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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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MEMORANDUM

To: Review Board Members

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re:  McNamara, P.

As per the Review Board meeting minutes, it was requested that the PFRA search the file of Peter McNamara in order to determine if there are any other allegations of sexual misconduct present.

There are no other allegations present in Peter McNamara's current file located in the Office of Professional Fitness Review. I spoke with Sr. Marianne at the Vicar for Priests office via phone on 8/22/02 to request that she search Peter McNamara's file as well. Sr. Marianne could not find a file on Peter McNamara at either the Vicar for Priests office or at the Archives of the Archdiocese.

Cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, vicar for Priests
Members of PCAC

Per my telephone message, this is not accurate. See enclosed letter sent to Kathleen Leggins and Fr. Kaczorowski 6/15/2002.

Fr. Paproski

Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

Peter John McNamara Born: Ordained: 06/06/1970 Died: Ethnicity:

No Image
Attached

Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. Bernardine Parish (Forest Park)	Assistant Pastor	06/15/1970	11/10/1972
	Laicized	11/10/1972	

Extraordinary
Appointments:

REV. PETER J. McNAMARA



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Office of the Archbishop

June 5, 1970

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Rev. Peter J. McNamara
1917 N. Lowell Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60619

Dear Father McNamara:

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It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as
Vicarius Cooperator to the Reverend William J. Quinlan, Pastor
of St. Bernardine Parish, 7246 W. Harrison St., Forest Park,
Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the
necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

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This appointment is effective June 15, 1970, 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 McNamara,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. William J. Quinlan

AOC 017773

St. Bernardine Church
7246 Harrison Street
Forest Park, Illinois 60130

August 1, 1971

Your Eminence:

Here are the points made against Father McNamara.

1. That he began an amorous relationship with [REDACTED] 17 years old, about two months ago [REDACTED]
2. That at one time she tried to break off the relationship but fell back into it.
3. That at times he gave her gifts.. [REDACTED]
4. That he had her up in his room along with other young people for pizza parties - - but alone after the others had left.
5. That [REDACTED] he was seen kissing her and going off with her alone for for long periods of time.
6. That he visited her home many many nights.
- * * * 7. That sshe spent the night with him in his room a couple of weeks ago. This was a Tuesday night when both Father [REDACTED] and Father [REDACTED] were away; and Father [REDACTED] was asleep in the back of the house.
8. That he or they are "sweating it out waiting to see if she is pregnant".
9. That there have been continuous phone calls and visits totthe rectory by [REDACTED]
10. That Father McNamara told our secretary, [REDACTED] of this involvement and predicament. She felt in concience duty bound to reveal it to the pastor. He also revealed this information to [REDACTED] a leader or our teen club. She did not reveal this to us but to one of our seminarians, [REDACTED] who did reveal the information to us.
11. That Father has been trying to cover up in the last week by extending his attentions to [REDACTED] - - trying to throw us off the track.
12. That he has revealed this illicit relationship with [REDACTED] to a few other teen agers and young people.

St. Bernardine Church
7246 Harrison Street
Forest Park, Illinois 60130

OTHER FACTORS

The other priests in the house had no indication of impropriety because:

1. [REDACTED]

2. She is active in our [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Sunday Mass. Father was in charge of the liturgy and so dealt with them.
3. Reports of this impropriety have come from several independent and reliable sources. Each day we learn more details from more sources. The stories all coincide and give rectory detail nobody could make up.
4. Father McNamara weakly denied the reports when I confronted him July 28th. A week before when our secretary first mentioned them to him and me together he seemed noncommittal. I took it for gossip and warned him about leaving himself open to gossip.
5. When our secretary a few days later warned me there was something to the stories I began to investigate.
6. Our secretary is willing to testify that she is telling the truth in passing on to us Father McNamara's admissions to her. At first she felt bound to secrecy but then thought of the good of the church.

[REDACTED] our seminarian entering Niles. is willing to swear to the truth that he acquired from [REDACTED] Father's admissions and confessions. He also has some first hand information.

[REDACTED] and a few other young people would probably testify if not afraid of a difficult confrontation with Father McNamara.

P.S Your Eminence, I did not imply any criticism of the personnel board. They began to process the case but decided it was so serious that you should hear of it immediately.

Neither did I intend to be critical of Msgr. [REDACTED]. I meant that he is so kind and charitable that he must give everybody a break.

Father Zwick

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August 10, 1971

Reverend Peter J. McNamara
1917 N. Lowell Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60639

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OF THE CHANCELLOR
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
this is a red ink stamp!
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Dear Father McNamara:

In accordance with our recent discussion, I will
be pleased to see you at my residence on Saturday, August 21st, 1971
at 10:30 a.m.

With best wishes, I am, dear Father McNamara

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

JPC: dr

AOC 017776

ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

MINUTES
Meeting No. 117 - Second Board

Meeting: Friday, August 27, 1971, 10:30 A.M.

Present: Cardiff, Lynch, Vanecko, Ventura, Wachowiak

Place: Personnel Board Office

1. Minutes of Meeting No. 116, were approved. ✓
2. Reports:

Meeting with the Cardinal (WSR 8-18-71).

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He will also talk to

Peter McNamara again. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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file

ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

MINUTES
Meeting No. 118 - Second Board

Meeting: Friday, September 3, 1971
Present: Cardiff, Lynch, O'Malley, Roche, Vanecko, Ventura and Wachowiak
Place: Personnel Board Office



1:30 - The afternoon session followed the ordinary procedure of a regular Board meeting.

1. Minutes of Meeting No. 117, were approved. ✓

2. Reports: Meeting with the Cardinal - (WSR 8-30-71)



Reverend Peter McNamara has an indefinite leave of absence.



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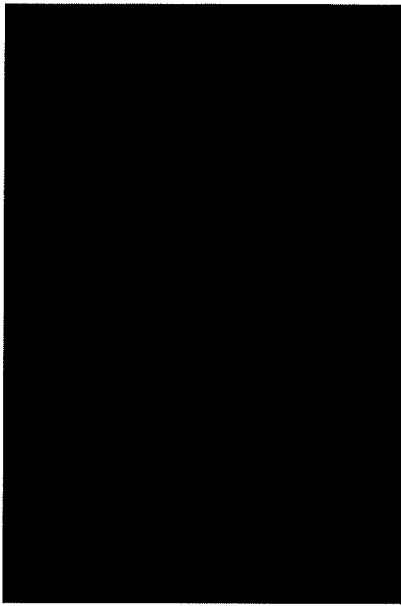
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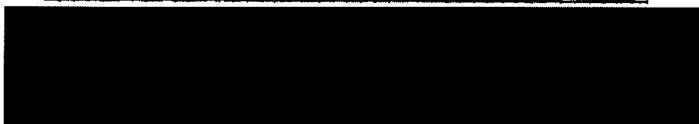
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Fr. Keating Peter

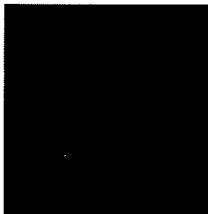
9/5/71, He will very likely seek an indulgence of his congregation in your file. He has -
Write and tell him I will see him on Sat. Aug. 21st. Parents home listed on back of envelope. &



ASSOCIATES NEEDED



St. Bernardine, Forest Park
- Peter McNamara



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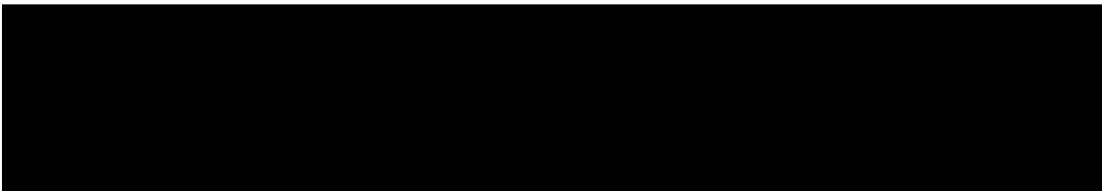
St. Bernardine Church
7246 Harrison Street
Forest Park, Illinois 60130

October 18, 1971

His Eminence John Cardinal Cody
Archbishop of Chicago

Your Eminence:

I am wondering about the final disposition of Peter
McNamara's case. Up to the present - - and with some misgivings - -
we have said nothing publicly about his leaving. My thought was to
wait until final determination. He told me he had requested laici-
zation but that you advised him to think it over.



My thought was that we might soften further scandal that
will ensue should they marry if we at this time announced that he is seeking
or has received laicization and has left the priesthood.

Awaiting your counsel,

I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Father Quinlan

P.S. Father [redacted] S.V.D., has stayed on because of our shorthandedness
but he must move on to his assignment in St. Louis November 14th.
This will leave us without the help of a regular associate or even a
resident.

AOC 017781

October 20, 1971

Reverend William J. Quinlan
St. Bernardine Church
7246 W. Harrison Street
Forest Park, Illinois 60130

Dear Father Quinlan:

As His Eminence left for Rome yesterday, your letter of October 18, 1971 was received in the Chancery Office and I wish to acknowledge receipt of same. I am forwarding a copy to His Eminence in Rome.

With best wishes, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Daniel F. Ryan
Secretary

AOC 017782

file

PB NOTES

October 21, 1971

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4.

5. St. Bernardine, Forest Park: Resident Student Priest is leaving for another assignment on November 14th. Quinlan and LeVoy would appreciate replacement for P. McNamara or any leads to another student priest seeking a residence and able to help in parish work.

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Peter McNamara

Personal



Memo From:
JOHN CARDINAL CODY

Date 11/3/71 To FATHER KEATING

Will you be good enough to speak with Father Quinlan and tell him what he should do about announcing Father Peter McNamara's decision to leave the priesthood.

+J. P. C.

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Fr. J. R. Keating
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690



AOC 017784

[REDACTED]

b) Peter McNamara, '71? What, if anything can be done? This will be put on the Agenda.

c) [REDACTED]

d) [REDACTED]

3. Agenda was approved with the following additions:

- Peter McNamara

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. Associates

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED]

- Possible new recommendations:

a) -

[REDACTED]

b) -

c) - Peter McNamara. - He seems to be a [REDACTED] sick man. At present he is on a leave of absence, working as an electronics salesman. It may be a case of a man pressured into vocation by a parent. If Pete is going to be helped significantly, it seems it will be by his friends initiative, not by official people who threaten him. If he comes to us for help, we will be happy to serve him, but we will not take initiative to contact him.

d) -

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[REDACTED]

6.

[REDACTED]

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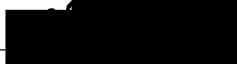
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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

FOR Father Keating

DATE 2-21-72 TIME 10:20 A.M. ~~PM~~

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

X Pete McNamara 
for home - 
PHONE No. HA 1-3533 (at work)

TELEPHONED	X	PLEASE CALL	X
CALLED TO SEE YOU		WILL CALL AGAIN	
WANTS TO SEE YOU		RUSH	
RETURNED YOUR CALL			

MESSAGE He would like to talk to you.

He will send in his petition

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REVISED

TOPS—FORM 3002-C

Pete McNamara



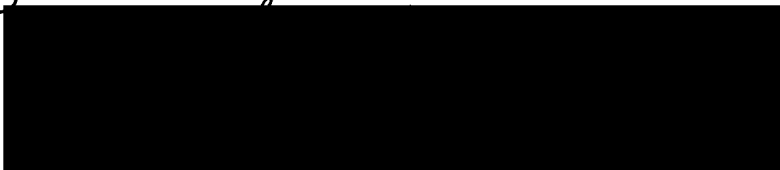
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Sun. 2:00 P.M. - St. Clement

9/17/71 M.N came in today to learn procedure
on laicization.

Now living with parents - since Aug 1.



12/1/72 New address





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Office of the Archbishop

DEC. 3, 1972

Date

I, PETER J. McNAMARA, do hereby certify:

1. That I freely and without condition have requested to return definitively to the status of layman in the Church, dispensed from all the obligations I assumed by Sacred Orders (and religious profession). This dispensation, now granted by the Holy See, has been formally promulgated to me and is henceforth in effect.

2. That henceforth I shall not represent myself as a priest or exercise any power or prerogative attached to Holy Orders or the clerical state.

3. That I shall not volunteer the fact of my ordination to others, that I shall defer to the sensitivities of others by discretion in the matter, and that I shall do all in my power to prevent any scandal or damage to the Church or the priesthood.

4. That I shall submit the celebration of any eventual marriage on my part to the exclusive direction of my local Ordinary and shall abide by whatever conditions are required by the Holy See.

In testimony whereof, I hereby affix my signature:

Peter J. McNamara

John R. Keating
Delegate of the Ordinary

Chicago, Ill.
Place

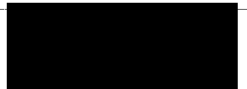


June 16, 1972
Chicago City Hall

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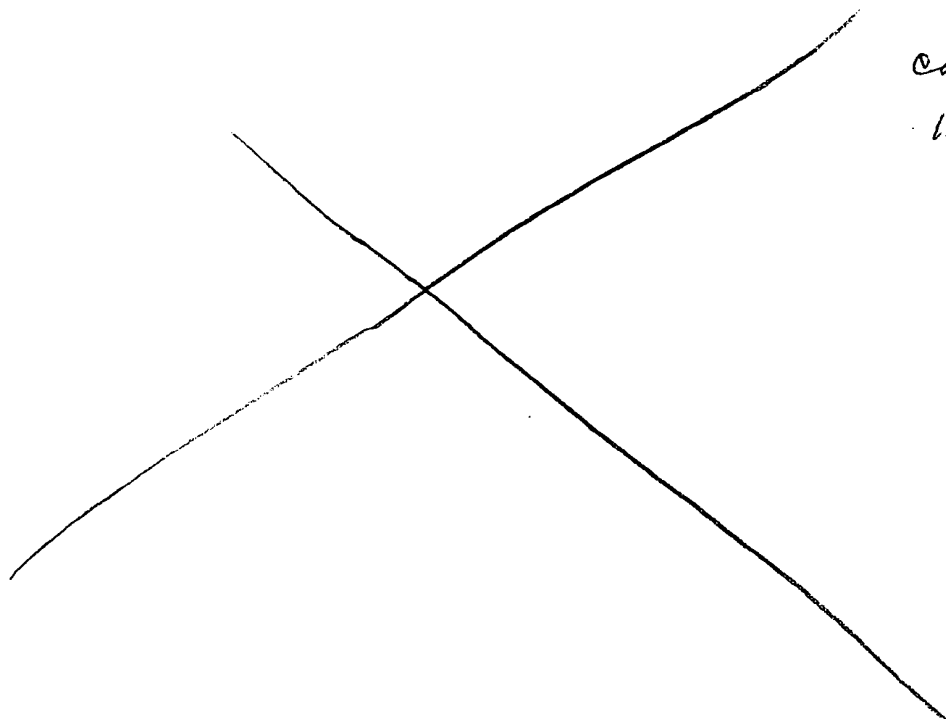
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			WANTS TO SEE YOU
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Allegation Taken 5-14-02

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the Statement of Allegation and meeting summary prepared by Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Victim KM's statement, given to Ms. Leggdas on May 14, 2002, formalizing her allegation of abuse against Fr. Peter John McNamara. According to Victim KM's statement, she met McNamara when she was between 14 and 15 years old, and their relationship continued after he left the priesthood and she reached adulthood.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have a right to report accusations of child abuse to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (The Department of Children and Family Services "hotline" telephone number is 1-800-252-2873). You also have a right to report such accusations to the State's Attorney's Office or other law enforcement agencies. (The Cook County State's Attorney's telephone number is 312-603-5440 (direct); the Lake County State's Attorney's telephone number is 847-377-3000 (main #) or 847-360-6644 (direct). If you have any questions as to how to make such a report you may refer those questions to the Department of Children and Family Services or the State's Attorney's Office.

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

May 14 2002
(Date)

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(Print Name)

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

5-14-02
(Date)

Kathleen Legsdas
(Signature)

Kathleen Legsdas
(Print Name)

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Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki
Archbishop's Delegate to the
Professional Fitness Review Board



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5843 W. Strong St.
Chicago, IL 60630
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June 15, 2002

CONFIDENTIAL

Ms. Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Kathleen,

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board, I am writing to you regarding the matter of **Peter J. McNamara**, a resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, against whom an allegation has been made by a [REDACTED] that he had engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor when he was still functioning as a priest.

This letter is written in order to provide you with information regarding the cleric's file or background as required by Archdiocesan Policies and Procedures, Book II, Part I, Title III, Chapter I, policy and procedure §1104.7.1, and as authorized by policies §702.1.a and §1106.3.2.

Even though Peter McNamara is no longer active as a priest, policy §1104.2, procedure "e" requires that an allegation that is made against a cleric who has resigned from active ministry "shall be processed in the same manner as any other allegation to the extent necessary to make a determination whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused had engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor during the time he was serving as a cleric of the Archdiocese and to facilitate the outreach to those affected as contemplated by these policies." The following information was gleaned from the "laicization files" at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.

Peter J. McNamara was born in Chicago, Illinois on [REDACTED]. He attended the Archdiocesan seminaries and was ordained a priest by the late Most Reverend Alfred L. Abramowicz, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, on June 6, 1970. He had not been ordained with his classmates in 1969 because of "bizarre behavior and [REDACTED]" during his diaconate year at St. Thaddeus Parish. Among other things, it was reported that "McNamara locked himself in his room, and would send out irrational notes." After an additional year of diaconate at another parish, McNamara was ordained a priest and was assigned as Assistant Pastor ("Vicarius Cooperator") to Reverend William J. Quinlan, Pastor of St. Bernardine Parish in Forest Park, on June 7, 1970. McNamara left active ministry as a priest as of August 1, 1971.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO TO

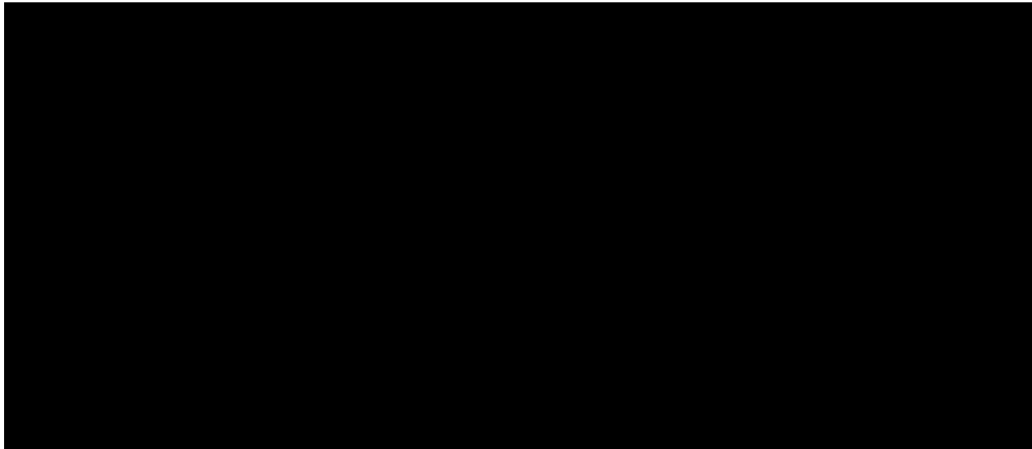
Ms. Kathleen Leggdas

Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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On November 10, 1972, the Holy Father, Pope Paul IV, granted Peter McNamara a dispensation from all the obligations of Sacred Orders. The Rescript of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (Prot. N. 1578/72) in essence granted Peter McNamara's petition to be laicized with permission to marry. On December 22, 1972, Father Ronald N. Kalas, Co-Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, witnessed the canonical marriage of Robert McNamara and [REDACTED] at St. Raymond Church, Mt. Prospect, having been expressly delegated to do so by the late John Cardinal Cody. The ceremony was performed with no other witnesses present and under obligation of secrecy, as was required at the time by the rescript of laicization from the Holy See. This marriage was later declared null by the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 23, 1989 (Case Number T 1078/88), which declaration of nullity was confirmed by the Court of Appeal on August 1, 1989.

In his letter dated March 28, 1972 supporting Peter McNamara's petition for laicization, Cardinal Cody wrote the following to His Eminence, Franjo Cardinal Seper, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith:



Enclosed is a copy of a memo dated August 1, 1971, to Cardinal Cody from Father McNamara's Pastor, Father Quinlan, outlining McNamara's "amorous relationship with [REDACTED] 17 years old," including notations that "she spent the night with him in his room a couple of weeks ago" and they were "sweating it out to see if she is pregnant." Father Quinlan also wrote that McNamara admitted his "involvement and predicament" to the secretary, [REDACTED] and to one of their seminarians, [REDACTED], both of whom informed the pastor. Father [REDACTED] now serves as the Director of Spiritual Formation for the Diaconate Formation Program at Mundelein Seminary.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO TO

Ms. Kathleen Leggdas

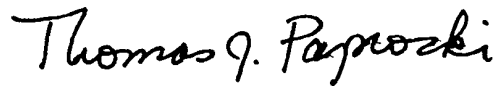
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Please keep in mind that §1104.6 of the Archdiocesan policies pertaining to clerical sexual misconduct with minors provides that the information generated in connection with this process shall be maintained in a confidential manner and may only be disclosed in accordance with these policies and procedures.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Paprocki". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki

Archbishop's Delegate to the

Professional Fitness Review Board

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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Memorandum

To: File

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

Re: **Rev. Peter McNamara (Resigned)**
Review Board Meeting – First Stage Review

Date: June 15, 2002

TOP

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review in the matter of Rev. Peter McNamara (Resigned), concerning the allegation of [REDACTED] involving alleged misconduct in 1968 at St. Bernardine Parish in Forest Park.

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Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, June 15, 2002

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:



Non-members present:

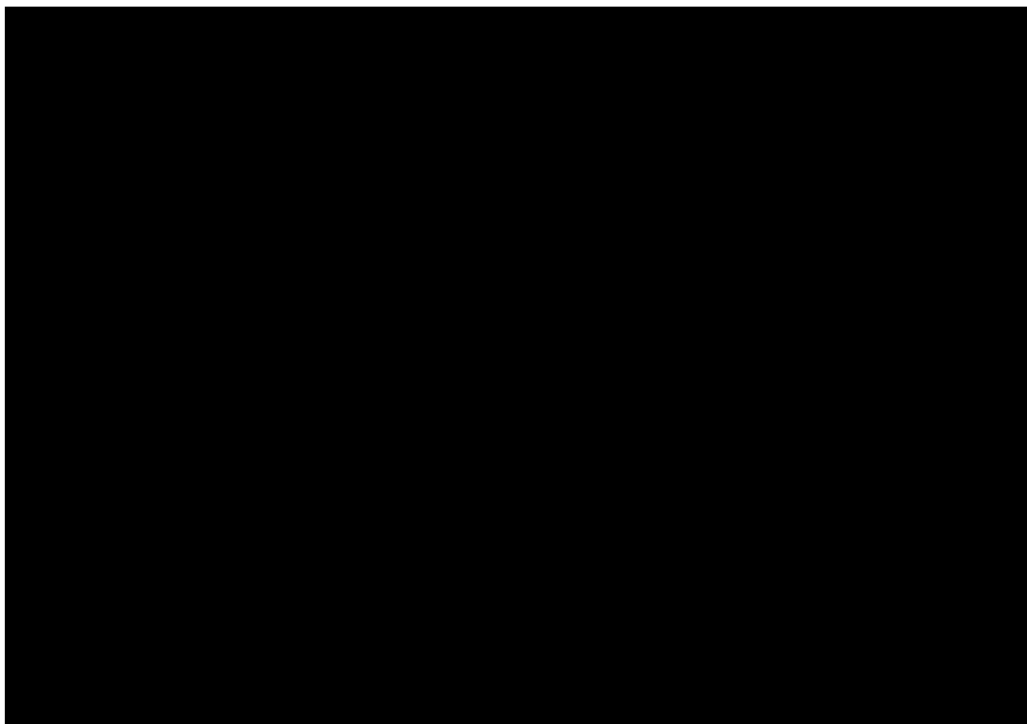
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

I. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2002

II. Case Reviews

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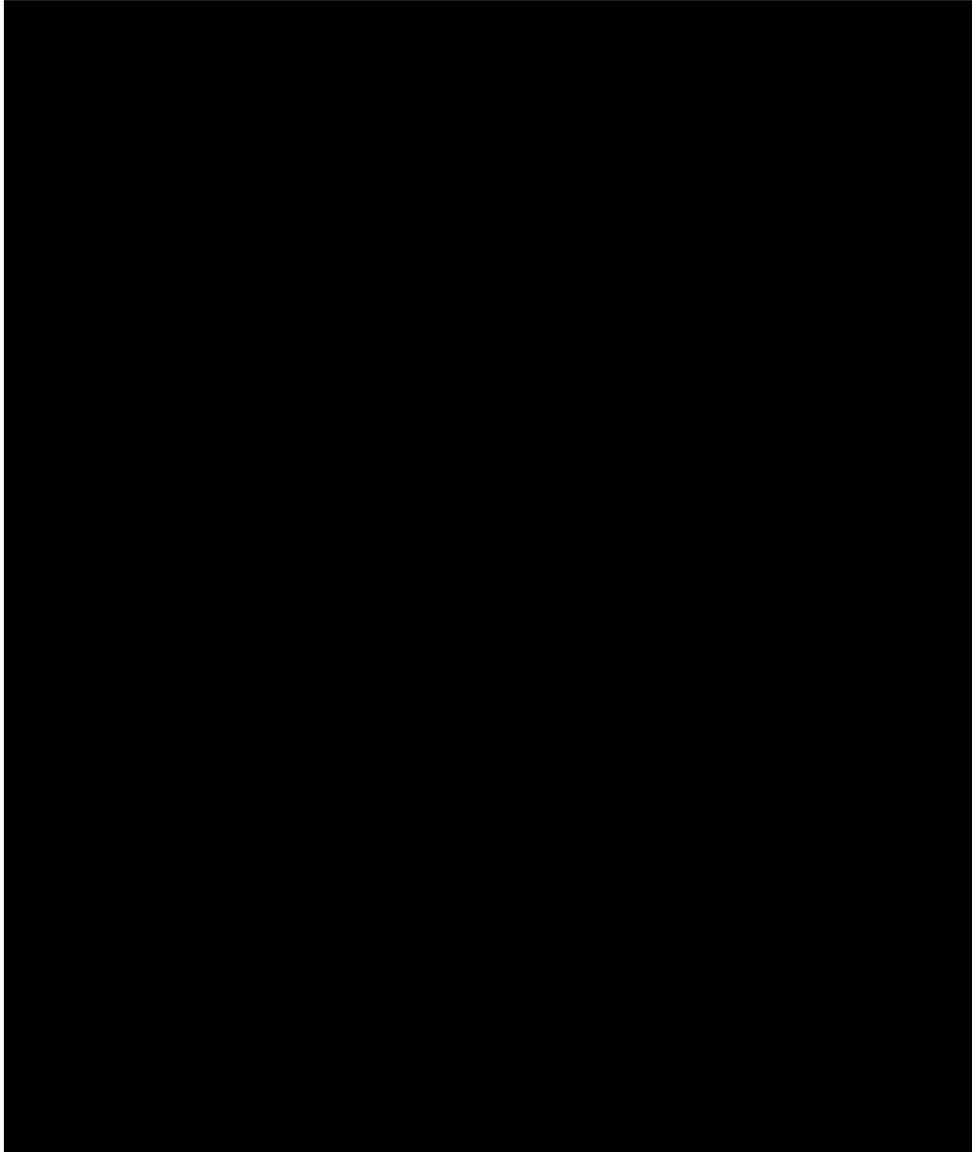
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K. In the Matter of Rev. Peter McNamara (Resigned) – PFR-92

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Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 20, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, June 15, 2002
10:00 – 2:00

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes from May 18, 2002

II. Case Reviews

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I. In the Matter of Rev. Peter McNamara (resigned), PFR-92

J.

Majority of reports will be distributed at the Board Meeting. Others are enclosed with the agenda.

(Plan to stay awhile)

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Memorandum

To: File -PFR-92

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

Re: Rev. Peter McNamara (Resigned)

Date: July 9, 2002

Summary of the discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on June 15, 2002:

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 9/7/02 to conduct a
(enter date: month/day/year)

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

regarding the allegation of (Resigned) Peter Mc Namara

against [REDACTED]

(check one:) ☐ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago

☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of _____
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

☐ a religious priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of religious community)

☒ a resigned priest or deacon of St. Bernardin, Forest Park,
(enter name of diocese or religious community) 1970.

☐ a deceased priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: coitus, pregnancy [REDACTED]
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

inform Mc Namara + Second Stage

He needs to be contacted before 1st stage review is

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that concluded.

(check one:) ☒ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. (pending)
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☐ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: Second Stage.

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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, September 7, 2002
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA Corrected Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2002

II. Case Reviews
First Stage Reviews

A.

B.

Second Stage Reviews

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B.

C.

III. Other

- A. In the Matter of Rev. Peter John McNamara (Resigned & Laicized) (Deceased) – PFR-92
- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

To: Review Board Members

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: [PFR-92] Peter John McNamara (Resigned) in Allegation made by
[REDACTED]

Date: September 10, 2002


This memo is being written as a follow up to a previously distributed memo regarding the Review Board's requests for additional information regarding Peter McNamara.

As per the previous memo, I did speak with Sr. Mary Ann at the Vicar for Priests office via phone on 8/22/02 and requested that she search Peter McNamara's file for any past allegations of abuse. Sr. Mary Ann was unable to locate a file for Peter McNamara at the Vicar's office or at Archives Records Center of the Archdiocese.

I did receive a copy of a letter written by Fr. Paprocki to Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, dated June 15, 2002. Detailed in the letter written by Fr. Paprocki was information regarding Peter J. McNamara's "bizarre behavior" and his [Peter McNamara's] "amorous relationship with [REDACTED] 17 years old" [as described in a memo dated August 1, 1971 from Father McNamara's Pastor, Father Quinlan to Cardinal Cody]. The mentioned letter written by Fr. Paprocki was read in its entirety to the Review Board on September 7, 2002.

Fr. Paprocki requested that it be made clear to the Review Board that information regarding Peter McNamara's past involvement with [REDACTED] has been previously documented, along with behaviors leading up to Peter McNamara's laicization on November 10, 1972.

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
John O'Malley, Legal Services

PFR-92 M. Namara / 

Neri-Palomino, Laura

From: Neri-Palomino, Laura
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2003 2:47 PM
To: Zrust, Mary Ann
Subject: Assignments

Sr. Mary Ann,
Would you please request assignments for a Father Peter John McNamara?
Thank you,
Laura

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Michael Just, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, of Fr. Peter John McNamara's response, given on January 14, 2003, to Victim KM's statement of alleged sexual abuse. In response to Victim KM's allegations, McNamara stated that he did not meet Victim KM until the spring of 1971, when Victim KM was 17 years old, contrary to Victim KM's assertion that they met years earlier. McNamara acknowledged kissing and fondling Victim KM during the summer of 1971, but stated their relationship did not become "sexual" until August, 1971, after McNamara left active ministry. McNamara also contradicts various statements made by Victim KM concerning the length of their relationship and specific details alleged by Victim KM in her statement.

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

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

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

regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]

against Peter John McNamara
(enter name of alleged victim)
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☐ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago

☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of [REDACTED]
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

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(enter name of religious community)

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(enter name of diocese or religious community)

☐ a deceased priest or deacon of [REDACTED]
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: [REDACTED] alleges sexual involvement w/ him
of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)
while she was still a minor.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☒ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. 6-0
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

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☒ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 2nd stage should take place
as usual.

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Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, February 15, 2003

MINUTES

Revision

Review Board Members Present:



Members absent:



Non-members present:

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

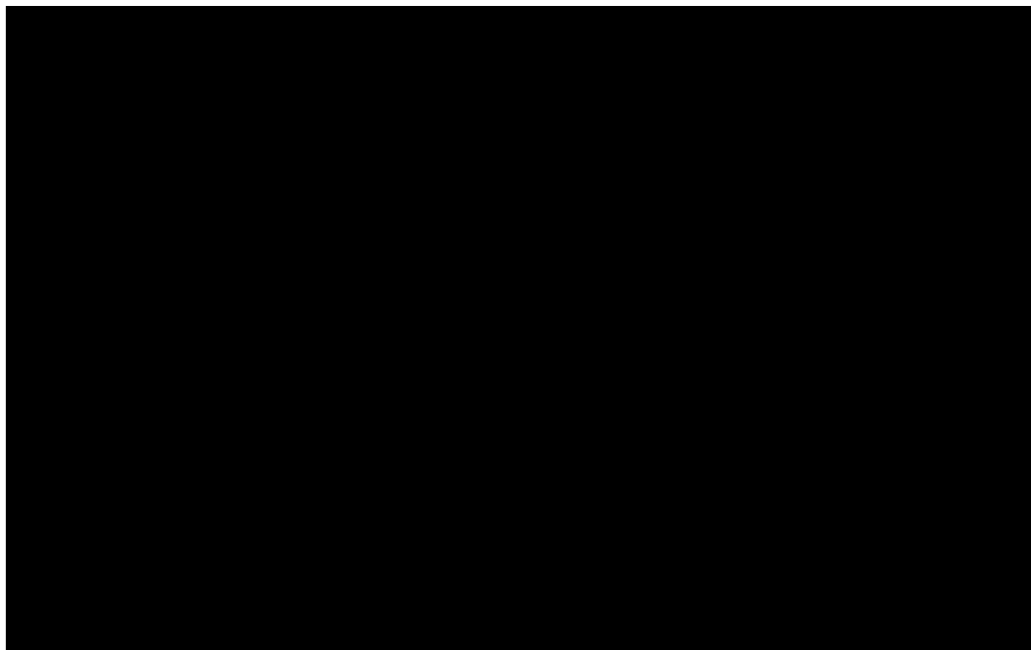
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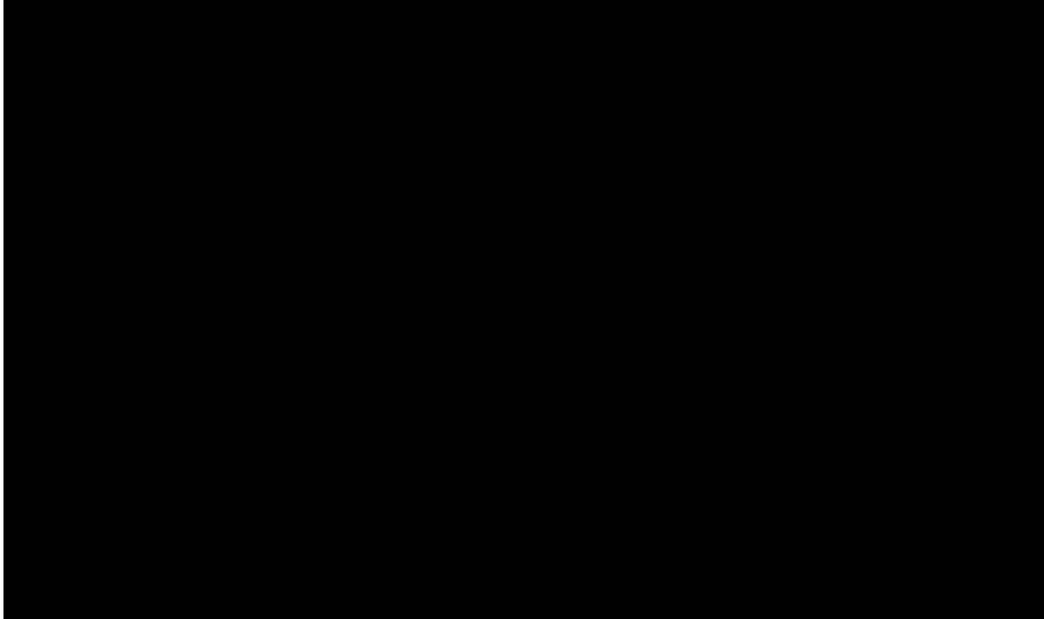


C. In the Matter of Rev. Peter John McNamara [PM] [Resigned]-PFR-92

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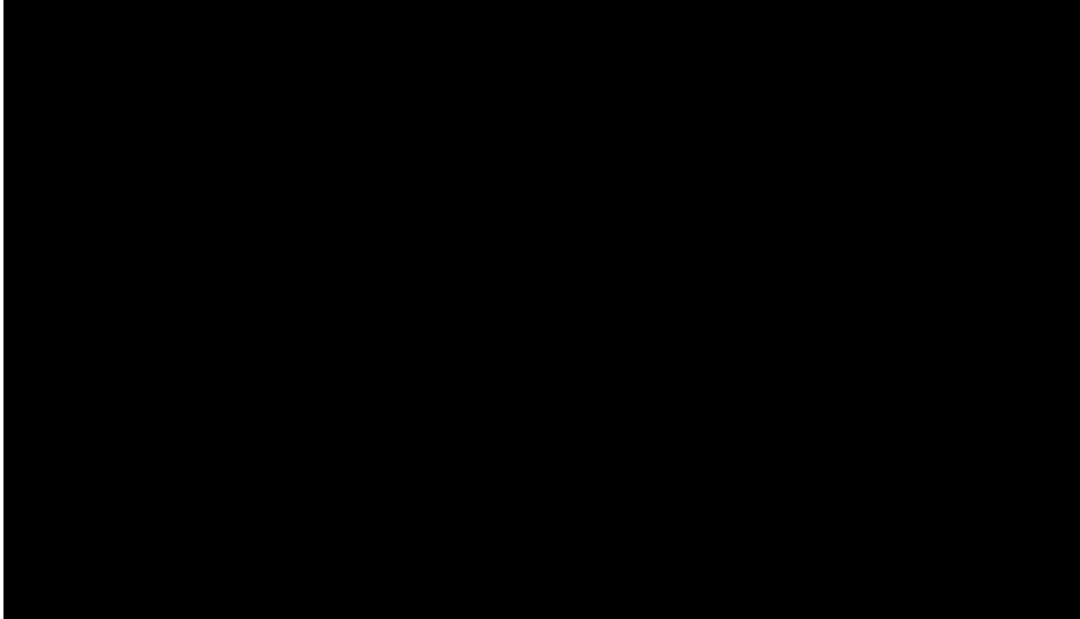
In a unanimous 6-0 vote, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause
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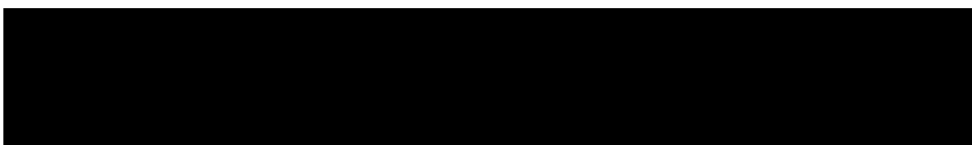


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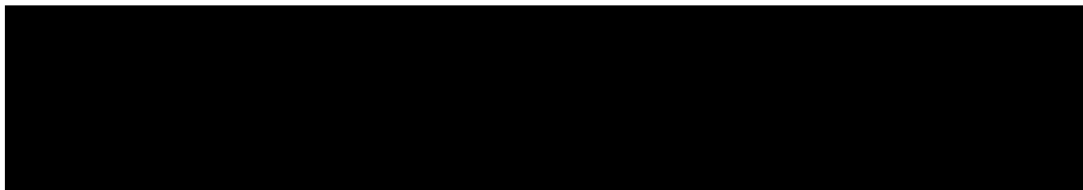


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III. Other

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

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

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

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2003

II. Case Reviews

First Stage Reviews:

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of Rev. Peter John McNamara (Resigned) – PFR-92

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

Second Stage Reviews:

D. [REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

- [REDACTED]

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

The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 15, 2003

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which claims as follows: Sexual relationship between [REDACTED]
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

and PM while [REDACTED] was a minor

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☒ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
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If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

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☒ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0

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February 18, 2003

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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

To: File -PFR-92
From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Re: **Peter John McNamara (Resigned)**
Date: February 18, 2003

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

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] The claim is as follows: PM engaged in a sexual relationship with [REDACTED] when she was a minor.

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

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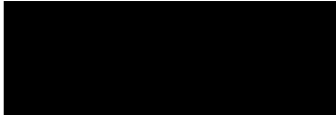


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March 7, 2003

Mr. Peter John McNamara



Dear Mr. McNamara,

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

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

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

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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March 7 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

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

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5206 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. You may reach them at 312.751.8307.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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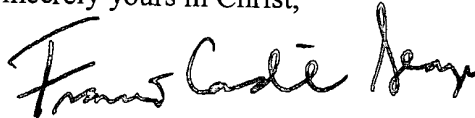
Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of February 18, 2003, regarding the matter of **Peter John McNamara**, a priest ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been dispensed from the obligations of the clerical state, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on February 15, 2003.

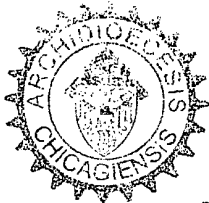
In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that **Peter John McNamara** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor while he was a cleric. Since he is no longer in the clerical state, he is no longer engaged in ministry and is not subject to any clerical penalties.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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



Rev. Richard Sanders

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
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MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-92
From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant *LNP*
Re: **McNamara, Peter John (Resigned)**
Date: March 12, 2003

On March 7, 2003 a letter meant for **PJM** regarding a First Stage Review finding was mistakenly sent to Fr. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

LNP contacted Vicar's office for a corrected address for **PJM**; meanwhile, [REDACTED] contacted this office and had just received letter. He mentioned that he had opened the letter by mistake and asked to speak with PFRA.

As soon as an address is given for **PJM** - a corrected letter will be sent.

Cc:

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From: MaryAnn Zrust
To: Laura Neri-Palomino
Date: 3/12/03 10:10AM
Subject: Re: Address

Laura,

We have no address on Peter McNamara, but this is the phone number: [REDACTED] Since there is no other information in the file on him, I doubt whether Fr. Kaczorowski knows an address. Kaz is not in today. Have a good day!

Mary Ann

>>> Laura Neri-Palomino 03/11/03 04:24PM >>>

Sr. Mary Ann,

Leah left a message at Bishop Lyne for Fr. McNamara.

What I need is an address for Mr. Peter John McNamara (Resigned)? Do you or Fr. Kaczorowski know where he resides?

Laura

*Leah,
what should I do on this?
Laura*

From: MaryAnn Zrust
To: Laura Neri-Palomino
Date: 3/17/03 11:05AM
Subject: Re: Address

Laura,

Peter McNamara is a resigned priest and is married. Address unknown at this time.

Mary Ann

>>> Laura Neri-Palomino 03/17/03 11:01AM >>>

No, I haven't - and thanks for asking him.

Specifically, we want to know his status and where he is now. Thank you, Laura

>>> MaryAnn Zrust 03/17/03 10:48AM >>>

Laura,

I'll take care of asking Kaz when he comes back tomorrow. Since I wasn't here Thursday and Friday, I thought maybe you had contacted him.

Have a good day!

Mary Ann

>>> Laura Neri-Palomino 03/17/03 10:43AM >>>

Hi Sister Mary Ann,

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you too!

No, Fr. Kacz was not directly asked for Fr. McNamara's address. Should I ask him personally?

Laura

>>> MaryAnn Zrust 03/17/03 09:06AM >>>

Hi Laura,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I'm sorry I was out of the office on Wednesday PM, Thurs., Fri., so I just picked up your message re: Peter McNamara. Was Kaz contacted directly? He will not be in the office today due to an appt. out of town.

Mary Ann

>>> Laura Neri-Palomino 03/12/03 03:54PM >>>

Sister Mary Ann,

Regarding an address for Peter John McNamara. Leah asked that since Fr. Kaczorowski is the vicar assigned to this case - if he would call and ask him for an address. Laura

From: Laura Neri-Palomino
To: McCluskey, Leah
Date: 3/18/03 3:46PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Phone #

Leah,
Here is a phone # for McNamara. Laura

>>> MaryAnn Zrust 03/18/03 01:49PM >>>

Laura, Thanks again for a lovely lunch and time together. The phone # for Peter McNamara is:
[REDACTED] He is resigned and no longer a priest. Mary Ann

>>> Laura Neri-Palomino 03/18/03 11:57AM >>>

Sr. Mary Ann,
Could you ask Fr. Kaczorowski for a phone number for Fr. Peter John McNamara (Resigned)? Laura

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March 25, 2003

Mr. Peter John McNamara
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. McNamara,

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

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmcluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Most Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2003**
- II. Review of August 16, 2003 Board Meeting recommendations**
- III. Revised Monitoring Protocols**

IV. Case Reviews

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Review for Cause

D.

Second Stage Review

E. In the Matter of John McNamara (Resigned/Laicized 1972) - PFR-92

- Allegation made by

F.

VI. Other Matters

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, October 18, 2003__

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

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

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

I. Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2003

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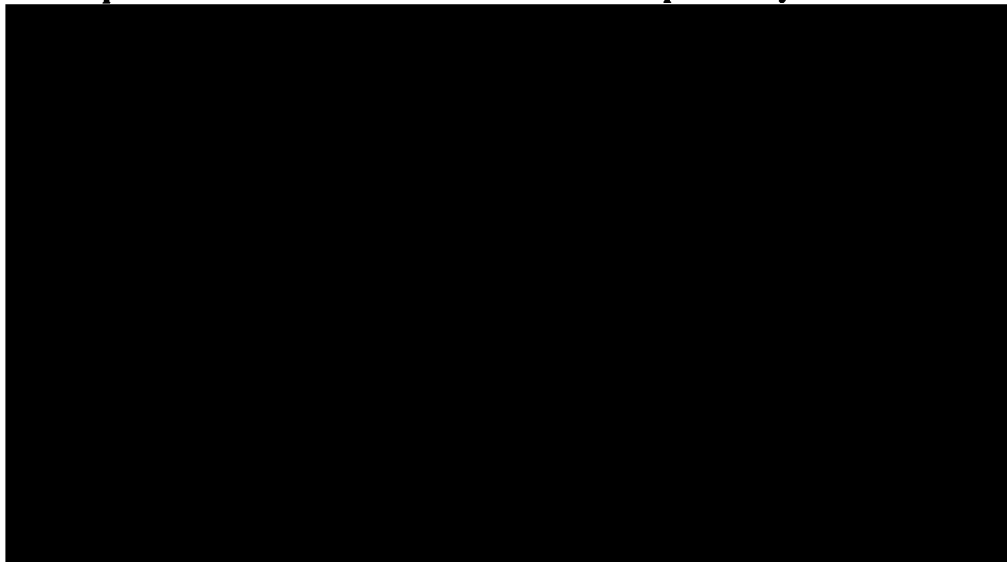
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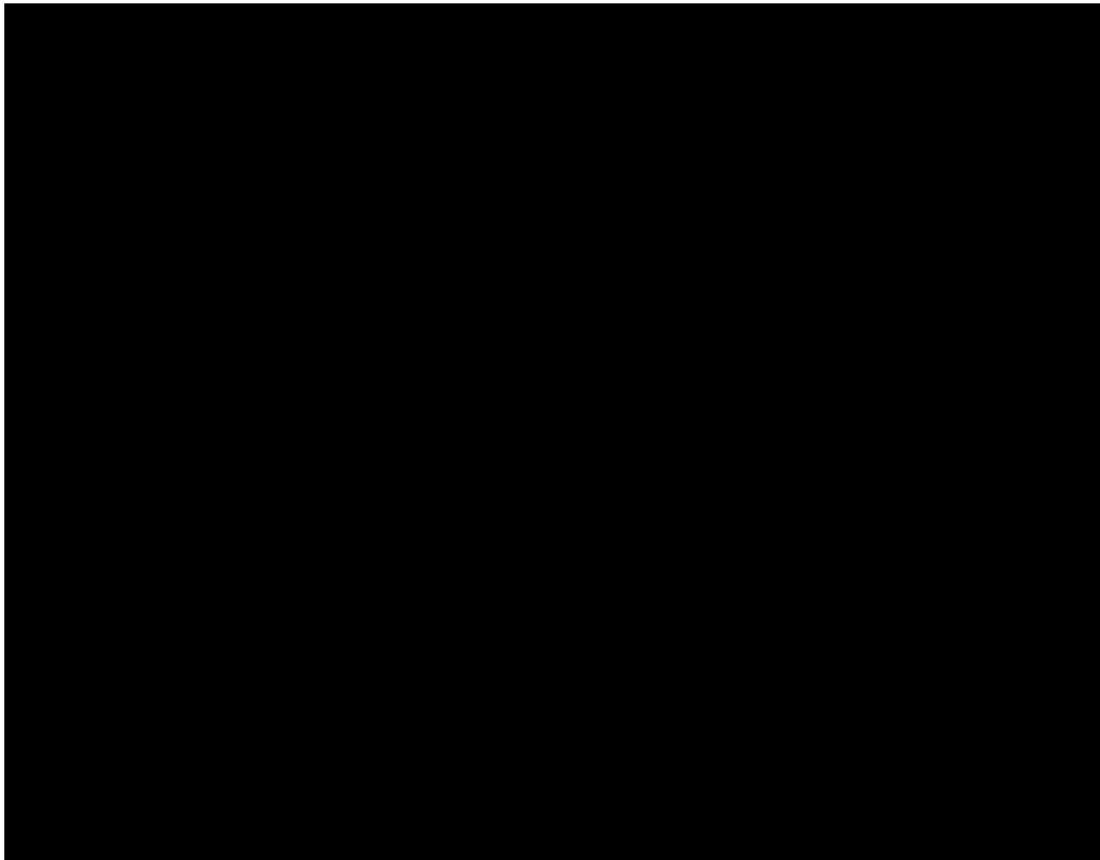


III. Review of August 16, 2003 Board Meeting recommendations

IV. Informal update on matters in Office of Professional Responsibility

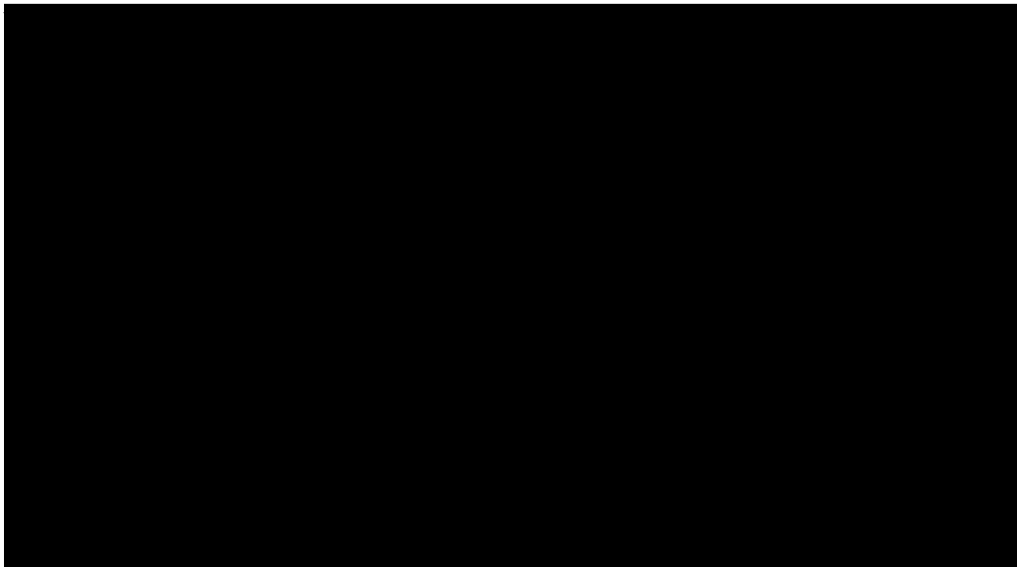
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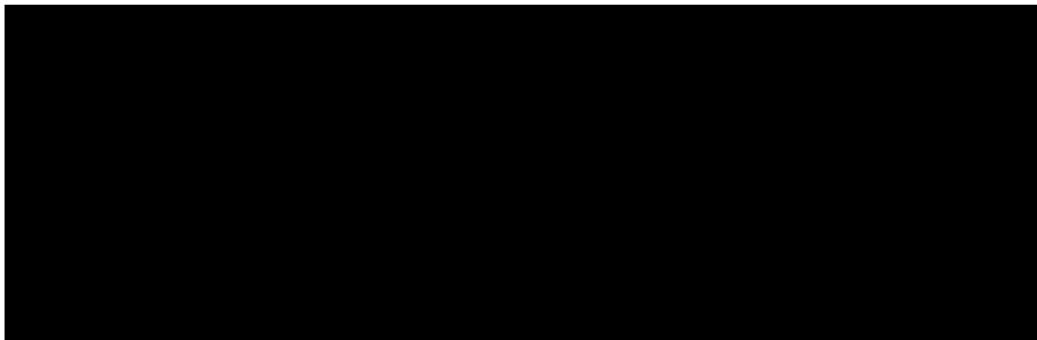
Second Stage Review

D. In the Matter of Peter John McNamara [Resigned 1994] - PFR - 92

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: sexual relationship between Peter John McNamara and [REDACTED] began when [REDACTED] was between 14 and 15 years old. [REDACTED] Peter John McNamara was resigned/laicized in order [REDACTED].

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Board recommended to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation of reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

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

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

To: File - PFR-92

From: Review Board Minutes

Re: McNamara, Peter John (Resigned/Laicized) [REDACTED]

Date: September 20, 2003

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

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: sexual relationship between Peter John McNamara and [REDACTED] began when Ms. [REDACTED] was between 14 and 15 years old. [REDACTED] Peter John McNamara was resigned/laicized [REDACTED].

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Board recommended to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation of reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 9/20/03 to conduct a
(enter date: month/day/year)

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

regarding the allegation of _____
(enter name)

against John McNamara (Resigned/Laured)
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☐ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago

☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of _____
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

☐ a religious priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of religious community)

☒ a resigned priest or deacon of Archdiocese of Chicago
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

☐ a deceased priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: sexual relationship between
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)
+ PM while [redacted] was a minor

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☒ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☐ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
☒ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: unanimous 7-0 to uphold
1st Stage Review of reasonable cause to suspect

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September 23, 2003

Peter McNamara

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
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Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on September 20, 2003 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against John McNamara [Resigned] pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board recommends to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

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September 30, 2003

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

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In light of the information presented, the Review Board recommends to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

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Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
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October 16, 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on September 20, 2003 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Peter John McNamara pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Peter John McNamara engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor. Due to the fact that Peter John McNamara is resigned from the priesthood, there is no further action to be taken against him at this time.

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

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

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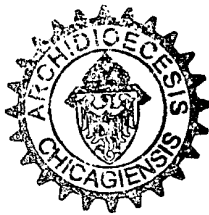
Ms. Leah McCluskey
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

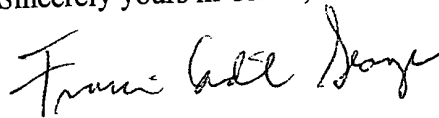
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I accept the Review Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that **Peter John McNamara** engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor while he was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Since he is no longer a cleric, however, I can take no further canonical action against him.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

Res. Richard Lueder
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Edwin . Conway, Vicar General
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate
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October 16, 2003

Mr. Peter John McNamara
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. McNamara,

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The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor. Due to the fact that you are resigned from the priesthood, there is no further action to be taken against you at this time.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

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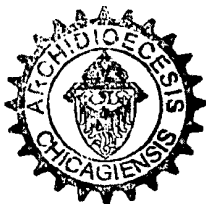
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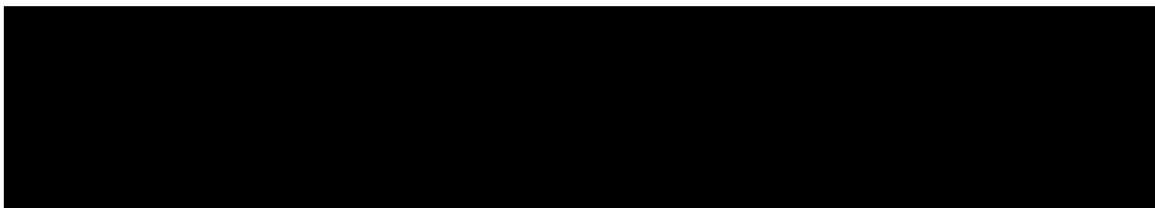
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PHONE CALL

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<u>6-6-70</u>				
SIGNED _____				

FORM 4003



[Handwritten signature]

To: The File
From: V. Costello
Re: Peter McNamara (Class of 1970 -- resigned)
Date: September 15, 2006

Last week I spoke with Bishop [REDACTED] about Peter McNamara. Peter's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that she had heard that the seminary was reluctant to ordain him because he allegedly had child pornography in his possession while he was in the seminary. It seems that [REDACTED], a priest of the archdiocese now deceased, who served at St. Bernardine Parish from 1966-1973, passed on this information. St. Bernardine's was the parish in which [REDACTED] McNamara served during his brief stint in the active ministry. Since Bishop [REDACTED] was the rector of the major seminary in 1970 I asked if he could shed some light as to whether or not this allegation was true.

Bishop [REDACTED] said that he had a difficult time recalling anything about Peter McNamara. He assumed he would have remembered a case involving postponing ordination for a seminarian who kept kiddie porn in his quarters. He suggested that I contact either Father [REDACTED] from his original class, or Father [REDACTED] from the class in which McNamara was ordained.

To: The File
From: V. Costello
Re: Peter McNamara
Date: September 18, 2006

On Friday, September 15th, I spoke on the phone about Peter McNamara with two priests, Father [REDACTED] and Father [REDACTED]. McNamara was originally in [REDACTED] class but his ordination was delayed for a year thus placing him in [REDACTED] class.

[REDACTED] was the first to return my call. He said "Petey" McNamara was a character who was very involved in electronics and wires. [REDACTED] said McNamara had a heart of gold who could fix anything but was also "different" and rather odd. He agreed that Petey was better in dealing with things than with people. I asked [REDACTED] very directly if he had heard anything about Peter McNamara and child pornography. He responded by saying he had no idea about that.

[REDACTED] called later and said that when his class returned to the seminary for winter quarter of deacon year the class discovered McNamara had been "clipped" from priesthood ordination but he had no idea why.

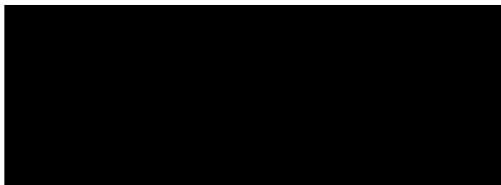
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December 18, 2006

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS



Re: [REDACTED] / Peter McNamara

Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed is a copy of the fully executed settlement agreement in the above matter, along with a check for [REDACTED] made payable to "[REDACTED] Client Trust Account."

Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


Patricia B. Carlson

Patricia B. Carlson

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Enclosures

cc: (w/enclosure)
[REDACTED]

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December 18, 2006

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bcc: (w/enclosure)
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Reverend Vincent Costello
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Peter McNamara
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JUN 29 2007

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INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

June 25, 2007

Dear Cardinal George:

This letter is in regards to my name being published in the May 30, 2007 Chicago Tribune and Sun-Times along with tried and convicted (some with numerous victims) former priests. I have never been tried or convicted of anything. You have defamed my name. I have never seen the accusations against me and have not been given an opportunity to defend myself.

After being a priest for about one year (June 1971) I met a marriage-minded woman [REDACTED]. When we wanted to begin a dating relationship I did the right thing. On August 1, 1971 I was offered a transfer to another parish but choose to take a leave of absence. I then requested laicization and resigned from the priesthood. We eventually married in a civil ceremony attended by her mother and other well-wishers (June 1972) and later in a private Catholic ceremony (St. James Arlington Heights December 1972). We were married for eight years and had two children.

I do not know how [REDACTED] got acquainted with Barbara Blaine and SNAP but my name does not belong on a list of pedophile former priests. You have caused great distress to my wife and I and to our twelve year old son whom we needed to inform about this when it was published in the papers.

I continued to follow the rules and my marriage to [REDACTED] was annulled in 1988. I then married [REDACTED] at St. Catherine Labore in Glenview June of 1990. She died at 39 November 23, 1991 of complications of diabetes. On February 13, 1993 I was married to [REDACTED] at St. Mary of the Woods in Chicago and now have a 12 year old son, [REDACTED].

This harassment has went on for long enough now!! We have suffered through over four years of unexpected contacts from different Archdiocese personnel giving me inconsistent information about what would happen next and what I could do about the situation. I demand that you do the right thing and remove my name from your list. If this is impossible I insist that you note by my name that I have one allegation; 17 years or older; [REDACTED] the way the state of Illinois does. This will somewhat mitigate the slander you have committed against me.

Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter.

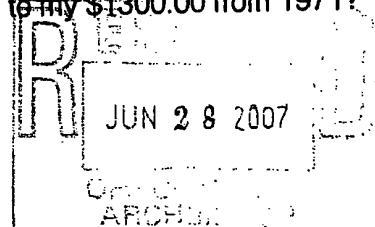
Sincerely,

Pete McNamara

Peter McNamara

PS: Eventhough you have so condemned me we still get requests from you, Quigley, St. Mary of the Lake and multiple parishes for support. How insulting!! Also I contributed \$100.00 a month to my retirement fund with the diocese. What happened to my \$1300.00 from 1971?

cc Opus Bono Sacerdotii
cc John Canary Vicar Genral



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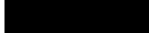

To: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

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

Re: McNamara, Rev. Peter J. [Laiziced] 

Date: July 2, 2007

In response to the copy that I received of Mr. Peter McNamara's letter to you dated June 25, 2007, I reviewed our files on this matter.

Former Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA] Kathleen Leggdas wrote a May 14, 2002 Memorandum where she recorded her meeting with  and the details of the alleged abuse by the former Fr. McNamara. On January 14, 2003 Mr. Michael Just, former Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator, read  allegation to Mr. McNamara via phone with Rev. James Kaczorowski, former Vicar for Priests, present.

I have attached copies of the two referenced documents to this memorandum, as well as copies of the March 25, 2003 and the October 16, 2003 letters addressed to Mr. McNamara informing him of your acceptance of the Review Board's determinations that there "...is reasonable cause to suspect that you [Mr. McNamara] did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor." Also attached are copies of documents from our files relevant to this matter.

If you have any questions or are in need of any additional documentation, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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July 16, 2007

Mr. Peter McNamara
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. McNamara,

My name is Leah McCluskey and I work in the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, formerly the Office of Professional Responsibility, at the Archdiocese of Chicago. Cardinal George forwarded me a copy of your June 25, 2007 letter to him and asked that I provide you with a response to your concerns related to the allegation of sexual misconduct made against you by [REDACTED]

In response to your statement that you have "...never seen the accusations against me and have not been given an opportunity to defend myself...", I reviewed the files in our office. Documentation notes that you participated in a conference call on January 14, 2003, which was initiated by Rev. James Kaczorowski, then Vicar for Priests. Present for the aforementioned conference call were you, Fr. Kaczorowski, and Mike Just, then Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator. During the January 14th phone call, Mr. Just read to you [REDACTED] allegation in its entirety.

I continued with this matter when Mr. Just left the office. Please find enclosed copies of the March 25, 2003 and October 16, 2003 letters that I sent informing you of Cardinal George's respective decisions to accept the Review Board's determinations that "...there is reasonable cause to suspect that you did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor" and "...there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor."

If you have any questions concerning [REDACTED] allegation that was presented to you on January 14, 2003, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

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Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Bc John D'Malley, Office of Legal Services
Jim Serritella, Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

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

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

Re: McNamara, Rev. Peter J. [Laicized] [REDACTED]

Date: August 10, 2007

Attached please find copies of the former Rev. Peter J. McNamara's June 25, 2007 letter to Cardinal George. I have also attached copies of the July 17, 2007 Memorandum that I sent to the Cardinal in response to his request to write a response to Mr. McNamara concerning the allegation of sexual abuse made against him by [REDACTED]. Upon the Cardinal's approval, I did send Mr. McNamara a letter dated July 25, 2007 with attachments.

As you and I discussed yesterday, I am sending you copies of the aforementioned information. Please share directly with the Cardinal any suggestions that you might have for him to respond to the remainder of Mr. McNamara's questions and concerns.

Cc Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

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August 25, 2008

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Mr. Peter McNamara
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. McNamara,

As per our phone conversation on August 22, 2008, I have enclosed with this letter a copy of the report of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against you as well as a copy of the report of your response. The reports are dated May 14, 2002 and February 3, 2003 respectively.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

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