

From: Laura Neri-Palomino
To: Zrust, MaryAnn
Subject: assignments

Hermana Mariana,
Buenas tardes!

I need to know what priests were assigned to the following parishes on these dates. Gracias. Laura
St. Eulalia, Maywood 1965 to 1969
St. Matthias Church, Chicago 1969 to 1973
Quigley Seminary, North 1973 to 1974
St. Peter Parish, Skokie 1974 - 1975

ROHRICH, JOHN FRANCIS

Born: [REDACTED]
Ordained: April 29, 1965
Last Known Address: St. Peter Church
8116 Niles Center Rd.
Skokie, IL 60076 (as of June, 1975)

No leave of absence

On June 1, 1975 he wrote a letter of resignation to Cardinal Cody

No letter of acceptance from the Cardinal, however, the Cardinal asked to delete his name

No indication of attempted marriage

Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

John Francis Rohrich

Born:



Ordained: 04/29/1965

Died:

Ethnicity:

No Image
Attached

Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. Eulalia Parish (Maywood)	Assistant Pastor	06/30/1965	02/18/1969
St. Eulalia Parish (Maywood)	Administrator	05/31/1967	10/25/1967
St. Matthias Parish (Ainslie St.)	Assistant Pastor	02/18/1969	09/04/1973
Catholic Youth Organization	Assistant Director	08/03/1971	
Quigley Preparatory Seminary (North)	Faculty	09/04/1973	06/01/1975
St. Francis Xavier Parish (Wilmette)	Resident	09/04/1973	06/07/1974
St. Peter Parish (Skokie)	Resident	06/07/1974	06/01/1975
	Resigned	06/01/1975	

**Extraordinary
Appointments:**

June 14, 1965

My dear Father **Rohrich:**

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of
Saint Eulalia Church, Maywood, Illinois.

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

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Cletus F. O'Donnell
Administrator

Reverend **John F. Rohrich**
1440 W. Granville Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60626



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

P. Muzik file

Office of the Archbishop

May 31, 1967

Reverend John F. Rohrich
St. Eulalia Rectory
1845 S. 9th Avenue
Maywood, Illinois 60153

Dear Father Rohrich:

Due to the death of the Right Reverend Monsignor Martin E. Muzik, Pastor of St. Eulalia Church, 1845 South Ninth Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, that parish has become vacant.

In accordance with Canons 472 and 473, we are pleased to appoint you Administrator or Vicar Econome of St. Eulalia Church, 1845 South Ninth Avenue, Maywood, Illinois. As Vicar Econome, you will have all the obligations of the Pastoral Office, particularly that of celebrating the Missa pro populo (Canon 473, 1), just as if you were the pastor of that parish.

This appointment is effective immediately.

Your remuneration will be that set down for the pastor of the parish, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

We wish to take this occasion to commend you for your zealous priestly labors in the Archdiocese, and we are confident that you will continue to do fine work in the parish to which we are assigning you.

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

Priest file

October 25, 1967

Reverend John F. Rohrich
St. Eulalia Rectory
1845 S. 9th Avenue
Maywood, Illinois 60153

Dear Father Rohrich:

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have appointed the Very Reverend Monsignor William J. Quinn, formerly Vicarius Cooperator of St. Gall Parish, Chicago, as the Pastor of St. Eulalia Parish, Maywood.

As soon as Monsignor Quinn takes possession of his new pastoral office, your duties as the Vicar Econome, or Administrator, will come to an end. Effective as of that date, I am happy to re-appoint you as Vicarius Cooperator, in conformity with Canon 476, 3, of St. Eulalia Parish.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your efficient handling of the affairs of St. Eulalia Parish.

With every sincere good wish, I am, dear Father Rohrich,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Very Rev. Msgr. William J. Quinn

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Priest file



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Office of the Archbishop

February 18, 1969

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Reverend John F. Rohrich
St. Eulalia Rectory
1845 S. 9th Avenue
Maywood, Illinois 60153

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Dear Father Rohrich:

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It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicarius Cooperator to the Reverend Joseph F. Schmeier, Pastor of St. Matthias Church, 2310 Ainslie Street, Chicago, 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 immediately, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you will assume your new duties.

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Joseph F. Schmeier

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Reverend John F. Rohrich

August 4, 1971

Reverend John F. Rohrich
St. Matthias Church
2310 Ainslie
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Dear Father Rohrich:

In accordance with the plan worked out by Father Pavis with your Pastor, Father Schmeier, I am happy to appoint you as part-time Associate Director for the Catholic Youth Organization Projects, effective immediately.

I know that you will work out your schedule so that your priestly assignment at St. Matthias parish will not be seriously hampered by the time you will give to the C.Y.O. projects. It is envisioned that you will be able to assist Father Pavis one day a week.

Thanking you for your priestly assistance in this important work and with all best wishes for success, I am, dear Father Rohrich,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Reverend Joseph F. Schmeier

PS: I hope to meet with you and Father Pavis in the very near future.

JPC:jb

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St. Matthias Church

2310 W. Ainslie St.

Chicago, Illinois 60625

March 26, 1973

His Eminence John Cardinal Cody
Archbishop of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago Ill. 60690

Your Eminence:

I wish to submit my resignation as associate director of the C.Y.O. Much thought and consideration was given to this decision. Last April (1972) I first mentioned to Father Pavis that I wanted to resign but he asked me to stay on for a while. Then again in February I discussed this with Father Pavis and he again asked me to think it over for a while. Finally after much thought and prayer (especially on retreat last week) I definitely made up mind to resign from the C.Y.O.

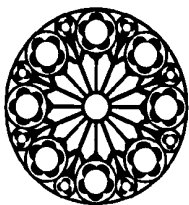
There are a number of reasons. The primary reason though is that I definitely like parish work and feel this is where I am most effective. I find it difficult (if not impossible for me) to perform duties both in parish and C.Y.O. Without a doubt my work in the parish has been affected and I feel my prime interest is the parish.

Therefore, I submit my resignation and hope that you accept it as soon as possible. Your consideration of my request will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours in Christ,


(Rev. John Rohrich)

c.c. Personnel Board
Rev. Raymond Pavis



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Ann

QUIGLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL NORTH

103 East Chestnut Street Chicago, Illinois 60611
(312) 787-9343

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

May 3, 1973

file

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

Your Eminence:

As a replacement for Rev. Michael Hartnett, who is leaving our faculty at the end of the term, I would like to suggest the name of Rev. John F. Rohrich, presently an associate pastor at St. Matthias.

I have spoken with him and he is interested in the possibility of joining our faculty. I know that he is very able, having earned an enviable reputation in the two parishes where he has served. He is a happy, well adjusted priest who would project a good image to our students. He was ordained in 1965 and served his first appointment at St. Eulalia, Maywood.

I would be very happy if Your Eminence would find it possible to assign Father Rohrich to Quigley North.

Obediently yours in Christ,

John P. O'Donnell
Rev. Msgr. John P. O'Donnell





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Office of the Archbishop

September 4, 1973

Reverend John F. Rohrich -- **PERSONAL FILE**

St. Matthias Rectory
2310 Ainslie
Chicago, Illinois 60625

FILE: ST. MATTHIAS PARISH FILE
FILE: QUIGLEY PREPARATORY SEMINARY, NORTH FILE
FILE: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH FILE (Wilmette)

Dear Father Rohrich:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you a member of the faculty of Quigley Preparatory Seminary -- North, 103 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 1358, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

At the same time, I am herewith appointing you Vicarius Cooperator to the Reverend Edmund F. Burke, Pastor, St. Francis Xavier parish, 912 Linden Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, I hereby grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

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

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

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Msgr. John O'Donnell, Rector, Quigley Preparatory Seminary, North.
Rev. Joseph F. Schmeier, Pastor, St. Matthias parish, Chicago.
Rev. Edmund F. Burke, Pastor, St. Francis Xavier parish, Wilmette.
bcc: Priests' Personnel Board Mr. F. D. O'Connor
Angie Punzi - for THE NEW WORLD Pat Durbin - Mail Dept.

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Office of the Archbishop

June 7, 1974

C

✓ Reverend John F. Rohrich
St. Francis Xavier Rectory
912 Linden Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

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Dear Father Rohrich:

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

Reverend Kenneth P. Klose, Pastor
St. Peter Parish, Skokie

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

Y

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

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Kenneth P. Klose, Pastor, St. Peter Parish, Skokie
Rev. Edmund F. Burke, Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette
Rev. Msgr. John O'Donnell, Rector, Quigley Seminary (North)



June 1, 1975

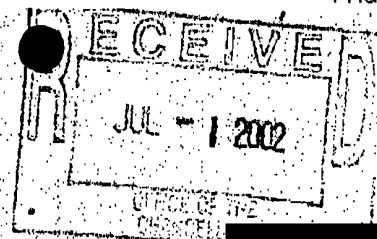
His Eminence,
John Cardinal Cody
1555 N. State Parkway,
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Your Eminence,

I wish to tender my resignation
from the priesthood. I have notified Father
Kenneth Klose, pastor of St. Peter Parish, and also
the personnel board of the archdiocese. Also I
am sending a copy of this letter to Father
John R. Keating, co-chancellor for personnel.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
John F. Rohrich



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

RE: [REDACTED] v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO and [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED] in her claim against the
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, [REDACTED] FATHER JOHN
ROURKE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The claim against the ARCHDIOCESE and FATHER JOHN ROURKE arise out of sexual
misconduct when [REDACTED] was a minor and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please be advised that I claim a lien for my services as attorney for the above-captioned
individual, and I ask that someone contact me before July 15, 2002 to discuss a
reasonable resolution to this claim.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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.

(Date)

(Signature)

(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.

10/10/02
(Date)

Leah McCluskey
(Signature)

Leah McCluskey
(Print Name)

Neri-Palomino, Laura

From: Zrust, Mary Ann
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 11:39 AM
To: Neri-Palomino, Laura
Subject: RE: Priest status

Laura, I called for info on the name given. There is a John F. Rohrich. Could it be he? I'll send you what I have on him. Tom Tivy said that he is a resigned priest. Mary Ann

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

From: Neri-Palomino, Laura
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 10:55 AM
To: Zrust, Mary Ann
Subject: Priest status

Sr. Mary Ann,
Would you be so kind as to request assignments, ministerial and canonical status on a John J. Rohrick?

Thank you,
Laura

PFR-114 Rohrick / [REDACTED]

Neri-Palomino, Laura

From: Neri-Palomino, Laura
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 10:55 AM
To: Zrust, Mary Ann
Subject: Priest status

Sr. Mary Ann,
Would you be so kind as to request assignments, ministerial and canonical status on a John J. Rohrick?

Thank you,
Laura

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces four emails from Victim KN to Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Professional Responsibility, dated from January to July, 2004. In the emails, Victim KN inquires about the status of her allegation against Fr. John Rohrich. Victim KN sought additional information on the Review Board's consideration of her allegation.

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 1/13/04 11:45AM
Subject: Re: (no subject)

[REDACTED]

I apologize for just getting back to you--I am out of state for a conference and was having problems with my e-mail yesterday.

I did speak with [REDACTED] last week and explained that we had spoken. He has asked me to have no direct contact with you and prefers that I speak with him on your behalf. He is your legal counsel and is trying to do what is best for you, even though I know that you are extremely frustrated at this point.

I suggest that you speak with [REDACTED] and ask him your questions and concerns regarding the Board meeting. Any information regarding the Board meeting and your case I will forward to [REDACTED] on your behalf.

Take care,
Leah
Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW
Professional Responsibility Administrator
Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of Professional Responsibility
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Office: 312.751.5205
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>>> [REDACTED] 01/12/04 4:41 PM >>>

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review



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MEMORANDUM

TO: File – PFR-114

FROM: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

DATE: January 24, 2003

RE: Rohrich, John J. (Resigned) 

PFRA received notification from Jan Leonatti [JL] regarding  allegation of sexual misconduct against **John J. Rohrich** [JR]. After checking the spelling of the accused as well as the assignments noted by  in her allegation with Jac Treanor in Archives, it was determined that  allegation is against **Fr. Rohrich**, which  incorrectly spelled John J. Rohrick.

Further, JL reported that according to Archdiocesan archives, JR was assigned to St. Eulalia from 6/30/65 through 2/18/69 and was also assigned to St. Mathias. In her allegation,  reported that JR was assigned to St. Eulalia and St. Mathias parishes and that he [JR] “left suddenly while at St. Mathias” and “heard he married a divorcee with children.” According to archives, JL stated that JR is a resigned Archdiocesan priest.

Please make a note to update your files.

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
John O’Malley, Legal Services

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August 7, 2003

[REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

We represent the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole ("the Catholic Bishop"). I am writing to confirm that the Catholic Bishop agrees to toll any applicable statutes of limitations on the claims of [REDACTED] against the Catholic Bishop arising out of allegations against Rev. [REDACTED], Rev. John Rohrich, Rev. [REDACTED], and Rev. [REDACTED] as of July 15, 2003. Apart from this specific tolling, the Catholic Bishop reserves all of its defenses, including that of the statute of limitations, against any claims [REDACTED] may have against the Catholic Bishop. You agree, for your part, that [REDACTED] will not commence litigation against the Catholic Bishop while this agreement remains in effect.

In addition, this tolling agreement shall last indefinitely unless it is terminated in writing by either of the parties. In order to terminate this tolling agreement, a party shall notify the other party in writing of its intent to terminate the agreement by sending written notice thereof to the other party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The termination of this tolling agreement shall take effect fourteen (14) days from the date the written notice is deposited with the United States Postal Service by the notifying party.

If you agree with the terms expressed in this letter, please sign it at the place indicated and return it to me.

Very truly yours,

Patricia B. Carlson

Patricia B. Carlson

Agreed: _____
[REDACTED]

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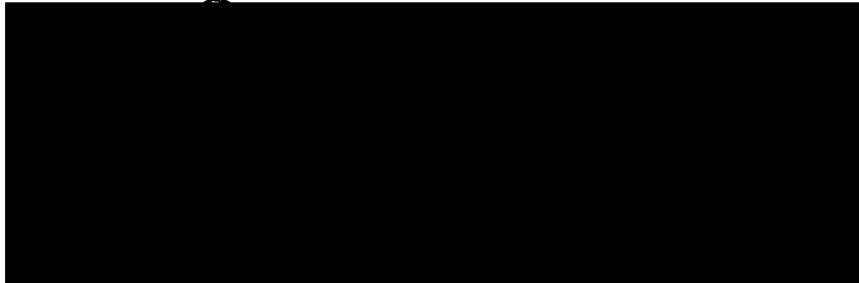
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August 7, 2003

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bcc John C. O'Malley, Esq.
Rev. James Kaczorowski
Matthew Kaminski
James A. Serritella, Esq.

John Rohrich



- attorney - (Curt Reardon)

called 8/29/03

11:15 AM

(left message)

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Office of Professional Responsibility



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MEMORANDUM

To: PFR-114

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: **ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT BY JOHN "JACK" ROHRICH [RESIGNED]**

Date: September 3, 2003

Date of Interview: September 2, 2003

Time of Interview: 3:30pm

Present at Interview

Mr. John "Jack" Rohrich, accused
Mr. Patrick Reardon, attorney for accused
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

Phone Interview

PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski contacted Mr. John "Jack" Rohrich and Mr. Patrick Reardon at Mr. Reardon's office at the scheduled meeting time. The meeting was conducted entirely via speakerphone.

After introductions were made, PRA described the responsibilities of the Office of Professional Responsibility as well as those of PRA. As PRA prepared to read the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] Mr. Rohrich agreed to interrupt PRA if he was unclear with any information that was being read to him. Mr. Reardon also requested that PRA fax a copy of [REDACTED] allegation against Mr. Rohrich to his Mr. Reardon's] office.

Once PRA finished reading the allegation in its entirety, Mr. Reardon asked how old [REDACTED] was when the alleged abuse began. PRA did not have the information, but informed Mr. Reardon that an attempt would be made to determine her exact age at the time of the alleged abuse. Mr. Reardon also stated his opinion that due to the fact that Mr. Rohrich is no longer a priest, this matter should not be under review by the Review

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Board. He continued that he does not feel that Mr. Rohrich needs to make a response to the allegation also due to the fact that Mr. Rohrich is no longer a priest. At Mr. Reardon's prompting, Mr. Rohrich agreed with the statement.

Fr. Kaczorowski then expressed his concern with a man who is accused and chooses not to say anything in response. He stated that if Mr. Rohrich does not respond to the allegation it is possible that the Review Board may feel that he [Mr. Rohrich] did engage in the sexual abuse of a minor. Mr. Rohrich replied that he "looks at this differently." He stated that [REDACTED] has brought allegations against him and others and that he is protecting himself.

Mr. Reardon expressed his opinion that he does "not have faith" that [REDACTED] attorney will file a lawsuit regarding this matter. However, Mr. Reardon will not advise his client to "give any free information [regarding responding to the allegation made by [REDACTED]]." Mr. Reardon then stated that Mr. Rohrich "is not admitting any guilt" to which Mr. Rohrich agreed.

PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski thanked Mr. Reardon and Mr. Rohrich for their time.

John F. Rohrich
Accused

Date

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Date

Rev. James Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests

Date

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

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September 3, 2003

Mr. Patrick Reardon
221 North LaSalle Street
Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60638

Dear Mr. Reardon,

Enclosed you will find a report written by myself based upon John "Jack" Rohrich's response to the allegation of sexual misconduct made against him by [REDACTED]

Please have your client read over the report and make any necessary changes to be returned to my office. I will then adjust the report based upon your client's changes and return it to you for his signature. I will then again ask that the report be returned to me so that the document may be filed and forwarded to the Review Board for their consideration.

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

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

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RE: [REDACTED] allegation report

☐ URGENT ☐ FOR REVIEW ☐ PLEASE COMMENT ☐ PLEASE APPROVE ☐ PLEASE RETURN

Pat,

Here is the allegation report for [REDACTED] against your client John Rohrich.

Leah

Office of Professional Responsibility

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Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979(312) 751-5205
Fax: (312) 751-5279

September 17, 2003

Mr. John Rohrich
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon
221 North LaSalle Street
Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60638

Dear Mr. Reardon,

This letter is a follow-up to the letter sent to you on behalf of your client John "Jack" Rohrich dated September 3, 2003.

I am requesting that you have your client read over the typed response to the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] based upon our phone conversation on September 2, 2003. Further, I ask that any necessary corrections be made to the report and returned to me no later than September 29, 2003. As we previously discussed, I will then make any of Mr. Rohrich's noted changes to the report and return to you for your client's signature.

I will need to have a final signed report no later than October 6, 2003 as this matter will be on the October 18, 2003 Review Board agenda.

Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".
Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility AdministratorCc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

PATRICK G. REARDON
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
SUITE 1938
221 NORTH LASALLE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601

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September 22, 2003

Leah McCluskey
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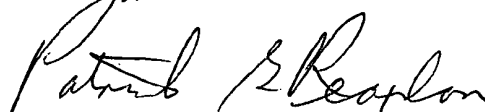
Dear Ms. McCluskey,

On September 2, 2003, you courteously advised John Rohrich and me of an accusation spoken against him by a person named [REDACTED]. This occurred during a conference call arranged with the help of Father James Kaczorowski.

Since that time you have requested Mr. Rohrich's signature on your notes of that telephone conference. I acknowledge your request. As discussed during the telephone conference, Mr. Rohrich is not a practicing priest. He therefore feels that he is not a proper subject of jurisdiction or review by the office of Professional Responsibility of the Archdiocese. Accordingly he declines to sign documents or otherwise participate in the review process.

In so declining, Mr. Rohrich and I indicate no disrespect for your procedures. Indeed, we thank you for your courtesy in advising us so appropriately of the relevant information.

Sincerely,



Patrick G. Reardon

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Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, October 18, 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

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- I. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2003
 - II. Review of September 20, 2003 Board Meeting recommendations
 - III. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of John F. Rohrich [Resigned 1975]- PFR-114

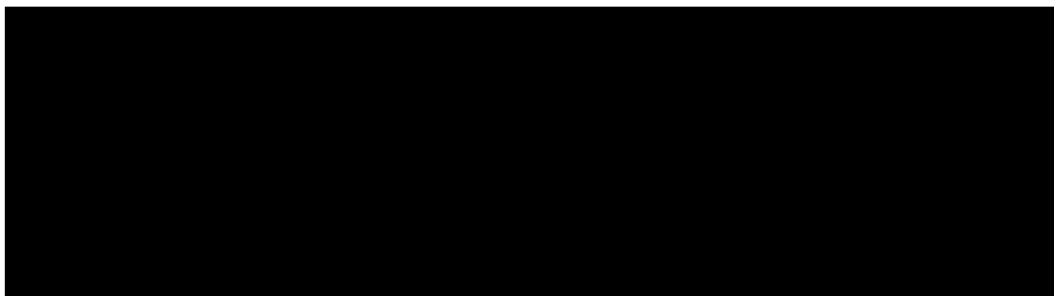
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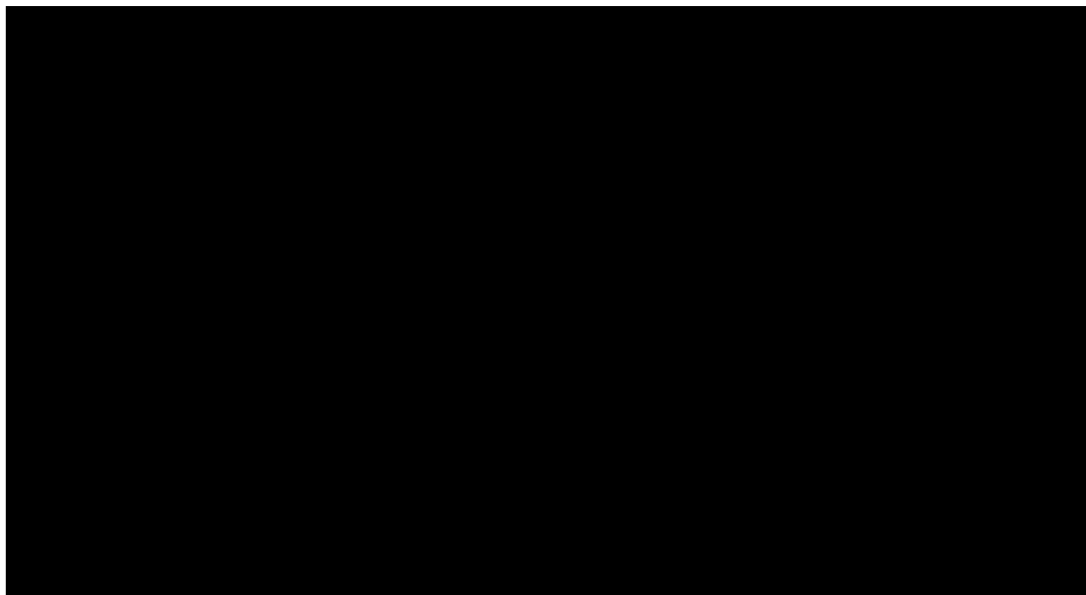
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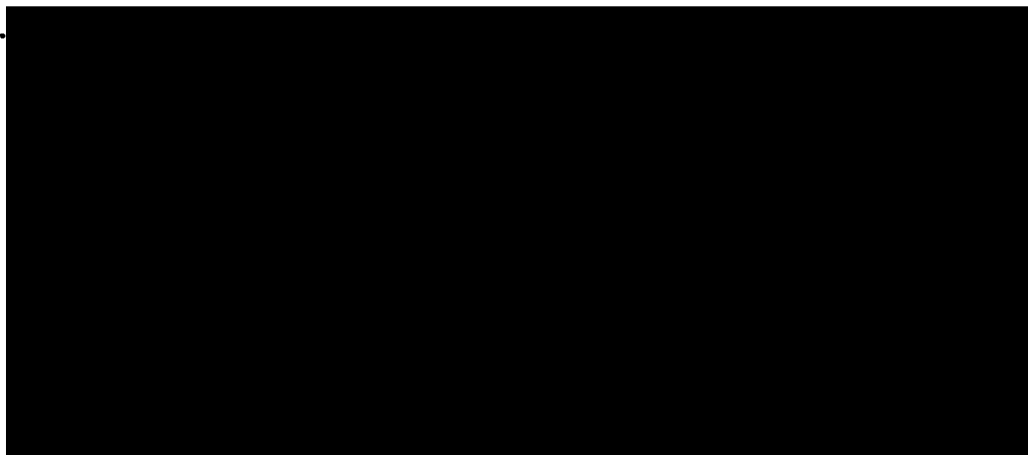


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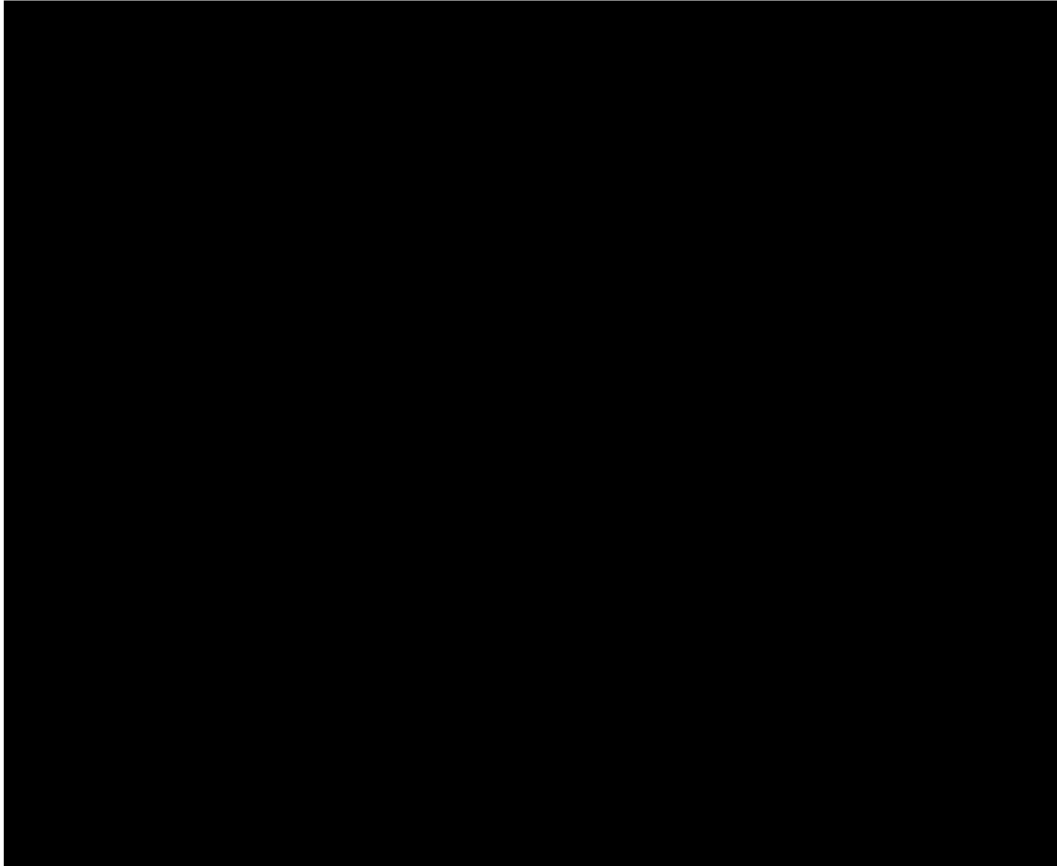
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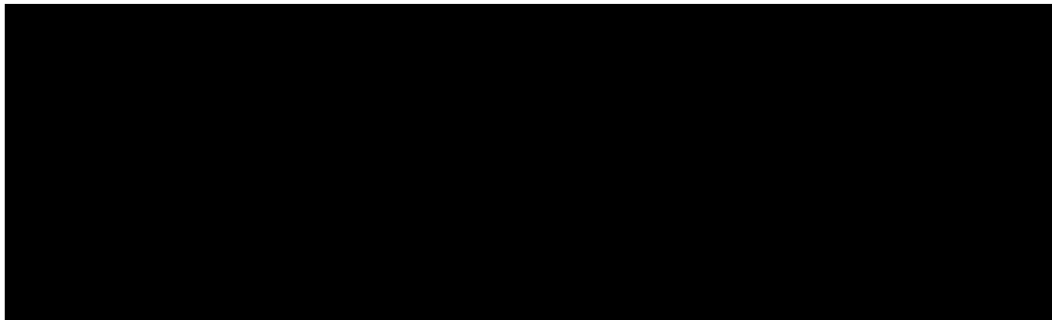




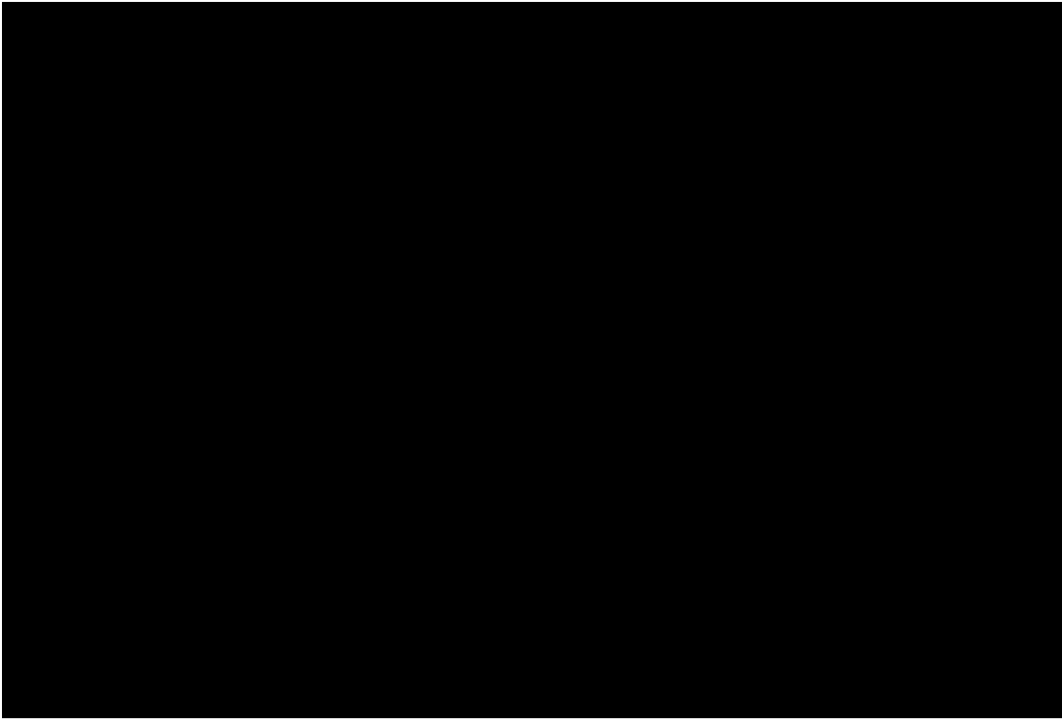
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Next scheduled meeting is November 15, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING **Saturday, October 18, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2003

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review:

A. In the Matter of John F. Rohrich (Resigned 1975) - PFR-114

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

Review for Cause:

- B. [REDACTED]
- C. [REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

- D. [REDACTED]
- E. [REDACTED]
- F. [REDACTED]
- G. [REDACTED]

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, November 15, 2003

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on October 18, 2003 to conduct a(n)
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) ☒ Initial Review ☐ Review for Cause ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report
regarding the allegation of _____
(enter name of alleged victim)

against John F. Rohrich (Resigned 1975)
(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 _____
(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 misconduct by JP when
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)
was a minor – included kissing, fondling, attempted
sexual intercourse

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

(check one:) ☒ the information at least seems to be true of an offense.
☐ the information does not seem to be true of an offense and the file should be closed.

If the information at least seems to be true of an offense, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☐ the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.
☐ the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.
☐ the accused may remain in ministry without monitoring or restrictions pending inquiry.

Review for Cause: 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: 5-1 seems to be true of an
offense

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October 21, 2003

Cardinal Francis 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 October 18, 2003 and conducted an Initial Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against John F. Rohrich [Resigned] pursuant to Article 1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board recommended that the information at least seems to be true of an offense.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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

*This is not
surprise - does it
mean to imply a
nuance - please
let us know
what's what in
recovered -
JR
RH*

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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-114
From: Review Board Minutes
Re: Rohrich, John F. (Resigned) [REDACTED]
Date: October 24, 2003

A Summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on October 18, 2003:

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October 30, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey
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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 July 21, 2003, regarding the matter of **John F. Rohrich**, a priest ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago who resigned from active ministry many years ago, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the Initial Review conducted by the Professional Responsibility Review Board on October 18, 2003.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that the information they received at least seems to be true that **John F. Rohrich** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

With this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **John F. Rohrich**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

Rev. Richard Sauder

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway, Vicar General
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Promoter of Justice
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Review Board that there is "reasonable cause to suspect" that **John F. Rohrich** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **John Rohrich**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm John Rohrich's name or to violate his right to protect his privacy.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written and oral report to the Professional Responsibility Review Board, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense.

Given on October 30, 2003 at Chicago, Illinois.

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



Rev. Richard Landis
Ecclesiastical Notary

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MEMORANDUM

To: Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.
From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 
Re: Rohrich, John 
Date: November 4, 2003

This memo is in regards to the letter written to Your Eminence dated October 21, 2003 by PRA informing you of the Review Board's Initial Review recommendation of   allegation of sexual misconduct against John Rohrich [Resigned].

PRA spoke with Fr. Patrick Lagges regarding the aforementioned letter and the wording, "...seems to be true of an offense." Fr. Lagges requested that PRA refer Your Eminence to the explanation that he provided you with regarding the wording of the phrase.

A copy of the original letter has been forwarded with this memo. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Neri-Palomino, Laura
Date: 11/14/03 3:15PM
Subject: assignment list

Laura,

Do we have an assignment list for John Rohrich? If so, could you please obtain a list of all men who served with him at assignments? --I know it is a lot of work, but I need to find people who are alive who may know something about him when he was a priest.

Thanks.

Leah

From: Julie Satzik
To: Zrust, MaryAnn
Date: 11/20/03 3:15PM
Subject: Re: Assigned priests

Dear Sr. Mary Ann Zrust,

The priests were:

St. Eulalia (Maywood)
1985

Msgr. Martin E. Muzik

Daniel J. Sullivan

Michael A. Goergen

Roger T. O'Brien

1986-1987

Msgr. Martin E. Muzik

Michael A. Goergen

John J. Rohrich

Roger T. O'Brien

1988

Msgr. William J. Quinn

John Rohrich

Philip Hahn

Martin Borowczyk

1969

Msgr. William J. Quinn

John Rohrich

Philip Hahn

Edward Kohler

St. Matthias

1969

Joseph F. Schmeier

Robert C. Kramer

Thomas S. Hund

1970 Joseph F. Schmeier

John F. Rohrich

1971-1972

Joseph F. Schmeier

Charles F. Kelly

John F. Rohrich

1973

Joseph F. Schmeier

John F. Rohrich

John C. Straka

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November 21, 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

I so appreciated your openness and honesty in our phone conversation today. You made your frustrations and disappointments with the Archdiocese and with this process extremely clear. I hope that the enclosed information will be helpful to you in terms of answering some of your questions and concerns.

I have enclosed a copy of §1100 *Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*, which is the same document that you located on the internet on the Archdiocese of Chicago website. The other enclosed documentation I provide to individuals at meetings where he/she has chosen to formalize his/her allegation. Copies of the pamphlet from the Department of Children and Family Services and the "Important Notice" referring to DCFS and the State's Attorney are provided to the individual formalizing his/her allegation. I use the "Statement of Allegation" form to record basic information during the meeting so that I can incorporate it into my report.

As we discussed, I will look over your file and make your noted changes to the report in your file for your review. Once I have made your indicated changes, I will forward you a copy of the original report regarding John Rohrich as well as draft a copy of the report with your incorporated changes. I hope to have this information to you by the end of next week.

[REDACTED] please feel free to contact me at any time by phone [312] 751-5205 or toll free at 1-800-994-6200 or via e-mail at lmcccluskey@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, to file, dated November 23, 2003, summarizing a phone call with Victim KN regarding her allegations of abuse by Fr. John Rohrich. According to the memorandum, Victim KN expressed frustration at not understanding how the process of formalizing her allegation with the Archdiocese would proceed.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim KN's statement, dated November 24, 2003, concerning her alleged abuse by Fr. John Rohrich. According to her statement, Victim KN alleged abuse by Rohrich in the late 1960s, beginning when Victim KN was 16 years old. The alleged abuse included kissing and fondling.

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From: Maryann Fox
To: Madill, Carol
Date: 11/24/03 5:03PM
Subject: Re: Deceased/Resigned Priests

>>> Carol Madill 11/24/03 10:44AM >>>

Sr. Mary Ann Zrust asked me to find out from you whether the following list of priests are deceased or resigned...

St. Eulalia

Msgr. Martin Muzik - 1965-67 no record

✓ Roger T. O'Brien - 1965-67 laicized

Philip Hahn - 1968-69 laicized

Edward Kohler - 1969 no record

St. Matthias

Joseph F. Schmier - 1969-73 no record

Robert C. Kramer - 1969 laicized

Thomas S. Hund - 1969 laicized

John C. Straka - 1973 no record

St. Peter, Skokie

Kenneth P. Klose - 1974-75 deceased

Arthur R. Sauer - 1974 no record

Walter O'Grady - 1974 laicized

Quigley Prep. Sem., North - 1974

John P. O'Donnell no record

Thomas Crosby ~~no record~~ *deceased*

Donald Stalzer inactive

Francis J. Koziol no record

Philip Cahill no record

John Vlazny Archbishop of Portland, Oregon

William Simon laicized

We appreciate your help.

Carol

*Laura -**This is the
remainder of the search
regarding priests on
this list - deceased
alive
resigned
etc.**Hasta Luego!**MaryAnn*

St. Peter (Skokie)

1974

Kenneth P. Klose

Arthur R. Sauer, pastor emeritus

Walter O'Grady

N John Price *alive*

1975

Kenneth P. Klose

Arthur R. Sauer, pastor emeritus

Edward Grace *alive*

John Rohrich *resigned*

John Price *alive*

Quigley Preparatory Seminary, North

1974

John P. O'Donnell, rector

Thomas Crosby, spiritual director

William Sheridan, spiritual director *alive*

+Thaddeus Jakubowski, discipline *alive*

Donald Stalzer, discipline

Francis J. Koziol, proc.

+Harold Bonin, dir. of music *alive*

+John Flavin *alive*

Philip Cahill

James Hartnett *deceased*

John Vlazny

William Simon

+Robert McLaughlin *alive*

+Edward Maloney *alive*

1974

all the same as above except *+ alive* Gerald F. Kincanas replaced James Hartnett.

If you require any further assistance, please feel free to contact me again.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Satzik

Assistant Research Archivist

Archdiocese of Chicago's

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

Archives and Records Center

>>> MaryAnn Zrust 11/17/03 09:11AM >>>

Jac,

Good Morning!

I would appreciate the priests assigned to the parishes listed below with the years given. Thank you

St. Eulalia, Maywood 1965-1969
St. Matthias Church, Chicago 1969-1973
Quigley Seminary, North 1973-1974
St. Peter Parish, Skokie 1974-1975

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November 25, 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

As we agreed when we spoke last Friday, I did review the original report written based upon our meeting last year detailing your allegation against John Rohrich. I did incorporate changes to a newly revised report [see date on enclosed reports] based upon your comments that were on yellow post-it notes in your Assistance Ministry file. The changes to the original report that you made addressed the meeting time and the choice given to reschedule, and experiences you had with Cardinal Bernardin. From what I read, you did not make any changes specific to the actual allegation that you made against John Rohrich.

I have enclosed copies of two reports and one copy of the post-it notes that were attached to two different pages on the original report in your Assistance Ministry file. One report [dated November 2002] is a copy of the original report that I wrote based upon our October 2002 meeting. The second report enclosed is the revised report written based upon your post-it notes.

Please take your time to review the revised report, as I will make any additions/corrections based upon your review. I ask that you please then return the revised report in the enclosed envelope so that I may type a final copy for your signature.

[REDACTED] please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces several documents reflecting Victim KN's correspondence with Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, in December 2003, concerning her allegation of abuse by Fr. John Rohrich. In her correspondence, Victim KN inquires about specific policies of the Review Board and the status of their consideration of her allegations against Rohrich. Victim KN also provided additional information concerning her alleged abuse.

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 12/1/03 9:47AM
Subject: Re: (no subject)

Dear [REDACTED]

Hello--I hope that you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving as well. Thank you for the good wishes.

As for the policy, as it states "...the board shall exercise reasonable discretion in permitting such appearances..." the reasonable discretion is what I talked about when we spoke last week. The Board's discretion is that the accuser and/or the accused has the right to address the Board in order to present any additional information regarding the allegation itself. If that is not clear, please let me know and we can hopefully discuss your concerns in more detail over the phone.

As for the draft report that I sent to you, if you feel that there is additional information that you wish to be added to ensure of its accuracy, please add the information and return the corrections/additions to me. I will then incorporate the changes you indicate, write a final report, and send it to you for your signature. Upon completion of the final report [with signatures], I will send a copy to you and to [REDACTED]--who by the way I spoke with on Wednesday and informed him of our phone conversation.

Thanks [REDACTED]--have a good day.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW
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>>> [REDACTED] 11/26/03 07:44PM >>>
[REDACTED]

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 12/2/03 9:55AM
Subject: Re: (no subject)

[REDACTED]

Sounds good. I will look forward to receiving your comments in the mail.

Take care,

Leah

>>> [REDACTED] 12/01/03 04:35PM >>>

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December 4, 2003

Mr. John Rohrich
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon
221 North LaSalle Street
Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Rohrich,

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The Cardinal has accepted the Board's initial determination that the information presented at least seems to be true. This means that the Board has advised the Cardinal that the allegation is serious and not spurious, and consequently it must be investigated. The results of the investigation will be presented to the Board for a second session, which is called a Review for Cause. At the second session, the Board will decide if there is a reasonable cause to suspect that an offence has been committed, and so advise the Cardinal.

The investigation is currently being conducted. Due to the fact that this situation developed over 30 years ago, it has taken somewhat longer to contact those who may have knowledge of the circumstances.

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 T. Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. He may be reached at the Vicars for Priests office at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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December 4, 2003



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The investigation is currently being conducted. Because this situation developed over 30 years ago, it has taken somewhat longer to contact those who may have knowledge of the circumstances. As you probably know, John Rohrich is no longer an active priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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 the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

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Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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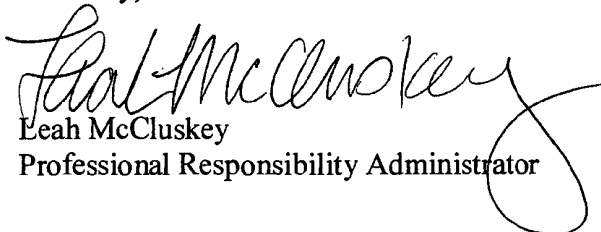
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The Cardinal has accepted the Board's initial determination that the information presented at least seems to be true. This means that the Board has advised the Cardinal that the allegation is serious and not spurious, and consequently it must be investigated. The results of the investigation will be presented to the Board for a second session, which is called a Review for Cause. At the second session, the Board will decide if there is a reasonable cause to suspect that an offence has been committed, and so advise the Cardinal.

The investigation is currently being conducted. Due to the fact that this situation developed over 30 years ago, it has taken somewhat longer to contact those who may have knowledge of the circumstances.

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 T. Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. He may be reached at the Vicars for Priests office at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,


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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From: Daniel Smilanic
To: Leah McCluskey
Date: 12/4/03 2:53PM
Subject: CONTACT WITH CONTACT

Leah -

With regard to [REDACTED] J.R., I briefly talked to [REDACTED] today. He is willing to cooperate in whatever way he is asked.

I told him that either you or I would be talking to him later at greater length. His telephone number is

[REDACTED]
Fr. Dan Smilanic

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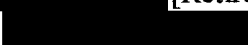
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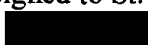
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From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Rohrich, John [Resigned] 

Date: December 5, 2003

PRA reached Rev.  [Retired] via phone today regarding the investigation concerning  allegation of sexual misconduct against John Rohrich.

Upon explaining the reason for the phone call, Fr.  informed PRA that he was assigned to St. Eulalia's with the former Fr. Rohrich for a short period of time in 1968. Fr.  informed PRA that he did not really know John Rohrich at all. He continued by stating that John Rohrich "barely gave me the time of day" when the two were at St. Eulalia's. Fr.  added that he did not see much of John Rohrich for various reasons. As per Fr.  Msgr. Martin E. Muzik was the pastor of St. Eulalia's at the time and died suddenly. John Rohrich was then assigned as the "administrator" of the parish, which surprised Fr.  due to the fact that John Rohrich had recently been ordained. John Rohrich's assignment as administrator was short, as Msgr. William J. Quinn was named pastor.

Fr.  was a member of the Personnel Board, which he feels may have caused poor feelings towards him by John Rohrich. As a result of his work with the Personnel Board, Fr.  was often away from St. Eulalia's during the day. Fr.  added that he did not live in St. Eulalia's rectory [where John Rohrich resided] and that he lived in a separate house away from the rectory near the Eisenhower Expressway.

PRA thanked Fr.  for his time. He may be reached at , St. Peter Damian parish.

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

To: File - PFR-114

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Rohrich, John [Resigned]/[REDACTED]

Date: December 10, 2003

PRA spoke with Rev. [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against John Rohrich. Fr. [REDACTED] is the current pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine and was assigned to St. Eulalia parish in 1965 with the former Fr. Rohrich.

Fr. [REDACTED] initial question of PRA was, "I'm not accused of anything, am I?" PRA assured Fr. [REDACTED] that the reason for the phone call was in regards to the investigation of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against John Rohrich.

Fr. [REDACTED] confirmed that he was assigned with John Rohrich at St. Eulalia's in 1965. As per Fr. [REDACTED] St. Eulalia's was his first assignment and that John Rohrich had "come to St. Eulalia's to replace me." As a result, Fr. [REDACTED] "wasn't there [St. Eulalia's] too long with him [John Rohrich]." PRA asked Fr. [REDACTED] if he recalled any behaviors of John Rohrich's that were odd, or if John Rohrich had any young boys or girls over in the rectory. Fr. [REDACTED] stated that he did not ever see John Rohrich with any minors in the rectory. He continued, "Let me put it this way. I didn't notice anything out of the ordinary [regarding John Rohrich's behavior while at St. Eulalia's]."

PRA thanked Fr. [REDACTED] for the information provided and for his time.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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December 11, 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter. I assure you that the Review Board will be presented a copy of your letter along with all other documentation when this matter is presented to them for their recommendations to Cardinal George.

Enclosed you will find a final copy of the report with your corrected dates and additional comment. Please sign and date the report and return it to me in the provided envelope. I will then read the final report to the accused for his response. A copy of the final report with all three signatures will be mailed to you and to your attorney, [REDACTED]

In regards to when this matter is presented to the Board, this will be on the January 10, 2004 agenda. Between now and then I plan to read the revised allegation with your signature to John Rohrich and receive his response.

I will be sending to you copies of the other three written reports as you requested. Upon your receipt of them, please take your time in reading them over and return to me with any additions/corrections. I will then return them to you in the same manner as the first.

Thank you so much for your time--I agree that 13 years is a long time for this process, but I assure you that I am working as well as I can to continue to move this matter forward. As always, please call me at [312] 751-5205 or e-mail me at lmcluskey@archchicago.org with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

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

To: File - PFR-114

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: **RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT
AGAINST JOHN "JACK" ROHRICH [RESIGNED] MADE BY**


Date: December 30, 2003

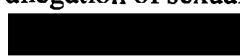
Date of Meeting: December 30, 2003

Time of Meeting: 11:00am

Present at Meeting

Mr. John "Jack" Rohrich
Mr. Patrick Reardon, attorney for Mr. Rohrich
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

Phone Meeting

Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA contacted Mr. Reardon via phone from the Office of Professional Responsibility at 11:00am for the scheduled interview. Mr. Reardon then contacted Mr. Rohrich and linked him to the conference call. The meeting was conducted entirely via speakerphone. Prior to reading the allegation, Mr. Reardon accepted PRA's offer to fax the report detailing the revised allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. John Rohrich made by .

After introductions were made, PRA explained that  has made some changes/additions to her original allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Fr. Rohrich.

PRA read to Mr. Rohrich the entire revised allegation made against him by  without any interruptions. Mr. Reardon informed PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski that "Jack [Mr. Rohrich] has already made a response, that he is not going to make a response." Mr. Reardon continued by stating that Mr. Rohrich is "not going to provide an attorney with any discovery materials [by responding to the allegation]." Further, Mr. Reardon stated

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that he recommends that Mr. Rohrich not respond to the allegation due to the fact that they are not seeking any review of this matter by the Review Board.

Fr. Kaczorowski then responded to Mr. Reardon's statements by recommending some sort of response from Mr. Rohrich. Fr. Kaczorowski spoke about the possible recommendations of the Review Board pertaining to this matter and the difficulty they may experience by not having any response at all from the accused. Mr. Reardon then responded that if Mr. Rohrich decided to "change his mind" in regards to providing a response to the allegation "we'd certainly let you know." Fr. Kaczorowski then spoke of attorneys representing other alleged victims who have released names of those accused to the media. Mr. Rohrich admitted that he was concerned that his name may be released and that the media may convey that he sexually abused a minor.

Mr. Reardon appreciated all that was said by Fr. Kaczorowski. However, Mr. Reardon expressed his opinion that [REDACTED] allegation has several "weaknesses," including the lack of an indication of when [time frame and ages] the alleged abuse took place. Mr. Reardon then spoke of the difficulty of "trying to prove a negative when all of the information is not there." Therefore, Mr. Reardon does not feel comfortable advising Mr. Rohrich to respond to [REDACTED] allegation. Fr. Kaczorowski responded by recommending, "If it [alleged abuse] didn't happen, say it didn't happen."

PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski thanked Mr. Reardon and Mr. Rohrich for their time.

Approximately 15 minutes after the phone call ended, Mr. Reardon and Fr. Kaczorowski spoke via phone again. Mr. Reardon informed Fr. Kaczorowski that after discussing the matter with Mr. Rohrich, Mr. Reardon would provide PRA with a response to the allegation and fax it to the Office of Professional Responsibility.

John F. Rohrich

Date

Leah McCluskey, Administrator

Date

Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

Date

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

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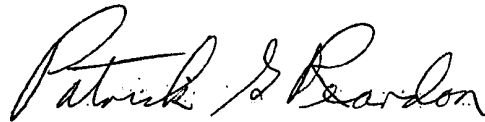
Dear: Ms. McCluskey,

In a conference call this morning you advised my client, John Rohrich, of amendments to an accusation made against him by [REDACTED]. I have previously advised you on behalf of Mr. Rohrich that he would make no response to the accusation, since he is not in ministry and seeks no review by the Professional Responsibility Board.

Once again, Mr. Rohrich does not wish to respond to the details of [REDACTED] amended statements. However, he does state unconditionally that he has never engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor at any time, whether while in active ministry or at any other time.

In declining to respond to specific allegations by [REDACTED] Mr. Rohrich and I indicate no disrespect for your procedures. Indeed, we thank you for your courtesy in advising us so appropriately of the relevant information.

Sincerely,



Patrick G. Reardon

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December 30, 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

I am so sorry to have missed your phone call the other day. It was very good to hear from you--and I have begun a search for the book that you suggested to me.

I just hung up the phone with Fr. Kaczorowski [John Rohrich's Vicar], requesting that we schedule a meeting with Rohrich and his attorney so that I may read the revised and signed allegation. I explained to Fr. Kaczorowski that I would like for the meeting to take place next week, as I intend to have this matter on the January 10, 2004 Review Board agenda.

Thank you so much for sending the pictures. I will certainly place them in your file and the Review Board will be given copies of the pictures and your letter along with the other relevant documentation for the next board meeting.

I of course will keep you informed as the process continues. I thank you for your patience and your openness with me and with this office. Once I present the information to Rohrich, I will contact you to let you know of his response. Meanwhile, enclosed you will find a copy of your allegation report from the October 10, 2003 meeting.

Take care and have a Happy New Year!

Peace,

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

Leah McCluskey

Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

Here is a copy of the December 30, 2003 report regarding the above matter.

Leah

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 1/5/04 7:56AM
Subject: Re: other reports

[REDACTED]

Happy New Year! Good to hear from you. We do have a Board meeting on the 10th [this Saturday] and you are on it. I will be able to inform you of the Board's recommendations only after I have received a final decision [in writing] from the Cardinal. Dependent upon the Cardinal's schedule, I usually have a final decision within 5-10 days. You will certainly receive a formal letter from me with the Cardinal's decision, however I can e-mail you once I hear from him as well.

As for the other reports, I am working on having them sent out to you.

Thank you again for the recommendation of the book. I still have not yet located it.

Take care,

Leah

>>> [REDACTED] 01/05/04 06:03AM >>>
[REDACTED]

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements emails from Victim KN to Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, spanning a period from December 2003 through January 2004. In her emails, Victim KN seeks additional information regarding the Review Board process of consideration of her allegation against Fr. John Rohrich.

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 1/6/04 8:00AM
Subject: Re: cardinal's decision

[REDACTED]

The Cardinal makes his final decision based upon the Review Board's recommendations concerning all allegations of sexual misconduct presented to them. Essentially, the Cardinal makes the final decision if there is "reasonable cause to suspect" or if there is "no reasonable cause to suspect [based upon the material presented to the Board]" that the misconduct occurred. In the policies, reference pgs. 25-30. In short, the Board makes recommendations and the Cardinal is the only one who is able to make decisions.

Hope that helps.

Talk to you soon,

Leah

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Here is a copy of the October 10, 2002 report in reference to the above matter.

Leah

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Professional Responsibility Review Board
Saturday, January 10, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Corrected

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 – December 20, 2003

II. Appointment of

- [REDACTED] was sworn in by Fr. Smilanic
- All members and non-members present introduced themselves

III. Update on Decisions Made by the Cardinal

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



IV. Case Reviews

Review for Cause:

A. In the Matter of John Rohrich [Resigned 1975] - PFR - 114

The Review Board was to conduct a Review for Cause regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: Sexual misconduct while John Rohrich was [REDACTED] when she was a minor. Included kissing, fondling, attempted sexual intercourse.

In a 6-1 vote, the Board recommended to postpone the Review for Cause until PRA could attempt to obtain additional information from [REDACTED] regarding the specifics of the allegation. Suggested information the Board requests:

- [REDACTED] definition of "attempt at intercourse [i.e. violence used; extent of attempt]"
- PRA to obtain information on the adult allegations [REDACTED] has made against other clerics
- [REDACTED]
- Ask Mr. Rohrich to sign his statement denying the allegation
- [REDACTED] described course of events that led her to meet with Cardinal Bernardin in the early 1990s [i.e. what was going on in her life; events that brought her to Cardinal Bernardin]
- Determine if past parishes/assignments of John Rohrich were notified of allegation against him
- Description of how relationship between [REDACTED] and John Rohrich progress

V. Other Matters

- Rescheduling of September and December 2004 Board meetings [not enough time to discuss at January 10, 2004 meeting]

Next scheduled meeting is February 21, 2004 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
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-77

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: **John Rohrich (Resigned)**

Date: January 10, 2004

A summary of the conversation from the Review Board Meeting on January 10, 2004:

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on January 10, 2004 to conduct a(n)
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) ☐ Initial Review ☒ Review for Cause ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report
regarding the allegation of _____
(enter name of alleged victim)

against John "Jack" Rohrich
(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 _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

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

which claims as follows: Kissing, fondling, attempted sexual intercourse
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

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

(check one:) ☐ the information at least seems to be true of an offense.
☐ the information does not seem to be true of an offense and the file should be closed.

If the information at least seems to be true of an offense, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☐ the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.
☐ the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.
☐ the accused may remain in ministry without monitoring or restrictions pending inquiry.

Review for Cause: 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: 6-1 postpone Review for Cause until PRA obtains additional info. from [redacted]

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January 20, 2004

Cardinal Francis 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 January 10, 2004 and conducted a Review for Cause regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against John Rohrich [Resigned] pursuant to Article 1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board recommended in a 6-1 vote that the Review for Cause be postponed until I am able to obtain additional information from [REDACTED] regarding the specifics of her allegation against John Rohrich.

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

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

A handwritten note in cursive that reads "I accept the recommendations -" followed by a signature and the date "Jan 28, 2004".

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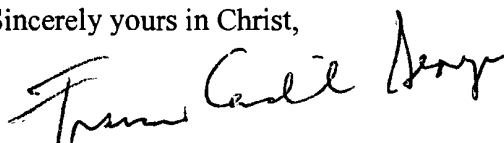
Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of January 23, 2004 in response to your letter of January 20, 2004, regarding the matter of **John Rohrich**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who left active ministry many years ago, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED] I understand that a Review for Cause was conducted by the Review Board on January 10, 2004.

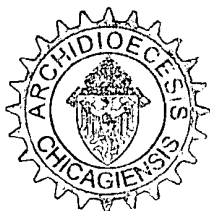
I accept the Review Board's determination that more information is needed about the specifics of her allegation against John Rohrich. Therefore, I ask that you conduct a further inquiry into this matter and again present it to the Review Board for their consideration.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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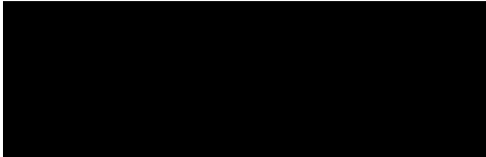
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Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on January 10, 2004 and were to conduct a Review for Cause regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. John Rohrich, a resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination that the Review for Cause be postponed and that I request to speak with you in attempts to obtain additional information regarding the specifics of your allegation against John Rohrich. I ask that your attorney [REDACTED] contact me so that we may discuss the Cardinal's determinations.

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 the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "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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February 9, 2004

Mr. John Rohrich
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon
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Dear Mr. Rohrich,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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March 15, 2004

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing this letter in regards to your client, [REDACTED] and her allegation of sexual misconduct against John Rohrich.

As we have previously discussed, the Review Board had requested that I meet with and/or ask [REDACTED] additional clarification questions regarding the specifics of the allegation. I apologize for having to ask additional questions of [REDACTED] and thank you in advance for allowing for such a request.

The purpose of the request for information is based upon the Review Board's desire to have as much information as possible regarding this matter prior to making a recommendation to the Cardinal. The following request for information is based upon the Review Board's review of [REDACTED] signed allegation that she dated December 15, 2003.

1. The Board asked if [REDACTED]
2. The Board asked if [REDACTED] could describe the interactions with Fr. Rohrich that escalated [REDACTED] and approximately how old she was at the time. Also, if [REDACTED] can recall how Fr. Rohrich [REDACTED]
3. The Board asked if [REDACTED] could further describe Fr. Rohrich's [REDACTED] such as if he used force or exhibited violence.
4. The Board asked if [REDACTED]

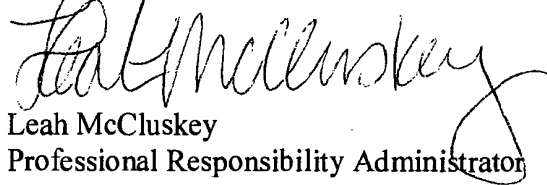
In reviewing the report, I also have the following questions:

1. [REDACTED] How did she actually meet him? Did she go to St. Eulalia's or did another individual introduce her to Fr. Rohrich? [REDACTED]
2. When [REDACTED] stated that Fr. Rohrich kissed and fondled her, where was she when the abuse took place and did he fondle her under and/or over her clothing?

█ it is not my intent to make this process to be any more difficult for █ than it already has. I also do not mean to be intrusive with my questions. I only hope to gather any additional information to present to the Review Board so they may make a recommendation to the Cardinal.

Please feel free to call me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey

Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

Victim Statement Abstract

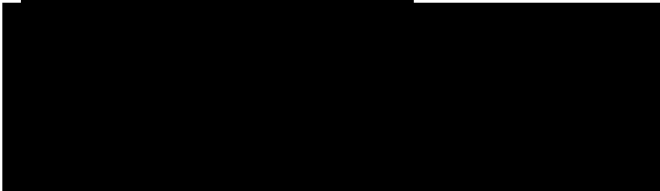
This abstract supplements a letter from Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Professional Responsibility, to Victim KN's attorney, dated March 15, 2004, requesting additional information about Victim KN's allegation against Fr. John Rohrich. In her letter, McCluskey requests additional information regarding Victim KN's interactions with Rohrich, how they met, and where the alleged abuse took place.

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim KN to Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, dated March 21, 2004. In her letter, Victim KN replied to the Review Board's request for additional information concerning her allegations of abuse by Fr. John Rohrich. Among the information provided was clarification that the alleged abuse occurred in the St. Eulalia.

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Leah asked that I fax you a copy of the following email for your information.

If you have any questions you can contact Leah at 312-751-5205.

Laura

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May 11, 2004

Mr. John Rohrich
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon
221 N. LaSalle Street
Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Rohrich,

I want to thank you for taking the time to speak with Rev. James T. Kaczorowski and myself on April 29th.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft report written based upon our meeting that took place on April 29, 2004, concerning additional information provided by [REDACTED] and her allegation of sexual misconduct against you. Please make any changes necessary to ensure the accuracy of the report and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you feel that the report is accurate as written, please sign and date the report on the appropriate lines and return it to me in the same manner.

Mr. Rohrich, I ask that you return the report to me by May 25, 2004 so that I may continue to move this matter forward. Once I have a final copy of the report as indicated by the appropriate signatures, I will return a copy to you for your records.

Please know that you may contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns. Also know that your Vicar for Priests, Fr. Kaczorowski continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

DRAFT

To: PFR-114

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: **JOHN F. ROHRICH'S [RESIGNED] RESPONSE TO
ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MADE BY** [REDACTED]

Date: May 11, 2004

Date of Meeting: April 29, 2004

Time of Meeting: 2:45pm

Present at Meeting

Mr. John "Jack" Rohrich
Mr. Patrick Reardon, attorney for Mr. Rohrich
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

Conference Call

PRA and Mr. Patrick Reardon joined Rev. James T. Kaczorowski in the Vicar for Priests office. Mr. John Rohrich was then contacted via phone so that the additional information provided by [REDACTED] regarding her allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. John Rohrich could be read to the accused.

PRA informed those present that the information to be read to Mr. Rohrich was obtained after the independent Review Board requested additional information from [REDACTED]. PRA then proceeded to read the additional information to Mr. Rohrich in its entirety.

After the additional information was read, Mr. Reardon spoke for Mr. Rohrich by stating that "our response [to [REDACTED] allegation] is the same [please refer to Mr. Rohrich's original response]...we are not going to provide discovery [material] for a potential lawsuit by [REDACTED] [attorney for [REDACTED]]."

In response to Fr. Kaczorowski's question regarding providing a response from Mr. Rohrich that he either agrees to the allegation or denies it, Mr. Reardon stated, "We're not

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going to respond...[we're] not affirming and [we're] not denying." Mr. Reardon expressed his feeling that [REDACTED] will file a lawsuit on behalf of [REDACTED] and if that does happen, he explained, "We'll [Mr. Reardon and Mr. Rohrich] fight it." Mr. Rohrich then stated that he would "go along with what Pat is saying."

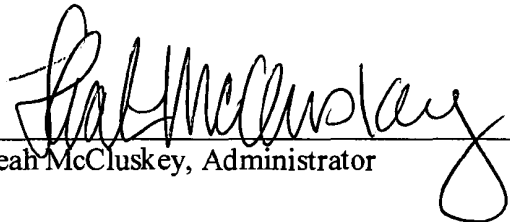
Fr. Kaczorowski again advised Mr. Rohrich to provide "some kind of response...either you did do it or your didn't do it." Mr. Reardon again referred to his original response and reiterated that he would not provide discovery material for [REDACTED]

PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski thanked Mr. Rohrich and Mr. Reardon for their time. Both PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski invited Mr. Rohrich to contact them with any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter. It was agreed that PRA would forward Mr. Rohrich a draft of this report for his review.

Mr. John Rohrich reviewed this report and his signature is a statement of agreement of the accuracy of what he said is in fact reported here. PRA spoke with Mr. John Rohrich via phone from the Vicar for Priests' office for approximately 30 minutes.

John F. Rohrich

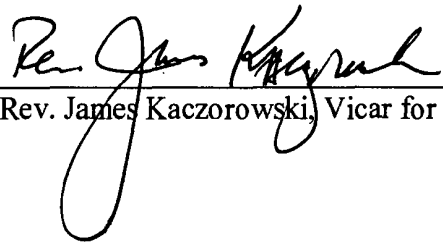
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Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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Date

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

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Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, June 19, 2004 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 - May 15, 2004

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B.

C.

Discussion with Cardinal Francis George, O.M.L.

D.

Review for Cause

E.

F. In the Matter of John F. Rohrich [Resigned] - PFR - 114

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause regarding the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: the former Fr. Rohrich engaged in sexual misconduct while he was [REDACTED] and she was a minor. Included kissing, fondling, attempted sexual intercourse.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

G.



Next scheduled meeting is July 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING **Saturday, June 19, 2004 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2004
- II. Case Reviews

Initial Reviews:

A.

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F. In the Matter of John F. Rohrich (Resigned 1975) - PFR-114

- Allegation made by

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- III. Other Matters

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, July 17, 2004

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-114
From: Review Board Meeting
Re: Rohrich, John F. (Resigned) [REDACTED]
Date: June 19, 2004

A summary of the discussion from the Review Board Meeting on June 19, 2004.

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 6/19/04 to conduct a(n)
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) ☐ Initial Review ☐ Preliminary Review ☒ Review for Cause ☐ Supplementary Review

☐ Status Report

regarding the allegation of _____

(enter name of alleged victim)

against _____

John Rohrich

(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 _____

(enter name of diocese or religious community)

☐ a deceased priest or deacon of _____

(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: _____

kissing, fondling, attempted sexual intercourse

(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

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

(check one:)

☐ the information at least seems to be true of an offense.

☐ the information does not seem to be true of an offense and the file should be closed.

If the information at least seems to be true of an offense, the Board recommends that

(check one:)

☐ the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.

☐ the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.

☐ the accused may remain in ministry without monitoring or restrictions pending inquiry.

Review for Cause: 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: 6-0 reasonable cause to

suspect

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June 21, 2004

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 19, 2004 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. John Rohrich pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. Rohrich has been a resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago since 1975.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board unanimously determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board did not recommend any further action due to the fact that Mr. Rohrich is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to [REDACTED]

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey LNP

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

I accept this determination

*J. George
June 21, 2004*

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

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Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Responsibility
676 N. St. Clair St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of June 21, 2004 in response to your letter of that same date, regarding the matter of **John Rohrich**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who resigned from active ministry in 1975, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. I understand that a Review for Cause was conducted by the Review Board on June 19, 2004.

I accept the Review Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that John Rohrich engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor. Given the fact that he has resigned from active ministry, I also agree with the Review Board's recommendation that nothing further be done regarding John Rohrich and that [REDACTED] be accorded appropriate pastoral care.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

Rev. Richard Aoudier

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway, Vicar General
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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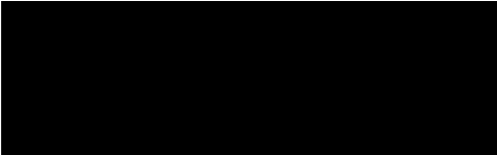
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July 2, 2004



Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 19, 2004 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. John Rohrich pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Review Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

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

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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July 2, 2004

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C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon
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Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Rohrich,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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Rev. John Rohrich

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino LNP
Re: Rohrich, John (Resigned) [REDACTED]
Date: September 17, 2004

Please sign the following report and return to me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

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DECLARATION

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. AMEN

- (1) Whereas John F. Rohrich, born on [REDACTED] was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on April 29, 1965 at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois, and
- (2) Whereas he left the active ministry in 1975, and contrary to Canon 274, §2, he has shown no inclination whatsoever to return to the active ministry, and
- (3) Whereas he has attempted marriage, thus incurring the *latae sententiae* suspension from all acts of the power of orders, as well as the power of governance, in accord with Canons 1333, §1 and 1394, §1 of the Code of Canon Law, and
- (4) Whereas, in virtue of Canon 1044, §1, 3°, he is irregular for the exercise of orders already received,

I, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., by the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See, Archbishop of Chicago, do hereby affirm that John F. Rohrich *ipso facto* has incurred the penalty of suspension and is irregular for the exercise of orders, and I therefore declare:

- a) that John F. Rohrich 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 should not represent himself as a Roman Catholic priest with canonical faculties, nor should he 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 John F. Rohrich, and
- e) that this Archdiocese should not be held liable for any scandal or harm to souls that he might cause.

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 cross symbol.

Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert
Ecclesiastical Notary

March 17, 2005

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
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Sunday
May 14, 06
Mother's Day

To Francis Cardinal George,

I am writing this letter to you to perhaps reach some sort of peace in my heart. I only pray that you will read this before passing it off.

My husband is John Rokicki, a former Catholic Priest from April 1965 to June 1975.

On August 29, 2003, my husband received a phone call from Rev. James T. Kaczowski, Vicar of Priests, notifying him of an allegation of sexual misconduct of a minor, by a [REDACTED]. He was advised to contact Attorney Patrick Riardon, which he did. On Sept 2, at Mr. Riardon's office, these allegations were read to him over the phone by Leah McCuskey, (Professional Review Board). He was never given a copy of these allegations. On the advice of Mr. Riardon he made no response to these charges, other than to deny that he ever engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor - ever.

On Dec. 30, 2003, again over the phone Leah McCuskey read amendments to the allegations made against him by [REDACTED]. Again, Mr. Riardon advised him to not respond other than to state unconditionally that he ever engaged in sexual abuse of a minor ever. A letter to this effect was sent to the Diocese.

The next correspondence came on Feb 9, 2004, from Fr. McCluskey (a copy of this letter is enclosed). The Professional Review Board met on Jan 10, 2004 to conduct a Review of the Cause regarding [redacted] Allegation of sexual misconduct against you. "The Cardinal" has accepted the Board's determination that the Review of the Cause be postponed, and that Fr. McCluskey obtain additional information from [redacted] regarding the specifics of her allegations against you. That was the last time we heard from the Archdiocese.

On Feb 12, 2006, [redacted] released to the news media, her settlement with the Archdiocese of Chicago of \$125,000 for the abuse of children. She suggested (from John Parrish, [redacted], who had been assigned the priest and had married and another priest, who was deceased. She also had made allegations against another priest, [redacted]. Those charges were dismissed as not believable and his name was not made public. Three of those men were at different times, assigned to St. Eulalia in Maywood, Ill. One was assigned to St. James, also in Maywood. Does this seem right?

We are also aware that in 1991

[redacted] went to Cardinal Bernardini

with allegations against Bill Priest,
and one (he was dismissed) with

at the time. (Biscari) (he moved)

not reveal the name, the Cardinal

did not pursue the matter.

On March 20, 2006, 17 year names

of these men with substantiated

allegations of sexual abuse (a minor)

were referred to the media

by the Archbishop of Chicago.

Why two names (was he released)

(with substantiated) these charges?

Was it just his name? Was his character

even for question?

When my name was advanced

he was assigned to St. Pauline

May 1965, O.E. (he was June 1965)

He was there for 3 1/2 years. The

last few months he (was a)

relationship with [redacted] the

lasted about three months. (it

ended when) (he asked him to his)

apartment, where it was agreed)

to end the relationship. (they

husband, regret the happened)

But he, with not a minor. (he

was 19 years old. He was 29. That day

that made it right, but not what (he

(Journal

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When this ended, he asked to be re-assigned immediately.

He was sent to St. Matthias in Chicago, Ill. in Feb. 1969.

Sometime during that year,

[REDACTED] showed up unannounced at his Rectory. He told her he was busy and walked her to her car.

During the time at St. Matthias he worked at the CJO and began teaching at Ougley.

In Oct of 1973 he was assigned as a resident to St. Francis in Wilmette, Ill. while he continued teaching. During this year, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] again showed up unannounced at his Rectory. Again he told her he was busy and could not see her. After he resigned the priesthood in 1975, she again attempted to contact him thru his older brother.

Now we came to Rev. Daniel
McCormack, who has been
charged with aggravated Criminal
Sexual abuse of five young boys.
Allegations going back to when
he was a seminarian 1992, again
in 1999, again in 2003.

[REDACTED] stated to the media
that she released the settlement
of \$125,000, that she received from
the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the
names of the Priests, because she
was not happy with the way you
and the Archdiocese handled
the case regarding Rev. McCormack.

My husband made a mistake. He
never had another charge against
him, and his name was
publicly slandered. We have a good
family, children and grandchildren -
all of us have suffered more than
you could ever imagine.

Through all of this, my husband
has never wavered in his faith
in God and the Catholic Church.
What all Priests have gone through
over the past few years is just
heart breaking for them and the Church.

After being a Priest for ten years, he resigned and made another life for himself. He has had an untarnished reputation in his work in hospitals, and in the town where we live.

[REDACTED] received her \$125,000 for a claim that was never proven. And we have no recourse but to try to live with this. A Priest's word against an alleged victim is worthless.

Where is the Justice and Faith in this for our family?

[REDACTED]

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER CANARY

To: Celini Date: 1-16-07

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| ☒ For your information | ☐ Please respond in your name |
| ☐ Please comment | ☐ Please return |
| ☐ Please route to | ☐ Please file |

*The Cardinal and Father Canary
have talked about this letter.*

*Fr. Canary's comment: Settlements
are made with conditions on
both parties. The Archdiocese can
hold up its end, but has no
control over the actions taken
by the other party.*