle

I, the Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan, having received a duly authorized document of excardination from the Archdiocese of Chicago, hereby declare under Sacred Oath that I wish to enter permanently the service of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. I do this freely and of my own accord with full realization of all the duties and responsibilities connected and fully aware of the effects indicated in the Sacred Canons.

I call upon God to be my witness that I do promise obedience and reverence to the Most Reverend [REDACTED], Bishop of Kalamazoo, and to his successors.

So help me God and these His Holy Gospels which I touch with my hand.

Leonard A. Bogdan  
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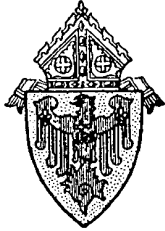
[REDACTED]  
Bishop of Kalamazoo

[REDACTED]  
Notary pro hoc

[REDACTED]

cc: His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

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Memo

To: Cardinal Bernardin  
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 12/1/93  
Re: Rev. Leonard Bogdan

On 11/30/93 I received a phone call from Fr. Len Bogdan now living in Kalamazoo. He left a message on my tape. The message said that he had been incardinated into the Diocese of Kalamazoo that very evening, 11/30/93. Fr. Bogdan indicated that the necessary papers will be processed to the Archdiocese of Chicago. He wanted me to notify the appropriate people within the Archdiocese. On 12/1/93 I notified Fr. Ken Velo about this excardination from Chicago.

Fr. Bogdan also spoke of the request for a gift to his retirement fund in Grand Rapids. I had cleared this with the Cardinal beforehand, and we are willing to give him a \$45,000 gift towards his retirement fund within the Diocese.

Bishop Donovan of Kalamazoo has visited our office and met with Fr. Paprocki to go over Fr. Bogdan's file. He had access to everything we had on file with Fr. Bogdan's permission. He also saw whatever the Chancellor has on file. He knows of the situation with Bogdan and is willing to assume responsibility for the monitoring etc. of Fr. Bogdan.

The \$45,000 may be considered a severance package. As the Cardinal indicated, this money should come from the Pastoral Center, not from the PRMAA.

A check should be made out to the Diocese of Kalamazoo and sent to the Vicar for Priest office. We will send it on to the proper authorities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

(P.S. As of 12/28/93, I have received copies of the appropriate papers of incardination from Fr. Bogdan which I presume are on file in your office. Could you have the \$45,000 check for the Priests' Retirement Fund of the Diocese of Kalamazoo prepared and sent to our office?)

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

December 6, 1993

Dear Len:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 30th. I deeply appreciated the sentiments you expressed regarding this difficult ordeal. I am confident that in the end the truth will prevail, but having the support of so many like yourself helps me greatly during these difficult days.

I was pleased to hear about your ceremony of incardination and want to offer my best wishes to you at this time of transition. May the Lord be with you in a special way as you continue to minister and care for His people.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan  
The Cathedral of Saint Augustine  
2131 Aberdeen  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

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Memo

To: Rev. Kenneth Velo  
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 12/21/93  
Re: Rev. Leonard Bogdan

Len Bogdan called me sometime back saying that he had been incardinated into the diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan. I have not received any official letters to that effect. I wondered if your office had. Copies of those official documents ought to be part of Fr. Bogdan's file in the VP office. I would appreciate it if you could track down any such correspondence and FAX me or send me copies. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.



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2131 Aberdeen Drive  
Kalamazoo MI 49008  
December 23, 1993

Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar  
Office of the Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Pat:

Since I am not certain what internal procedures will take place upon official notification of my recent incardination into the Diocese of Kalamazoo, I want to clarify some personal issues with you in this regard.

First of all, I want to remain on the archdiocesan mailing list for the notification of the death of the Chicago clergy. I believe a separate listing is maintained at Mission Press for this purpose. Perhaps, you could arrange that I remain on this mailing list, or inform me of whom I should notify in this regard.

In addition, I want to remain on the mailing list of the Archdiocesan Liturgy Office. Do I have to make a direct contact to assure that this will happen?

However, I do NOT see any need to remain on other mailing lists unless there is a contrary custom in the Archdiocese. Would you kindly inform me of this if applicable.

You did ask me in previous correspondence when you should arrange for the issuance of the \$45,000.00 check (as a retirement benefit), a gift of Cardinal Bernardin. I believe now would be the opportune time. It should be made out to the Diocese of Kalamazoo (Priests' Retirement Fund). I may be mailed to the above address in care of Bishop Paul Donovan.

I have enclosed a copy of my incardination documents for your records at the Office of the Vicar for Priests. Bishop [REDACTED] has accepted the restrictions communicated to him. They will remain in force.

Up to now I have used my OFFICE mailing address for communications from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Since the office address will undergo a change as of 1/2/94 (for mailing purposes), please note that the mailing address I will now maintain will be:

2131 Aberdeen Drive  
Kalamazoo MI 49008

Please inform any agency of this fact.

Thanking you in advance for your past assistance and your consideration of these matters, I am

Fraternally yours,

*Leo Bogdan*

Reverend Leonard A. Bogdan

encl.

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December 28, 1993

Rev. Leonard Bogdan  
2131 Aberdeen Drive  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

Dear Len,

I received your letter of December 23. Congratulations and I hope that your incardination into the diocese of Kalamazoo will be fruitful both for yourself and for the diocese. John and I and Tom Paprocki met Bishop [REDACTED] when he was in and he seemed like a very fine gentleman.

I checked with Tom Paprocki about mailings and this is the information he was able to provide. The Archdiocese has no official connection with the Mission Press so you would have to contact the Mission Press directly if you wish to be kept on their mailing list. I do not know if there is any kind of charge for that. As far as the Archdiocesan Liturgy Office goes, again, you would have to make that contact personally to stay on their mailing list.

As you indicated, there is no need to keep you on the mailing list for the archdiocese. Tom said that your name and address will be deleted, but he did file your new address on Aberdeen Drive for his own records.

I have been in contact with the Cardinal and have alerted him to the need to have the check for the Priests' Retirement Fund as soon as feasible. I am sending him another memo to that effect. As soon as I receive that check I will remit it to you.

Again, I wish you well in Kalamazoo. If I can be of any help in the future, don't hesitate to call. Hope you had a great Christmas season and that the New Year will be wonderful for you.

Fraternaly yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests



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Memo to File  
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 12/28/93  
Re: Rev. Leonard Bogdan

I have received the information from Fr. Bogdan concerning his excardination from the Archdiocese of Chicago and his incardination into the diocese of Kalamazoo. I have placed copies of these official papers in his file. I will now look for that check from the Archdiocese for \$45,000 to be paid to the Priests' Retirement Fund of Kalamazoo.



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12/31/93

Dear Len,

Enclosed with this letter is the Archdiocesan gift to your retirement fund as approved by the Cardinal. I want to wish you well in your new relationship with the Diocese of Kalamazoo. I know you will continue to do good work in what, I know you will find, a supportive and hopeful atmosphere.

Two years ago, you were staying with me at St. Mary of the Lake right around this time. I can't believe how fast the time has flown by.

At any rate, Len, may you have a wonderful grace-filled New Year. I would, by the way, appreciate a note that you have received this check. It is large and the mails are notorious. Thanks.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley

1/6/94



Dear Pat,

Your kind letter and the check from the Cardinal arrived today. Thank you for your many expressions of support. I am sure that Bishop [REDACTED] will also acknowledge this gift in a note to Cardinal Bernardin. I did write him in December soon after I became incardinated here.

May you also have a blessed and prosperous New Year. The work you do on behalf of the priests in Chicago may at times be taxing, but I am sure that it is also very rewarding.

Faternally,

*Len Bogdan*

## Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

**Leonard Adolph Bogdan** Born: [REDACTED] Ordained: 05/03/1960 Died: Ethnicity: Polish

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Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. Camillus Parish (Lockwood Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	07/06/1960	05/01/1966
St. Isidore the Farmer Parish (Blue Island)	Assistant Pastor	05/01/1966	06/15/1970
Tribunal	Staff	03/28/1968	09/04/1974
St. Symphorosa Parish (Austin Ave.)	Associate Pastor	06/15/1970	09/04/1974
North American College (Rome, Italy)	Student	09/04/1974	11/23/1976
Tribunal	Staff	11/23/1976	06/10/1977
St. Symphorosa Parish (Austin Ave.)	Associate Pastor	12/01/1976	01/01/1988
Tribunal	Judge	06/08/1977	01/01/1988
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish (Honore St.)	Administrator	08/18/1979	01/01/1983
	Sabbatical	01/01/1988	06/30/1988
	Resigned	01/24/1994	

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**Extraordinary  
Appointments:**

Note: Incardinated into the Diocese of Kalamazoo in 1994, after having worked within that diocese since 6/30/1988

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Reverend Donald J. Ahearn, Chairman, Priests' Retirement & Mutual Aid Association  
Reverend Patrick J. Pollard, Director of Health Care Services at the PRMAA  
Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
✓ Reverend Kenneth Velo, Executive Assistant to the Cardinal  
Reverend Edward R. Fialkowski, Executive Secretary, Priests' Placement Board  
Mr. Michael J. Dolan, Manager, Property & Insurance

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TJP*

Date: January 24, 1994

Re: Excardination of REVEREND LEONARD A. BOGDAN

Father Leonard A. Bogdan, ordained for the Class of 5/3/60, has been incardinated into the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan by Bishop [REDACTED] following Cardinal Bernardin's approval of his excardination from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

As a result, Father Bogdan should be deleted from the Archdiocesan Directory, all mailing lists, and benefits.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ken: Do you think this should be published in the official section of The New World?

TJP/cfb

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AOC 007181

[REDACTED]  
October 31, 1994

Dear Tom,

Circa 11/14 I will be sending to you by certified mail some very confidential material. The reason I am delaying sending it immediately is the fact that I want it reviewed by another professional before submitting the final version.

Although the author of the correspondence will be myself concerning self, I will designate myself in the role of advocate (which is an accurate title).

I will submit this special correspondence to the Chancery address in an inner sealed envelope marked "for your eyes only". I presume that your secretary will honor the confidentiality of the correspondence since the outer envelope will be designated as personal & confidential.

If you judge that I should send it to another address (other than the Chancery), please leave a message for me [REDACTED]

The contents will be self-evident.

Sincerely,

*Len Bogdan*

AOC 007182





Diocese of Kalamazoo  
Diocesan Tribunal  
215 N. Westnedge  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3760

Tom,

Enclosed is the summary submitted by the priest  
in my role as ADVOCATE.

*Len Boylan*

TO: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, JCD, JD  
CHANCELLOR  
Canonical Advisor to the Cardinal

DATE: November 1, 1994

At the continual urging of my counselor, I have finally decided to submit this correspondence in the hope to obtain a juridical clarification of the basis on which certain ecclesiastical restrictions have been urged to be placed upon me.

Since you notarized the letter dealing with -- --- and are aware of the restrictions urged therein, and in view of your canonical expertise, I am directing this correspondence to you as a representative of Cardinal Bernardin with whom you may wish to share the contents (if you deem it appropriate). In addition, I give my consent to you to obtain from Cardinal Bernardin all information to which he has been made privy during the course of the investigation concerning myself especially since the fall of 1991.

I wish to make it clear from the very beginning that this request for clarification is not being made in any contentious manner. For I am most grateful to Cardinal Bernardin for every kindness, act of generosity, ongoing sensitivity, and genuine pastoral concern which he has always extended to me. However, the cloud of doubt as to my personal character and clerical suitability still hovers over me. The rights accorded to me in virtue of canon 220 have been restricted in the external forum (though in a discreet manner).

In particular, I wish to address the issues of supervision and restricted movement which seem to run counter to both ecclesiastical and civil law. Moreover, their imposition was made without all the formalities of due process. Unfortunately, whatever the motive there still remains an apparent violation of the axiom of law, nemo malus praesumitur nisi probetur, which in effect has made me forever suspect. Especially in view of civil litigation processes, I can understand the motives which obviously prompted such restrictions. However, there does remain right to privacy and a good name which has been compromised (c. 220). My question is whether this compromise has been in accord with ecclesiastical norms. This is the basic doubt which keeps coming to mind and which I hope to resolve from your clarifications herein requested. Nemo suus iudex is a further issue at hand.

Having stated the above, I hope to confine the remainder of this correspondence to certain technical issues, which I ask you to address from a canonical perspective. It is my hope that at the least there will be a mitigation of what appears to be, namely, presumed guilt and moral turpitude, which in turn calls into question my clerical suitability.

I wish to prescind from the restriction on the type of assignment since I well realize that a cleric has no right to any assignment (c. 274-§2). Moreover, I am content with my type of assignment. From an external perspective, do not positive restrictions further reinforce the presumption of guilt? There remains the rub!

On the basis of prior consultation, the other restrictions also urged to all appearances represent individual precepts, penal in nature, namely, those which impose vigilance and restricted association. They seem to come under the scope of penal remedies (c. 1339). The former law made praeceptum and vigilantia explicit penal remedies (CIC '17/c. 2307). However, they were eliminated in the 1983 Code.

Since rebuke would apply only when there is proven scandal or seriously disturbing behavior with an external disruption within the ecclesial community, it would not apply to my situation.

Warning could be construed as applicable if grave suspicion were present. The scope of a warning (in the strict sense) would not encompass a precept as such as applicable here.

The impediment envisioned by canon 1044-§2,2 has never been declared applicable to me. Therefore, the issues under consideration would also not apply in this case.

Most important, the norms governing the imposition of a penal remedy or other penal action (if in fact applicable) requires first of all that the statute of limitations be scrupulously observed (cc. 1363-§2; 1362-§1,2). This did not occur in my case since the individual precept given in January, 1992 with the proper formalities of law (cc. 51 and 55), and which did not occur prior to that time, was issued almost nine years since the original allegation (April, 1983).

In addition, it could be reasonably argued that only a three (vs. five) year statute of limitations is applicable since the allegation dealt with a minor past 16.

In a non-contentious spirit I observed similar precautionary measures after October, 1986 to avoid litigious action with the Vicar for Priests. Furthermore, there was a subsequent verbal revocation in 1988 of the previous precautionary measures (similar to the current precepts under dispute). In any event, the required formalities of law (cc. 37, 51, and 55) for the external forum were never observed and would therefore have no juridical effect in 1986. Moreover, if the three year statute is also to be considered, there is further reason to challenge the juridical process that was observed.

If the norms of canon 1348 are invoked, whatever would have the nature of a penal action would likewise apply to what was previously stated. I might observe that the title under which is canon is found is obviously penal in nature.

I would like to conclude with several pertinent observations. I was never given the right to be heard with full disclosure of the allegations and the final opinions of the newly formed special committee (subsequently delegated to take the role previously assigned to the Vicar for Priests). Being labeled with a proclivity by this committee based on disputable evidence and with no prior **opportunity to rebuttal** certain claims of a now deceased priest is hardly in accord with sound procedural law governing administrative action. Behavior patterns in the late eighties and early nineties (in the absence of the present limitations) certainly bear claim to the absence of the alleged proclivity or danger to minors.

All these things having been said, I would appreciate your observations and clarifications from a canonical viewpoint.

Sincerely,

Pater X

DRAFT December 5, 1994

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Reverend Leonard Bogdan  
Diocese of Kalamazoo  
Diocesan Tribunal  
215 N. Westnedge  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3760

Dear Father Bogdan:

I am writing in response to the correspondence you recently sent me regarding your request for a juridical clarification of the basis for the ecclesiastical restrictions which were recommended in the described circumstances. I have discussed this matter with Cardinal Bernardin and am responding accordingly.

First, it should be noted that Cardinal Bernardin was only making recommendations in his letter of excommunication to Bishop [REDACTED]. The imposition of restrictions would now pertain to the bishop of the new diocese of incardination, namely, the Bishop of Kalamazoo.

Second, it is my understanding that these restrictions were originally accepted in a spirit of willing cooperation here in the Archdiocese of Chicago. This followed a review of the situation by the Cardinal's Special Commission appointed to look into these matters. Thus, the approach taken was not strictly a juridical process, but rather a pastoral response to deal with the situation administratively. This is in keeping with our usual practice of seeking to address the situation with the priest's voluntary cooperation, without the need to resort to formal juridical processes.

As a result, many of the canonical questions asked in the letter addressed to me are simply not pertinent. Of course, even in an informal, pastoral approach handled administratively, the priest's rights to his good name and reputation must be protected. As far as I can tell from the information available to me, the rights to privacy and a good name have been carefully protected in this case to limit information only to those with a need to know.

On the other hand, if a formal juridical review of this situation is desired, the Office of the Vicar for Priests and my office would be willing to provide to the new Bishop of Kalamazoo whatever information he might need to conduct such a review.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

**AOC 007186**

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**Bishop John Gorman**

Vicar for Regional Services  
Vicar General



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December 12, 1994

TO: Rev. Thomas Paprocki

FROM: Bishop John Gorman 

Tom,

Your letter to Len Bogdan is fine. I would add nothing.

AOC 007187

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December 21, 1994

CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Leonard Bogdan  
Tribunal, Diocese of Kalamazoo  
215 N. Westnedge  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3760

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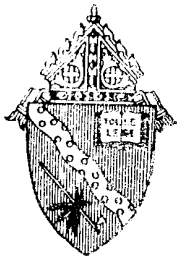
With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

AOC 007188



# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

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January 3, 1995

Your Eminence,

As I seek to make sure that I, in so far as possible, have completed all matters pending when my resignation as diocesan bishop of Kalamazoo became effective on November 22, 1994, I reviewed some of the personnel files. In checking the personal file of Father Leonard A. Bogdan, it is not clear that copies of the official documents of incardination were forwarded to you and Father O'Malley, your Vicar for Priests, after the Canonical incardination took place on November 30, 1993. Therefore, to be certain, I forward herewith copies of such documentation to you as I will to Father O'Malley.

May I take this opportunity to express again my heartfelt gratitude to you for the generous contribution you made to our priests' retirement fund on behalf of Father Bogdan.

Father Bogdan continues to give outstanding service to the Diocese of Kalamazoo as Judicial Vicar. He has lived with me for over two years and I presume, after conversation with Bishop [REDACTED] that he will continue to live at the diocesan bishop's residence after January 31, 1995, when our new diocesan bishop is installed.

I am pleased to tell you that Father Len seems happy and quite well adjusted.

It was thoughtful of you to write to me on December 2 after my resignation as the first bishop of Kalamazoo was announced. I am grateful for your kind words and good wishes. Please keep me in your prayers as I enter upon a new phase of my journey, continuing to minister to God's people as a priest and bishop.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

Former Bishop of Kalamazoo

His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Post Office Box 1979  
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c: The Reverend Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests

AOC 007189



# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

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January 4, 1995


Dear Tom,

I recently received your kind letter. As I stated in my original correspondence, my counselor strongly advised me to contact the Archdiocese for a determination of the issues I brought up for your commentary. For a period of over one year I hesitated to do this since Bishop [REDACTED] was always very understanding.

I am now satisfied with the explanation you gave me. I don't recall ever having received such a clarification verbally or in writing. Perhaps, I became too preoccupied with the events as they began to unfold to remember all that was said.

Please reassure Cardinal Bernardin that my inquiry was primarily academic and in no way contentious. I remain ever grateful to him for his kindness and understanding. I now judge the matter CLOSED.

Fraternally,

  
Leonard A. Bogdan

AOC 007190



**Phone Conversation – PFR-79**

Date: 8/16/01 Time: paged 8:45 a.m.

From: Fr. Larry McBrady – Vicar for Priests

- [REDACTED]
- Priest from another diocese

Time: AM

To: [REDACTED]

- Allegation against Rev. Leonard Bogdan/St. Symphorosa
- 1982-84 High School
- Appointment set for 8/20/00 at 10:30 a.m.

Date: 8/21/01 Time: AM

To: Fr. Larry McBrady

Re: Leonard Bogdan – Kalamazoo

- Interview to be scheduled for allegation to be presented

Time: AM

To: Fr. Tom Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

Re: Leonard Bogdan

- Call Len and Vicar in Kalamazoo
- Chancery file/McGovern for file - current status

Date: 8/29/01 Time: 11:14

From: [REDACTED]

- As of August 31, 2001 new address/phone:

[REDACTED]

Time: 3:41 p.m.

From: Fr. Leonard Bogdan – [REDACTED]

- Wanted to mention something he forgot to add at meeting

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the Allegation of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor and summary prepared by Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim KR's statement, given to Ms. Leggdas, on August 20, 2001, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Fr. Leonard Bogdan. According to Victim KR's statement, he met Bogdan in 1980, while Victim KR was in high school, and Bogdan was assigned to St. Symphorosa. The relationship turned sexual in 1981 and consisted of mutual oral sex, and Bogdan attempting anal intercourse on one occasion. Victim KR stated that he initially came forward with his allegation in 1984, but retracted that allegation at his mother's request.

**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.

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I have read and understood the above notice. A representative of the Archdiocese has given me a copy of the Department of Children and Family Services brochure describing the child abuse reporting laws. The representative of the Archdiocese whose name appears below has not discouraged me in any way from reporting to the authorities.

8/20/01

Date



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

8/20/01

Date

Michael J. Blaud

Signature

Michael J. Blaud

Print Name

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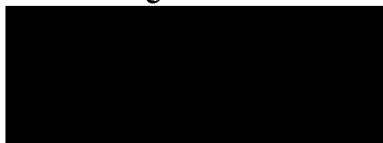
## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-79  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*  
Re: **Rev. Leonard Bogdan**  
Date: August 27, 2001

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On August 23, 2001, as a result of a call from Rev. Larry McBrady regarding an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against Rev. Leonard Bogdan, PFRA contacted Rev. Bogdan by telephone.

Leonard Bogdan



He was informed of the fact of the allegation made by [REDACTED] on August 20, 2001. Rev. Bogdan was distraught that this allegation had resurfaced from the 90's. The alleged victim had written to recant allegations made and Father assumed the matter was at an end.

Father currently lives in a building where all residents are over 55 and no one under 19 is admitted to the living area. He is retired and has no opportunity for contact with minors. Appointment set of August 28, 2001 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Cc: Members of the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

AOC 007194

On the question (recently raised) as to whether I pose a serious threat to minors, I offer the following observations to all concerned:

(Please excuse any errors--but I am not as yet computer literate.)

Since 1983 (the year of the initial accusation), there has been no allegation by any other person dealing with serious misconduct with a minor of either gender. In other words, for 18 years no one has accused me of sexual misconduct with a minor. (Of course, there would have been no basis for such an accusation.)

This matter was fully investigated circa 1991 by Cardinal Bernardin, the Vicar for Priests, and the newly formed Review Board. The decision was not to withdraw my priestly faculties. However, as a precautionary measure (given the climate of the times) I was directed to avoid any contact with minors without the presence of an adult and to avoid close ministry with same. This was readily fulfilled.

As a note of information, I was on loan from the Archdiocese of Chgo to the Diocese of KZ (from June '88) to direct the Marriage Tribunal. Cardinal Bernardin did not recall me. Later that same year, he requested that I move out of a parish setting. I took up residence with the Diocesan Bishop.

In 1993 I sought incardination into the Diocese of KZ because of the congenial atmosphere. I was very content at that point in my life, especially with regard to my priestly efforts. Prior to my being granted incardination, the former Bishop of KZ (now retired) went to Chicago and personally inspected the entire file related to this matter and all personnel records. Without haste and after prayerful reflection, he incardinated me into the Diocese of KZ on 11/30/93. Afterwards, I was careful to continue with the directives noted in the letter of excardination (on file with the Archdiocese) to avoid the presence of minors without the presence of an adult (for my own protection and reputation) to avoid any possible allegation of impropriety. I truly valued my good name and the priesthood.

In the year 2000 at the age of 65 I requested early retirement from my Bishop due to my deteriorating physical health and in order to relocate to a more temperate climate. I do continue to do some work for the tribunal in KZ by mail and fax.

I live in an all adult community of about 38,000 population. In each household at least one resident must be age 55. No one under the age of 19 may be a resident (even temporary). There is no school district within this city. In fact, it is very rare to encounter any minors (even in some of the fast food restaurants). I have stayed active with the Knights of Columbus and am a member of a few local clubs for a social outlet.

In conclusion, I hope that these observations answer the question posed above: that I in no way pose a threat to minors of either gender. To establish physical certitude would require 24 hour surveillance. I believe moral certitude is all that is needed in this case.

August 27, 2001

Leonard G. Boydan

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August 31, 2001

Rev. Leonard Bogdan  


Dear Father Bogdan,

Thank you for meeting with me and for providing transportation to and from the airport.

Enclosed is the copy of Policies and Procedures governing the Review Board.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

**AOC 007196**

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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-79

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*

Re: [REDACTED]

Date: August 31, 2001

Effective August 31, 2001:



Cc: Victim's Assistance Ministry

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**Memorandum**

To: File – PFR-79

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*

Re: **Rev. Leonard Bogdan's Response to Allegation**  
of [REDACTED] of Sexual Misconduct With a Minor

Date: August 31, 2001

Present at Meeting

Rev. Leonard Bogdan [LB], accused  
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]

General Information

Rev. Leonard Bogdan



Ordination Date: 1960

PFRA and Father Bogdan met in his home in [REDACTED] Arizona – just outside of Phoenix. The home is modest and was purchased by Father in 1987 with a view to retirement. This is a restricted living city in which one member of a family must be at least 55 and no one under the age of 19 may reside. Grandchildren are allowed to visit for two weeks. Extended stay of children must be approved by residents of all adjacent homes. There is little, if any, opportunity for Father to have unsupervised contact with minors.

Father Bogdan participates in adult recreations provided by the [REDACTED] organization and is active in the local Knights of Columbus.

He retired "early" as he said, at 68 as a result of serious arthritis. He has no other identified health concerns. He says Mass at home in his private chapel.



Meeting Summary

PFRA described Review Board Policies and Procedures and presented the allegations made by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (See Allegation Summary for Details)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Father Bogdan reflected: "I was aware I liked the kid and felt sorry for him. It was more of a family association because of father I would go to the house to talk to [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED]

Father Bogdan denied all of the allegations and added that this was all put to rest by the letter recanting the allegations. He admitted asking [REDACTED] to write the recantation but denies threatening him or putting any undo pressure upon [REDACTED] to do so.

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board  
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Michael J. Bland, Victim's Assistance Ministry

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements the summary prepared by Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of former Rev. Leonard Bogdan's response to Victim KR's allegation of abuse, given to Ms. Leggdas on August 31, 2001. Bogdan denied that he engaged in inappropriate conduct with Victim KR.

### **Phone Conversation – PFR-79**

Date: 9/4/01 Time: 10:40 a.m.

From: Leonard Bogdan

- Returned call
- Wanted to clarify a few things from our interview

Date: 9/19/01 Time: 3:42 p.m.

From: Cardinal George – residence [REDACTED]

- Regarding letter dated September 17<sup>th</sup> regarding First Stage Review for Rev. Leonard Bogdan
- As the letter reads, “is it he that contacts the diocese of Kalamazoo & Phoenix?”
- Please let him know
- This must be done immediately, whether the Vicar’s PFRA or Cardinal communicates this information.
- He’s at the residence until 5:30 p.m. But can be reached at the office tomorrow x8230.

Date: 10/2/01 Time: AM

From: Fr. [REDACTED]/Diocese of Phoenix, Vicar for Priests

- Question about honesty regarding Leonard Bogdan

Date: 10/3/01 Time: 1:30 p.m.

From: [REDACTED]

- Had not received my letter
- Gave him Board recommendations over the phone

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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-79  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA] *KL*  
Re: **Rev. Leonard Bogdan**  
Date: September 6, 2001

On September 4, 2001 PFRA met with Father Larry McBrady to review the Vicar for Priests files on Rev. Leonard Bogdan [LB], currently retired from the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Documents reviewed include the following:

- **Copy of the original allegation made by [REDACTED] against Rev. Leonard Bogdan April 22, 1983 to the [REDACTED]**

The cover letter, written to Father [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] was judged to be an “emotionally stable” student performing in the above average range academically. Comments from the Director went on to say that he (Director) “... is convinced he [REDACTED] is reporting the absolute truth as he sees it about the relationship” with Rev. Leonard Bogdan.

The Director also asked for advice regarding reporting requirements to DCFS. No documentation is available regarding either advice given or that DCFS in fact was called or not called.

The content of the allegation was consistent with the allegation made to PFRA on August 20, 2001. If anything, more threats were apparent in the Quigley South documentation. Threats of withdrawal of financial and emotional support of [REDACTED] and his family should [REDACTED] choose to discontinue the sexual relationship.

- **Copy of the letter from [REDACTED] to Vicar for Priests Office to recant allegations made in 1983. Recantation is dated 1986.**

[REDACTED]

- **Documentation of meeting with Cardinal Bernardin on December 30, 1991 at the time of his transfer to the Diocese of Kalamazoo. (See attached)**
- **Protocol proposed to the Bishop of Kalamazoo. (See attached)**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

AOC 007202

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, dated September 6, 2001, summarizing a letter from Victim KR recanting his allegations of sexual abuse against Fr. Leonard Bogdan. According to the memorandum, Victim KR did not believe that his allegation would be taken so seriously, and Victim KR considered Bogdan to be one of his best supporters.

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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, September 15, 2001  
10:00 – 12:00

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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#### I. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2001

[REDACTED]

#### II. Case Reviews


##### A. In the Matter of PFR-79, Rev. Leonard Bogdan

##### **First Stage Review**

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Cc: Members of the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board  
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

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### AGENDA

I.

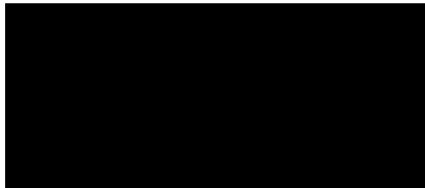


II. Case Reviews

In the Matter of PFR-79, Rev. Leonard Bogdan

- First Stage Review

III.





**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW  
CLIENT INFORMATION SHEET**

**FILE #:** PFR-79

**REVIEW STATUS: (DATE)**

**Opened Date:** 9/15/01

**1st Stage:** 9/15/01

**Closed Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Stage:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supplementary:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Name:** Leonard Bogdan

**Date Ordained:** 1960

**Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current S/S #:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Current Residence:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED] **Date:** 2001

**Telephone: Home:** [REDACTED]

**Office:** N/A **Pager:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Ministry:** Retired

**Status (Check one)** **Date:** 6/00

**Active:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deceased:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Resigned:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Withdrawn:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:** ✓

4. **Allegation(s):**

**Date:** 8/20/01 **Date of the Offense(s):** 1981-1984

**Sex/Age**

M/15-17

**Credibility:**

**Yes** **No**

✓

5. **General Nature of Allegation(s):**

Mutual oral sex

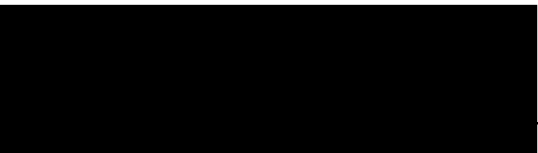
6. **Protocol:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Date:** 1/3/92

**Review Dates:**

**Review Dates:**

7. **Assessment(s):**  
**Source:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Report on File: (?)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8.  **Quarterly Report:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. **Education:**  
Marriage Tribunal, Diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. **Ministerial Assignments:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. **Family Composition:**  
**Parents:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Siblings:** \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Monitors:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. **Emergency Contacts:**  
**1st** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**2nd** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. **Other Concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_

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


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## Memorandum

To: File

From: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board 

Re: **Rev. Leonard Bogdan – Review Board Meeting  
First Stage Review**

Date: September 17, 2001

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In light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred. (Seven Board members were present and their determination was unanimous.) The Board recommended that this determination be communicated to the Diocese of Kalamazoo, where Father Bogdan is incardinated. The Archdiocese of Phoenix, where Father Bogdan now resides, should also be informed.

Since the misconduct allegedly occurred when Father Bogdan was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Office of Victim Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago should provide appropriate assistance to Mr. [REDACTED]

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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-79  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator  
Re: **Rev. Leonard Bogdan**  
Date: September 17, 2001

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting September 15, 2001:

### First Stage Review

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September 17, 2001

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on September 15, 2001. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. Leonard Bogdan. The Board conducted a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.8 of the Review Process For Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred. (Seven Board members were present and their determination was unanimous.)

The Board recommends that this determination be communicated to the Diocese of Kalamazoo, where Father Bogdan is incardinated and that the Archdiocese of Phoenix, where Father Bogdan now resides, also be informed.

Since the misconduct allegedly occurred when Father Bogdan was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, a recommendation was also made that the Office of Victim Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago should provide appropriate assistance to the alleged victim.

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

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Cc: Members of the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
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Michael J. Bland, Victim Assistance Ministry

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September 24, 2001

Ms. Kathleen Leggdas  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
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Dear Kathleen,

I am writing in response to your letter of September 17, 2001, regarding the matter of **Reverend Leonard Bogdan**, following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on September 15, 2001.

In light of the information presented, I accept the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred. As recommended by the Review Board, I have sent a letter communicating this determination to the Bishop of Kalamazoo, where Father Bogdan is incardinated. I have also sent a copy of that letter to the Bishop of Phoenix, where Father Bogdan now resides.

Since the misconduct allegedly occurred when Father Bogdan was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I also accept the Review Board's further recommendation that the Office of Victim Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago should provide appropriate assistance to the alleged victim.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

*Thomas J. Paprocki*  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board  
Reverend Lawrence McBrady, Vicar for Priests  
Michael J. Bland, Victim Assistance Ministry  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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September 24, 2001

## CONFIDENTIAL

██████████  
Bishop of Kalamazoo  
215 N. Westnedge Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3760

Dear Bishop ██████████:

I am writing to you **Reverend Leonard Bogdan**, formerly a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who was incardinated into the Diocese of Kalamazoo on November 30, 1993. This incardination took place after your predecessor, Bishop ██████████ came to Chicago and personally reviewed Father Bogdan's files. In light of information in the files, Bishop ██████████ incardinated Father Bogdan into the Diocese of Kalamazoo, assigning him to non-parochial ministry in the Tribunal with residence in the Bishop's House under the Bishop's personal supervision. Bishop ██████████ accepted Cardinal Bernardin's recommendation that Father Bogdan should ██████████ not be in the presence of a minor without another responsible adult present.

The basis for these restrictions was an allegation made by a high school student on April 22, 1983. Although the accuser wrote a letter recanting the allegation in 1986, Father Bogdan's ministry remained restricted and Father Bogdan was very cooperative with the conditions for ministry that Cardinal Bernardin thought continued to be necessary.

Recently the person who originally made the accusation in 1983 came forward to lodge a formal allegation against Father Bogdan with the Archdiocese's Professional Fitness Review Board. (Note that this Board did not come into existence until 1992). The Review Board met on September 15, 2001 and fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. Leonard Bogdan pursuant to the Archdiocese's Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred. (Seven Board members [out of nine] were present and their determination was unanimous.) The Board recommended that this determination be communicated to the Diocese of Kalamazoo, where Father Bogdan is incardinated and that the Diocese of Phoenix, where Father Bogdan now resides, also be informed. I accept the Board's determination and recommendation and so am sending you this letter, with a copy to Most Reverend ██████████ Bishop of Phoenix.

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Most Rev. [REDACTED]

September 24, 2001

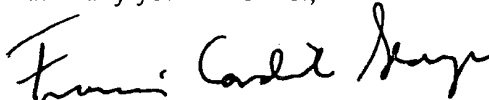
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Since the misconduct allegedly occurred when Father Bogdan was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I also accepted the Board's recommendation that the Office of Victim Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago should provide appropriate assistance to the alleged victim.

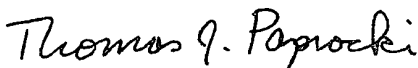
If you have any questions, please feel free contact me at your convenience. For more specific information, however, you or your delegate may want to contact Father Thomas Paprocki, my Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board (telephone 773-545-8581) or Ms. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator (telephone 312-751-5205).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Faternally yours in Christ,



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



Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend [REDACTED] Bishop of Phoenix

✓ Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board  
Ms. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

P.S. Father Bogdan has provided us with his current contact information, as follows:

[REDACTED]



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September 28, 2001



Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on September 15, 2001 and conducted a review of the oral and written reports of the allegations of sexual misconduct you made against Rev. Leonard Bogdan, and his response.

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor did occur. Cardinal George accepted the determination and recommendations made by the Board. He sent a letter communicating this determination to the Bishop of Kalamazoo where Father Bogdan is incardinated. He also sent a copy of that letter to the Bishop of Phoenix where Father Bogdan currently resides.

Since the misconduct allegedly occurred when Father Bogdan was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Board further recommended that the Office of Victim Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago provide appropriate assistance to you. The form this assistance will take should be discussed with Michael Bland, from the Victim's Assistance Ministry.

It is our sincere wish that this information will assist you in your efforts to resolve these issues satisfactorily.

If you have questions regarding this information, I can be reached at 312-751-5205.

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, Archbishop's Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board  
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September 28, 2001

Rev. Leonard Bogdan

Dear Father Bogdan,

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on September 15, 2001 and conducted a First Stage Review of the oral and written reports of the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] and your response.

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred. Cardinal George accepted the determination and recommendations made to him by the Board. He has sent a letter communicating this determination to the Bishop of Kalamazoo where you are incardinated. He also sent a copy of that letter to the Bishop of Phoenix where you now reside.

Since the misconduct allegedly occurred when you were a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Board further recommended that the Office of Victim Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago provide appropriate assistance to the alleged victim. This generally takes the form of financial assistance related to therapy expenses.

Thank you for your cooperation with this investigation. If you have questions regarding the Board's recommendations, please call 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

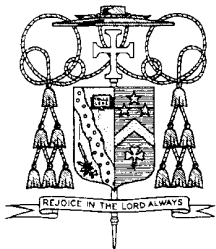
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Kathleen Leggdas  
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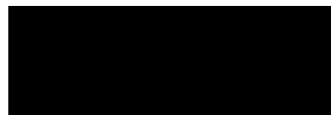
October 30, 2001

Your Eminence,

Thank you for your confidential letter of September 24, 2001, regarding a Kalamazoo priest, Leonard Bogdan. He received senior priest status last year and moved to the Diocese of Phoenix for health related reasons. Since his incardination into the Kalamazoo Diocese, he established the tribunal and was its Judicial Vicar until retirement. He served the diocese very well and without any trace of misconduct.

I have taken note of your letter and I will contact your delegate, Fr. Thomas Paprocki. Thanks again and hope to see you in Washington.

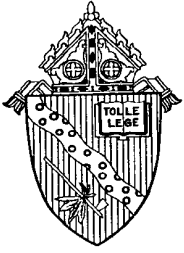
Fraternally yours in Christ,



Bishop of Kalamazoo

His Eminence  
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# THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

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January 16, 2003

The Reverend Thomas Paprocki  
St. Constance Catholic Church  
5843 W. Strong Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60630

Dear Father Paprocki,

This letter is to formally request that you provide information from the Archdiocesan files regarding your Review Board action involving the Reverend Monsignor Leonard A. Bogdan, an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Any and all information you can provide will be of assistance to our Review Board. Particular need exists for copies of the original allegation(s) and the renewal of the allegation by way of the withdrawal of the prior retraction.

Thank you in advance for your help and please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions (269) 349-8714, ext 116.

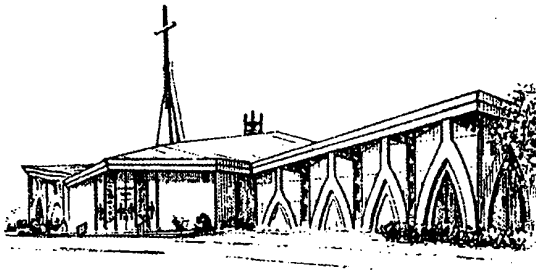
Sincerely,

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Chancellor

TEC:nb

cc: The Most Reverend 



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## FAX TRANSMITTAL

TO: FR. JIM KACZOROWSKI FAX: 312-642-4933

FROM: BISHOP-ELECT PAPROCKI DATE: 2-8-03

MESSAGE: If you could bring this to the  
PCAC meeting on Monday, that would  
be great.

Thanks,

Tom

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## Memorandum

**To:** Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
**From:** Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate *TJP*  
**Date:** February 8, 2003  
**Re:** Request from Kalamazoo regarding Rev. Msgr. Leonard Bogdan

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. [REDACTED], Chancellor of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, requesting information from our files regarding allegations against Monsignor Leonard Bogdan.

My files make reference to the original allegation made by [REDACTED] against Rev. Leonard Bogdan on April 22, 1983 to [REDACTED] at Quigley South and to the letter from [REDACTED] in 1986 recanting the allegations that he had made in 1983. However, I do not have copies of this correspondence.

If you will provide me with copies of these letters and any other documentation that you think may be pertinent in response to this request, I will forward it to Chancellor [REDACTED] with the copies of the documentation that I already have in my files regarding the Review Board's actions in this matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

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February 10, 2003

████████████████████  
Chancellor  
Diocese of Kalamazoo  
215 N. Westnedge Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3760

Dear Chancellor ██████████

I am writing in response to your letter of January 16, 2003, requesting information from the Archdiocesan files regarding the action of our Professional Fitness Review Board involving Reverend Monsignor Leonard A. Bogdan, formerly of the Archdiocese of Chicago and since 1993 an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Please excuse the delay in responding, but my recent appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago has, needless to say, preoccupied my attention in recent days.

Enclosed is documentation from our files as you had requested. I hope this is helpful.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Thomas J. Paprocki*

Most Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Archbishop's Delegate to the  
Professional Fitness Review Board

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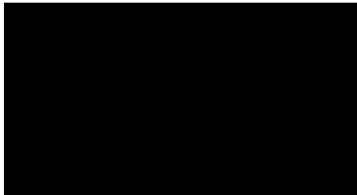
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May 9, 2003

BY FACSIMILE  
and U.S. MAIL



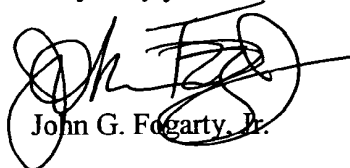
Re: 

Dear Mr. :

I am writing to confirm that for statute of limitations purposes only, the Archdiocese of Chicago ("Archdiocese") will treat any claim against it, arising out of allegations made by your client against Fr. Leonard Bogdon, as if it were filed on April 7, 2003, the date of your first letter to our office. Apart from this specific tolling, the Archdiocese reserves all of its defenses, including that of the statute of limitations, against any claims  may have against the Archdiocese.

In addition, this tolling agreement shall last indefinitely unless it is terminated in writing by either of the parties. In order to terminate this tolling agreement, a party shall notify the other party in writing of its intent to terminate the agreement by sending written notice thereof to the other party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The termination of this tolling agreement shall take effect fourteen (14) days from the date the written notice is deposited with the United States Postal Service by the notifying party.

Very truly yours,

  
John G. Fogarty, Jr.

JGF:

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[REDACTED]  
May 9, 2003

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bcc James A. Serritella  
John C. O'Malley, Esq.  
Rev. James Kaczorowski  
Matthew Kaminski

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AOC 007223

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Bland, Michael; Bonaccorsi, Ralph  
**Date:** 3/2/2006 3:57:37 PM  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Ralph and Michael,

Just a heads up.

I received a phone call this afternoon from Fr. [REDACTED], acting administrator at [REDACTED]. Fr. [REDACTED] was calling in regards to Mr. [REDACTED] who works in some capacity at [REDACTED].

Fr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. [REDACTED] disclosed to him that he was abused by a cleric when he was in high school and that he is "working with Dr. Bland." Fr. [REDACTED] was calling OPR to ensure that he notified someone of his conversation with Mr. Negrete.

I expressed my appreciation for Fr. [REDACTED]'s phone call and told him that I would document the call.

Fr. [REDACTED] then informed me that Mr. [REDACTED] has written letters to three individuals whom he works with at [REDACTED] and disclosed the sexual abuse that he sustained to them as well. He stressed that Mr. [REDACTED] wrote in these letters that the matter of his past sexual abuse was "confidential." Fr. [REDACTED] stated that one of the women who received one of these letters from [REDACTED] has expressed her concern to him. He informed me that he directed this woman to call Ralph to discuss her concerns. Fr. [REDACTED] seemed anxious about the entire situation.

I told Fr. [REDACTED] that Mr. [REDACTED] has every right to discuss any personal matter he wishes to discuss with anyone of his choosing. I supported Fr. [REDACTED] in his referral of the aforementioned woman to call Ralph and also informed him [Fr. [REDACTED]] that both of you work together.

In sum, I advised Fr. [REDACTED] that if Mr. [REDACTED] expresses any personal concern with his past abuse, to suggest that he [Mr. [REDACTED]] contact Michael, as he has already indicated that he has been working with him.

Thanks.

Leah

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Zacharias, Patricia  
**Date:** 3/9/2006 2:28:39 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd [REDACTED]

Patty,

I am forwarding you this e-mail specifically for the concerns that a lay employee [REDACTED] may be giving gifts to minors. This is a pretty involved case and many issues in the parish [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Another twist is that [REDACTED] brought forward an allegation in 1983 of sexual abuse by Rev. Leonard Bogdan. Fr. Bogdan is retired and the matter was substantiated by the Review Board.

I ask that you keep yourself up to date with the appropriate group on any developments with concerns surrounding [REDACTED] contact with minors.

Thanks.

Leah

To: File  
From: Ed Grace  
Re: Leonard Bogdan  
Date: March 14, 2006

While checking a file I noted that Msgr. Leonard Bogdan, formerly a priest of Chicago had been accused of sexual abuse of a minor in Chicago.

Previously Leonard Bogdan had been excardinated from Chicago and incardinated in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Subsequently he retired and moved to Phoenix.

I contacted the chancellor of Kalamazoo, Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] confirmed that Kalamazoo had been informed of the allegation against Msgr. Bogdan and our Review Board's action. He also confirmed that Leonard was restricted from ministry and that he was not involved in ministry in Phoenix.

He also confirmed that Phoenix had been made aware that Leonard was living in Phoenix.

To: File  
From: Ed Grace  
Re: Msgr. Leonard Bogdan ( [REDACTED] )  
Date: March 21, 2006

EG

In reference to the published list of Archdiocesan Priests with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Minors Len Bogdan had concerns.

- The accuser did not want the issue to be made public.
- How come the allegation came out when the accuser did not want it to?

There was reasonable cause to suspect. The allegation was substantiated.

If I get an explanation of why the issue was made public despite the accuser's desire that it not be made public I should let Len know.

My guess: The accuser's interest was in anonymity as to the accuser's identity not as to Len's being named as abuser.

**From:** <MJBland773@aol.com>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 5/31/2006 9:56:26 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email information regarding [REDACTED]. With this email I am also passing your email onto the Administrator for the Office of Professional Responsibility, Leah McCluskey. If you have any further information you may contact Leah McCluskey directly at [\\_LMccluskey@ArchChicago.org\\_](mailto:LMccluskey@ArchChicago.org) (mailto:LMccluskey@ArchChicago.org) or 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your email. If Leah has any questions for you I am sure she will be in direct contact with you.

Michael

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### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces an undated email from Victim KR to Michael Bland, Clinical and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry. In the email, Victim KR discussed the relationship between Fr. Leonard Bogdan and Fr. Robert Stepek during the period Bogdan allegedly abused Victim KR.