

Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

**Robert Joseph
McDonald**

Born:

Ordained: 05/09/1973 Died:

Ethnicity:

No Image
Attached

Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. Hilary Parish (California Ave.)	Deacon	06/01/1972	12/31/1972
Ss. Faith, Hope & Charity Parish (Winnetka)	Assistant	05/09/1973	06/11/1979
Center for Pastoral Ministry	Associate Director	12/17/1975	01/20/1987
Our Lady of the Brook Parish (Northbrook)	Associate Pastor	06/11/1979	06/11/1985
Holy Cross Parish (Deerfield)	Associate Pastor	06/11/1985	01/20/1987
Our Lady of Grace Parish (Ridgeway Ave.)	Resident	12/30/1987	06/11/1990
Mercy Hospital	Chaplain	12/30/1987	12/01/1989
	On Leave	12/01/1989	06/01/1990
	Resigned	06/01/1990	

**Extraordinary
Appointments:**

Juni-
We will probably
have to give some
"supplement" for Bob
McDonald - What
should it be?

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

MC DONALD, ROBERT JOSEPH

Born:

Ordained:

Last Known Address:

May 9, 1973

(as of June, 1990)

Leave of absence granted on December 1, 1989, for six months

A letter of resignation was written by Bob on May 25, 1990

Cardinal Bernardin accepted his decision in a letter on June 11, 1990

No indication of attempted marriage

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

FOR	DATE <u>12-12</u> TIME <u>11:00</u> A.M. P.M.	
M	<u>Bob MacDonald</u>	
OF		TELEPHONED
PHONE		RETURNED YOUR CALL
MESSAGE	AREA CODE NUMBER EXTENSION	PLEASE CALL
		WILL CALL AGAIN
		CAME TO SEE YOU
		WANTS TO SEE YOU
SIGNED	TOPS FORM 4002	

Does he to do anything re:
insurance - Do you need more info.
re: pay - When do pay checks start?

PHONE CALL

FOR _____ DATE 12-22 TIME 9:30 A.M.
P.M.

M Cardinal

OF _____

PHONE 751-1817 before 10:AM

AREA CODE NUMBER EXTENSION

MESSAGE Very important

nty. with Bob Mc Donald

I got filled in details

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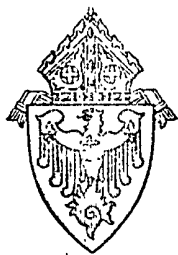
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

June 13, 1972

Reverend Mr. Robert J. McDonald

Dear Deacon McDonald,

It gives me great pleasure, after consultation with the faculty at the Seminary, to appoint you as a Deacon at St. Hilary parish, under the direction of the Most Rev. Thomas J. Grady, D.D., Pastor.

Faculties of the Archdiocese of Chicago, in accordance with Canon Law and the regulations of the Archdiocese, insofar as they are applicable to the office of deacon, are hereby granted you, effective as of the date of this letter with expiration on December 31, 1972.

Since this period of service at St. Hilary parish is considered a part of your training for the priesthood, I am sure that you will derive great benefit from this experience and you will profit by the guidance of the Pastor and the priest supervisor who is being assigned to help you.

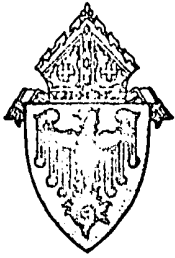
Begging God to bless you in this clerical ministry and with every personal good wish, I am, dear Deacon McDonald,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Most Rev. Thomas J. Grady, D.D. - Pastor

AOC 017674



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor
312/787-2315

April 10, 1973

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Dear Deacon McDonald,

Upon recommendation of the Seminary staff, and under directions from His Eminence, Cardinal Cody, I am pleased to "call" you to the Order of Priesthood, to be ordained on May 9, 1973, for service in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

After consultation with the Staff of the Seminary and the Archdiocesan Clergy Personnel Board, it has been recommended that you be assigned as Vicarius Cooperator at the parish of SS. Faith, Hope and Charity Church, whose Pastor is the Reverend Monsignor Eugene F. Lyons.

In accordance with the procedure set up by the Personnel Board, arrangements are being made for you to consult with the Pastor and his staff before your formal appointment is announced (after ordination) by the Cardinal (Canon 476).

I am happy to have the opportunity to express my congratulations to you and to welcome you to the priesthood we will share in service to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Wishing you an abundance of blessings at Easter time, and with all good wishes, I am, dear Deacon McDonald,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

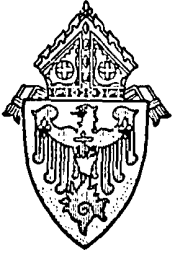
Richard A. Rosemeyer

Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Rosemeyer
CHANCELLOR

cc: Reverend Msgr. Eugene F. Lyons, Pastor

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Priest Personal file



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office of the Archbishop

May 9, 1973

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Reverend Robert J. McDonald
St. Mary of the Lake Seminary
Mundelein, Illinois

Dear Father McDonald,

Upon the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Clergy Personnel Board, after consultation with the Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago, Bishop Grady, the Archdiocesan Director of Seminaries, the Rector and faculty of St. Mary's Seminary, Mundelein, and your own consultation with the pastor of the parish to which you are being assigned, His Eminence, Cardinal Cody, Archbishop of Chicago, in accordance with Canon 476, 3-8, grants you the necessary faculties as a Vicarius Cooperator for assistance to the pastor and people of **SS. Faith, Hope & Charity Parish, Winnetka, Illinois.**

This appointment is effective immediately and faculties of the Archdiocese are granted to you as of this date, May 9, 1973.

Arrangements are to be made with the pastor about the time that you are to take up your duties after your vacation.

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in your first pastoral assignment, I am, dear Father McDonald,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
By order of His Eminence, Cardinal Cody,

Richard A. Rosemeyer
Chancellor

cc: Reverend Msgr. Eugene Lyons, Pastor
Archdiocesan Clergy Personnel Board

AOC 017676



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

December 9, 1975

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Reverend Robert J. McDonald
SS. Faith, Hope & Charity Rectory
191 Linden Street
Winnetka, Illinois 60093

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Dear Father McDonald:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as an Associate to the Center for Pastoral Ministry while maintaining your present duties at SS. Faith, Hope and Charity parish. The necessary arrangements will be made by Msgr. Lyons, and by Father Roache so that there will not be any conflict in this joint appointment.

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Thanking you for taking on these additional responsibilities in the important area of the continuing education for pastoral ministry, I am, dear Father McDonald,

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Very truly yours in Christ,

+ John Card. Cody

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Rev. Msgr. Eugene F. Lyons, Pastor, SS. Faith, Hope & Charity parish
Reverend James P. Roache, Director, Center for Pastoral Ministry
Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board

AOC 017677



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Vicar General

May 23, 1979

Reverend Robert J. McDonald
SS. Faith, Hope & Charity Rectory
191 Linden Street
Winnetka, Illinois 60093

Dear Father McDonald:

In accordance with Canon 476, and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody, is pleased to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Robert G. Herne, Pastor, Our Lady of the Brook Parish, Northbrook.

This appointment is effective June 11, 1979, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you will assume your new duties.

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in your new pastoral assignment, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

P. S. This transfer does not affect your part-time assignment to the Center for Pastoral Ministry.

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cc: Rev. Robert G. Herne, Pastor, Our Lady of the Brook Parish, Northbrook.
Rev. Msgr. Eugene F. Lyons, Pastor, SS. Faith, Hope & Charity

*File
Mr. McDonald*



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

Clergy Personnel Board
Telephone: 261-5274

May 14, 1984

Reverend Robert J. McDonald
Our Lady of the Brook Church
3700 W. Dundee Rd.
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Dear Bob,

At our meeting of May 11th, the Personnel Board voted to grant you a one year extension as Associate Pastor, Our Lady of the Brook, Northbrook.

We understand that Father Herne is in agreement with this recommendation and we feel confident that the people of Our Lady of the Brook will be best served by your continuing presence at that parish.

Faternally,

Reverend William B. Gubbins
Executive Secretary

WBG/mbc

cc: Reverend Robert G. Herne, Pastor
Our Lady of the Brook, Northbrook

AOC 017679



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

May 27, 1985

Dear Father McDonald:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to Reverend William J. Barry, Pastor of Holy Cross parish, Deerfield, Illinois, while retaining your part-time duties as Associate Director of the Center for Pastoral Ministry. This appointment is made in consultation with the Clergy Personnel Board.

This appointment is effective June 11, 1985, but I would ask you to contact the Father Barry so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

It is my understanding that part-time responsibilities should not exceed two days per week. In an effort to avoid conflict in this regard, I ask that you meet with Father Barry and Father Wayne Priest, and that a written contract be drawn up to include particular arrangements involving time, compensation and other necessary matters. Once this is completed, I ask that it be submitted to Reverend J. Cletus Kiley as well as the Clergy Personnel Board.

At this time I would like to thank you for the good work you have done at Our Lady of the Brook parish. Your priestly ministry there has been productive of much good and also, I am sure, deeply appreciated by the people. May I take this opportunity to thank you for all the work you are doing for the Archdiocese of Chicago in service of the people of God as you proclaim the Lord's Gospel.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Robert J. McDonald
Our Lady of the Brook Church
3700 West Dundee Road
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

cc: Reverend William J. Barry
Reverend J. Cletus Kiley
Reverend Wayne F. Priest
Reverend Robert G. Herne
Clergy Personnel Board

PRIEST'S FILE: MC DONALD, ROBERT J.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

March 24, 1986

Dear Bob:

Due to the death of William Barry, Holy Cross Parish, has become vacant.

I am pleased to appoint you as Administrator of this parish. This appointment is effective immediately and will terminate with the appointment of the new pastor.

I thank you for accepting the added responsibilities that you will have to carry during these next months. I am confident that you will fulfill this office with competence, compassion, and in accord with the attached guidelines.

Bob, I know these past few days have been very difficult on the parish and difficult for you personally. I was deeply impressed by the beautiful Mass and the large number of people present last evening. I know that the people of Holy Cross 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 cordial good wishes, I remain

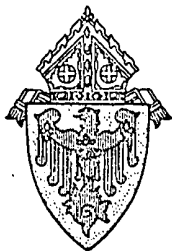
Faternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Réverend Robert J. McDonald
Holy Cross Parish
724 Elder Lane
Deerfield, Illinois 60015

cc: Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Rev. Msgr. Harry C. Koenig
Clergy Personnel Board

AOC 017681



Priest's personal file: Fr. Robert J. MC DONALD
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO (Main file, Parish)

POST OFFICE BOX 1979
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

April 1, 1986

Office of the Archbishop

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Dear Bob:

First I would want to thank you for the special efforts that you and the parish staff put in to provide the beautiful liturgy for Bill Barry. Bishop Vlazny certainly caught the mood of the moment. I know that it is a loss both to the parish and to you personally.

The direction given in my March 17 letter to Father Barry remains in place. I would encourage you to go ahead with plans as outlined and agreed upon. Obviously, when a new pastor is named for Holy Cross, he too will have an important voice in the future directions.

Meanwhile, I would be pleased if you were to provide the necessary leadership to move the project forward.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Robert J. McDonald
Holy Cross Church
724 Elder Lane
Deerfield, Illinois 60015

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter, written by Victim JQ on December 18, 1986 and addressed to Rev. [REDACTED], pastor of Holy Cross parish, alleging that Fr. Robert McDonald sexually propositioned Victim JQ, an adult male, at a social event on December 15, 1986.

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter, written by Victim JQ on December 28, 1986 and addressed to Rev. [REDACTED], pastor of Holy Cross parish, in which Victim JQ updates Fr. [REDACTED] on a meeting Victim JQ had with Fr. Tom Ventura, Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago, on December 27, 1986. Victim JQ also thanks Fr. [REDACTED] for his help throughout the situation surrounding Victim JQ's allegation of sexual impropriety against Fr. Robert McDonald.



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

(DRAFT OF A LETTER FOR CARDINAL BERNARDIN) *TV*

Rev. Robert McDonald
[REDACTED]

Dear Bob,

Tom Ventura informed me that he talked to you recently and that [REDACTED] seems to be off to a good start. I'm very pleased to hear that because I know that you have had a long and painful struggle during these past months.

I hope that all goes well for you in [REDACTED], Bob, and that you will continue to cooperate with your colleagues there in the quest for a deeper and richer understanding of your personality, your needs, your dreams and your hopes for the future. I know that this is not an easy task, but I want you to be aware of the fact that I will continue to remember you in my Mass each day.

Sincerely,

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Holy Cross Parish

Rev. John M. Thinnies, Pastor

Marianne Caruso, Pastoral Associate

Most Rev. John G. Vlazny, In Residence

Rev. Robert J. McDonald, Associate Pastor

Msgr. Cornelius McGillicuddy, In Residence

Rev. Michael Perko, S.J. (Weekend Assistant)

Mr. Thomas Bresler, Mr. Jerry Kasimatis, Mr. Anthony Sabato, Permanent Deacons

ADMINISTRATION CENTER: 724 Elder Lane — 945-0430

SCHOOL: 720 Elder Lane — 945-0135

Patricia Carter, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (CCD): 945-0581

Millie Zeloof, Coordinator

MASSSES: Saturday — 5:00 p.m. Sunday — 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 & 12:00

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday — 9:30-10:30 a.m. or by appointment

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA: Tuesday — 8:00 p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MC DONALD

Dear Friends,

During the past few months I have experienced a great amount of stress and pressure in my life. This stress has occurred as a result of various events in my ministry over most of which neither I nor the people I have served have had control. My ministry has included service here at Holy Cross as your associate pastor, my position as associate director of the Center for Development in Ministry, and also the work I have been doing in my doctoral program. I have come to realize that I have been overextended and need to rest.

With the support and the encouragement of the Archdiocese, I will now be leaving Holy Cross to participate in

This is not an easy decision to make. At the same time, my friends and my faith in the Lord have supported me in realizing that this is the best for me and for my future ministry as a priest. It is not easy because I love my ministry and love you, the people of Holy Cross. The people on the staff with whom I have discussed this have been totally supportive of me. Jack Thinnies has been truly remarkable in his care, his compassion and his understanding. You and I have been generously blessed by having him as our pastor. I will miss you all.

I ask for your prayerful support and you can be assured that you have a special place in my heart always.

Sincerely,
Fr. Bob McDonald

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

January 31-February 6

Saturday, January 31: School Science Fair

Sunday, February 1: Art and Science Fair projects will be on display in the school.

Monday, February 2: Special all-school celebration beginning with 8:30 a.m. Mass. All classrooms will be open to visitors. A special luncheon will be served by the School Activities Committee at 12:00 Noon and an exciting Cultural Arts Program will follow.

Wednesday, February 4: 54 students from our sister parish, St. Malachy's, will visit Holy Cross School and spend the day with our students.

All parishioners, relatives and interested friends and guests are cordially invited to attend.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS

Last year, Holy Cross School students raised \$8,549.00 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital thru the Math-a-thon Program. This was the largest amount ever raised by school children; and to show his deep appreciation, Danny Thomas came to Deerfield and personally presented the awards to Holy Cross.

This year our children raised \$20,241.24. The following letter has been received:

DANNY THOMAS

December 15, 1986

Ms. Patricia F. Carter
Principal
Holy Cross School
720 Elder Lane
Deerfield, IL 60015

Dear Pat:

I am sorry to hear about Father Barry. From my brief time with him, I know how much he is missed. He was indeed an inspiration to all of you.

I wish I could accept your very kind invitation, but I find it impossible to do so. Even though you have given me an open date, I do not expect to be in the Chicago area for quite some time, it is difficult for me to get away from California when we are filming, and what is left of my schedule is blocked long in advance. As much as I appreciate your students and their outstanding work, I am afraid I must decline.

Please tell this year's classes that they are terrific. I was impressed with the results last year, and the \$20,241.24 they raised this year is simply fantastic. You and everyone on your staff are to be commended for instilling such generous spirit in the children placed in your charge. You are obviously as concerned about their spiritual and social well being as you are about their academic progress. So to you, to the staff, and to the students, I say thank you, and may Almighty God be with you now and forever.

Sincerely,

Danny Thomas



UNIVERSITY of SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

January 15, 1987

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

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

After consultation with Father Thomas Ventura, Vicar for Priests, and [REDACTED] I have decided to take a sabbatical of indefinite length for the purpose of physical and emotional rest [REDACTED].

As a result, I find it necessary to submit to you my resignation as Associate Director of the Center for Development in Ministry, effective immediately. Since my term as Associate Director expires in June, 1987 and was not renewable, I consider this a resignation and not a leave of absence from this position.

I have enjoyed and benefitted from my association with the Center over the past 13 years. The Center has offered me numerous opportunities for my own development in my ministry. I will certainly miss the opportunity to utilize my talents in the important ministry the Center offers the Archdiocese.

I wish to thank you for the personal support and encouragement that you have generously offered to me and to the Center.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Robert J. McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Rev. Robert J. McDonald
Associate Director

cc: Rev. Wayne F. Prist
Clergy Personnel Board



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

January 20, 1987

Dear Bob,

This second letter is to affirm the plans you and I discussed last Friday.

You will take up residence at Our Lady of Grace, effective immediately. During this time, you will go to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] After all that has been completed and in light of the recommendation made by [REDACTED], we will work with you in determining your future assignment.

When you meet with Father Ventura, he will work out all the necessary arrangements.

In the meantime, be assured of my prayers and support. You know I will never be any farther away than the telephone.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Carl Bernardini
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Robert J. McDonald
Our Lady of Grace
2455 N. Hamlin
Chicago, Illinois 60646

cc: Father Ventura

bc: Father Kealy

AOC 017688



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

January 20, 1987

Dear Bob:

It was good to visit with you last Friday.

In response to your letter of January 15, I accept your resignation as Associate Director of the Center for Development in Ministry. I understand the reasons which have prompted this decision on your part.

I take this occasion to thank you for all you have done for the Center over the years. You have made a real contribution to its growth. The groundwork you helped to lay, along with so many others, has made possible the "new" Center at St. Mary of the Lake University, which will be invaluable to the continuing education of our priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers. I hope that at some future date you will be able again to help us in some way with its work.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardini
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Robert J. McDonald
Our Lady of Grace
2455 North Hamlin
Chicago, Illinois 60647

cc: Father Prist
Father Ventura
Clergy Personnel Board

bc: Father Kealy

AOC 017689



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor

(312) 751-8220

Personal and Confidential

MEMORANDUM

TO: Maryann Penczak

FROM: Father Kealy *RLK*

RE: [REDACTED]

DATE: January 23, 1987

Please put [REDACTED] on the payroll under the Chancellor's Office (Acct. #10-18). He is to be paid ten checks of \$604.16 ~~net~~ *gross* each. FICA of \$86.40 is to be paid on each check. In addition he should be put on our extended coverage health insurance.

Checks should be sent to him at this address:

[REDACTED]

His social security number is being obtained. Please send me a W-4 form which I can send to him. Also please send me an employment application form and check off what needs to be completed.

[REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your help.



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January 27, 1987

Vicar for Priests
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Res: (312) 528-0540

TO: Mary Ann Penczak
FROM: Fr. Tom Ventura TV
RE: Fr. Robert McDonald (class of '73)

1. With the permission of Cardinal Bernardin, Fr. McDonald will be taking a leave of absence from a regular assignment for reasons of health beginning February 1, 1987. Please send him a monthly salary check until further notice and continue his health and automobile insurance coverage.

2. His address: Our Lady of Grace Parish
2455 N. Hamlin
Chgo., IL 60647
phone: 772-5900

copy: Fr. McDonald
Mr. Ray Ranas



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979


CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

Confidential

Memorandum

To: Father Ventura

From: Cardinal Bernardin 

Re: Father Bob Mc Donald


Date: April 24, 1987

I have received the enclosed letter from Bob Mc Donald. It sounds very upbeat, etc. Before I respond, however, I need some clarification.

Apparently Bob is telling people the only real difficulty is [REDACTED]. But some of his friends (e.g. [REDACTED], [REDACTED]) insist that the deeper problem is one of sexuality. In recent days [REDACTED] has talked with me about this. A lay friend of [REDACTED] and Bob (a man in law school) apparently knows Bob's past difficulties and told [REDACTED] that there could be real trouble in the future (legal and otherwise) if the problem is not dealt with directly.

Could you please advise me as to what the situation is? At a given point I lost touch of what was happening in this case. Could you please confer with Jim Roache or Mike Place to help update me.


Many thanks.




April 27, 1987

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

Dear Tom,



Things continue to go very well here. I talked with  on the phone the other day. We had a good conversation.

I think Jack Thinnes is driving up here next week. It will be good to see him. I am sure that he has been having a rough time occasionally. I am glad that Bernie is going to Holy Cross. It should be a good place for him.

Take care, Tom.

Peace,



Bob McDonald

enclosure





ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

May 11, 1987

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

TO: File

FROM: Tom Ventura *N*

RE: Rev. Robert McDonald (Progress Report)

1. [REDACTED], case manager for M. reports that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

2. However, three close friends of M. ([REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) have expressed concern at the strong denial of sexual problems by M. They fear that he may use [REDACTED] as a means of avoiding dealing with this issue, especially the accusations of molestation.

3. Responding to these concerns, [REDACTED] indicated that he would communicate this specific concern to [REDACTED] so they could address it.
[REDACTED]

4. The three friends questioned whether the transition from Ventura to Goedert in the post of Vicar for Priests might not break the continuity in supervising M. Since [REDACTED] is case manager, that problem should be able to be avoided but we need to be alert to it.

5. I also contacted [REDACTED]. Her son is the one who made accusations of molestation against M.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She expressed concern about M. as a manipulative person who tended to resist admitting sexual problems. I told her that we appreciated her insights and [REDACTED]

6. In any future assignment M. should be A) under supervision and B) directed to avoid all unsupervised contact with young people 17 or under.

AOC 017694



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of Administrative Services

June 19, 1987

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OFFICE OF THE
CHANCELLOR

Dear [REDACTED]:

As of the end of June, 1987 your coverage as an employee of the Archdiocese of Chicago will cease. It is my understanding that you were informed by Father Kealy in January that this would be the situation.

I have enclosed a copy of our "Notice to Terminating Employee". It describes our nine month continuation program. You have the opportunity to continue this coverage at your own expense for up to nine months. The conditions of this extension are indicated on the note and on the attached card. The current premium for Anchor coverage is \$80.53 per month. This will be changed on October 1. We will notify you of the change should you decide to continue your coverage.

As you can see, you are required to remit your check to this office before the first of the month in order to continue the coverage.

If you have any questions about this, please call me at 751-5352.

Sincerely,

Maryann Penczak
Manager
Employee Services

CC:Reverend Robert L. Kealy

AOC 017695

8 July 1987

To: file

From: T. Ventura

RE: Rev. Robert McDonald (summary report.)

- 12-19-86: [redacted], pastor in Deerfield) informs me that [redacted], 21, accuses R. McDonald, associate, of making a homosexual overture to him [redacted] (cf. letter.) [redacted] confronted M. who was much shaken. M. said he [redacted] and was very ashamed of this.
- 12-19-86: Called M. to discuss this. He probably will have to leave the parish [redacted].
- 12-19-86: Informed [redacted]
- 12-22-86: [redacted]
- 12-23-86: Meeting with M. to discuss background, the incident, arrangements for medical leave, residence, [redacted]
- 12-27-86: Meeting with [redacted] to discuss background and incident, as well as his concerns about [redacted] reputation and future. [redacted]
- 12-30-86: Rev. [redacted], friend of M., received a call from [redacted] in [redacted] (former parishioner of M. in Winnetka). Her son [redacted], 14, told her that M. had molested him in their home 6 years ago. She is outraged and angry. Feels that M. has problems with massive denial about sexuality [redacted].

12.30.86: I confronted M. about this new information. He said that he talked to [redacted] by phone and she called him a disgrace and hung up in anger. He claimed that once he discovered the boy masturbating but he neither initiated that or touched him. I said that the convergence of these two allegations is very serious.

12.31.86: Rev. [redacted], pastor in Winnetka, said [redacted] and [redacted] had called him about M. He described them as fine people who feel betrayed. He said that M. displayed no signs of problems with sex or alcohol during his time at the parish, but he seemed to have an unusually strong need for affirmation.

12.31.86: I phoned [redacted] She was very hurt & angry and found it difficult to talk with me as an "official" Church person. ([redacted])

1-04-87: Rev. [redacted], friend of M. and [redacted], called to say that [redacted] would like her to phone her again. He also described M. as a friend of 20 years who has a strong pattern of denial which rearranges reality so as to minimize significant problem areas in his life. He is very concerned about him.

1-04-87: Phoned [redacted] She shared her son's description of the encounter with M. He tried to kiss [redacted]

He tried to touch his genitals

[redacted] She described M. as immature, spoiled, jealous, clever and given

to rationalization and excuses. He is sick and needs help and should not be allowed to evade the issue.

1-04-87:

1-05-87:

1-06-87:

Mr. has been residing at Tom Tivys parish and is on leave of absence for medical reasons.

1-15-87:

Mr. sent me copies of his formal resignation from C. O. M. and his farewell article for the bulletin in Deerfield (cf. copies)

1-20-87:

Cardinal's letter (4 copies) as a result of his recent meeting w. Mr. to discuss all of this.

2-13-87:

2-19-87: [REDACTED]

3-16-87: [REDACTED]

3-30-87: [REDACTED]

4-24-87: Concerns about Mr. [REDACTED] from the Cardinal, [REDACTED], and, through [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] from recent communications from Mr. [REDACTED]. They feel he is embracing [REDACTED] as a means of avoiding rather than confronting the larger and deeper issues of separability, developmental problems etc. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Unfortunately, if he returns to Ministry without having confronted the separability issues he will have left a main component unfinished.

5.5.87: Meeting with K. [REDACTED], Case manager, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] to discuss Their concerns and insights. [REDACTED] will convey These to Mr. [REDACTED]

5.6.87: Call to [REDACTED] at suggestion of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] She too is concerned That Mr. May be using [REDACTED] as an avoidance from dealing with The wider range of problems, especially sexuality. She is also concerned That, [REDACTED] Mr. not be in a Ministry That deals with youth.

5.19.87: [REDACTED]

6-3-87: [REDACTED]

6.15.87: Phone conversation with Mr. He was calm and at peace. At last I feel he is ready to face all of The issues which are involved.

6-30.87: As I end my term, I am relieved That Mr. is in The proper place and That he got There through a process which was long & tedious but which elicited his cooperation as much as possible. As a result, The outcome is hopeful.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Vicar for Priests

800 North Clark Street, Suite 311

Chicago, Illinois 60611

Off: (312) 642-1837

Res: (312) 528-0540

MEMO

TO: File
DATE: July 18, 1987
SUBJECT: Robert McDonald

I spoke to [REDACTED] today. He is very hesitant about letting go of Bob with regard to his being Case Manager. He somehow thinks that Bob is trying to slip between the cracks. He would like to think this over and he is leaving for vacation and will be with Tom Ventura, so I suggested that they both talk it over and let me know when they return what he thinks he should do.

AOC 017701

2 November 1987

To: FatherRoache
Fr: FatherPlace *MA*
Re: [REDACTED] re Bob McDonald

Friday [REDACTED] called to tell me that [REDACTED] had called about Bob McDonald. She had heard from a friend, who had been stopped by a woman in the store, that there had been request for prayers and letters for Bob (not sure where) and that she thought Bob was coming home soon.

The news of support for Bob and his coming home, sent (it would appear) [REDACTED] into something of a hysterical reaction. She told [REDACTED] that she was worried that the Cardinal did not know all that Bob had supposedly done and that it seemed as if he was going to be returned to ministry where he could "harm others as he has harmed [REDACTED]." Consequently, she was talking about a law suit.

Subsequently she did talk to a lawyer who did not give her much encouragement about a law suit. So she now has taken the tact of trying to prevent his being restored to ministry. It is my impression that she might be calling Ray Goedert to try and arrange a phone conversation with the Cardinal.

It would be my suggestion that Ray be brought up to speed on all of this. If she feels as if she is getting a run around, I think she is angry enough to do something stupid. If it is possible, the process of evaluation and supervision etc. that (according to my impression) is usually part [REDACTED] should be explained to her. As for the Cardinal speaking to her, it might be the type of symbolic event that would put some closure on this. On the other hand, it might not be totally productive. As a minimum, I would suggest that Ray or someone else be on the line at the same time.



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TO: File
DATE: Nov. 2, 1987
RE: Robert McDonald

I met with both Jim Roache and Mike Place today. Jim gave me the memo which Mike had sent to him about [REDACTED] and Bob McDonald.

Subsequent to my meeting with Mike, I called [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] had two conversations with Tom Ventura. The first did not go too well, as she was hysterical. But the second was much better. She wants satisfaction that this won't happen again. She will probably call me. She wants assurances.

[REDACTED] said that the [REDACTED]s were very close to Bob and very good to him. [REDACTED] wanted to alert me to treat her as pastorally as possible, and that I should be aware that [REDACTED]. It would help if I could give her assurances that Bob will be under constant supervision. [REDACTED] she knows only too well how large organizations cover the tracks of their employees. She thinks the Church will do the same.

[REDACTED] said that he was the one that [REDACTED] first called. He then called Tom Ventura and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has been very angry about all this. Bob has never mentioned the [REDACTED] situation to him. He never admitted anything. He has been very defensive.

[REDACTED] asked if I would contact [REDACTED]. She works for [REDACTED]. Her boy, [REDACTED], is 20 years old now. She lives in [REDACTED]. Her home number is [REDACTED]. Her work number is [REDACTED].

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memo to file, written by Fr. Raymond Goedert and dated November 5, 1987, summarizing a phone call from that day with the mother of Victim JR. According to Fr. Goedert's memo, Victim JR told his mother that year that he was raped by Fr. Robert McDonald in about 1980. The mother of Victim JR tells Fr. Goedert that she is upset at the possibility that Fr. McDonald might be allowed back into parish ministry and that she called Fr. [REDACTED] to make sure he was aware of Fr. McDonald's problems.



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

TO: File

DATE: Nov. 6, 1987

RE: Bob McDonald

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

After speaking to [REDACTED] on Thursday, Nov. 5, I called [REDACTED]. Bob McDonald [REDACTED] was not available. I then talked to [REDACTED], and I reviewed my discussion with [REDACTED]. I suggested that [REDACTED] talk to Bob about it and that when they are considering his future assignment, perhaps they ought to think along the lines of specialized ministry rather than parish ministry. Or if he does go into parish ministry, it has to be far away from the North Shore and in a low profile situation.

After talking to [REDACTED], I called [REDACTED] and filled him in on what has taken place.

The following day, Nov. 7, Bob McDonald called me. His number at his apartment is [REDACTED]. I explained everything to Bob. In our conversation, I asked him if, in fact, [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]s did know everything and he replied in the affirmative. Bob was somewhat relieved to know that [REDACTED] is not intending to sue, but obviously he is still very concerned about the power that she has over him and his future life.

After talking to Bob, I then called [REDACTED] and passed on the information to him.

At a meeting with Frank Cimarrusti and Ray Cusack yesterday, Nov. 6, I mentioned to them that Bob will be returning to the Chicago area for reassignment and I explained just briefly the nature of his [REDACTED] so that they would be better able to consider places that would be suitable. I told them that [REDACTED] is the case manager and that he would be in touch with them.



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Vicar for Priests
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TO: File

DATE: Nov. 9. 1987

RE: [REDACTED]-McDonald

In a meeting with the Cardinal relative to a number of cases, I mentioned that [REDACTED] and Bob McDonald were preparing to come home. I explained the procedure to the Cardinal and indicated that one of the concerns of [REDACTED] has been that some dioceses refuse to let the priest minister again. I told the Cardinal that I felt these men both ought to be given a chance and the Cardinal agreed. The Cardinal said that he was not prepared to make any general rule about cases of this nature.



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Vicar for Priests
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TO: File

DATE: Nov. 12, 1987

RE: [REDACTED] and Bob McDonald

I received a phone call from Ray Cusack. He and Frank had discussed possible assignments for [REDACTED] and Bob. They are as follows:

[REDACTED]

With regard to Bob McDonald, the first choice would be St. Mary of Providence, Home for the Retarded Girls on Austin Boulevard. The second choice would be St. Andrew's Home for Aged. The third choice would be Palos Community and the fourth choice would be St. Anthony's Hospital.

I asked Ray to communicate Bob McDonald's choices to [REDACTED] and I will handle [REDACTED]'s.



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Vicar for Priests
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TO: File
DATE: Dec. 4, 1987
RE: Robert McDonald

I met with [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] today. [REDACTED] said that Bob McDonald has been accepted at Mercy Hospital on a limited basis. He suggested that we make the appointment indefinite, i.e., not for the usual five years. He thought it would be good to put the appointment on a limited basis as an added pressure on Bob to remain faithful to [REDACTED], etc. [REDACTED] also thought that we should make it mandatory that he [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I asked [REDACTED] to drop me a note indicating what he would like included in a letter of appointment and I will then have the Cardinal send the official letter to Bob. Bob will be living at Our Lady of Grace and [REDACTED] feels that we should pay room and board through PRMAA. Also, the appointment should not be made public.



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DRAFT OF CARDINAL BERNARDIN'S LETTER TO BOB McDONALD

Rev. Robert McDonald
Our Lady of Grace Rectory
2455 North Hamlin
Chicago, Illinois 60647

Dear Father McDonald,

I am pleased to appoint you to the Pastoral Care Department of Mercy Hospital, with residence at Our Lady of Grace parish. This appointment will become effective immediately, but I will leave it to you, Fr. Hebda and Fr. Tivy to work out any particular arrangements.

Fr. Goedert has informed me that you will be continuing in [REDACTED] Be-
cause of the amount of time these various programs will take, I am sure Fr. Hebda and Fr. Tivy will understand why your participation in the activities at the hospital and parish will necessarily be limited.

[REDACTED] I would also appreciate it if you would let me know from time to time how things are going. I will ask Fr. Goedert and [REDACTED] to meet with you at the end of six months to evaluate this assignment and to determine whether it is serving your best interests.

Bob, I am really happy to have you home again. Know that you will be in my prayers always, and if there is anything at all that I can do to assist you in your return to ministry, don't hesitate to call.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally
~~Sincerely~~ yours in Christ,

~~Cardinal Bernardin~~

Archbp. J. Chicago

copy: Rev. Martin Hebda, Rev. Thomas Tivy, [REDACTED],
Rev. Raymond Goedert



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

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

TO: Cardinal Bernardin

FROM: Fr. Raymond Goedert *RG*

DATE: Dec. 19, 1987

RE: Bob McDonald

1. [REDACTED]
2. In my phone conversation with you on Dec. 2, you approved Bob's part-time appointment to Mercy Hospital, with residence at Our Lady of Grace.
3. Both Marty Hebda at Mercy and Tom Tivy at Our Lady of Grace have been informed by [REDACTED], Bob's case manager, of the nature of his problem, [REDACTED], etc. Both Marty and Tom are supportive of Bob.
4. I would appreciate it if you would send Bob his official letter of appointment to him in care of Our Lady of Grace, as he is probably already there.
5. Because of the nature of Bob's problem, I think it best if his appointment not be announced in the Chicago Catholic. The less publicity the better.
6. Attached is a draft of a letter you might want to consider.

JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN

*OK,
attached letter to
be typed.*

AOC 017710

December 30, 1987

Dear Father McDonald:

I am pleased to appoint you to the Pastoral Care Department of Mercy Hospital, with residence at Our Lady of Grace parish. This appointment will become effective immediately, but I will leave it to you, Father Hebda and Father Tivy to work out any particular arrangements.

Father Goedert has informed me that you will be [REDACTED]

Because of the amount of time these various programs will take, I am sure Father Hebda and Father Tivy will understand why your participation in the activities at the hospital and parish will necessarily be limited.

I would ask you to keep in touch on a regular basis with [REDACTED]. I would also appreciate it if you would let me know from time to time how things are going. I will ask Father Goedert and [REDACTED] to meet with you at the end of six months to evaluate this assignment and to determine whether it is serving your best interests.

Bob, I am really happy to have you home again. Know that you will be in my prayers always, and if there is anything at all that I can do to assist you in your return to ministry, don't hesitate to call.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Robert McDonald
Our Lady of Grace Rectory
2455 North Hamlin
Chicago, Illinois 60647

cc: Father Martin Hebda
Father Thomas Tivy
[REDACTED]
Father Raymond Goedert

ULB:cs

AOC 017711

Our Lady of Grace Church

2455 North Hamlin Avenue

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60647

772-5900

February 13, 1988

Rev. Raymond Goedert
Vicar for Priests
800 N. Clark Street - # 311
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ray,

I hope that you enjoyed your vacation and that you got a much-needed rest. You certainly were fortunate in missing some wonderful Chicago winter weather!

Enclosed is a salary check for January that was sent to me at [REDACTED] and then forwarded to me here. I am sending it back to you since I am now being paid by Mercy Hospital.

This does, however, give me the opportunity to bring to your attention two related financial matters which I have discussed with Ed McLaughlin.

The first has to do with the Archdiocese paying Our Lady of Grace rent or room and board for me. I am not ministering here in the parish since my allotted work hours are consumed at Mercy. Therefore, I believe that OLG should receive some recompense. Ed said that he had discussed this with you earlier. Tom Tivy has been most gracious and supportive to me. He does not expect any recompense, but I believe that the parish deserves it.

Secondly, I discussed my own financial needs with Ed. I am presently being paid approximately \$900.00 per month by Mercy. This equates my level on the diocesan scale of \$880.00 per month. I do not, however, receive Mass stipends with the exception of \$10.00 per week for two Masses I celebrate at Mercy. My work limitation prevents me from celebrating other liturgies. I am therefore requesting the \$200.00 guaranteed allotment from the Archdiocese. This would certainly be helpful since I have also encountered additional, unforeseen expenses for transportation and for meals in connection with my work at Mercy.

I appreciate your attention in these matters, and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert J. McDonald

cc: Rev. Edward McLaughlin
Rev. Thomas Tivy



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TO: File

DATE: Feb. 13, 1988

RE: Robert MacDonald

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

1. I spoke to Ed McLaughlin today. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

3. Ed requests that we supplement Bob's salary. He is not receiving any stipends. I suggested to Ed that he have Bob notify me of exactly what he would get if he were a full-time associate, what he actually gets, and I will try to get PRMAA to make up the difference.

material given to me by Fr. Healy
on 2/25/88.

R. Goedert



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

February 27, 1988

Rev. Robert McDonald
Our Lady of Grace Church
2455 N. Hamlin Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois 60647.

Dear Bob,

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 13. I am enclosing the check and suggest that you consider this to be the equalization of what you didn't get back at [REDACTED], as opposed to what you should get.

As for the future, I have not had a chance to work that out yet. This past week has been a bit too busy, and I am going to be on retreat this coming week. However, I will take care of it when I return. Thanks for your patience, and I'll be in touch with you and Tom Tivy shortly.

Fraternally,

Rev. Raymond Goedert



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

TO: Mr. Andrew Pollard

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *RG*

DATE: March 8, 1988

RE: Rev. Robert McDonald

Rev. Robert McDonald, one of my clients, is living at Our Lady of Grace Church, 2455 North Hamlin Avenue, Chicago, 60647. The pastor, Fr. Tivy, took in Bob as a favor to the Archdiocese, but the parish is really in no financial position to cover the cost of additional boarders. Bob McDonald does not serve the parish in any way, as he is presently assigned as a part-time chaplain at Mercy Hospital. Would it be possible to send a check in the amount of \$ 350.00, payable to Our Lady of Grace Church, to Fr. Tivy on a regular basis each month to help offset the cost of Bob's presence there?

Also, Bob's present income amounts to \$ 900.00, \$ 200.00 less than what he would be getting if he were a full-time associate. Would it be possible for PRMAA to supplement his salary by that \$ 200.00, payable to him and mailed each month to him at Our Lady of Grace?

I will be seeing you on Friday and perhaps we can discuss this matter at that time.

3/11/88 - Andy agreed to both requests. We'll send the first checks to me & I'll forward them. From then on, they'll go directly to the individuals.



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March 17, 1988

Rev. Robert McDonald
Our Lady of Grace
2455 North Hamlin
Chicago, Illinois 60647

Dear Bob,

I am enclosing a check from the PRMAA in the amount of \$200.00. This is to supplement the difference between what you are now receiving on a monthly basis and what you would be entitled to as a full-time associate. From now on, Andy Pollard will mail this check directly to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Faternally yours,


Rev. Raymond Goedert



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March 17, 1988

Rev. Thomas Tivy
Our Lady of Grace
2455 North Hamlin
Chicago, Illinois 60647

Dear Tom,

I am enclosing a check from the PRMAA in the amount of \$ 350.00, payable to Our Lady of Grace Church. This is by way of helping the parish in covering the room and board for Bob McDonald. A check in this same amount will be sent directly to you each month from now on, as long as Bob resides at your rectory. Once again, Tom, many thanks for your willingness to assist us and for the great support you have been to Bob.

With best wishes, I remain

Faternally yours,


Rev. Raymond Goedert



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TO: File

DATE: April 7, 1988

RE: Robert McDonald

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

I received a phone call from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]). [REDACTED] just wanted to let me know that [REDACTED] had called him recently. She is still very angry. [REDACTED] She asked about Bob and while she is relieved that he is in a hospital, rather than in a parish, she still questions why he should be allowed to be in ministry at all.

[REDACTED] is coming to Chicago in May. She may try to get in touch with me. She was not issuing any threats or anything, just ventilating. [REDACTED] said that Bob was so much a part of their lives, in and out of their home three or four times a week, when he was first ordained and stationed at Faith, Hope, that this has been an extremely traumatic experience for the [REDACTED] family. Bob also indicated that [REDACTED], who is now 20, [REDACTED] and according to [REDACTED] he is doing better.



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TO: Mr. Ray Ranas

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *RJG*

DATE: April 12, 1988

RE: Rev. Robert McDonald

In regard to your recent memo concerning priests on leave under the Vicar for Priests account, I would appreciate it if you would remove Rev. Robert McDonald from the payroll. Fr. McDonald is currently assigned to Mercy Hospital and received his check from that institution.




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Vicar for Priests
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311
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TO: Mr. Andrew Pollard
FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert 
DATE: June 7, 1988
RE: Rev. Robert McDonald

In a memo to you of March 8, 1988, I asked if you would forward a check in the amount of \$350.00, payable to Our Lady of Grace Church, to Fr. Tivy on a regular basis each month to help off-set the cost of Bob's presence there. At that time, Bob was not sure that he would be staying at Our Lady of Grace beyond the month of June. However, in a phone call with Fr. Tivy today, he indicated that Bob will be remaining at Our Lady of Grace indefinitely. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would continue to send Fr. Tivy the check for \$350.00 each month.

I also had asked you to supplement Fr. McDonald's income by \$200.00 per month. It is my understanding that he is going to be accepting a full-time position at Mercy Hospital and I will have to check with him to see whether the income will be comparable to what he would receive as an associate pastor. Please continue to send him the \$200.00 supplement each month until I notify you otherwise.



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

TO: File
DATE: June 7, 1988
RE: Robert McDonald

1. Tom Tivy called today. He said that Bob had looked at four other places as possible residences, but no one was willing to accept him, realizing that he would not be able to make any contribution to the parish. Bob has been accepted for full-time assignment at Mercy Hospital. Between that assignment and all of the meetings that he will have to attend, he really cannot give any time to the parish. Tom is quite willing to let Bob stay there, but he wanted to ask whether the PRMAA could continue to send the \$350.00. I assured him that this would be OK.

2. [REDACTED]

3. I asked Tom how he thought Bob was doing. He felt that he is doing pretty well [REDACTED]. Also, Tom thinks that the house is good for Bob. I also added that I thought it was a good assignment, as he is far enough removed from the North Shore area where his problems all developed.



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TO: File
DATE: July 11, 1988
RE: Robert McDonald

1. I spoke to Tom Tivy today. He said that Bob is doing quite well. He seems to be in far better shape than he was a year ago. He will begin full-time at the hospital tomorrow, July 12. Tom was not sure of what his income will be. I will have to check with Bob again on this to make sure that he is still receiving whatever an associate pastor at his age would get.



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

TO: File
DATE: July 15, 1988
RE: Robert McDonald

1. I talked to Bob today. He has begun working 40 hours a week at Mercy Hospital from 9:30 AM to 6 PM. It's going to require some adjustments. He is going to have to figure out how he will

At any rate, Bob will get back to me on this.

2. With regard to his salary, he did not know just exactly how much it will be. I asked him to let me know after his first full pay check comes in and then if it is less than what an associate would get, we will make up the difference.



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TO: Mr. Andrew Pollard
FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *RG*
DATE: Aug. 16, 1988
RE: Supplementary Income for Fr. MacDonald

In my memo of June 7, I had asked you to continue forwarding a check in the amount of \$ 350.00, payable to Our Lady of Grace Church, to Fr. Tivy on a regular basis each month to help off-set the cost of Fr. MacDonald's presence there.

In that same memo, I also asked you to continue sending a supplement of \$200.00 to Fr. MacDonald himself. I spoke to Fr. MacDonald today and he informed me that this supplementary income will no longer be necessary. He has begun to work full-time at Mercy Hospital and the amount of his check is comparable to that which he would receive as an associate pastor.



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

TO: File
DATE: August 16, 1988
RE: Robert MacDonald

I spoke to Bob today at Mercy Hospital (567-2000). Bob said that his salary comes to a little more than he would get as an associate, so there is no need for us to supplement his salary any longer. However, it is not that much more that we could dispense with the \$ 350.00 to Our Lady of Grace parish, so we will continue that payment.

[REDACTED]

I asked Bob whether Marty Hebda, the head of the pastoral care department, was aware of his background, the problem, etc. Bob said that Marty knows the whole story, as does one of the higher ups. Bob told Marty everything. It doesn't seem to be a problem at all for them.

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memo to file, written by Fr. Raymond Goedert and dated April 18, 1989, summarizing a phone call from that day with the mother of Victim JR. According to Fr. Goedert's memo, Victim JR was allegedly molested by Fr. Robert McDonald in 1980 when Victim JR was 12 or 13 years old. The mother of Victim JR tells Fr. Goedert that she is upset at Fr. McDonald being allowed to ministry in a hospital setting; she also updates Fr. Goedert on how Victim JR is doing.



Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: May 4, 1989

RE: Robert MacDonald

1. I spoke to Bob today. I explained to him the phone call from [REDACTED].
I also told Bob that I had spoken to [REDACTED]

2. Bob was very upset and I think he understands that this situation could hound him the rest of his life. He was asking whether she was threatening him or whatever. He also raised questions as to how old her son is now, the statute of limitations out in [REDACTED], etc. I will have to check with Tom Ventura to see what the birthdate is of her son from the records at the parish. I will also have to verify again exactly when the incident happened, as there seems to be a discrepancy about this.



August 8, 1989

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

Dear Joseph,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to visit with you yesterday afternoon. I enjoyed being able to catch up with you about how my life has been progressing in recovery.

Your continued support and encouragement of me has been a tremendous asset in this process. I am most grateful for all the assistance the archdiocese has given me. In particular, I want to express my appreciation to you for those priests who have been central to my ongoing recovery: Tom Tivy, Marty Hebda, Ray Goedert and Tom Ventura. Be assured of their faithful ministry, their sensitivity and their understanding.

I will continue to stay in touch with you as I promise to continue to pray for you in your ministry. Thanks again, Joe.

Sincerely,

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



Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: Rev. Kenneth Velo

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *RG*

DATE: Oct. 17, 1989

RE: Rev. Robert McDonald

Bob McDonald came to see me yesterday and has indicated that he would like to meet with the Cardinal to discuss a leave of absence. Bob is planning to make Nov. 17 his last day at Mercy Hospital. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. If at all possible, he would like to meet with the Cardinal prior to his departure for [REDACTED] on Nov. 4.

Mercy Hospital and Medical Center
Stevenson Expressway at King Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60616-2477

312-567-2000



October 17, 1989

Rev. Raymond Goedert
Vicar for Priests
800 North Clark Street
311
Chicago, Illinois 60610

I want to express my gratitude to you for your sensitivity, your understanding and your helpfulness in our meeting yesterday afternoon.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter of resignation as a chaplain at Mercy Hospital.

I look forward to hearing from Ken Velo to set up an appointment for me with Cardinal Bernardin.

Thanks again for all your support.

Sincerely,

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

Robert J. McDonald

enclosure



October 17, 1989

Rev. Martin Hebda
Director
Pastoral Care Department

Dear Marty,

I hereby submit my resignation as a chaplain in the Pastoral Care Department, effective November 17, 1989.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. McDonald".

Robert J. McDonald

cc: Rev. Raymond Goedert



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

MEMO

To: Father Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests

From: Cardinal Bernardin *HLB*

Date: October 27, 1989

Re: FATHER ROBERT McDONALD

I quite agree with you that Father McDonald's decision is the best one -- all things considered. I will see him as you suggested.

cc: Father Velo

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

November 10, 1989

Dear Bob:

In light of your request and our discussion, I hereby grant you a leave of absence from the active ministry effective December 1, 1989. This leave of absence will be for a period of six months.

I ask you to remain in contact with Father Ray Goedert. He will explain to you the necessary arrangements regarding medical coverage and insurance.

Bob, you have my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I deeply appreciated your candor during our visit and understand your decision to take leave of the active ministry.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Robert J. McDonald
Our Lady of Grace Parish
2455 N. Hamlin
Chicago, Illinois 60647

cc: Reverend Thomas A. Tivy
Reverend Martin J. Hebda
Reverend Raymond E. Goedert
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board

AOC 017734



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

November 13, 1989

Rev. Robert McDonald
Our Lady of Grace Church
2455 North Hamlin
Chicago, Illinois 60647

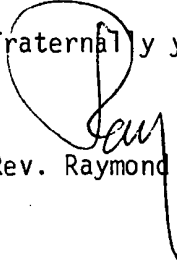
Dear Bob,

I checked with Clete Kiley's office about your question regarding a pension. According to Clete, the benefit is offered "to those men who resigned from the active priesthood after completing 20 or more years of service to the Archdiocese as priests". Clete further commented that "We understand this as an arbitrary determination, but felt that 20 years did represent a significant segment of time in ministry to the local Church." Payment of the benefit is in effect when a qualifying individual reaches age 70. The payment is based on \$20 per month for each complete year of service since ordination.

Clete said that the payment of this benefit began in 1987 and as of this date the payment is still based on 20 or more years of service. I know that this will probably come as a disappointment to you and, if there should ever be a change in the policy, I will certainly get word to you.

With best wishes, Bob, I remain

Fraternaly yours,


Rev. Raymond Goedert

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 11/17/1989

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Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: Robbin Thomas
FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *RG*
DATE: Dec. 12, 1989
RE: Rev. Robert McDonald

1. Robert McDonald, ordained in 1973, has been granted a leave by the Cardinal effective Dec. 1. The leave is for a period of six months.
2. I would appreciate it if you would charge the automobile insurance premium to my office. Please continue the insurance in effect until I notify you otherwise.
3. Bob McDonald's present address is: [REDACTED]



Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: Rev. Patrick Pollard

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert

DATE: Dec. 12, 1989

RE: Rev. Robert McDonald

1. Robert McDonald, ordained in 1973, has been granted a leave of absence, effective Dec. 1, 1989. The leave will be for a period of six months.

2. I would appreciate it if you would see to it that Bob's insurance continues throughout the entire leave.

3. Bob's present address is:



His phone number is:



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS. INCOMPLETE FORMS DELAY PROCESSING.

EMPLOYEE Rev. Robert McDonald CURRENT POSITION Leave of Absence

CURRENT DEPT Client of Vicar for Priests DEPT. ACCT. # 10082

CURRENT SALARY GRADE \$ 1,141.66 per month

TYPE OF CHANGE

Indicate hourly rate for P/T employees and annual rate for F/T employees.

Leave of absence

A.) ~~Salary Increase~~ Effective Dec. 1, 1989

From _____ per _____ To _____ per _____

B.) New Hire (F/T or P/T) _____ Effective _____

Salary _____ per _____

C.) Transfer to New Position _____

New Department _____ Dept. Acct. # _____

Effective _____ Salary Grade _____

D.) Transfer From (F/T or P/T) _____ To (F/T or P/T) _____

New Salary _____ per _____ Effective _____

If P/T, hours will work per week _____

E.) Terminate Effective _____

F.) Leave of Absence Effective _____

APPROVALS

AGENCY MANAGER/DIRECTOR Raymond E. Fredut DATE Dec. 16, 1989

APPROPRIATE CABINET MEMBER _____ DATE _____

EMPLOYEE SERVICES MANAGER _____ DATE _____

PLEASE OBTAIN AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES AND RETURN TO EMPLOYEE SERVICES.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: Mr. Fred Van Den Hende

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *RG*

DATE: Dec. 16, 1989

RE: Rev. Robert McDonald

1. Rev. Robert McDonald, ordained in 1973, has been granted a leave of absence by His Eminence, effective Dec. 1, 1989 and extending for a period of six months.

2. I would appreciate it if you would see to it that Fr. McDonald receives a monthly pay check from the Pastoral Center in the amount of \$1,141.66. The break-down is as follows:

Associate Annual Salary	\$ 5,500.00
Car Allowance	4,200.00
Seniority Increment	1,600.00 (16 yrs. x \$100)
Stipend Allowance	<u>2,400.00</u>
	\$ 13,700.00 ÷ 12 = \$1,141.66

3. Fr. McDonald's checks should be mailed directly to him at:

Rev. Robert McDonald
[REDACTED]

4. In accord with your request, I am attaching the Payroll Authorization Form. Obviously, Fr. McDonald is not an employee of my department, but rather a client, so most of the information does not apply.

5. Please note that this request for Fr. McDonald's salary begins with the current month of December, 1989. I would appreciate it if you would let me know if there will be any delay in his receiving this check, as it is his only source of income and I would have to try to make other temporary arrangements to tide him over.



Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: Mr. Fred Van den Hende

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert

DATE: May 17, 1990

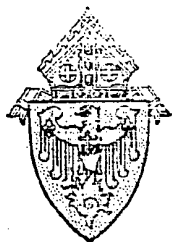
RE: Rev. Robert McDonald

1. Under date of December 16, 1989, I sent a memo to you requesting that the Pastoral Center send Fr. McDonald his monthly pay check during the six month leave of absence which the Cardinal had granted. This leave was effective Dec. 1, 1989 and concludes on June 1, 1990.

2. Fr. McDonald's check for the month of May, therefore, will be the final one. It should be mailed directly to him at:



3. Fr. McDonald is presently seeking automobile and hospitalization insurance of his own. However, until he has received it, I want to continue his insurance with the diocese.



Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: May 17, 1990

RE: Robert MacDonald

1. Bob called. He said that he has begun to work for the Institute for Human Resources. His job consists of recruiting counselors. Bob intends to stay in the Washington area.
2. Bob's intention is to resign from the active ministry. He is going to be covered by hospitalization on June 1. As far as automobile insurance is concerned he would appreciate remaining on it until his becomes effective. He will let me know.
3. [REDACTED]
4. Bob would appreciate it if we could stop the mail from coming to him. He is still getting some stuff from the chancery and others from Mission Press.



Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: Ms. Connie Bruno
FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *RG*
DATE: May 18, 1990
RE: Deletion of Robert McDonald

Robert McDonald, currently on a leave of absence, will be resigning from the active ministry. I would appreciate it therefore, if his name would be deleted from all directories, etc. I would also appreciate it if you would see to it that the mail rooms here in the Pastoral Center and at Mission Press remove his name, as he does not wish to receive any diocesan mailings in the future. Many thanks.

Robert J. McDonald

new address:

May 25, 1990

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

Dear Cardinal Bernardin:

After thoughtful and prayerful consideration, I hereby submit to you my resignation from the active ministry effective June 1, 1990. That is the date upon which my six month leave of absence will expire.

I have found employment as a Professional Services Administrator with the Institute for Human Resources [REDACTED]. My major responsibilities include recruiting counselors and managing training programs. During these six months, I have found not only professional satisfaction, but also a deep serenity and happiness.

I want to express to you my gratitude for all the archdiocese and you personally have done in supporting and challenging me.

I will be in Chicago the week-end of Friday, June 8 through Sunday, June 10. I will be in contact with Ken Velo to see if it might be possible to arrange a brief meeting with you at that time.

You and the archdiocese will continue to be in my prayer.

Sincerely,

Robert J. McDonald

Robert J. McDonald

cc: Rev. Raymond Goedert

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

June 11, 1990

Dear Bob:

It was good that we had an opportunity to visit on Saturday, June 9th. In light of that visit as well as your letter of May 25, 1990, I hereby accede to your request and accept your resignation from the active ministry effective June 1, 1990.

I know your decision was made after much thought, prayer and counsel with others. It is my hope that you will find peace in this decision and much happiness in the future.

Many thanks, Bob, for all you have done these past years. May the Lord be with you in a special way in the months and years ahead.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Carl Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Kenneth Vico
Ecclesiastical Notary

Robert J. McDonald
[REDACTED]

cc: Reverend Raymond E. Goedert

bc: Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board
Reverend David M. Hynous

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Off: (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: PAT POLLARD
FROM: RAY GOEDERT *RG*
DATE: JUNE 15, 1990
RE: ROBERT MC DONALD

1. Robert Mc Donald has resigned from the active ministry and his resignation has now been accepted by the Cardinal.
2. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would delete Bob's name from our Gallagher Bassett insurance program.

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20. Cardinal's Appointments:

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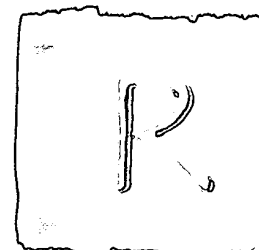
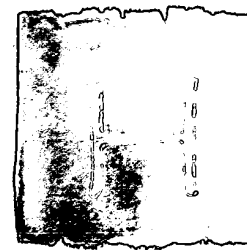
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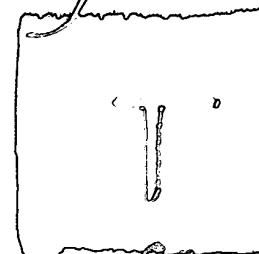
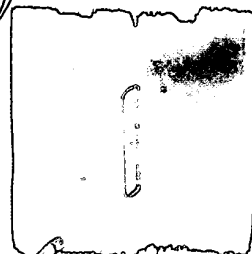
Life here in D.C. is
going very well. I am
really happy and at peace.

I hope you are doing
well. Thanks for all you
have done for me!

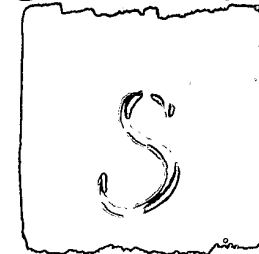
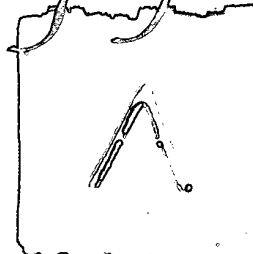
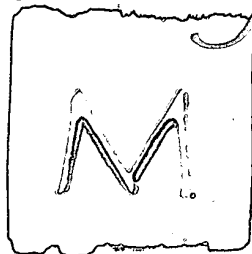
Bob McDonald



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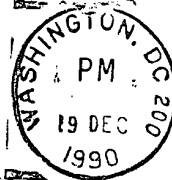


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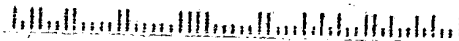
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WHILE YOU WERE OUT MESSAGE	TO	DATE		TIME		
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	OF	Ralph Bonaccorsi		AREA CODE NUMBER		
				EXTENSION		
	Called [REDACTED] - still angry - Ralph may call Ray Spedert for more background - I might call you again on Friday about his reaction					
	SIGNED					
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

(312) 751-5200
Fax: (312) 337-6379

DECLARATION

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. AMEN

- (1) Whereas Robert J. McDonald, born on [REDACTED] was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 9, 1973 at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois, and
- (2) Whereas he left the active ministry in 1990, and contrary to Canons 273 and 274, §2, has shown no inclination whatsoever to return to the active ministry,

I, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., by the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See, Archbishop of Chicago, do hereby declare:

- a) That Robert J. McDonald has no authorization whatsoever to act as an agent of this Archdiocese;
- b) that he is no longer affiliated as a priest in any way with the Archdiocese of Chicago;
- c) that he is not to represent himself as a Roman Catholic priest with canonical faculties, nor is he to present himself as a 'Catholic priest in good standing';
- d) that the Archdiocese does not consider itself in any way responsible for the activities of Robert J. McDonald, and
- e) that the Archdiocese is not to be held liable for any scandal or harm to souls for which he has been or is responsible.

Handwritten signature of Francis Cardinal George in black ink.

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

Handwritten signature of Raymond E. Goedert in black ink, preceded by a plus sign.

Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert
Ecclesiastical Notary

May 28, 2005

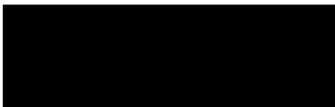
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Jimmy M. Lago
ChancellorPost Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

February 9, 2006



Re: Rev. Robert Joseph McDonald

Dear [REDACTED]:

We have received your request for information regarding Robert Joseph McDonald. The records of the Archdiocese of Chicago reflect that Robert Joseph McDonald was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese on May 9, 1973. Robert Joseph McDonald resigned from priestly ministry on June 1, 1990.

In April 1995 the Archbishop determined there was reasonable cause to suspect that Robert Joseph McDonald had engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

Please understand, a determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that a priest has engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor does not mean that the allegation has been proved. It means the allegation has been determined to have sufficient reliability to warrant further action by the Archdiocese.

If you have additional information regarding this individual you wish to bring to our attention, please contact Ms. Leah McCluskey of the Office of Professional Responsibility at (312) 751-5205.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jimmy M. Lago".
Jimmy M. Lago
Chancellor

FR. Robert Joseph Mc Donald

~~OK~~ Faith / Hope 847-446 -
~~Kevin K. K. 7646~~

~~OK~~ C. L. of The Bessie
Thomas Moran 847-272-
5686

Holy Cross, Deerfield
847-945-0430
Harold Stanger AWAY

Our Lady of Grace
773-772-5900

~~X~~ Sergio Solis / resident
Pavia mail

R. Leggs
3-20-06

From: John Treanor
To: Lago, Jimmy; McCluskey, Leah
Date: 9/8/2008 5:31:03 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Robert Joseph McDonald

Leah,
I have not heard from [REDACTED] prior to this email. If I had, I would have sent it to you.
Peace
Jac

John J. Treanor
Vice Chancellor
Archives & Records
711 W. Monroe
Chicago, IL 60661
(312)831-0711 (ext. 873)
jtreanor@archchicago.org

>>> Leah McCluskey 9/8/2008 4:18 PM >>>
Jimmy and Jac,

I believe that this is the first contact I've received from [REDACTED]. Have either of you spoken to/heard from [REDACTED] before? I would be more than happy to respond to [REDACTED] informing him of this office and my role and to ask him for some additional information so that we may respond to his requests for information--but I wanted to check with both of you first.

Thanks.

Leah

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

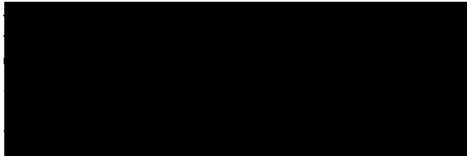
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Safe Environment Office



P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979
312-751-5254, general
312-751-8307, fax

September 9, 2008

FILE COPY



Dear [REDACTED]

My name is Leah McCluskey and I work in the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review at the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is in this office where we receive all of the allegations of the sexual abuse of children by priests, deacons, lay employees, and volunteers of this archdiocese.

I want to thank you for your September 8, 2008 e-mail concerning the former Rev. Robert Joseph McDonald. After speaking with our Chancellor Mr. Jimmy Lago, I was informed that his office received an information request from you about "Robert or Bob McDonald" from Our Lady of the Brook on February 3, 2006 and that a response to your request was returned due to an incomplete address. Mr. Lago's February 9, 2006 letter was resent to you using your complete address on March 8, 2006. I have enclosed a copy of Mr. Lago's February 9th letter to you.

If you have any questions or any additional information about the former Fr. McDonald that you wish to share, please feel free to contact me directly at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Cc Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

AOC 017758

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Lago, Jimmy; [REDACTED]; Treanor, John
Date: 9/9/2008 11:01:47 AM
Subject: Re: Robert Joseph McDonald

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your e-mail concerning the former Rev. Robert McDonald.

I am putting a letter in the mail today to you with a copy of Mr. Jimmy Lago's February 9, 2006 letter which was addressed to you in response to your February 3, 2006 information request about Robert McDonald.

As you will read in my letter to you, I ask that you please call me if you have any additional information that you wish to share concerning the former Fr. McDonald. My direct number is [312] 751-5205.

Thank you again [REDACTED]

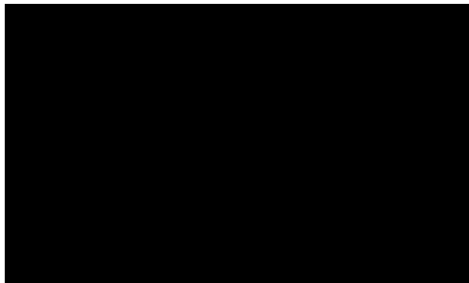
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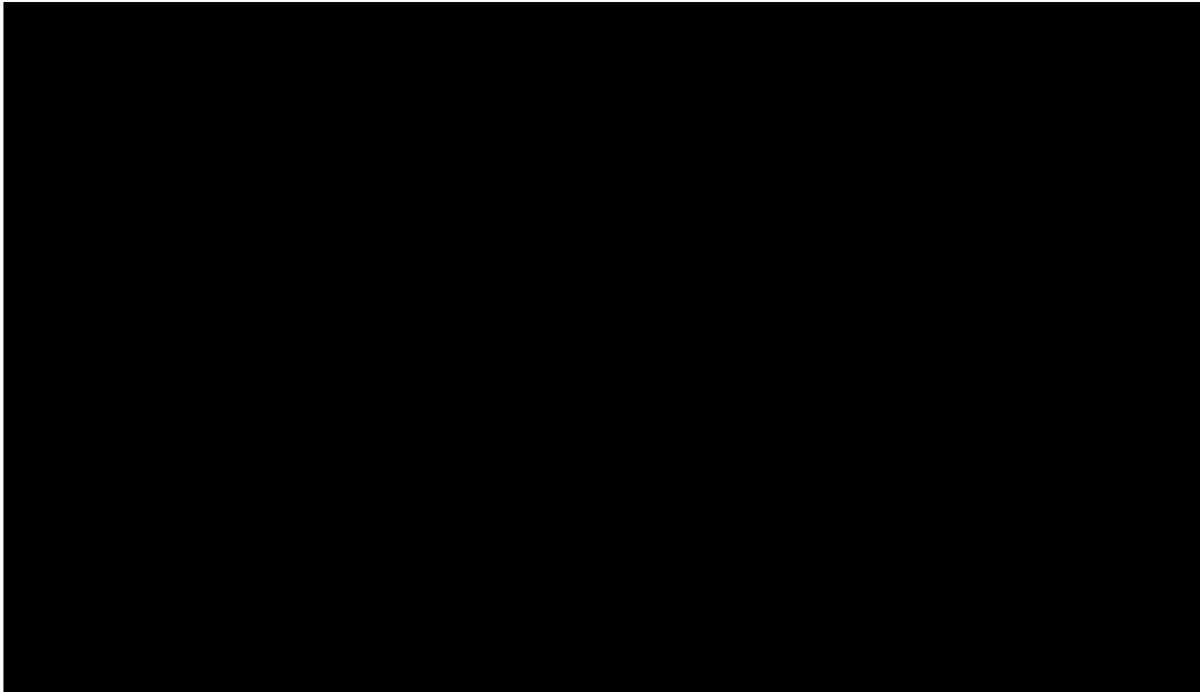
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>>> "[REDACTED]" > 9/8/2008 3:55 PM >>>
Hello-

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Thank you.





From: Leah McCluskey
To: Fox, Maryann; Lago, Jimmy
Date: 9/9/2008 8:55:43 AM
Subject: RE: Fwd: Robert Joseph McDonald

Maryann,

Thank you very much for the information. Could you please fax me over what you have regarding correspondence with [REDACTED]?

Thank you.

Leah

>>> Maryann Fox 9/9/2008 8:53 AM >>>

We received an inquiry from [REDACTED] regarding Robert McDonald at Our Lady of the Brook on February 3, 2006. A response was sent to him twice, the first one came back undeliverable because the address was an office building and I had no suite number or company name. [REDACTED] then called asking about a response. He gave me the suite number and the letter was mailed on March 8, 2006. The letter was the form letter composed by Legal on Fr. McDonald. Leah, I can email the form letter if you like or fax you his request and the response letter. The letter states that Fr. McDonald resigned from priestly ministry on June 1, 1990. In April 1995, the Archbishop determined there was reasonable cause to suspect that he engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor...

>>> Jimmy Lago 9/8/2008 7:07 PM >>>

I'll certainly check. Jml

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

From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>

Date: 9/8/08 4:19 pm

To: "Jimmy Lago" <jlago@archchicago.org>; "John Treanor" <jtreatnor@archchicago.org>

Subj: Fwd: Robert Joseph McDonald

Jimmy and Jac,

I believe that this is the first contact I've received from [REDACTED]. Have either of you spoken to/heard from [REDACTED] before? I would be more than happy to respond to [REDACTED] informing him of this office and my role and to ask him for some additional information so that we may respond to his requests for information—but I wanted to check with both of you first.

Thanks.

Leah

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sep 8, 2008 3:57 PM

To: <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>, <jlago@archchicago.org>, <jtreatnor@archchicago.org>

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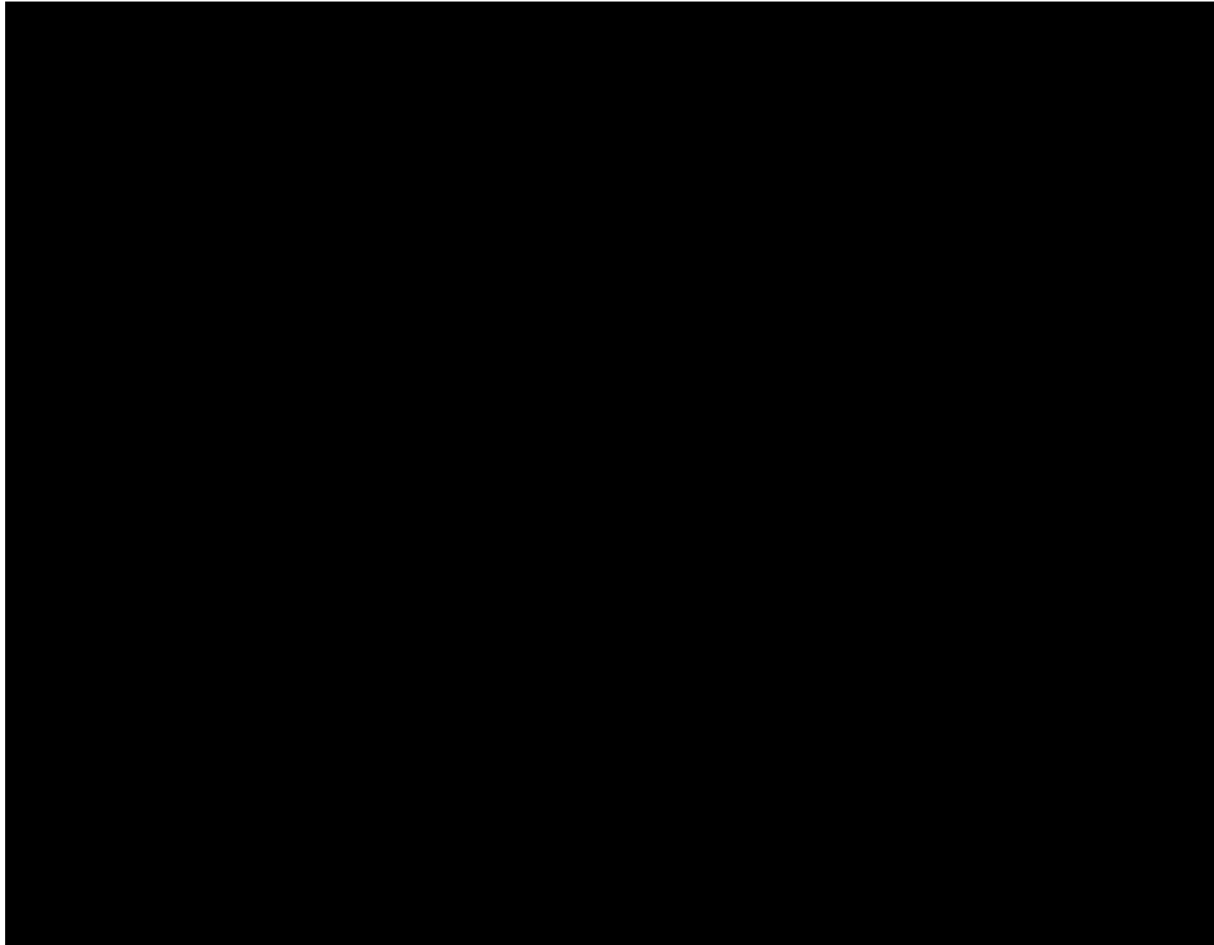
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TO: Leah
From: Maryam

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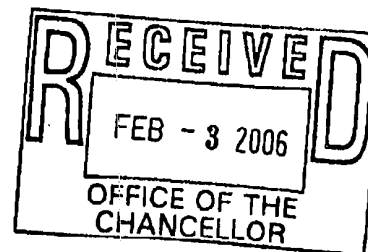
We are requesting your information below in order to provide a written response to your inquiry and so that we may contact you for additional information if necessary to adequately address your request.

First Name:	[REDACTED]				
Middle Initial:	[REDACTED]				
Last Name:	[REDACTED]				
Address:	[REDACTED]				
City:	Chicago	State	IL	Zip	[REDACTED]

We are requesting the information below to assist in identifying the priest about whom you are inquiring. Priests can have similar names. Whatever information you can provide in identifying the priest would be helpful.

First Name:	Robert or Bob
Middle Initial:	
Last Name:	McDonald
Assignment:	Our Lady of the Brook
Date:	
Reason for your request or other comment:	
<p>3-8-06 [REDACTED]</p> <p>Called that he didn't receive a response.</p> <p>Response was returned, needing a company name or suite #.</p> <p>Rec'd response on March 8, 2006</p>	

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – Misc. - 273

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

Re: McDonald, Robert Joseph (Resigned priest)

Date: June 22, 2011

When this matter was first received by this office, it was assigned PFR – 364 General File.

Upon a file review it has been determined that this matter was not an allegation, but a man by the name of [REDACTED] who wished to express his support of Robert Joseph McDonald, a resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. As a result, this matter is re-filed Misc. – 273 McDonald, Robert Joseph (Resigned priest).

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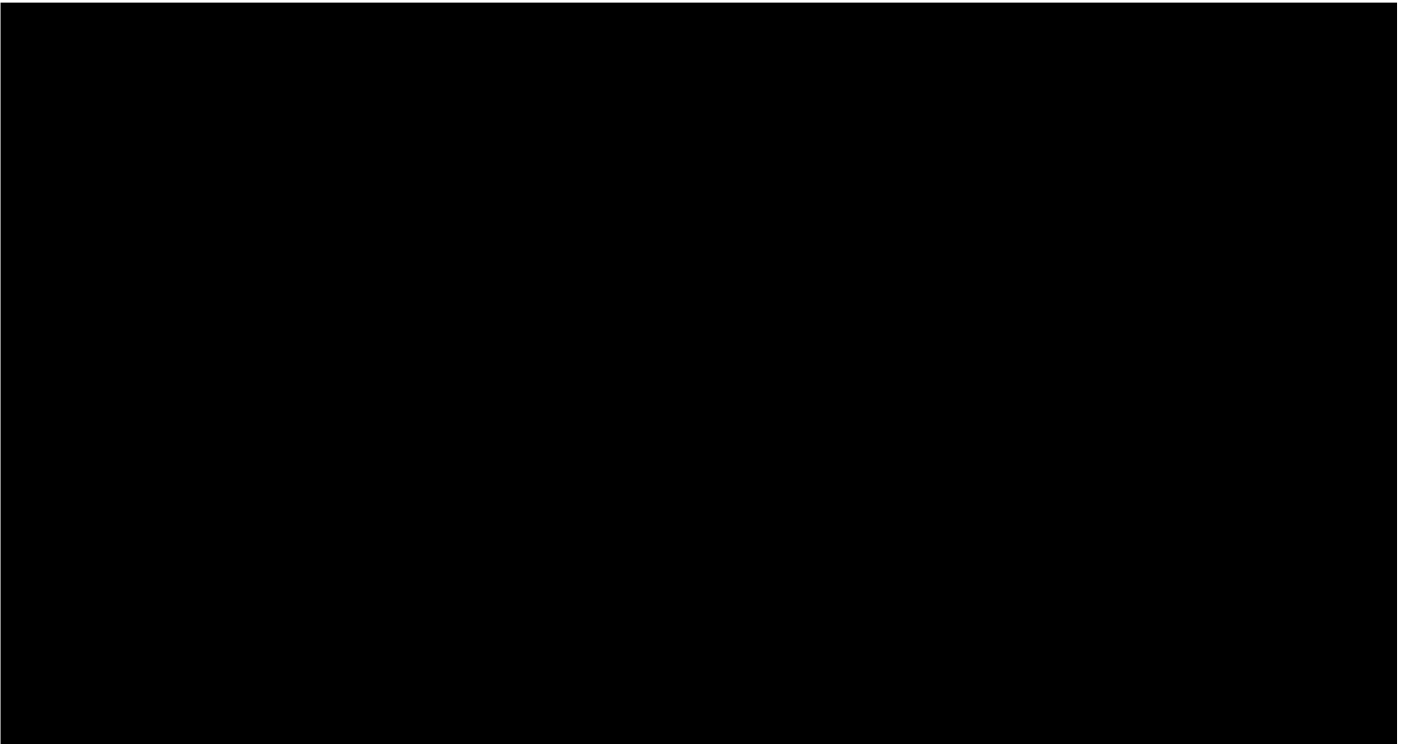
Message: EMA/2014/110555

From: [REDACTED]
To: Jan Slattery, Leah McCluskey
Cc: jlago@archchicago.org
Sent: 1/21/2014 at 10:51 AM
Received: 1/21/2014 at 10:51 AM
Subject: Robert McDonald

Attachments: [TEXT.htm \(16 KB\)](#)
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Thank you,



Message: EMA/2014/110557

From: Leah McCluskey
To:
Cc:
Sent: 1/29/2014 at 8:11 AM
Received: 1/29/2014 at 8:11 AM
Subject: Re: Robert McDonald

Good Morning [REDACTED],

Thank you very much for your e-mail. I apologize for my delay in responding to your questions and concerns about Robert McDonald.

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Thank you again, [REDACTED]. I look forward to hearing from you again.

Leah

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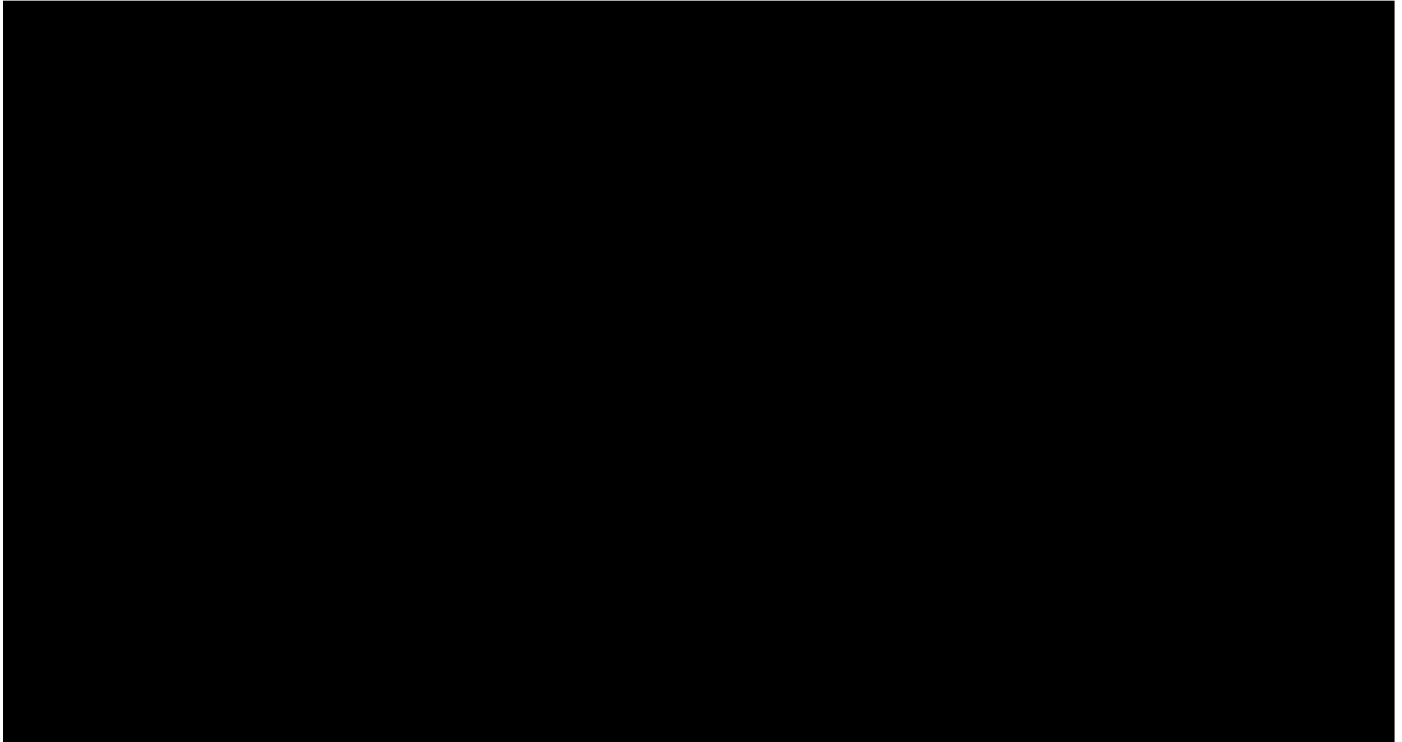
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Message: EMA/2014/110558

From: Leah McCluskey
To:
Cc:
Sent: 2/2/2014 at 8:59 AM
Received: 2/2/2014 at 8:59 AM
Subject: RE: Robert McDonald

Good Morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for your response. I would be happy to set up a time to meet. If it is alright with you, I would also like to invite Tom Tharayil from the Office of Assistance Ministry to join us. Could you please give me two or three dates and times that would work for you and then I can check my calendar as well as Tom's?

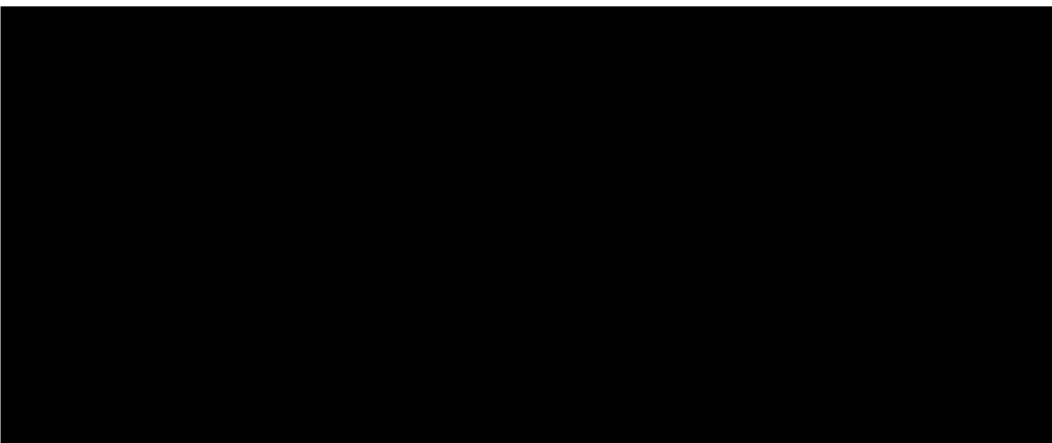
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>>> [REDACTED] 01/30/14 10:30 AM >>>

Let's set up a meeting Leah...



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

From: Leah McCluskey [mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 8:12 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Robert McDonald

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