

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a document prepared by Victim IG detailing the impact of the sexual abuse by Fr. David Braun on his life. According to Victim IG, he was sexually abused by Fr. Braun in approximately 1960 when he was 13 years old.

David Braun \*

1956-63 Contacts too numerous to count / H.S. age

[REDACTED]  
1971-1981<sup>0</sup> Worked primarily as alcoholism counselor  
+ part-time associate  
~~Emergency case officer~~

Jan 13, 82 - Granted a two year leave  
to work full time as alcoholism counselor

Oct 11, 83 applied for full-time assoc. person  
position

W.B. Moved frequently since then

Material given to me by Fr. Kearly on 2/25/88. R. Guckert

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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Dear [REDACTED],

I again appreciate very much you speaking with me today about the allegation involving your sister [REDACTED]. As we had discussed, you were interested in receiving a copy of our Archdiocesan policies and procedures in these types of situations. As such, I've enclosed a copy of our current policy for your review.

Once again, I greatly appreciate your cooperation in this difficult situation and willingness to speak about it. If you have any further significant information you would like to share with me, or questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience (my # is listed above). Please also know that my 800# voice mail is operational 24 hours a day and you could feel free also to leave a security-code protected confidential message at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steve Sidlowski".

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm  
Encl.

AOC 008173

## Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

David Francis Braun    Born: [REDACTED]    Ordained: 05/05/1954    Died: 12/02/1997    Ethnicity:

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Attached

Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
Sacred Heart Parish (May St.)	Assistant Pastor	07/13/1954	07/05/1961
St. Sebastian Parish (Dayton St.)	Assistant Pastor	07/05/1961	07/07/1962
St. Linus Parish (Oak Lawn)	Assistant Pastor	07/07/1962	11/06/1963
	On Leave	11/06/1963	03/02/1964
St. Teresa of Avila Parish (Armitage Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	03/02/1964	01/30/1968
Our Lady of Grace Parish (Ridgeway Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	01/30/1968	09/30/1971
St. Lambert Parish (Skokie)	Resident	09/30/1971	06/12/1974
Lutheran General Hospital	Student	09/30/1971	06/12/1974
St. Francis Xavier Parish (Wilmette)	Assistant Pastor	06/12/1974	03/16/1984
St. Joseph Parish (Round Lake)	Associate Pastor	03/16/1984	07/01/1985
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish (Palatine)	Associate Pastor	07/01/1985	07/30/1990
Mater Christi Parish (North Riverside)	Associate Pastor	07/30/1990	04/06/1992
	Retired	04/06/1992	12/02/1997

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**Extraordinary  
Appointments:**

Dave  
Braun

# Chicago Lakeshore Hospital

4840 North Marine Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60640  
(312) 878-9700

## REASONS FOR RESISTING CHANGE IN MY STATUS:

- 1) Recovery from alcoholism has been a full-time work for the past ten years, nine at Chicago Lakeshore Hospital. I direct the staff and all treatment. We have had 2,325 patients in this time. A new assignment would hardly permit this work to continue.
- 2) 
- 3) I hear a lot of A.A.'s Fifth Steps, averaging 1 or 2 per week, helping many to return to the Church and Sacraments, acceptance of themselves as worth-while persons. I am a known resource thru-out the north and northwest suburbs.
- 4) Many of my family are elderly, and I have been able to help them more by living rather close by, within a mile.
- 5) I am a member of the Illinois Certification Board for Counselors. This has meant a trip to Springfield every two months over the past five years, as well as work on some committees. This would hardly be possible in a new assignment.
- 6) Rectory living at St. Francis has enabled me to be very involved <sup>in</sup> these aforementioned activities and services. This would not be possible as a newly assigned associate pastor anywhere else.
- 7) I am almost 55 yrs. of age, and find radical change to be a threat to me. As I have been "out of" regular parish duties for over ten yrs., I believe this should be of great concern in your decision.

# RESUME OF

FRANCIS BRAUN

Born: April  
Ordained:

Schools:

Grammar School, Wilmette, Ill. 8 yrs.  
St. Ignace Seminary: Graduated June, 1947  
St. Ignace Seminary, Masters Degree 1953  
Graduate School, Counseling Course, 1956  
Hospital Training Program, 1971-72

Archdiocese of Chicago  
1947

St. Ignace, Englewood  
Parish work, grade school and girls high school,  
Sports, Legion of Mary, K.C.'s, etc. C.F.M.  
Administrator 4 months btw. pastors.

St. Ignace, Oaklawn  
Parish work, grade and high schools, etc.

St. Ignace, Oaklawn  
Parish work, census in a fast growing area  
St. Ignace, Armitage and Kenmore  
Parish work, fund-raising, teens, sports,  
Active involvement in changing area

St. Ignace, Grace  
Parish work, in charge of grade school,  
Administrator 1968 for 4 months btw. pastors,  
Youth groups, men's club, Scouts, (Area Chaplain)  
Volunteer at Lutheran General Alcoholism Program.

St. Ignace, St. Lambert, Skokie, as a Resident  
Completed Counselor Training Program at Lutheran  
General Hospital, one year course, full time.  
Became Staff member temporarily after training.  
73 (Mar.) Became Program Coordinator/Director of  
new program at Chicago Lakeshore Hospital.  
St. Ignace, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette, as a Resident  
Participated on limited basis in parish work, evenings  
and week-ends, instructing, preparing for Marriage,  
Counseling, (Alcoholism, family problems, drug  
abuse) and doing 5th. Step work with members of A.A.

1984-85 St. Joseph, Round Lake  
Getting back into parish work full time, became  
Administrator at the death of the Pastor, June, 84,  
and have continued with some of those duties  
under the new Pastor (Oct.20, '85)

June, 1985 - to the present: St. Thomas of Villanova, Palatine.  
80% of time and effort dealing with counseling troubled  
individuals, families, adolescents (drugs/alcohol,  
emotions, divorce, etc.) Christ Renewed His Parish Program, for  
men and women, sacramental programs, etc.

*This was a separate course*

*One ship sails east, another west  
By the self-same breeze that blows;  
It's the set of the sail and not the gale  
That determines the way it goes.  
Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate  
As we journey along through life;  
It's the set of the soul  
That determines the goal  
And not the stress or the strife.*

July 1, 1954

My dear Father Braun:

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor  
of Sacred Heart Church (70th and May Streets) Chicago Illinois.

You will kindly report for duty to Monsignor Wunder on July 13.

With blessing,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend David F. Braun



Wilmette, ILL.

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June 22nd, 1961

My dear Father Braun:

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of St. Sebastian Church, Chicago, Illinois, transferring you from assistant to the pastor of Sacred Heart Church, 70th and May Streets. You will kindly report for duty to Father Cloonan, the pastor, on Wed. July 5th.

With blessing, I remain,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. David F. Braun

Sacred Heart Rectory

7020 S. Aberdeen St.

Chicago 21 ILL.

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*By Hand*

June 25, 1962

My dear Father Braun:

I hereby appoint you assistant to  
✓ the pastor of St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, Illinois,  
transferring you from assistant to the pastor of  
✓ St. Sebastian Church, Chicago, Illinois. ✓

You will kindly report for duty on  
Saturday, July 7th, to Rev. B. E. Burns, the pastor.

Wishing you every blessing, I  
remain,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

✓ Reverend David Braun

St. Sebastian Rectory

3021 N. Dayton St.

Chicago 14 Illinois

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Rev. David F. Braun  
Class of 1954  
Assistant- St. Linus, Oak Lawn

On Saturday, November 2, 1963, a Police officer [redacted] phoned the office to state that a Father David Braun had been picked up on Tuesday of this week for attempted immorality with a young boy of 14 years by the name of [redacted] of [redacted] Ill. The officer said that Father Braun admitted the accusation, and had no explanation to offer. The officer said that the father was willing to drop charges if the Church will handle the matter. The [redacted] family is not Catholic, but the policeman is.

I saw Father Braun on the same day. He stated that he had been horseback riding and on his way home he picked this boy up, for he was looking for a ride. Father Braun stated that he had two shots of whisky and two beers at a tavern near the stables, and that this made him loquacious. He stated that he had not touched the boy. [redacted]

[redacted] The boy then opened the door, and Father B. stopped the car and the boy left. Apparently he took the license no. of the car, and then told his father, who reported this to the police in Oak Lawn. Father B. was not wearing the collar.

I asked Father B. if he had ever molested anyone boy or girl or adult. He denied this. I asked him directly if he had homosexual tendencies; he denied this. He claimed that he was doing his work as an assistant, and that his pastor knew this. He did state that a few years back he had a drinking problem, but that this had been solved. He said he had never been in trouble of any kind, and that he was fulfilling all his spiritual exercises- regular confession, meditation etc. I told him that most probably he would have to be changed from the area, for there was scandal involved. He was to await further word from me.

On Wednesday, November 6, Msgr. Mc Nichols, phoned and spoke in latin. He said that two policemen from Oak Lawn were at the rectory, and that there were two charges against Father B. and that he should be taken away immediately. I saw Father Braun this day, and he broke down. He has been a homosexual since 1956. This began when a young man visited him in the rectory, and the relationship then continued. He has been extremely active; in fact he admitted that he could not begin to count the occasions of the sins. His usual procedure is to drive and pick up young boys of high school age. He claims that he can tell by the way they dress and walk, that they are willing subjects. After a brief conversation in the car the arrangements are made. The sinning occurs in the Forest Preserves, or in Fr. B's car in the wintertime. He is the aggressor and it is sodomy.

Bishop O'Donnell and I spoke with Fr. B. We decided that he must not return to St. Linus; from the Chancery he drove home; Father Ed O'Brien would take his belongings from the Parish to Father B's home. I phoned [redacted] Father B. left Chicago at 4:30 P.M. by plane with relatives for [redacted].

F. Byrne

Saturday, Nov. 16, 1963

Dear Frank,

I hope that I am not being too informal, starting this letter this way, but I feel closer to you, just writing as if you were here.

First of all, thanks a million for your priestly patience and kindness to me, when I did not deserve any of it. Secondly, thanks for sending me down here, for I am finding a great deal of peace and real charity. I am able to think more clearly, pray with fervor and like it. I'm still not sleeping well, but that is partly due to lack of exercise, which is changing as of today, for [REDACTED] is now letting me get outside.

[REDACTED]

He is a very kind and sincere man, and I like him. I again promise to do all in my power to cooperate.

I have Chapel privileges, which allow me to make visits and say The Office there every day. I have been able to offer Mass each morning this week, and that is a great consolation, for there is nothing that I can offer, of myself, to make adequate reparation.

I hope that you will continue to pray for me. And if it is possible, to write to me about the events of my case.

Sincerely yours,

*A. Lane*

November 28, 1963  
Thanksgiving Day, 7:30 p.m.

Reverend Francis W. Byrne  
Chancery Office  
719 N. Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 606-11

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your letter of November 26th. It did much to encourage me, and help the future look a little brighter. Gratitude is sometimes difficult to express by letter, but I deeply appreciate your continued prayers for me. Especially thankful today to you for sending me here. It is not only part of the penance I need, it is also a fine opportunity, almost like a second novitiate, to look ahead, and to hope and pray for a still fruitful and sacrificing life in the Priesthood, which I desperately want to accomplish.

We were able to follow the tragic events of last week on television, and everyone was deeply affected by it. The nurses cried, the Sisters flocked to Chapel, and the men said very little for quite a while. Watching the funeral itself, the Mass, the procession, and the Cemetery Service, all did much for the Church, we hope, as millions watched.

X I was a little worried about the bills that must be mounting up, so I asked Sister in charge, and she told me that it all goes through the Chancery. I do have the Diocesan Group Insurance, but I also carry a "Major Medical Expense Policy". Just what the terms are, I can't remember, but you might be able to check with the insurance agent, Mr. [REDACTED], whose office is in Park Ridge. I don't want a big bill for myself, as I haven't got the money; neither do I want the Archdiocese to pay it. Can you look into that matter for me?

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When talking with Fr. Joe McGinnity before flying down here, I asked that he forward my mail, presuming that would be all right. Thus far, I have not received any, nor had any word from Oak Lawn. It does worry me about possible scandal (this is constantly in my thoughts and prayers of reparation), and I wonder if you are able to relieve my mind a little? I'm honestly afraid to write to the Rectory, for fear of what they might have heard. Also, I had a number of wonderful friends and families there, to whom I would like to write, just to say that I am doing fairly well here, and to ask their prayers. But I would like your permission first. Christmas is getting close, and sending cards is also a question : should I send them, or better not to?

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[REDACTED]

He is not Catholic, and therefore does not fully appreciate the Doctrine of Grace, nor of the help afforded by good and sincere fellow-priests. I hope that as the weeks go by, I can assure him of my sincere intentions and deep resolutions.

My daily Mass is offered in reparation, except for a few for my Uncle [REDACTED] who just died last Sunday. The [REDACTED] loneliness - all are offered in the spirit of penance, at the same time thanking God for this opportunity. Out of all this I hope He will help me emerge a better priest.

Please write soon again.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dave Braun

BRAUN

December 4, 1963

Reverend David F. Braun  
[REDACTED]

Dear Dave:

I have your letter of November 28th, and I have taken care of some of the matters you asked about. I spoke with [REDACTED] your insurance agent, and he will contact you. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In any event, he will get in touch with you.

I spoke with Father Joe McGinnity concerning your mail and he said that he sent it to you last Thursday.

By no means should you write to any of the families you knew, and the same is true regarding Christmas cards.

Our Cardinal returns tomorrow evening from Rome. I am sure he will have many things on his mind after nine long weeks of sessions at the Council. As a matter of fact, he has already arranged a Clergy Conference for next week, and he will conduct it.

I hope things are going well with you and rest assured that you have my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Reverend Francis W. Byrne  
Chancellor

AOC 008184

February 26, 1964

Reverend David Braun  
[REDACTED]

Dear Father Braun:

I have written [REDACTED] to inform him that you may  
[REDACTED] return to your duties  
here in Chicago. [REDACTED] has asked that we let him  
know twenty-four hours in advance of our arrangements  
for your return to Chicago. Upon your return to Chicago,  
please come to the office to see me so that I might  
explain your new assignment.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Byrne  
Chancellor

March 2, 1964

My dear Father Braun:

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of  
St. Teresa Church, Chicago, Illinois. You will kindly report for  
duty to Father Laibach, the pastor, immediately.

With every best wish and blessing, I remain,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend David Braun  
c/o St. Teresa Rectory  
1037 W. Armitage Avenue  
Chicago 14, Illinois

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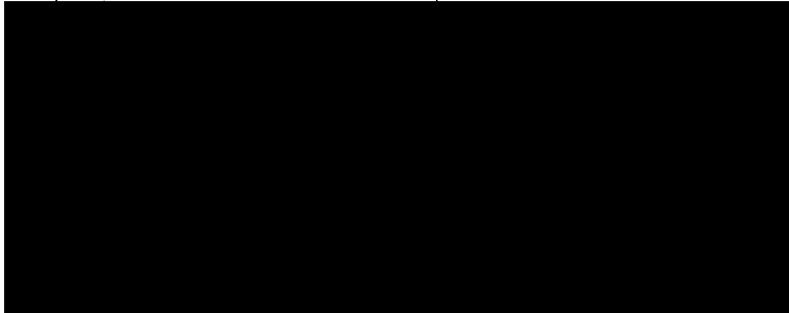


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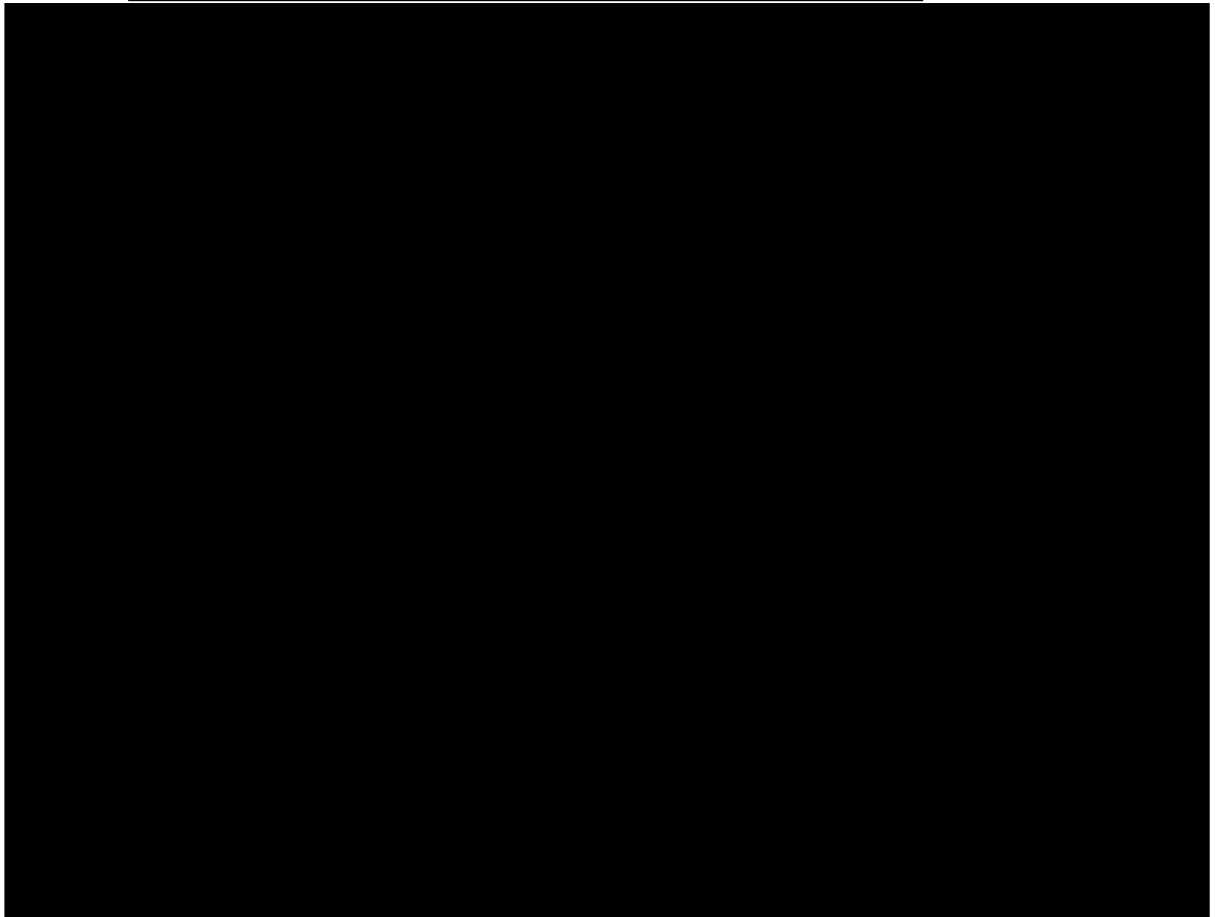
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Next Meeting will be at the Extension Building, on Wednesday,  
December 13, 1967 from 1:30 to 5:00 P.M.

1. Minutes.
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Reports



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Associates to be changed -



D. Braun - a Spanish speaking Priest to replace him



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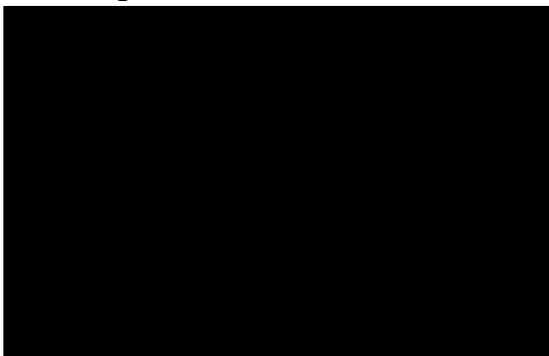
Next Meeting will be at the Extension Building on  
Monday, December 18, 1967, at 10:15 A.M.

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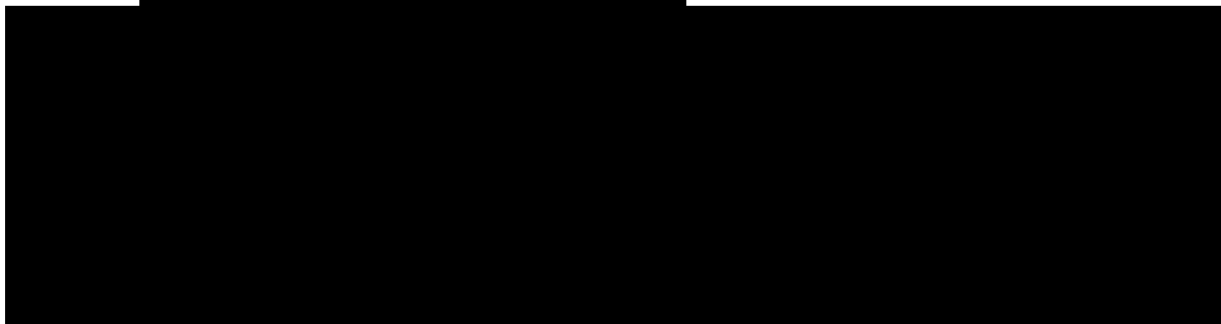
The opening of the Archdiocesan Personnel Board office, will take place on January 2, 1968. The address of the office is: Harrison & Hillside Avenues, Hillside, Illinois (60162), telephone Nos. 261-5274-5. We will have the grand opening after the furniture arrives.

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1. Minutes
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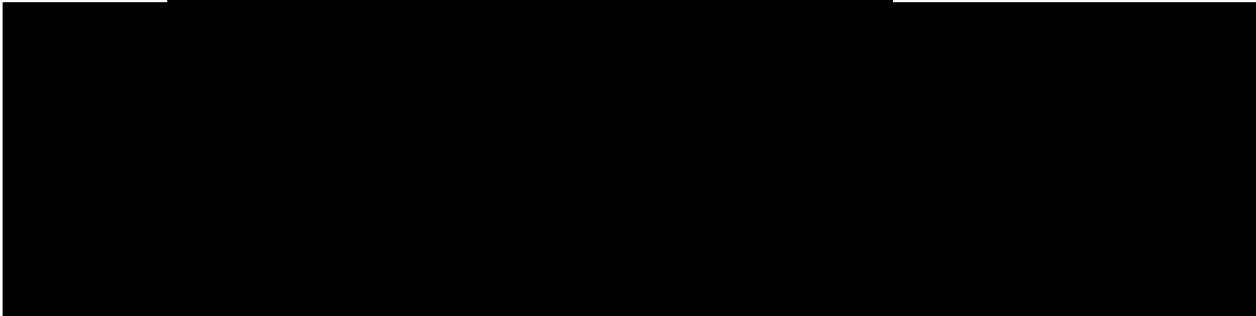
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7. Associates to be changed -  
D. Braun



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Week of January 8, 1968

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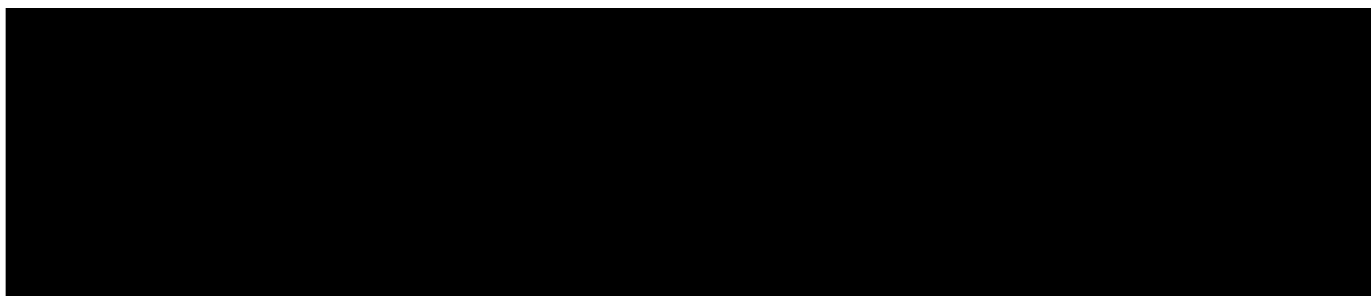
ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD  
WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

To: His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody

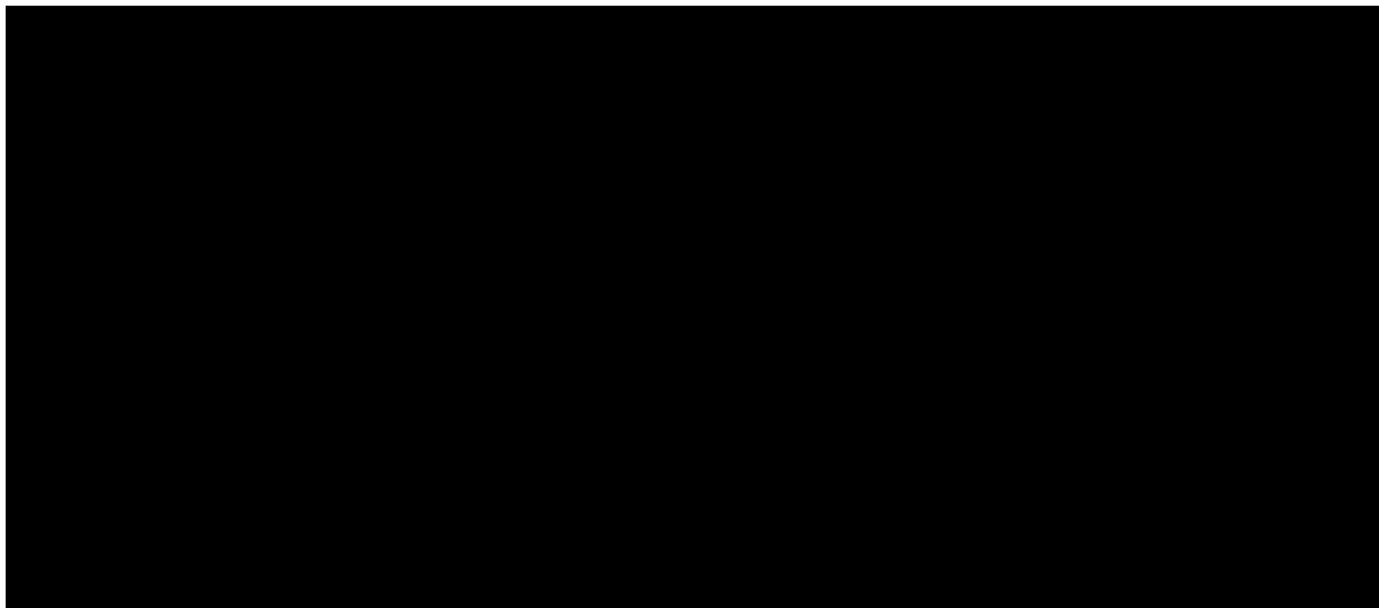
From: Personnel Board

Date: January 9, 1968

NEW RECOMMENDATION:



PENDING RECOMMENDATIONS:



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OTHER ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Rev. David F. Braun, '54, to Associate, Our Lady of Grace, from Associate, St. Teresa.

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REPORTS:

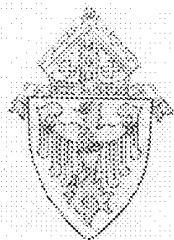
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QUESTION:

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

January 30, 1968

Reverend David F. Braun  
St. Teresa Rectory  
1087 W. Armitage Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Father Braun:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicarius Cooperator to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis I. Lavin, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church, 2455 N. Hamlin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

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

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

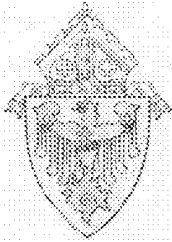
Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis I. Lavin

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Office of the Archbishop

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

May 17, 1968

Reverend David F. Braun  
Our Lady of Grace Rectory  
2455 N. Hamlin Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60647

Dear Father Braun:

Due to the resignation of the Rt. Rev. Magr. Francis I. Lavia, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, 2455 North Hamlin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, we are pleased to appoint you Administrator, or Vicar Ecosystem, of Our Lady of Grace Parish, in accordance with Canons 472 and 473.

As Vicar Ecosystem, you will have all the obligations of the Pastoral Office, particularly that of celebrating the Missa pro populo (Canon 473, 1), just as if you were the pastor of that parish.

This appointment will be effective immediately.

Wishing you every blessing and with sincere good wishes, we remain

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Co-Chancellor

cc: Rt. Rev. Magr. John V. Sugrue, Vicar Delegate  
Rt. Rev. Magr. Francis I. Lavia

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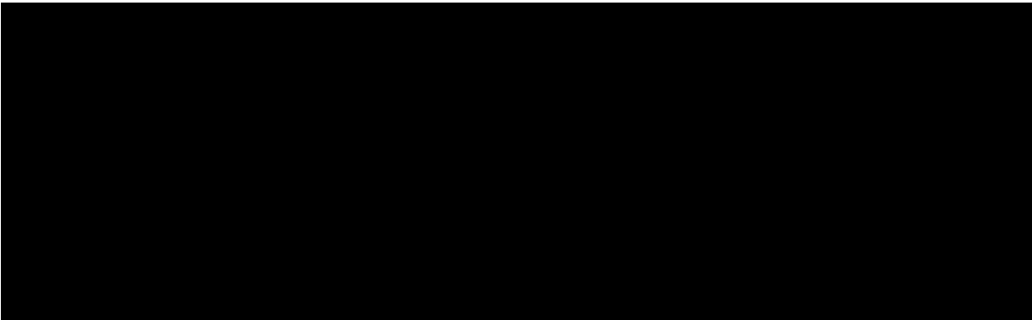
ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

MINUTES  
MEETING NUMBER 90

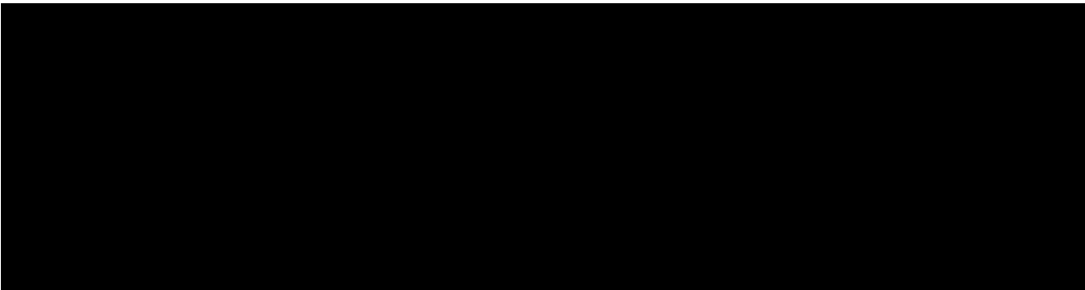
Meeting: February 17, 1969  
Place: Major Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois  
Time: 10:15 A.M.  
Present: All present.

I. Minutes and WSR - Approved.

II. Reports:

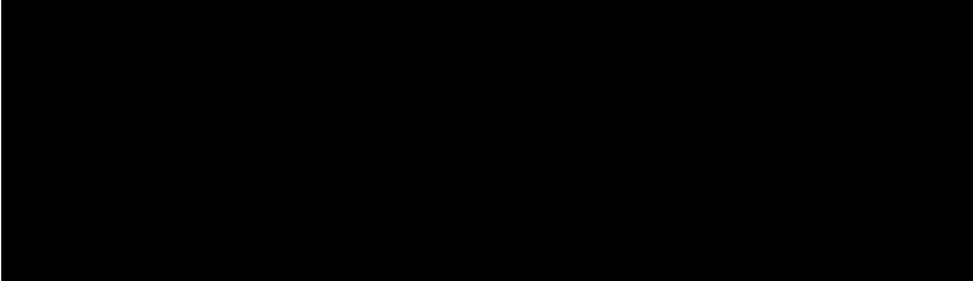
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2. Our Lady of Grace - Another associate is necessary because of D. Braun.

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III. Approval of Agenda - Approved.

IV. Agenda

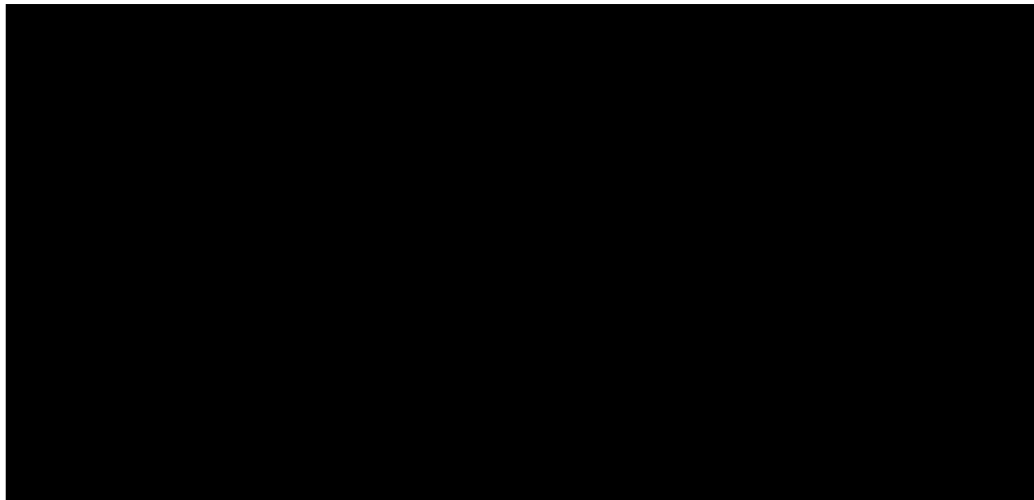
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V. Adjournment: 12:15 for lunch and afternoon meeting with the Deacons at 1:00 P.M.

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Our Lady of Grace Church  
2455 North Hamlin Avenue  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60647  
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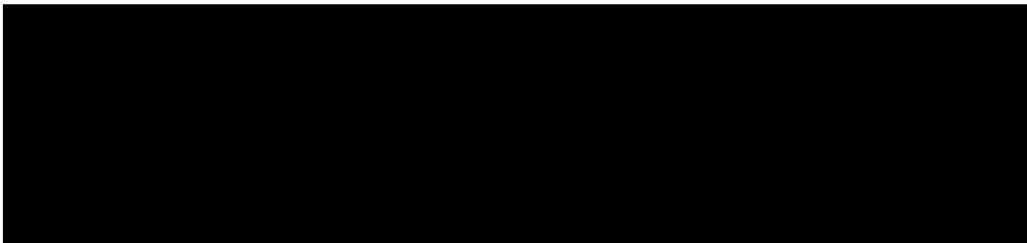
Sept. 10, 1970

*Personnel Board:*

Most Rev. John Cardinal Cody  
Archbishop of Chicago  
1555 N. State Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Your Eminence:

I request an appointment to see you about a personal matter. There is an opportunity for me to continue special education which I feel will be helpful to me and to the priests of the Archdiocese.



I would like to discuss with you the possibility of plans to work in this problem-area at the Center in their program, and with the priests who have the problem of alcoholism, possibly working with the Mental Health Program of the Archdiocese.

Hoping to have an appointment with you in the very near future, I remain,

faithfully yours in Christ,

*Father David Braun*

*Personal*

September 17, 1970

Reverend David Braun  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
2455 North Hamlin Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60647

Dear Dave:

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Cardinal Cody, which you sent to the Board. We are happy to be kept abreast of your activities. Please let us know if anything should develop.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

JIC:mcp

Very Rev. Msgr. John I. Cardiff  
Executive Secretary.

AOC 008197

September 24, 1970

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1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 1, 1970 - 9:30 to 12:00 - [REDACTED] - LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED.  
FRIDAY - OCTOBER 2, 1970 - 2:30 - [REDACTED]

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6. Re: David Braun - Our Lady of Grace. Has been a volunteer at Lutheran General Hospital Rehabilitation Center for a year. He has written to the Cardinal for an appointment to discuss how he can study to give himself full time to this work for the benefit of the priests of the Archdiocese.

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Our Lady of Grace Church

2435 North Woodlin Avenue

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60647

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Personal File

May 29, 1971

Mia Madrilence, John Cardinal Cody  
1335 N. State Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Your Eminence:

At the suggestion and recommendation of Father  
Andrew McLaughlin and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], and after consulting with Monsignor John  
Cardiff of the Personnel Board, I am again writing you  
to ask permission to take training at Lutheran General  
Hospital, Rehabilitation Center for the treatment of  
alcoholism.

[REDACTED]

With your permission I would like to enroll in  
the "In Service Training" that is offered to me at Lutheran  
General Hospital. They have encouraged me in this regard,  
and have a place for me in the course starting in January.  
It would mean full time training for probably one year.  
I would be able to live in a rectory during this time,  
as a resident. After the one year training, I would be  
able to resume Parish duties and to assist in the rehabili-  
tation of priests and others with a drinking problem.

Sincerely hoping that I can continue to be of  
service to you and the Archdiocese, I await your response.

In Christ,

Fr. David F. Brown

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5. Dave Braun wrote to the Cardinal on May 29, 1971, asking to have a year off beginning in January for full time training at Lutheran General Hospital Rehabilitation Center for the treatment of Alcoholism. Dave sent us a copy of his letter and he states in the letter that he writes to His Eminence at the suggestion and recommendation of Father Andrew McDonagh and [REDACTED] with whom he has been working [REDACTED] for some time.

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

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A G E N D A  
Meeting No. 104 - Second Board  
Friday, June 11th, 1971

1. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 103.

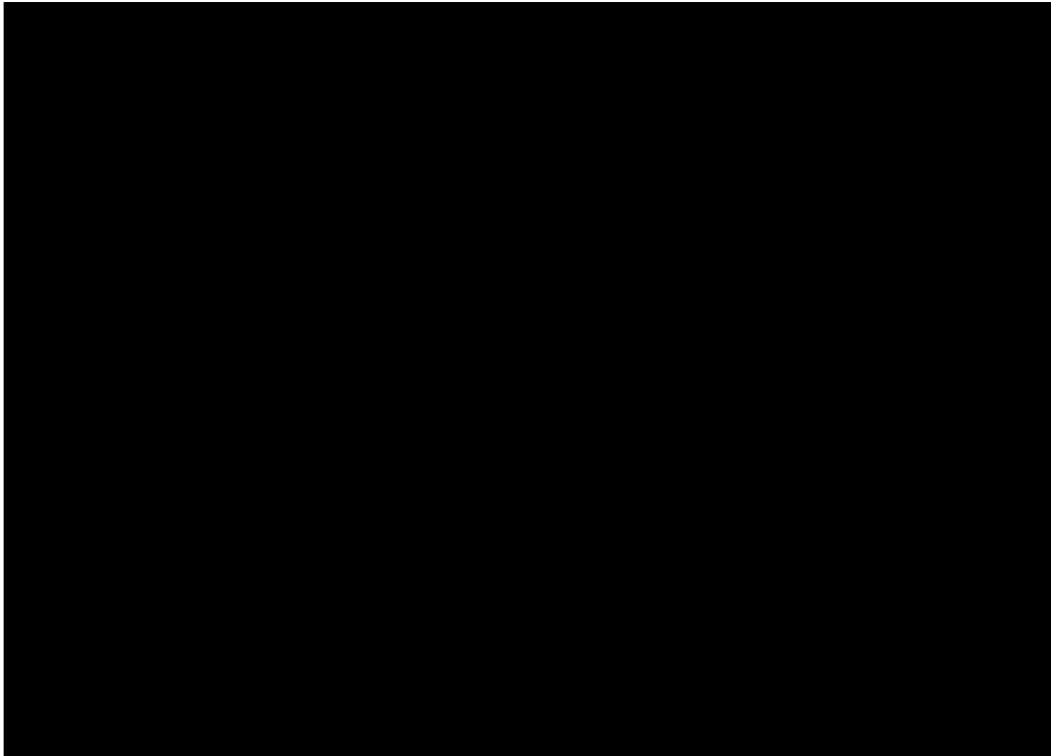
2. Reports:



Other Reports:

3. Approval of the Agenda

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5. Recommendations of Associates:

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b) 

Consider David Braun's request



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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 105 - Second Board

Friday, June 18, 1971

1. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 104

2. Reports

3. Approval of the Agenda

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5. Associates:

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b. Consider David Braun's request.

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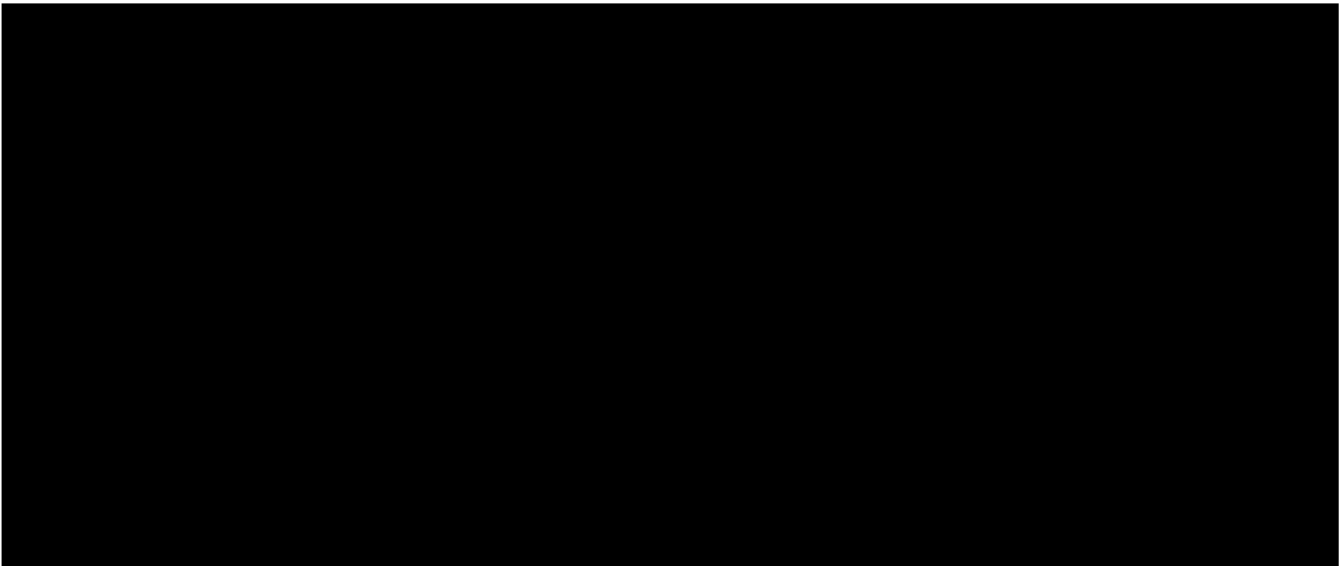
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Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 06/18/1971

- b. D. Braun's request for one year in-service-training at Lutheran General Hospital to develop expertise to work with alcoholics.

We should check with Reverend A. McDonagh and [REDACTED] and, if they approve, we should indicate our support of his request on the WSR.

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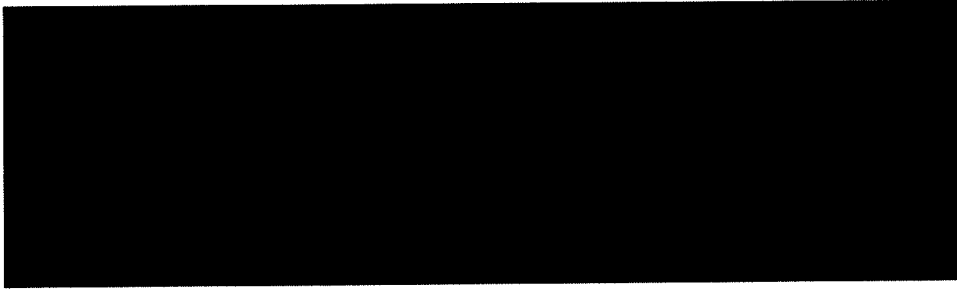
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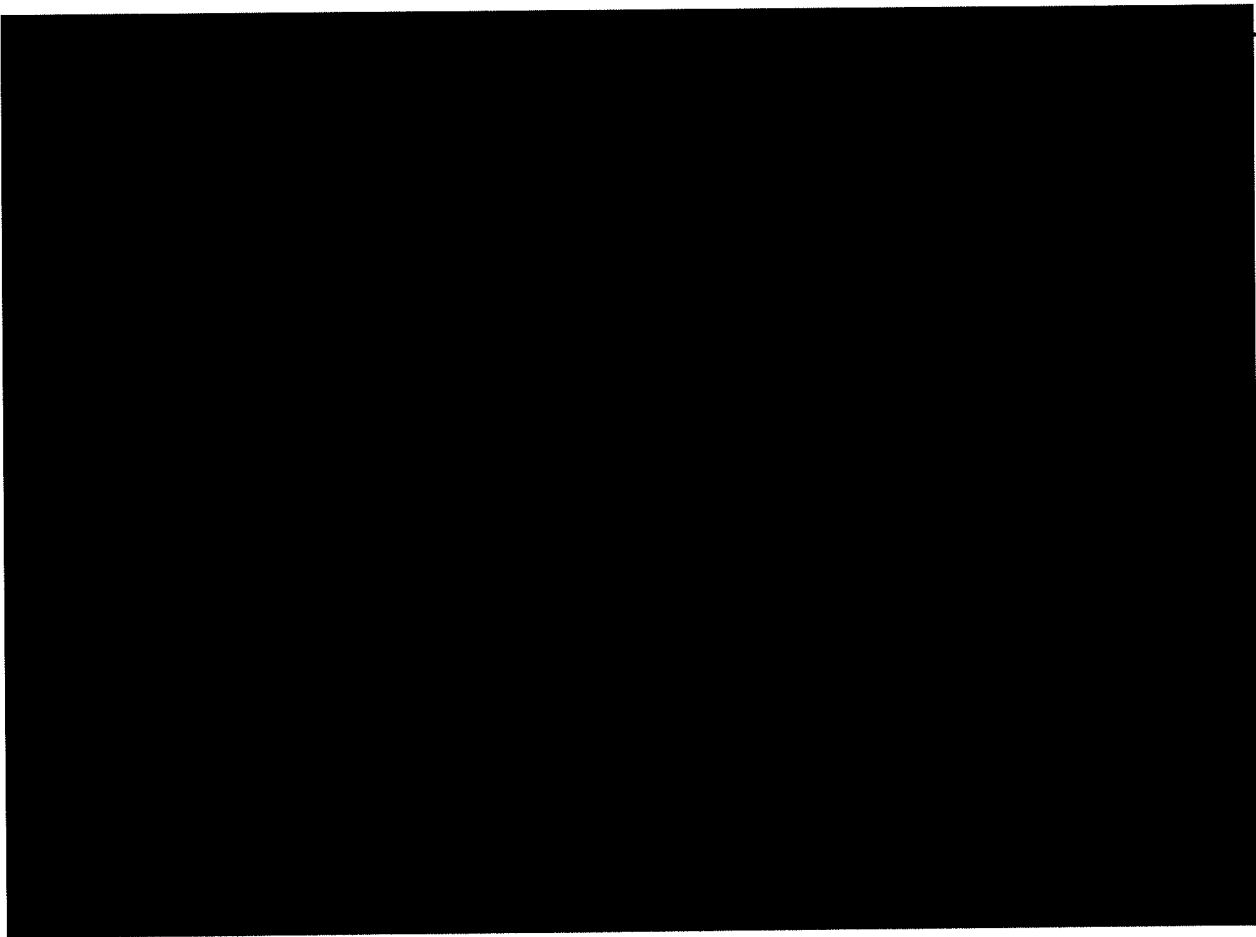
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Reverend David Braun, '54, has informed us that you have approved of his request to take a year of "in-service-training" at Lutheran General Hospital, beginning January 1, 1972.



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*Personal File*

Our Lady of Grace Church  
2455 North Hamlin Avenue  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60647  
772-5900

*ack. over  
telephone  
JC.*

June 22, 1971

Priest's Personnel Board  
Consignor John Cardiff  
Harrison and Hillside Ave.  
Hillside, Illinois

Dear John,

Regarding my application for In Service Training at Lutheran General Hospital, Rehabilitation Center, His Eminence Cardinal Cody gave me permission to take this training for one year, the full course, to start January 1st., 1972.

His Eminence asked about living in a Parish, and I responded that a residency in some parish near Luther General Hospital would be fine, and that I was willing to take a temporary assignment at this time, or to wait for a transfer until the end of this year, whatever would best suit your needs.

Regarding salary, payment of fees for this training course, or subsidies of some kind, he hoped that this might be worked out between the Hospital, myself and the Archdiocese. Nothing definite was established on this matter.

The meeting with the Cardinal last Saturday, June 19th., was very cordial, and certainly acceptable on my part. I sincerely hope that it will prove to be worthwhile to the future of those in need.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Ernest H. Braun*



## MINUTES

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*Personal File* *ack*  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
2455 North Hamlin Avenue  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60647  
772-5900

August 31, 1971

His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody  
Archbishop of Chicago  
1535 N. State Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Your Eminence:

Recalling the permission you have given to me for the year of "In Service Training" for the treatment and counseling of alcoholics, the Rehabilitation Center of Lutheran General Hospital called me to state that the Training session to begin October 4th. will be open for me if this is possible. The permission and original plan was for next January 1st.

The Personnel Board has called saying that they have a possible replacement here at Our Lady of Grace. Seeking your permission, then for a transfer from this Parish to become a resident in another parish, I also seek permission for this earlier starting date for my training program.

If it is at all possible to consider at this same time the matter of tuition for this training, you had graciously stated that something could be worked out whereby I would not have to bear this myself.

Leaving the matter in your hands, I remain,

Respectfully yours in Christ,

*Rt. Rev. David F. Brown*

c.c. Personnel Board

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September 10, 1971

Reverend David F. Braun  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
2455 North Hamlin Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60647

Dear Dave:

Thank you for the copy of the letter you wrote to the Cardinal on August 31, 1971. I acknowledged this a bit sooner, but my secretary erased the half on which I had dictated the letter, inadvertently, and so she lost the letter in that way. We are at present, in contact with you and we will continue to be until we have you happily located in a place of residence. This short note is to acknowledge the letter.

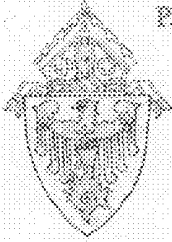
With best wishes, I am

Faternally yours in Christ,

JJC:mcp

Reverend Monsignor John L. Cardiff  
Executive Secretary.





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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

September 28, 1971

Reverend David F. Braun  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
2455 N. Hamlin  
Chicago, Illinois 60647

Dear Father Braun:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicarius Cooperator to the Reverend Francis J. Trainor, Pastor of St. Lambert Parish, 8148 N. Karlov, Skokie, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

It is understood that you will render every priestly assistance, in conformity with the "in service training" that you are taking at the Rehabilitation Center of Lutheran General Hospital, to the Pastor of the parish. It will be feasible, I am certain, for you to hear confessions and to assist with Masses on the weekend, and to take whatever other assignment would render your priestly service helpful to the parish.

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

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success, I am, dear Father Braun,

Very truly yours in Christ,

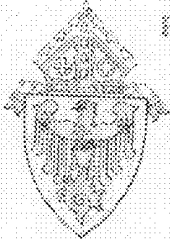
Archbishop of Chicago

Vice Chancellor

cc: Rev. Stanley J. Rokiciński, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace  
Rev. Francis J. Trainor, Pastor of St. Lambert

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Rev. David F. BRAUN

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

September 28, 1971

Reverend Francis J. Trainor  
Pastor, St. Lambert Church  
8148 N. Karlov  
Skokie, Illinois 60076

Dear Father Trainor:

I wish to inform you that, in conformity with Canon 476, 3, I have assigned the Reverend David F. Braun as Vicarius Cooperator at St. Lambert Parish, while he is taking the "in service training" at the Rehabilitation Center of the Lutheran General Hospital.

I commend Father Braun to you and your good people.

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Rev. David F. Braun

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

MINUTES  
Meeting No. 122 - Second Board

Meeting: Friday, October 1st, 1971 - 10:30 A.M.

Present: Cardiff, Lynch, O'Malley, Roche, Vanecko, Wachowiak,  
McDonagh, Scheid, Upton, the three newly elected members of the Board  
were present as Auditors.

1. Minutes of Meeting No. 121 were approved.

2. Reports:

[REDACTED]

He accepted our recommendations

of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

and David Braun, '54 as Resident at St. Lambert,

Skokie during his year of "In Service Training" at the Rehabilitation Center of Lutheran  
General Hospital.

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Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 10/08/1971

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Re: D. Braun - McDonagh will check with Dave about his arrangements with the Cardinal concerning the financial backing for Dave's involvement in the "In Service Training" at the Rehabilitation Center of Lutheran General Hospital.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:00 P. M.

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Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 10/20/1972

3. Agenda: Approved with additions

[REDACTED]  
Dave Braun, [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

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Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 10/20/1972

- B) Dave Braun: The Cardinal financed D. Braun's internship program in Alcoholic Treatment at Lutheran General Hospital. He asks for clearance to accept a counseling position at Great Lakes with part time assignment to a parish in Lake County.

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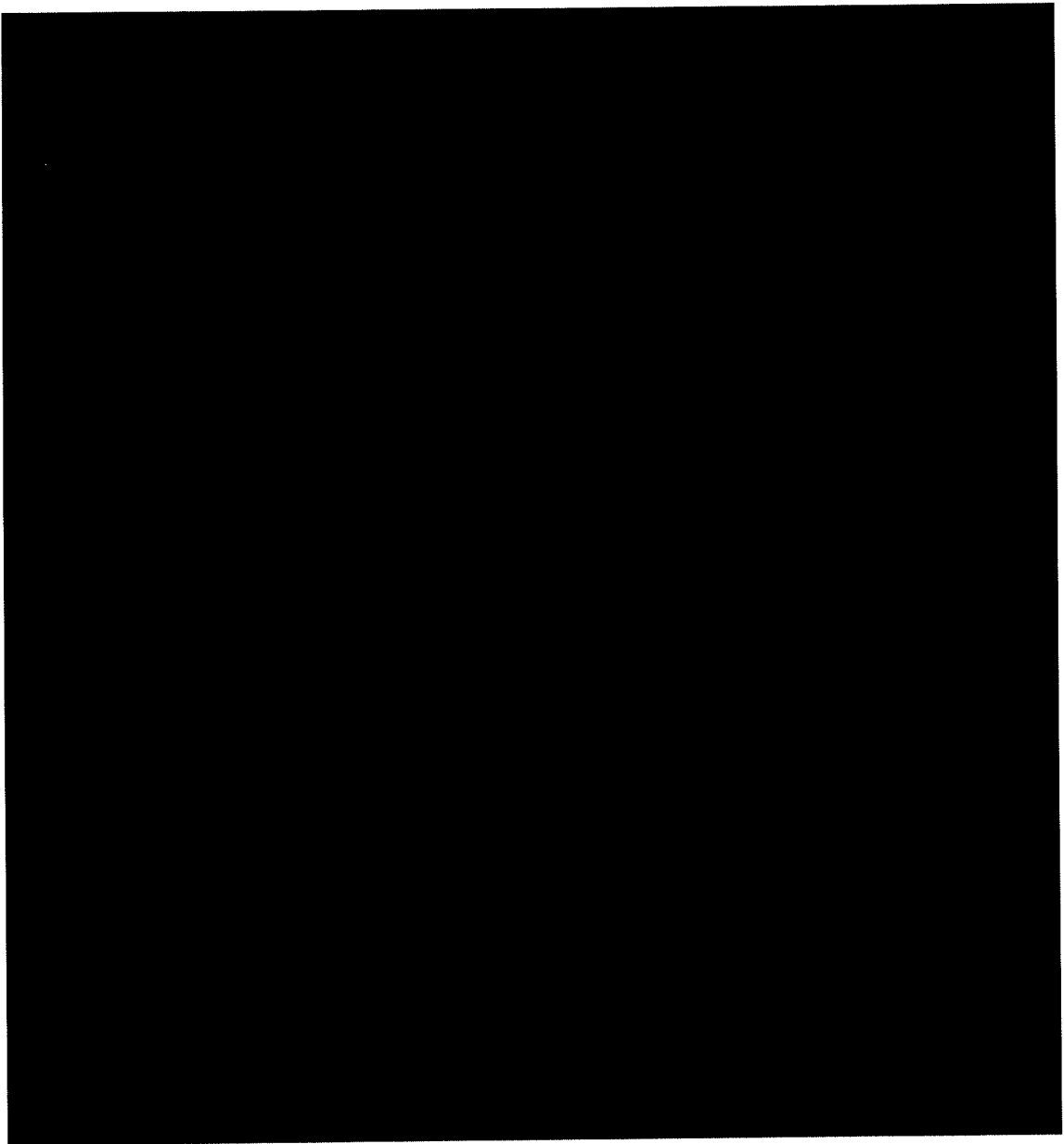
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Varia:

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- [Redacted]  
- [Redacted]

- He will see Dave Braun concerning the job offer at Great Lakes.

- [Redacted]  
- [Redacted]  
- [Redacted]

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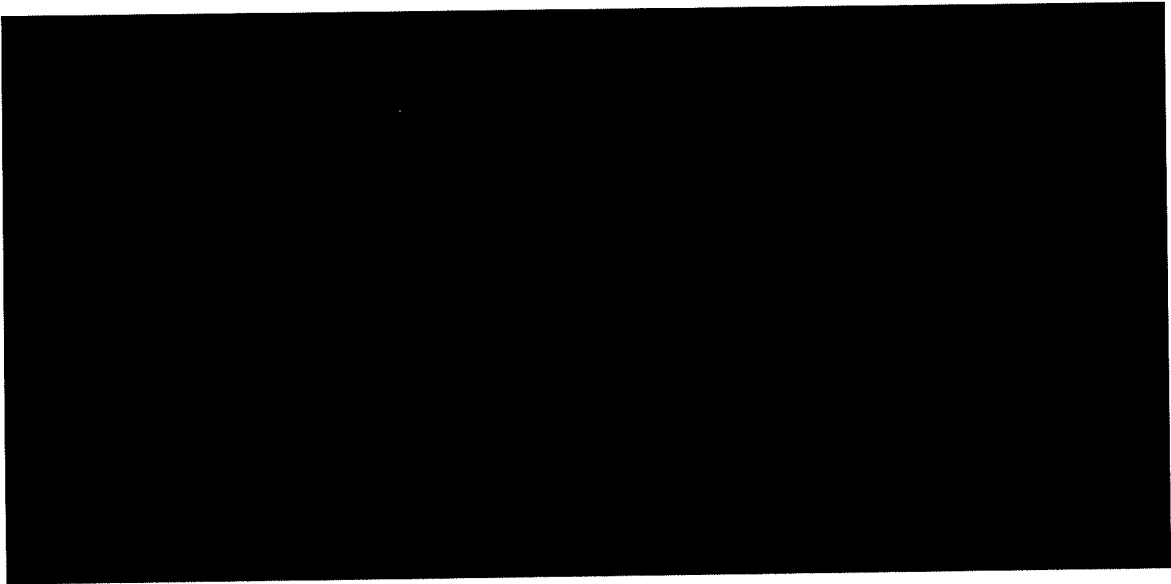
3. Agenda was approved with additions:

[REDACTED] D. Braun, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

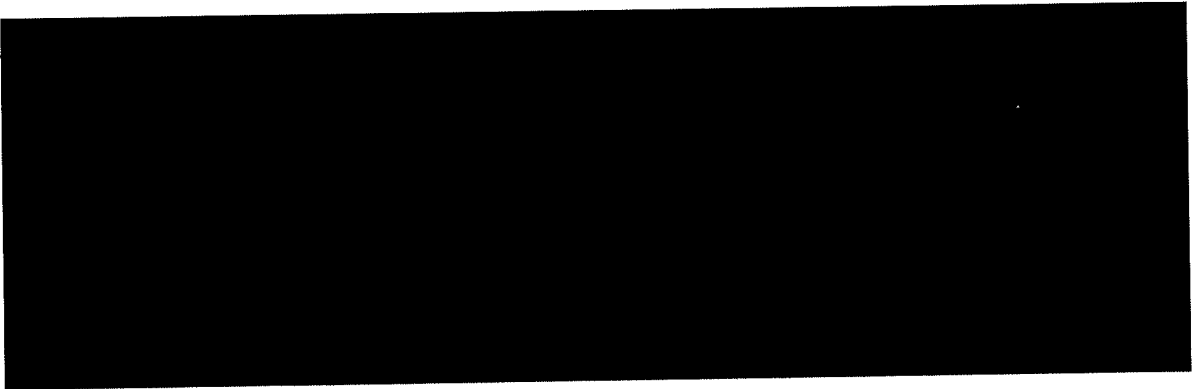
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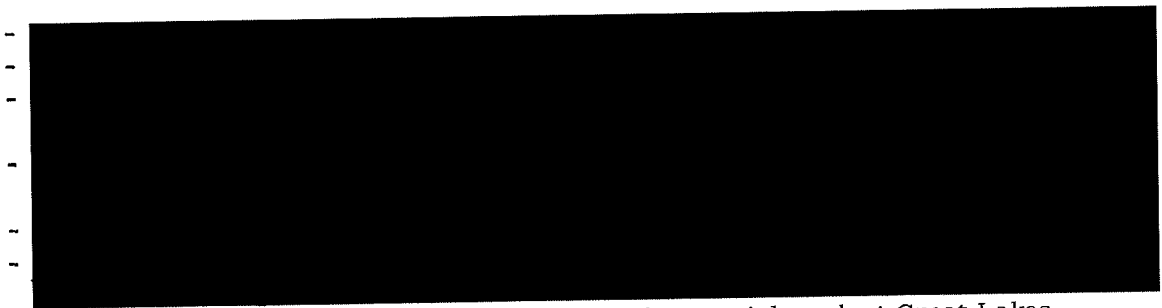




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6. Associates



- D. Braun: McDonagh will pursue this request for special work at Great Lakes.

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

MINUTES

Meeting No. 64 - Third Board

Meeting: Friday, November 17, 1972

Present: Lynch, Upton, Adams, Scheid, McDonagh, Ventura, Keating, Kinane  
and O'Malley.

Place: Priests' Personnel Board Office

1. Minutes of Meeting No. 63 were approved.

2. Reports

A.

B.

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D. McDonagh - D. Braun reports that the Cardinal gave him conditional approval for his  
work at Great Lakes. The Board should arrange a part-time associate  
appointment for him in that vicinity.

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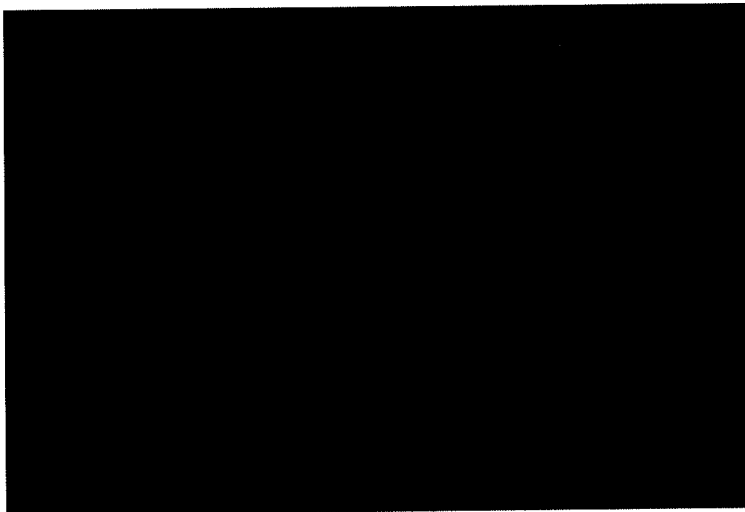
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Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 12/22/1972

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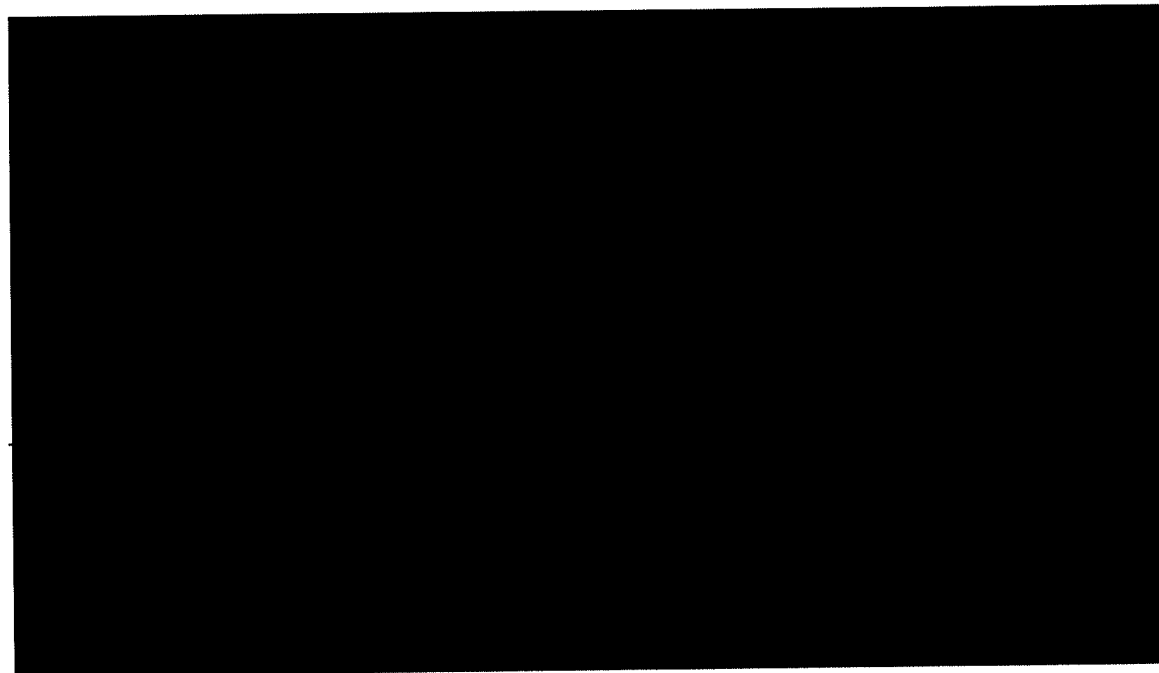


6. Associates, Residents, Chaplains



David Braun - residence

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Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 12/22/1972

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I. D. Braun - still has not received his appointment to Great Lakes. St. Lambert is another possible place for resident.

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E. McDonagh: - Dave Braun still hasn't received his appointment at Great Lakes. He will talk to McDonagh in February.

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THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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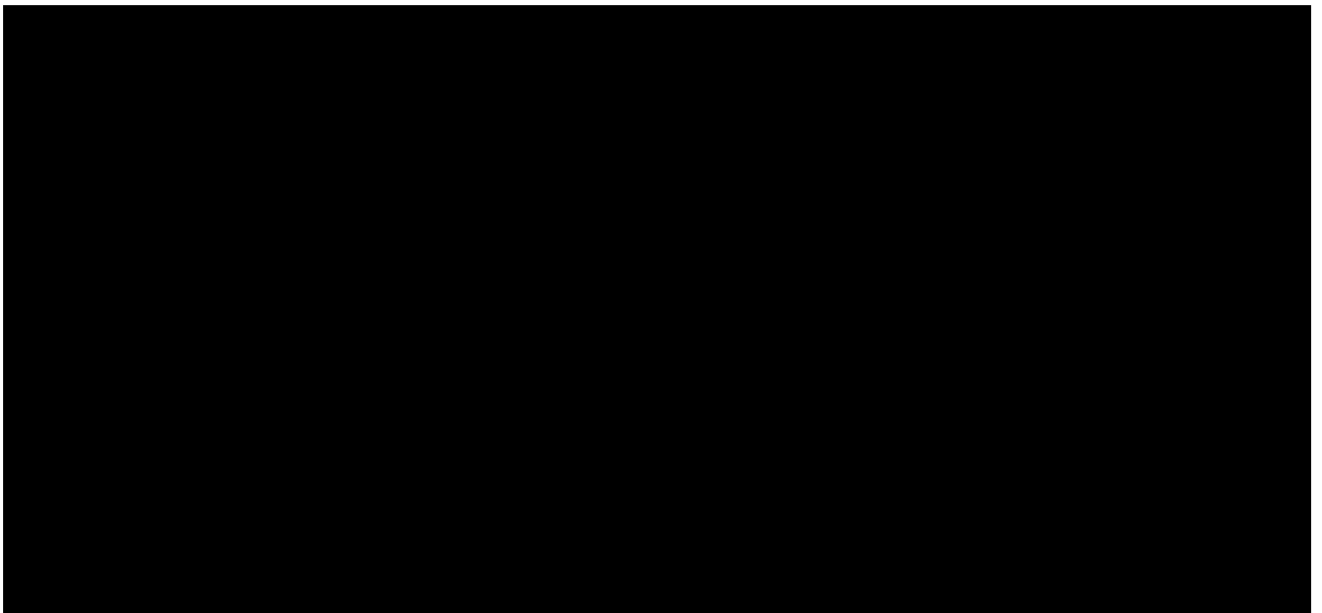
Meeting No. 54 - The Sixth Board

Place: St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein

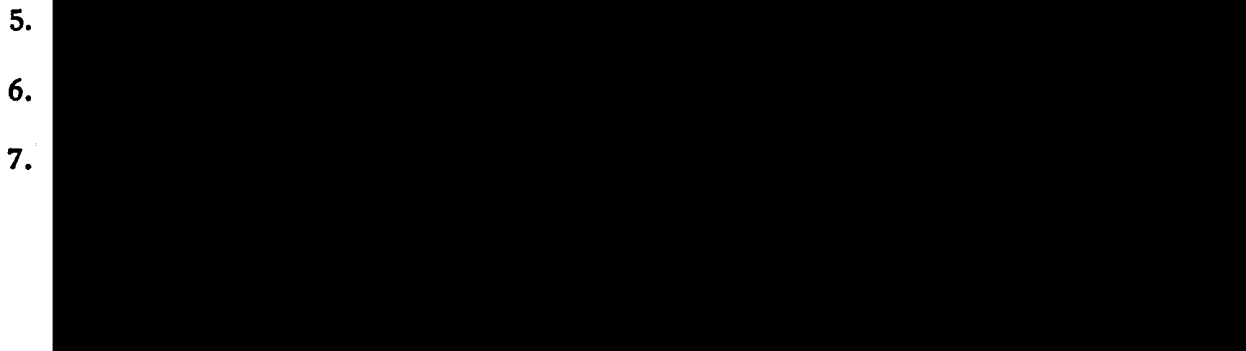
Time: 10:30 A. M.

Date: Friday, February 9, 1979

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Richard F. Schroeder
2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 53
3. Reports:



4. Approval of the Agenda of Meeting No. 54.



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9. Review of Extension Requests. Cf. copies of lists and letters.  
Results of Last Weeks reviews:

Approved:  
D. Braun

Denied:

Doubtful:

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Adjournment.

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

MINUTES  
Meeting No. 76 - Third Board

Meeting: Friday, February 16, 1973 - 10:30 A.M.

Present: Lynch, Kinane, Ventura, Adams, McDonagh, O'Malley, Upton, Keating

(Observers: R. Klees, F. Shaughnessy, F. Konopasek - All from Ministry Committee)

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

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved.

2. Reports:

A.

B.

C. McDonagh -

- D. Braun is open to an appointment as associate or pastor of a changing parish with part time work as an alcoholic counsellor.
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3. Agenda was approved with additions:

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

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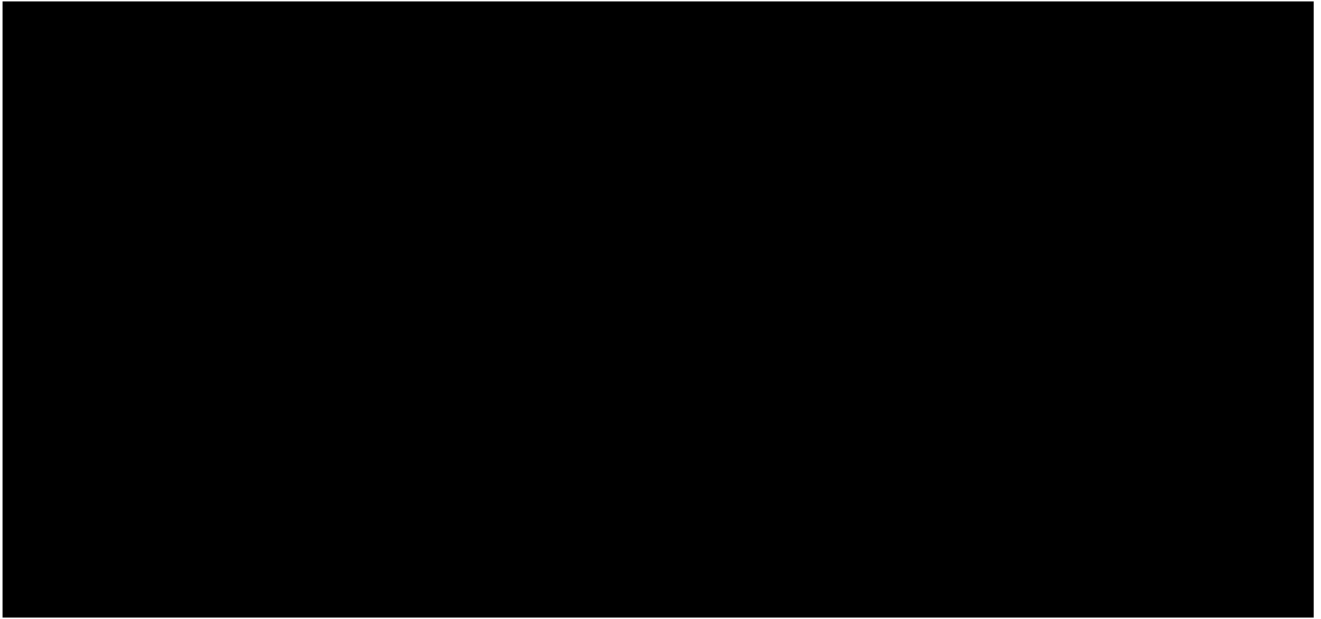
Meeting No. 77 - Third Board

Friday, February 23, 1973 - 10:30 A.M.

Place: Priests' Personnel Board Office

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 76

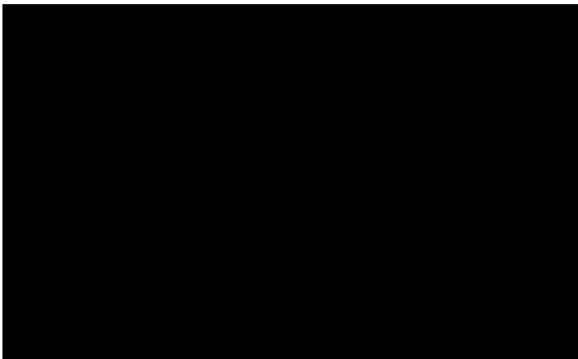
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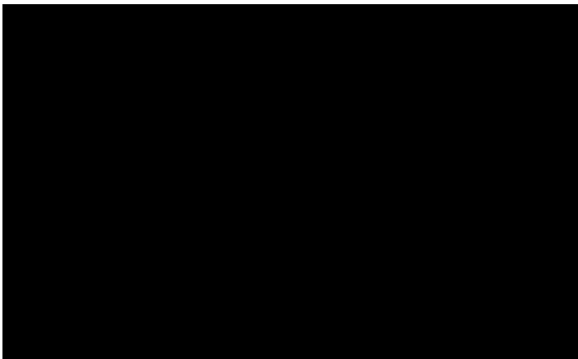
Other Reports:

3. Approval of the Agenda

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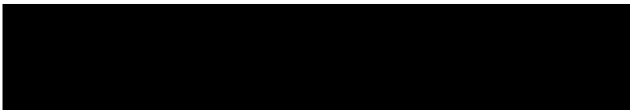
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6. Associates:



Dave Braun

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6. Associates

A.

B.

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D.

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G. D. Braun to Our Lady of Grace. Adams will consult.

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6. Reports

A.

B.

C.

D. McDonagh

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- D. Braun wants to work as an alcoholic counselor with residence in a parish.

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E.

F.

G.

*File: Fr. Braun*

March 21, 1973

Priests' Personnel Board  
Hillside, Illinois

Dear Fathers,

Cardinal Cedy was gracious to allow me to take the "in service training" at Lutheran General Hospital Rehabilitation Center in order to become an Alcoholism Counselor, with residence here at St. Lambert's. My training of one year was completed last Sept. 30, and then I stayed on as a Staff Member to help them until they could train someone to take my place.

Subsequently, the Cardinal gave permission to accept a counseling position at Great Lakes Hospital, but this did not finalize due to the Governmental 'freeze' on all such programs.

Three weeks ago Chicago Lakeshore Hospital asked me to take charge of their rehabilitation program, and I have accepted that position as a means to better serve the needs of the suffering alcoholics, as well as to improve my abilities for the future needs of the Archdiocese.

I feel relatively comfortable with my priestly work here at St. Lamberts, but if you should need a resident in some Parish closer to my work, fine.

Rev. Francis J. Trainor  
Pastor

In Christ,

*Paul Braun*



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THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

MINUTES  
Meeting No. 84 - Third Board

Meeting: Friday, March 23, 1973

Present: Lynch, O'Malley, Scheid, McDonagh, Ventura, Keating, Kinane, Adams

Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office.

1. Minutes of Meeting No. 83 were approved.

2. Reports:

A. [REDACTED]

B. Adams

- [REDACTED]

- D. Braun is working at Lake Shore Hospital.

- [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

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D.

E.

F. Matthias:

Suggestion made that [REDACTED] go there. Dave Braun - full time counsellor - would be willing to work at night in a parish; help on weekends. Wait till [REDACTED] replies before contacting Braun. He could be of more use at Matthias than St. Lambert's.

G. [REDACTED]

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Q.

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S.

T.

U. Our Lady of Grace - Conversation with Stan. There are 2400 families;  
750 children in school. When Braun left to go to Lutheran General, he was  
promised a replacement.

5.



[REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

McDonagh mentioned that Dave Braun was urged to get out of St. Lambert's and devote only part of his time to AA work. He should be principally involved in parish work. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 04/05/1974

E. Dave Braun is looking for a new residence - mutually acceptable to him and Francis Trainor. His work in Addiction at Chicago Lake Shore Hospital, limits his availability in the parish - work and help, early Mass, a night on calls. He suggested that St. Joan of Arc might be a possibility.

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Other Reports:

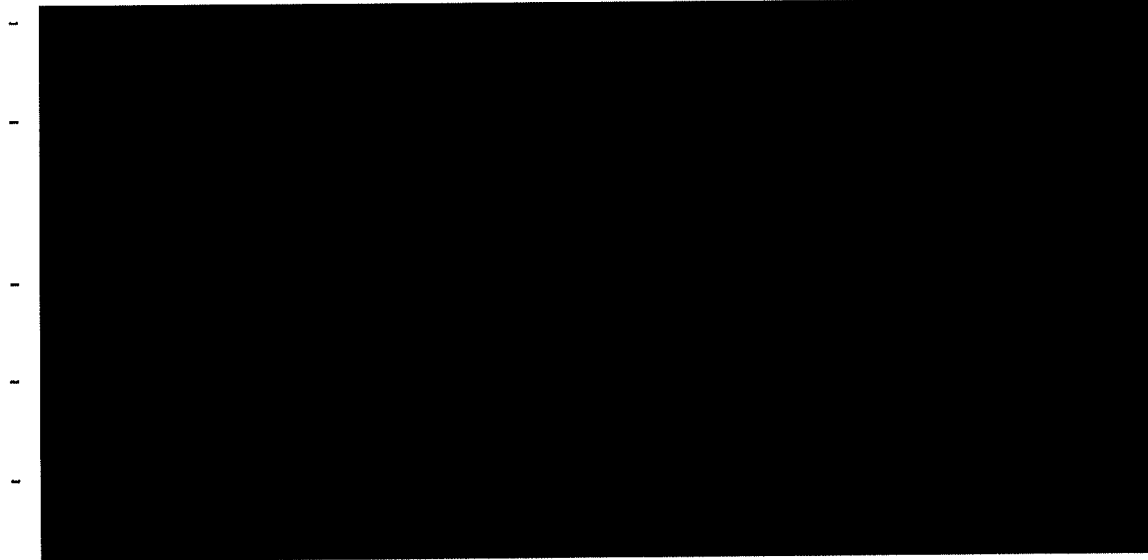
3. Approval of the Agenda

3. Agenda - Additions:



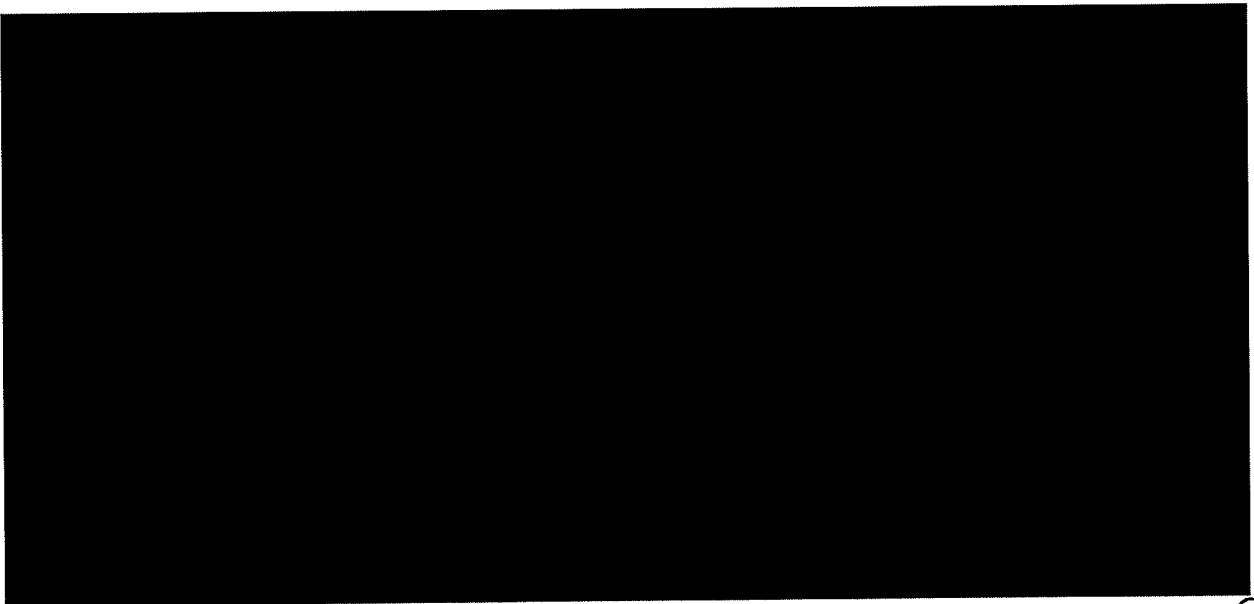
Agenda approved with the above additions

4. Match-ups



- Dave Braun wants to move. He has no special preferences. Adams and Zawistanowicz to research a residence for him.

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[REDACTED]

McDonagh - Dave Braun has the impression that he is to look around for a residence for himself. Zawistanowicz to clear matter with him, since he got that impression through a phone conversation.

3. Agenda - Additions:

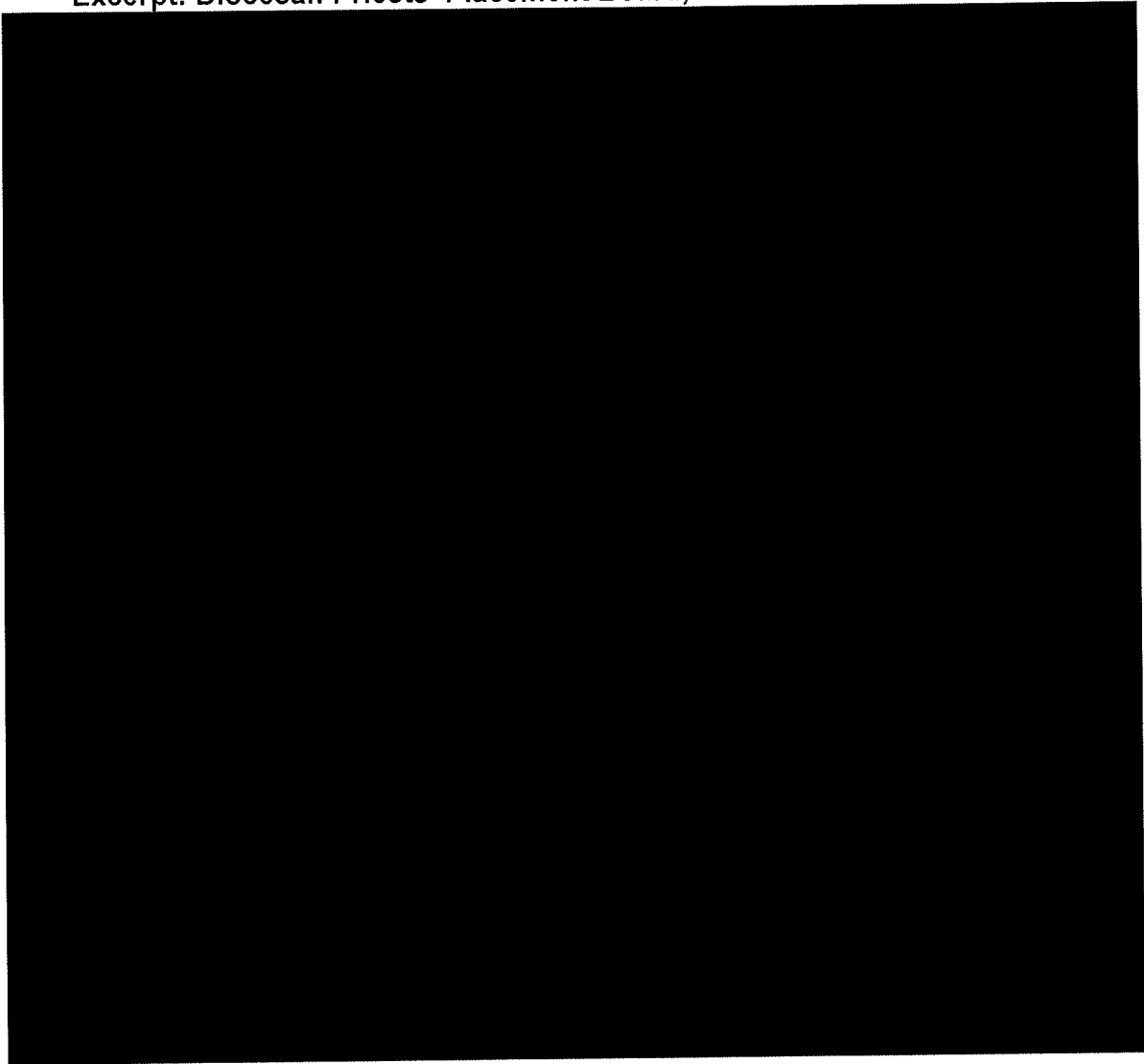
- 9) [REDACTED]
- 10) [REDACTED]
- 11) [REDACTED] Dave Braun

Agenda approved with the above additions

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

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Dave Braun

Is under the impression that he is to search out a residence for himself. He should be called to clarify the matter.

10. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

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G.

H. Dave Braun. Has been looking for a residence without success. He was informed that we would be making efforts to find a residence for him.

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3. Approval of the Agenda

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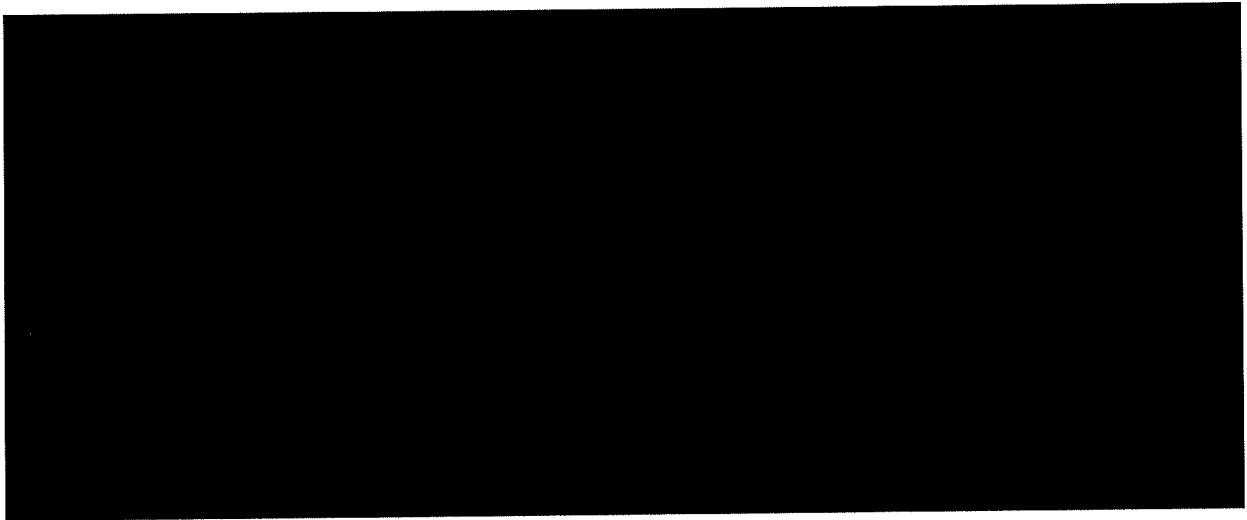
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7. Residence

Dave Braun

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9. Partial List of Resident Requirements:

Dave Braun






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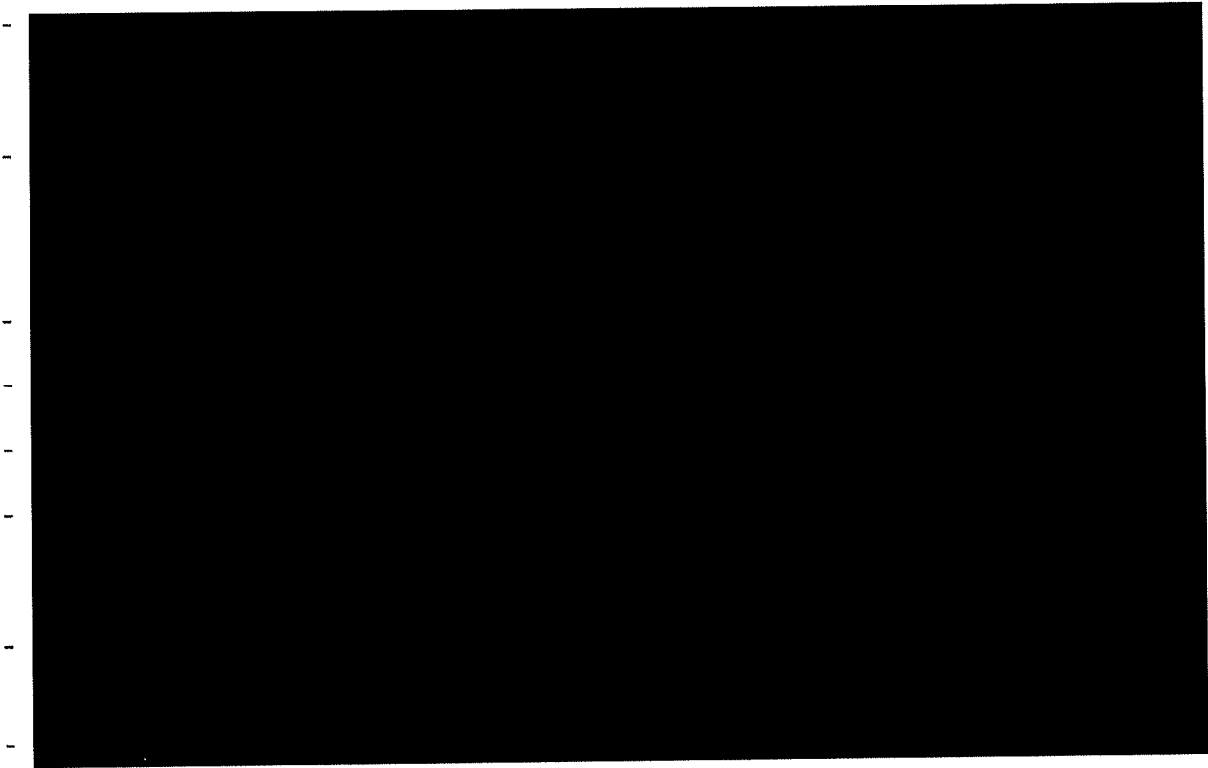
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9. Residents:

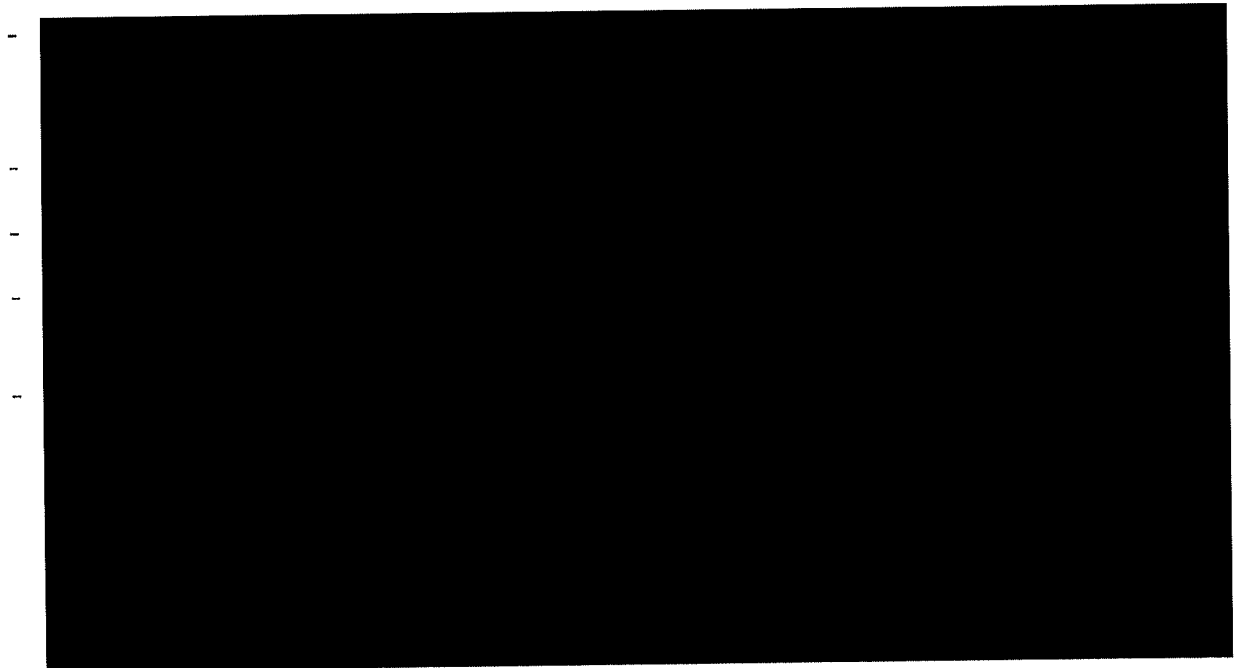


Dave Braun - Recommend his moving as resident to St. Francis Xavier, Wilmette.  
8 Yes.

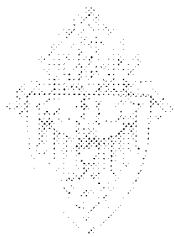
4. Associate Recommendations



- Dave Braun is to go to St. Francis Xavier, Wilmette.



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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

June 10, 1974

Reverend David E. Braun  
St. Lambert Rectory  
6145 N. Karlov  
Skokie, Illinois 60076

Dear Father Braun:

In accordance with Canon 476, and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, it gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the

Reverend Edmund P. Burke, Pastor,  
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette

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

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

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

*+ John Cardinal Cody*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Reverend Edmund P. Burke, Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette  
Reverend Thomas J. Brennan, Pastor, St. Ignace Parish, Lake

bcc: Clergy Personnel Board

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THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 55 - The Sixth Board

Place: Clergy Personnel Board, Office

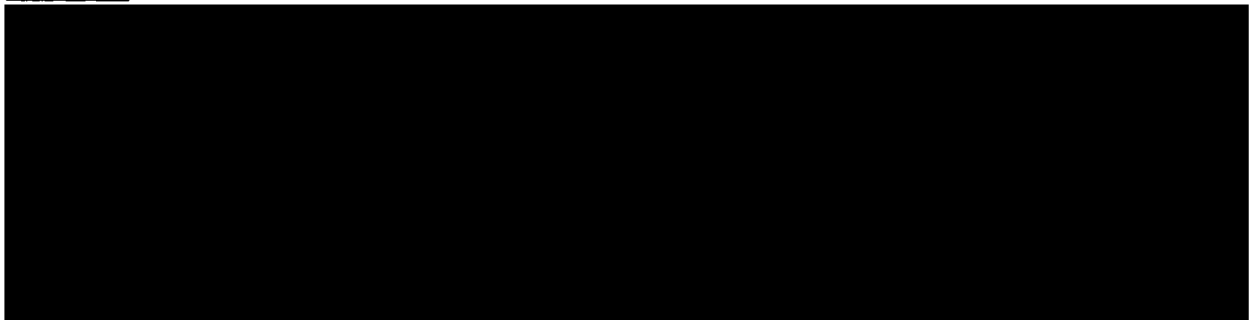
Time: 10:30 A.M.

Date: Friday, Tuesday, February 13, 1979

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Kenneth J. Velo

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 54

3. Reports:



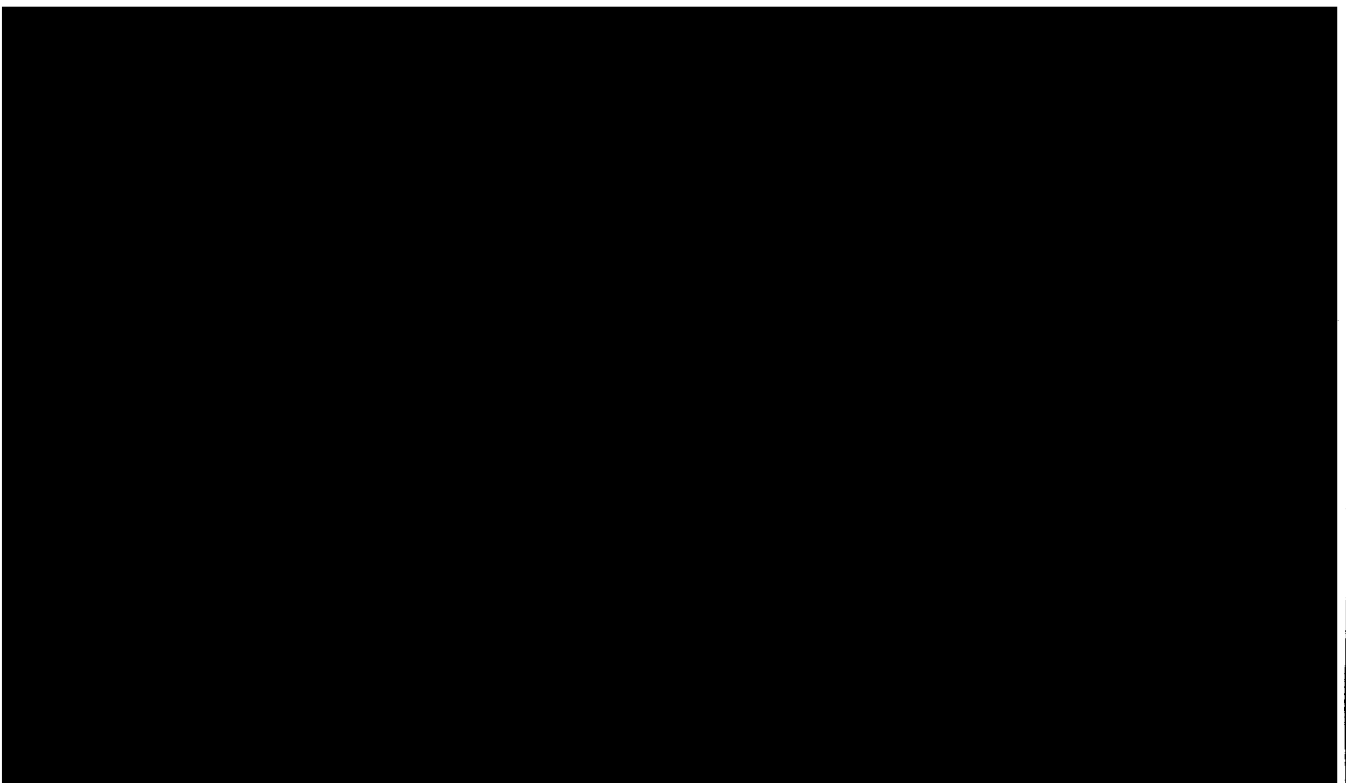
Other reports:

4. Approval of the Agenda for Meeting No. 55.

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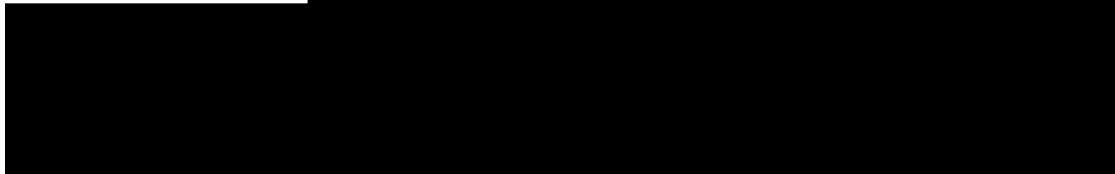
8. [REDACTED]

9. Review of Extension Requests. Cf. copies of lists and letters

Results of request reviews:

Approved

D. Braun [REDACTED]



Denied: [REDACTED]

Doubtful: [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. Old Business

12. New Business

13. Adjournment.

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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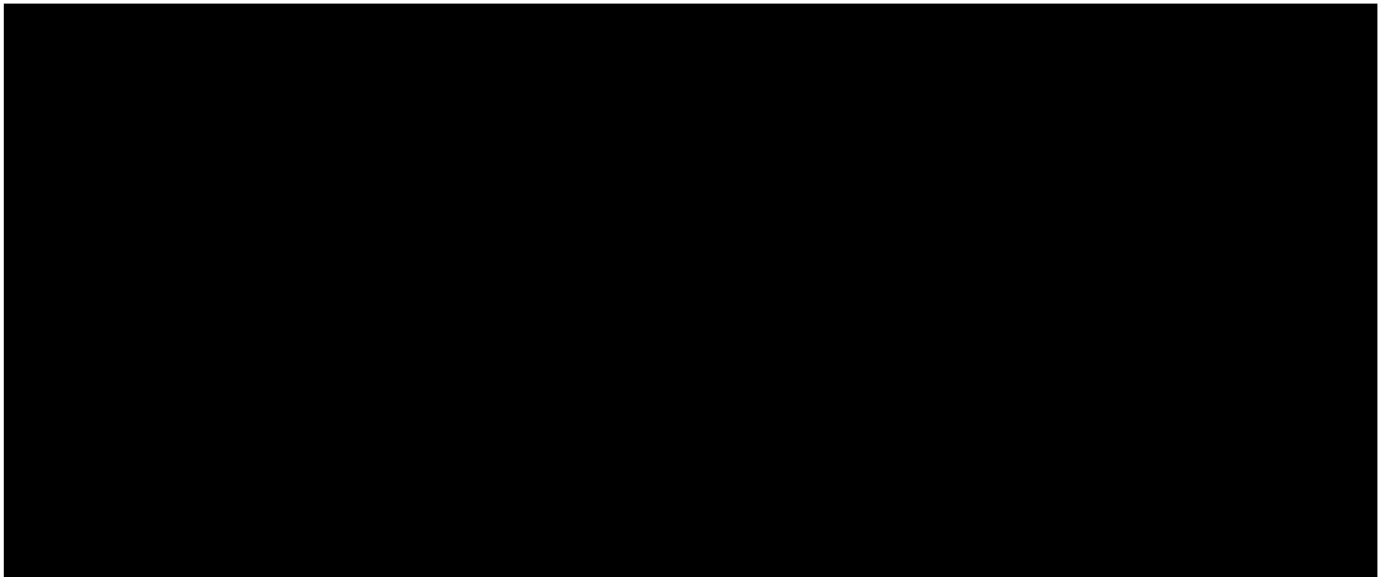
Meeting No. 56 - The Sixth Board

Place: The Clergy Personnel Board Office

Time: 10:30 A. M.

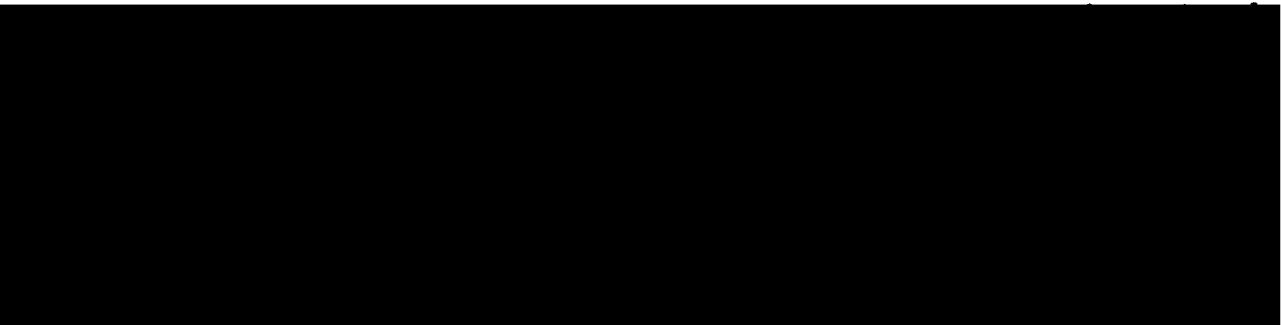
Date: Friday, February 16, 1979

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Thomas A. Tivy
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 55.
3. Reports:



4. Approval of Agenda for Meeting No. 56.

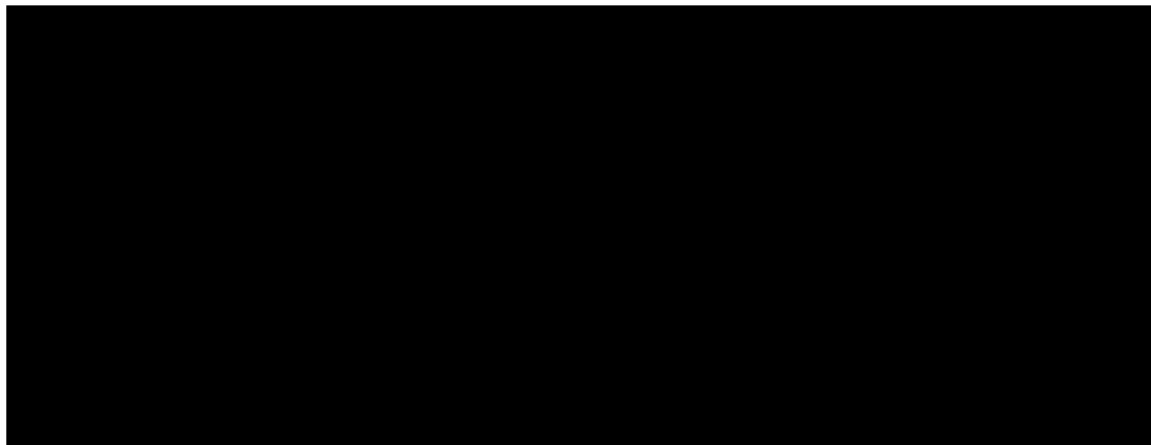
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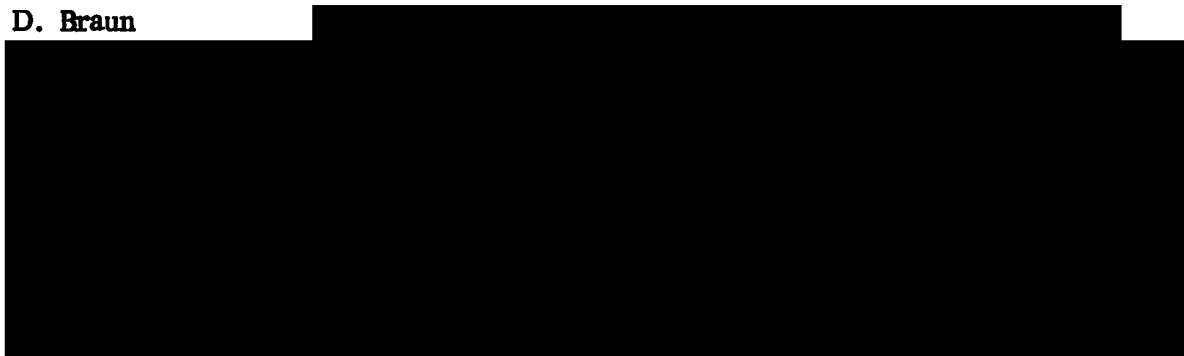


- 7. [Redacted]
- 8. [Redacted]

9. Review of Extension Requests:

Approved

D. Braun



Denied



Doubtful



- 10. [Redacted]

11. New Business

12. Old Business

13. Adjournment

TV-111

St. Francis Xavier Church  
912 Linden Avenue  
Wilmette, Illinois

*Epitaphian  
request  
H Braun*

January 31, 1980

Office of Priest Personnel  
Rev. John R. Keating, Co-Chancellor  
Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Father Keating:

In response to our telephone conversation, I wish to state that I be permitted to remain in my present residency at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette.

My father lives six blocks from the Rectory. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] My step-mother does not drive a car. They need my help frequently.

My aunts [REDACTED], also in Wilmette, are unable to fulfill their needs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I do their shopping, take them Communion almost daily, and generally do all I can in the evenings to help.

My work in helping alcoholics to recover physically and spiritually is both rewarding and demanding. Remaining in my present residence is very important to me.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Father Braun 54*

Rev. David F. Braun



THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 18 - The Seventh Board

Time: 10:30 A. M. at Mundelein Seminary

Date: Friday, February 8, 1980

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend John J. Grace
2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 17
3. Reports:

a.

b.

c.

d. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Dave Braun have requested extensions.

e.

f.

4. Approval of Agenda

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6. Extension Requests - at least 15.

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Agenda, Meeting No. 18, The Seventh Board, Mundelein, Illinois, Friday, February 8, 1980

7. [REDACTED]

8. Old Business

[REDACTED]

9. New Business

[REDACTED]

10. Adjournment with Lunch

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THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S  
Meeting No. 18 - The Seventh Board

Meeting: Friday, February 8, 1980

Present: Reverend Monsignor Eugene F. Lyons, Fathers John J. Grace,  
Robert J. Heidenreich, John R. Keating, Thaddeus J. Makuch,  
William D. Mannion, Michael J. Nallen, Richard J. Schroeder  
and Thomas A. Tivy.

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

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend John J. Grace
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 17 - Unanimously.
3. Reports:



4. Agenda:

Add 

Agenda unanimously approved:

5. 

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6. Extension Requests  
1974

David Braun, '54

Granted

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7. Old Business



8. 

9. New Business



10. Adjournment: 12:05

VII-49

*Extension Request*

**St. Francis Xavier Church  
912 Linden Avenue  
Wilmette, Illinois**

January 19, 1981

Rev. Robert Heidenrich  
Office of Priest Personnel  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Hillside, Illinois

Dear Father Heidenrich;

In response to our telephone conversation of today, I request that I be permitted to remain in my present residency at St. Francis Xavier in Wilmette.

Besides this extension, I think it is of primary importance that my status be clarified for the record;- i.e. that I am a Resident in the Parish doing part-time counselling and Parish work while counselling and directing an Alcoholism Rehabilitation Program full time at Chicago Lakeshore Hospital.

Thank you for this consideration,

Sincerely yours,

*David F. Braun*

Rev. David F. Braun

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A G E N D A  
Meeting No. 55 - The Seventh Board  
Time: 10:30 A.M.  
Date: January 23, 1981

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Robert J. Heidenreich

2. Approval of the Minutes:

3. Reports:

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k. Dave Braun has written about a clarification in his status vis-a-vis his extension request.  
cf. Agenda.

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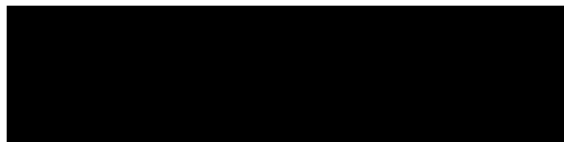
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4. Approval of the Agenda

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6. Associates

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e. Dave Braun

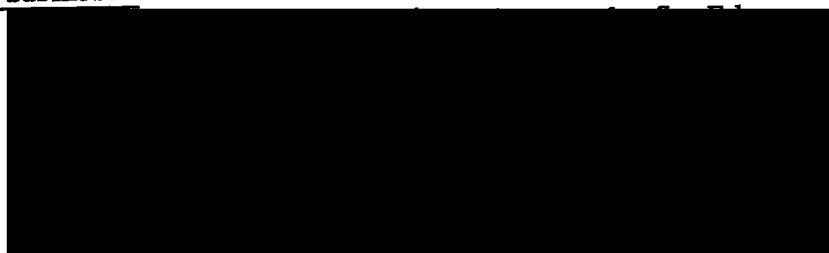


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9. New Business



10. Old Business



11. Adjournment.

VII-148



January 26, 1981

Reverend David F. Braun  
St. Francis Xavier  
912 Linden Avenue  
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Dear Dave:

The Personnel Board has instructed me to write you in response to your letter of January 19th, requesting that your status be clarified.

The most recent copy of your official assignment letter we have is dated June 10, 1974. In that letter you are officially assigned as associate pastor to Reverend Edmund D. Burke, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier, Wilmette. If you have a more recent appointment letter assigning you to full time alcoholism counselling at Chicago Lake Shore Hospital with residence at St. Francis Xavier, Please send us a copy so we can up-date our files.

Fraternally,

RJH:mcp

Reverend Robert J. Heidenreich  
Recording Secretary

*File  
Braun*

## Chicago Lakeshore Hospital

January 29, 1981

To; Personnel Board

From; Fr. Dave Braun

Re; History of my involvement in Alcoholism Treatment

Fall, 1970 First letter of request to Card. Cody for permission to become a trainee at Lutheran General Hospital. Conference with Msgr. Byrne was positive, but told to think and pray about it, then re-apply in 6 months.

Spring, 1971 Second request to Card. Cody - resulted in conference with Cardinal at 1555 N. State, with affirmative answer. Made arrangements for Fall.

Oct., 1971 Transferred to St. Lambert, Skokie, as a resident with full time training period of one year at Lutheran General.

Oct., 1972 Completed training course - permission given for me to remain at Lutheran General full time until Staff position could be filled. (approx. one month)

Dec., 1972 Permission given verbally for full time involvement in Alcoholism Counseling to continue. Program at Great Lakes proved to be unsatisfactory.

Feb., 1973 Interview at Chicago Lakeshore Hospital to initiate new Treatment Program for the treatment of alcoholics, including referrals from Catholic Charities.

Mar., 1973 Began full time work, while continuing to be of help in the Parish; i.e. early morning Mass, evening calls, counseling, marriages and baptisms, confessions.

May, 1974 Upon verbal permission of Fr. Keating, I had moved into St. Francis Rectory before assignment letter was received. We had verbally agreed I would be assigned as a resident, upon receiving letter, I called Personnel Board concerning "Associate Pastor" status, establishing that my situation was accepted.

June, 1974 Transfer to St. Francis Xavier, with the full understanding of the Pastor, Fr. Burke as to my status with the Hospital, part-time Parish duties and involvement.

1979 Letter sent to Personnel Board for extension of time and continuance of assignment both as Alcoholism Coordinator and Associate Pastor. Request was granted.

1980 Second letter submitted to Personnel Board for continuing status and for the same reasons. Permission granted

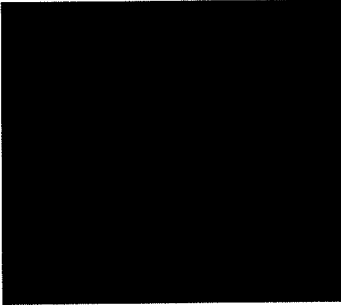
1981 I have submitted my request for all these reasons and prayerfully ask that they be granted and my status as a resident be confirmed.

*Fr. Dave Braun*

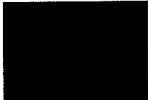
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9. Associates



David Braun

10. Old Business

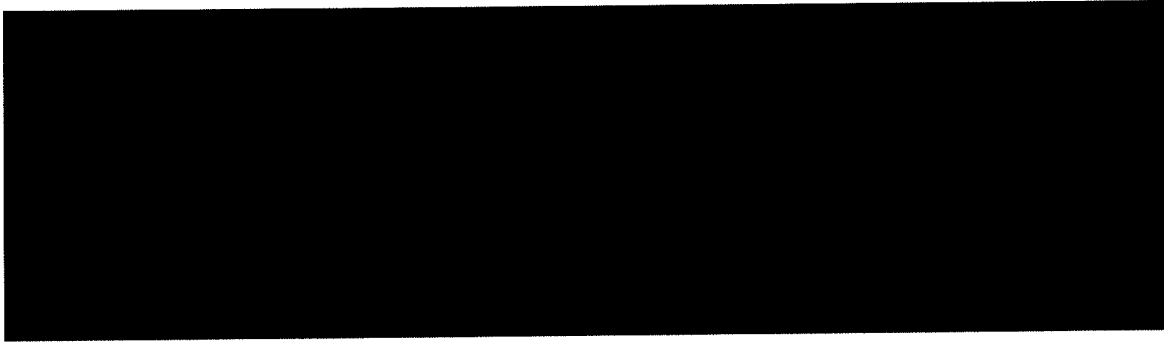


11. New Business



12. Adjournment.

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9. Associates

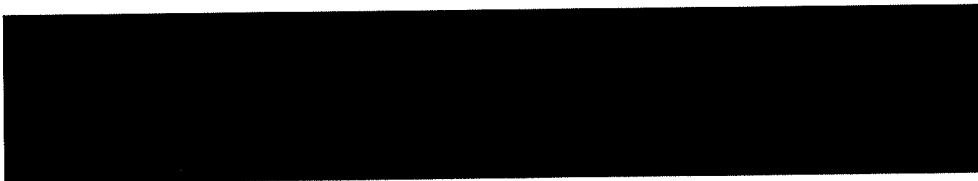
a.



b.

c. David Braun - we deal with copy of Chancery appointments. Ask him to write Office of Clergy Personnel at Chancery - Father Velo.

10. Old Business



11. New Business



12. Adjournment: 3:30 P.M.

VII-157

February 13, 1981

Reverend David Braun  
St. Francis Xavier Church  
912 Linden Avenue  
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Dear Dave:

I am writing to acknowledge the receipt of your "History of Involvement in Alcoholism Treatment" dated January 21, 1981. This will be placed in your permanent file at the Board.

Concerning the change in status you requested, the Board has asked me to inform you that a change in status is not in the parameter of our decision making power. We only received the status as the Chancery sends them to us. Further on this communication may be directed to the Office of Clergy Personnel, Archdiocese of Chicago, 155 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Faternally

RJH:mcp

Reverend Robert J. Heidenreich  
Recording Secretary

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Feb. 20, 1981 *ast me*

His Eminence John Cardinal Cody  
1555 N. State Parkway  
Chicago, Ill 60610

Your Eminence;

The Personnel Board and Fr. Keating have explained to me that you alone can clarify in writing, my status as a resident at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette, Ill.

Apparently my official letter of assignment of June 10, 1974, should have transferred my status as resident from St. Lamberts Parish, Skokie, Ill. to St. Francis Xavier.

I am enclosing a brief chronology explaining my involvement in Alcohol Rehabilitation Treatment, for which I had received your official permission in Spring of 1971. In addition to this information, I am a guest lecturer at Central States Institute with Msgr. Mc Dermott and I have been instrumental in helping two other programs become viable, as well as having served the past four years on the Illinois Task Force Certification Board drawing up guidelines for the Certification of Counselors in the State of Illinois.

I very much wish to continue with these efforts as well as the residency at St. Francis Xavier. Prayfully this will meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*David F. Braun*

Rev. David F. Braun

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THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
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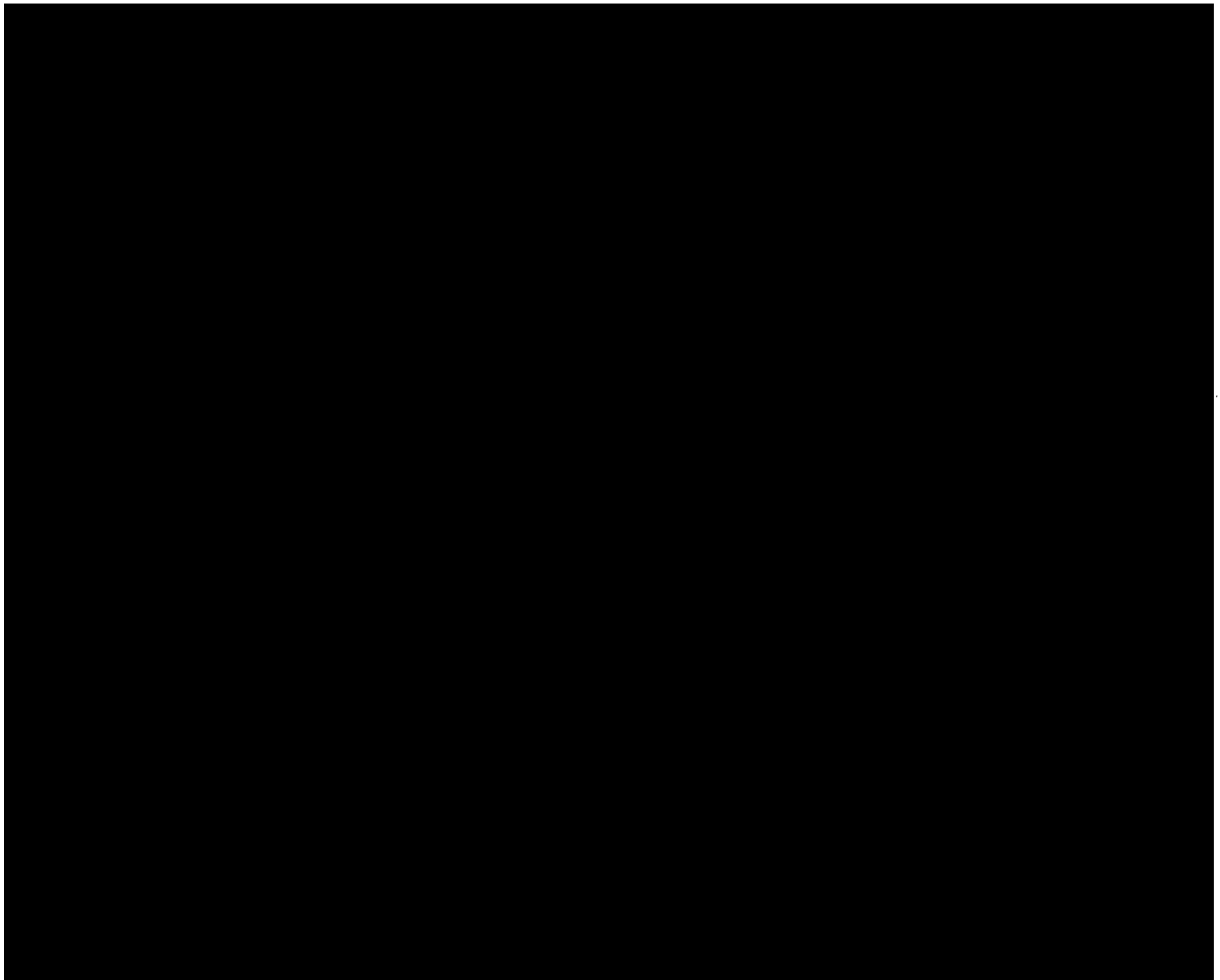
M I N U T E S  
Minutes No. 61 - The Seventh Board

Meeting: Friday, February 20, 1981

Present: Very Reverend Eugene F. Lyons, Reverends: Robert J. Heidenreich,  
Thaddeus J. Makuch, William D. Mannion, Michael J. Nallen  
Richard F. Schroeder, Thomas A. Tivy.

Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office.

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Robert J. Heidenreich
2. Upton and Kelleher
3. Reports:







4. Approval of the Agenda

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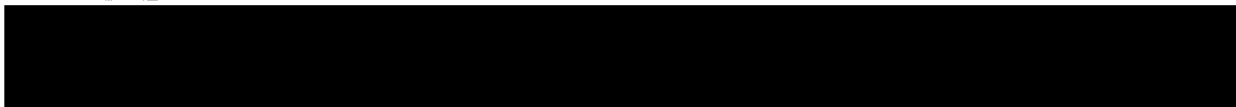


7. Extensions and Appeals

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6. Dave Braun - Extend - 7, 0
- 7.

8. Old Business



9. Adjournment: 3:35

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Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 01/29/1982

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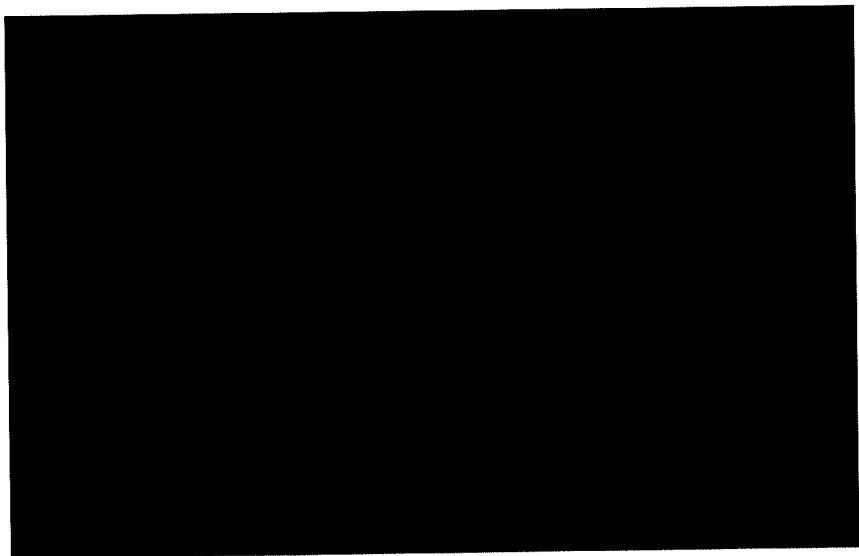
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6. Extensions



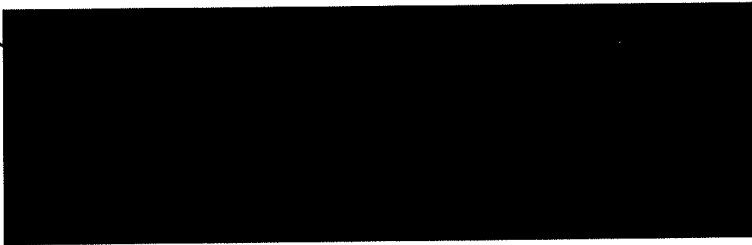
Braun - Move



Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 02/19/1982

Agenda, Meeting No. 20, The Eighth Board, CPB Office, Friday, February 19, 1982

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9. Extensions

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b) Appeals:

2:05 - Dave Braun (75) St. Francis Xavier



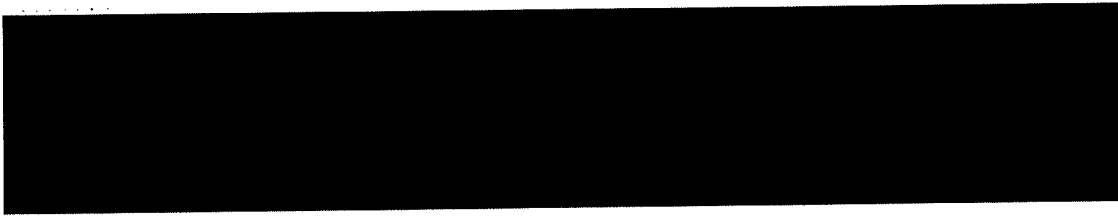
10. New Business

11. Old Business

12. Adjournment

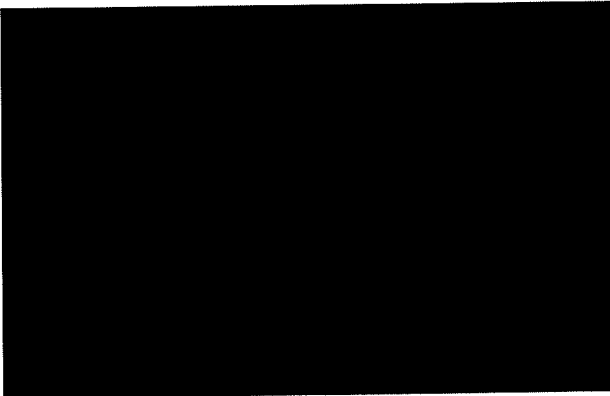
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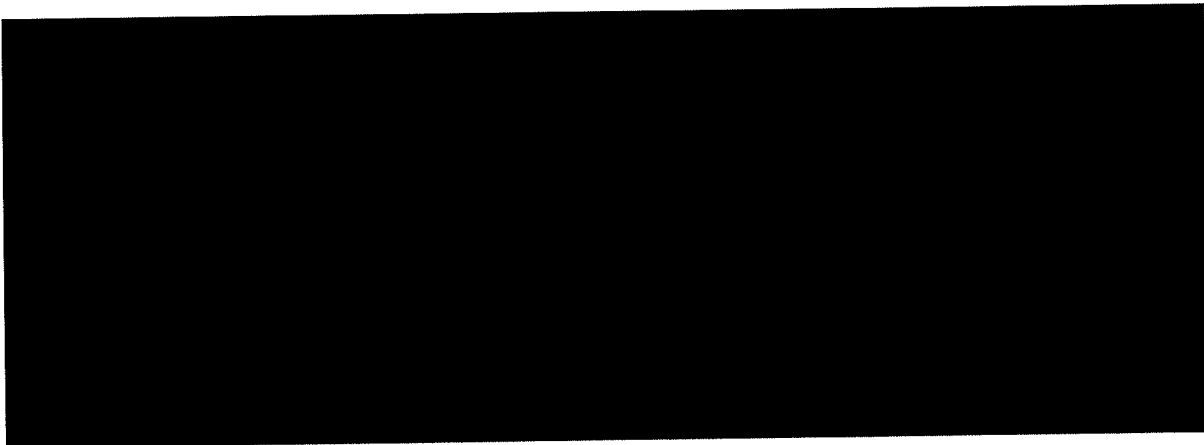


5. Agenda: 7-0

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9. Extensions

a)



b) Appeals:

Dave Braun - extend: 7-0 (He should get clarification of his status in writing)



THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A G E N D A  
Meeting No. 23 - The Eighth Board  
Time: 10:30 A.M.  
Date: March 19, 1982  
Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Michael J. Nallen
2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
3. Reports:

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Reports (contd)

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n. Dave Braun does not feel he should be transferred ( as a resident)  
at this time.

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4. Acceptance of the Agenda

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9. Old Business.

10. New Business.

11. Adjournment



THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S  
Meeting No. 8 - The Ninth Board

Date: Friday, October 7, 1983

Present: Reverends: Vincent F. Costello, John P. Finnegan, William B. Gubbins,  
Joseph P. Gremble, Lawrence P. McBrady, Robert E. McLaughlin,  
Richard F. Schroeder, Kenneth J. Velo, John G. Vlazny

Place: Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend William B. Gubbins

2. Acceptance of Minutes:

9-0

3. Reports:

- John Finnegan reported that Dave Braun (St. Francis Xavier, Wilmette) has resigned from the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center and would like the CPB to appoint him to be a full-time associate at St. Francis Xavier to help Jerry Hartmann. (Cf. Agenda)

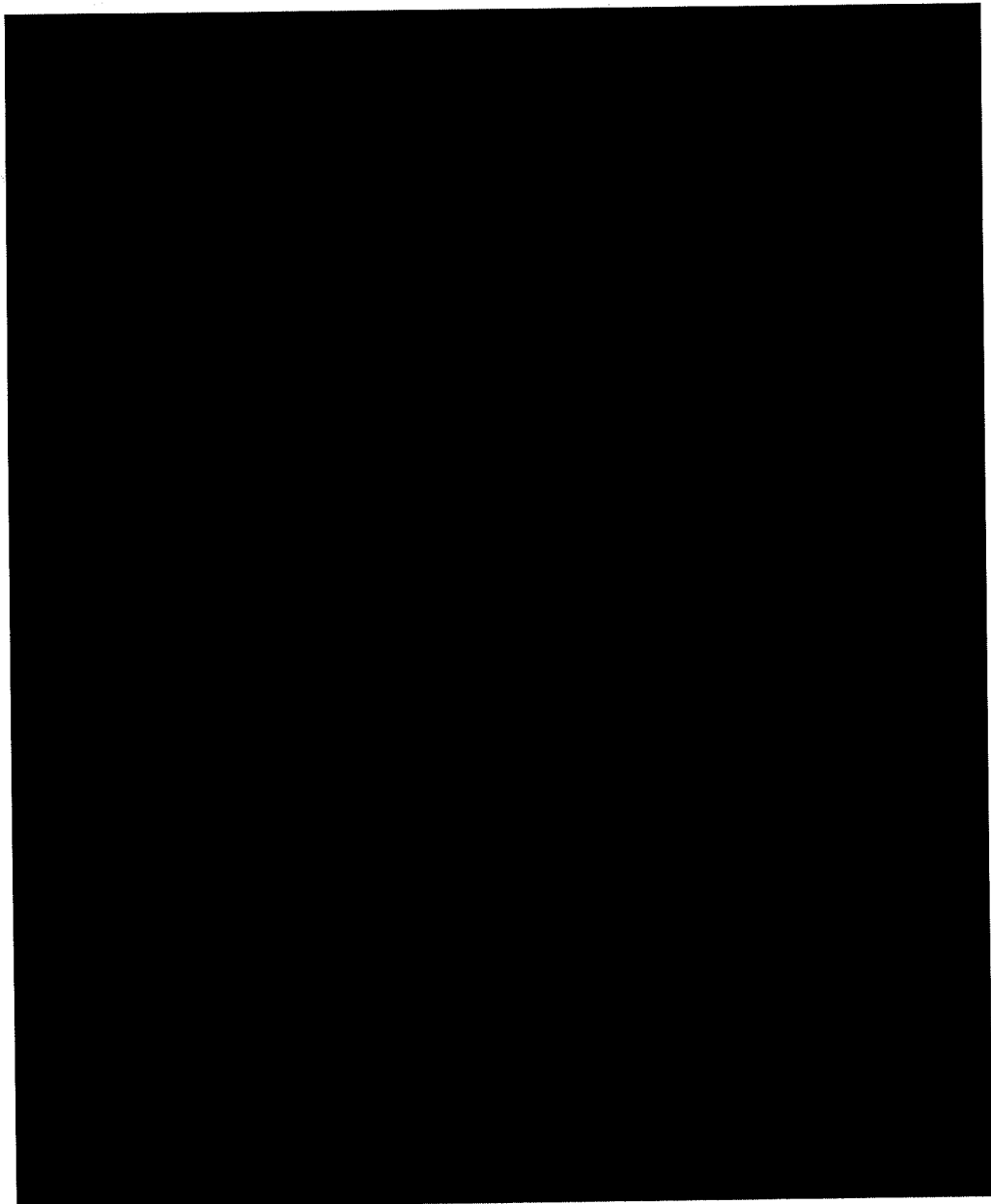


Minutes, Meeting No. 8, The Ninth Board, Friday, October 7, Cardinal Stritch R.H.

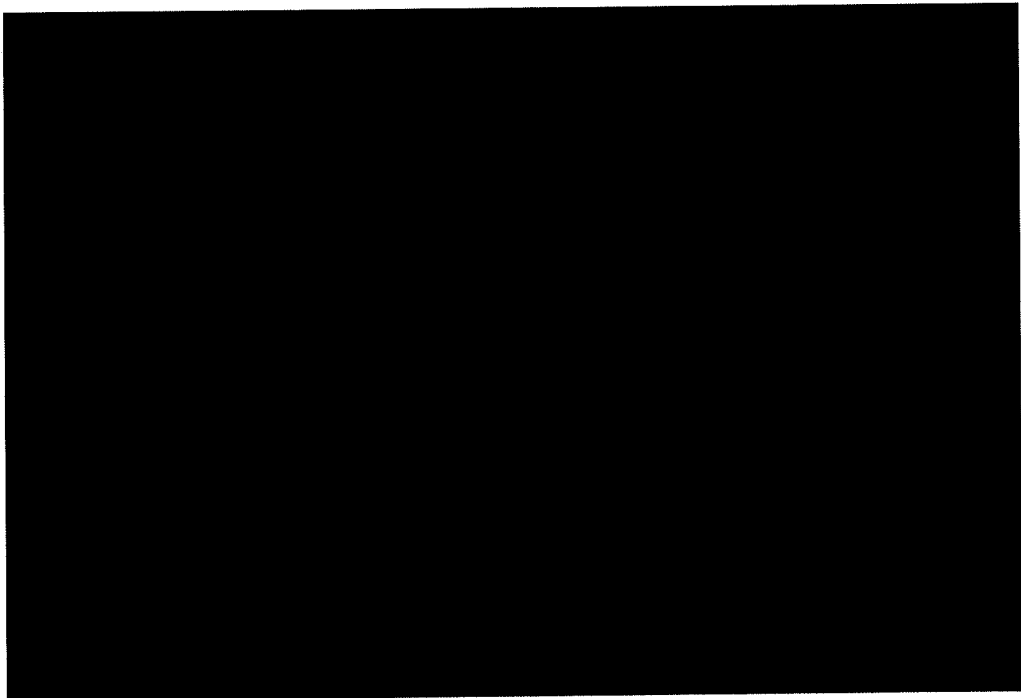
4. Acceptance of Agenda: ADD: Dave Braun

5. Business:

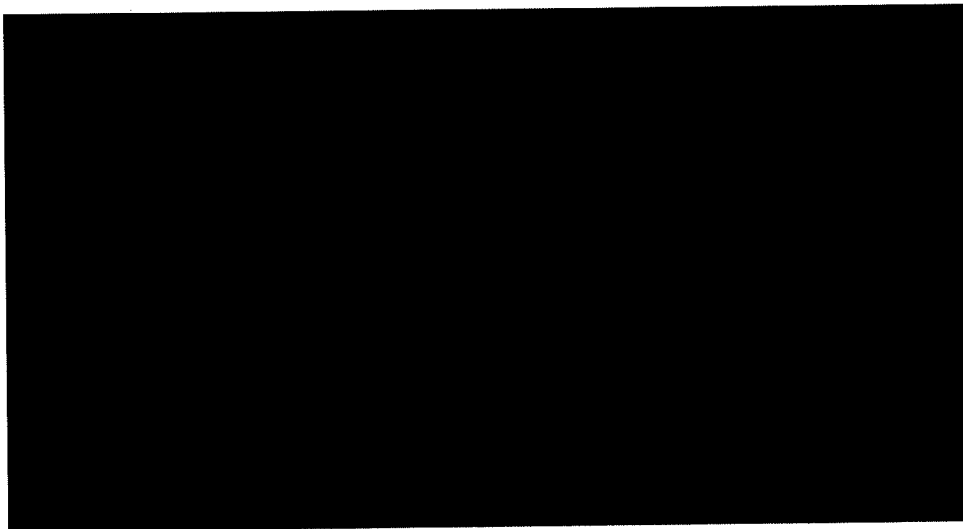
a) Priests:



Minutes, Meeting No. 8, The Ninth Board, Friday, October 7, 1983, Cardinal Stritch R.H.



Dave Braun: Dave called John Finnegan to say he wants to be named a full-time associate at St. Francis Xavier Parish. John didn't feel that he sounded very good on the phone and wondered if Dave quite the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center or was fired. John feels Dave may be slipping and will be getting together with him for a long talk, after which he will report back. It was pointed out that the basic plan for St. Francis Xavier is a complete turnover in the rectory. John will also consult with Andy McDonagh.



THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S  
Meeting #9 - The Ninth Board

Date: Friday, October 21, 1983

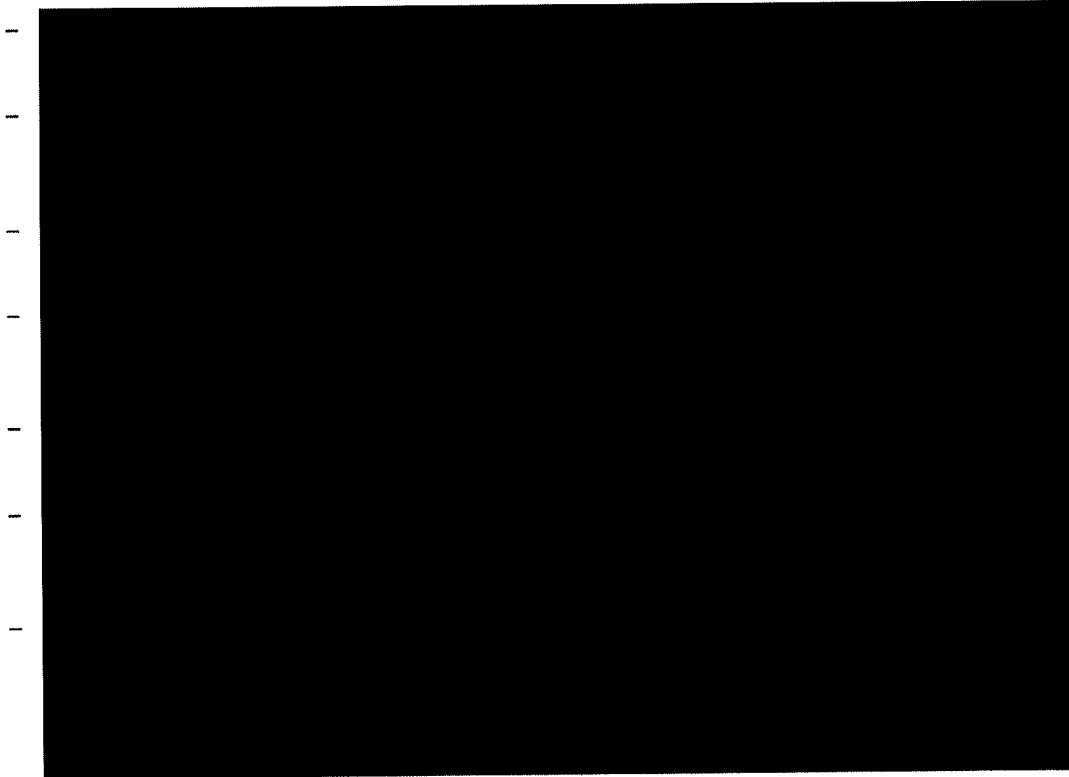
Present: Reverends: Vincent F. Costello, John P. Finnegan, William B. Gubbins,  
Joseph P. Grembla, Lawrence P. McBrady, Richard F. Schroeder,  
Kenneth J. Velo, John G. Vlazny

Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Kenneth J. Velo

2. Acceptance of Minutes: 7-0

3. Reports:



4. Acceptance of Agenda: 7-0 ADD: Dave Braun

5. Business:

a) Priests:



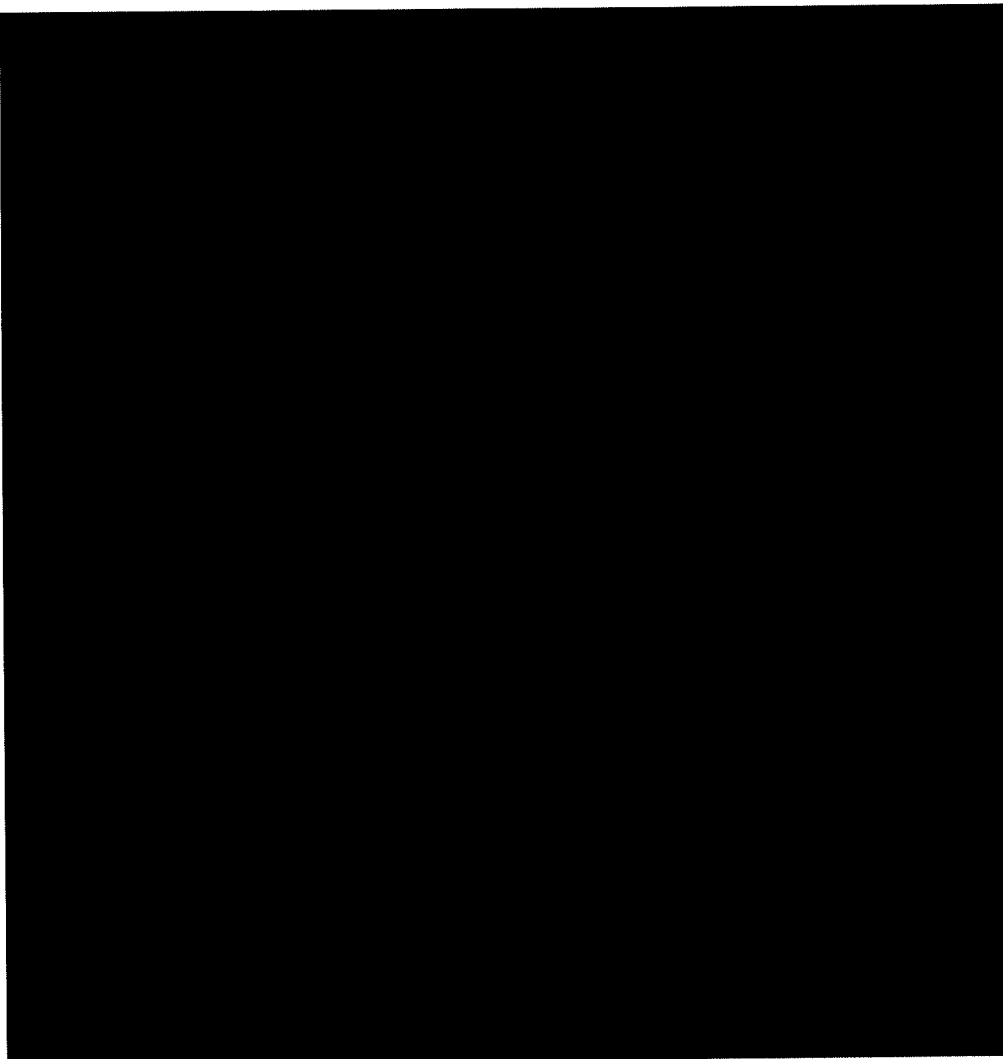
Minutes, Meeting No. 9, The Ninth Board, Friday, Oct. 21, 1983, CPB Office

a) Priests: (continued)

Dave Braun: Dave says he left his position because he was no longer working with clients. He became unhappy and started drinking again. He has stopped drinking now and is intent on helping Jerry Hartmann. When asked by John Finnegan what he would do if a new pastor were appointed, Dave replied, "I will go elsewhere". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His plan is to remain at St. Francis until early next year [REDACTED] Ed Kelly has been his advisor in this matter. We wondered if Andy McDonagh would approve of this. Some CPB members felt this was poor strategy. John will get a clarification from Ed Kelly and will talk with Andy.

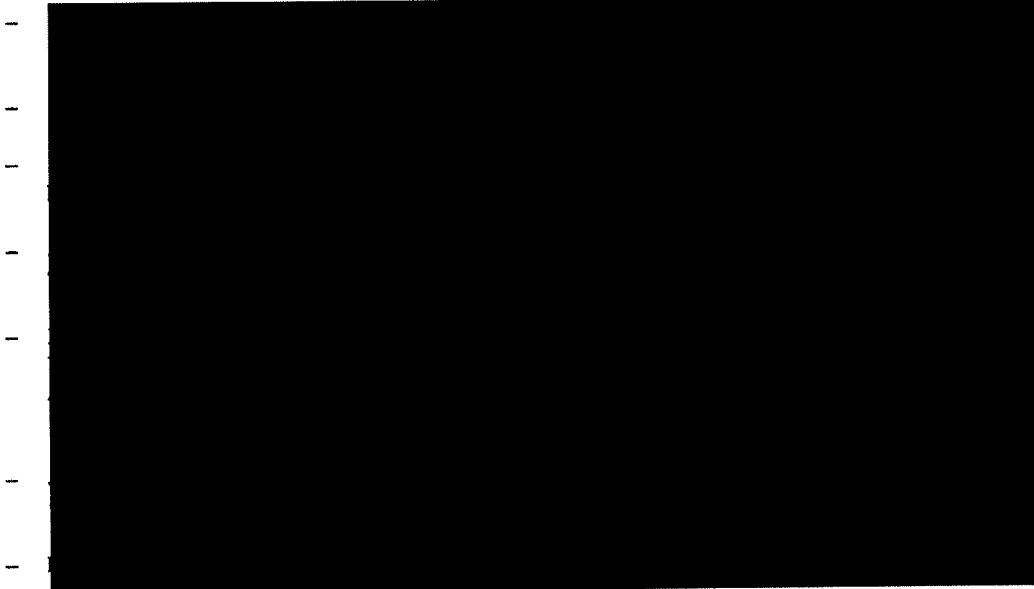
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A G E N D A  
Meeting #10 - The Ninth Board  
Place: Clergy Personnel Board  
Date: October 28, 1983

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend John G. Vlazny
2. Acceptance of Minutes:
3. Reports:



4. Acceptance of Agenda:

5. Business:

- a) Priests:

  
Dave Braun



- b)



THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S  
Meeting #10-The Ninth Board

Date: Friday, October 28, 1983

Present: Reverends: Vincent F. Costello, John P. Finnegan, William B. Gubbins,  
Joseph P. Grembla, Lawrence P. McBrady, Robert E. McLaughlin,  
Richard F. Schroeder, Kenneth J. Velo, John G. Vlazny

Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend John G. Vlazny

2. Acceptance of Minutes: 9-0

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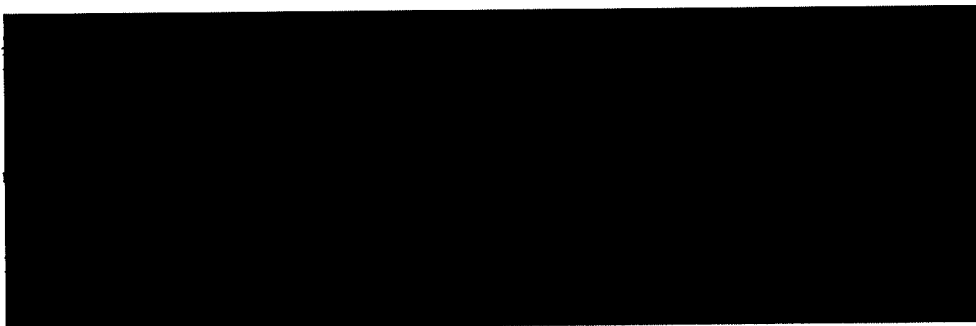


4. Acceptance of Agenda: 9-0 ADD:



5. Business:

a) Priests:



Dave Braun: Dave is currently in Florida on a vacation by himself.  
John Finnegan has talked with Ed Kelly and Jerry Hartmann, both of

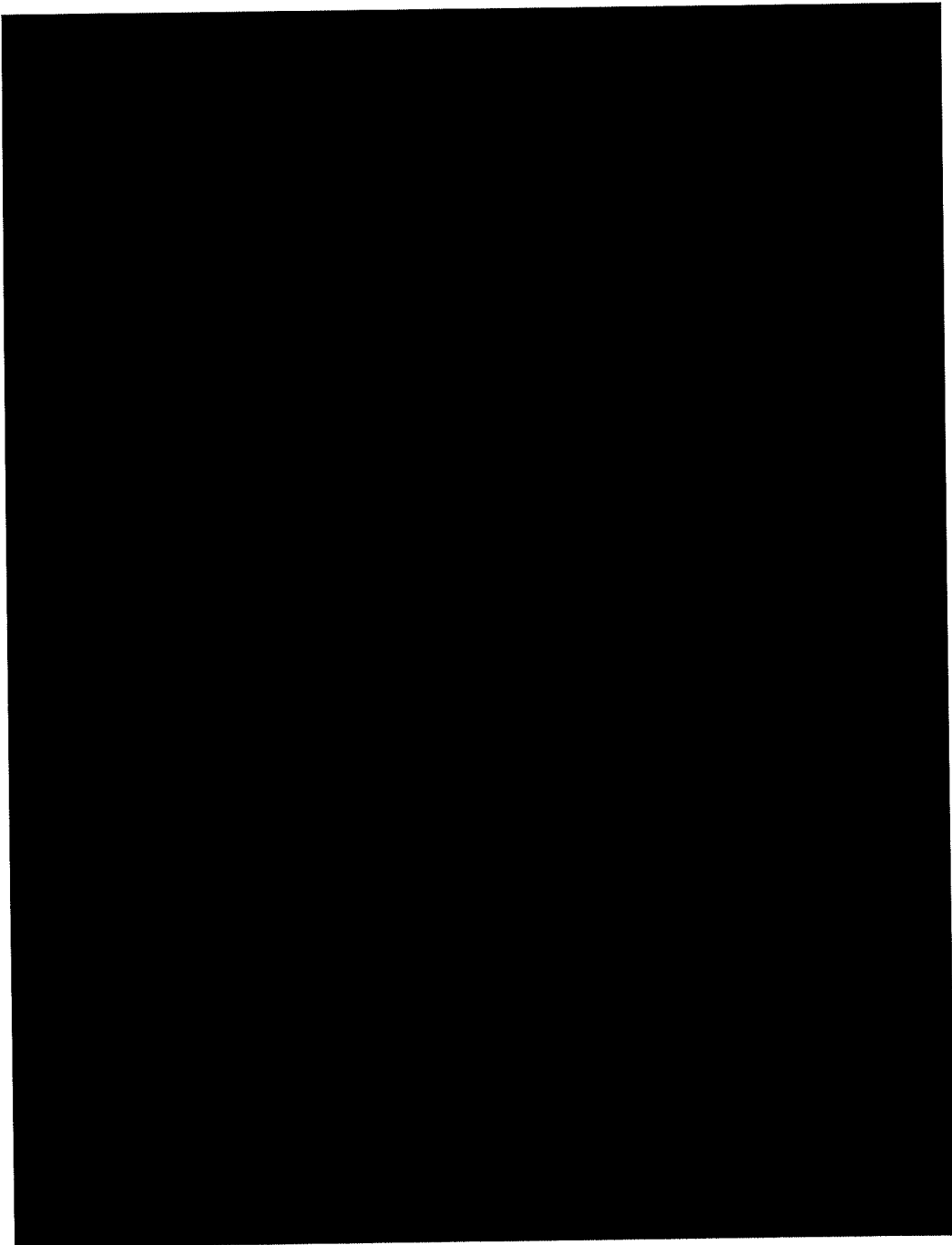
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a) Priests: (continued)

Dave Braun: whom say Dave hasn't even taken the first step toward [REDACTED] He should go to [REDACTED]. He has been seen staggering at morning Mass. Jerry Hartmann says Dave is not needed at St. Francis Xavier. Tom Ventura encouraged John Finnegan to gather solid information on Dave's situation and report it to Andy McDonagh.



A G E N D A

Meeting #11-The Ninth Board

Place: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

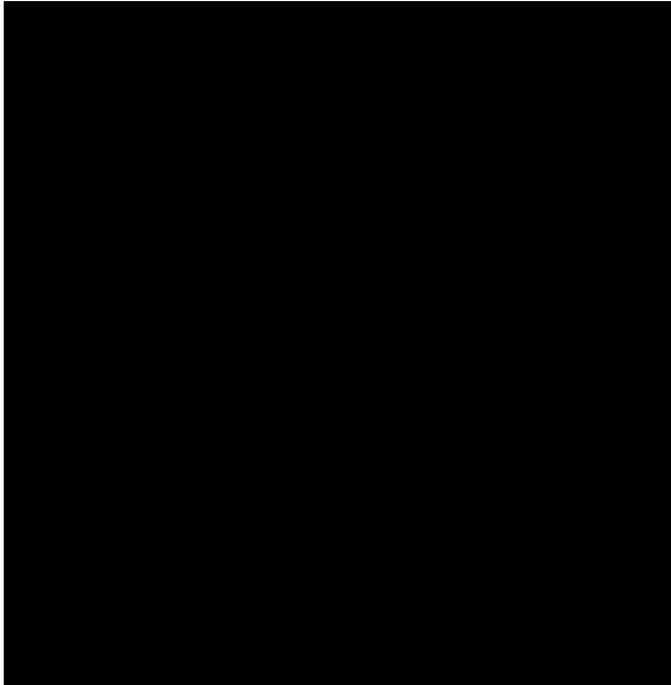
Date: November 3, 1983

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2. Acceptance of Minutes:
3. Reports:



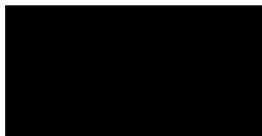
4. Acceptance of Agenda:
5. Business:

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b) Priests:

Dave Braun





Agenda, Meeting #11, The Ninth Board, Thursday, Nov. 3, 1983, APC Office

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6. Old Business:

7. New Business:

8. Preview: 

9. Adjournment:

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b) Priests:

Dave Braun: Place on next week's agenda.

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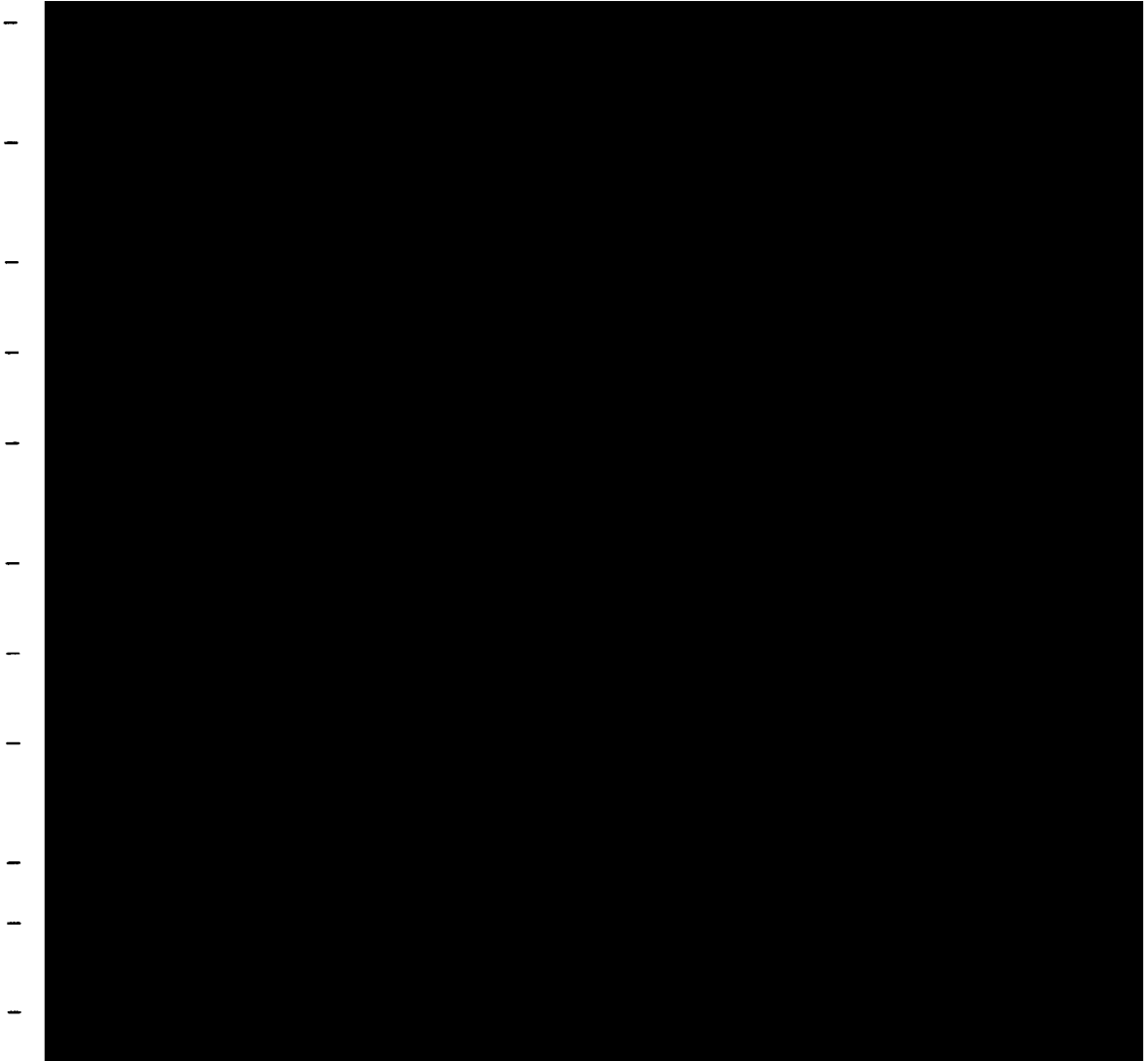
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6. Old Business: None

A G E N D A

Meeting #12-The Ninth Board  
Place: Clergy Personnel Board  
Date: November 11, 1983

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend John P. Finnegan
2. Acceptance of Minutes:
3. Reports:



4. Acceptance of Agenda:

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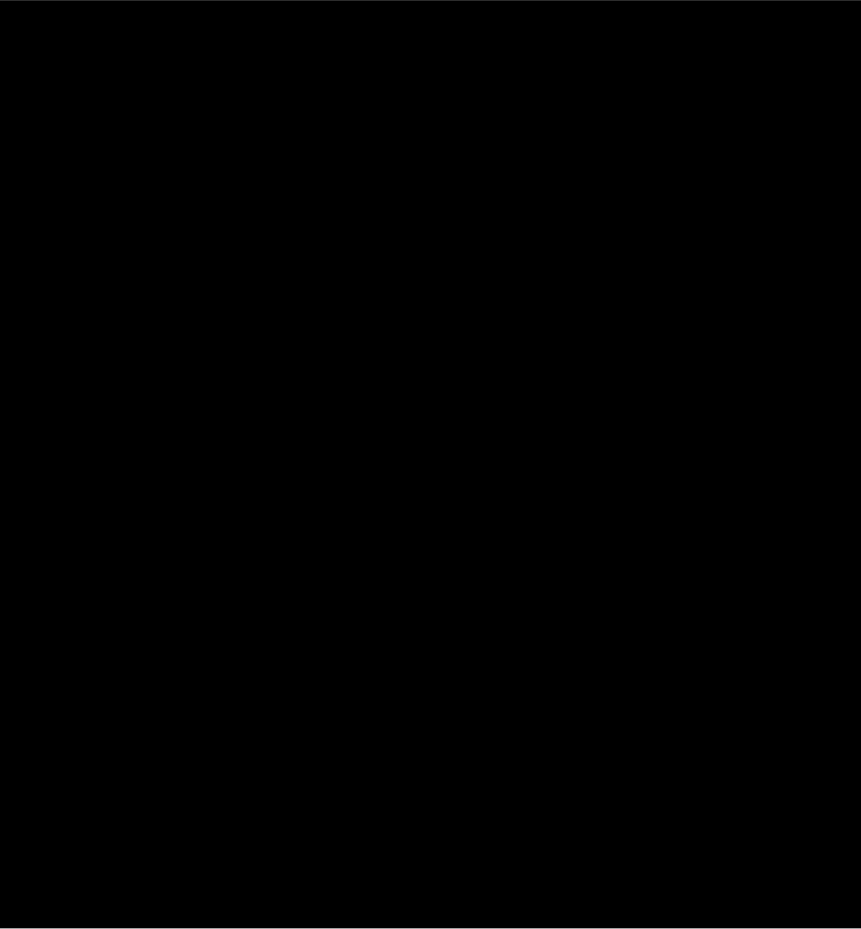
5. Business:

a) Priests:

Dave Braun



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7. New Business:

8. Old Business:

9. Preview:



10. Adjournment:

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S  
Meeting #12-The Ninth Board

Date: Friday, November 11, 1983

Present: Reverends: John P. Finnegan, William B. Gubbins, Joseph P. Grembla,  
Lawrence P. McBrady, Richard F. Schroeder, Kenneth J.  
Velo, John G. Vlazny

Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend John P. Finnegan

2. Acceptance of Minutes: 5-0

3. Reports:

- [REDACTED]

4. Acceptance of Agenda: ADD: [REDACTED] 5-0

5. Business:

a) Priests:

Dave Braun: Dave told John Finnegan that he didn't "fall off the wagon" while on vacation. Dave wants to remain at St. Francis Xavier and, because he no longer has an outside job he would like to become an associate. John feels Dave should go to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Fr. M. Brady*

A G E N D A

Meeting #13-The Ninth Board

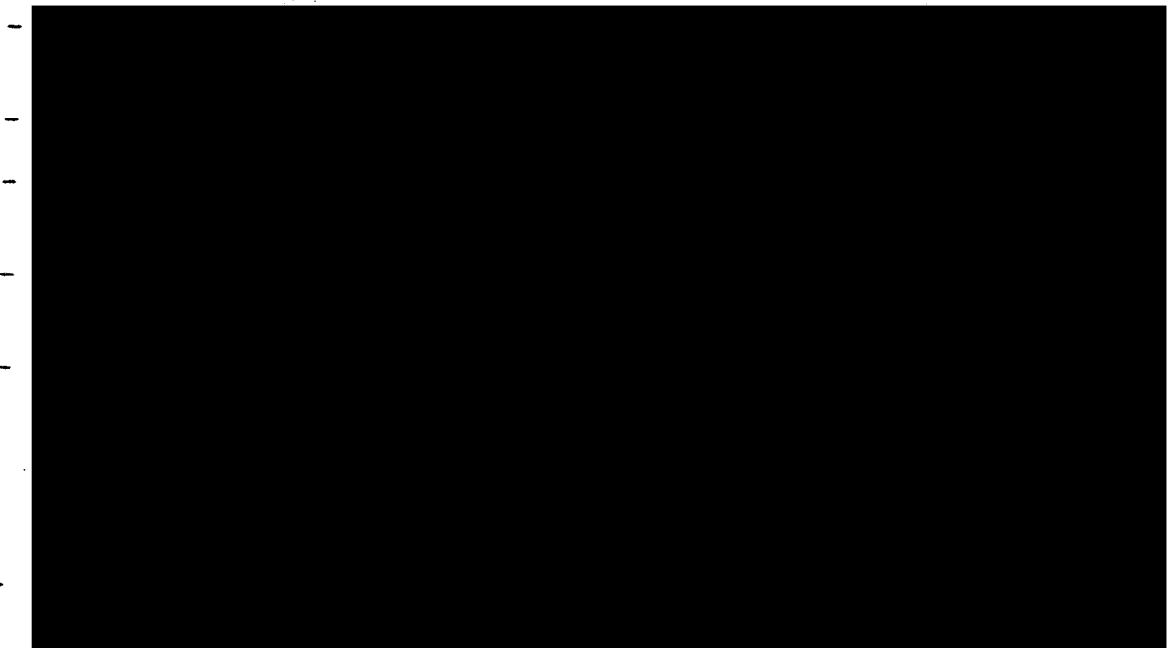
Place: Clergy Personnel Board

Date: November 18, 1983

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Joseph P. Grembla

2. Acceptance of Minutes:

3. Reports:



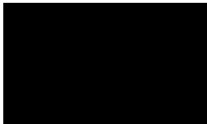
- Dave Braun is going to [redacted] on Monday. Andy McDonagh is concerned about whether he will be transferred or not. (See Agenda)

4. Acceptance of Agenda:

5. Business:

a) Priests:

Dave Braun [redacted]



b) [redacted]

c) [redacted]

6. [redacted]

Agenda, Meeting #13, The Ninth Board, Friday, November 18, 1983, CPB Office

7. Old Business:

8. New Business:

9. Preview: No meeting next Friday: Happy Thanksgiving to all!

10. Adjournment:

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5. Business:

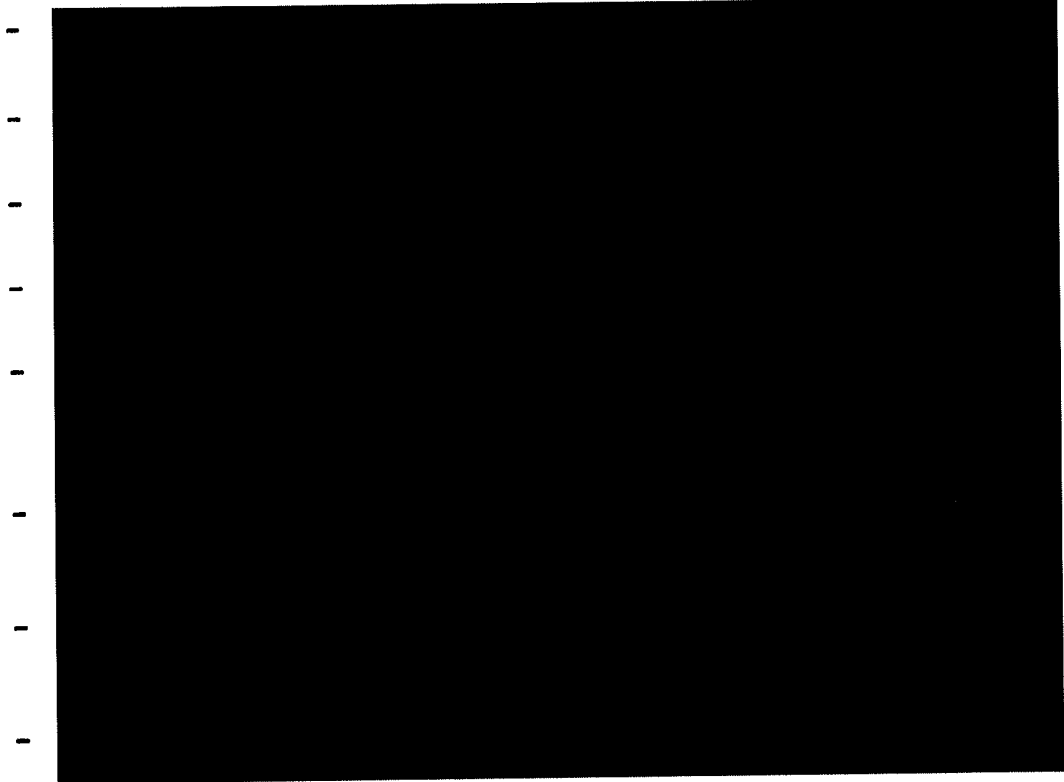
a) Priests:

Dave Braun:

[REDACTED] There will have to be changes in the rectory at St. Francis Xavier. We will reassure Andy that we will be careful with Dave. It was felt that he should move on in June. Perhaps he could be exempted from the open-list. Bill will discuss options with Andy.

[REDACTED]





4. Acceptance of Agenda:

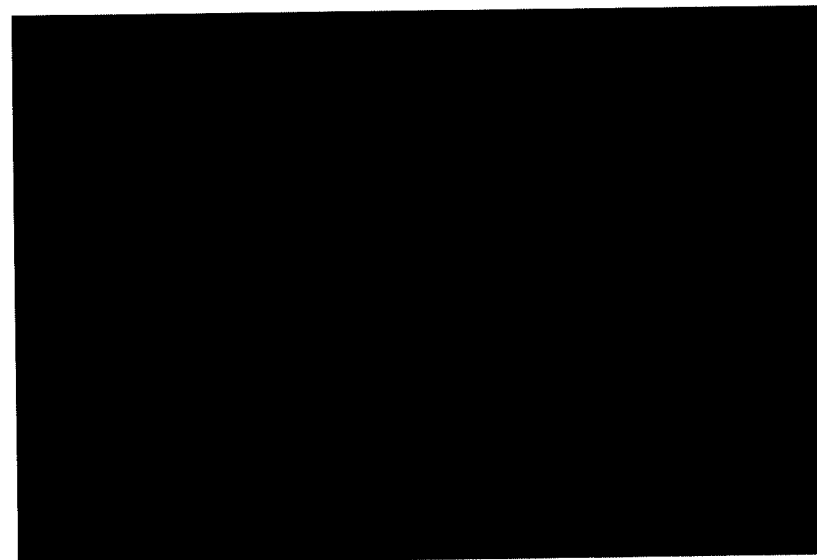
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Dave Braun



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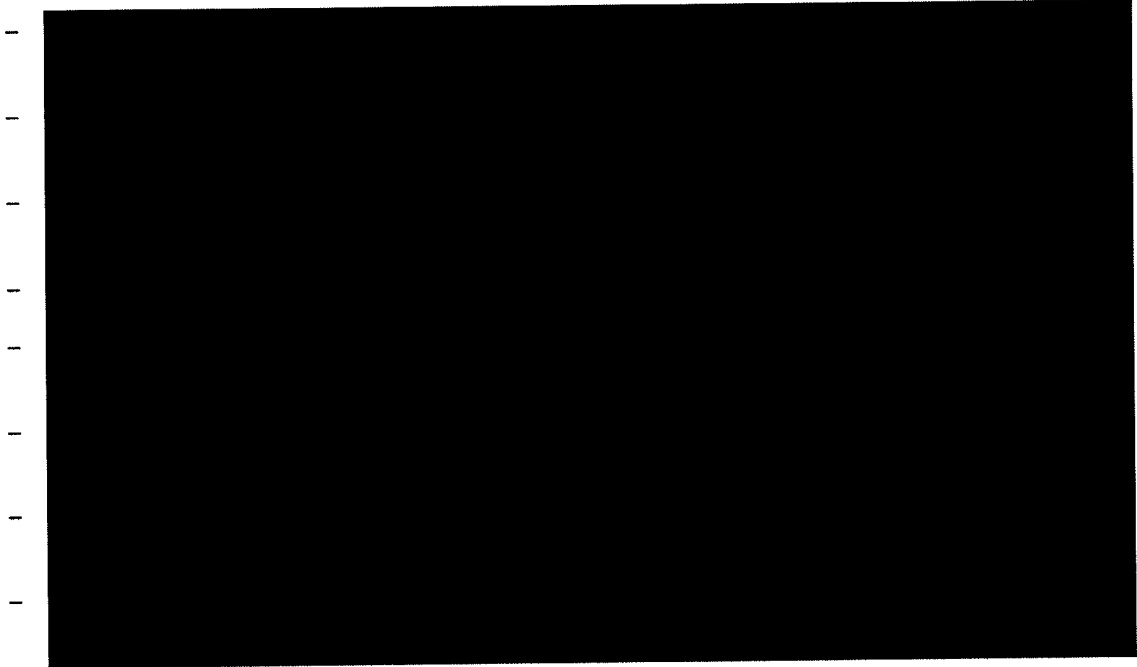
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Meeting #14-The Ninth Board

Date: December 2, 1983

Present: Reverends: Vincent F. Costello, John P. Finnegan, Joseph P. Grembla,  
William B. Gubbins, Lawrence P. McBrady, Robert E. McLaughlin,  
Richard F. Schroeder, Kenneth J. Velo, John G. Vlazny

Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend William B. Gubbins
2. Acceptance of Minutes: 7-0
3. Reports:



4. Acceptance of Agenda: ADD:



7-0

5. Business:

a) Priests:

Dave Braun: See St. Francis Xavier.

Minutes, Meeting #14, The Ninth Board, Friday, December 2, 1983, CPB Office

b) Parishes:

St. Francis Xavier, Wilmette: Bill reported that Andy McDonagh is concerned about Jerry Hartmann's campaign to become pastor. Also, Dave Braun is due back on December 22nd. There are four suites and four people in the rectory (Burke, Hartmann, Braun, Morrissey); if a new pastor is appointed from outside, someone will have to go. Hartmann and Braun should both be up for transfer in June. We agreed to let the room issue remain pending until the appointment of a new pastor. [REDACTED]

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*Fr. McBrady*

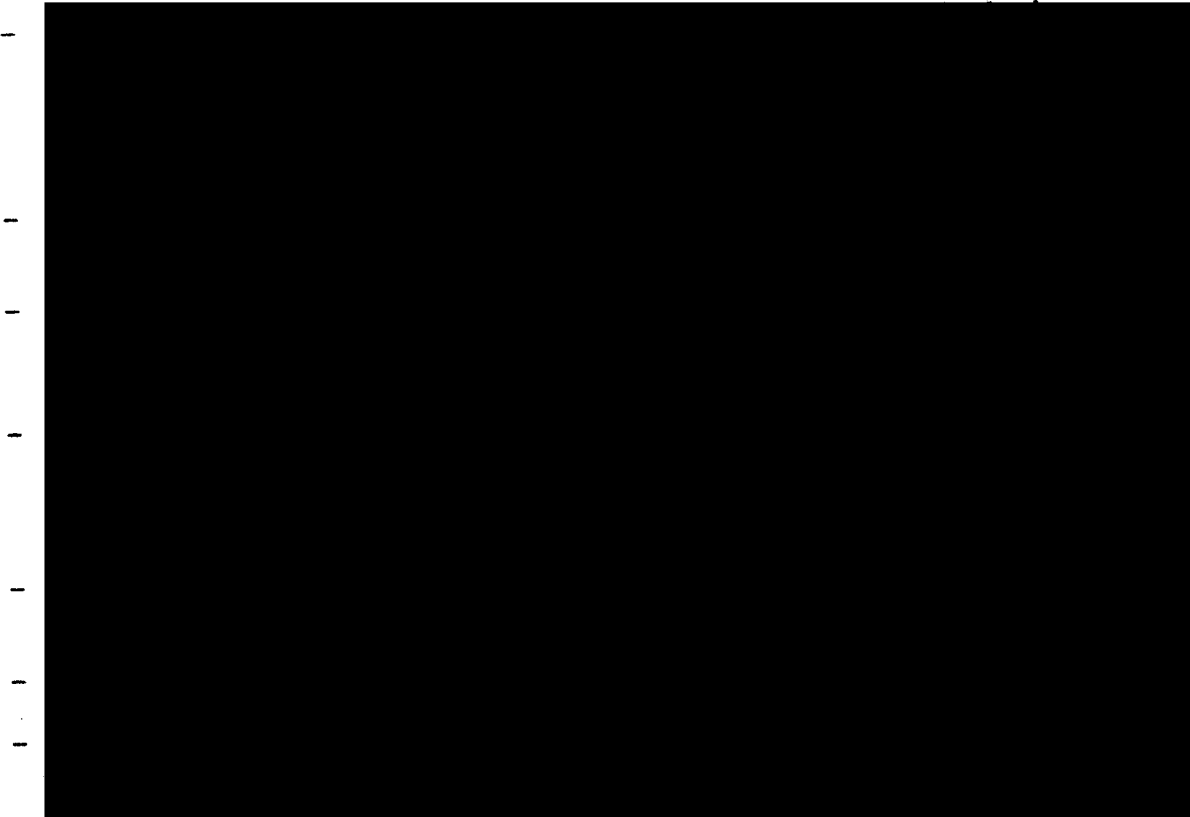
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Meeting #15-The Ninth Board

Place: Clergy Personnel Board

Date: December 9, 1983

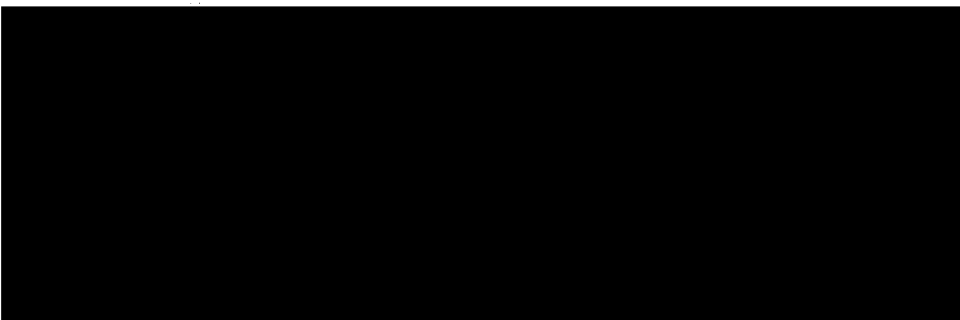
1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Lawrence P. McBrady
2. Acceptance of Minutes:
3. Reports:



- Andy McDonagh will talk to Dave Braun about the space situation at St. Francis Xavier and get back to us.



4. Approval of Agenda:
5. Business:



Agenda, Meeting #15, The Ninth Board, Friday, December 9, 1983, CPB Office

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6. 1:00 p.m. Appointment: Tom Ventura

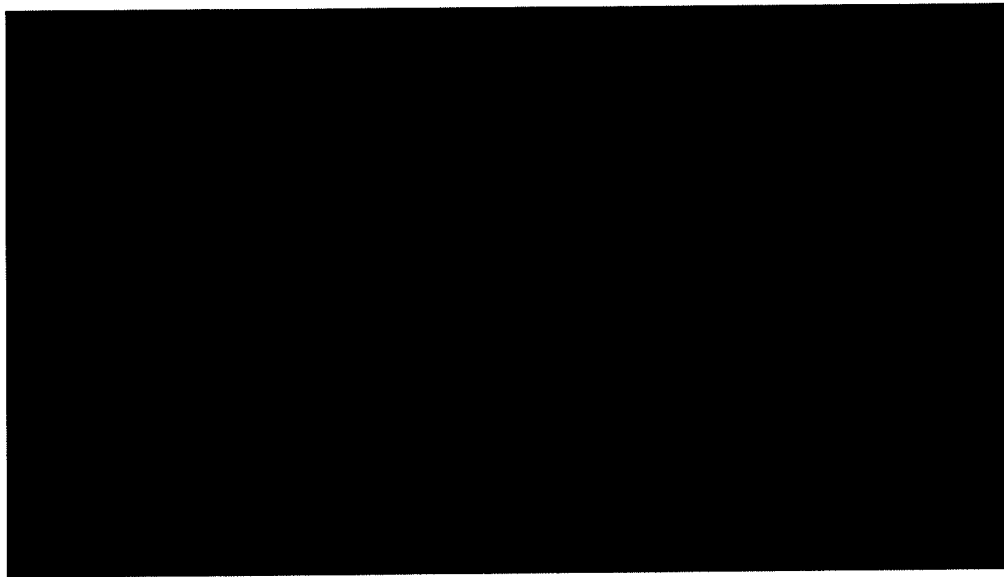
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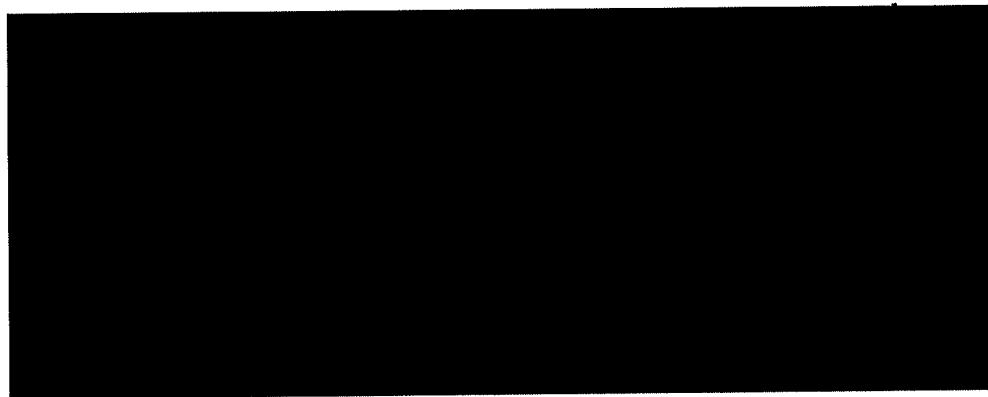
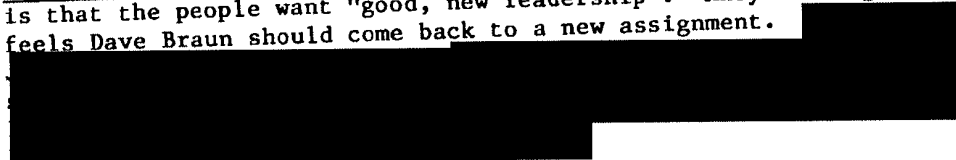
9. Preview:

10. Adjournment:

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



St. Francis Xavier: The message that seems to be coming through is that the people want "good, new leadership". Andy McDonagh feels Dave Braun should come back to a new assignment.



7. New Business:



8. Old Business: None

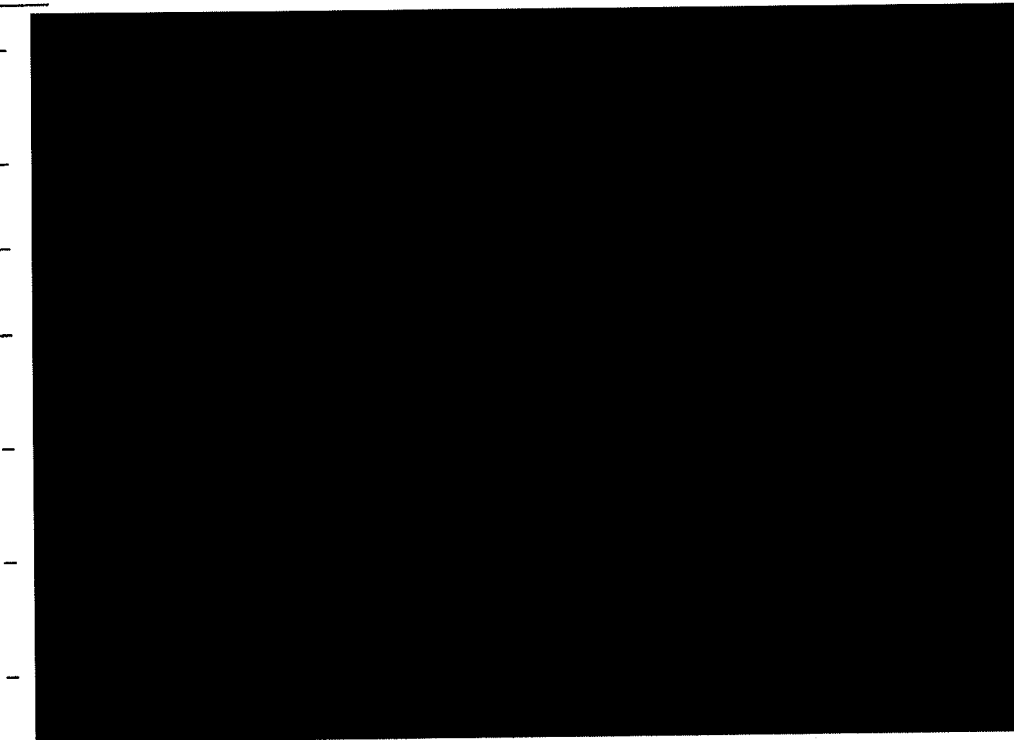
9. Preview:



10. Adjournment: 3:17 p.m.

A G E N D A  
Meeting #16-The Ninth Board  
Place: Clergy Personnel Board  
Date: December 16, 1983

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Robert E. McLaughlin
2. Acceptance of Minutes:
3. Reports:



- Dave Braun is coming back from [redacted] on Sunday and is willing to leave St. Francis Xavier. He will be in contact with us after Christmas for a new assignment. (See Agenda)

4. Acceptance of Agenda:
5. Business:

a) Priests:

Dave Braun



Minutes, Meeting #16, The Ninth Board, Friday, Dec. 16, 1983, CPB Office

4. Acceptance of Agenda: ADD:

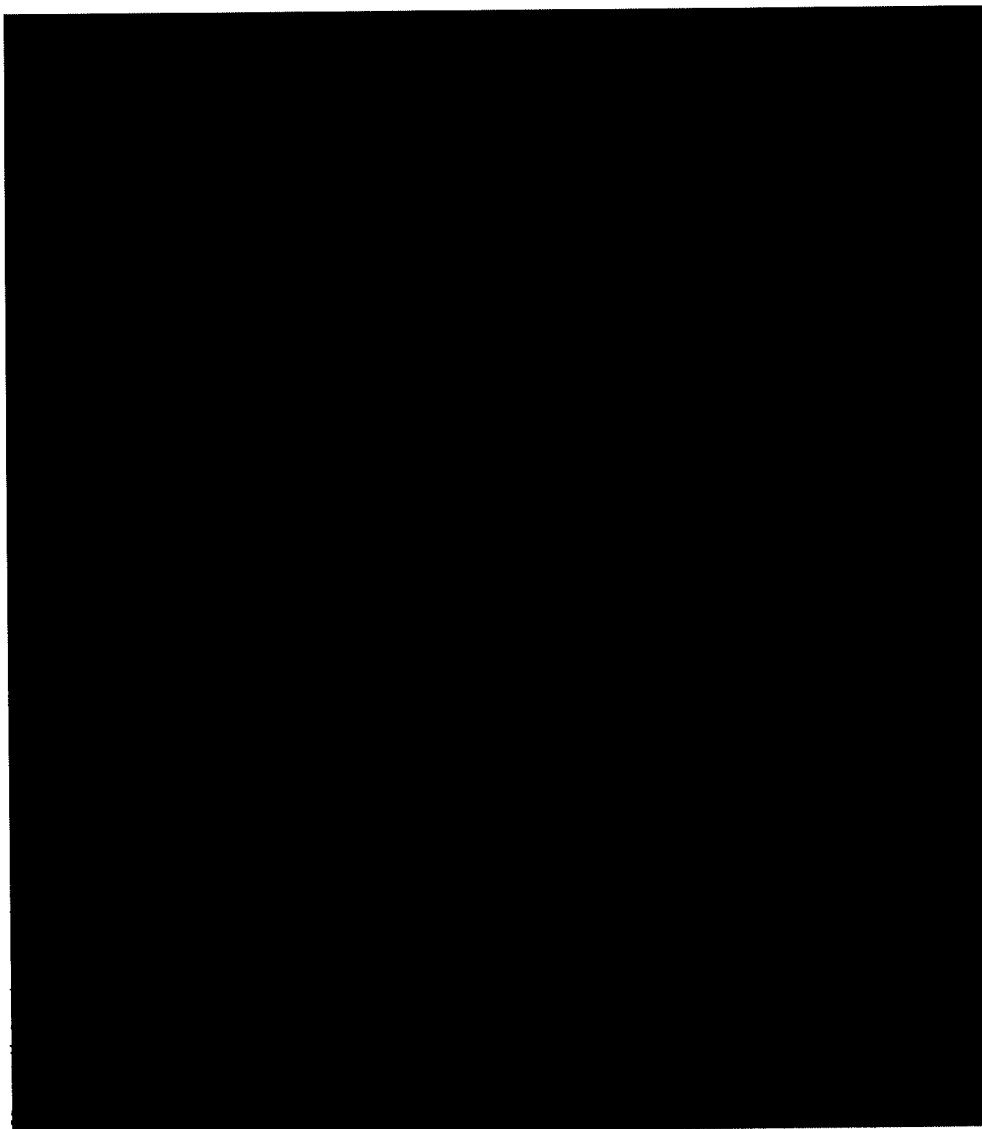
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5. Business:

a) Priests:

Dave Braun: Dave wants several suggestions for his new assignment.  
Bill will handle this.







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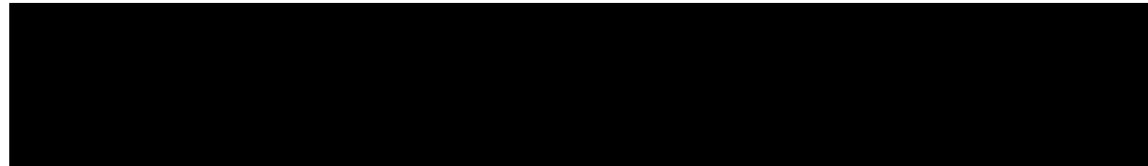
*Vicar for Priests*  
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Off: (312) 642-1837  
Res: (312) 528-0540

December 21, 1983

Reverend David F. Braun  
Saint Francis Xavier Rectory  
912 Linden Avenue  
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Dear Dave:

First of all, Season's Greetings! I hope you have a very holy and a happy Christmas and a good beginning to the New Year.



My understanding is that you will be returning to [redacted] on or before January 3. Good luck with [redacted]. The sooner you finish, the sooner you can continue your apostolate of service to God's people here in the Archdiocese. We can certainly use your talents and abilities since, as you know, there are quite a few parishes which are currently short-handed.

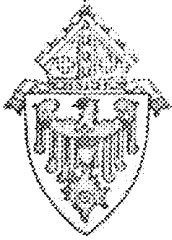
If I can be of assistance, let me know. God bless you now and always.

Sincerely,

Tom Ventura

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bcc: Reverend Andrew J. McDonagh



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

March 16, 1984

Dear Father Braun:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Paul McArdle, Pastor of St. Joseph parish in Round Lake, Illinois. This appointment is made following the recommendation of the Clergy Personnel Board.

This appointment is effective immediately, but I ask that you make arrangements with the pastor about the exact date you will assume your new duties. It is also made with the understanding that it will be for a period of one year. This will conclude in June of 1985.

At this time I would like to thank you for all that you have done at St. Francis Xavier parish. It is my hope that you will be renewed in spirit as you begin this new priestly assignment. I am sure that the people of St. Joseph parish will warmly receive you as you minister to their needs.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

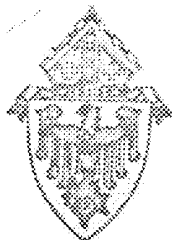
Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend David Braun  
St. Francis Xavier Church  
912 Linden Ave.  
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

cc: Reverend Paul McArdle  
Reverend Edward Harnett  
Clergy Personnel Board

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Office of the Chancellor  
312/751-8220

June 27, 1984

Rev. David F. Braun  
St. Joseph Church  
114 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Round Lake, Illinois 60073

Dear Father Braun:

Due to the death of Rev. Paul L. McArdle, the office of Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Round Lake, Illinois, has become vacant.

In accord with Canons 539 and 540, and by special mandate of Cardinal Bernardin, I am pleased to appoint you as Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Church. This appointment is effective immediately and will terminate with the appointment of a new pastor.

I wish to thank you for accepting this added responsibility. I am confident that you will fulfill this office with competence, compassion, and in accord with the attached guidelines.

I am sure that the people of St. Joseph parish will be well served during this interim period, and that they in turn will support you in your ministry to them. Be assured of my own availability if you need any assistance.

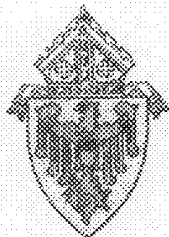
With prayers and good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

  
Rev. John C. Hergenrother  
Chancellor

cc - Most Rev. John G. Vlazny, Episcopal Vicar, Deanery 1  
Rev. Msgr. Harry C. Koenig, Dean, Deanery 1  
Rev. Steven W. Patte, Associate Pastor, St. Joseph Church  
Clergy Personnel Board

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Office of the Archbishop

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

July 1, 1985

Dear Father Braun:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer, Pastor of Saint Thomas of Villanova parish, Palatine, Illinois. This appointment is made following the recommendation of the Clergy Personnel Board.

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

At this time I would like to thank you for the good work you have done at Saint Joseph parish. Your priestly ministry there has been productive of much good and also, I am sure, deeply appreciated by the people.

Know that as you begin your new assignment you have my support and prayers. I in turn ask for your prayers and support in the work that I am doing.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend David F. Braun  
Saint Joseph Church  
114 North Lincoln Avenue  
Round Lake, Illinois 60073

cc: Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer  
Reverend Raymond F. Skriba  
Clergy Personnel Board

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*St. Thomas of Villanova Church*

1152 EAST ANDERSON DRIVE  
PALATINE, ILLINOIS 60067

Aug. 8, 1985

Rev. Thomas Ventura  
Vicar for Priests  
800 N. Clark Street, Suite 311  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter of July 26 - it was good to hear from you.

Also, thank you for sharing your feelings and concern for me re: the events of the past six months. [REDACTED]

My move to St. Thomas took place July 2, and it has been a good experience ever since. The welcome here has been the warmest ever in my life. There is a new scope to the experience here of true pastoral ministry, and I am a bit excited about it. There is Cursillo, CRHP, Outreach, and a fabulous Ministry of Care. The five deacons are active, and the Small groups that I've become involved with are good. Overall, I like what God has done for me, and I'm grateful.

Not getting an appointment at the regular time was trying, but my classmate on the Personnel Board, John Finnegan, and several other classmates gave me great support.

"Lord, it is good for me to be here" sum up my thoughts right now, Tom. Thank you again for your patience and understanding, encouragement and follow-up.

In Christ,



Dave Braun

To: file

From: T. Ventura

RE: Rev. David BRAUN

3 July 1987

11-14-83: Confrontation with B. concerning his drinking.

Case manager: Fr. A. Mc Donagh.

11-30-83: Letter of support from TV to B.

12-7-83: Response from B. Positive.

12-12-83:

12-14-83:

12-21-83: Letter to B. indicating that he is to return to  
on January 3, 1984.

1-3-84: Report to Cardinal concerning B. and possibility  
of his playing a role in his return to

1-3-84:

1-10-84:

1-30-84: B. is concerned that he is  
not getting an adequate check from the parish.

2-7-84:

2-7-84: Contact with W. Halliday of Personnel Board

asking him to a) contact [redacted] about turning

of process of reassignment of B. and C) to write

B. a letter stating that he will not be returning

to Wilmette and will go to a new assignment in

the spring.

2-8-84: consultation with J. Hartman, administrator

in Wilmette. He will pay B. a full salary as

in our policy.

2-23-84:

3-13-84:

3-16-84:

4-5-84:

B. reports that he is willing in to a new

assignment ~~in long term~~. Personnel Board made

it for one year to June 1985 at which time they

will be a reevaluation.

8-8-85: Letter from B. New assignment began in  
positive in July. Happy.

- 1-27-86: Bishop [REDACTED], Episcopal Vicar, contacted me for advice. Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] of Glenview expressed concern about B's relationship to [REDACTED] age 29 in connection with [REDACTED]. I suggested A) that Bishop [REDACTED] confront B. with the information and B) inform [REDACTED] and Fr. Mc Donagh who are case managers & supervisors for B. They have a much more adequate past & current knowledge of his situation.
- 2-7-86: Bishop [REDACTED] reports that he followed up on the matter and met with B. There seemed to be some concern about the accuracy of the information. [REDACTED] was impressed at the way B. handled the whole situation. [REDACTED] and Mc Donagh also dealt with B. about it.
- 8-3-86: A file review by J. R. Kealy, Chancellor, revealed that B. had been accused of inappropriate sexual activities in 1963. Msgr. Byrne confronted him [REDACTED] & consulted with D. D. Mc Donagh about this information from the past. He was aware of this and stated that he and [REDACTED] had been working with B. on these issues which were connected with his drinking and that currently B. was doing well. They will continue to supervise him.
- 5-18-87: Contact with B. He is grateful that things were handled well for him in January 1984 and has been doing well since then.



7-3-87: Reflection upon my end of term: Since B. has had a long and productive relationship with [REDACTED] and Fr. Mr. Donagh I recommend that the Vicar for Priests continue to play a secondary role in the supervision of B. and consider them to be his primary contact persons regarding the Archdiocese.



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November 24, 1989

**David Braun, '54** - St. Thomas Villanova

Meeting: Villa

Re: Transfer

1. He wants to stay. Is there 5 years. People are nice - is in to many.
2. Smoking seems the main controversy between Wally and Dave.
3. Does all Sacramental Ministry
  - Scheduling
  - Seniors
  - A.A-A.C.D.A
  - Counseling
  - Attend all Staff
  - Work with Decon
  - Attend all Parish functions
  - Stand in side door to greet people
4. Dan Buck elected to leave after 4½ years.

Wants to stay North - e.g. Ray Pavis

Contact man - 5 years ago - John Finnegan - Applied for Round Lake  
St. Pat's, Lake Forest

Did you take Pre-Pastor Program?

Are you Pro or Con Vatican II - In middle

No one ever said I was not Pastorale.

REPORTS: (12/08/89)

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8. David Braun '54: Dave is now 63 years of age and is not anxious to change his position as Associate Pastor at St. Thomas of Villanova. He is a smoker. Walter Huppenbauer '57, the Pastor finds smoking very offensive, even though it is not done in his presence. Dave is hopeful that Wally would agree to a request for an extension of his 5 year term which concludes in June of 1990. If this is not possible, he wonders about the possibilities of a pastorate or whether or not a pastor would accept him as an Associate at 63 years of age.

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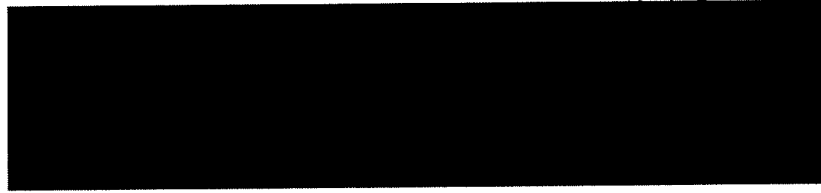
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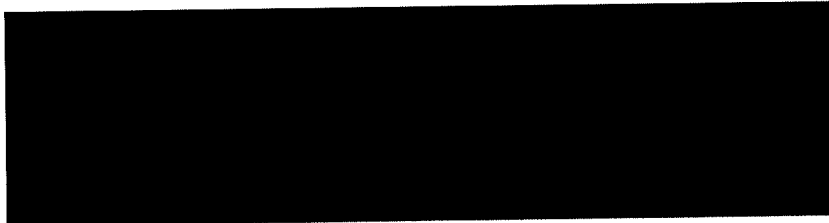
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A G E N D A

Meeting: #19 - Twelfth Board  
Date: January 12, 1990  
Place: Priest's Personnel Board

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Edward Fialkowski

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

III. Reports: (See Attached Sheet)

IV. Acceptance of Agenda:

V. Business:

A. Priests:

1. [REDACTED]
2. David Braun '54 (Report #2)
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
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7. [REDACTED]
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9. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

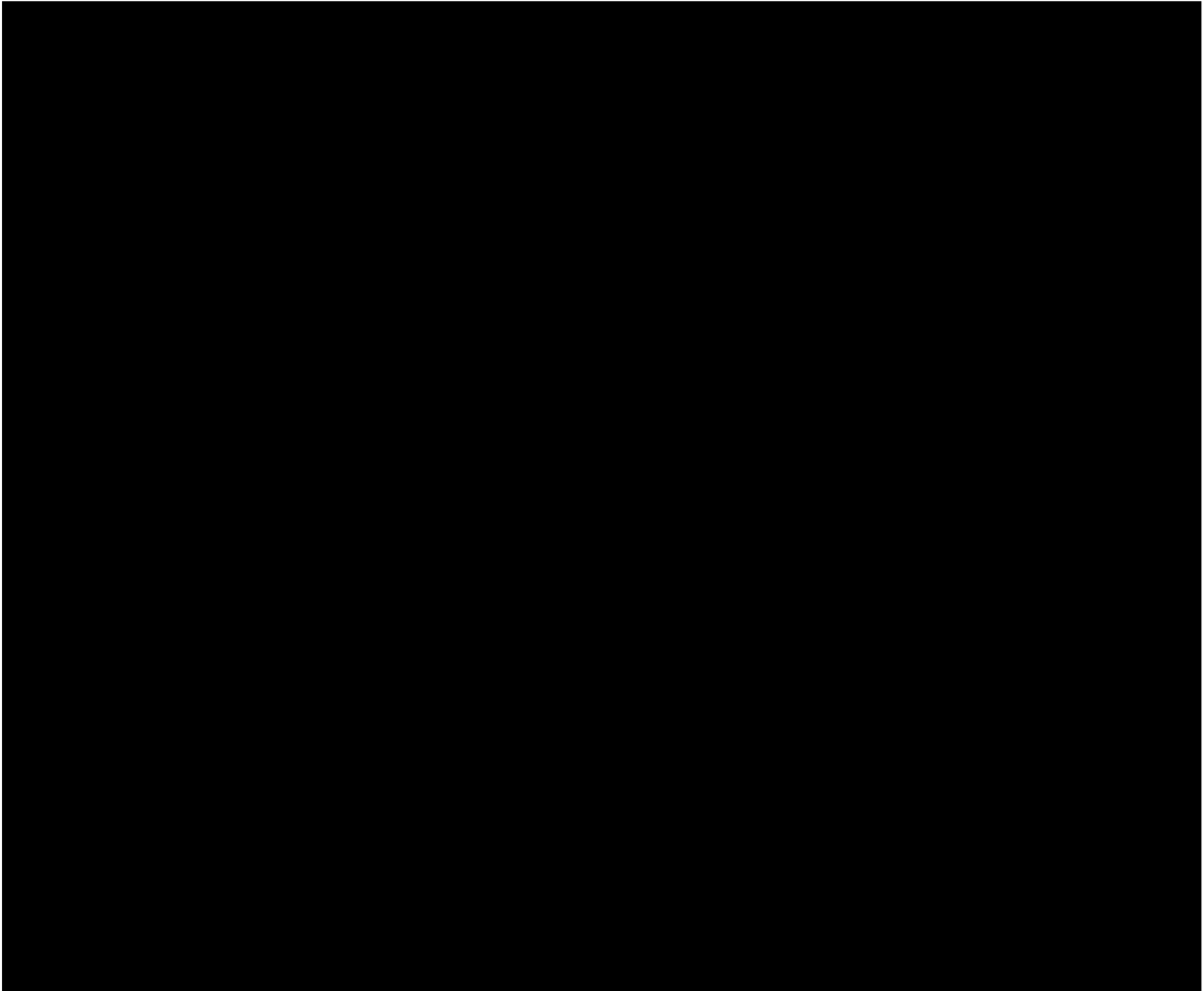
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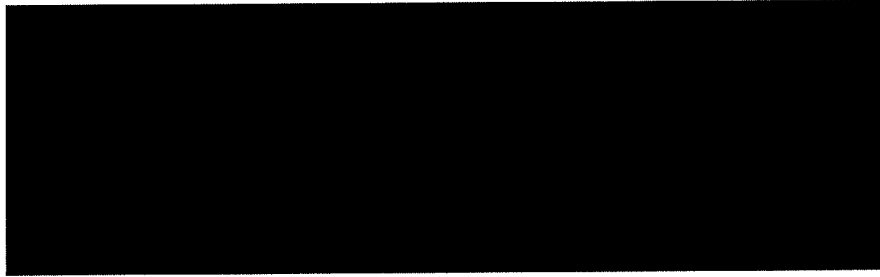
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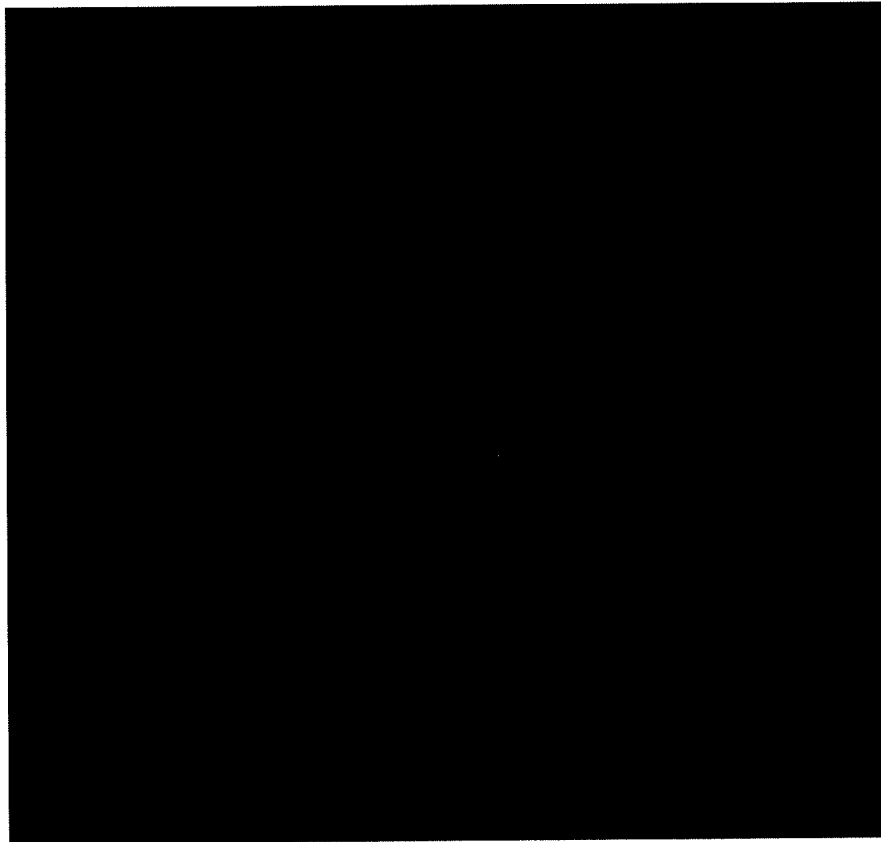
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MINUTES

Meeting: #19 - Twelfth Board

Date: January 12, 1990

Place: Priests' Personnel Board

Present: Reverends: John W. Calicott(arriv. 10:35), Raymond L. Cusack,  
Edward R. Fialkowski, George J. Kane,  
Donald J. Nevins, Michael O'Connell(arriv. 10:45),  
Victor Sivore, Kenneth J. Velo.

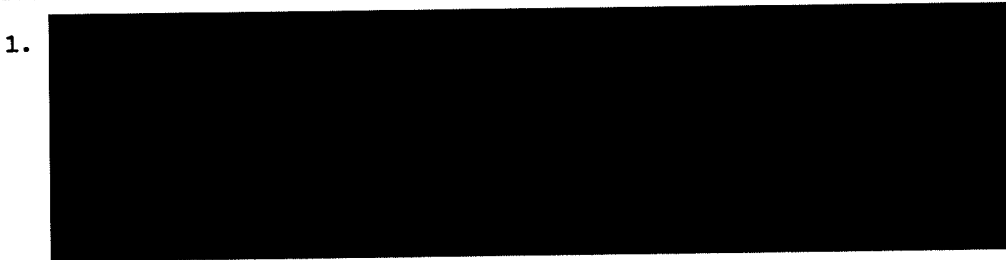
Absent: Rev. James P. Finno

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Edward R. Fialkowski 10:25 A.M.

II. Minutes: 6-0

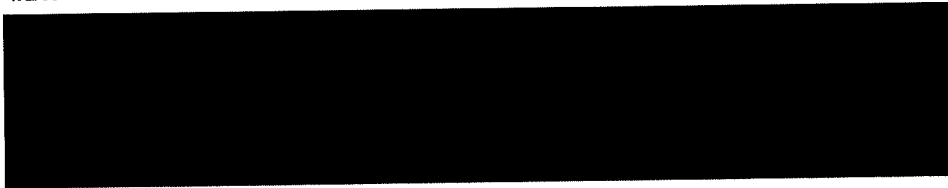
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IV. Acceptance of Agenda: 8-0

V. Business:

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2. David Braun '54:

MOTION: 7-0-1 To take Dave out of the June Change process and to have him look at parishes after all the associates are placed.

A G E N D A

Meeting: #39 - Twelfth Board  
Date: June 4, 1990  
Place: Priest's Personnel Board

- I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Donald J. Nevins
- II. Acceptance of Minutes:
- III. Reports: (See Attached Sheet)
- IV. Acceptance of Agenda:
- V. Business:

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- 22. David Braun '54 (Report #9)

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A G E N D A

Meeting: #39 - Twelfth Board  
Date: June 8, 1990  
Place: Priest's Personnel Board

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Donald J. Nevins

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

III. Reports: (See Attached Sheet)

IV. Acceptance of Agenda:

V. Business:

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22. David Braun '54

(Report #9)

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9. David Braun '54: Dave is very concerned that he find placement before he goes on vacation Sunday (6/10). He had the impression that Joseph McGinnity '56 would accept him as an Associate and Dave made St. Zachary his first choice. Joe now says that he needs more time to consider. Dave's second choice is St. Thecla's.

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THE DIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

25 WEST CHICAGO AVENUE - SUITE 500  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

(312) 944-6776

TO: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
FROM: Rev. Raymond L. Cusack *RLC*  
DATE: June 8, 1990  
SUBJECT: Priests without assignment

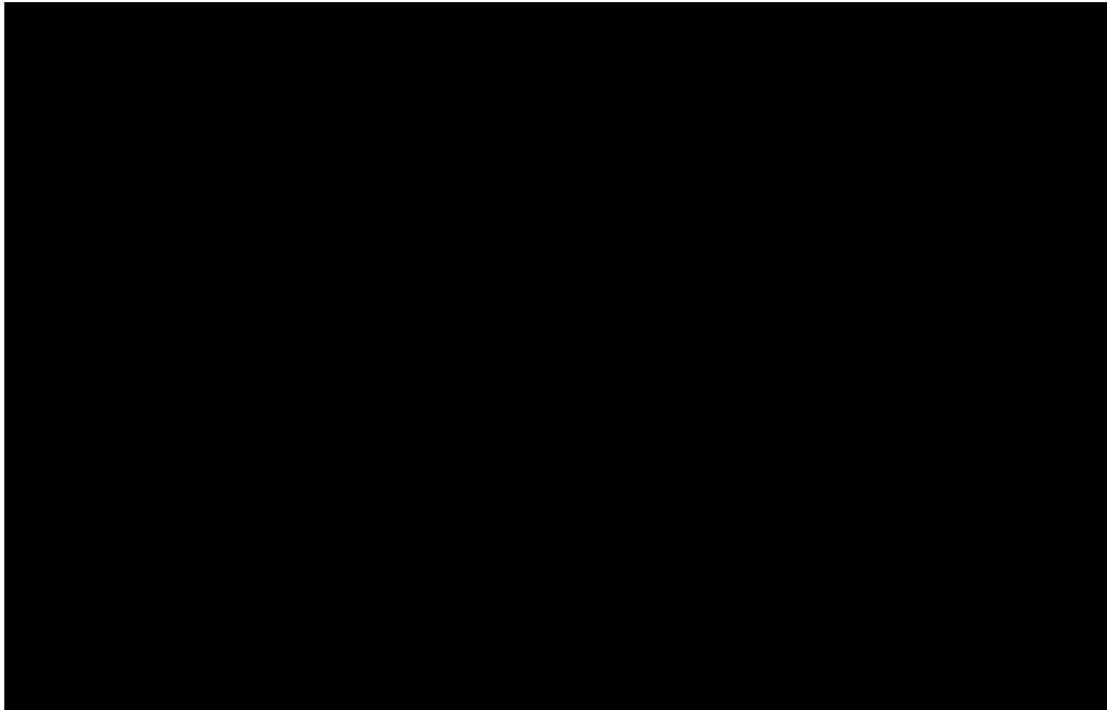
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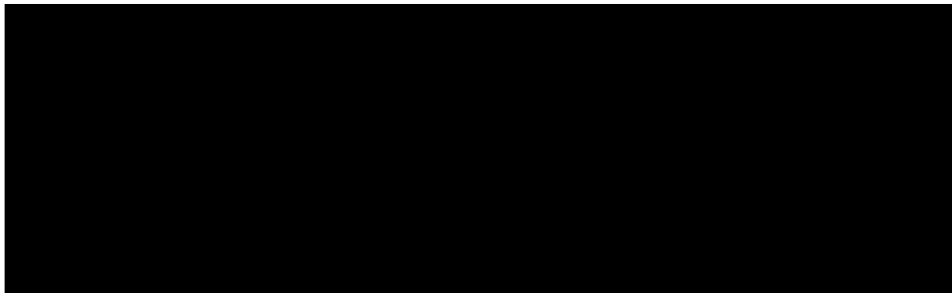


III. Priests not assigned after the '90 Associate Change process has been completed [June 11, 1990]

1. Rev. David Braun '54: has not been able to find placement as an Associate Pastor. He is presently hoping to be placed at St. Thecla.

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Be assured that the Board members will do their best to arrange placement and/or salary provisions for all involved.

RLC:dos

cc: Rev. Raymond Goedert  
Rev. Kevin Spiess

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9. David Braun '54: Dave is very concerned that he find placement before he goes on vacation Sunday (6/10). He had the impression that Joseph McGinnity '56 would accept him as an Associate and Dave made St. Zachary his first choice. Joe now says that he needs more time to consider. Dave's second choice is St. Thecla's.

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MOTION: 7-0 That Dave be assigned to St. Thecla's parish  
upon receipt of letters of agreement from  
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A G E N D A

Meeting: #42 - Twelfth Board  
Date: June 29, 1990  
Place: Priest's Personnel Board

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. John W. Calicott

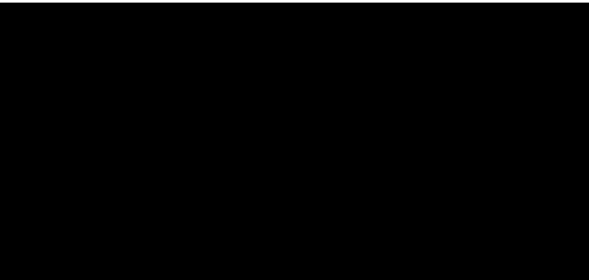
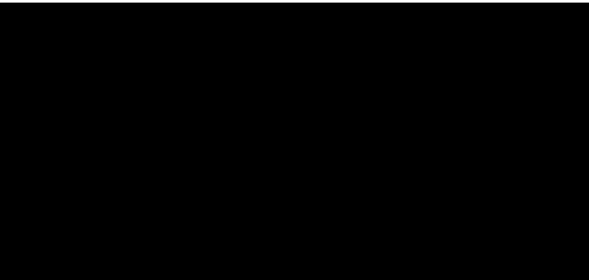
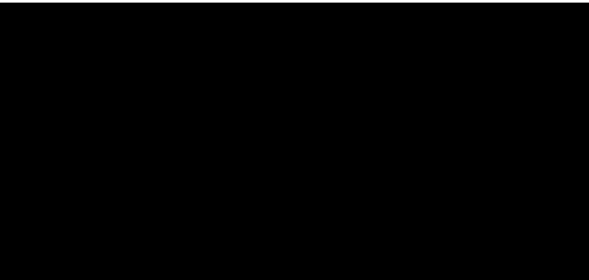
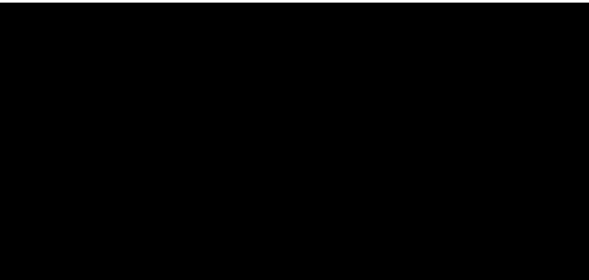
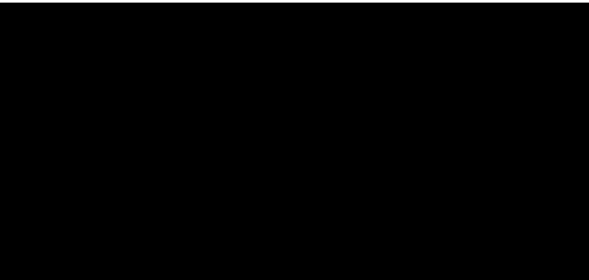
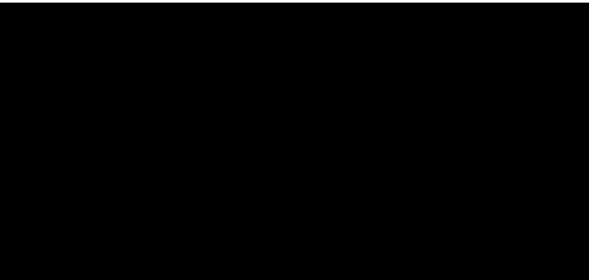
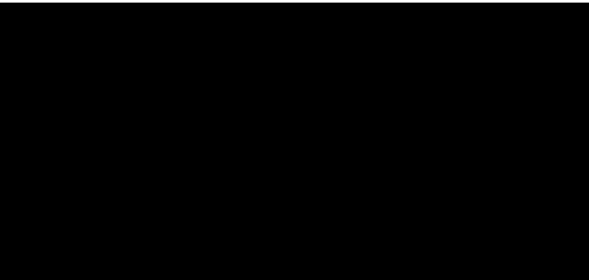
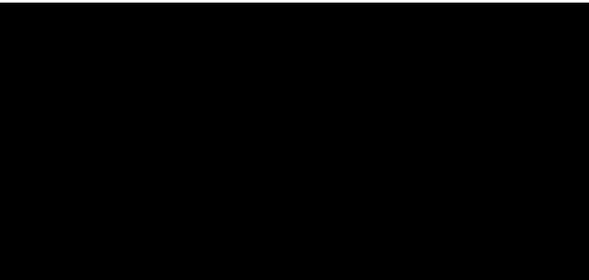
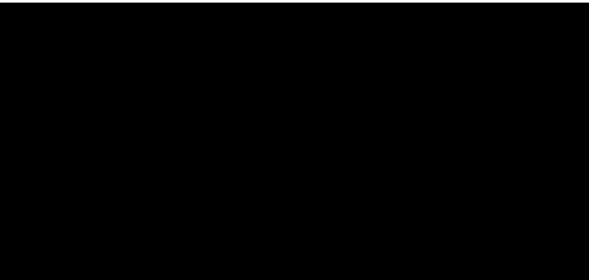
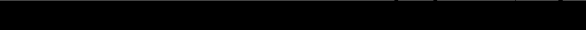
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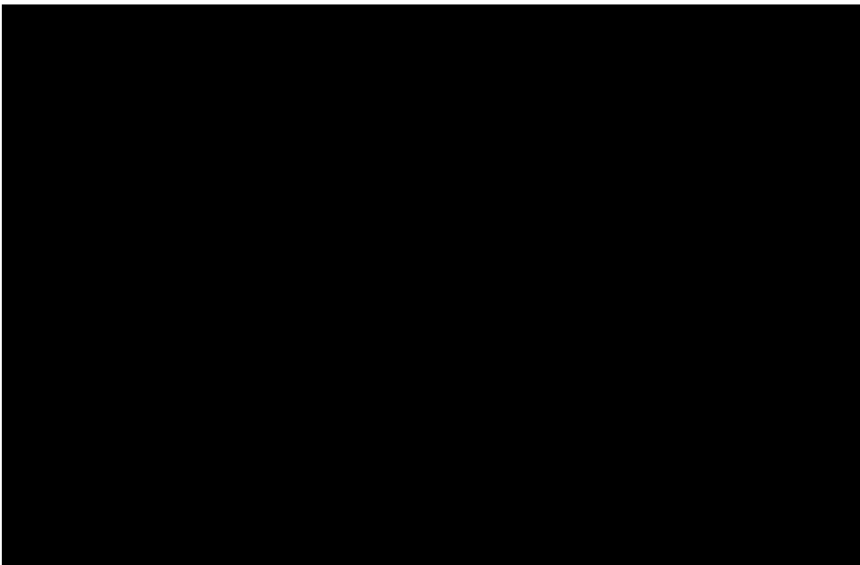
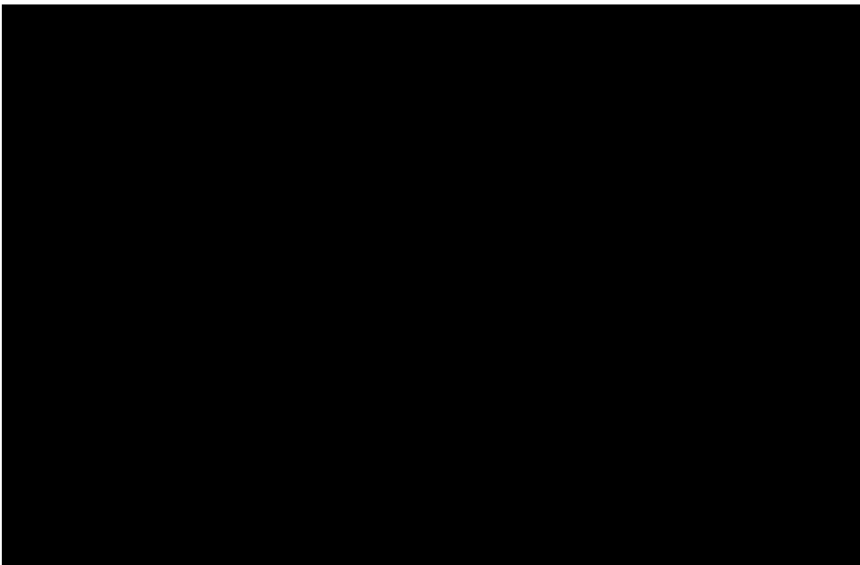
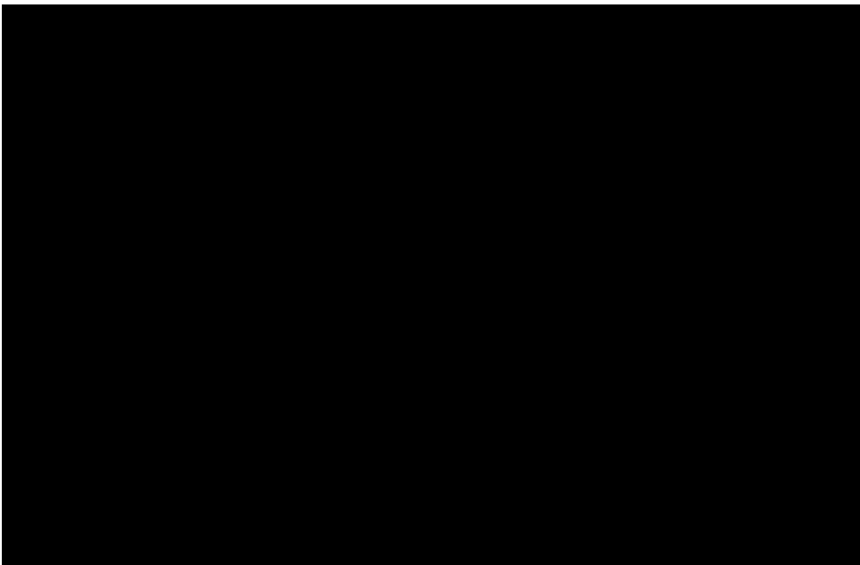
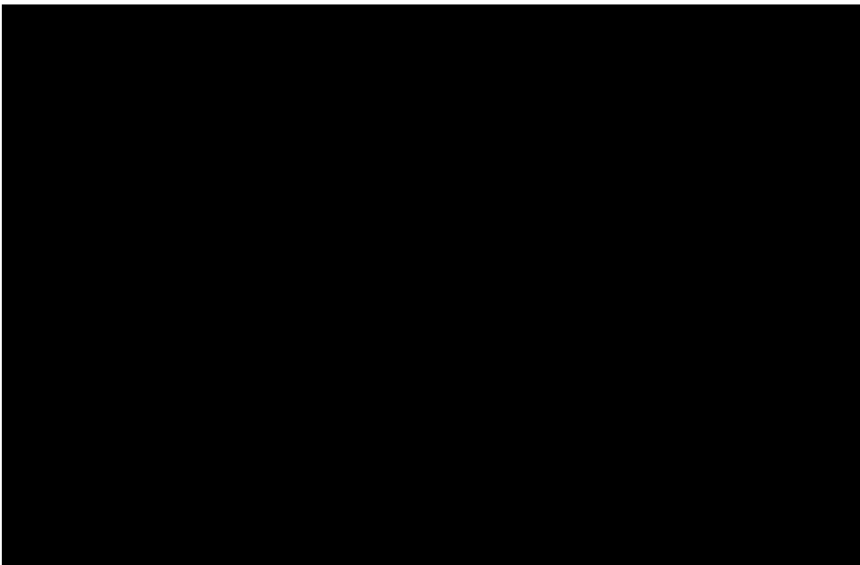
III. Reports: (See Attached Sheet)

IV. Acceptance of Agenda:

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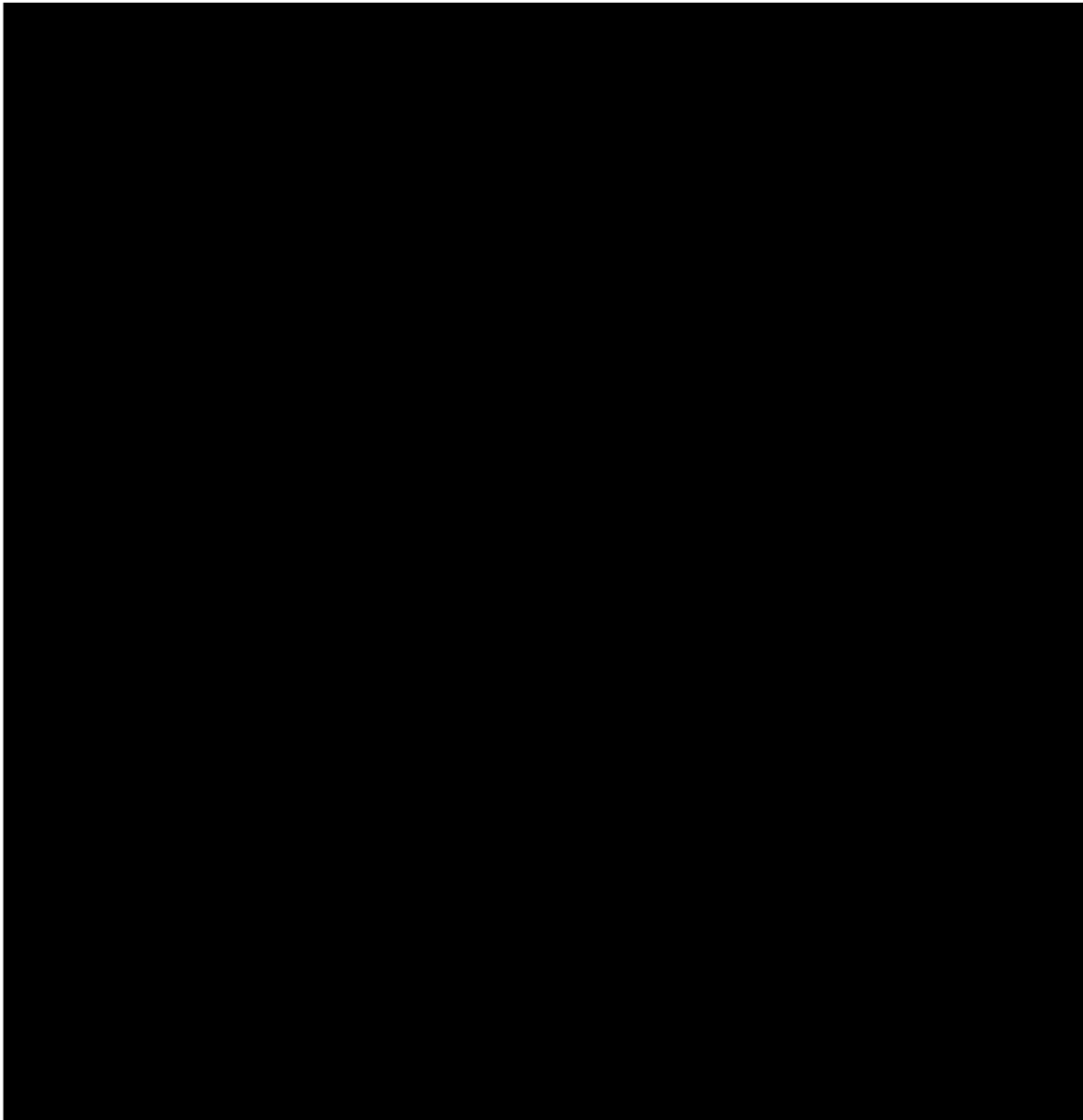
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VIII. Adjournment:

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10. David Braun '54: Gerald Rogala '66, Pastor of St. Thecla's Parish, Joseph McGinnity '56, Pastor of St. Zachary's/Des Plaines, have both decided not to accept Dave as an Associate. Dave is very disappointed. He will continue to work off the open list for placement.

A G E N D A

Meeting: #43 - Twelfth Board  
Date: July 6, 1990  
Place: Priest's Personnel Board

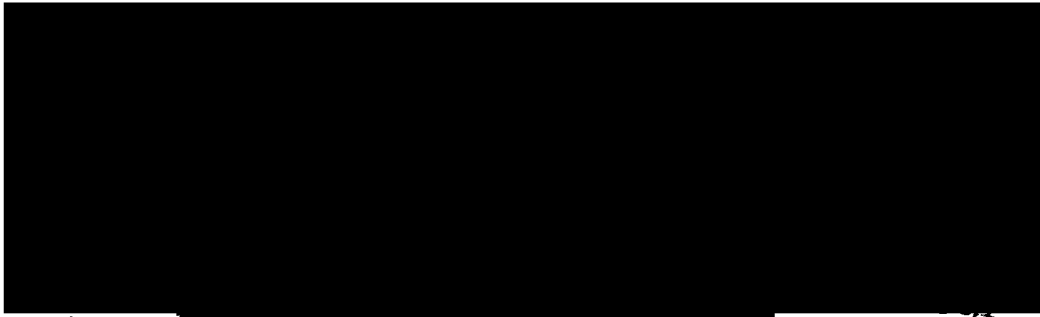
- I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Raymond L. Cusack
- II. Acceptance of Minutes:
- III. Reports: (See Attached Sheet)
- IV. Acceptance of Agenda:
- V. Business:

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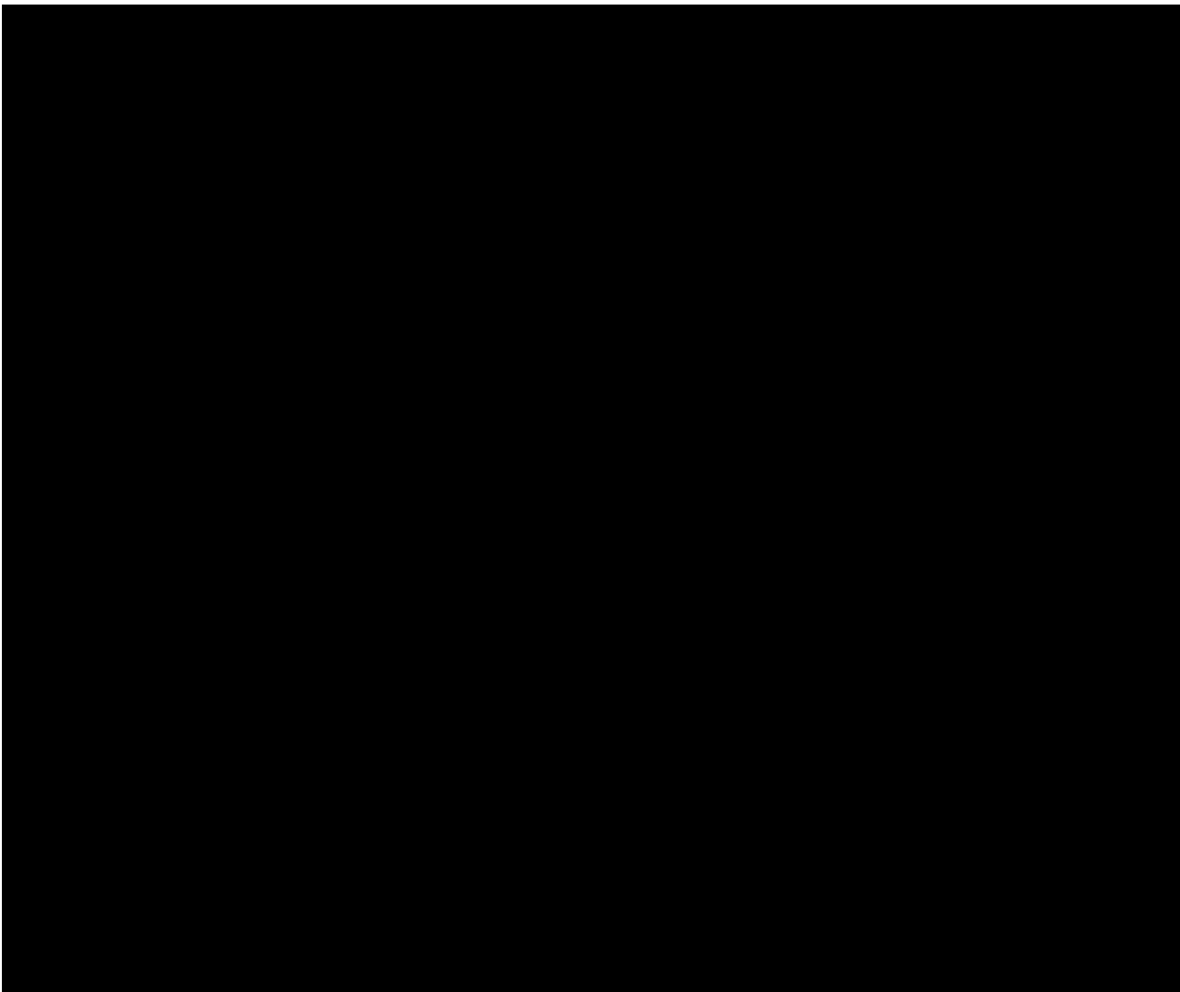


VI. Old Business:

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REPORTS: (07/06/90)

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3. David Braun '54: See page 433 / #7.  
MOTION: 7-0 That Dave be assigned as Associate Pastor to Mater Christi upon letters of agreement from Dave and Tom.

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(312) 944-6776

THE DIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
25 WEST CHICAGO AVENUE - SUITE 500  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

WEEKLY STATUS REPORTS

*approved*  
*[Signature]*

Week of July 9, 1990

Personal & Confidential

TO: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin *ll*  
FROM: Priests' Personnel Board  
RE: Recommendations  
DATE: July 9, 1990

Your Eminence,

At our meeting of July 6, 1990 the Priests' Personnel Board voted to send you the following recommendation:

Seven members present and voting

SECOND TERM PASTOR:

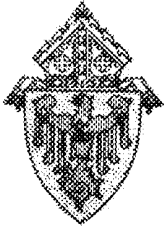
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ASSOCIATE PASTORS:

Rev. David Braun '54: to Mater Christi Parish, North Riverside  
from St. Thomas Villanova Parish,  
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

*July*  
August 12, 1990

Dear Father Braun:

In light of the recommendation of the Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board, I hereby appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Thomas Kaveney, Pastor of Mater Christi Parish, North Riverside. This appointment is effective July 15, 1990.

Please speak with the pastor regarding the necessary arrangements and also consult with him to formulate a letter of agreement and job description in accord with the Senate guidelines regarding personnel. A copy of this agreement and job description should be sent to the Priests' Personnel Board by August 15, 1990.

Dave, know that you have my prayers as you begin this next assignment. I am confident you will receive a warm welcome at your new parish. May your care, compassion and concern invite the people to live the Gospel more fully and be brought closer to the Lord.

Know that you have my continued prayers, support and affection.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Kenneth Vesco*

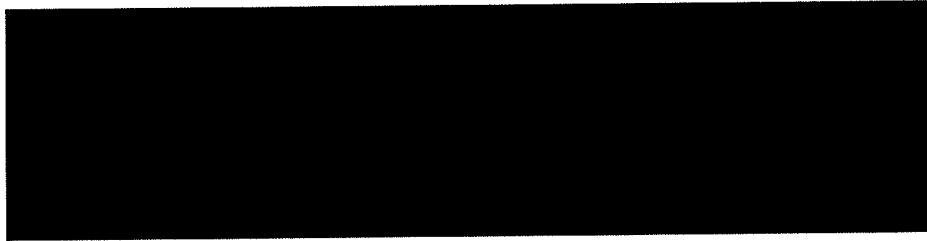
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend David F. Braun  
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish  
1152 East Anderson Drive  
Palatine, Illinois 60067

cc: Reverend Thomas J. Kaveney  
Reverend Walter E. Huppenbauer  
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board

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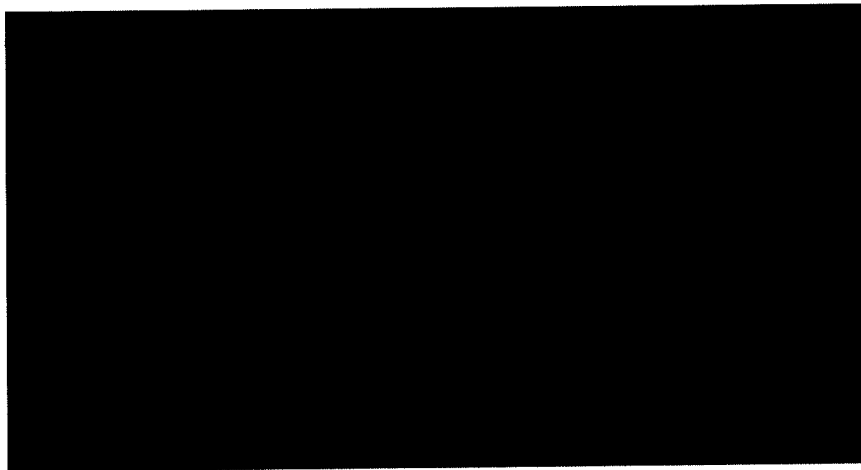
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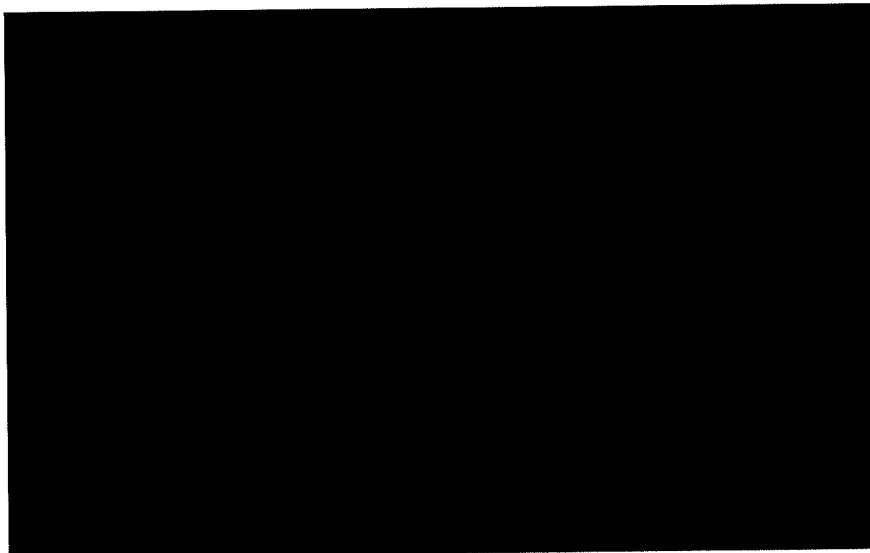
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- IV. Acceptance of Agenda: Approved 6 - 0 with additions

- V. Business:

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*Mater Christi Catholic Church*

2431 South 10th Avenue  
North Riverside, Illinois 60546  
(312) 442 - 5611

8-8-90

JOB DESCRIPTION AND AGREEMENT

AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MATER CHRISTI CHURCH, I WILL:

- ... conduct weekend and holy day liturgies, including homilies;
- ... administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation as scheduled or upon request;
- ... conduct daily Liturgies according to the schedule;
- ... baptize at the scheduled or requested times;
- ... conduct Funerals and Wakes when called upon, including cemetery liturgy;
- ... conduct Weddings, including preparations and documentations;
- ... visit neighborhood hospitals for the parishioners;
- ... make house-calls to shut-ins;
- ... participate in Anointing Masses for the sick;
- ... be involved in the Sacramental preparation for the School, C.C.D. and R.C.I.A. programs;
- ... attend meetings of the Parish Council as appropriate;
- ... be involved in the Liturgy Committee;
- ... be involved in the Adult Education Program;
- ... cooperate with the Music Ministry;
- ... work with the Pastor according to "ad hoc" needs and requests;
- ... counsel any and all clients re: addictions, family problems, etc., with proper referrals when necessary;
- ... [REDACTED]
- ... participate in Parish Staff meetings, Cluster meetings, annual Retreat and various seminars and conferences as may be offered and deemed helpful;

...

SIGNED David F. Braun  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

AGREED TO BY Thomas J. Kavey  
PASTOR

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5. David Braun '54: Dave will have surgery in the near future.

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VI. Old Business: None discussed.

VII. New Business: None discussed.

VIII. Adjournment: 2:45 P.M.

MOTION: 6 - 0

Calendar:

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 10/11/1991

REPORTS: (10/11/91)

1. Parish Consultation Mater Christi: The parishioners made the following suggestions for the pastorate of their parish:



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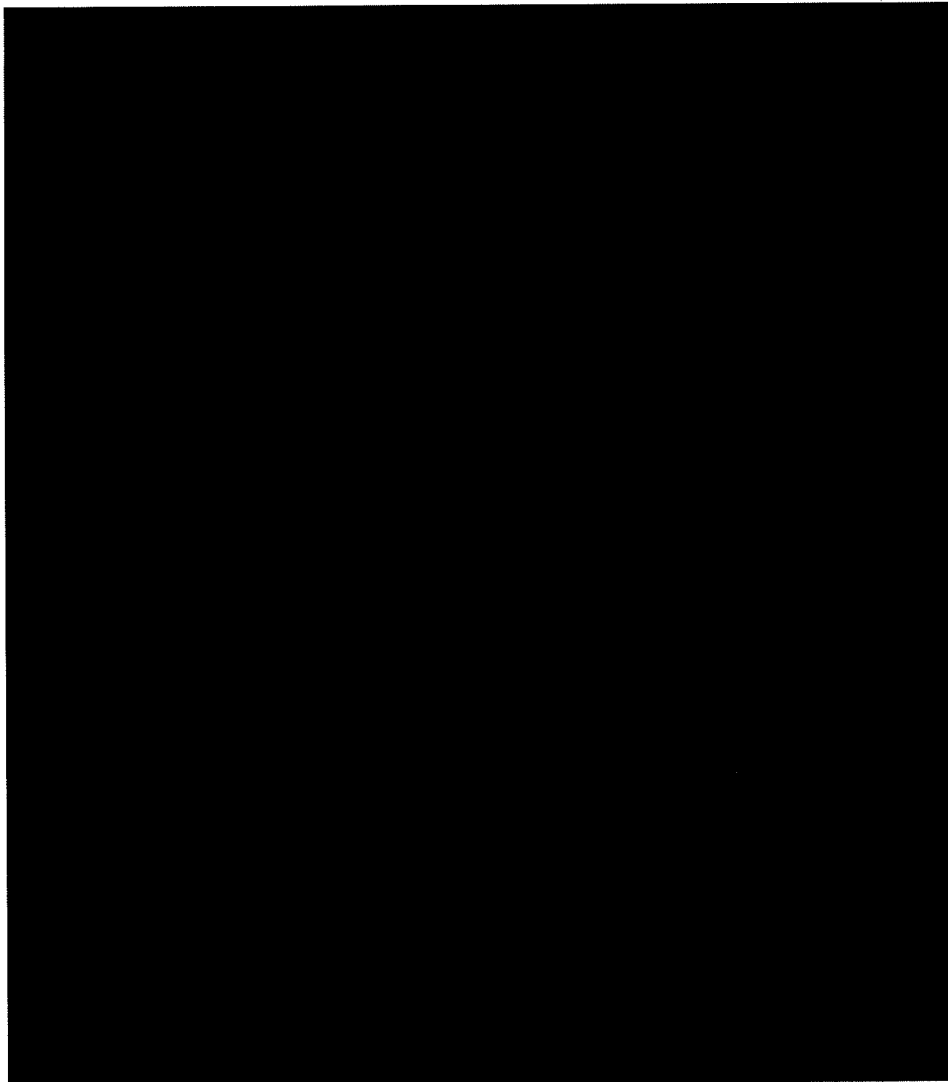


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Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 10/11/1991

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Adjournment for Thursday: 4:35 P.M.

Friday October 11, 1991

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Victor Sivore 8:05 A.M.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: 7 - 0 - 1

III. Reports:

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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. 28, 1991

RE: David Braun

1. I spoke to Dave Braun today about his circumstances. Andy McDonagh has been working with Dave, preparing him for leaving Mater Christi and going to St. Benedict's. Dave has been out to see the rooms that he will be living in. He is going out again on Monday, Dec. 30, [REDACTED] to measure the rooms for furniture.

2. He only has two articles of furniture for himself. One is a recliner chair and the other is a special bed that helps him sleep sitting up a little bit. He asked if we would be able to help him with the furniture. I told him that I would contact Dennis Mudd to see if he had any furniture around that we might glom onto. If not, we will have to see about getting him some furniture in that apartment.

3. We have instructed the PRMAA to pay the \$850 monthly fee for his residence there. He will be helping out as much as he can. Dave also agreed that he will ask for Social Security on April 9 when he becomes 65 and that he will also retire at that time.

4. In the meantime, I will ask the PRMAA to pick up his regular salary that is now presently being picked up by the parish, I believe. The amount of money that he gets from Social Security and from the retirement fund at 65 should equal the amount of money he will be getting in salary.

5. We had a very cordial conversation. Dave is totally cooperative with everything. He seems in good spirits [REDACTED]





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: Jan. 4, 1992

RE: David Braun

1. Pat Pollard called today with a concern that was expressed by Don Ahearn of the PRMAA Board and Andy Pollard. They do not want to see Dave Braun on the retired list drawing a full salary. No other retired man has the same set-up.
2. I told him that Dave's situation was a little bit different since he's being forced into retirement, but their fear then is that we are once again rewarding incompetence and misbehavior and the one who messes up comes out ahead.
3. Obviously, Dave has to leave the parish and cannot reside in the parish. It will be costing us \$850 to install him at St. Andrew's House. Pat Pollard and I agreed that he will leave and go to St. Andrew's. Our office will pick up his salary between now and April and PRMAA will pay the \$850 to the House.
4. We will re-negotiate all that in April. I will write a letter to Dave explaining how the PRMAA is balking at picking up his retirement and his residence.
5. Pat is going to talk to Ed Conway about the relative cost of remodeling a whole wing at St. Benedict's and keeping it as a residence for priests. If he can determine how much this would cost the Archdiocese, this whole set-up might be even better than [REDACTED].
6. We must look to the future fact that these priests, if they remain in ministry, will have to be under supervised living situations for the rest of their lives. We are talking 20 years or more in some situations. We have to take a long-term approach on this and so Pat will check out comparative costs with Ed.
7. If we did move into this kind of a residence, we could move our retired priests in there first, perhaps a Dave Braun and [REDACTED] in, then later some of the more publicized cases. Once we have established that kind of a residence with a miscellaneous clientele, the path would be paved for us to have a nice operating system in the future.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
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Off: (312) 642-1837

January 6, 1992

Rev. David Braun  
Mater Christi Parish  
2431 South 10th Avenue  
North Riverside, Illinois 60546

Dear Dave,

In attempting to work out a compensation package for the future, with the additional burden of paying your residence fee at St. Andrews, I ran into a snag.

The PRMAA insists that it cannot go along with the plan I had originally proposed. I spoke to Pat Pollard about our needs and he and I and Andy will work out a final package before your 65th birthday in April.

For the time being, you will be going to St. Andrews for residence. I cannot absolutely guarantee that residence in the future. It may have to shift. Our office will also pick up your salary until the April date. As I said, at that time we will be able to formulate something more definite for the future.

I will be out of town til January 18th and when Andy gets back on the 25th, we'll be in touch. Meantime, take care of yourself.

Faternally,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests



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## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311.  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Jan. 20, 1992

RE: Rev. David Braun

1. I spoke to Dave today about the letter I had sent him before going away. He came up with another possible suggestion for the future.
2. His suggestion was that if he retired at age 65 he would be entitled to \$700 retirement, that is 30% less than what a man would get at age 70. He also would be entitled to his Social Security pension.
3. In addition, we would be picking up the cost of his staying at St. Andrew's. That comes to about \$850 a month, which is quite a bit.
4. Dave thinks he could make it independantly if he were to get full retirement at 65 plus the Social Security. In that way he would not have to live at St. Andrew's. He could move into his trailer home at Woodhaven. In the long run it would be much cheaper to give him that additional \$300 rather than pay \$850 at St. Andrew's.
5. I think that the PRMAA will insist that if he retires at 65 he will only get 70% of what he would be entitled to at a later retirement. However, we might work out a situation where he would get his 70% retirement, draw his Social Security and receive a separate living help from PRMAA, which would be much less than the \$850 we are presently contracted for.
6. I'll have to talk to Andy McDonagh and Pat Pollard about this to see if the PRMAA would be in agreement.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File

FROM: Rev. Andrew McDonagh

DATE: Feb. 9, 1992

RE: Rev. David Braun

1. Dave Braun ( ) 2/6/92, will have Monday, 2/10/92.

2. I have talked to Dave 3 or 4 times these past two weeks. He is to move to trailer at Woodhaven. Gets his pension of \$1,100 and Vicar for Priests Office will supply the difference.

2. Feb. 8, 1992 - Dave will have on Monday, Feb. 10, 1992. He has talked to Cy and it is agreed that he move to Woodhaven, viz: 2 months from now and will have his 65th birthday that day. Kaveny will pay him for February. He hopes Cy will pay him for March. He should officially retire in March. He will get his \$700 pension and supplement from Vicar's Office. His financial status will be reviewed in 6 months. With all his physical problems I wonder about his future. Only God knows. I said I thought Fr. Kealy would mention his retirement in one of his letters to the clergy.

Copies: Cardinal Bernardin  
Fr. O'Malley  
Fr. McLaughlin

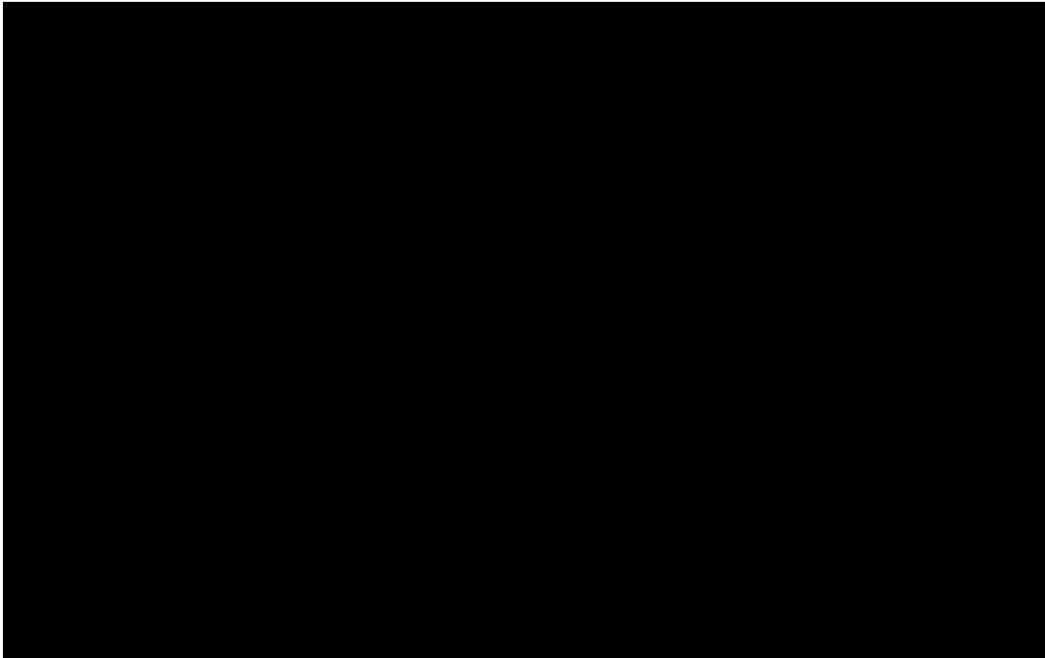
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3-15-92

*Your Eminence:*

*Due to poor health, I am requesting  
retirement at age 65 [REDACTED] On 2-11-92*



*I am making arrangements to reside, full time,  
at Woodhaven Lakes, Sublette, Id. (Rocky Mountain  
Diocese) where I have a 5 room "Cabin" trailer.  
May I go there with your blessing?*

*In Christ,*

*(Rev.) David H. Brown*  
*Assoc. Pastor*



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Office of the Archbishop*

March 21, 1992

Dear Dave:

I have received your letter of March 15th and am most willing to accede to your request.

It would be good for us to meet to discuss this further. I am setting aside Wednesday, April 1, 1992, at 3:30 p.m. on my calendar for this opportunity. Please phone Ms. Rita Sima at 751 - 8231 to confirm this arrangement.

Looking forward to visiting with you, with cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend David Braun  
Mater Christi Parish  
2431 South 10th Avenue  
North Riverside, IL 60546

bcc: Rev. Andrew McDonagh ✓

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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April 6, 1992

Dear Father Braun:

Many thanks for your visit last week. It was good for us to get together.

Because of your health, I am pleased to authorize your retirement at age sixty-five. This becomes effective as of April 1, 1992. I will notify PRMAA so that the necessary arrangements can be made for your pension. You may wish to contact Monsignor Pellicore to discuss this.

You indicated that you will be living at Woodhaven Lakes, Sublette, Illinois in the Rockford Diocese. We agreed that you will not engage in any public ministry while residing there.

I take this occasion, Dave, to thank you for all you have done for the Archdiocese over the years. I trust that retirement will help you in coping with your health problems. Be assured of my continued prayers and support for you.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend David Braun  
Mater Christi Parish  
2431 South 10th Avenue  
North Riverside, IL 60546

cc: Fr. Nemecek  
Msgr. Pellicore  
Priests' Personnel Board

bc: Fr. Velo  
Fr. Paprocki  
Fr. O'Malley

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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

PASTOR EMERITUS

[REDACTED]

RETIREMENT

(For Publication TNW on April 24, 1992)

Reverend David F. Braun, from Mater Christi Parish, to retire after thirty-eight years of dedicated service to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

PASTORS

[REDACTED]

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

[REDACTED]

OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED/CHAPLAIN TO MISERICORDIA

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HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

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Dated at the Office of the Archbishop  
April 10, 1992



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9. David Braun '54: The Cardinal has written to Dave granting his early retirement due to health reasons effective 04/01/92. Dave will be living at Woodhaven Lakes, Sublette, IL (Rockford Diocese).

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Memo (POM)

To: Mr. Andrew Pollard

Re: Fr. David Braun

5/12/92

As you know, Dave Braun retired at 65 in April. Dave is a client of ours and retired at our request and also retired because of health difficulties. He will be receiving his regular age 65 retirement payment from Aetna. The amount of money that he gets for Social Security is rather small and we have agreed to supplement his income with a monthly check from PRMAA for \$400.

I would ask you to pay him for the months of April, 1992 and May, 1992 and from that point forward. The checks should be sent to Rev. David Braun at his Woodhaven address.

Thank you very much for attending to this matter.



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Andrew McDonagh

Date: 11/31/92

Re: Rev. Dave Braun

Fr. Dave Braun was ordained in 1954 for the Archdiocese of Chicago. His first appointment was at Sacred Heart Church, 70th and May, in Chicago. I became acquainted with Fr. Dave

in 1966.

He became a certified alcoholic counselor, having received his training at Lutheran General, and eventually became head of Lakeview Hospital for drug related problems. Lakeview Hospital is in Chicago. He then had a slip and since that time has been actively involved in working as an alcoholic counselor privately, and doing a considerable amount of work.

In the last ten years or so Fr. Dave has had many physical problems.

Much of the time he has not been able to work full time.

He is now retired -- no longer practices ministry publicly. He no longer lives in Chicago. The Bishops of the place where he lives are aware that he cannot function as a public minister.

Fr. Dave is very sorry for anyone he has offended and prays for them daily in his private prayer. He is very sorry about , is sorry if he offended him. He has tried to remember and his companions but has not been successful. He has tried to remember the names of the coaches. He mentions one name -- I think the name was . I am not surprised that he has many memory problems for all that he has gone through.



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I see him as a penitent person, begging forgiveness. He appreciates the compassionate position that [REDACTED] is taking and is so sorry that [REDACTED] has had to [REDACTED].

I read this statement to [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) who is an alleged victim of Fr. Braun's. [REDACTED] has called the office and has talked on a number of occasions to Ralph Bonaccorsi. He is not looking "for anything". He is just concerned that Fr. Braun be penitent, be sorry for what he has done, realizes the damage that he has done, and is not in a position to continue that kind of activity. I gave [REDACTED] my telephone number and told him I would be glad to discuss this matter further with him if he so desires. I purposely read this statement to [REDACTED] because there might be a misunderstanding in terms of what [REDACTED] expects of Fr. Braun.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I think at this particular point that [REDACTED] is pretty satisfied with the statement concerning Fr. Braun. We will learn more about this later.



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### Memo

To: Rev. Ken Velo  
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 4/26/93  
Re: Rev. David Braun

David Braun is a client of ours for some time. A young man came forward lodging an allegation of abuse against Braun. This supposedly took place some 30 years ago. The man's claim seems reasonable [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi has been in touch with the young man, whose name is [REDACTED].

Among the things suggested by [REDACTED]'s lawyer, was that [REDACTED] would like for his own therapy to have a meeting with the Cardinal. It would be a friendly meeting and is more for his own healing. I told [REDACTED] that I would be in touch with you and would try to arrange this. He knows of the Cardinal's tight schedule. If you could possibly get a date for this meeting with [REDACTED], I would ask you to call [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He will set the meeting up then. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.



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Memo

To: Cardinal Bernardin  
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Date: 5/15/93  
Re: Rev. David Braun/[REDACTED]

You are scheduled to see [REDACTED] on 5/17/93 at 3 P.M. Along with this memo I am sending you a statement from [REDACTED] himself about the impact of Fr. Braun's escapades on himself.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]'s desire is to sit and talk to you as a healing gesture. [REDACTED] who is friend of Ken Velo's, as is everybody else in the world, has recommended this meeting. He feels it will help keep the tone of the negotiations in a reasonable space. If you need any more information, please call.

By the way, David Braun is now retired and does not practice any public ministry. His health is only so-so. He is living in Sublette, IL, in his trailer and speaks to Andy McDonagh weekly. He also attends the Wednesday life management group with [REDACTED] and Fr. McDonagh. At this point Fr. McDonagh is his contact and monitor.

(I phoned this report in to the Cardinal on the afternoon he was to see [REDACTED] and his wife. I also reported to the Cardinal the gist of what [REDACTED] said in his own written paper on his experiences. POM 5/17/93)

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

## CONFIDENTIAL

### Memo

To: File

From: Cardinal Bernardin

Re: Meeting with [REDACTED]

Date: May 18, 1993

I met with [REDACTED] for 45 minutes on May 18, 1993. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] It was a very cordial meeting. He told  
me his story. After he was abused at age 14 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He was very appreciative of  
my time and my expression of sorrow/apology for what had occurred to him. I gave  
him my blessing before he left.

cc: Father O'Malley

AOC 008362



MEMO

TO: File (PFR 03)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: August 11, 1993

RE: Phone Call from [REDACTED]/Steve Sidlowski's  
Return Call to [REDACTED]'s secretary 7-2-93.

[REDACTED]'s secretary informed me that [REDACTED] called me because [REDACTED] a [REDACTED], is filing a complaint apparently about a Fr. Braun. I told her I was not familiar with that particular priest but that perhaps the Vicar for Priests' Office was handling the matter. Her secretary said that [REDACTED] wanted to speak with me before any final decision was made in the matter and that she was apparently receiving a subpoena. [REDACTED] was now out of town.

A few days later, I conferred with Rev. Pat O'Malley, the Vicar for Priests, about this situation. He told me that he was fully aware of [REDACTED] and that it is not a new claim. It is thirty years old. He said that [REDACTED]'s attorney, [REDACTED] suggested a civil suit and to see the Cardinal. The issue revolves around, apparently [REDACTED]. Fr. O'Malley said that his Office is attempting to resolve this in trying to determine [REDACTED].

At the 7-24-93 Review Board Meeting, I spoke with [REDACTED] and told her that the matter was being handled by the Vicar for Priests' Office at this point and if she would like to find out more, she should contact Fr. O'Malley.

AOC 008363

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MISCONDUCT POLICIES

Please check one:

☒ I acknowledge that I have read and am familiar with the Archdiocesan policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct with minors, adopted September 21, 1992.

☐ Please send me a copy of these policies and procedures.

Signature:

*David F. Braun*

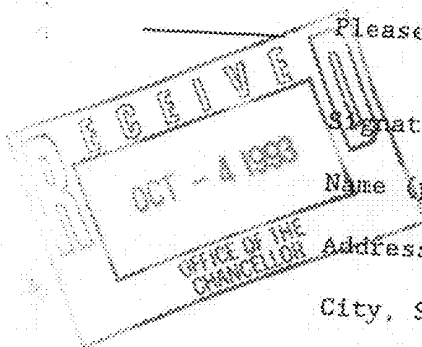
Name (printed):

Rev. David F. Braun

Address:

Sublette, IL

City, State, Zip:



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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter written by Victim IG, addressed to Cardinal Bernardin and dated March 20, 1994, detailing Victim IG's experience in disclosing to the Archdiocese his allegation of abuse by Fr. David Braun at the age of 14 at Sacred Heart, including meeting with Pat O'Malley, Vicar for Priests; meeting with Ralph Bonaccorsi of the Office of Professional Fitness Review; meeting with Cardinal Bernardin; and the process of settling Victim IG's claim against the Archdiocese.

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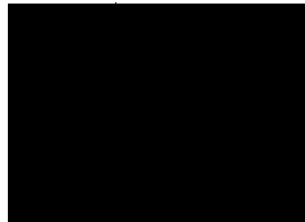
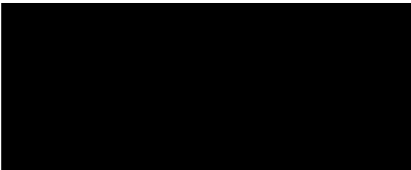
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WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL NUMBER

(312) 701-7137

June 29, 1994

BY MESSENGER



Re: 1994 Estate Planning

Dear [REDACTED]:

Enclosed please find check no. [REDACTED] of the Catholic Bishop in the amount of [REDACTED] payable to [REDACTED] and an original of the Settlement Agreement between our respective clients. [REDACTED]

Details of [REDACTED] shall follow shortly.

Very truly yours,

Daniel W. Luther

DWL:lk  
Enclosures  
cc: Mr. James A. Serritella  
Rev. Patrick J. O'Malley

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AOC 008366

July 28, 1994

Dear [REDACTED],

I received your letter of July 20 and was both pleased and saddened. I was pleased because it seems that you have been able to put some of the terrible past experiences behind you and that is a blessing. It saddened me because the process of doing so has itself been additionally painful.

I have shared your letter with the various people to whom I have entrusted the responsibility of working with those who were victimized by clergy abuse. We try very hard to see that every such encounter is handled sensitively but we know there are times when, for one reason or another, communications break down or are delayed – and this adds to the pain of the moment.

We apologize deeply for any failures in our process. Once these matters enter the legal arena, they take on a life of their own and sometimes unintentionally become far less than personal. That seems to have occurred in our working with you.

Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi is the man I have asked to work in the ministry to those who have been victimized. I am happy that he was able to be of service to you.

I have talked to Father O'Malley also. His recollection is that he asked his assistant vicar, Father Andrew McDonagh, to contact you. Father McDonagh was the one working with Father Braun at that time and had been working with him for some years. Father O'Malley felt that Father McDonagh was the one who could be most helpful to you in providing information. I understand that you and he had some fruitful conversations.

Again, I regret deeply the delays and the subsequent pain that was caused. I hope that we in the Church will have learned to be even more sensitive in these matters.

Thank you for taking the time to write. I will pray that the Lord will bless your future with great peace of mind. I ask your continuing prayers for and for the Archdiocese.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

[REDACTED] Blind copy: Fr. Pat O'Malley / Ralph Bonaccorsi

AOC 008367



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August 16, 1994

Rev. David Braun

Sublette, Illinois

Dear Dave,

I was talking to Andy McDonagh the other day and he mentioned he had been in touch with you. I would really like to sit down with you to see how things are going. We need to keep this contact open for your sake as well as for our own. Please give me a call when you get a chance at 312-642-1837. I know that it's a long drive from Sublette, so I'm sure we would be able to arrange somewhere in between for a meeting.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Faternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests



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Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 10/5/94

Re: Rev. David Braun

I met with Fr. David Braun at a restaurant in Riverside on 10/5/94. At the end of October, he will be going to Florida to his winter home. He has a trailer in Sublette, IL, which he lives in from May 1 until the end of October. Then he resides in northern Florida from November 1 to May 1. The address and phone number are in our records.

We talked about Father Braun's physical health. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Most of the time he works in his garden and also does some woodworking.

With regard to [REDACTED], Fr. Braun attends two weekly meetings when he is here in the Illinois area and two when he is down in Florida. The one in Florida takes place in the local Catholic parish. He says that in other regards - [REDACTED] - he is functioning well and is having no problems at this time. Overall, Fr. Braun appears very fragile physically, but seems to be in good spirits. He has no public ministry, although I presume that he does say Mass privately.

Fr. Braun would like his check sent from our office directly to his bank and he will provide the proper papers and the address of his bank before he goes to Florida.

Article 4.7(c) Report to Review Board from Administrator Steve Sidlowski:

12-9-94

I received a call today from the Victim Assistance Minister that a woman who resides in the [REDACTED] area intends to formally bring forward an allegation of sexual misconduct as a minor against Rev. David Braun, one of the "old" matters which the Vicar for Priests has handled up until now. (If this person formally details an allegation of sexual misconduct as a minor to me at some point, however, the matter will then come under the Review Board's jurisdiction). In the meantime, this report represents an Article 4.7(c) report to the Board.

Ralph Bonaccorsi informed me that he only knows the alleged victim as a [REDACTED] but he does not know her last name as yet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ralph had actually received a call from this person's [REDACTED] recently [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The allegation apparently involves a recovered memory according to Ralph.

Ralph recently traveled to [REDACTED] and met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and explained that if she wants to detail her allegation she would need to contact the Administrator. Apparently, [REDACTED] did ask for my phone number and Ralph said that she "may be calling" you although he expects that it may not be for a period of time. Ralph does not expect I will hear from [REDACTED] before Christmas.

Ralph also noted that [REDACTED] detailed her allegation "a little bit" but overall she remained fairly vague on the details. I informed Ralph that I would notify the Review Board about this situation pursuant to policy.

Ralph confirmed that I was aware that Rev. Braun is one of the "old" priest sexual misconduct with minor matters and further noted that to his recollection he recalls there were a couple of allegations against Rev. Braun from the past. I do not know the details. Rev. Braun is retired (ordination class of 1954).



Phone Call from [REDACTED]:

12-15-94

[REDACTED] called me today from Peoria, Illinois. She confirmed that she is the [REDACTED] who met with Ralph Bonaccorsi and [REDACTED] recently in [REDACTED]. She stated that [REDACTED], [REDACTED], was present during this call and that she has now decided that she wants to set up a meeting with me to detail her allegation of having been allegedly sexually abused as a minor by [REDACTED] Rev. David Braun. [REDACTED] confirmed that the alleged priest perpetrator is Rev. Braun and that this allegation is based upon a repressed/retrieved memory.

I explained the basics of our policies/procedures to [REDACTED] and she said that [REDACTED] would definitely like to receive a copy of the policies and review them before we would meet and that [REDACTED], through [REDACTED], may get back to me before we would meet with any questions. I added that assuming that we do meet at some point that I would go over the policies with them once again. [REDACTED] also requested a copy of the policies which I assured her I would send her.

At that point, [REDACTED] also decided that she would provide me with her last name and home address. It is: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] provided her home address as: [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that both [REDACTED] and she can be reached at [REDACTED]'s work number: [REDACTED].

No further information regarding the allegation was provided me at this time. I informed [REDACTED] that she, of course, could be present for [REDACTED] detailing the allegation as well as any significant other [REDACTED] might want present, including an attorney should she so desire. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] will have her husband present and [REDACTED] will also be there. I told her that Ralph Bonaccorsi would likely be present with me, as is the norm. [REDACTED]

We then concurred on a tentative meeting date of Thursday, January 12, 1995 (or the possibility of Thurs., January 5th also remains an option) at [REDACTED]'s Office on [REDACTED] from Noon until 2:00 p.m. approximately. We agreed that we would likely speak in the first week of January to formally confirm the date and the time.

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December 15, 1994

Dear [REDACTED],

As a follow-up to our call earlier today, I have enclosed for you a copy of our Archdiocese of Chicago policies on priests' sexual misconduct with minors entitled "Clerical Sexual Misconduct With Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination Of Fitness for Ministry." I am also sending [REDACTED] a copy directly.

I appreciate your phone call today. I have notified Ralph Bonaccorsi about the tentative meeting at your Office in Peoria on January 12, 1995. Perhaps we should confirm that date in either the first week of January, 1995 or early in the second week of January.

Thank you again for your call.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm  
Enclosure

AOC 008372

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December 15, 1994

Dear [REDACTED],

I want to acknowledge and appreciate the phone call which I received from [REDACTED] earlier today. I am Steve Sidlowski, the Professional Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Formerly, I represented hundreds of child sexual abuse victims as an Assistant Cook County Public Guardian. All allegations of sexual misconduct with minors by priests of the Archdiocese are referred to me for inquiry.

Moreover, I report to an independent Review Board, consisting of six lay and three clergy members. With respect to allegations against priests, the Review Board makes determinations and recommendations to the Archbishop. The Board bases its determinations on whether the safety of children is adequately provided for and whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

I have taken the liberty to enclose a copy of the Archdiocesan Policies in these matters entitled "Clerical Sexual Misconduct With Minors: Policy for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures For Determination of Fitness For Ministry." We believe that our procedures are sound and that a person making an allegation will be dealt with fairly and objectively.

I also mentioned to [REDACTED] as well that I want to also formally pass along to you information as to how to contact the civil authorities about this situation should you ever so desire. Please know that you are under no obligation to sign the enclosed form, but if you want to sign it and return it, please mail it to me at the above address.

AOC 008373

If upon reviewing our policies and procedures, you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. Of course our Assistance Ministry and Ralph Bonaccorsi (1-312-751-8267) remain available for outreach to you as well.

I realize how difficult this all may be for you. It would be most helpful if you could provide me with additional information pertaining to your allegation. As such, I look forward to our tentative meeting (along with [REDACTED], your husband apparently, and hopefully Ralph Bonaccorsi) scheduled for January 12, 1994 at [REDACTED]'s office in Peoria.

Once again I want to assure you that we take these allegations seriously and I will utilize our procedures to follow-up on such matters. Thank you again for your phone call through [REDACTED] and I look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm  
Enclosure

**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 understand 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

I presented 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 appear above, on the date indicated in this document.

12-15-94  
Date

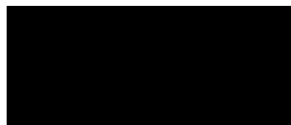
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MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
(Minutes)

DATE: December 17, 1994

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:



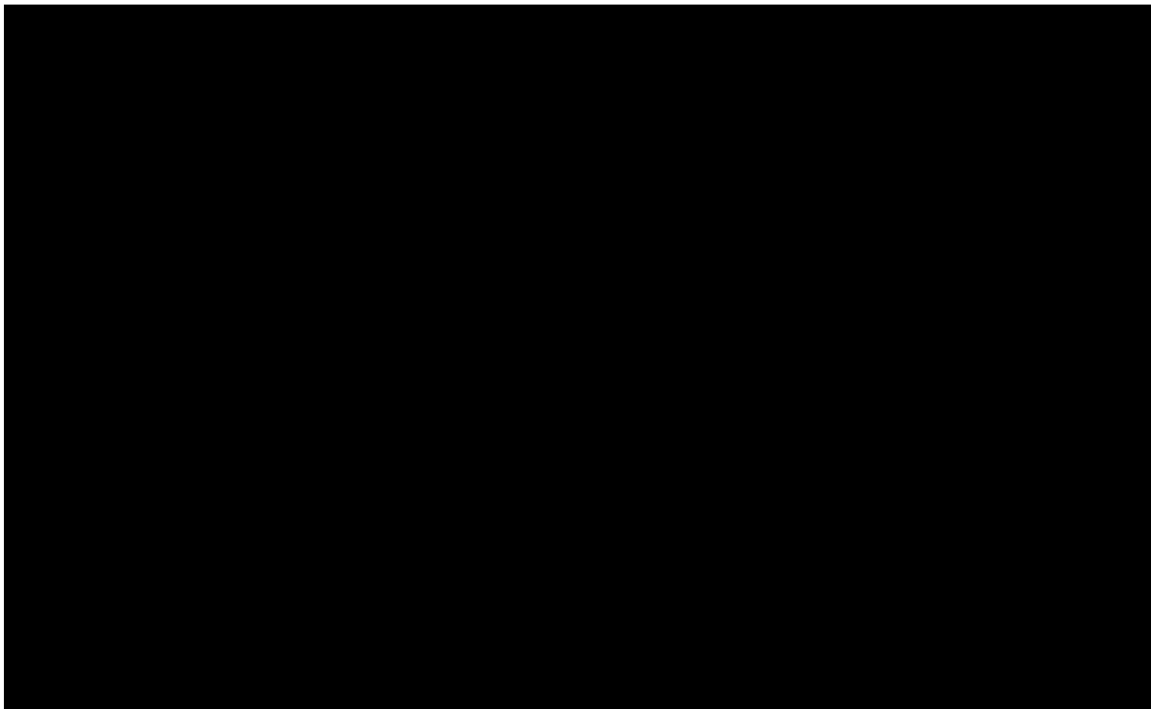
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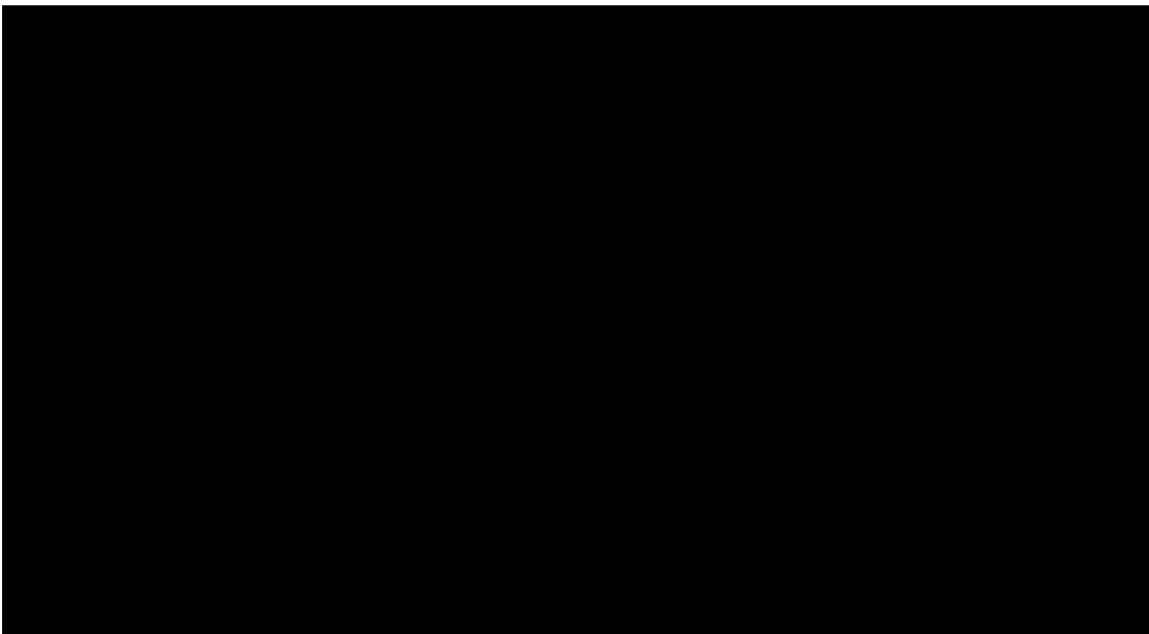
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\* The Review Board formally approved the Meeting Minutes for its last Board Meeting of November 19, 1994.

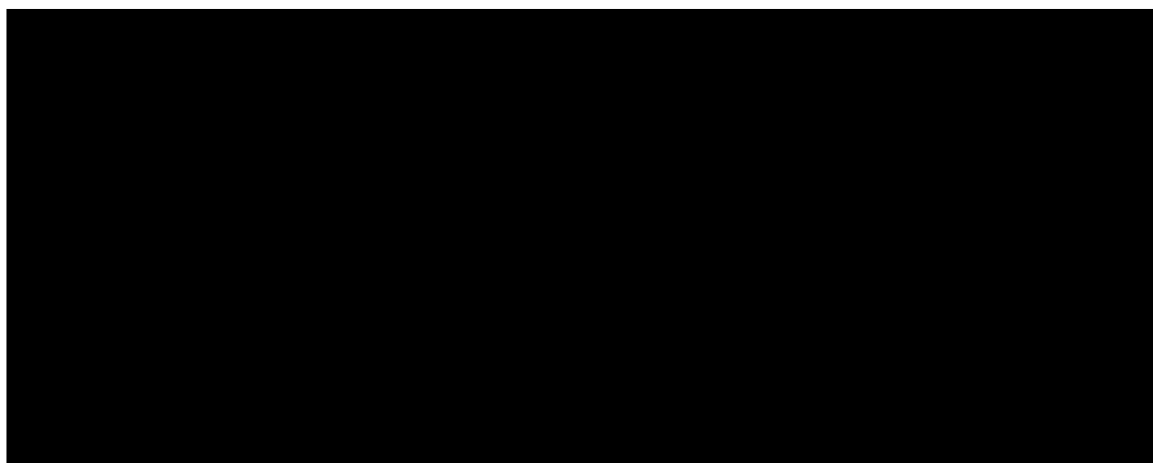
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**Board Discussion on Deceased and Resigned Priest Matters:**

The Board discussed Rev. Tom Paprocki's ideas regarding possible, future changes to the policy on the above subject. The Board concurred that it should expand jurisdiction into/over deceased priest matters formally (although the Board has already been dealing with these matters in many respects since its inception); the Board noted that it is only accepting at this time the concept and that further discussion as to perhaps refining the language might be needed, including any proposed changes any Board members or others might want to suggest. The Board could not reach a consensus on how to approach resigned priest matters as yet.



Article 4.7(c) Report on D. B.:

The Administrator had already informed the Board through a mailing that a tentative meeting was being arranged to receive an allegation of sexual misconduct as a minor against D.B., one of the "old" priest matters and the Administrator noted how the Assistance Minister had first notified him of the situation which was followed by contact with the alleged victim's [REDACTED] and the



Administrator mailing typical policy information to the alleged  
-4-  
victim.

\* The Administrator reminded the Board that its next two meetings  
are set for 1-21-95 and 2-18-95.

Respectfully  
Submitted By,  
Steve Sidlowski-  
PFRA

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These Minutes  
Unanimously  
Approved By  
Review Board:  
1-21-95

Phone Call From [REDACTED]

12-20-94

( [REDACTED] )

- She received our materials in the mail...has a couple of questions i.e. the possibility of [REDACTED] bringing a legal claim against the Church.

- "They ([REDACTED] and her husband) wouldn't ever think of that - no" - they're not involved with any lawyers apparently, to [REDACTED]'s knowledge.

- [REDACTED] I explained again clearly that I am not the attorney for the priest ([REDACTED] had misunderstood that perhaps I was) and how my role is to be as fair, objective, and impartial as feasible - to be the facts and circumstances gatherer.

- [REDACTED] also stated that if the Board does not find reasonable cause to believe it happened or continue action regarding Rev. Braun she will be "in their face" about any such outcome.

- [REDACTED] has no problem with the Review Board or I wanting to have/know her own background [REDACTED]

- Tentative date of meeting still set for 1-12-95; I assured her I will contact her ([REDACTED]) after the New Year to formally confirm/arrange the date, and reclarified I hoped that Ralph B. would also be present, although I had not yet heard back from him.

NOTE: Ralph's Office called back and confirmed that he, too, intends to be present at the meeting.

Phone Call to Ralph Bonaccorsi:

1-11-95

- [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
- Andy McDonagh confronted David Braun about the allegation. She ([REDACTED]) asked me (R.B.): "Did he admit to it?" Ralph basically responded that he was cooperative.

- David Braun has [REDACTED]. He was told not to be in the presence of minors.

- He has followed procedures and now with the new allegation - we'll take the matter to the Board and take steps to ensure the safety of children would be followed.

- S.S.: Does Ralph know if he's [REDACTED]? Ralph; "No." "I don't know that he was put under a formal monitoring system nor that he ever [REDACTED]"

- In light of your allegation, the Board will review and perhaps re-consider his [REDACTED] monitoring protocol(s). The present protocol(s) are always reviewed when one of the "old," pre-Board cases come to the Board.

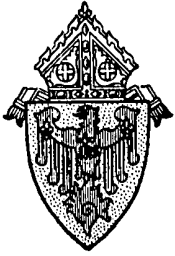
- [REDACTED] Ralph said that at this time he had "no reason not to believe her."

- One prior allegation to Ralph's knowledge (the 1st allegation [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] around 1960 or so according to POM).

AOC 008381

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, regarding Victim IJ's statement given to Mr. Sidlowski on January 12, 1995, reporting Victim IJ's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. David Braun. According to Victim IJ, she was sexually abused by Fr. Braun in approximately the mid-1960s when she was approximately 4 years old. Victim IJ reported that the abuse consisted of mutual fondling and oral sex by Victim IJ on Fr. Braun and may have occurred more than once. Victim IJ reported that her brothers may have been abused by Fr. Braun as well.



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1/16/94

Rev. David Braun

Birthday: [REDACTED] Ordained: 1954

Present Ministry Status: No public ministry; is permitted to say Mass privately. Was withdrawn from parish residency and retired in 4/92 as a result of Commission recommendation.

Residence: 1) Has a mobile home in Sublette, Il where he lives from 5/1 to 10/31 each year. [REDACTED] Sublette, Il.

[REDACTED], phone: [REDACTED].  
2) Has a mobile home in Brookfield, Fla. from 11/1 to 4/30 each year. [REDACTED] Brookfield, Fla.  
[REDACTED], phone: [REDACTED].

Health: [REDACTED]

Monitoring: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. McDonagh has been his contact person for the past few years. Fr. O'Malley also keeps in touch.

Previous assignments:

54-61 - Sacred Heart (70th St)

61-62 - St. Sebastian

62-11/63 - St. Linus

[REDACTED] he prepared for role as AA counsellor. He did part-time associate work at the following:

64-68 - Our Lady of Grace

68-71 - St. Lambert

From 71-81, worked as alcoholic counsellor at Lakeview Hospital.

71-74 - St. Francis Xavier

74-84 - St. Joseph (Round Lake)

In January, 1982, was given 2-year permission to be full-time alcoholic counsellor

84-85 - St. Thomas of Villanova (full time)

85-92 - Mater Christi (full time)



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### Presenting problem from the past:

\*\*On 2/25/88, in going through the Chancellor's files, Fr. Robert Kealy sent Fr. Raymond Goedert correspondence about Fr. David Braun dating back to 1963-64.

\*\*1. 11/2/63 - police called archdiocese to report Fr. B was arrested on previous Tuesday for attempted soliciting of a minor boy (14) whom B. had picked up hitchhiking. When Fr. B. questioned the boy, he leaped out of the car, got the license and told his father later. Family reported to the police. Fr. B was then an associate at St. Linus in Oak Lawn. No charge was filed by the family. The boy was not touched sexually.

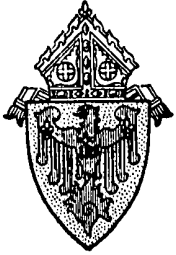
\*\*2. 11/2/63 - Fr, Frank Byrne interviews B. who says he never touched the boy. Byrne made no decision that day as to what should be done.

\*\*3. 11/6/63 - Pastor of St. Linus calls Byrne saying two policemen were at the rectory alleging two more charges against B. Fr. Byrne sees B. that day.

\*\*4. 11/6/63 - Byrne sent B on a plane that very afternoon

5.

6. From 1971-81, worked primarily as alcoholism counsellor and part time associate.



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7. Nov., 1983, [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. 8/3/86 - File review by Chancellor revealed past inappropriate activities. Fr. Ventura consulted with [REDACTED]/McDonagh who had been supervising Braun.

10. 7/3/87 - Fr. Ventura, on leaving office, made a recommendation that [REDACTED] and McDonagh be the primary contact people with Braun.

11. 2/25/88 - papers from Chancellor's office were sent to VP office files to Fr. Goedert.

12. 11/91 - Commission reviews case and recommends withdrawal from parish. Because B was nearing 65 in 4/92, arrangements were made for him to retire when new pastor was to be assigned.

13. 4/92 - B. retires to Sublette, Il.

14. 7/92 - Adult male called alleging abuse (around 1960) when he was a minor (13) at Sacred Heart Parish, B's first assignment. Because of his past association with B., Fr. McDonagh was contact person to alleged victim on number of occasions. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In B's office one day, the priest fondled the boy's genitals [REDACTED] This seemed to have been the one incident. [REDACTED]

15. 11/31/92 - Fr. McDonagh communicates to alleged victim about Fr. B's situation.

16. 5/93 - Cardinal visits with [REDACTED]

17. 1/95 - [REDACTED] comes forward to PFRA.



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**Memo to File**

**From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley**  
**Date: 1/17/95**  
**Re: Rev. David Braun**

Fr. Canary and I spoke to Fr. David Braun in Florida this morning. His number there is [REDACTED].

We told him about the interview that Mr. Steve Sidlowski had with [REDACTED]. Dave informed us that he heard from her about 2 1/2 years ago asking him if he had ever abused her. At that time he wrote back and said that he had never done such a thing. He heard from her two later times. He has been keeping her in his prayers during this time so that whatever difficulties she had might be worked through.

I gave Fr. Braun the office number for the attorney, Pat Reardon. He will call him on Monday. Sidlowski is willing to set up some kind of a conference call if necessary to present the allegations. I described to Fr. Braun how he should cooperate with his attorney in making a response. I must say that Fr. Braun categorically denied any such abuse of [REDACTED].

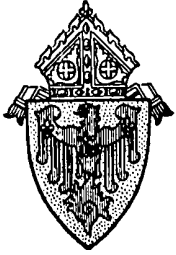
Fr. Canary outlined for Fr. Braun what he himself had heard from Mr. Sidlowski.

I informed Dave Braun that I would be asked to turn over my records to him. I would share with Pat Reardon the material that I will turn over to the PFR administrator.

Braun will call Reardon on 1/16 and thereafter Steve Sidlowski will be in touch with Braun.

On 1/16/94, I spoke with Mr. Reardon explaining the procedures. He wanted to be able to read Barun's record before it is turned over to the PFRBD. He will cooperate with whatever way we wish to approach Fr. B.





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On 1/17/94, in a conversation with Sidlowski, the PFRA, we decided he would call Braun to alert him; then he would write out the full allegation and send a copy to B. and his attorney. They could confer; then Sidlowski would call Braun for his response in a conference call. I may be part of that call.

After that, I will meet with Reardon to show him the records we will be turning over. Then the turnover.

Phone Call from Rev. Pat O'Malley:

1-17-95

- I (POM) talked to Dave Braun last Saturday. Dave Braun contacted Patrick Reardon.

- He (D.B.) totally denies this.

- Pat O'Malley wants Jim Serritella to go through it with Patrick Reardon.

- Write it up, send to him, have them read it and then do a Conference Call.

- The last allegation was June '92 - [REDACTED] 35 yrs. ago - settlement was made.

- "It's up to Dave Braun if he wants me (POM) as part of Conference Call."

Phone Call to Rev. Dave Braun:

1-17-95

- We confirmed he knows about [REDACTED]'s allegation; he's already contacted Pat Reardon.

- Friday is okay to have conference call - he'd like if Pat O'Malley was part of it; I'll (S.S.) Fed Ex allegation in writing to him and Pat Reardon. They'll have it Thursday a.m. I'll call Pat Reardon, tell him, agree to good time to have Reardon call Braun to formalize time.

Response to [REDACTED]'s Allegation by Rev. David Braun:

1-20-95

(Present on Phone Conference Call: Rev. Braun, Rev. Pat O'Malley (Vicar for Priests), Rev. Braun's attorney Mr. Patrick Reardon, Steve Sidlowski-PFRA)

We had arranged for a telephone conference today to afford Rev. Braun an opportunity to respond to the allegation of sexual misconduct brought against him by [REDACTED]. We went over the basics of the policy and I offered Rev. Braun or his attorney to ask any questions they might have. They did not have any questions. I explained to them that the Review Board will consider this matter at its meeting tomorrow in some way - I noted that perhaps the Board would initiate either a Supplementary Review or a First Stage Review and that it was up to the Board. We discussed how it might make more sense to either initiate or conduct a Supplementary Review in that Rev. Braun has already been retired from any ministry, and so any consideration of a possible return to ministry - as a Second Stage Review requires - would seem unnecessary (following any First Stage Reviews).

I also noted that it was my understanding that Rev. Pat O'Malley would be present at the Board meeting tomorrow to present some of the other background in Rev. Braun's situation in that it had come to my attention that there was a prior allegation of sexual misconduct involving a minor at the time that had been brought against him (i.e. Rev. Braun is one of the "old" matters). Unfortunately, Mr. Reardon was unavailable to meet with Rev. Pat O'Malley to go over the information that was going to be given to the Board (although Rev. O'Malley said that it was ready to go but for that) and so it was clarified that Rev. O'Malley will not be presenting that information to the Board tomorrow. As such, I noted that the Board may only initiate a Review in this matter and await that material to consider at its February, 1995 meeting. (Mr. Reardon noted later in the conversation that he would "have to make some objection to" the Review Board getting information about the prior allegation about his background perhaps, although I noted to him that the Board has received such other non-privileged background information in "old" matters in which there is a new allegation and that he could talk further to Rev. O'Malley about that.

In any event, Mr. Reardon did note that as to Rev. Braun's "other problems," that David Braun "has been very forthright and dealt with them in the internal process."

Response:

Mr. Reardon spoke on behalf of Rev. Braun primarily and noted

that he and Rev. Braun had "talked at length" about this situation and how "it is obviously impossible to present any proof" such as an alibi as to where Rev. Braun might have been during the time/place [REDACTED] refers to in her allegation because [REDACTED] provided no definite dates as to when the alleged sexual misconduct would have occurred. Whatever the case, Mr. Reardon stated "Nothing like this...ever happened, anywhere, anytime" by Rev. Braun toward [REDACTED]. He re-iterated "This never happened at any time in his life...this type of thing never went on with her." Mr. Reardon asked Rev. Braun if that was an adequate remark. Rev. Braun then interjected "that is correct. That is very correct" meaning in reference to the firm denial just communicated by Mr. Reardon.

Mr. Reardon then clarified that this strong denial is specifically in reference to [REDACTED] but he again re-emphasized how Rev. Braun has cooperated with other previous problems which may have come to light. As such, Mr. Reardon again emphasized that "No contact that was unlawful or improper with this [REDACTED]" ever took place between Rev. Braun and her.

Rev. Braun followed up by stating "That is correct. Never in my life."

I followed-up with a couple of questions which I noted if Rev. Braun or Mr. Reardon were willing to respond to might be helpful to the Board in its deliberation over the situation. I inquired as to whether Rev. Braun did ever [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Rev. Braun and Mr. Reardon then clarified that David Braun transferred in 1962 to the South side from St. Sebastian (on the North side) to St. Linus (on the South side). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Reardon then added "We're offering

that information" in order to help [REDACTED] in her healing.

[REDACTED]

In any event, Mr. Reardon again referred to [REDACTED]'s statements as "a false allegation" and "an allegation we do not consider accurate" in terms of her alleged repressed memory.

Rev. Braun said that the Board "may also want to refer to Fr. Andy McDonagh" for character support and Mr. Reardon clarified that Rev. Braun had been meeting with Rev. McDonagh for many years

[REDACTED]

Mr. Reardon wanted to clarify that in regard to [REDACTED], "Father has no animosity for her, for what trauma she may be going through."

Then David Braun himself remarked "I want to object" however, that [REDACTED] "already knows about previous allegations." I then explained to him how [REDACTED] had point-blank asked Assistance Ministry's Ralph Bonaccorsi whether he had previous allegations of sexual misconduct involving minors against Rev. Braun some time in the past year (after she had reached the conclusion that Rev. Braun was the alleged perpetrator) when Ralph and she had been in contact and that Ralph did initially confirm that reality. Rev. Braun continued that he wanted to know if there had been any investigation into [REDACTED]'s background such as to note that she

[REDACTED]

He noted how she and her husband were married in [REDACTED] of 1983 and although it is a good marriage, such things might have contributed to [REDACTED]'s problems. Mr. Reardon then also interjected that, nonetheless, such comments are "not meant to attack [REDACTED]" Mr. Reardon continued "We don't think she is accurate - that doesn't mean" that they are saying she is lying. He said they know she must believe her allegation - they just strongly disagree with it and assert that it is false.

We agreed, per my suggestion, that I would also send a copy of [REDACTED] to Mr. Reardon. I explained to Rev. Braun how the outcome of the Board's deliberations will be communicated to him both through the Vicars and myself (formally). I explained how his entire matter will now come under the Review Board's jurisdiction and that the Board might also end-up making other "appropriate" recommendations in terms of his monitoring, treatment, any protocols, etc. when the Board is ready to complete the formal Review (again probably following receipt of further information about his background on the prior allegation and what has happened subsequently).

MEMO

To: File

From: Rev. Thomas J. Pagnochi, Chancellor and Archbishop's Delegate  
to the Professional Fitness Review Board

Date: Jan. 21, 1985

Re: Rev. David Braun - Supplementary Review

The Board initiated a supplementary review in light of the new allegation of [REDACTED]

Consideration of this matter was deferred until the February meeting pending input from Fr. O'Malley about previous allegation against Fr. Braun and monitoring of his activities as a retired priest.

This is a scan of an original document housed at the Archdiocese of Chicago Archives & Records Center

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

DATE: January 21, 1995

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:



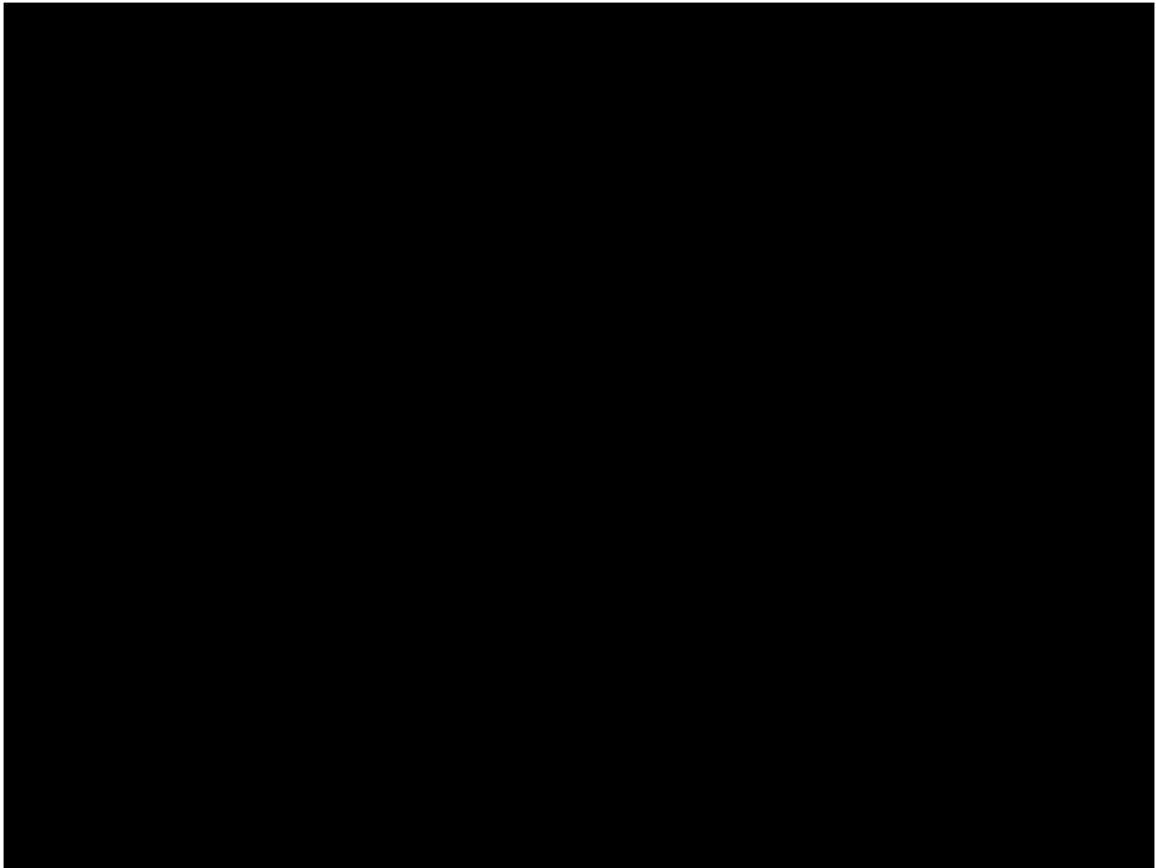
OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Paprocki

Steve Sidlowski

\* The Review Board formally approved the Meeting Minutes for its last Board Meeting of December 17, 1994 (with a couple of minor revisions suggested by [REDACTED]).

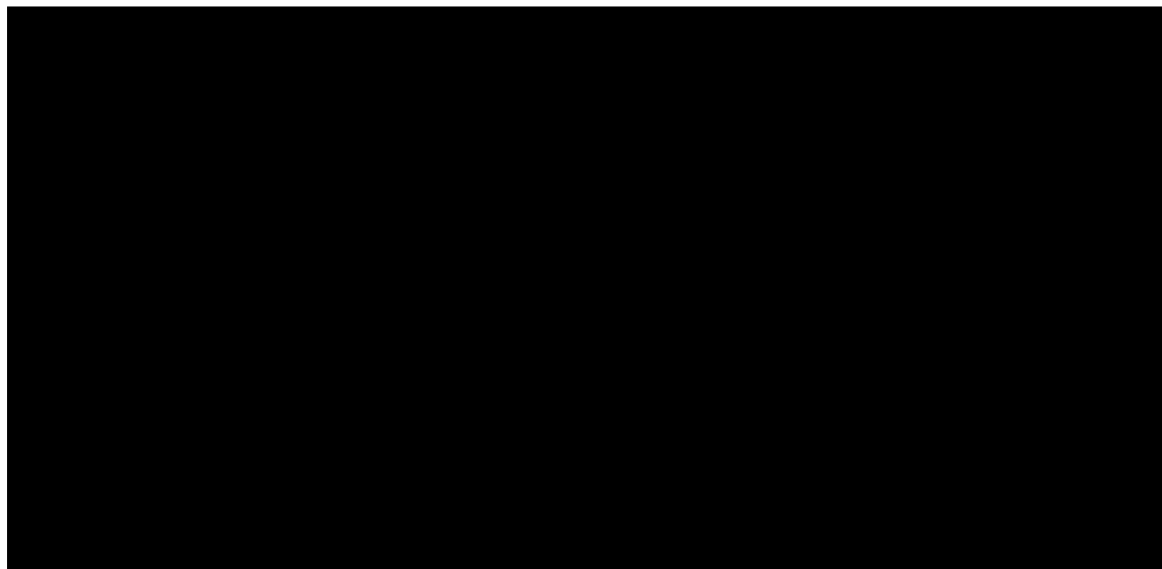
Matter of [REDACTED]:







Matter of [REDACTED] :



Matter of PFR-03 (D.B.):

1. The Board initiated a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For the Continuation of Ministry.

2. The Board deferred from making a determination and recommendations in the matter pending further inquiry and receipt of information from the Vicar for Priests Rev. O'Malley as regards D.B.'s background and situation in that he is one of the "old" matters which came to light before the Board was created - the Board requested the Administrator to ask Pat O'Malley to provide such file information to him as soon as feasible and if the Vicar might also briefly present such related information at the Board's next meeting.

3. The Board directed the Administrator to conduct further inquiry, including obtaining information from the alleged victim's brother if he is willing to provide it, obtaining dates as to D.B.'s prior parish assignments, and obtaining educational information and viewpoints regarding repressed memory techniques reliability [REDACTED].

\* The Administrator also distributed copies of Cardinal Bernardin's written statement entitled "A Story of Reconciliation" regarding his recent meeting with [REDACTED].

\* The Board was reminded that its next scheduled meeting for the third weekend of the month (typically) would be for February 18, 1995.

Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski-  
Administrator

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These Minutes Unanimously  
Approved By  
Review Board

**MEMO TO FILE: PFR-03**  
**FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator**  
**RE: D. Braun**  
**DATE: January 21, 1995**

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**Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, January 21, 1995:**

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**The Board directed the Professional Fitness Review Administrator to conduct further inquiry, including obtaining information from the alleged victim's brother if he is willing to provide it, obtaining dates as to Father Braun's prior parish assignments.**

[REDACTED]

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Mr. Patrick Reardon, Esq.  
221 N. LaSalle St.  
Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL. 60601

January 24, 1995

Dear Mr. Reardon:

As we discussed last week, I have enclosed copy of [REDACTED] referred to in the allegation against Rev. B.

I'll be sending you a copy of a letter to Rev. B. summarizing the status of the Board's initial consideration of the matter this past weekend.

Regards,

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

Steve Sidlowski,  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator  
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SS/rm  
Enclosure

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Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
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January 24, 1995

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on January 21, 1995. The Board fully considered my written and verbal reports in the matter involving Rev. David Braun. The Board initiated a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board deferred from making a determination and recommendations in the matter pending further inquiry and receipt of information from the Vicar for Priests Rev. O'Malley regarding Rev. Braun's situation.

The Board will report to you its determination and recommendations following completion of the Supplementary Review.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

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

bcc: Mr. John O'Malley, Legal Services

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Rev. David Braun  
[REDACTED]

Brooksville, Fla. [REDACTED]

January 24, 1995

Dear Rev. Braun:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on January 21, 1995. The Board fully considered my written and verbal reports in the matter involving yourself. The Board initiated a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board deferred from making a determination and recommendations to the Archbishop in the matter pending further inquiry and receipt of information from the Vicar for Priests Rev. O'Malley regarding your situation.

The Board will communicate its determination and recommendations to you following completion of the Supplementary Review.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Chancellor  
Rev. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Patrick Reardon, Esq.

bcc: Mr. John O'Malley, Legal Services

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January 24, 1995

Dear [REDACTED],

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The Board deferred from making a determination and recommendations in the matter pending further inquiry and receipt of information from the Vicar for Priests regarding Rev. Braun's situation.

The Board will communicate the outcome of its deliberations to you following completion of the Supplementary Review.

In the interim, please know that our Assistance Ministry and Ralph Bonaccorsi remain available for you to contact (#1-312-751-8267) if you have any questions. You are also free to contact me with any other questions that you may have as well.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister

bcc: Mr. John O'Malley, Legal Services

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Return Phone Call to [REDACTED]: 2-2-95  
([REDACTED]) (She called earlier and Steve was on phone)

- [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]'s # received from [REDACTED].

- [REDACTED] has a couple of questions - she received my letter following initiation of the Supplementary Review recently. Her basic questions were: If I'd contacted [REDACTED]; interested in what he said in response, what the "further inquiry" is that the Board wants me to conduct.

- I answered [REDACTED]'s questions as reasonably as I felt possible under the policies, particularly stating that Rev. Braun was strongly denying the allegation. I noted that Rev. Braun said he did [REDACTED], and recalled [REDACTED] as a young girl, although remembering her in the presence of her parents.

- [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

- I referred generally to the nature of the follow-up inquiry the Board has directed me to conduct. She provided me with her brother [REDACTED]'s phone # in that I explained that the phone company's Directory Assistance did not have a person by that name in Wilmette.

- She asked and I confirmed that I will contact her in writing following the Board's completion of the Supplementary Review. I explained she may also contact Assistance Ministry or myself by phone or otherwise regarding outcome of the Review, perhaps to conclude in Board's 2-18-95 meeting.



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2/6/95

Papers turned over to Steve Sellowski by Pam  
on 2/3/95.

In Braun's permission to turn over [REDACTED]  
materials given by Fr. Braun by phone on  
1/31/95 with Mr. Pat Reardon, Braun's  
attorney, present in our office advising  
Fr. Braun.

Rt. Patrick O'Malley

Presentation made to FRABD on Feb, 2/18/95.

Pam

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, regarding a statement given to Mr. Sidlowski on February 10, 1995 by the brother of Victim IJ concerning Victim IJ's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. David Braun. According to Victim IJ's brother, he was not abused by Fr. Braun and did not witness Victim IJ's abuse by Fr. Braun, but had heard from his brothers that Fr. Braun had abused them (the brothers). Victim IJ's brother was able to corroborate additional details of Victim IJ's allegation and mentioned that Fr. Braun had tried to climb into bed with him once in approximately the mid-1960s when he was 13-14 years old.

MEMO

TO: File PFR-03

FROM: Steve Sidlowski, PFRA

DATE: February 17, 1995

RE: Response of Rev. David Braun to Most Recent Information  
Regarding Allegation of [REDACTED] - Via  
David Braun's Attorney Patrick Reardon

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I called Mr. Reardon and informed him that although there was very limited new information, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had allegedly recovered further memory of sexual misconduct as a minor by Rev. Braun. I detailed specifically the additional information to Mr. Reardon which [REDACTED] has added to her previous allegation against Rev. Braun. I also informed Mr. Reardon about how [REDACTED] had called me on 2-2-95 following the initiation of the Supplementary Review and before this most recent information/recovered memories were allegedly recovered by her ([REDACTED])

[REDACTED] and how [REDACTED] asked me what Rev. Braun's response to her allegation was among some other basic questions. I explained to Mr. Reardon that I noted to [REDACTED] that Rev. Braun was strongly denying the allegation and although he recalled her as a young girl, he always remembered her in the presence of her parents (i.e. not ever being alone with [REDACTED]). In addition, I noted to Mr. Reardon that I had contacted [REDACTED]'s brother [REDACTED], pursuant to the Review Board's instructions for the purpose of seeing what he might say about [REDACTED]'s allegation and I explained how he knew very little although he supported his sister. Moreover, I noted to him how [REDACTED] voluntarily made reference to the incident Board members will have read about in the memo related to [REDACTED] about an alleged request to get into a sleeping bag with Rev. Braun when he was a teenager. I made clear to Mr. Reardon, however, that [REDACTED] made clear that he did not believe that information was an allegation [REDACTED], although [REDACTED] had mentioned that it was his understanding that Rev. Braun may have sexually abused at least two of his other brothers when they were minors. However, I made clear to Mr. Reardon that none of [REDACTED]'s brothers have come forward formally with any form of an allegation of sexual misconduct as minors against Rev. Braun and if that was to occur, most definitely I would be back in contact with Rev. Braun and Mr. Reardon.

In any event, I discussed with Mr. Reardon how this additional information might be communicated to Rev. Braun and in terms of a response if I should assert to the Review Board Rev. Braun's

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blanket denial of ever having sexually abused [REDACTED] at any time in his life. Mr. Reardon assured me that he will certainly inform Rev. Braun today of this most recent information, particularly regarding [REDACTED]'s additional allegation. Mr. Reardon then re-asserted that "There has never been any such contact" of this nature with [REDACTED] by Rev. Braun "period." Moreover, Mr. Reardon assured me that "unless you hear from me again today, I am convinced from my conversations with him that the response" being that Rev. Braun strongly denies this information which has been added to the original allegation by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] "will be the same."

I assured Mr. Reardon I would convey the above to the Review Board in its meeting tomorrow.

Phone Call to [REDACTED]:  
( [REDACTED] )

2-17-95

- "I know you talked to my brother [REDACTED]" and that the conversation went well.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] she confirmed she may detail the additional memories formally sometime in the future).

- [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
- I explained I contacted Rev. Braun's lawyer and informed him of the content of the additional memories thus far to give him an opportunity to respond and that Rev. Braun does deny the additional allegation/information as well.

- I told her I'd be sending out the letter following the outcome of the Review and if she'd like to call me or Ralph B. before she receives it to find out outcome of Board's deliberations, that'd be fine.

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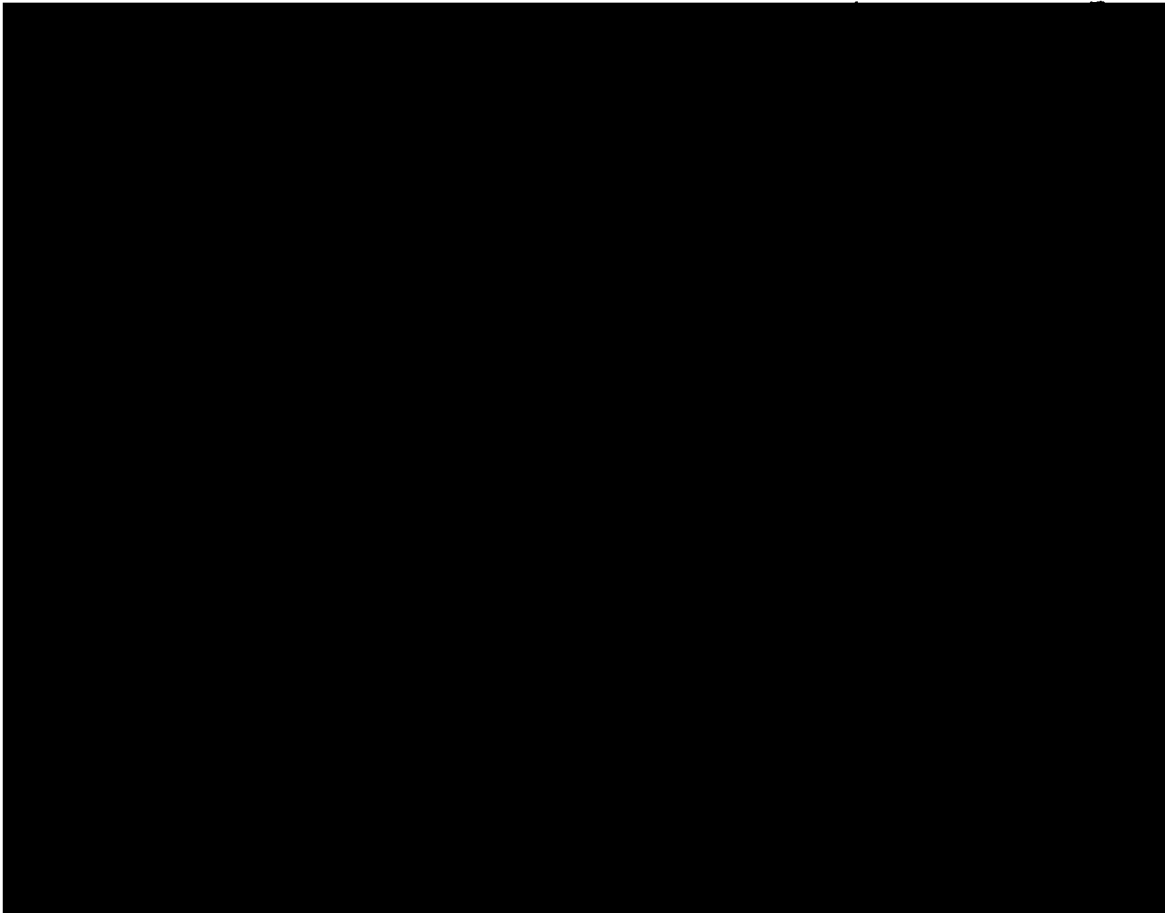
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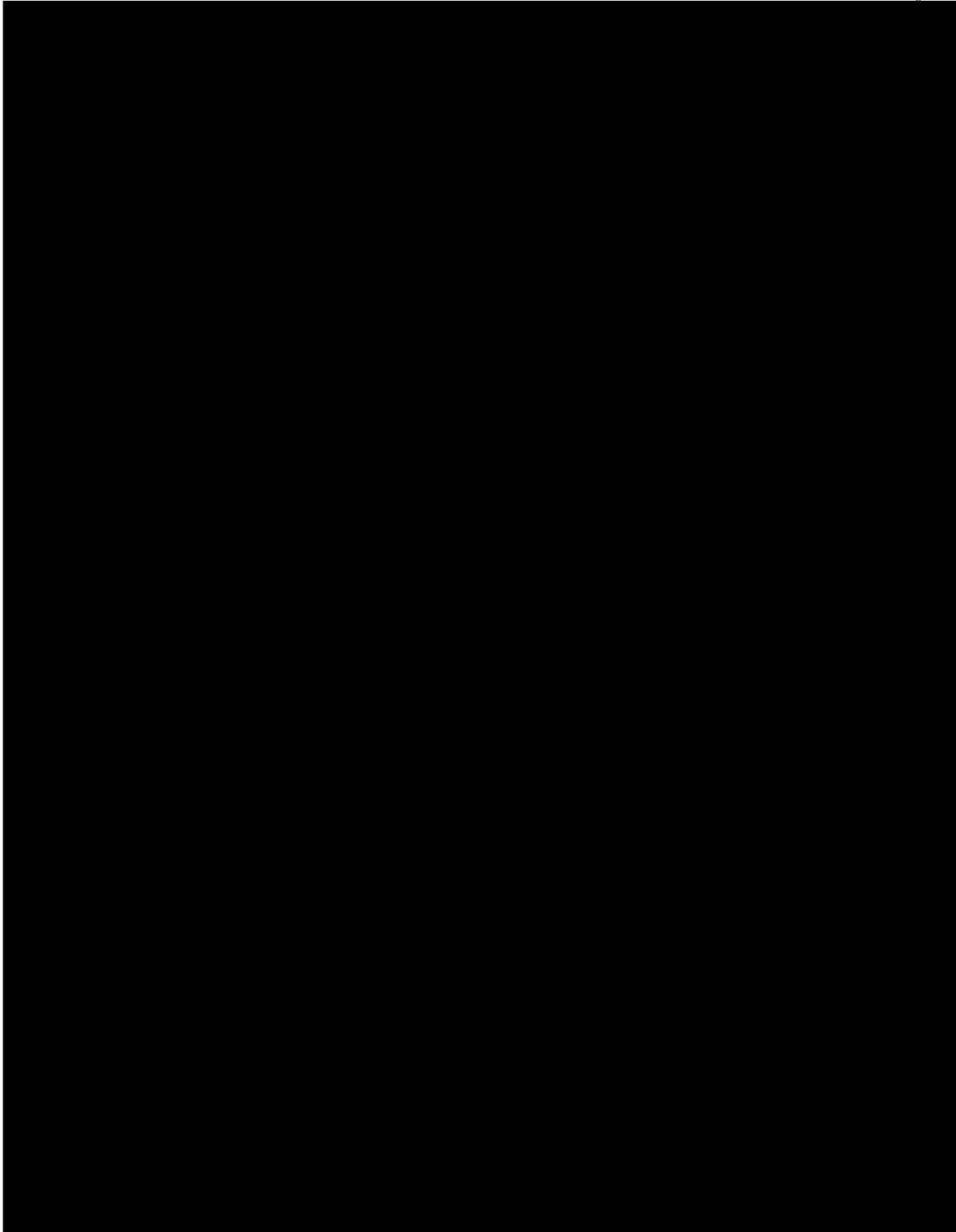
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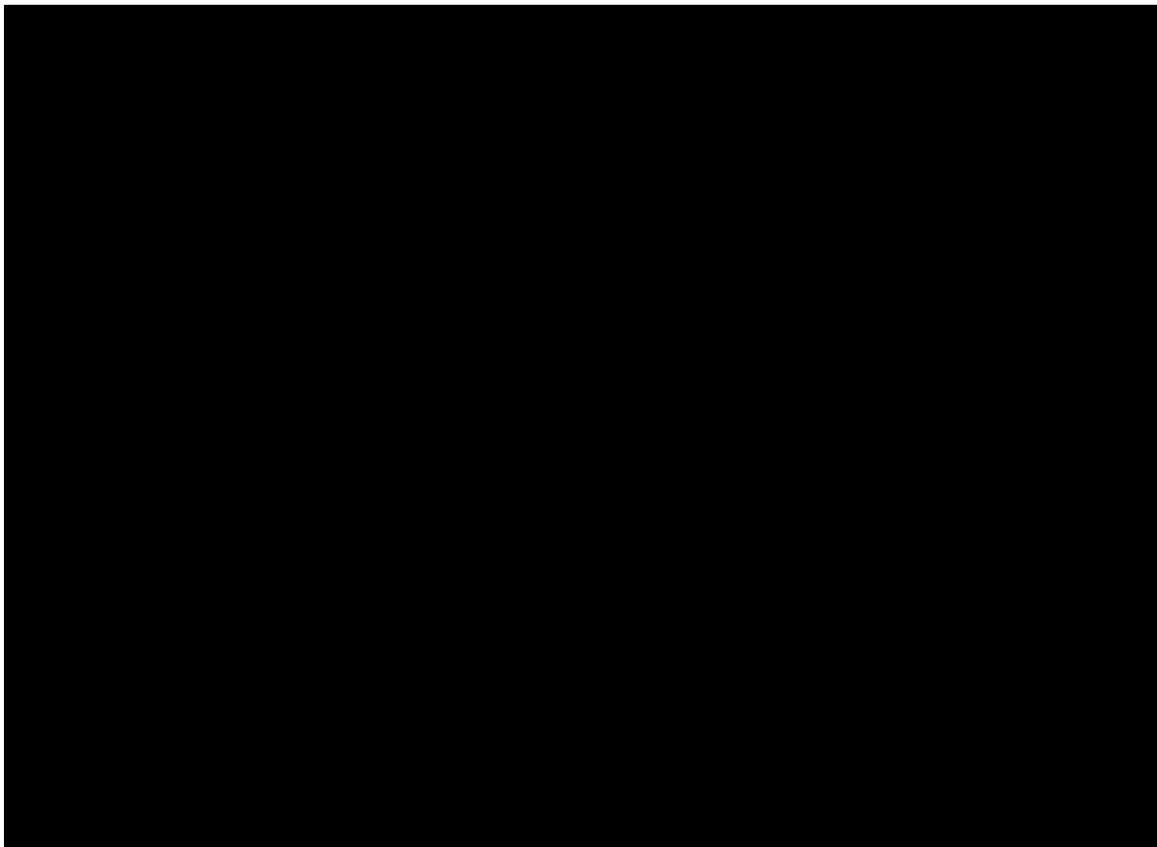
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Matter of :









Matter of PFR-03 (D.B.):

1) Pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For Continuation of Ministry, the Board completed a Supplementary Review in the D.B. matter.

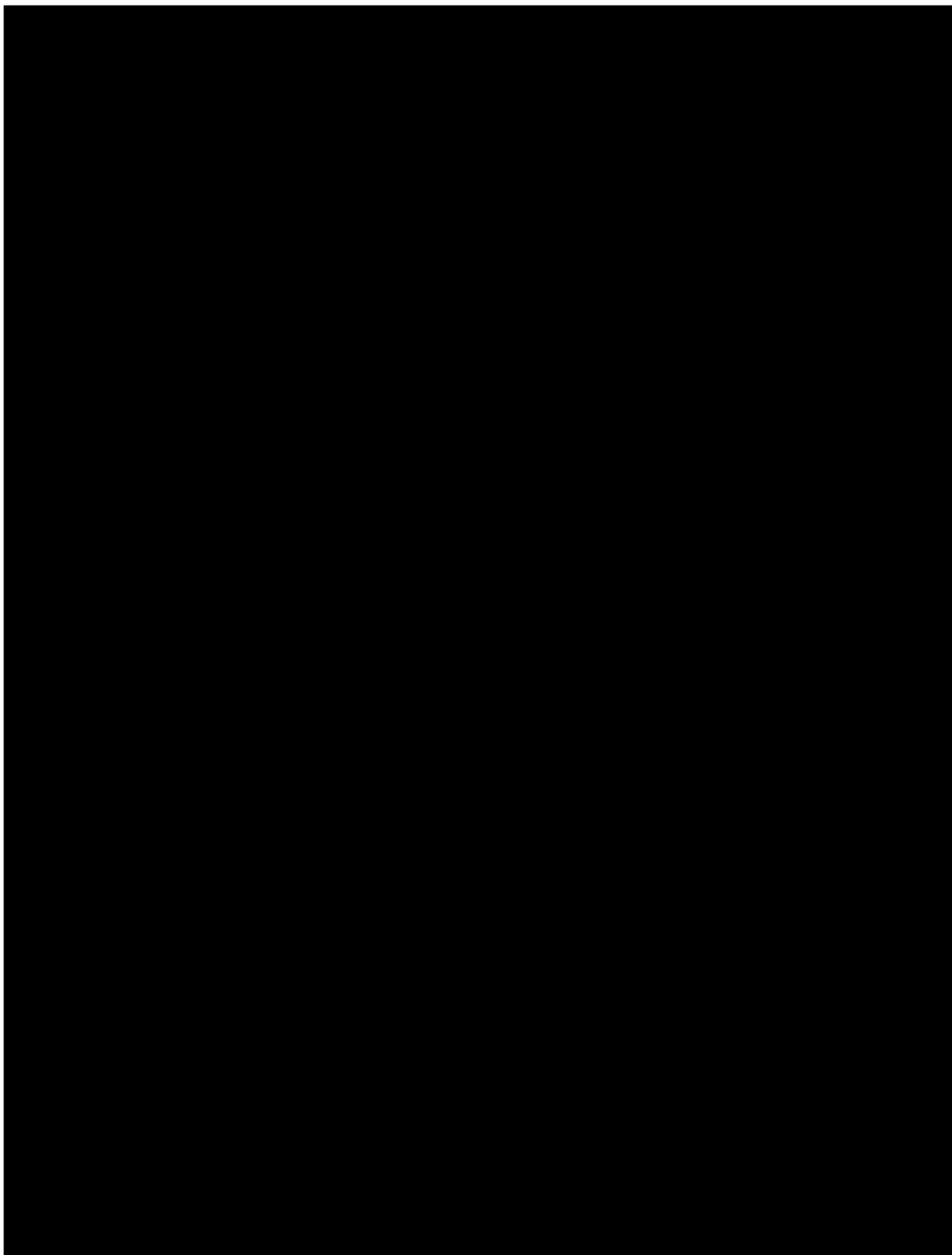
2) The Board determined that it is reasonable that D.B. continue to remain withdrawn and retired from ministry. Basis: Prior allegations against D.B. one of which in particular is deemed very credible apparently through the Vicar for Priests' report to the Board, the reality that D.B. has already been retired from ministry, and to continue to ensure that minors are not at risk in his presence in that up until now D.B. has mostly monitored himself in terms of his whereabouts, etc. although for monitoring he has also [REDACTED] regularly.

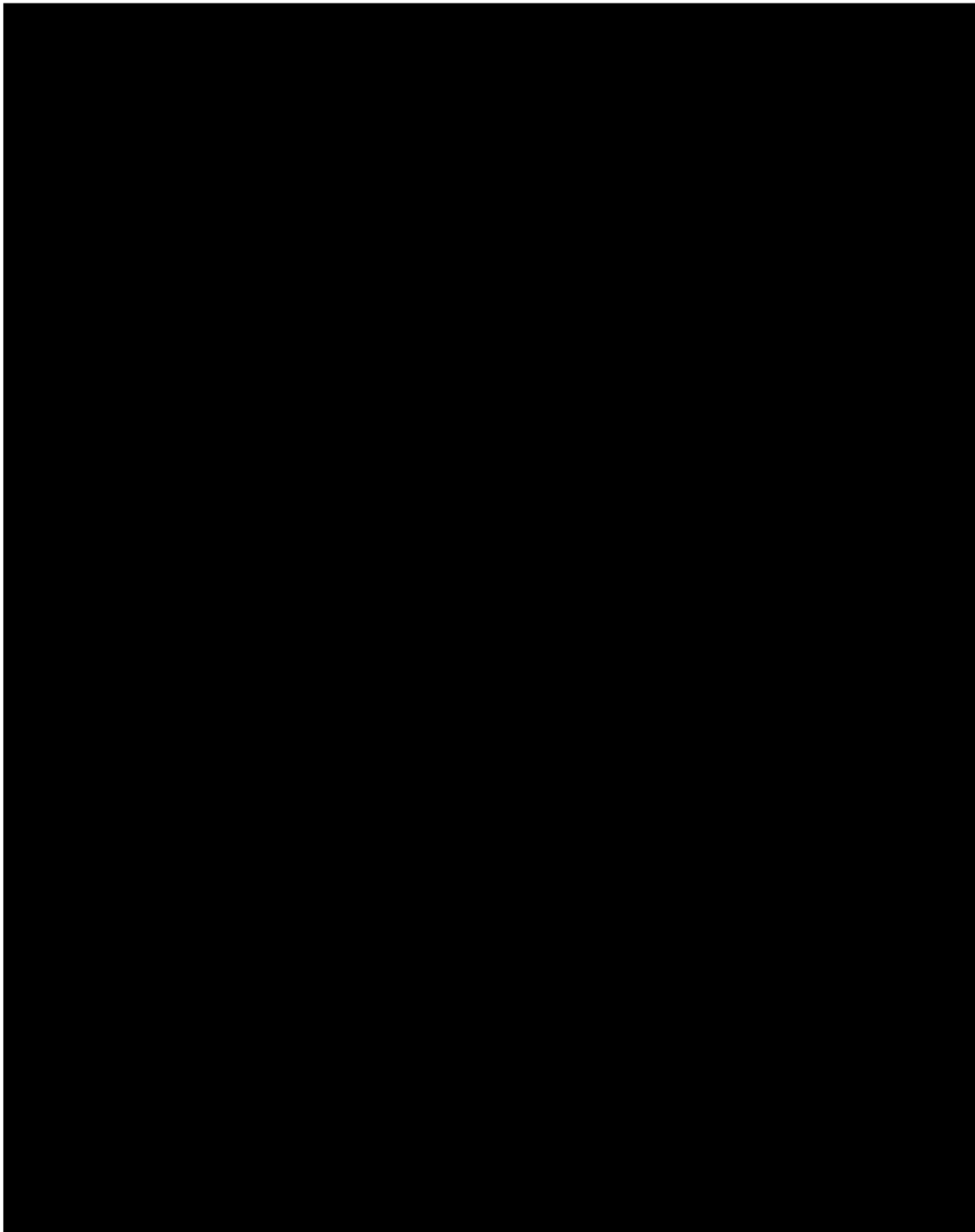
3) Recommendations to the Archbishop: Restrictions and monitoring continue to be imposed upon D.B. that he not be allowed alone in the presence of anyone under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult; further restrictions should be imposed upon D.B. and specifically that on 2 days per week in

which D.B. is not [REDACTED], either the Assistant to the Vicar for Priests Rev. Andy McDonagh or the Vicar Rev. Pat O'Malley should call D.B. once a week and the Residential Program Director should also call D.B. once a week for monitoring purposes.

Matter of [REDACTED] Update:







- It was noted that most Board Members had suggested that March 18, 1995 would be a good meeting date when Office Administrative Assistant Rita Mongan had inquired of Board Members if it was a good meeting date for March; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - it was agreed that A.A. Rita would contact Board Members to see if a firm majority could make that date for another Board meeting (later it was determined that a clear majority of the Board can make April 29, 1995 for the April Board meeting so it is now set).

Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Steve Sidlowski-  
Administrator

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The Review Board unanimously approved these minutes on 3-18-95.

**MEMO TO FILE: PFR-03**  
**FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator**  
**RE: D. Braun**  
**DATE: February 18, 1995**

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**Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, February 18, 1995:**

Pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Board Process For Continuation Of Ministry, the Board completed a Supplementary Review Board in the D. Braun matter and the Board determined that it is reasonable that Father Braun continue to remain withdrawn and retired from ministry. Basis: Prior allegations against Father Braun one of which in particular is deemed very credible apparently through the Vicar for Priest's report to the Board. The reality that Father Braun has already been retired from his ministry, and to continue to ensure that minors are not at risk in his presence in that up until now Father Braun has mostly monitored himself in terms of his whereabouts, etc. although for monitoring he has also [REDACTED] regularly.

Recommendations to the Archbishop: Restrictions and monitoring continue to be imposed upon Father Braun that he not be allowed to be alone in the presence of anyone under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult; further restrictions should be imposed upon Father Braun and specifically that on 2 days per week in which Father Braun is not [REDACTED], either the Assistance to the Vicar for Priests Rev. Andy McDonagh or the Vicar Rev. Pat O'Malley should call Father Braun once a week and the Residential Program Director should also call Father Braun once a week for monitoring purposes.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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Cardinal Joseph Bernardin  
P.O. Box 1979  
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February 23, 1995

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on February 18, 1995. The Board fully considered my written and verbal reports, as well as information provided by the Vicar for Priests Rev. Patrick O'Malley, in the matter involving Rev. David Braun. The Board completed a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For Continuation of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is reasonable that Rev. Braun continue to remain withdrawn and retired from ministry.

As a result, the Board recommends that restrictions and monitoring continue to be imposed upon Rev. Braun and that he not be allowed alone in the presence of anyone under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. In addition, the Board recommends that further restrictions be imposed upon Rev. Braun, specifically that on two days per week in which Rev. Braun is not [REDACTED], either Rev. Andrew McDonagh or Rev. Patrick O'Malley should call Rev. Braun once a week and the Residential Program Director Bernadette Connolly should call Rev. Braun once a week as well for monitoring purposes.

The Board will report to you determinations and recommendations following any possible, future Supplementary Review in this matter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

*Steve Sidlowski*

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

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

BCC: Mr. John O'Malley, Legal Services

AOC 008417

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Rev. David Braun

Brooksville, Fla.

February 23, 1995

Dear Rev. Braun,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on February 18, 1995. The Board fully considered my written and verbal reports, as well as information provided by the Vicar for Priests Rev. Patrick O'Malley, in the matter involving yourself. The Board completed a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For Continuation of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is reasonable that you continue to remain withdrawn and retired from ministry.

As a result, the Board recommends that restrictions and monitoring continue to be imposed upon you and that you not be allowed alone in the presence of anyone under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. In addition, the Board recommends that further restrictions be imposed upon you, specifically that on two days per week in which you are not [REDACTED], either Rev. Andrew McDonagh or Rev. Patrick O'Malley should call you once a week and the Residential Program Director Bernadette Connolly should call you once a week as well for monitoring purposes.

The Board will report to the Archbishop determinations and recommendations following any possible, future Supplementary Review in this matter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Steve Sidlowski*  
Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Rev. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Esq.  
bcc: Mr. John O'Malley, Legal Services

AOC 008418



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February 23, 1995

Dear [REDACTED],

I'm writing to inform you that the Review Board met on February 18, 1995. The Board completed a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process For Continuation of Ministry in the matter involving Rev. David Braun.

The Board determined that it is reasonable that Rev. Braun continue to remain withdrawn and retired from ministry.

As a result, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that restrictions and monitoring should continue to be imposed upon Rev. Braun and that he not be allowed alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. Moreover, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that further restrictions be imposed upon Rev. Braun to help ensure that he is not alone with minors.

The Board requested that I communicate the outcome of its deliberations to you.

As you know, our Assistance Ministry and Ralph Bonaccorsi continue to be present for you to contact about the matter or if you have any questions at this time (1-312-751-8267). Of course, feel free to call or write me as well if you would have additional questions about the Supplementary Review.

Sincerely,

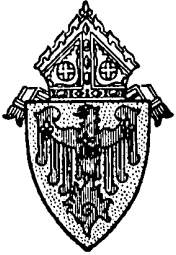
*Steve Sidlowski*

Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

cc: Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister  
bcc: Mr. John O'Malley, Legal Services

AOC 008419



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### Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 3/6/95

Re: Rev. David Braun

I spoke to Fr. McDonagh today, 3/6/95, concerning the PFR Board's request for Fr. David Braun's monitoring. The request is that our office, either through me or through Fr. McDonagh, call David Braun each week on a day when he is not [REDACTED] as part of a monitoring program. Fr. McDonagh will follow up on this and if he cannot call then he will notify me. According to the directions from the PFR Board, Bernadette Connolly will also call Braun once a week.

On 3/6/95, I spoke by phone to Fr. Braun. He is accepting of the restriction and will comply. He also asked that the FRA office send him a 1099 tax form for the money they have been sending him as a supplementary salary the past few years.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Ms. Bernadette Connolly, Acting Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

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

Date: April 24, 1995

Re: Reverend David Braun

Bernadette,

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations of the Review Board concerning Reverend David Braun described in Steve Sidlowski's letter to His Eminence dated February 23, 1995 following completion of the Supplementary Review at the Review Board's meeting on February 18, 1995.

Specifically, Cardinal Bernardin accepted the Board's determination that it is reasonable for Father Braun to continue to remain withdrawn and retired from ministry. As a result, the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendation that restrictions and monitoring should continue to be imposed on Father Braun and that he not be allowed to be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

In addition, the Cardinal agrees that on two days a week that Father Braun is not [REDACTED], either Father Andrew McDonagh or Father Patrick O'Malley should call Father Braun once a week and you should call Father Braun once a week as well for monitoring purposes.

The Cardinal also agrees with the suggestion that a representative of the Archdiocese visit Father Braun when possible at his residences in Florida and in Sublette, Illinois.

Please inform Father Braun and the Review Board of the Cardinal's decision accepting the Review Board's determination and recommendations.

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

AOC 008421

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

DATE: April 29, 1995

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:



OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Paprocki

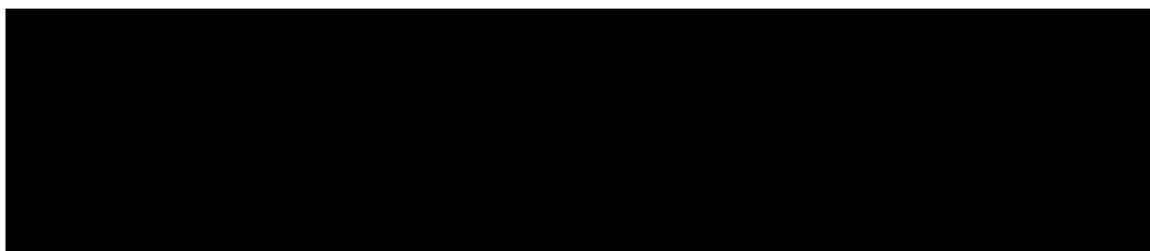
Bernadette Connolly

\* At our last Board meeting (4-29-95), we were unable to form a quorum, and so several important matters were postponed until the next meeting. However, the Board discussed several important issues as outlined below.

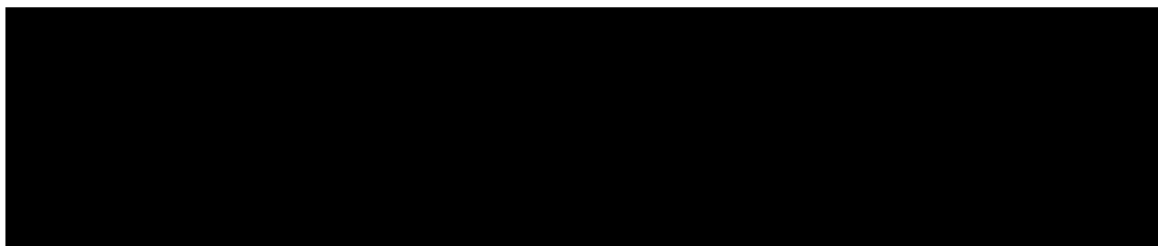
Matter of PFR-03 (D.B.):

1. Pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry, the Board completed a Supplementary Review on February 18, 1995. The Administrator informed the Board that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations that D.B. remain withdrawn and retired from ministry. Suggestions made by the Board for D.B.'s Protocol was also accepted by Cardinal Bernardin.

Matter of [REDACTED]:



Matter of [REDACTED]:



[REDACTED]

Matter of [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED]

Matter of [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED]

Respectfully  
Submitted By  
Bernadette Connolly  
Acting Professional  
Fitness Review Administrator

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**MEMO TO FILE: PFR-03**  
**FROM: Bernadette Connolly, Administrator**  
**RE: David Braun**  
**DATE: April 29, 1995**

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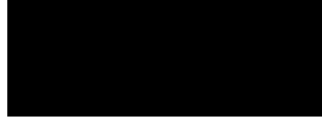
**Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, April 29, 1995:**

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry, the Review Board completed a Supplementary Review on February 18, 1995. The Professional Fitness Review Administrator informed the Board that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations that Father Braun remain withdrawn and retired from ministry. Suggestions made by the Board for Father Braun's Protocol were also accepted by Cardinal Bernardin.

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

DATE: May 13, 1995

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

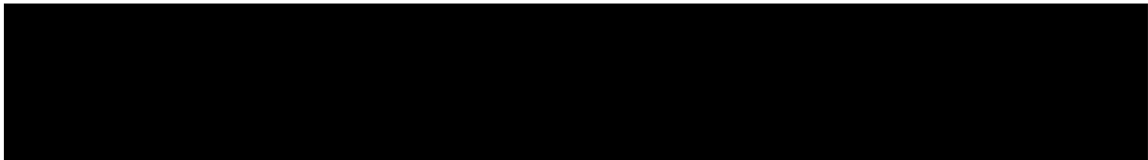
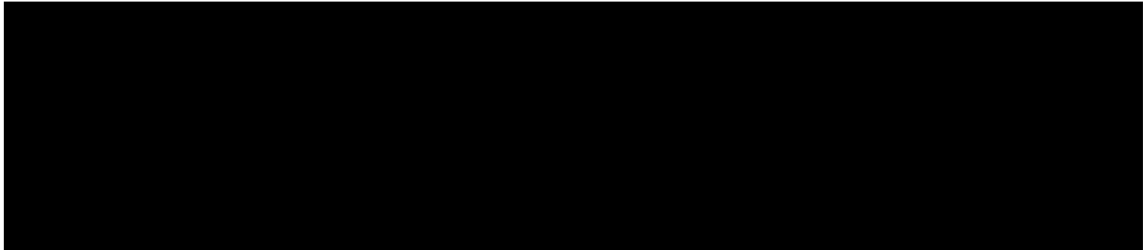


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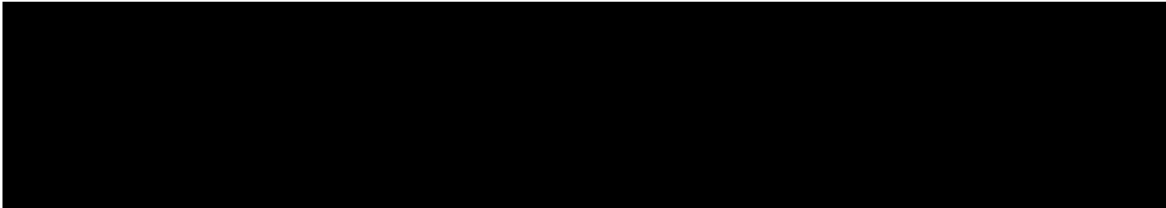
Thomas Paprocki

\* The Review Board approved the Minutes of the March 18, 1995 meeting. The April 29, 1995 meeting was postponed until this date due to lack of a quorum.

Matter of [REDACTED]:

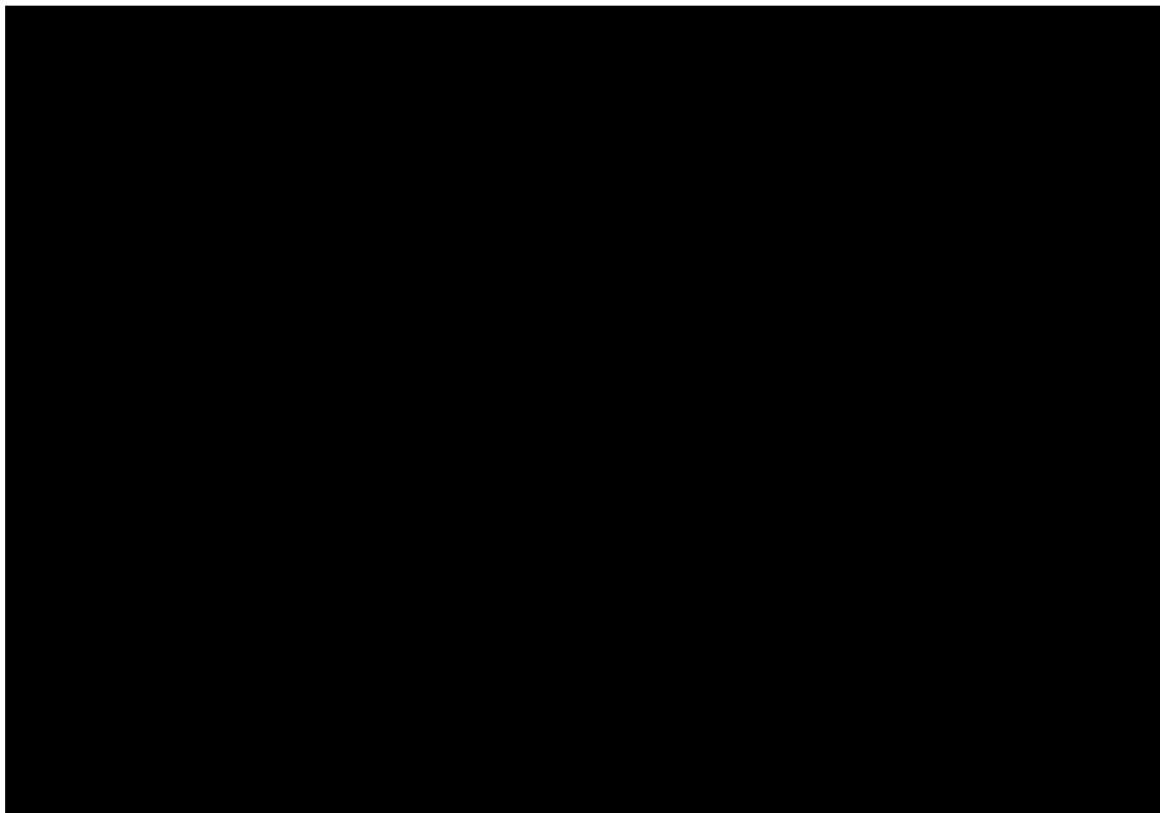


Matter of [REDACTED]:



Matter of PFR-03 (D.B.):

The Board received the information that the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendations regarding D.B.



Respectfully  
Submitted By:

[Redacted Signature]

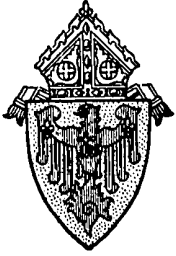


**MEMO TO FILE: PFR-03**  
**FROM:** [REDACTED]  
**RE: David Braun**  
**DATE: May 13, 1995**

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**Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, May 13, 1995:**

The Review Board received the information that the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendations regarding Father Braun.



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**Memo to File**

**From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley**

**Date: 5/17/95**

**Re: David Braun**

I contacted Fr. Braun today as part of a weekly call-in since Fr. McDonagh is [REDACTED]. Dave said he is attending his meetings and things are going well. He has been to see his doctor and again his health seems to be tolerable. [REDACTED]

I explained to him about Fr. McDonagh's [REDACTED] and about Bernadette Connolly's [REDACTED]. She will be in touch with Dave from the PFR Board and will probably be making a visit down to Sublett sometime in the near future.

FILE PFR-03

Phone Conversation with Rev. David Braun:

6-5-95

I spoke with Rev. David Braun today. David was to meet with me on Friday 6-2-95. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I set up another appointment with David on 6-30-95.

Directions to Woodhaven Lakes, Sublett, IL. are: RTE. 88 (West) - Go left on 52 (6 miles) to Woodhaven Lakes Camp Ground.

AOC 008429

FILE PFR-03

Phone Call from Rev. David Braun:

6-29-95

- David Braun called this morning to verify our meeting for Friday June 30, 1995. David also provided me (B.C.) with his new phone #  
- [REDACTED].

FILE PFR-03

Visit With PFR-03 Dave Braun at Woodhaven Lakes: July 5, 1995

On July 5, 1995 I went to see Dave Braun at his summer home in Woodhaven Lakes. Dave Braun met me at the security gate. We then proceeded to his home. Dave Braun lives on one acre of land. He has plenty of household chores and hobbies that he does on the grounds. Dave Braun also has a part-time job cutting lawns for other members living at Woodhaven. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dave Braun and I sat down for lunch and briefly talked about his case. Dave Braun denied the allegations. He also felt relieved that at least someone from the Review Board finally met him face to face. He said that he only says Mass privately in his home and is [REDACTED] He also follows up on his [REDACTED] every 3 months. Dave Braun's household was very clean and orderly. It is in my opinion that Dave Braun is living in a safe environment where children are not at risk. He has 3 neighbors on his block all of whom are retired.

Dave Braun will be staying at Woodhaven Lakes up until October. I informed Dave Braun that I would share this visit with the Review Board and that I will plan on visiting him again in the Fall.

Phone Call from Dave Braun:

July 6, 1995

Dave Braun called to thank me for yesterday's visit. He also welcomed me back this Fall. He also noted that he had not yet received his June check. I informed him that it's in the mail.

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum regarding a series of phone calls between Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, and Victim IH and Ralph Bonaccorsi of the Office of Assistance Ministry between July 31 and August 10, 1995. On July 31, 1995, Victim IH called the Archdiocese's 800# and left a voicemail reporting that he was sexually abused by "Fr. Lester Brown/Braun" in 1960-1964 at St. Teresa. On August 7, 1995, Ralph Bonaccorsi spoke with Victim IH who reported that the abuse by "Fr. Lester Brown/Braun" took place when he was 10-12 years old and in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, approximately 1960-1963. According to Victim IH, the abuse consisted of fondling and occurred 5-6 times.

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum regarding a phone call with Victim IH on August 8, 1995, in which Victim IH reported that he was sexually abused by “Fr. Lester Braun/Brown” at St. Teresa from approximately 1960-1963, when Victim IH was between 10 and 12 years old. According to Victim IH, the abuse consisted of fondling and occurred approximately 5-6 times.

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, regarding a phone call from Victim IH on August 10, 1995, in which Victim IH, returning Ms. Connolly's phone call of August 9, 1995, detailed his allegation of sexual abuse by "Fr. Lester Brown". According to Victim IH's report, Victim IH was sexually abused by "Fr. Brown" at St. Teresa in approximately 1960-1963, when he was approximately 10-12 years old. Victim IH reported that "Fr. Brown" would make sexual advances toward him and touch him for approximately thirty seconds. The abuse occurred roughly seven times. In 1966/1967, Victim IH saw "Fr. Brown" in a room with another minor boy who had his pants down. Victim IH and the boy reported the incident to the local Youth Center.



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August 10, 1995

Dear [REDACTED],

As we discussed in our conversation by phone today, I have enclosed a copy of the Archdiocese of Chicago policies on "Clerical Sexual Misconduct With Minors: Policies For Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures For Determination of Fitness For Ministry."

As I mentioned, please know that we do take all allegations of sexual misconduct involving Archdiocesan priests and minors very seriously. I know coming forward with your allegation must be a very painful experience for you and your family. Please know that our Victim Assistance Minister is Ralph Bonaccorsi who can be reached at 1-312-751-8267.

[REDACTED] please know your allegation will be investigated by the Professional Fitness Review Board and myself. As we agreed, I will be contacting you by phone the week of August 21st, 1995 at some point after 5:30 p.m.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me collect at the above phone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Connolly".

Bernadette Connolly  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

AOC 008435

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, regarding a phone call from Victim IH on August 29, 1995, in which Victim IH clarifies that the priest who sexually abused him at St. Teresa was Fr. David Braun and not "Fr. Lester Brown" as Victim IH had previously stated. According to Victim IH, the abuse began in 1960 and lasted into 1964 when he was 10-12 years old and in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Victim IH reported that the abuse consisted of Fr. Braun touching/fondling/grabbing Victim IH's genital area over the clothes and occurred seven times.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Chancellor



## MEMORANDUM

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To: File

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

Date: September 16, 1995

Re: Review Board Meeting - REVEREND DAVID F. BRAUN, '54/RETIRED

The original allegation regarding a Father Lester Brown has been changed to Father David Braun. Bernadette Connolly and Ralph Bonaccorsi will be going to [REDACTED] next Friday to meet with the accuser. There are several areas to examine with him concerning his identification of the accused and the dates of the alleged misconduct. This is a recovered memory case.

This is a scan of an original document housed at the Archdiocese of Chicago  
Archives & Records Center

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

DATE: September 16, 1995

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:



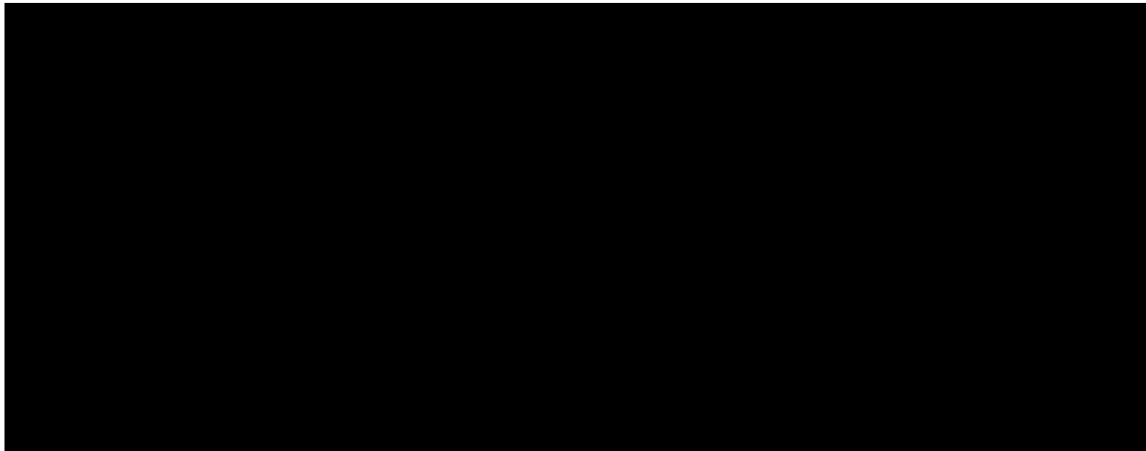
OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas J. Paprocki


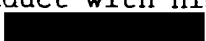

Bernadette Connolly

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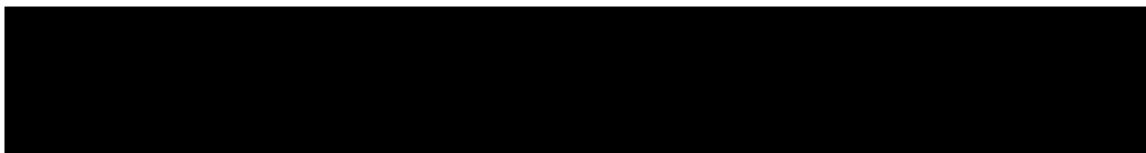
A) Matter of  :



B) Matter of PFR-03 (D.B.):

The Administrator reported  had called to inform our office that the priest who allegedly engaged in sexual misconduct with him was not Fr. Lester Brown but rather Fr. David Braun.  had called the school to double check the name of the priest. The Board requested that the Administrator meet with  to discuss the allegation.

C) Matter of  :



D) Matter of [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED]

E) Matter of [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED]

F) Job Descriptions:

The Board formally approved the PFRA and AA job descriptions.

**MEMO TO FILE: PFR-03**  
**FROM: Bernadette Connolly, Administrator**  
**RE: David Braun**  
**DATE: September 16, 1995**

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**Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, September 16, 1995:**

The Professional Fitness Review Administrator reported [REDACTED] had called to inform our office that the priest who allegedly engaged in sexual misconduct with him was not Father Lester Brown but rather Father David Braun. [REDACTED] had called the school to double-check the name of the priest. The Review Board requested that the PFR Administrator meet with [REDACTED] to discuss the allegation.

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, regarding Victim IH's statement, given to Ms. Connolly and Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi of the Office of Assistance Ministry on September 22, 1995, reporting Victim IH's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. David Braun at St. Teresa. According to Victim IH's report, Victim IH was sexually abused by Fr. Braun between 1963 and 1964 when he was approximately 9-12 years old and in 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Victim IH reported that the abuse consisted of Fr. Braun fondling/grabbing Victim IH's genital area over the clothes for 10-30 seconds and occurred 3-5 times.



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**Memo to File**

**From: Rev. Daniel Coughlin**

**Date: 9/26/95**

**Re: David Braun**

On 9/13, Bernadette Connolly called me to say that one [REDACTED] had called and told her that the previous perpetrator in his case called Buster Brown was now recalled as David. Ralph and Bernadette will meet with [REDACTED] and obtain more details. I told Bernadette that I would get in touch with David Braun and tell him that our meeting on 9/20 would not be possible. In light of these recent allegations it would be better to postpone the meeting until after Bernadette and Ralph meet with [REDACTED].



MEETING WITH FR. DAVID BRAUN, FR. PAT O'MALLEY and PFRA  
BERNADETTE CONNOLLY REGARDING [REDACTED] ALLEGATION:

October 3, 1995

I met with David Braun and Pat O'Malley today to discuss the alleged allegation we had received from [REDACTED]. I informed David Braun that he has the right to request legal counsel. David Braun denied this opportunity. I explained to David Braun the policies and procedures in which this case would be reviewed under. David Braun stated that he does understand the process of this review. I informed David Braun that I would read each question that I had asked the alleged victim [REDACTED] to answer.

After reading all the questions, David Braun requested time alone to speak with Pat O'Malley. After 20 minutes I was asked to return to the room to further discuss the matter. David Braun stated the following - "I am not guilty as charged." He was first sent to St. Teresa's in July of 1964. He was never at St. Teresa's in 1963 and his record can verify this date. He stated that in 1964 he did not know of [REDACTED]. He did know that Fr. Lubock (sp?) was the pastor of St. Teresa's in 1964. Perhaps [REDACTED] has him confused with him or some other priest. David Braun admitted that he knew [REDACTED] in 1967. Shortly after Mass, [REDACTED] came to him and was asking where Fr. [REDACTED] was and that he needed to speak with him right away. David remembers telling [REDACTED] that he didn't know of Fr. [REDACTED]'s whereabouts. [REDACTED] then left. At this time in 1967, [REDACTED] was either a freshman or sophomore in high school. Fr. Braun also stated that he was not in charge of the altar boys. A nun was in charge and he didn't remember her name. Fr. Braun stated that these allegations are just not true. When he was at St. Teresa's, he was a janitor because the parish couldn't afford to hire a lay person for the job. As I said before, "I am not guilty of these allegations."



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### Memo to File

From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley

Date: 10/4/95

Re: Rev. David Braun

On 10/3/95 I met with Fr. Braun at the PFR office. Bernadette Connolly, PFR Administrator, was bringing to Braun's attention the latest allegation of a young man going back to 1964.

I was present at that meeting in order to serve as an advocate for Braun.

Bernadette read to Fr. Braun the allegation as she had received it from the young man. Braun and I conferred and then he gave his response to the PFR Administrator. He denied any impropriety with the young man. He did admit that he knew the young man, but not until the young man was in high school.

This matter will now go before the PFR Board on 10/21 and Bernadette and the Board will handle it from that point on.



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Memo

To: Rev. Thomas Paprocki

Re: Priests with residence in other states

From: Rev. P. O'Malley

11/13/95

Just a reminder especially in light of the recent troubles with the priest from Santa Rosa.

We have three priests living outside the archdiocese who have had misconduct with minors in their past:

Rev. David Braun - in Rockford and in Florida (Orlando, I believe).

[REDACTED]

Rev. Frank Dilla - New Carlisle, Ind - Enclosed is a 11/16/93 letter from you to the local ordinary.

Are the ordinaries of the other places notified?

I thought we had notified Rockford and Florida for Braun. I am enclosing a memo indicating that Fr. MCDonagh thought we had notified the authorities. I have no copy of any such letter and, in any case, I am not sure we notified them as to the nature of the problem.

[REDACTED]

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of Board Meeting  
November 18, 1995  
10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
Office of Professional Fitness Review

Present:

Thomas Paprocki

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PER-03

The Board postponed this report to the next meeting when the Administrator can be present.

[REDACTED]

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is Saturday, December 16, 1995 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Cardinal will be invited to attend this or another meeting in order to discuss the Board's experience in reviewing cases and preparing recommendations.

TOTAL P.03

AOC 008447

Braun

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Chancellor



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November 27, 1995

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Reverend [REDACTED]  
Chancellor  
Diocese of St. Petersburg  
P.O. Box 40200  
St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0200

Dear Father [REDACTED]:

On behalf of Cardinal Bernardin, I am writing to inform you that a retired Chicago priest, Reverend David F. Braun, lives during part of the year at his home in Brooksville, Florida, in your diocese. The reason for notifying you is that his ministry is restricted due to allegations of sexual misconduct with minors.

Primary among these restrictions is the requirement that Father Braun may not be alone with any minors under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. He is being monitored by our Professional Fitness Review Administrator and the Vicar for Priests or the Assistant to the Vicar for Priests.

At present, Father Braun, age 68, is no longer engaged in any public ministry. In recent years Father Braun has had many physical problems, including [REDACTED]

It is understood that he is not to engage in public ministry in the Diocese of St. Petersburg without requesting faculties and that, if such faculties were ever to be requested, a more detailed description of his circumstances would be provided to you.

If you should wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Thomas J. Paprocki*

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Braun

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November 27, 1995

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Most Reverend [REDACTED]  
Bishop of Rockford  
P.O. Box 7044  
Rockford, IL 61126-7044

Dear Bishop [REDACTED]:

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If you or a priest delegated by you should wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With every best wish, I remain

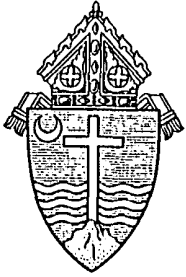
Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Thomas J. Paprocki*

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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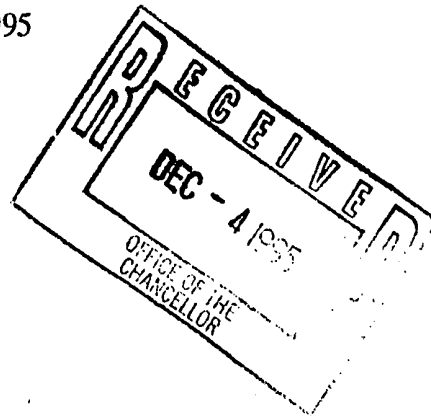
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November 30, 1995

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
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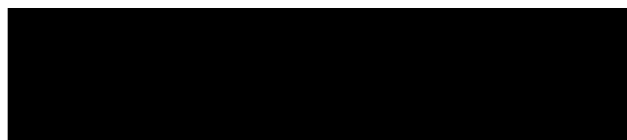
Reverend and dear Father Paprocki:

Bishop [REDACTED] has referred to me for an acknowledgement your kind letter addressed to him and dated November 27, 1995, concerning the residence of the Reverend David F. Braun, a retired priest of the Archdiocese, in the Diocese of Rockford. I am most grateful to His Eminence and to you, Father, for this courtesy. Please convey Bishop [REDACTED] and my own thanks to Cardinal Bernardin.

At this time I have only one question concerning Father Braun's understanding in regard to public ministry. Has he been advised not to present himself to the local pastor as a retired priest? Is he under any ecclesiastical censure at the present time? Any further information you can provide, Father, will be appreciated.

With every personal good wish for you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

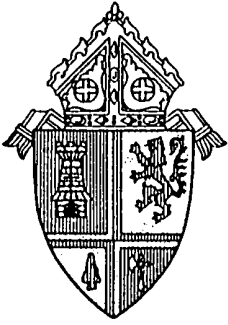


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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter written by Victim IH, addressed to Ralph Bonaccorsi of the Office of Professional Fitness Review and dated December 2, 1995, detailing Victim IH's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. David Braun and his desire for settlement with the Archdiocese. According to Victim IH, he was sexually abused by Fr. Braun in approximately 1962, when he was 13 years old.



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December 4, 1995

Reverend [REDACTED] Pastor  
St. Anthony Church  
20428 Cortez Boulevard  
Brooksville, FL 34601-5601

Re: Reverend David F. Braun

Dear Father [REDACTED]:

I have been informed by Father Thomas Paprocki, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago that Father Braun, a retired Chicago priest, lives during part of the year at his home in Brooksville, Florida.

According to Father Paprocki, Father Braun's ministry "is restricted due to allegations of sexual misconduct with minors."

Father Braun has not requested nor has he been issued any priestly faculties from the Diocese of St. Petersburg. He should not be permitted to engage in any public ministry in the Diocese of St. Petersburg without explicit approval in writing from our Chancery.

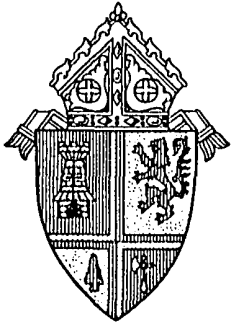
For information purposes, I am sending a copy of this letter to Father [REDACTED], your dean, and to Father [REDACTED], your neighboring pastor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]  
Chancellor

cc: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki ✓  
Very Reverend [REDACTED] OSB, VF  
Reverend [REDACTED]

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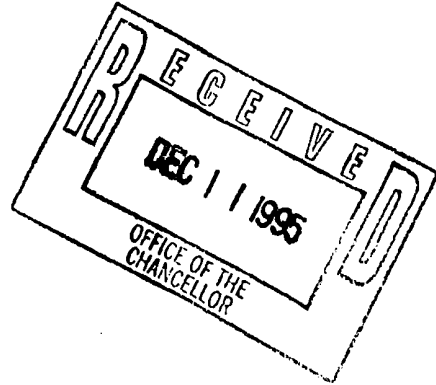
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December 4, 1995

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor  
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Re: Reverend David F. Braun

Dear Father Paprocki:

Thank you for your letter of November 27, 1995.

I have called the matter to the attention of Father [REDACTED] the pastor of the parish in Brooksville, Florida, and of Father [REDACTED] V.F., dean of the Hernando-Citrus Deanery. I have also informed Father [REDACTED] pastor of St. Anne's Parish, Ridge Manor, adjacent to [REDACTED]

I spoke by phone with Father [REDACTED] and he said he did not recognize the name.

Father Braun, to my knowledge, has not requested faculties in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. I had not heard of his presence in the Diocese of St. Petersburg prior to receipt of your letter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]  
Chancellor

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Chancellor



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## MEMORANDUM

To: File

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

Date: December 16, 1995

Re: Review Board Meeting - REV. DAVID F. BRAUN - First Stage Review

The Review Board considered information presented by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator regarding the allegation brought by [REDACTED] against Father David Braun.

Based on the information presently available, the Board determined that the facts were inconclusive. The Board suggested that the Archbishop's Delegate discuss this matter with the Professional Conduct Advisory Committee and the Archdiocesan attorneys regarding who should conduct further inquiry, whether that should be done by the PFRA or the attorneys. Also, the appropriateness of continued assistance ministry to [REDACTED] should be assessed.

Given the fact that Father Braun is retired and in light of his history of health problems, the Review Board does not believe there is currently any risk to children posed by Father Braun.

[REDACTED]

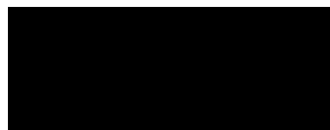
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of Board Meeting  
December 16, 1995  
10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
Office of Professional Fitness Review

Board Members Present:



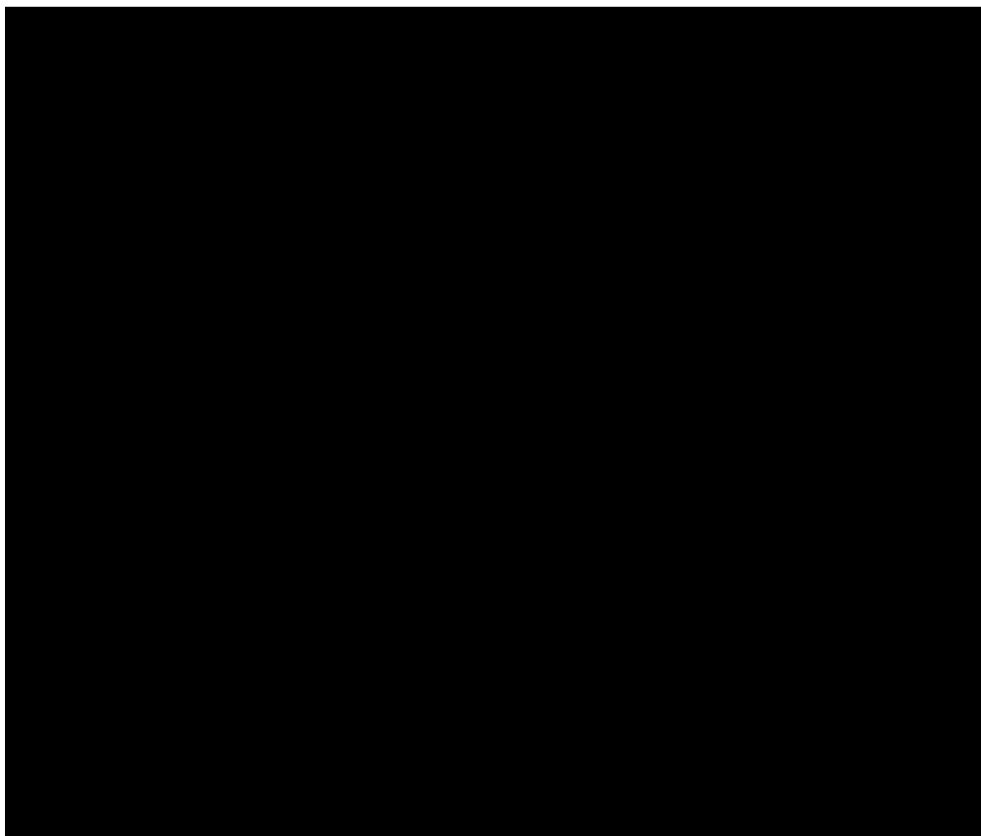
Others Present:

Bernadette Connolly

Thomas J. Paprocki

- \* The Review Board approved the Minutes of the September, October and November meetings.

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B.

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C.



D. Matter of PFR-03      David Braun

Pursuant to Article 1104.8, the Board conducted a First State Review. Based upon the information received and the Administrator's report, the Board determined the alleged allegation is inconclusive at this time. The Board requested the Administrator to speak with [REDACTED] to determine if further inquiry is needed due to a claim filed by [REDACTED], and who should proceed with the inquiry.

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F.

G.



Our Next Meeting is scheduled for January 20, 1996.

**MEMO TO FILE:** PFR-03  
**FROM:** Bernadette Connolly, Administrator  
**RE:** David Braun  
**DATE:** December 16, 1995

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**Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, December 16, 1995:**

Pursuant to Article (1104.8) the Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review. Based upon the information received and the Professional Fitness Review Administrator's report, the Board determined the alleged allegation is inconclusive at this time. The Board requested the PFR Administrator to speak with [REDACTED] to determine if further inquiry is needed due to a claim filed by [REDACTED] and who should proceed with the inquiry.



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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February 17, 1996

## CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Monsignor [REDACTED]  
Diocese of Rockford  
Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia  
P.O. Box 7044  
Rockford, IL 61126-7044

Dear Monsignor [REDACTED]

Late last year I wrote on behalf of Cardinal Bernardin to Bishop [REDACTED] concerning the residence of the Reverend David F. Braun, a retired priest of the Archdiocese, in the Diocese of Rockford. You wrote back on behalf of Bishop [REDACTED] requesting some additional information.

In response to the question about Father Braun's being advised not to present himself to the local pastor as a retired priest, Father Braun has been so advised and he clearly understands and accepts this. In light of his many physical problems which I described to Bishop [REDACTED] in my letter of November 27, 1995, it is not likely that he will seek permission for any public ministry.

Regarding whether he is under any ecclesiastical censure at the present time, no formal canonical penal process was initiated nor has any sanction been imposed due to the length of time since the alleged misconduct, the extent of Father Braun's health problems, and his voluntary cooperation with the restrictions which have been placed on him by the Archbishop.

Please be assured that our Professional Fitness Review Board does not believe that there is currently any risk to children posed by Father Braun, however, we thought it best to advise you of his residence there in the unlikely event that any matters concerning these allegations and his presence in your diocese should come to your attention.

With every best wish, I remain

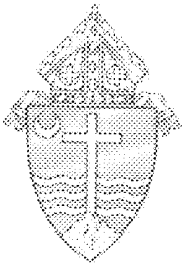
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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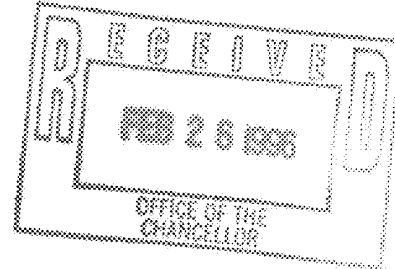
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February 22, 1996

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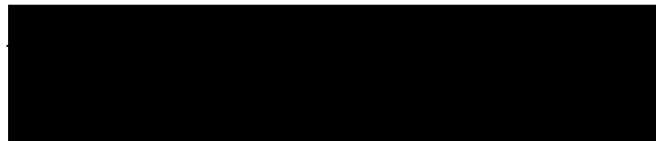


Dear Father Paprocki:

With this letter I wish to acknowledge your kind letter addressed to me and dated February 17, 1996, concerning the current status of Reverend David F. Braun, a retired priest of the Archdiocese. The further information which you have so generously provided is much appreciated. I shall advise Bishop [REDACTED] in this matter and please convey our gratitude to Cardinal Bernardin for this information.

With every personal good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia

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**Phone call to PFR-03 (D.B.)**

**3/7/96**

- I spoke with D.B. today to see how things are going. He stated the weather is beautiful in Florida. He also stated he was planning to leave Florida in May and return to Sublette, IL for the summer. He also wondered if the checks were mailed out. I stated that they were. He also requested that I check the hot line # because when he dialed, it did not work. I told him I would check it. I also let him know I would be visiting him in Illinois this summer.

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AOC 008461

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

August 12, 1996

Via Certified and U.S. Mail

Ms. Bernadette Connolly  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Office of Professional Fitness Review  
One East Superior  
Suite 504  
Chicago, IL 60611

Re: [REDACTED] v. Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a/k/a  
The Archdiocese of Chicago, David Brown and St.  
Theresa's Catholic School

Dear Ms. Connolly:

Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED], a former student at St. Theresa's Catholic School. Based upon the correspondence between you and [REDACTED], it is clear that you are aware of the sexual abuse suffered by my client on or about the year of 1963 at the hands of your then employee, David Brown. I am aware of your investigation into this matter and the fact that the veracity of my client's allegations has been confirmed by the same.

Due to the time sensitive nature of these actions, we have already begun preparing a lawsuit on behalf of [REDACTED]. I urge you to take this matter extremely seriously, as I will file suit within one month from the date of this letter. If you wish to discuss the possibility of resolving this amicably, please contact me immediately. Otherwise, I will take all action necessary to seek compensation for the damage and destruction this abuse has inflicted upon my client.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AOC 008462

TRANSMISSION-REPORT

TIME : AUG 19 '96 10:42  
TEL NUMBER : 1-312-751-5279  
NAME : PROF. FITNESS REVIEW

<u>NBR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>PGS</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MODE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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Office of Professional  
Fitness Review

Bernadette Connolly  
Administrator

## FAX TRANSMITTAL FORM

DATE: 8-19-96  
FROM: Bernadette Connolly  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 312-751-5205/5206  
FAX NUMBER: 312-751-5279

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TO: John O'Malley  
ORGANIZATION/COMPANY:  
FAX NUMBER: 751-5252

NUMBER OF PAGES (including this page) 2

Feb. 22, 1997

Dear Bernadette,

*W of 2-18*  
I am back in the land of sunshine and warmth! Spending two months in northern Illinois, [REDACTED] was not in my plan for this past Winter. "Man proposes, but God..." But

[REDACTED] It is more difficult, even scary, to be totally on my own, but God again provides wonderfully generous and self-sacrificing friends to help me, eg. shopping, dinners and snacks, making my phone calls, etc., even cleaned my house before I got back here!

At present, I'm almost overwhelmed by the amount of paperwork, letters to write, decisions to make, plus income tax to do, I hardly know where to begin, except that this letter is a beginning!

I am very grateful to so many family and friends for the prayers, Masses, cards and notes for my recovery and encouragement. These have been my mainstay from day to day, helping overcome any depression or loneliness.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Just getting myself organised to the new routine has taken me several days.

Daily Mass and Prayer Time have been my source of strength and motivation. I include all of my friends and benefactors in those prayers! And so I ask that you continue to pray for me, that my recovery will be complete, and that I may grow to be a better person because of this new "life style".

God bless you with His Peace.

*For Dave*

AOC 008465

*File* PFR-03

3-11-97

Dear Bernadette,

This is a personal 'follow-up" of the letter on the other side. When I was in N. Riverside, staying with [REDACTED], I did not have your address or phone number. Nor ~~did~~ I have the energy to do much corresponding!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I do plan to return to Woodhaven in early May. (My April check can come to Fla.) The weather will be warmer up there by then, at least bearable, anyway.

My neighbors are still helpful, and we check in everyday. I'm able to manage the ordinary things pretty well, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] so things are pretty much O.K. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And I've stayed sober, really happy inside, with the same sense of humor; maybe a little more prayerful, with deeper pray due to lots of silence.

Anyway, I'm OK. Let us pray for one another.

*Fr. Dave Braun*

AOC 008466



Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Vicar General  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60600

Rev. and Dear Father,

Reverend David F. Braun (Class of 1954) passed away on Tuesday, December 2, 1997.

Reception of the body at St. Joseph Church, 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois on  
Friday, December 5 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wake Service at 8:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, December 6,  
at 10:30 a.m.

Interment: [REDACTED]

Priests wishing to concelebrate kindly bring alb and stole.

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

Fraternally yours in Christ,  
+Raymond E. Goedert

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting, Saturday, December 20, 1997  
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
Office of Professional Fitness Review**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**



**Others Present:**

**Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki**

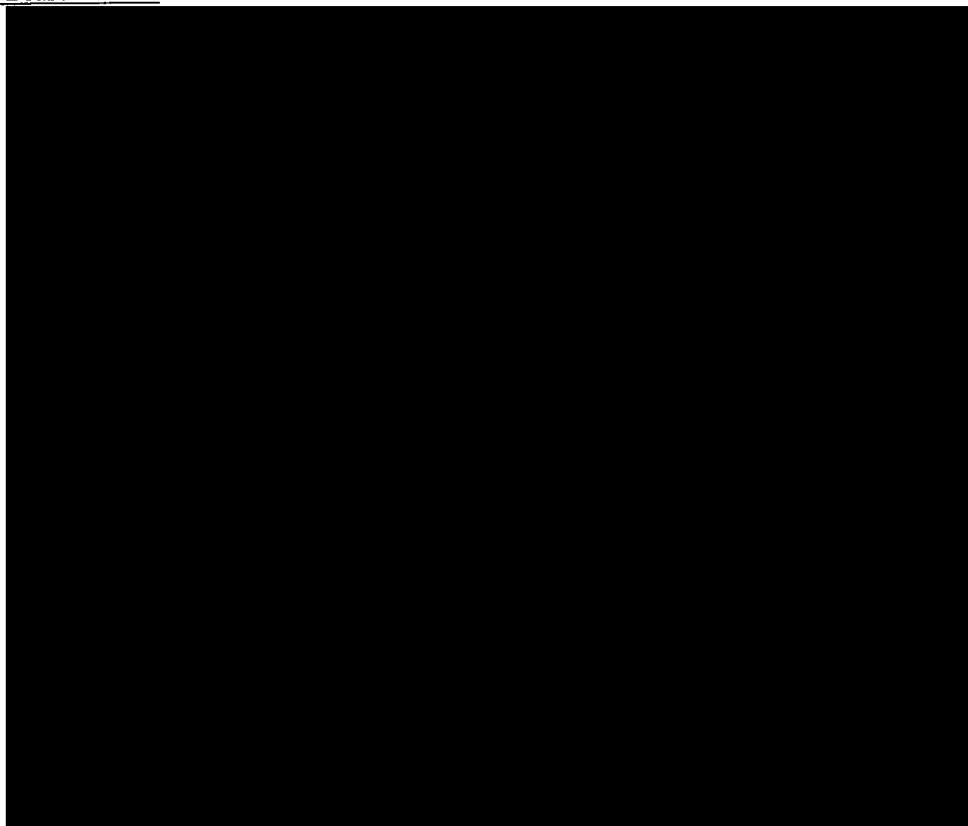
**Bernadette Connolly**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

- A. The Review Board approved the Minutes of the September 20, 1997 meeting.**

**II. Review Board Matters**

**A.**

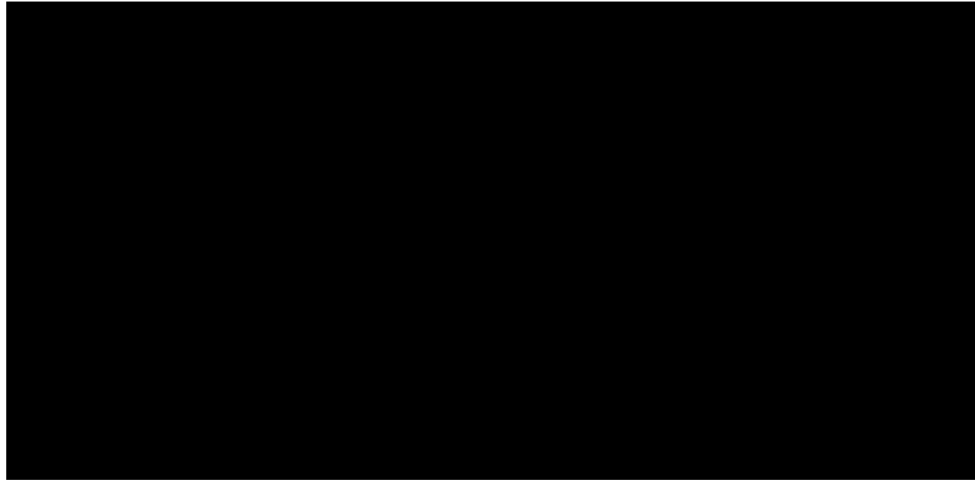


**B.**

- C. Matter of PFR-02, David Braun  
The Professional Fitness Review Administrator informed the Board that Fr. Braun died on December 7, 1997. His file will still remain open in the Office of Professional Fitness Review.

D.

E.



- III. A. Other Matters  
The Board approved its 1998 meeting schedule.

Our next scheduled meeting is January 24, 1998.

***HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!***

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**Professional Fitness Review Board  
March 18, 2000**

**MINUTES**

Board Members Present:



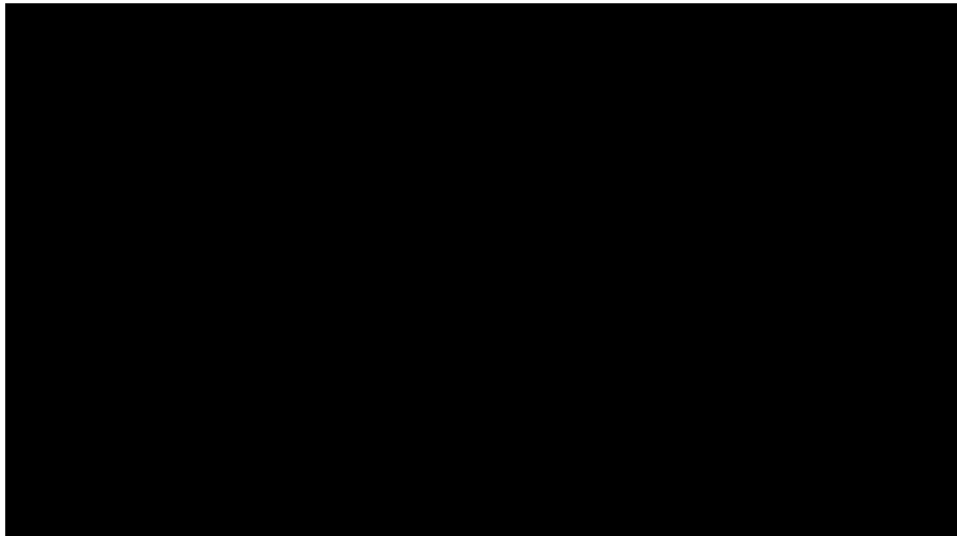
Others Present:


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

I. Approval of Minutes for February 19, 2000 with Addendum

II. Case Reviews

A.



B. In the matter of Rev. David Braun, PFR-03 and 

Board recommended closing both files. Both priests are deceased. Should further allegations be received files will be reopened.

C.

D.

III. Other Business

A.

B.

C.

**Next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 15, 2000**

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**Professional Fitness Review Board**  
**March 18, 2000**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- I. Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2000 Meeting
- II. Case Reviews
  - A. [REDACTED]
  - B. In the matter of
  - C. Status of PFR-03 Braun, [REDACTED]
- III. Other Business
  - A. [REDACTED]
  - B. [REDACTED]

Phone Voice Mail Received Thurs. 6/6/02  
3:11 pm

[redacted] (male) [redacted]

was molested by Fr. Dane Brown, priest  
in Walnetto in 1982. [redacted]  
abused a number of others too. [redacted]

[redacted] He heard  
Brown had been in Round Lake Beach - not  
sure where he is now.

[redacted] said he should call and  
report this priest to make sure people  
are aware of his past history so it  
doesn't happen again

Called 6-20-02 left message

PRR-03

~~Brown~~  
Braun / [REDACTED]

**Leonatti, Janet**

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**From:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2002 11:06 AM  
**To:** Leonatti, Janet

Jan,

In regards to [REDACTED]-according to my notes, I left him a message on 9/16 regarding his allegation. I have not yet heard from him. If it is okay with you, I don't want to smother [REDACTED]..If I don't hear from him today, I will call him on Monday. Does that work for you?

Leah



Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Ralph Bonaccorsi, of the Office of Assistance Ministry, regarding a phone call from Victim IF on September 20, 2002 clarifying Victim IF's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. David Braun. According to Victim IF's report, Victim IF was sexually abused by Fr. Braun at a parish in Winnetka in approximately 1982-1983 when Victim IF was 22 years old. Victim IF reported that Fr. Braun hugged and kissed him after confession multiple times; Fr. Braun also performed digital anal penetration on Victim IF.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-03

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: **Rev. David Braun (Deceased)**

Date: September 27, 2002

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PFRA contacted alleged victim [REDACTED] this morning via phone in regards to his allegations of sexual misconduct against a priest. [REDACTED] stated that he spoke with Ralph Bonaccorsi of Victim Assistance Ministry last week regarding his allegations. As per his conversation with Ralph, [REDACTED] stated that when he feels comfortable, he will write a detailed letter of the abuse he sustained by Dave Braun who was a priest in Wilmette in 1982. [REDACTED] continued by stating that when he is comfortable and feels ready to write such a letter, he will forward it to the Office of Professional Fitness Review and will come forward for a face-to-face interview at that time if necessary.

When asked by PFRA, [REDACTED] stated that he originally identified the priest as Fr. Dave Brown, which he stated is incorrect. [REDACTED] confirmed that the name of the priest who allegedly abused him is Fr. Dave Braun. PFRA then asked [REDACTED] if he recalls the name of the parish where the abuse took place. [REDACTED] stated that he did not recall the name of the parish because he did not attend the school, but had gone to the parish in Wilmette [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was extremely cooperative and appreciative of the phone calls that he has received from both Victim Assistance Ministry and the Office of Professional Fitness Review.

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Victim Assistance Ministry  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Jim Serritella, BWMS

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

FROM: Jan Leonatti

DATE: September 30, 2002

RE: **Rev. David Brown/** [REDACTED]

The attached memo regarding Rev. David Braun/[REDACTED] is a clarification of a matter previously reported as an issue alleged by [REDACTED] against Rev. David Brown.

As this is an adult issue, it will be handled by the Vicar for Priests. I have deleted the [REDACTED] matter from the database and I will ask Laura to delete this file from the PFR files.

I apologize for any confusion.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Jan Leonatti.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

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Office of Professional Responsibility  
Office of Assistance Ministry



## MEMORANDUM

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# CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Fr. James Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests

Cc: Leah McCluskey  
Ralph Bonaccorsi

FROM: Mayra Flores *mf*

RE: [REDACTED] - S0430 [v. David Braun]

DATE: May 27, 2003

After several attempts of returning each other's phone calls, I was able to speak to [REDACTED] this morning [8:50 a.m.]. The main points to our conversation follows:

- ☐ [REDACTED] initially spoke with Ralph on September 20, 2002. Ralph did send a memo with information on the conversation on the 20<sup>th</sup>. It was left that [REDACTED] would write an account of the incident(s) and forward it to Ralph. *Note the last paragraph of the September 20<sup>th</sup> memo from Ralph.*
- ☐ [REDACTED] said that Fr. David Braun abused him when he was 22 years old [REDACTED]. He also said that many people from [REDACTED] sought out Fr. Braun [REDACTED].
- ☐ On April 8, 2003, [REDACTED] again spoke with Ralph. Ralph again asked for a written account. In our conversation today, [REDACTED] told me that he had sent Ralph the written account. I do not have a copy of it in the file, nor does Ralph remember receiving it.
- ☐ [REDACTED]
- ☐ [REDACTED]
- ☐ [REDACTED] He is very anxious to hear back

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from someone right away [REDACTED] He  
would also like a referral to an attorney.

[REDACTED] currently resides in [REDACTED]. His phone number is [REDACTED]

**From:** Mayra Flores  
**To:** Bland Michael J.; Michael Bland  
**Date:** Tue, Aug 26, 2003 4:00 PM  
**Subject:** C.B

Michael,

Kaz and I met with [REDACTED] today (in [REDACTED]). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We are also in the  
process of giving [REDACTED] a couple of attorneys' names.

Give Kaz a call directly if you wish. Kaz had said to [REDACTED] that we might be able to get back to him by this Thursday.

Mayra

**CC:** James Kaczorowski; Ralph Bonaccorsi

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces the memorandum prepared by Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry, regarding Victim IF's statement, given to Ms. Flores and Fr. James Kaczorowski on August 26, 2003, reporting Victim IF's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. David Braun. According to Victim IF's report, Victim IF was sexually abused by Fr. Braun in the mid-1980s when he was approximately 22 years old. Victim IF reported that Fr. Braun kissed him and held him such that Victim IF could feel Fr. Braun's erect penis. The abuse occurred multiple times over a period of approximately six months.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: File

cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi  
Rev. James Kaczorowski

FROM: Mayra Flores *MF*

RE: [REDACTED] – S0430 [v. Braun]

DATE: September 2, 2003

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On Friday, August 29, 2003, Fr. Kaczorowski and I left a detailed voicemail message for [REDACTED] apologizing that we hadn't been able to talk to him on Thursday as planned. [REDACTED]

Today, I called Fr. Kaczorowski to follow up. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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TO: Rev. James Kaczorowski  
FROM: Mayra Flores   
RE: [REDACTED] – S0430 [v. Braun]  
DATE: September 4, 2003

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I tried again today to speak to [REDACTED] directly, but only got the voicemail on his cell phone. However [REDACTED], I left him the following message:

[REDACTED]

*This is Mayra from Assistance Ministry at the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Kaczorowski and I had wanted to follow up with you on*

[REDACTED]

*I'd appreciate you calling me directly at 312.751.8267 so that I may speak to you on another matter. Thank you.*

[REDACTED]

I will continue to keep you updated.

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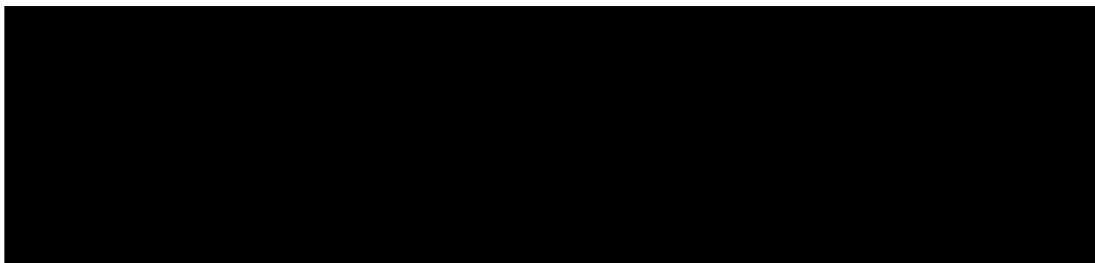
TO: Fr. James Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests

FROM: Ralph Bonaccorsi *RB*

RE: [REDACTED] – S0430 [v. Braun]

DATE: September 5, 2003

I spoke with [REDACTED] today. The conversation went quite well. He expressed appreciation for you and Mayra, and the visit with him.



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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter written by Victim II, addressed to Matt Hunnicutt, Director of the Office of Assistance Ministry, and dated May 2, 2008, reporting Victim II's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. David Braun. According to Victim II, he was sexually abused by Fr. Braun at Sacred Heart in 1954, when he was approximately 12 years old.

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## MEMORANDUM

**FILE COPY**

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

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

**Date:** May 7, 2008

**Re:** [PFR-003] Braun, Fr. David Francis (Deceased)/  
[REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on May 6, 2008  
Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding  
(PFR -003) Braun, Fr. David Francis (Deceased) and/or [REDACTED]

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

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: John O'Malley, Attorney

BC: James Serritella

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE

FROM: Patty Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review PZ

DATE: May 7, 2008

Re: [PFR 03] Braun, Fr. David Francis (deceased) Sacred Heart Grammar School – [REDACTED]

Matt Hunnicutt copied me on a letter he received from [REDACTED], which described an allegation of sexual abuse as a minor against Fr. David Braun.

The alleged abuse occurred around 1954 at Sacred Heart Grammar School, which was located at 70th, and May Street in Chicago.

Mr. Hunnicutt reported he contacted [REDACTED] and gave him information about the CAIR office as well as my name and telephone number.

He said that [REDACTED] said he would contact me, as he is interested in formalizing his allegation in order to heal. Mr. Hunnicutt said [REDACTED] stated he is not interested in monetary compensation. He said he would very much like to meet with the Cardinal as described on the Archdiocesan website describing the Office of Assistance Ministry.

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May 7, 2008

To: Patty Zacharias  
Cc: Leah McCluskey  
Mayra Flores  
Re: [REDACTED]

On May 6, 2008, I received a letter from [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] in which he alleges to have been "sexually molested [REDACTED] ...by a newly ordained priest." He [REDACTED] identified the priest as Father David Braun.

At 9:45 this morning, [REDACTED] phoned me and stated that he is not looking for money, but would like to come forward about his abuse. I informed him of how the process works, and provided him with the telephone number of Patty Zacharias (since the priest in question is deceased). [REDACTED] stated that he will [REDACTED] likely be in touch with Patty to set up a meeting in Chicago in the near future. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he read about the Office of Assistance Ministry on the archdiocese's website, and what got his attention was the fact that the Cardinal meets with victims. He stated that he would very much like to meet with the Cardinal [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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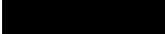
TO: File


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

DATE: May 19, 2008

Re: [PFR 03] Braun, Fr. David Francis (deceased) Sacred Heart Grammar  
School – 

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 contacted me last week to schedule a meeting to formalize his allegation against Fr. Braun. He is scheduled to meet at the CAIR office on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. I believe his wife will be accompanying him.



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Office of Legal Services

John C. O'Malley  
Director  
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June 2, 2008

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

RE: [REDACTED]  
Our File #08 SC 047  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Date of Incident: Approx. around 1953-1954  
Location of Incident: Sacred Heart Grammar School

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review has received an allegation that [REDACTED] was sexually abused as a minor by Fr. David Braun around approximately 1954 at Sacred Heart Grammar School. Fr. Braun is deceased. [REDACTED] also alleges that an unknown nun, possibly by the name of "Sr. [REDACTED]" sexually abused him in approximately 6th grade, around 1953, at Sacred Heart Grammar School as well. "Sr. [REDACTED]" may be a Franciscan nun of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate congregation. We will contact the congregation when we are able to confirm if that is the correct congregation.

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

Very truly yours,

  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE

FROM: Patty Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review p2

DATE: June 18, 2008

Re: [PFR 03] Braun, Fr. David Francis (deceased) Sacred Heart Grammar School — [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] called me this afternoon and said he needed to cancel the meeting we had scheduled for 6/25/08 to formalize his allegation against Fr. Braun.

[REDACTED]

He said he would like to contact me again in August 2008 to reschedule the meeting.

I told him that was fine and said we could also arrange to conduct the meeting via telephone if he would like to do so.

He thanked me [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Patty Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (CAIR) 92

DATE: January 7, 2009

Re: [PFR 03] Braun, Fr. David Francis (deceased) Sacred Heart Grammar  
School – [REDACTED]

As of today's date, I have not heard back again from [REDACTED]. He had cancelled his scheduled meeting to formalize his allegation and had said he would call again to reschedule the meeting.

I have made this case inactive within the RADAR database.

**From:** Julie Satzik  
**To:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 6/14/2011 10:44 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Request

Hi,

The priests at St. Francis Xavier were:

1980-1983  
Edmund F. Burke  
Jerome J. Hartmann  
David F. Braun

1984  
Edmund F. Burke  
Jerome J. Hartmann  
David F. Braun  
James E. Morrissey

1985  
Edmund F. Burke  
James E. Morrissey  
Edward Hartnett  
Daniel J. Cassidy

At St. Joseph:

1980-1981  
Charles N. Meter  
Martin C. Schmidt  
Thomas M. Enright  
James W. Moran

1982-1983  
Charles N. Meter  
Martin C. Schmidt  
Thomas M. Enright  
Donald E. Cusack

1984  
Donald E. Cusack  
Charles N. Meter  
Dennis M. Zalecki

1985  
Donald E. Cusack  
Charles N. Meter  
Dennis M. Zalecki  
Alec J. Wolff

Julie

Julie A. Satzik  
Assistant Research Archivist  
Archdiocese of Chicago's  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archives and Records Center  
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>>> Leah McCluskey 6/14/2011 10:11 AM >>>  
Hi Julie,

I hope that all is well with you!

When you have a chance, could you please send me a list of priests assigned to St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph in Wilmette from 1980 through 1985?

Thank you!

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – VP – 26A

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

Re: Braun, Rev. David F. (Deceased)/[REDACTED]

Date: June 21, 2011

Upon receipt of this allegation on July 26, 2002, this matter was opened in this office as PFR – 113 Brown, Dave/[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Based upon [REDACTED] this allegation involved the abuse of an adult by a cleric, therefore, making this a Vicar for Priests case. Further clarification [REDACTED] allowed for the identification of the accused as Rev. David F. Braun and the correct spelling of the last name of the alleged victim as [REDACTED]

Therefore, this matter has been correctly re-filed as a Vicar for Priests matter:  
VP – - 26A Braun, Rev. David F. (Deceased)/[REDACTED]