### 1918 - MARCH 16 - 1968



GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD
FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK
St. PETER'S
ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS
FATHER JOSEPH E. SAVAGE

Ordained: George William Cardinal Mundelein BLESSED MARY AND ST. JOSEPH CALL AND PROTECT VOCATIONS To the full extent of my power, because I am a priest,
I wish from now on to become conscious of all that the world loves, pursues and suffers;
I want to seek, to sympathize and to suffer; to unfold and sacrifice myself A to become more widely buman and more nobly of the earth than any of the worlds servants

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June 20, 1927-November 10, 1927:
November 10, 1927-December 12, 1931:
December 12, 1931-December 30, 1936:

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	Hi Leah,	
	Here is the most current info. gave me some changes. This is only a beginning. Use this as you need. I let the know we spoke and that you will be contacting him.	
	Have a great weekend!	
	Amy	
	, any	

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### Neri-Palomino, Laura

To: Subject:

Zrust, Mary Ann Priest status

Sr. Mary Ann,

A while back you send me assignments for a Fr. Joseph E. Savage from 1927 - 1936.

I need to know all of his assignments and his ministerial and canonical status to this date.

Greatly appreciated. See you later.

Laura

Father Savage i am very gratefully,

> And so I come to any fulfill 50 years and I look-yes- I look and expect a few more years. As gaod as God has been- He will be good

To see the day they are ordained, to stand beside There is still so much to be done. How our mind wanders amongst our friends in prayer. I must them at the Altar for their first Mass and watch take care of my Boys on the way to the Priesthood the Heavens open and I behold The joy is as great and compelling as is the grief and heart-break for those who have lost will try to forget and trample their vocation.

against all storms to hold high and firm our praying born. He makes Known to us His plan. Yet some thumb their nose at God. We shall await the day when they shall return. Let us stand like a treebranches to God in the Heavens, that they may soon God designs the life and work of every one

him. To be on the look for little boys, whose first words may be ''I wanna be a priest.'' Golden curled and blue banjo'ed eyed-and at four - saying Mass for their mothers and fathers, clad in rosy-hued Can we say such a one does not have a vocation? Why then must he barter it for the nothings that the world has to offer? The Priest visits hospitals, anoints the dying, prays over the dead, closes their eyes to the visions of eternity. He gives to the hungry, when he himselve starves. He carries his most schrapnel. He heard the moans of the dying and hardest of all- he consoles the parents of the boy limmy Liston, goes down with his ship in the North Atlantic- down to an eternally changing grave. The Priest must provide for others to follow vestments of wallpaper, uttering their un-intelligable nothings over a golden sprayed water goblet. who leaves the vacant chair- or like my friend loved emblem-onto the battle field amidst burely Jesus can not be asleep in the Boat

Thanks be to God—two years ago I celebrated my golden anniversary of my ordination to the Holy among men I know not why. What talents had I to offer the great God, I never shall know. To spend twelve short day by day years, living near and close to Him? Harkening to the Call, audible through the Bishop, I presented to God, all that I was, in Ordination. Priesthood. Singled out and chosen by

The Sublime Reward—My First Mass. The first Blessan anointed hand upon the head of each. Heaven ng as God's new Priest, upon my Mother and Father, truly opened that moment in the Little Old Church on Victoria Street and I beheld. Then came appointments in Chicago where I gone to their heavenly reward—to join he ranks of learned to dispense the Love, Kindness and Forebearance of the Master, from sainted old Priests long ago those, who, as Lambs, follow the Good Shepherd wheresoever He goes. About this time a boy came to me and told me he boys to the fulfillment of their calling, desiring that marrying, one of them willing to continue his studies wanted to be a Priest. Then began a "Hobby" that has been all the years since. I was happy to help ten such a little of me live on in them after I am gone. And then disaster struck. Six of the eight quit. Three of them hoping by the time he would be ready for ordination, celibacy would be thrown out, we do not need such perverts and devils incarnate. The number of Priests who have left the Church too their Church and vows is frightening, but when and vows is tragic. The number of Sisters, forgetting, Seminarians upon whom depends the future of God's Church leave us, then are we afraid?

My dear friends:

God, from

The Crib denotes poverty, but the One, Who reposes there, brings to earth the Treasures of Heaven. You may be certain your gifts are as pleasing to our Infant King, as those precious offerings of the Three Kings at the Manger. How consoling to know that the Babe of Bethlehem knows the depths of our hearts and even tho our gifts are not as great as we would wish them to be, He will understand our generous will, and balance the scales of merit accordingly.

Sincerest thanks to you for your kindness in sending us the gitts of packages this past year.

We have become a nation of "wasters." It amounts to a National Sin. It begins with the undisciplined child, who leaves they bites of food on his plate-unmindful of his little far-away brother, who goes to bed, that same night-hungry. To the man or woman, with closets filled with clothes-yet they haven't a thing to wear. We have strayed selfishly afar from the Master who had not whereon to lay His head. Share-give, at least, that which you no longer want.

Time has such a way of approaching and then so quickly fleeing, that the count of the years has almost become lost-it must be well onto thirty of those years, that at each Christmas I have asked you for all those things that you no longer want:

Things, that so many of God's poor can use.



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Lake Tetlin, Yukon territory, we saw the Tabernacle in Chapel of the little mission of Teslin on the shape of a Teepee, done in beautiful bronze. Truly 후 2

directly to the Sisters at Keshena. - find

C.Y.O. for the past 15 years has been appointed to a Father James Madden, head of the El Paso Diocese he can no longer care for the many packages sent to him. So send your packages to parish, hence

Indian clothing and 350 Sisters teach about are in desperate need of ove toys and religious articles. These <u>«</u>

me. All else send to the above addresses. I have Please send cancelled stamps and junk "Joolery ime to process these items. ٥

Greeting Card, then unk joolery, old gold (no cigarettes), school supplies came National Geographics, clothing, old rosaries, for last year by a school starting an orchestra, anything Catholic magazines and literature, cancelled stamps Over the years they have been first of all and novelties. Usable band instruments were far the greatest, the Used at all for which you have no use.

FATHER SAVAGE, Antioch, III. 60002

May I express the thanks of those who have been gifts of those who gave. nelped by the

Bless you at Christmas and may all your year

he Eskimo and the Indian could realize Our Lord loved hem and they could always come to Him abiding in a each year that it is more difficult to take care of all the things sent to me, so I ask that you send they do Keshena, Wisconsin 54135 Sisters of St. Joseph Indian School eebee.



Two years ago, I wrote the following:

"At the beginning of this school year- a great Joy was mine." The time had come as usual for my boys to lay aside their "civies" and put on the Cassock-the symbol of the Priesthood.

I had watched these young men-as little boys come to school in the first grade, even then they were aware of the call to serve God in His Holy Priesthood-to see them advance thru the eight years of grade school, then the four years of high school. Then comes the Joy, awaited thru all those years, when I can give to them their first cassock. Please say a prayer of thankfulness to God, together with them and me; a prayer of Petition, that they may wear it with Honor, Distinction, Worthiness and Love-all the days of their Priesthood."

But these boys have thrown off their cossock and would forget six and eight years respectfully spent in the Seminary. They fling into the Face of God-My will be done. Not Thine-Oh God. Let some one else save the souls. Thou wouldn't have given to me to save, but who-Oh God, will save my soul. No Peace. No Joy. No Reward. Some one must speak up-loud against this tragic-all too common trend. We find in our church a lack of prayers and I know in my seminary days often I was tempted to charging the cold you can have it. Then as was my wont I went into the quiet and dimness of the chapel and I said not a word-chuck it all. God! you can have it. Then as was my wont I went into the quiet and dimness of the chapel and I said not a word-only listened to Him and came away quieted, refreshed and strengthened. I had prayed.

May God let us all see and discern beyond the scandal which confronts so many Priests today and descends on down and permeates even our seminaries and may we not be blind, unappreciative or not discern the worth of the purposeful pattern set by the Holy Master. May we never lose sight of the Highest and Holiest of Callings, the Salvation of Souls entrusted by Almighty God to us alone to Save.

May God judge us all-but kindly, as we stand before Him-to account for the Souls, we may have saved, but did not; for the good we could have done, but would not.

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BLESSED MARY AND ST. JOSEPH
CALL AND PROTECT VOCATIONS

PRAY FOR ALL EX-SEMINARIANS

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### ST. FRANCIS' PRAYER

O God

Thou dost not have to give me anything for loving Thee;
Because, even if all I hope for could not be,
I only ask to love Thee always,
as I now love Thee.

Please hand this appeal on to your friends—who may wish to send us Mission Goods or who may wish to help my eight boys on to the Priesthood—the Good God knows how badly we need 'em. This has been my LIFE'S HOBBY, so please do. Help my Boys.

It is the best investment on Earth, because it will pay off only in Heaven.

God Bless you. Father Savage

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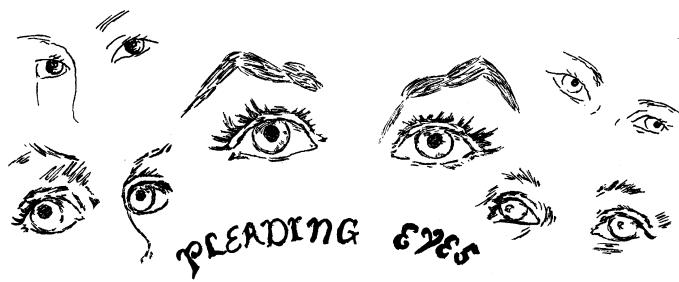
Because, even if all I hope for

could not be,

I only ask to love Thee always,

as I now love Thee.

Fr. Savage



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The Christ child grant: a Blessed Christmass, a Happy new year Father Savage.

THANKFUL EYES

School Supplies

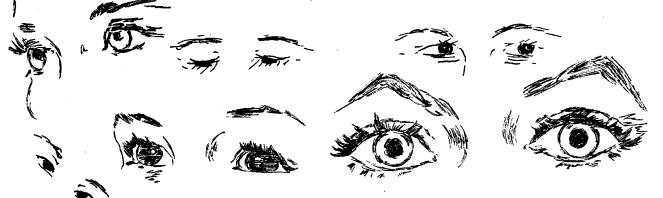
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### **Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card**

Joseph Ephraim Savage Born: Ordained: 03/16/1918 Died: 06/22/1974 Ethnicity:

Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. Andrew Parish (Addison St.)	Assistant Pastor	03/26/1918	01/07/1923
St. Mark Parish (Campbell Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	01/07/1923	12/02/1923
Immaculate Conception Parish (Elmhurst)	<b>Assistant Pastor</b>	12/02/1923	12/11/1924
St. John Berchmans Parish (Logan Blvd.)	Assistant Pastor	12/11/1924	07/01/1927
St. Mary Parish (Mokena)	Assistant Pastor	07/01/1927	11/10/1927
St. Patrick Parish (Wadsworth)	Pastor	11/10/1927	12/12/1931
Holy Cross Parish (Deerfield)	Pastor	12/12/1931	12/30/1936

Extraordinary Appointments:

Chicago. Ili., March 22, 1918.

The Rev. Ecseph Savage.
Antioch, Ill.

My dear Father Savage:

I hereby appoint you to St.

Andrew's Church, this city, to assist the Reverend

A. Croke, pastor, You will please report to Father

Croke for duty by Tuesday next, the 26th of March.

Wishing you every success and blessing in your new field of labor. I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Archbishop.

Chicago, Ill., December 30th, 1922-

The Rev. Joseph Savage,

5546 No. Paulina St.,

Chicago, Illinois.

My door Father Savage:

I hereby appoint you to St. Mark's Church. this city, to assist the Rev. John S. Finn pastor, transferring you from St. Herk's Church. You will please to report for duty to Father Finn by Sunday. Jamsey 7th, 1923.

Wishing you every success and blessing in your new field of labor. I beg to remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Archolshop-

Chicago, Ill., Rovember 29th, 1925.

The Bev. J. A. Savaga.
Chicago.

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My door Father Savaget

I hereby appoint you to Immaculate Conception Church, Elminurate Illinois, to essist the Rev. P. J. Hemmessy postor, transferring you from St. Mark's Church. You will please to report to Father Hennessy for duty by Sunday next, the 2nd of December.

Wishing you every quicess and bleasing in your new field of labor, I beg to remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Anchbichen.

Chicago, Ill., December 4th, 1924.

The Rev. Joseph A. Savage.

Immaculate Conception Church.

Elmhurst, Illinois.

My door Father Savage:

I hereby appoint you to St. John Berchman's Church, this city, to assist the Rev. J. E. Devos pastor, transferring you from Immaculate Conception Church, Elshurst.

Illinois. You will please to report for duty to Father Devos by Thursday next, the 11th inst.

Wishing you every success and blessing in your new field of labor, I beg to remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Chicago, June 14th, 1927

Reverend Joseph Savage, 2517 Legan Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Pather Savege:

I hereby appoint you to St. Mary's Church, Minocka, Illinois to assist the heverend Joseph Mo Mahon, paster, transferring you from St. John Berchman's Church, this city. You will please to report to Father Mc Mahon for duty by Saturday next, the 18th instant.

Wishing you empry success and blessing in your new field of latter, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Archbich op.

Chicago, June 15th, 1927

Beverend Joseph Savage, 2517 Logan Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Father Savage:

I hereby appoint you to St.

Hary's Church, Kinooka, Illinois to assist the Beverand
Joseph No Mahon, pastor, transferring you from St. John
Berchman's Church, this City. Because of Father Mc Mahon's
advanced age you are herewith given the powers of
administrator "in temporalibus et in spiritualibus". You
will kindly take up your new duties about July lat.

Wishing you every success and blessing in your new field of labor, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ.

### Chicago, October 23th, 1927

Reverend Jos. Savage, St. Mary's Church, Minocks, Illinois.

Hy dear Pather Savage:

I hereby appoint you to the Pastorate of St. Patrick's Church, Wadsworth, Ill., transferring you from the Administratorship of Saint Hary's Church, Minooka, Ill. You will please to assume charge of your new dation by Thurnday, Nevember 10th.

I hereby reserve the right to divide St. Patrick's Parish when and where in my judgement I down a division advisable.

Wishing you every success in your new field of labor, I bog to remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Chicago, Illinois. November 30, 1931.

Reverend Joseph & Savage, St. Joseph Church, Wadsworth, Illinois.

My dear Father Savage:

I hereby appoint you to the Pastorate of Holy Cross Church, Deerfield, Illinois, to succeed the Reverend Charles L. McDonough, transferring you from the Pastorate of St. Joseph Church, Wadsworth, Illinois. You will please to assume charge of the affairs of Holy Cross Church, Deerfield, Illinois, by Wednesday, December 9th.

I hereby reserve the right to divide Holy Cross Church, Deerfield, Illinois when and where in my judgment I deem a division advisable.

Wishing you every success and blessing in your new field of labor, I beg to remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Arc 30, 1936

My son, Las told me that Fr. Swage has him anying on immorally with him for a period of the past year. Father Savage has almitted to me the truth of this statement.

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An 31, 1936

I hereby resign as paster of Italy Goss Church, Derefield Sel, Effective immediately.

Ru. Joseph Savage.

Witness

Rev. E. M. Burki.

R.C. Maquire



Archdiocese of Chicago Chancery Office 719 No. Wabash Ave.

December 31,1936

Reverend Joseph Savage Deerfield, Illinois.

Reverend and dear Father,

By virtue of the power given to US by Canons 2220 sq. and Canon 2217,#I,ne.3, we hereby issue to you a formal double canonical precept, namely I) of leaving immediately for and reporting there to the Brother in charge within the time established by the Right Reverend Chancellor; 2) of remaining there and of not leaving unless such permission is explicitly given you by lawful authority. This precept is given under pain of incurring "ipso facto Suspensio ab Officio" according to Canon 2279, #I, with all the consequences thereof for failing to comply with this strict grave precept; which censure if incurred is automatically "ab homine" and its absolution reserved to US thique terrarum by Canon 2245, #E.

This is to be considered a formal warning and threat of a lata Sententia punishment made according to Canon 2225.

De mandato speciali Eminentissimi archiepiscopi.



### Archdiocese of Chicago Chancery Office 719 No. Wabash Ave.

I, Reverend Edward M. Burke, notary of the Archdiocese of Chicago, do hereby certify that His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein has accepted the resignation of Rev. Joseph Savage, pastor of Holy Cross, Deerfield, from the pastorate of the same church.

Edward M Buske.

December 31,1936

February 3rd, 1937.

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The Very Rev. Msgr. G. J. Casey, 719 North Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Monsignor:



Up to the present I have been censoring Father Savage's mail, and must say I did not find anything unbecoming. He said I find it rather strange that they give orders of censoring my mail now after I am here a month, why they did not do this immediately, though he did not object to any extent to have it censored.

With kind regards. I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Bu Basil.

Brother Basil,

Chicago, Illinois. February 4, 1937.

Reverend Brother Basil,

Dear Brother Basils

I beg to asknowledge your letter of Febru-

ary 3rd regarding

I would not tell Father Savage the reason why you are consoring his mail; he undoubtedly knows. Simply tell him that you have been ordered to do so by the Chancery Office.

With best wishes, I beg to remain, Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vice Chancellor.

Chicago, Illinois. March 24, 1937.

Reverend Brother Basil,

Dear Brother Basil:

I have received your letter of March 23rd. Once again I have occasion to admire your great kindness and consideration. I trust that the men under your care appreciate at least slightly the many inconveniences you put yourself to in their behalf.

Regarding Father Savage, I think he should bring his cer to antioch and store it there. I think it best that one of the Brothers accompany him and return with him the same day.

With many thanks for your kindness and wishing you a happy Easter, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. R. C. Maguire Chancellor XII Surah

Chicago, Illinois. April 8th, 1937.

Reverend Brother Besil, Rector,

Dear Brother Basil:

I am writing relative to the case of Father Savage. As you know possibly, he has been in some rather serious difficulties with the government. The matter at present seems to be dormant and I am hopeful that it will be dropped entirely.

Personally I feel that Father Savage is mentally unbalanced.

The next time you are in Chicago I will talk to you about

With assurances of my best wishes and with many thanks for your past favors, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. R. C. Maguire Chancellor 2 auch

Chicago, Illinois, June 29, 1937.

Reverend Brother Basil, Rector,

Dear Brother Basil:

At the time of your last visit to Chicago I told you that the United States District Attorney in Chicago desires a more complete statement relative to the condition of Father Savage. He would like to have the information as suggested in the enclosed letter. Do you think you can obtain this for me?

Thanking you kindly, and with best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. R. C. Neguire Chancellor.



Chicago, Illinois, November 13, 1947

Reverend William Corey 1840 S. Lincoln Street, Chicago, Illinois.

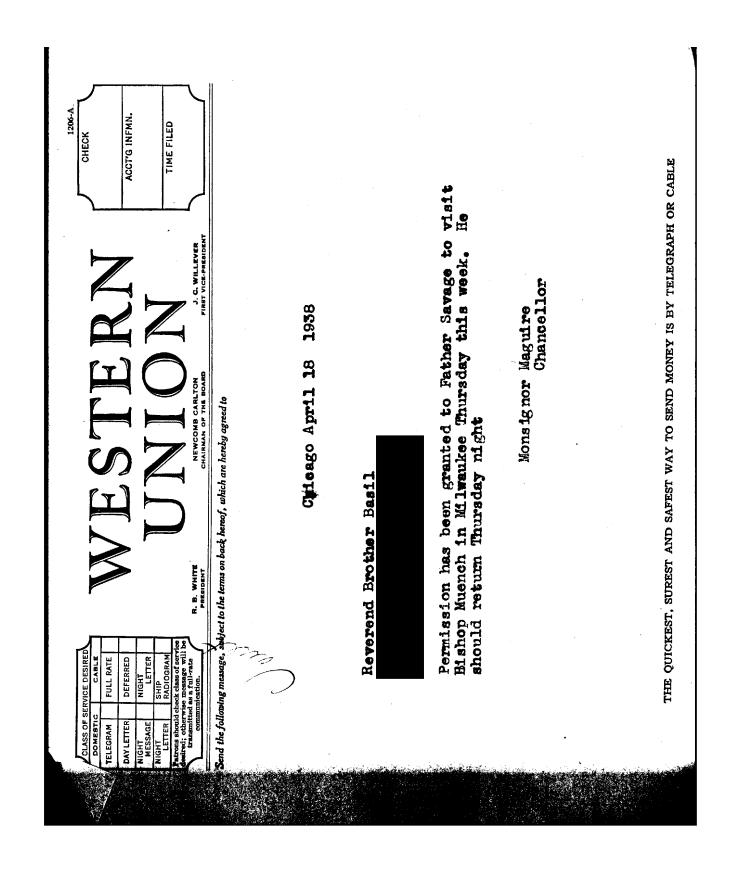
Dear Father Gorey:

while I have not at any time discussed with the tardinal Father Savage's proposal. I feel that he will not stand in the way. I cannot bring the matter to the attention of His Edinence until Monday, November 22nd as His Edinence will not be available until that time. I hope that scmething comes of the proposal.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Chancellor.



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G. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message.

is filed with the company for transmission.

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service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obliga-tion in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered telegrams under the conditions named above.

July 6-38.

Pet Rev. Jungr. G. Casey.

I wish to offer my humble conspatulations to you, upon the honors that have but recently come to you: and I may that god may ever grant you His ) toly grave to discharge your high office.

Though ask you Tear monsiquer for permission to visit my morter, if only for an hour or so. She is in her eight first year and

how or so. She is in her eight first year and all alone. It is now the fifth month since she has seen me: and it is more for her rube than my own that I ask this small consideration I her.

Your Very Sincerely in On Lord

and obediently Just Davage.

AOC 019973

Chicago, Illinois. July 9th, 1988.

Reverend Joseph E. Savage,

Dear Father Savage:

In reply to your letter of July 6th asking for permission to visit your mother, I beg to inform you that permission is hereby granted to you to leave on Saturday, July 16th and return to member on Monday, July 18th.

With best wishes, I remain, Sincerely yours in Christ,

> Monaignor Geo. J. Casey Chancellor.



Chicago, Illinois. July 9th, 1988.

Reverend Brother Gerard, Restor,

Dear Brother Gerard:

I understand that you have recently been assigned Rector . I do not know whether I should offer you my congratulations or not, as your task is certainly not an easy one. I know, however, that we will receive the same whole-hearted cooperation from you that we received from your prodecessor, Brother Basil.

As you know we have a number of priests from the Archdiocese of Chicago staying at the form one reason or another.

Recently I had received requests from three of our priests there to leave \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for various purposes.

Today

I have granted permission to Father Savage to visit his mother leaving and en Saturday next, July 16th and returning on Monday, July 18th.

In the future I think it would be better if you informed the priests that these permissions must be referred to you
and that you will in turn communicate with me to see whether or not
we will permit them. In this way I can contact you directly and
you will have the official data as to when they are to leave and
return. In any case should they not return on schedule or should
anything unusual happen, I would be pleased to have you communicate with me immediately.

With best wishes, I beg to remain, Sincerely yours in Christ,

> Moneigner Gee, J. Casey Chancellor,

Saturday, Aug. 14.38.

Dear Bill.

The letter I wrote the other day. I am agraid was a bit invokuent, as I was very much upset over the outcome of the meeting with Bishop griffin. and I rearrely know where is how to begin how. I fear I am bothering you, Bell, but I am just about discouraged, and get I have prayed with all my heart. I have tried every little chance that was given me. With permission of Magnine, I went to milwaukee and offered mipel to Richer Munch no results, later Bishop Rohlman - no results. Bishop Rhode - no answer, Bishop griffin & Spring. fild; no mud oppriests just at the present time. Bishop Kieley of Trenton, no shortage of Priests. Bishop griffin of La Crosse, whom I was able to meet thru the bindness of mag. Casey, confirmed in no accept any priest while at substant wo Bishop would suggested I ask the Cardinal for a temporary place-from Which to be able to work for a time and as soon as it would be expedient, to contact a Bishop. I spoke yashing for permission to go home to mother, as I understand this was granted in a case recently, ray my daily Man at Futher Flakertys, In a word-to report to him. until such time as I eviled go to a Birlop and ray to him: Itel, I have done this and this, for so long a time,

and with the recommendation of my Superiors que me a rowhable chance.

Word has gone around here that no man here now Will be experimented with in chicago, Bill-I aqued to that mouths and months ago, when you obtained that permission from migr. magine; and I have rivised on every little lead, however slim, that presented itself, so bill, it comes down to just this, my only hope is to be permitted to leave here, and go back to work, and thus prove to His Emineral that With God Help I intend to go the streight and Narmi way. I ask you to show this letter to migr. Carey and ask him to grant me jermission to quietly go home to mother. which would be very loyeal, as I have bren sick and Morter is 81 years of age- the further would understand that reason. after a time then I would be able to find a Bishop who would give me with in another divise. I also submit by you, a letter from for mag. Casey. Trusting that God will tear my prayer that this my last resort may be succenful. Simuly In the Sand Heart of Jens. Must gratifully your.

Joseph Savage

send you letter direct.

Holy Family Church 1840 Tincoln Street Aug. 16. 1938 North Chicago, Ill. The Very Reverend George J. Carey, J. C.D. Vivcesan Chancery, Cathedral Square, Chicago, Oll. Dear Monsignor; Will you please read the enclosed letters? They tell their own story. Any consideration given will be appreciated. Sincerely in Christ. Dow A. Gorey.

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### MA. MEV. MSGR. F. JOSEPH MUELLER, J. C. D. MINOCIUA, WINCONSIN

Oct. 14. '38.

Rt Rev Magr Casey Chancery O ffice Chicago Ill.

Rt Rev dear Magr.:

I have been interceding for poor Father Savage and at last Bishop Reverman has agreed to allow me to take him as my assistant if his emminence, the Cardinal will permit it. Will you speak to him about it? There are these questions, that my odinary wishes answered:

> Is the gramece considered sufficiently astoned?by the penence he has done? Has or rather do you think, he has learned the lesson that he probably will not relaps?

Is the debt that he is said to owe his former housekeeper to be considered a personal or a congregational obligation?

I am going to the Eucharistic Congress, and on my way back, I shall call at the Chancery office to go over these matters persona;;y with you.

October 25, 1938.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. Joseph Mueller, J.C.D. Minocqua, Wisconsin.

Dear Monsignor Mueller,

In reply to your letter of October 14th informing me that Bishop Reverman had agreed to allow you to take Father Savage as your assistant, I beg to inform you that His Eminence, Cardinal Mundelein, has granted the necessary permission. In reply to your three questions, I submit the following answers:

- iciently atomed for his past mistake by the penance he has already done.
- 2.) I do not think that a relapse is probable to occur.
- 3.) I did not know of the debt owed his former housekeeper. If, however, this money is due her for services rendered as housekeeper, it seems to me that the parish will have to meet it as a parochial obligation rather than a personal one.

I have written Father Savage telling him of the permission granted by His Eminence the Cardinal. I wish to assure you, as well as Bishop Reverman, that we appreciate very much the opportunity that is being given to Father Savage. Should trouble later develop, it is understood that we would take care of Father Savage again, since he remains a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

With best wishes, I remain, Sincerely yours in Ehrist,

> Monsignor Geo. J. Casey Chancellor.

James

October 25th, 1938.

Reverend Joseph Savage,

Dear Father Savage,

Monisgnor Mueller of Minocqua, Wisconsin, has written me telling me that Bishop Reverman has agreed to allow him to take you as his assistant if His Eminence, Cardinal Mundelein, would grant this permission. I have taken the matter up with His Eminence, and I am pleased to inform you that he grants the necessary permission for you to accept the assignment. It is understood, of course, that you are not hereby incardinated into the diocese of Superior, Wisconsin, and that if any of the former trouble occurs, that you must return to

With all good wishes and prayers that you may prove successful in this undertaking, I remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Geo. J. Casey Chancellor.

## RT. REV. MSGR. F. JOSEPH MUELLER J. C. D. ST. PATRICKS CHURCH MINOCQUA, WISCONSIN

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July 26. '40

Rt Rev Msgr Casey Chancery Office Chicago Diocese.

Rt Rev dear Msgr.:

It is with regret that

I must inform you that I have dismissed Father Savage from here.

Under pretence of visiting his mother, he has entertained all this week and I think all last week, a number of boys, ranging in age from eleven to sixteen years, at his cattage.

I do not know that a crime has been committed, but a man with his past, cannot be allowed to do such things.

My efforts to help him have been in vain.

Yours fraternally, Floseph Muller

Chicago, Illinois.

July 29, 1940.

RE: REVEREND JOSEPH SAVAGE

The above priest came in to see me regarding the letter I received under date of July 26, 1940 from Monsignor Mueller of Minocqua, Wisconsin. I told Father Savage that we would not assign him in the Archdiocese of Chicago under any circumstances since the Federal Government will prosecute him should we do so. For the present, I have permitted him to stay with his mother at Antioch, Illinois, (Telephone: 82W), with the understanding that he keep in regular touch with Fr. Flaherty.

Chancellor

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July 7th, 1944.



Reverend Joseph Savage, Antioch, Illinois.



Dear Father Savage,

Will you please come to the Chancery Office to see me on Monday next, July 10th at 11 a.m.?

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Geo. J. Casey

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# CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

SAVAGE, JOSEPH

Antioch, Illinois.

(Name)

On July 24, 1950, I had him in about the attacked letters brought to me by the Postal Inspector's Office of Chicago. Father S. admits that he wrote them in a moment of anger. He had stayed at a tourist cabin in a twon in Wisconsin and thought the woman had overcharged him badly. Promises it will never happen dioless we will have to turn him over to federal prosecution or send him to with Told him if we get further complaints of this mind he leaves us no

indefinitely.

Itwes at the home of his mother in Antioch, "Illinois. She died a few years ago. Says Mass week-days for B.M.M.s at their Lilac Lodge ( given thme by Joyce); on Sundays he helps out at Wilmot, Wisconsin- just over the border of Chicago archdiocese.

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### DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCES OF DESECRATION AND THIEVERY IN DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

St Gregory's Church, Deerfield: One pair sterling silver water and wine cruets, made by Louis Glazier @ 250.00 the pair, inscriptions engraved on base: "In memory of Elizabeth Harvey"; In memory of Florence Hill Marshall" (dates). In this case, the parish secretary saw the car drive up in the rear as she was leaving for lunch. The driver ducked down but she had the impression he was a priest. The car then went around to the front and as it went by, the curate saw from his apartment both the priest and the car, altho he could not discern the man's face. While the car was parked in an unusual place near the front of the church, two parishioners saw it and have identified it as a black 1959 Chevrolet. Items stolen were covered within \$30 by insurance. Date of occurrence: 28 April 1960.

St Richard's Church, Edgebrook (Chicago): Polychromed handcarved Christus Rex stolen from over the side altar, where the Blessed Sacrament was reserved. Also missing: one new guest register. Value of crucifix, \$28.00; of register, \$5.6 - no insurance on either. In this case, muddy footprints were left on the dust cloth of the altar, where the desecrator had stood on the mensa to remove the crucifix. The rector of the parish saw the person emerge from the church, engaged him in conversation, makes positive identification of both the man and his care. Later he found the items missing and discovered the desecration involved.

St John's Church, Mt Prospect: On All Souls: Day, 1959 the pulpit crucifix (carved passion crucifix, Oberammergau) and a pair of requiem and Good Frimay handcarved walnut candleticks were taken out of the sa nctuary. On Ember Wednesday, 9 March 1960, a brass pulpit crucifix at the pulpit, and the celebrant's cross on the alter (handcarved wood, Passion) were taken. ON Easter Even, 1 April 1961, an electric hotplate was stolen from the outer sacristy. In the former two cases, robbery was made during lunch hour and no one spotted the thief; in the latter case, per subject letter, the priest was seen, recognized, and conversed with by the Rector of the parish.

Christ Church, Joliet: In the summer of 1960, a small madonna was stolen from the chapel and the thief defecated on the altar rail cushion before the altar where the Blessed Sacrament was reserved. In this case, no identification was possible; of thappened when no one was around. The chapel is capable of entry from a side street, on the blind side of the church.

Trinity Church, Highland Park: On a Sunday afternoon, it is thought, on or about 28 April 1960, a small 15# French antique crucifix on wall over credence in chapel was stolen. No identification of thief possible: not seen. This item not insured.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Momence: Small statue of the DVM stolen Summer 1960.

OCCURRENCES IN DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE:

(Listed on separate letter from Diocese of Milwaukee)

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April 6, 1961

MURL M. HOOVER MANAGER

The New mend Robert E. Ehrgott St. John's Episcopal Church 200 North Main Street Hount Prospect, Illinois

Dear Father Dhrgott:

RE: Various Burglaries and Church Damage

This is with further reference to our telephone conversation today in connection with the captioned subjects.

- St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Deerfield, Illinois, reported a loss of two silver cruets on March 28, 1960, about noon. These cruets were valued at \$228.00 (\$110 and \$118 each) upon which we paid the loss. I understand it took \$240.00 to replace them.
- St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 5101 West Devon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, reported a theft loss to me this summer by telephone. My files do not indicate that we turned this in nor did we pay a loss.
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sturtevant, Wisconsin, reported April 6, 1960, that someone had visited their church several times. One Sunday they missed a creet but weren't sure what happened to the wine. Later they found that the wine had been poured over the organ keyboard. Since this church did not have the proper type of coverage we did not pay a loss here.

Church of the Holy Communion (Episcopal), Lake Geneva, Wisconsin - Father Post reported damage to organ keys as well as defecation on the credence table. This happened September 27, 1960. We paid \$30.12 on this loss.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Watertown, Wisconsin - I received a copy of a letter dated February 25, 1960, from this church which read in part "In addition to this we have had several windows broken by unknown persons." In another letter of the same date the rector mentioned the theft of an Oriental Rug from the chapel. We did not pay here because of certain conditions. Nevertheless, the church did suffer a loss.

Christ Episcopal Church, Joliet, Illinois, reported the loss of a crucifix and possibly some other items this fall. We were not involved in this at that time.

Home Office - 20 Exchange Place, New York 5, N. Y.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Mount Prospect, Illinois, reported the loss of a wood alter cross valued at approximately \$16.50 and one metal pulpit cross valued at \$8 to \$10.00 on November 2, 1960. We paid a loss of \$14.00.

Trusting this information will be of assistance to all concermed, I remain

Sincerely,

Midwest Representative

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cc T. M. Lickel

cc A. B. Peterson



### DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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The Re. Res. Donald H. V. Hallock, D. D.

The Rev. Robert E. Ehrgott 200 North Main Street Mt. Prospect, Illinois

Dear Father Ehrgott:

I have been trying to track down the information you requested.

On April 2, 1960, a man dressed as a priest was seen entering St. Mark's Church, South Milwaukee. He was described as rather elderly and somewhat stooped. He was driving a 1959 black Chevrolet. (Father Miles gave me this information before I gave your description to him.) He was accompanied by two teenage boys. Soon afterward it was discovered that a stone figure from Holland of our Lady and the Child standing about 30" was missing.

That same afternoon Immanuel Church, Racine, lost a pair of cruets. Later in the day he was seen in Holy Innocents' Church, Racine, by the organist and later was seen in the Church of St. John the Divine in Burlington. In these two cases nothing was taken.

On the eighth or ninth of March, 1961, Christ Church, Delavan, was entered and a cheap 10" statue of the Madonna and Child and a crucifix of stolen. In 1959 figures from the Christmas creche were stolen along with a registration book. (The local Roman church lost creche figures at the same time.)

More than a year ago the Church of the Holy Communion was entered and a crucifix and bottle of wine were stolen from the sacristy. Several months ago the church was entered again and the individual urinated on the credence table.

A person described in the same way and accompanied by two teenage boys was seen about a year ago by workmen in St. Paul's, Milwaukee.

As far as I know nothing was taken. I recall that St. Luke's, Whitewater, was vandalized several times recently. I believe a crucifix and statues were involved here, too. I was unable to reach the present rector for additional information. There may have been other cases which I have not heard about. I hope this information helps you.

Faithfully yours,

Alan P. Smith Executive Secretary

April 6, 1961

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### SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# 200 NORTH MAIN STREET MOUNT PROSPECT, ILLINOIS

The Rev. Roberts E. Ehrgott

Phone CLearbrook 3-2511 10 - 12 A.M.

8 April 1961

Msgr George Casey, Vicar General Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago 719 N. Wabash Ave. Chicago 11, Illinois

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor,

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You will understand that it is with extreme personal regret and no little embarrassment that I write this letter, perhaps the most difficult thing I have ever had to do, for it involves not only a priest, but one who has been known to me the past twelve years; in my first parish he lived across the street from my rectory, and where he still resides.

During the past year and one-half, at least six of the parish churches of the Diocese of Chicago have been desecrated and robbed of sacred objects by a man dressed in elericals, who has been seen and even engaged in conversation by several of our clergy, before they realized he was the culprit. The clergy of the Diocese have been alerted to the danger and a description of him and of his car has been published several times in diocesan bulletins. On several occasions, one or two teen-age boys accompanied him.

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This Easter Even, 1 April 1961, at about 2:30 in the afternoon, while working in and about the church, I heard the sacristy door slam. I immediately entered the rear of the church to investigate, whereupon I encountered this priest coming down the side aisle in great haste, with a young boy following him. I recognized the man immediately as my former neighbor, and addressed him by name:

I represent to you that the cleric's name is, the Reverend Joseph Savage, 995 Main St., Antioch, Illinois. Tel antioch \$2.W

Father Savage had something under his overcoat, and I was so flabbergasted that I could not bring myself to ask him what he had there, although while I conversed with him I cast an eye over my altar and sanctuary and saw nothing missing: the altar and sanctuary were still "stripped" from Good Friday. After giving the priest my name, he recognized me and filled in my first name. I invited him to stay a while and visit with me, but he stated that he was in a big hurry, and left. I stated that I wanted him to see a statue of Our Lady of Fatima which he had given me upon my being priested while at St Ignatius, Antioch, and which I have kept in my office. (It is small comfort to know that this version of Our Lady could not have been taken from an Anglican parish church!) He had a toon-age boy in tow, who was obviously frightened, although the priest himself carried it off with aplomb. After they loft I immediately went into the sacristy to check, and while I had left the cabinets containing the Communion vessels open while working and checking on things, nothing appeared gono, or I think I might have called the police, as I did on the provious occasion. Several hours later, however, our sacristans discovered a hotplate missing, used to boik water for cleansing the chalices, I have since thought that they perhaps heard me coming before they could get into the cabinets, and grabbed the first thing available, which was the most prosaic item yet stolen.

After the priest and boy left I got on the telephone to alert those parishes previously visited. From one of them I got concurrence on the identification of the priest, together with the description of the car, which I did not seet a black 1959 Chevrolot, as previously reported in the Diocese. From another priest I got the same description of the car. (Note enclosed list for further information). I thereupon telephoned the Rector of Antioch and obtained from him the description of the priest's car, which checked out. Our priest was in fact able to look out of his window to see that the car was not there.

You will understand that my Bishop and the clergy whose churches were robbed and descerated do not wish to press any civil charges, for we are dealing not only with a person in Holy Orders, but with one who is obviously mentally ill, All the losses save one (St Gregory's Deefield) were not of great value, and many items were covered by insurance, partially. We are, however, as you will be, concorned with the sacriloge and desceration involved - particulars of which are noted in enclosed papers. The bother of reporting to the insurance company, of replacing stolen items, etc., is minor compared with the spiritual disaster, not only to this cleric, but to the holy things of the Church: in

most of the cases, the desocration and robbories were performed within the sanctuaries of the churches or their chapels or side altars, in the Presence of the Reserved Sacrament. Not only was the sacrilege of pilfering dommitted, but vile and indecent actions were also done. I can only pray that those latter were not part of the wholesale depredations of this priest; I shall be most careful to reiterate that in these cases no one was observed in or about the church plants.

I do not have to emphasize the great scandal which would ensue if this priost wore caught in flagrante delicte; the thing that saved him from arrost at my church was my porsonal acquaintance with him and my reluctance at the memont of meeting to believe that he had been up to something, would point out, however, that our clergy and laity who have witnessed his appearances have of course recognized him as a person in electicals: while the reaction was that he was a bogus priest, our clergy new know that this was all done by a person in Orders. In this connection, however, let me assure you, Mensigner, that the name of the priest has been confined to our Bishop and three of the clergy, and will be kept secret despite the great hubbub in the parishes and in the Diocose of Chicago over these acts.

As to the mental illness of the priest, I recall that he has been a collector of rummago and salvage for missions. The items he has purloined could then be easily disposed of, moreover. He has means of his own and does not nced recourse of this kind.

You may be assured that no legal action is contemplated in the Diocese of Chicago, and I know that your exercise of Discipline will terminate the affair. As to restitution, I have indicated in each report whether items taken were insured, with payment made by the Church Insurance Company. Rotmbursoment in these cases should then be made to the Company. Where itoms were not covered, remittance could be made either to the Bishops of Chicago and Milwaukoc, or direct to the parishes. I realize here, however, that we cannot actually make claims, particularly when no one was seen on the promises.

I have set this down at great length for your help in disposing of the case. I am willing, although not eager, to meet with you in person. I should not, however, want to be a witness to the humiliation of a person in Holy Ordors by appearing in a meeting with him present. Msgr Masterson, who was most kind and holpful, suggested that I might be in danger from this man; if it is possible within your exercise of priestly discipline, to leave my name out of it, I should be grateful.

I hope that you will feel that I have handled so grave a matter with as much discretion and priestly courtesy as possiblo; if there is anything further I can co-operate in, kindly advise me.

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I represent to you that the cleric's name is, the Reverond

Father had something under his overcoat, and I was so flabbergasted that I could not bring mysolf to ask him what he had there, although while I convorsed with him I cast an eye over my altar and sanctuary and saw nothing missing: the altar and sanctuary were still "stripped" from Good Friday. After giving the priest my name, he recognized me and filled in my first name, I invited him to stay a while and visit with me, but he stated that he was in a big hurry, and left. I stated that I wanted him to see a statue of Our Lady of Fatima which he had given me upon my being priested while at St , and which I have kept in my office. (It is small comfort to know that this version of Our Lady could not have been taken from an Anglican parish church!) Ho had a teen-age boy in tow, who was obviously frightened, although the priest himself carried it off with aplomb. After they left I immediately went into the sacristy to check, and while I had left the cabinets containing the Communion vessels open while working and checking on things, nothing appeared gono, or I think I might have called the police, as I did on the provious occasion. Several hours later, however, our sacristans discovered a hotplate missing, used to beik water for cleansing the chalices. I have since thought that they perhaps heard me coming before they could get into the cabinets, and grabbed the first thing available, which was the most prosaic itom yet stolen.

After the priest and boy left I got on the telephone to alert those parishes previously visited. From one of them I got concurrence on the identification of the priest, together with the description of the car, which I did not see: a black 1959 Chovrolet, as previously reported in the Diocese. From another priest I got the same description of the car. (Note enclosed list for further information). I thereupon telephoned the Rector of the car and obtained from him the description of the priest's car, which checked out. Our priest was in fact able to look out of his window to see that the car was not there.

You will understand that my Bishop and the clergy whose churches were robbed and desecrated do not wish to press any civil charges, for we are dealing not only with a person in Holy Orders, but with one who is obviously mentally ill, All the losses save one (St Gregory's Deefield) were not of great value, and many items were covered by insurance, partially. We are, however, as you will be, concerned with the sacrilege and desecration involved - particulars of which are noted in enclosed papers. The bother of reporting to the insurance company, of replacing stolen items, etc., is minor compared with the spiritual disaster, not only to this cleric, but to the holy things of the Church: in

most of the cases, the desecration and robberies were performed within the sanctuaries of the churches or their chapels or side altars, in the Presence of the Reserved Sacrament. Not only was the sacrilege of pilfering dommitted, but vile and indecent actions were also done. I can only pray that these latter were not part of the wholesale depredations of this priest; I shall be most careful to reiterate that in these cases no one was observed in or about the church plants.

I do not have to emphasize the great scandal which would ensue if this priest were caught in flagrante delicte; the thing that saved him from arrest at my church was my personal acquaintance with him and my reluctures at the moment of meeting to believe that he had been up to something. I would point out, however, that our clergy and laity who have witnessed his appearances have of course recognized him as a person in clericals; while the reaction was that he was a begus priest, our clergy new know that this was all done by a person in Orders. In this connection, however, let me assure you, Monsigner, that the name of the priest has been confined to our Bishop and three of the clergy, and will be kept secret despite the great hubbub in the parishes and in the Diocese of Chicago over those acts.

As to the mental illness of the priest, I recall that he has been a collector of rummage and salvage for missions. The items he has purloined could then be easily disposed of, mercover. He has means of his own and does not need recourse of this kind.

You may be assured that no legal action is contemplated in the Diocese of Chicago, and I know that your exercise of Discipline will terminate the affair. As to restitution, I have indicated in each report whether items taken were insured, with payment made by the Church Insurance Company. Reimbursement in these cases should then be made to the Company. Where items were not covered, remittance could be made either to the Bishops of Chicago and Milwaukee, or direct to the parishes. I realize here, however, that we cannot actually make claims, particularly when no one was seen on the premises.

I have set this down at great length for your help in disposing of the case. I am willing, although not eager, to meet with you in person. I should not, however, want to be a witness to the humiliation of a person in Hely Orders by appearing in a meeting with him present. Msgr Masterson, who was most kind and helpful, suggested that I might be in danger from this man; if it is possible within your exercise of priestly discipline, to leave my name out of it, I should be grateful.

I hope that you will feel that I have handled so grave a matter with as much discretion and priestly courtesy as possible; if there is anything further I can co-operate in, kindly advise me.

Fratornally yours in Christ,

Fathor Ehrgott

Copics (and of onel's):
The Rt Revd the Bishop of Chicago
The Rt Rovd the Bishop of Milwaukee

### April 11, 1961

The Reverend Roberts E. Ehrgott St. John's Episcopal Church 200 North Main Street Mount Prospect, Illinois

Dear Father Ehrgott:

This is to acknowledge your letter of April 8, 1961 reporting acts of sacrilege and pilfering of a number of your churches by a retired priest of our jurisdiction. I assure you that we will investigate the case and take appropriate steps. This priest is now 71 years of age and while there were definite indications of mental illness in the past, this is the first time that it manifested itself by such acts as described in your letter. I appreciate the kind and delicate manner in which you have presented the matter and assure you that I will respect your confidence to the best of my ability.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Geo. J. Casey Vicar General



### ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH OCONOMOWOC, WISCONSIN

REV. HARRY W. T. PALLETT, B. D. 123 ROCKWELL STREET LOGAN 7-3474



April 11, 1,961

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The enclosed picture is of a bronze Head of Christ which was taken from Zion Episcopal Church.

It is roughly 10 x 12" and weighs about 15 pounds.

Other items which have disappeared from the Parish include a brass crucifix made in Belgium, a brass ewer approximately 18" high marked "Given by the Sunday School of Zion Church 1903". A small Della Robbia type terra cotta glazed scene of The Annunciation to Mary.

We shall be grateful for the return of any of these objects.

Sincerely yours,
New H. W.T. Pallott

My door lord Rishep,

I regretfully enclose a letter that I propose to end to the Gardinal Architekep of the Rossa Satholio Architecese of Chicago, soming to him the claric who has been countting acts of descaration and reliency in our parishes. The priest in question is, obviously, of the Rossa should need to parish, however, I should not, being what we should call a pagety priest, not living in community.

I feel that to handle the uniter by correspondence is the heat way prospiting the facts to the Sardinal, so that he will now the circumpoction with which we will have handled the uniter, since it temples upon
the lener of the prioritect; Kindly give no your thoughts and godly
esumpl, and I shall complete the letter and forward it to the Gardinal.
In this way, you will also be acquainted with the full story; and I will
know the besefft of your advice and direction in this uniter of extreme
delineary.

The only priors of the Disease who knows perticularly of this priors (1,000 his mane) and of his involvement as well, to Pother Real at Artical, who will know the master in the strictest confidence.

I would also propose sending the Cardinal Arabbishop a copy of this letter to the Bishop, so that he will see that the mateur has been seerteeway handled. When you write mb, will you also canbese a copy of your letter to me, to send to the Cardinal?

I specif think that this is the only may to handle the unblog, by referral in writing to the Reman Ordinary, who can then channel it properly.

Any personal contact night prove time-communing and enterrossing.

Years obediently in Ma.

Roberts E. Ekreubt

The Rt Revd the Mishey of Chicago

MG: Perhaps a list from your office of the items stelem might be of value to the Chancery authorities. RED+

### SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# 200 NORTH MAIN STREET MOUNT PROSPECT, ILLINOIS

The Rev. Roberts E. Ehrgott

Phone CLearbrook 3-2511 10 - 12 A.M.

13 April 1961

Dear Magr Casey,

Thank you for your letter of the 11th, stating that appropriate steps will be taken in the matter of the sacrilegious pilferings of Episcopal churches in the Chicago and Milwaukee dioceses.

I assume that Msgr Masterson has relayed to you the conversation over the phone I had with him yesterday, to the effect that the Rector of the local parish where our subject priest lives feels a bit apprehensive (despite the good relations both he and I had with the man), because of several incidents between subject cleric and townspeople, in which the priest acted in rather irrational and vindictive manner. I too feel a bit squeamish about it all, since he will know who it was that recognized him.

Therefore, if you cannot handle him within ecclesiastical Discipline, I would appreciate knowing of it.

I am grateful for your remarks concerning my role in this, which has been both hard and embarrassing for me. You will realize that my whole effort has been to forestall difficulty rather than to create or increase it.

I enclose the original of a note from the Rector of Zion Church, Ocomon-owoc, Wisconsin, sent me by the Diocese of Milwaukee, which lists four items of sacred furbishings stolen from that parish.

Yours faithfully,

Roberts E. Ehrgott

The Rt. Revd. George J. Casey, Vicar General Archdiocese of Chicago

### April 17, 1961

#### MEMORANDUM

On April 13, 1961 I called in Father Henderson, the Pastor of St. Peter in Antioch, to talk to him about this letter from the Episcopalian minister. He tells me that he had never been aware of such pilfering on the part of Father Savage -- either directly or indirectly. He does not see much of Father Savage since he does not say Mass in his church. He understands that he says Mass every day for Sisters in a convent in Lake Villa, which is not too far away from Antioch. He corroborates the fact that Father Savage generally does have one or two teen-aged boys when he drives the car, but he sees no implication in this.

believes the doctor told him he should never drive his car alone. Father Henderson also corroborates the fact that for years Father Savage has had a hobby of collecting rummage and salvage for missions in the U.S. He tells me that Father Savage generally sends out about 10,000 Christmas cards to different people throughout the country asking them for old clothes, blankets, religious articles, etc., which he then forwards to poor dioceses in the United States. Father Henderson tells me that his own home where he lives at 955 S. Main Street in Antioch is cluttered with all sorts of things intended for the missions. Father Savage spends a great deal of time in preparing this stuff for shipment to the missions. The one eighth grade boy whose name is is with him a great deal. He wants to become a priest and Father Savage arranged for him to register in St. Francis Seminary for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee starting in September of this year.

Monsignor Casey

### **MEMORANDUM**

On April 20, 1961 Father Joseph Savage came to see me as I had requested him to do. He does not look well at all and was breathing very heavily after climbing up the stairs to my office.

I asked him if he drove a car and he said he did, and I asked him what kind. He said it was a Chevrolet and when I asked him if it was a 1959 model he said no, that it was a 1960 model which he acquired sometime in 1960 although he didn't remember just what time of the year. At that time he traded in a Plymouth for the 1960 Chevrolet. (The verification of this may be of considerable importance for in the complaints detailed in the file, eye witnesses identified the car positively as a black 1959 Chevrolet.) Father Savage is going to send me the actual bill of sale so that I can check the date of the acquisition of the 1960 Chevrolet and also the detail of what kind of a car was traded in at that time.

I then asked Father Savage whether he was in the habit of visiting Episcopalian churches and he answered in the negative. He told me that he had only been in one Episcopalian church and that was a few weeks ago when he was visiting Father O'Brien of our Parish in Mt. Prospect. He found out that the Pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church in Mt. Prospect was the Reverend Roberts E. Ehrgott with whom he had very cordial and friendly relations when he was the Pastor of the Episcopalian church of St. Ignatius in Antioch. He tells me that he did not know where to find him and so went into the church thinking that perhaps he might get the janitor or maintenance man to tell him where Father Ehrgott resided. He tells me that he met him in the church, talked with him for a short time and that that is the only time he has been in an Episcopalian church. He denies most earnestly and vigorously that he took anything on this occasion or that he had ever taken anything from any other Episcopalian churches in Deerfield, Highland Park, Edgebrook in Chicago, or any churches around the Milwaukee area. I then told him that we had complaints that he was supposed to have been seen in certain of these churches accompanied by one or two teen-aged boys and the car was described as a black 1959 Chevrolet. He admits that when driving a car he does have one eighth grade boy, or at certain times two, accompanying him. Generally he does the driving but he took the boys along because of his physical condition. He indignantly denies that he ever pilfered anything from any church and that he would have better sense than to do a thing like that especially if, as alleged, he had one or two teen-aged boys with him at the time.

I asked him to be utterly honest with me telling him that otherwise he would probably get in difficulty with the civil law and might be arrested. He still insisted that he was telling me the absolute truth and that the only time he had ever been in an Episcopalian church was when he tried to see his old friend in the church in Mt. Prospect.

Father Savage lives in the home that his mother previously owned at 955 S. Main Street in Antioch. He lives there all alone since his housekeeper, who is now over 100, retired and went to live with her relatives. He says Mass on weekdays for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Cedars in Lake Villa which is about five miles away and owned by the BVMs. On Sundays he helps out at the parish church in Wilmot in Wisconsin. He admits that he has been gathering rummage and salvage for the missions for about 20 years. Now it has got too much for him and he is trying to get rid of it. He sends the material collected to Father James Madden, Secretary to Bishop Metzger of ElPaso, for his Our Lady of Guadalupe Thrift Shop, which is sort of a salvage bureau for the missions there.

I told him that the clergy of the Episcopalian diocese have been alerted to the danger of the pilfering and a description of him and of his car has been published several times in diocesan bulletins. I warned him that he should never visit any Episcopalian church again and he wanted to know what he could do to clear himself of these false charges if it is his description that has been circulated among the Episcopalian churches. I told him that he should do nothing about this but warned him that if he was not being honest in this matter it would go very hard on him. He again assured me that he was absolutely innocent of any such charges of pilfering and stated that it must be a case of mistaken identity.

Apparently for the present we will have to take his word for it and believe him since in no case had he or any other in clerical attire been actually caught in the act of the stealing. In some of these cases it looks rather suspicious for him. It could be coincidental. One corroboration of his innocence may be the fact that the car involved has been positively identified as a 1959 black Chevrolet and he claims that he never owned such a car. This I will be able to check when I get the bill of sale of his present Chevrolet and also what car he previously traded in since these pilferings have been occurring only in the last year and a half.

Monsignor Casey

January 27,1963 Antioch, Illinois

Dear Rev. Father,

It is with regret that I find myself compelled to write to you and inform you of a situation that has developed here involving one of your local Preists, Father Savage.

, who is now 16, was corresponding with a school chum Last summer my son who was studying for the Preisthood.

My husband and I were shocked when it was brought to our attention by the Preist in charge at the Seminary that my son was writing letters that were unfit for a young man to read and certainly unworthy of my son's charactor.

Father Savage is the sponsor of thos boy so it finally was placed in his hands and my husband and the father of this boy met at Father Savage's home and settled the matter. I didn't see the letter but my husband . informed me that it did not contain anything that warranted such highly agitated reaction on both Preist's parts. Now here it is. Father Savage has revealed to a person his disgustful opinion of my son on the letter writing incident. This may be the first ocassion, or of many, but it is the first that has come to our knowledge. Surely such slanderous action cannot be tolerated from a person of the Cloth. He has done immeasurable harm by robbing my son of his reputation.

To excuse the Freist of his actions, due to the fact that he is old and retired, Iwill do only if you say | must. If you deem it necessary for other action I would be all to glad to cooperate. Can I go to him and ask him to vindicate my son's good name@ Please inform me at an early reply to obviate any future occurances. School it be called to the Cardinal's attention, or similar channels, so that a justifiable action will be accoumplished? Please, Father this is important to me.

(Mrs.)

graph E. Source

Fraternally Yours,

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I spoke with Father Laurence Hanley, assistant at St. Peter's in Antioch. Father Hamley knows the familyvery well. He states that they are a very fine family.

The Seminarian in question is one for one year, but was told to leave. The priests inthe Parish feel that he does not belong in the Seminary. However, Father Savage took an interest in him, and arranged for him to attend knother seminary- Xaverian Missionary Fathers. Father Hanley knows that this seminaryis looking for any excuse to release the boy. When he received the letter from the soy, it seemed like a good way to release him. The letter told about the dates he had been having- and it might be taken as suggestive, but Father Hanley didn't think the boy meant it this way.

Father Savage became quite upset about the whole thing. He did tell one of the families in the Parish that the boy was no good. Father Savage does not help at St. Peters. But he does help at Wilmot, in Wisconsin, and in various missions. He must have the faculties of Milwaukee.

F.W. Byrne

January 29, 1963

Dear Mrs.

I have your letter of January 27th regarding your problem. I feel that it is best to talk to you personally about the matter. You may write me at the above address giving me the possible dates when you would be able to come to the office, or you can reach me by phone at SUperior 7-2315.

I feel that it is better if we have a personal conversation so that I may know the details of the problem.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Bev. Msgr. F. W. Byrne Chancellor

make an appointment for next Saturday. flowery 9th at your consoner. I the Thank you for your prompt reply to our letter. My husbank and I would like to is not satisfactory, you were have to and I work are week so it wie have to be a Laterday on Sunday. Jan. 31, 1963 Thanking you O remain, Yeng Dev. Mayer. Byrne, Den Per. Tacher;

February 4, 1963

Dear Mr. and Mrs.

I have your letter of Jamuary 31st in which you state that you will be able to see me next Saturday. I have arranged an appointment for you at 10:30 A.M. here at the office.

I was almost certain that I knew you from the past. I will know better when I see you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Magr. F. W. Byrne Chancellor

seminarians to Mexico City, and Our Lady of In the summer of 1962, I took a trip with my Guadalupe Shrine.

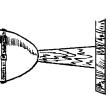
Mexico City. Since then Monasteries have been Salvador, and Santa Clara, Costa Rica, Latin founded at Managua, Nicaragua, Santa Ana, El Abbot Felix suggested we visit their new Monastery at Morellia and the Collegio Tepiac, America.

with the offer, that we of the K. C.'s adopt or extend our help to any one of these four needy missions. I am happy to offer my extensive mailing list to this most worthy cause. Please But a few points are to be observed to expedite this work. 1. We ask, especially for clothing send only light weight clothing. Heavier clothes, overcoats and the like, please send as help me to continue my work for the Missions. but since it will be used in warm climates, before to: Sisters of St. Joseph, Indian School, Our Council Knights of Columbus No. 3800, St. Peters, Antioch, have approached Abbot Felix, Keshena, Wisconsin.

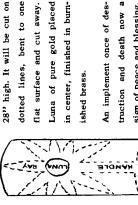
A NEW CHALICE

and the wood of the cross. For some time I have wished to construct a chalice of colorful Our Lord's life began and ended closely aspetrified wood. The cup of purest gold and around the cup, engrave a saying attributed to sociated with wood. The wood of the manger St. Benedict. The cryptic saying is

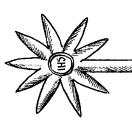
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made from a casing of a shell that was fired in a battle of World War I. It is a 300 M.M. base and some Another idea I'm working on is a Monstrance, to be



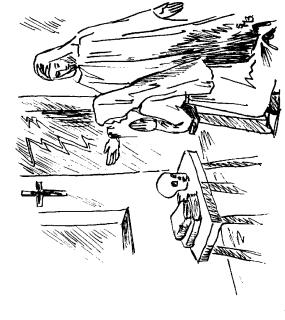
truction and death now a Luna of pure gold placed in center, finished in burn-An implement once of dessign of peace and blessing. flat surface and cut away. ished brass.



Ave., New York, N.Y. Designate if you will, to which of the four Missians you wish to send it. Missions, they may not receive them, due to political conditions. 3. Address all packoges to the Catholic Relief Service, 350 Fifth know how many packages each Mission recel-2. Send no package directly to any of the four Mark the package K.C. No. 3800 so we may

The Catholic Relief Service will forward oll packages received by them.

approached and Benedict prepared to return to St. Gregory relates the following incident. St. Scholastica in her convent far she had formed the order of Benedictine Sisters. As nightfall his Monastery, Scholastica begged him to rerifying storm arose and Benedict was forced to remain thru the night. Thus Scholastica's prayer was answered and Brother and Sister spent the Benedict only once visited his twin sister, St. main. Benedict refused, then a sudden and ternight in Haly Conversation. When morning came, they parted, never to see each other again in



**AOC 020011** 

I AGAIN ASK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THE ONES AND FOR HIS MANY OF GOD'S LITTLE COMING YEAR FOR POOR, POOR PEONS.



founder of the Benedictine order, and Patriarch

of Western Monasticism,

My card this year is dedicated to St. Benedict,

My Dear Friends:



you have no further use. Styles do not change so My request is thot you send anything for which often in these Countries. Let the clothing however, be clean, whole and

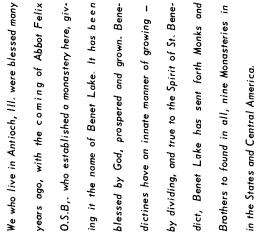
In lieu of a package anyone wishing to make a of making up packages of things that will still be sent to me, that I may send them on to the donation, however small, it will be gratefully received. This will help me to carry on my work Missions. \*Stamps do cost Money. Or a gift may be made toward the completion of the Chalice and Monstrance.

Please, my deor friends, send your packages to the Missions, and your prayers for my boys to God. May I express the thonks of those who have been aided, by the gifts of those who gave. The Christ Child grant you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless You.

Father Savage 995 S. Moin

P.S. Would you please send your cancelled stamps and JUNK JOOLERY to me, as I have Antioch, Illinois 60002 time to process and repair these two items. \*Stamps do cost Money.





were also established to assist in this vast The Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict, St. work. Postulants are invited to correspond, Scholastica's convent, Benet Lake, Wisconsin address above.



St. Benedicts enemies wishing to destroy him, secretly and Benedict was spared by placed poison in his goblet. As Benedict blessed the daily food, the glass was shattered, the Power of God.



HAG aria coll. autor, ou vo. Bishop Dung

### THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Fourth and Michigan Avenue, N.E. • Washington 17, D. C.
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

January 10, 1964

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Byrne Chancellor, Archdiocese of Chicago 719 North Wabash Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60311

Dear Monsignor Byrne:

Enclosed is a piece of literature soliciting funds which was given to me by a friend of mine who asked if I knew anything about Father Savage. I do not recall ever having heard of Father Savage.

Although he makes reference to the Benedictines at Benet Lake, and St. Peters, Antioch, apparently he is not attached to either place.

I have no particular interest. I told my friend that I knew nothing about Father Savage but that the literature was rather odd. I am sending it to you merely for your information. If Father Savage is making a legitimate appeal, all is well; if he is not, I thought you would like to know about it.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Grady

Director

Enclosure

TJG: im

Jenuary 14, 1964

Reverend Joseph E. Savage 995 South Main Street Antioch, Illineis 60002

Dear Father Savages

I am writing to arrange an appointment to see you concerning a matter that has come up here at the office. If this time is convenient, could you come to the office on Tuesday, January 21st at 11:00 A.M. Should this appointment prove inconvenient, we can always arrange another time.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Hsgr. Francis W. Byrne Chancellor

GRADY

IN RE: FR. SAVAGE

January 14, 1964

Rt. Hev. Msgr. Thomas J. Grady, Director The Mational Shrine of The Immediate Conception Fourth and Michigan Avenue, N.E. Washington 17, D.C.

Dear Toms

I received the literature soliciting funds sent by Father Savage. Thank you for forwarding the material to me. I have already made an appointment with Father Savage to discuss the whole matter.

Thank you for your solicitude and for your Archdiocese.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Magr. Francis W. Byrns Changellor

Friday, January 17, 1963

I saw Father Savage today concerning the brochure that he is sending to lay people. I had previously spoken with His Eminance about this matter, and his decision was that Father Sav age was to diesist from this activity under pain of suspension. I relayed this message to Father Savage, and though he was perturbed by this decision, he said that he agreed to stop circulating this information and appeal.

Later I spoke with His Eminence and he is quite concerned about Father Sawage; he had some dealing with him before regarding a seminarian and an accusation of homesexuality. He said that would have some information concerning this. I spoke with and he wrote me the enclosed letter concerning Father Sawage. I showed this material to His Eminence and I advised that Father Sawage be commanded under su spension to leave the area of Antiock, and that we try to arrange to put him somewhere. The difficulty is where to put him. No decision was made.

F.W. B.

## Benedictine Fathers



### BENET LAKE, WISCONSIN

RAILWAY STATION ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS PHONE: 396-4311 AREA CODE 414

January 17, 1964

Monsignor Francis Byrne Chancerv Office 719 Mabash Chicago II, Illinois

Dear Monsignor Byrne;

This letter is in connection with our conversation on the phone this morning, regarding Father Joseph Savage of Antioch, a retired priest. First of all I wish to remark that the drive which Father Savage put on by mail for clothing, medical supplies and money in our Mission Priory in Morelia, Mexico, was something which he took upon himself; the printed matter was not printed in our Print Shop, and I was not aware that he was using our name and claiming us as "His boys". I was more than astounished last week when one of the Knights of Columbus of St. Peter's in Antioch had informed me that at the instigation of Father Savage, they had gathered a small truck load of used clothing for me to ship to our Priory in Morelia. The cost of the customs alone would far exceed the value of the goods.

we certainly need things like that especially medical supplies but we have been taking care of that ourselves without any such outside help. Within the last six months I have sent medicine and clothing to Morelia from our Abbey with Father Phillip who bought a car when he was here and managed to bring the needed supplies with him.

This is not the first time that Father Savage has taken the liberty of using our name in matter such as this, in matter that have embarassed me more than once. So please tell good Cardinal Meyer that we were inocent of any implication in this matter.

I am sure that the Cardinal knows that Father Savage has been "retired" for more than twenty years. There is quite a history connected with his retirement that I know only by gossip. But since he has been in Antioch, he has been nothing but a source of scandal to the good people living there. The Cardinal will recall that I took a young boy of the area by the name of to see him after the young man had complained of a homo-sexual mess that Father Savage had gotten him into. At that time this boy told me and told the Cardinal that over a period of ten years Father Savage had seduced over 20 boys and God only knows how many since, but I feel sure in saying quite a few more.

This boy is in now, but his good narents live in Chicago, and if you would like their address I could send it to you. His mother, by the way, sent the boy to me in the first place when she first learned of the situation.

I might mention that Father Savage has little use for me since I ordered him off the property ten years ago when he was trying to build up some particular friendships amoung members of the community. Most of the boys which Father Savage had seduced live in Wisconsin. Father Savage, as you know lives alone in Antioch and sometimes has inocent lads stay with him overnight. He helps out in Wilmot, Wisconsin where he makes friends with these boys and that is why they mostly live in the Wilmot area and surroundings; some also are from Antioch.

It seems to me that this priest is a great detriment to the Church here in Antioch. It was told to me that a year or so ago when the Catholic Hospital in Waukeegan; for some reason he was angry and cursed and swore vilely in their presence; all of these men were non-catholic and were shocked at a catholic priest using such language, and a man they were trying to help.

A neighbor of Father Savage, who up until last year lived across the street from him, \_\_\_\_\_\_, A fine catholic, sold his home and moved away to get away from his vile tongue, which Father Savage frequently and loudly cursed his wife. During the course of the past year the poor woman had a nervous breakdown.

Father Savage has been arrested once to my knowledge and several other times I suppose for molesting young boys, but he always manages to squeeze out of it. To say the least he needs Psychiatric Treatment.

You will understand that it is difficult to get youg boys to admit to such an association as these, but I feel quite confident in saving with out any exaggeration he has perverted twenty five young men whom I have learned about during my years at Benet Lake. As you may know Father Savage makes it a pratice to invite boys to stay overnight in his home and during the summer time to take group so of boys on long journeys by car. He has taken such trips to Alaska and Mexico City. The parents think that he is a grand man taking them on such trips; most of them I am sure have no idea of what goes on in his home or on the trips.

I trust that this is the information which you have desired, Pear Monsignor Byrne and T hope that something can be done to remedy the situation.

Please consider this letter confidential,

Sincerely in Christ,

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# UNION TRUST National Bank

JAMES S. CRAIG VICE PRESIDENT AND TRUST OFFICER P. O. BOX 11388 St. Petersburg, Florida 33733

May 12, 1967

The Very Rev. Monsignor Francis W. Byrne, J.C.L. Archdiocese of Chicago Chancery Office
719 North Wabash Avenue Chicago, Illinois

RE:

DECEASED

Dear Monsignor Byrne:

This bank is acting as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent.

We are endeavoring to locate the home for homeless children operated by Father Savage at Antioch, Illinois as they have been named to receive a bequest from the estate of the above named decedent. It would be appreciated if you could furnish us with the correct name and address of this school and the person to whom we should write concerning this bequest. Any assistance you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

James S. Craig

Vice President & Trust Officer

JSC:djw



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### Office of the Vicar General

### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

May 22, 1967

Mr. James S. Craig Vice President and Trust Officer Union Trust National Bank P. O. Box 11388 St. Petersburg, Florida 33733

Dear Mr. Craig:

Re:

DECEASED

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 12, 1967, in which you state you are endeavoring to locate the home for homeless children operated by Father Savage at Antioch, Illinois.

To the best of our knowledge, Father Joseph Savage himself did not run a home for homeless children. Father Joseph Savage is now retired. His present address is -

Reverend Joseph Savage Main Street Antioch, Illinois.

If you wish, you may contact Father Savage and he may be able to give you further information.

Sincerely,

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Byrne Vicar General

# UNION TRUST National Bank

JAMES S. CRAIG VICE PRESIDENT AND TRUST OFFICER

P. O. BOX 11388 ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA 33733

December 14, 1967

The Very Rev. Monsignor Francis W. Byrne, J.C.L. Archdiocese of Chicago Chancery Office
719 North Wabash Avenue Chicago, Illinois

RE:

. DECEASED

Dear Monsignor Byrne:

Under date of May 12, 1967 we wrote to you regarding a bequest made to the home for homeless children operated by Father Savage at Antioch, Illinois and asked that you furnish us with the name and address of the school and person to write concerning the bequest.

Under date of May 22, 1967 you replied, giving us the name and address of Reverend Joseph Savage. We wrote to Rev. Savage and to date we have heard nothing from him.

We are now in a position to distribute this bequest, but we are unable to do so until we are supplied with the correct name and address of the home for homeless children. We would appreciate any information you can give us regarding this matter. Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

James S. Craig

Vice President & Trust Officer

JSC:djw

December 18, 1967

Mr. James S. Craig Vice President and Trust Officer Union Trust National Bank P. O. Box 11388 St. Petersburg, Florida 33733

Dear Mr. Craig:

Re: , DECEASED

I have your letter of December 14, 1967 regarding the address of the Reverend Joseph Savage. At the time I wrote you on May 22, 1967, the only address we had was "Main Street - Antioch, Illinois". We have discovered a better address, which is -

995 Main Street Antioch, Illinois Telephone: 395-0082.

To the best of my knowledge, however, I know of no home for homeless children operated by Father Savage.

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Byrne Vicar General

FWB;mp

St. Peter Church 557 Kake Street Antioch, Illinois 60002 March 6, 1968

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Heed.

Your Eminence
John Cardinal Cody,

My many friends and people of St. Peter's and I, invite you to attend my Golden Jubilee Mass, March 17th, 4 P.M., St. Peter Church, Antioch, Illinois.

I know you have a very busy schedule but we would appreciate very much if you could find time to honor us at the Mass with your presence.

Wishing you Every Blessing and a heartfelt Memento in the Mass I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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March 12, 1968

Reverend Joseph E. Savage St. Peter Church 557 Lake Street Antioch, Illinois 60002

Dear Father Savage:

I extend to you my heartfelt congratulations and prayerful good wishes on the occasion of your Golden Jubilee Mass. Although I cannot be present in person, I assure you that I am united in prayerful spirit in thanking God for the many years of zealous priestly service which you have given to the Archdiocese of Chicago and to the universal Church. At my Mass on Sunday, you will have a very special memento as I pray the great High Priest to continue to bless you with many more years of sacerdotal service.

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

JPC:ms

### REVEREND JOSEPH SAVAGE 995 S. Main Street Antioch, Illinois 60002

April 9, 1968

Most Reverend John Cardinal Cody 1555 North State Parkway Chicago, Illinois

Your Eminence:

I thank you for your most kind letter upon the occasion of my Golden 50th Anniversary. It made my day perfect.

Again I thank you for the wonderful privilege of imparting the Papal Blessing to all of my friends.

Asking your prayers and blessing, I am

Yours Obediently and Sincerely

in Christ,

Reverend Joseph Savage

On De

April 11, 1968

Reverend Joseph Savage 995 South Main Street Antioch, Illinois 60002

Dear Father Savage:

It was most gracious of you to send me this message of appreciation and this gift for what little I was able to do to make your Golden Anniversary such an enjoyable occasion.

I regretted sincerely that I could not be with you, but my schedule was such that it did not permit me to join with your many friends in tendering to you a tribute for your many years of dedicated service. I have remembered you in my Mass and I pray that God will lengthen your years of priestly service.

Wishing you an abundance of blessings at Eastertide and with kindest personal regards, I am, dear Father Savage,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

JPC:sm

Date 12/24/69 To Mrg. Byme

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### IT'S CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

The most beautiful time of the year — when we celebrate our Savior's Birthday. But for many, many kids throughout the borderland of our vast Southwest you have made almost every day a Christmas day — not only in the material sense because of all the wonderful things you have sent; but also in the spiritual sense because of your unique help to Father James Madden of the mission diocese of El Paso, Texas — and to it's Ordinary — His Grace — Bishop Metzger. With this help, Father James has the opportunity to bring our Lord to numerous young souls, thru his C.Y.O. youth program. Christ is born again in these young hearts, because of your generous hearts; Father Jim can always use old clothes and shoes, old household items, religious articles, canceled stamps and especially old gold and even "Junk Joolery" of all kinds from 24C to 5 & 10c. Very many families are clothed and fed and given other help from funds realized thru the bargain sales of the "Guadalupe Thrift Store." Many more little unfortunate kids in hospitals and orphanages enjoy the beautiful and interesting scrapbooks and holy cards made from the old Christmas and Greeting Cards, that you have sent to us from all over the nation by the hundreds of millions. Many of the good Missionary Sisters make holy cards and distribute them among the poor kids. Father Jim can put to good use all cards of any kind you can send to him down in Texas. As you can see from this Christmas letter the eyes of Texas are upon you, little kid's eyes, that are little windows of pleading, searching souls. Because of your thoughtfulness to go out of your way to help others in the name of God our Father these little windows are lighted with a sparkle of joy — a gleam of gladness — they are thankful eyes. For your convenience you will find enclosed in this letter mailing labels for your much-appreciated package to help the kids,



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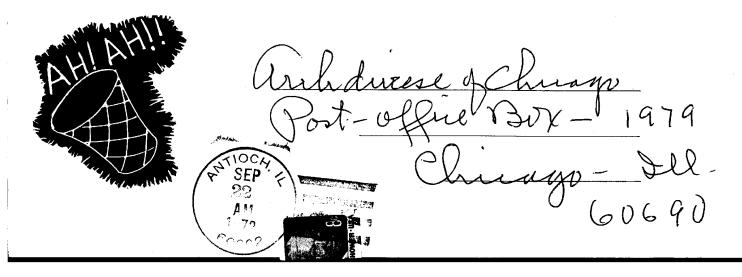
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Each one showed it to your Club the total would be close to 1,000,000.

Each one of you shows your copy to one other person — 60,000.

Each one would give it to your local newspaper column, as an after Christmas request for used cards — you guess it!

FATHER SAVAGE Antioch, Ill.



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LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP

MAR 29 1973

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION

ESTATE OF

JOSEPH E. SAVAGE,

No. 73P-129

Incompetent

## LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP

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### CERTIFICATE

I certify that this is a copy of the letters of office now in force in this estate.

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Stephane Sultkin
Clerk of Court

By Heart
Deputy

JACOBS & CLARK

EDWARD C.JACOBS KENNETH M. CLARK ATTORNEYS AT LAW
425 LAKE STREET
ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS 60002

April 6, 1973

TELEPHONE (312) 395-3434

Chancery Office 211 East Chicago Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611

ATTENTION: Monsignor Richard Rosemeyer

Re: Priest's Retirement and Pension Fund Father Joseph E. Savage 995 Main Street Antioch, Illinois 60002

Dear Monsignor Rosemeyer:

Enclosed herewith please find certified copy of Letters of Conservatorship. You will note from said Letters that on March 29, 1973, I was appointed by the Court to act as Conservator of the Estate of Joseph E. Savage, Incompetent. In my capacity as said Conservator, I will now be handling all of Father Savage's financial affairs.

Therefore, I am requesting that all future pension checks, which I understand are in the sum of \$400.00 per month, be made payable to "Edward C. Jacobs, Conservator of the Estate of Joseph E. Savage, Incompetent" and sent to me at the following address:

Edward C. Jacobs, Conservator 425 Lake Street Antioch, Illinois 60002

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

JACOBS & CLARK

Edward C. Jacobs

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Enclosure



### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

April 10, 1973



Mr. Edward C. Jacobs 425 Lake Street Antioch, Illinois 60002

Dear Mr. Jacoba;



I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 6th informing me of your Court appointment as Conservator of the Batate of Joseph E. Savage.

I will notify our Pension Board so that they may direct future checks to you as indicated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Magr. Richard A. Rosemeyer CHANCELLOR



cc: Rev. Frederick M. Niemeyer

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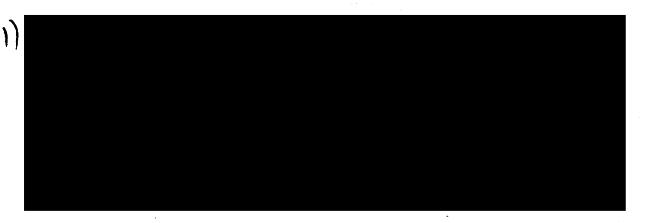
REV. MSGR. F. J. MCELLIGOTT

REV. FRANCIS KUB

September 12, 1973

HIS EMINENCE JOHN CARDINAL CODY Archbishop of Chicago 1555 N. State Parkway Chicago, Illinois 60610

Your Eminence:



Am enclosing our latest listing of all the men with whom the PRMAA is involved in one way or another. Dorothy Vercruysse has a copy also.

It has come to my attention from some of his friends in Antioch, Illinois, that Father Savage, age 83, should no longer be living alone. This is also the opinion of Mr. Edward Jacobs, an attorney, who is conservator of his estate. Am alerting Msgr. Koenig of the situation and the PRMAA will work out a solution to the problem.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Fred Themey

REV. FRED M. NIEMEYER

Treasurer, PRMAA

FMN:abs

Enc.

### September 14, 1973

TO:

Reverend Fred M. Niemeyer

FROM:

Cardinal Cody

RB:

Reverend Joseph A. Savage

I would be very grateful if you might find some place where Father Savage could be cared for.

I have not heard anything about him for some time, but it would be well for us to look after him.

+J. P. C.

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· Rev. Joseph Savage

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October 26, 1973

HIS EMINENCE JOHN CARDINAL CODY Archbishop of Chicago 1555 N. State Parkway Chicago, Illinois 60610

Re:

- (1)
- (2) Rev. Joseph Savage
- (3)

Your Eminence:

This letter will bring you up to date on the above-mentioned men.



2. Rev. Joseph Savage: 83 years of age, now unable to take care of himself, living in his home in Antioch, Illinois. He has a local attorney who is conservator of his estate and receives for Fr. Savage his monthly pension check of \$400.00 from Aetna. He was not at home when I visited him a few weeks ago. I did talk to Fr. Frank Johnson, Pastor of St. Peter's Church, Antioch. Frank had nothing but good to say about Fr. Savage and he and the attorney are going to place him in a Catholic facility in Kenosha, Wisconsin. should relieve the concern many people in town have for Fr. Savage.



The Board of the PRMAA appreciates your great concern for all the men under our care.

Cordially yours in Christ,

REV. FRED M. NIEMEYER Treasurer, PRMAA

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TO:

FATHER NIEMEYER

FROM:

CARDINAL CODY

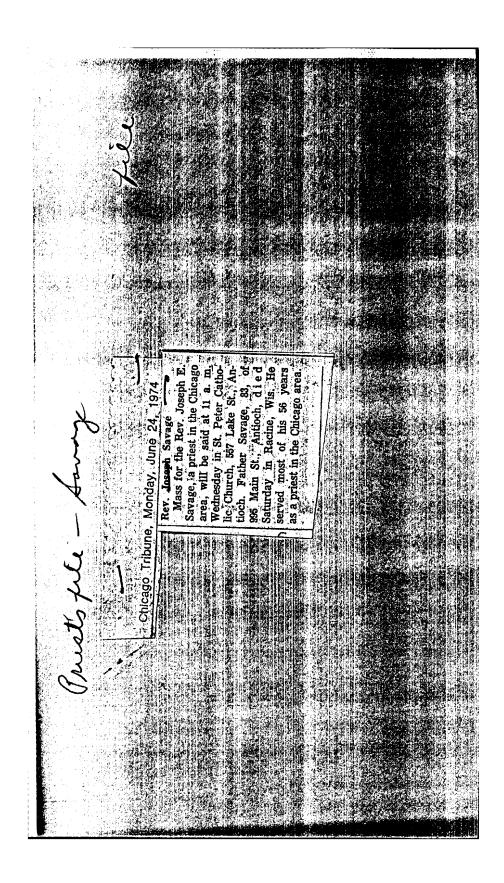
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October 27, 1973

I am very grateful for this information.

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Swage, Joseph E.

### Father Savage, Former Pastor,

Dies at 83

ANTIOCH — Funeral services were held June 26 at St. Peter Church here for Father Joseph E. Savage, retired priest of the Archdiocese and former pastor of St. Patrick Church, Wadsworth, and Holy Cross Church, Deerfield.

Father Savage, 83, died June 22 at St. Catherine Infirmary, Racine, Wis

Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Grady, who represented John Cardinal Cody, was principal celebrant of the Mass and gave the final commendation. Concelebrants were Father Francis L. Johnson, pastor; Father Robert L. Melcher, associate pastor; and Father Lambert V. Studzinski, Cando, N.D.

Interment was at

A NATIVE of Antioch, Father Savage was born the son of the late

Following his early education at Antioch School, he attended St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, and St. Joseph College (Loras College), Dubuque.

After ordination on Mar. 16, 1918, he served as assistant at St. Andrew and St. John Berchmans, Chicago; Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst; St. Mary, Minooka

Elmhurst; St. Mary, Minooka.

He was pattor of St. Patrick
Church, Wadsworth, from 1927 to



June 28, 1974

Father Savage

1931, and of Holy Cross Church, Deerfield, from 1931 until his retirement in 1936.

He is survived by nieces and nephews.

Memo to the file (Savage01)

From: Dan Coughlin

Re: Joseph Savage

Date: 2/6/99

On Monday 1/25/99 I received a call from Bishop Kicanas telling me of a conversation he had with Deacon Bob. I told me I knew Bob. Kicanas suggested that I call because he came across some stories relative to a Father Joseph Savage. Neither Kicanas not I knew of any Archdiocesan priest with that name.

That same morning I called ... He is an insurance agent for the Catholic Knights. When visiting with a client recently, a man 53yrs. old, the gentleman mentioned his anger with the Church. As listened he found out that the man's alienation from the church was rooted in some sexual abuse when he was a pr-adolescent. I never got the gentleman's name. The priest's name was Joseph Savage. In telling the story the man mentioned about six other names to recognized some of the names as men known in the town of Antioch and members of the parish.

The man said that there were not only sexual improprieties but that the priest also had them steal even sacred vessels. These things he would justify beacuse he would send them to the missions.

When heard of the sexual misconduct, he knew that he had to report this matter. He did not tell the man that he felt he needed to report the matter. When he told Kicanas, the Bishop told him that he would call our office for a sense of direction.

I told that I would bring this matter to PCAC that afternoon and then get back to him.

I then called Tom Paprocki to have him look for a file with the name of Joseph Savage and to put the matter on the PCAC agenda.

time to look for a file on Savage before the meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon Tom called me with the file on Savage in hand.

He was born in 1890. Ordained in 1918. He served at St. Andrew, St. Mark, IC in Elmhurst, John Berchman, St. Mark in Manuka. He was pastor at St. Patrick in Wadsworth in 1927 and at Holy Cross in Deerfield in 1936.

When a Mrs. made formal complaint he resigned from the pastorate. He was placed under a double precept and sent to

At the request of Father Jos. Mueller he left and and became an assistant with him in Minocuqua in 1938. Because of problems Mueller dismissed him in 1940. By 1950 he was living alone in his mother's house in Antioch. He helped in Wilmot.

In 1960 the Episcopal church made a complain to the Archdiocese that a priest was involved in desecrations and robbery of some of their churches. Savage was questioned but the evidence was only circumstantial.

In 1963 other names surfaced 
An OSB from Benet Lake states that probably 20

- 25 boys have be hurt by Savage and that he was a "detriment to the Church".

In 1967 he was reprimanded for fund-raising for a "Home for Homeless Children". In 1973 he was unable to care for himself. In June 1974 he died.

After discussion I was directed to talk to the Deacon and tell him to encourage the man to become reconciled with the Church. If he wanted to talk to someone about his problems might suggest he speak with Bishop Kicanas.

On Wednesday 1/27/99 I spoke to Kicanas and told him simply that Savage was a priest of Chicago. He died in 1974. But he was a bad man. I apprised J. Kicanas that I would be calling and

encouraging him to contact Kikanas so to be reconciled with the Church. If and when he accessed Kicanas the Bishop could have him seek help through Victim's Assistance or call our Office. Kicanas phone numbers: office car WV phone number:

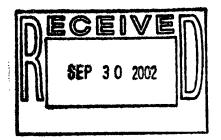
#### Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces an intake report, dated June 19, 2002 and prepared by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Department of Human Resources, summarizing Victim KA's allegation of sexual abuse on behalf of herself and three male relatives against Fr. Joseph Savage when each was a minor. According to the summary, Victim KA alleged that Fr. Savage touched Victim KA inappropriately and was told by Victim JY that Fr. Savage had abused him as well, along with Victim JZ and a third male relative in the mid- to late 1950s. The abuse took place in various locations including Illinois and Wisconsin and often included trips with other boys.



DEPARTMENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

September 26, 2002



Ralph Bonaccorsi Victim Assistance Ministry Archdiocese of Chicago P. O. Box 1979 Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Ralph,

hope all is well with you since we talked in early August.	
With the permission of, I am forwarding to you a report I received from her concerning Fr. Joseph Savage, since we now believe he belonged to the Archdiocese of Chicago. I trust you will respond to in an appropriate manner. September 17, 2002, gave her permission to forward her intake report to the Archdiocese of Chicago.	
Γhanks again, Ralph!	
Sincerely, Barbara	
Barbara Reinke, Ph.D. Director, Project Benjamin	
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Enclosure	
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PFR-149

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

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FROM:

Mayra Flores

RE:

[v. Joseph Savage]

DATE:

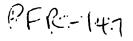
October 3, 2002

I spoke with Sr. Mary Ann Zrust regarding whether Fr. Joseph Savage was an Archdiocese of Chicago priest. She was able to confirm that he was [now deceased] diocesan priest.

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I will refer this matter to the Professional Fitness Review Administator.

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[v. Joseph Savage]

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RE:

DATE:

October 3, 2002

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10/3/02 Sr. Mary annument asked for assignment to check on assignment to Savorge in the 51

### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry

Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

✓ Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review

John O'Malley, Legal Services

Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the PFRB

Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: October 3, 2002

RE: [PFR-147] Savage, Joseph (Deceased)/

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 10/3/02. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Savage, Joseph/

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

A:/PCAC Notification Memo

3126424933 VICAR OF PRIESTS 431 P01 OCT 31 '02 17/ Zrust, Mary Ann Treanor, John From: Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2002 12:06 PM To: Zrust, Mary Ann RE: Parish request Subject: Sr. Mary Ann, The priests were: 1951 Francis M. Flaherty Francis Gilbride St. Peter S. antioch 1952 Alfred Henderson Francis Gilbride 1953-1959 Alfred Henderson Francis Johnson

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

File - PFR-147

From:

Michael C. Just, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Re:

Joseph E. Savage (Deceased)

Date:

December 5, 2002

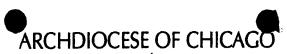
On December 5, 2002, PFRA spoke with and half-brother, were abused as minors by Fr. Joseph Savage [JS], while JS worked out of Holy Name parish in Wilmont, WI. The abuse of her uncles and half-brother occurred in various locations in Wisconsin and Canada. The diocese of Milwaukee initiated an investigation, but transferred the case to AOC since JS was a priest of AOC, residing in Antioch, IL. stated that, although her half-brother had died, her uncles were currently living in the Chicago area.

PFRA provided with his address and phone number and invited her to pass information on to her uncles for an interview. After PFRA's explanation of the review process.

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

interviewed and interview was scheduled.



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

File - PFR-147

From:

Michael C. Just, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator

(3)

Re:

Joseph E. Savage (Deceased)

Date:

December 5, 2002

On December 5, 2002, PFRA spoke with who confirmed that her uncle, and another uncle and half-brother, were abused as minors by Fr. Joseph Savage [JS], while JS worked out of Holy Name parish in Wilmont, WI. The abuse of her uncles and half-brother occurred in various locations in Wisconsin and Canada. The diocese of Milwaukee initiated an investigation, but transferred the case to AOC since JS was a priest of AOC, residing in Antioch, IL. stated that, although her half-brother had died, her uncles were currently living in the Chicago area.

PFRA provided with his address and phone number and invited her to pass information on to her uncles for an interview. After PFRA's explanation of the review process, agreed to be interviewed and interview was scheduled.

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12/6/02 Requested assignments, ministerial \$ Canonical status of Fr. Savage. Laura

PFR-147 Savage

#### Neri-Palomino, Laura

From:

Zrust, Mary Ann

Sent:

Tuesday, December 10, 2002 1:29 PM

To:

Neri-Palomino, Laura

Subject:

Accused

Laura, I had a conversation with Jac Treanor today re: Joseph Savage.

Jac considers Savage one of the worst predators and pedophiles that ever existed. He retired/resigned in 1936. After that, he floated around, disregarded the resignation, said Mass when he wanted to, engaged with youth. Savage had no faculties to continue priestly activities, but went ahead anyway. He was under house arrest in Antioch for a time.

Whatever is available on him is in the archives. I will fax you the card which indicates that he resigned as of 1936 and died in 1974. If people need to know more, they may have to go to archives to review the file.

Have a good day! Mary Ann

### SAVAGE, JOSEPH

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This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Michael Just, Interim Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, summarizing a phone conversation with Victim JZ on December 11, 2002. According to the summary, Victim JZ alleged that he was sexually abused by Fr. Joseph Savage during the 1950s, when Victim JZ was a minor. The abuse occurred approximately ten times over a period of years and took place in Illinois as well as out-of-state. Victim JZ also alleged that Fr. Savage abused two other male family members. Victim JZ concluded the conversation by stating that he does not wish to pursue his allegations any further and wants his case to be closed.

### **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.

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

(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.

(Signature)

(Print Name)



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Date:

January 15, 2003

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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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Savage, Joseph (Deceased)/

Date:

January 15, 2003

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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

This abstract replaces a memorandum dated January 24, 2003, prepared by Michael Just, Interim Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, summarizing Victim KA's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. Joseph Savage when Victim KA was a minor. According to the summary, Victim KA alleged that the abuse occurred in Wisconsin five times in the mid-1950s when Victim KA was between nine and ten years old. The abuse consisted of four instances of Fr. Savage pushing his groin against Victim KA's buttocks and one instance of digital anal penetration of Victim KA by Fr. Savage. Victim KA also alleged that Fr. Savage abused three of her male family members in the 1950s on trips to various locations in Wisconsin and Illinois.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

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From:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re:

Savage, Joseph [Deceased]/

Date:

February 18, 2003

PFRA spoke with Dr. Barbara Reinke [BR] from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin via phone regarding allegation of sexual misconduct against Joseph Savage [JS].

BR stated that according to Milwaukee Archdiocesan records, JS never had an official assignment in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. PFRA explained that alleges that the abuse occurred in the fall of 1953 when she was in third grade at Holy Name school in Wilmont, Wisconsin. BR looked up the assignments for Holy Name school in 1953 and reported that the only priest assigned there was Fr. J [or "Jay"] Herald O'Connor and that there were four Sisters of the Charity assigned at the school as well.

As per BR, there is no record of JS in the Chancery Records in Wisconsin. BR stated that she first heard of JS when contacted her with the allegation. BR tracked JS to the Archdiocese of Chicago and as a result, forwarded 's allegation to our office.

Cc: Bishop-Elect 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

This abstract replaces an intake report, dated October 9, 2003 and prepared by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Department of Human Resources, summarizing Victim KC's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Joseph Savage when Victim KC was a minor. According to the summary, Victim KC alleged that the abuse occurred in the 1950s when Victim KC was between 11 and 16 years old and took place in various locations including Wisconsin and Illinois, often on trips with other boys. The abuse consisted of masturbation and oral sex. Victim KC agreed to sign a release so that the intake report could be forwarded to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE ual Abuse Prevention and Response Services 3501 South Lake Drive Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

4114-769-3436

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AUTHORIZATION FOR MUTUAL	RELEASE OF INFORMATION
Client Name: Date of Birth:	
I do authorize the release of the following infoincluding:	ormation concerning my treatment,
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	ining one of their priests
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Signature of Client: Signature of Witness:	Date: 10-20-03
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RECEIVING AGENCY PLEASE NOTE: This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by federal law. Federal regulations (42 CFR Part 2) prohibit you from making any further disclosure of it without the specific written consent of the person to whom it pertains or as otherwise permitted by such regulations. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is **NOT** sufficient for this purpose.

release form: BR/saz/10/09/03



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November 4, 2003

Ralph Bonaccorsi Victim Assistance Ministry Archdiocese of Chicago P. O. Box 1979 Chicago, Illinois 60690

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
DEFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Ralph,

Enclosed you will find a signed release and copy of an intake report containing new allegations concerning Fr. Joseph Savage. In the context of a previous report, I determined that Fr. Joseph Savage, now deceased, was incardinated with the Archdiocese of Chicago, so I am passing this on to you.

Hope all is well with you, Ralph. Things here remain very busy.

Warmly,

Barbara Reinke, Ph.D.

Director, Sexual Abuse

Prevention & Response Archdiocese of Milwaukee

BR:saz

Enclosure

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TO:

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Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility

John O'Malley, Legal Services

Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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FROM:

Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE:

November 13, 2003

RE:

[PFR-147] Savage, Joseph (Deceased)/

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 11/13/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Savage,

Joseph/

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

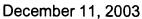
Thank you.

Attachment

cc:

Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway





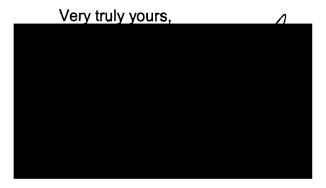
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RE: v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO/FR. JOSEPH SAVAGE

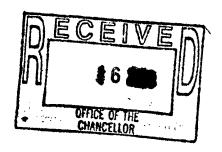
To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I represent in his claim against the ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO and FATHER JOSEPH SAVAGE arising out of sexual childhood abuse committed by FATHER JOSEPH SAVAGE when was a minor.

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 December 23, 2003 to discuss a reasonable resolution to this claim.



**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED** 



This abstract replaces a letter to Leah McCluskey, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, from the wife of Victim JY, dated February 16, 2004. In the letter, Victim JY's wife alleges that Victim JY was sexually abused by Fr. Joseph Savage at various locations in Illinois as well as out-of-state when Victim JY was approximately 13 years old in the early 1950s. Victim JY's wife states that her husband told her of the abuse by Fr. Savage in 1960, when Victim JY was approximately 19 years old. Victim JY's wife also states that she knows of two other boys who were abused by Fr. Savage but that they prefer not to come forward.



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March 22, 2004



Dear

I wanted to thank you so much for your February 16<sup>th</sup> letter that you sent to me. I hope that you can accept my apology for responding to you at this delayed date.

I can only imagine the feelings, emotions, and memories you must have experienced in writing your letter to me. Thank you for everything that you shared about your late husband your relationship, and your experiences resulting from the abuse that Mr. sustained at the hands of Rev. Joseph Savage.

it is my responsibility in this office to contact those individuals who have come forward to the Archdiocese to report that they were abused by a cleric of this diocese when they were minors. I again thank your for writing to me and please know that your letter will be placed in Fr. Savage's file in my office. It is in this office where we keep the files of those priests who have been accused of sexually abusing minors.

The Office of Assistance Ministry provides outreach and offers other supports to survivors of sexual abuse and their families. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Office of Assistance Ministry which includes Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Director, Mrs. Mayra Flores, Assistant to the Director, and Dr. Michael Bland, Clinical Pastoral Coordinator. Please know that they are available for you and if you choose, may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

If you have any questions or concerns that I may be able to assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

you, your husband, and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

This abstract replaces an intake report, dated March 25, 2004 and prepared by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Department of Human Resources, summarizing Victim KB's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Joseph Savage when Victim KB was a minor. According to the summary, Victim KB alleged that the abuse occurred in the early 1950s when Victim KB was between 11 and 14 years old and took place in various locations including Wisconsin and Illinois, often on trips with other boys. The abuse consisted of fondling several times per month over a 3-4 year period. Victim KB also alleged that Fr. O'Connor at Holy Name parish in Wilmot, Wisconsin became aware of Fr. Savage's interactions with Victim KB at one point and instructed Victim KB to tell no one. Victim KB requested a copy of the intake report be submitted to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility

John O'Malley, Legal Services

Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM:

Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE:

April 5, 2004

RE:

[PFR-147]Savage, Joseph (Deceased)/

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 3/31/04. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Savage, Joseph/

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, summarizing a phone conversation with Victim KA on April 5, 2004. According to the summary, Victim KA acknowledged that she had contacted the Archdiocese of Chicago previously regarding her allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Joseph Savage when Victim KA was a minor and that of three other male family members who were also alleged by Victim KA to have been abused by Fr. Savage. Victim KA informed Ms. McCluskey that she had also spoken with Victim KB and Victim KC about their allegations of sexual abuse by Fr. Savage. Victim KA requested from Ms. McCluskey a copy of the report prepared by Michael Just in early 2003 when Victim KA first formalized her allegation with the Archdiocese of Chicago as well as Fr. Savage's assignment history. Ms. McCluskey agreed to contact Victim KA with a response to her requests.

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Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM:

Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE:

April 8, 2004

RE:

[PFR-147]Savage, Joseph (Deceased)/

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 4/8/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Savage, Joseph/

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Thank you.

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From:

To:

Laura A. Neri-Palomino

File - PFR-147

Re:	Savage, Joseph (Deceased)/
Date:	April 8, 2004
	Barbara Reinke, Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, ay. She received a call from with an allegation of sexual misconduct eph Savage.
10p200, J 00.	that if he wanted her to contact the Archdiocese of Chicago and he told Ms. Reinke that he very much wants to speak to someone from the f Chicago about the alleged abuse by Fr. Savage.
Per Ms. Reinke Illinois	stated that the alleged abuse occurred in 1950 at Holy Name in Wilmot,

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TO:

Leah McCluskey

FROM:

Mayra Flores

RE:

[v. Joseph Savage]

DATE:

April 8, 2004

Leah,

VAM received a voicemail message today (10:26 a.m.) from Barbara Reinke (Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee). Barb was calling to refer another Victim-Survivor, who claims abuse by Joseph Savage. Barb provided 's phone number (and asked that the Archdiocese of Chicago contact him directly. She also asked if you could give her a call regarding this matter. She can be reached at 414/769-3436.





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May 13, 2004



Dear

I apologize for the delay in sending this information to you, and I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

I have enclosed a copy of the report written by Michael Just based upon the information that you shared with him on January 14, 2003. The information that I have removed from the report is that information shared with Mr. Just that he received from other individuals.

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey

Professional Responsibility Administrator

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JAMES A. SERRITELLA DIRECT DIAL NUMBER (312) 840-7040 jserritella@burkelaw.com

May 14, 2004

<u>VIA I</u>	FACSII	MILE (	) & U.S. N	MAIL	
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	Re:		 	Rev. Joseph	Savage
Dear					

I am following up on your letter of December 11, 2003 to the Archdiocese regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she has been in contact with you about this matter and that she does not require an additional interview. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8267), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

James A. Serritella

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cc: Leah McCluskey Ralph Bonaccorsi

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To:	File – PFR-147
From:	Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator
Re:	Savage, Rev. Joseph [Deceased]/
Date:	September 23, 2004
in regards to h Archdiocese o on March 31,	of files, it was determined that PRA last left a message for was asked to contact PRA is allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Joseph Savage. The f Chicago was notified of sallegation against Fr. Savage 2004 via written correspondence from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.  In time, PRA will continue to wait to receive contact from

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

Office of Legal Services

John C. O'Malley Director

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Tel: (312) 751-5379 Fax: (312) 751-5252 e-mail: jomalley@archchicago.org

November 18, 2004

#### PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. George D. Strickland Assistant State's Attorney Chief Criminal Division Office 18 County Street Waukegan, Illinois 60085 RECEIVED

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.\*

Dear Mr. Strickland:

The Archdiocese of Chicago has received allegations of sexual abuse regarding Rev. Joseph E. Savage, an Archdiocesan priest, who served in the Lake County area and southern Wisconsin during the 1950's. The priest is deceased.

The following allegations of sexual misconduct have been reported to our office:





All of the allegations took place in the 1950's and the victims were minors at the time.

I have some recollection that we spoke about allegations against Fr. Savage, however; I can't confirm that from our files. Nevertheless, this letter is to confirm that we are reporting these allegations at this time.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

John C. O'Malley

Director of Legal Services

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cc:

Ms. Leah McCluskey

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This abstract replaces an intake report, dated February 4, 2005, prepared by Amy Peterson, Program Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Office of Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services, summarizing Victim JX's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Joseph Savage when Victim JX was a minor. According to the summary, Victim JX alleged that he was abused by Fr. Savage when he was between 8 and 12 years old in the mid-1950s. The abuse took place on trips, often with other boys, to various locations and consisted of fondling, masturbation and oral sex. Victim JX gave permission for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to contact the Archdiocese of Chicago.

This abstract replaces an e-mail from Victim JX to Amy Peterson, Program Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Office of Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services, dated February 10, 2005. In the e-mail, Victim JX thanks Ms. Peterson for listening to Victim JX's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Joseph Savage and makes several additions and changes to the intake report that Ms. Peterson prepared. According to Victim JX, the abuse occurred fifty years previously, took place on trips, often with other boys, to various locations and consisted of fondling, masturbation and oral sex.

This abstract replaces an undated document titled "IMPACT STATEMENT" which details the effects that the sexual abuse by Fr. Joseph Savage when Victim JX was a minor had on Victim JX throughout Victim JX's life. According to the statement, the abuse began when Victim JX was eight years old, took place on trips to various locations and consisted of masturbation of Victim JX and others by Fr. Savage and oral sex by Victim JX and others on Fr. Savage.

From:

Leah McCluskey

To:

Peterson, Amy

Date: Subject: 2/15/2005 9:14:09 AM

Amy,

Just wanted to follow up with the message that I left for you this morning.

has already met with you and provided you with details of his allegation Due to the fact that against Fr. Savage, I do not intend to meet with him again to ask of him the same information. I will consider the information that you forwarded to me regarding your meeting with , his formal allegation against Fr. Savage.

I will now forward this matter to our Office of Assistance Ministry. I intend to contact phone today and share with him what I have shared with you in terms of the intended "process" of the the choice to have someone from Assistance Ministry Archdiocese of Chicago. I will give contact him, or if he would like to contact them on his own.

Thanks again for your help with this Amy. Talk to you soon.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW Professional Responsibility Administrator Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Professional Responsibility 676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910 Chicago, Illinois 60611

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Imccluskey@archchicago.org

Bland, Michael; Bonaccorsi, Ralph; Flores, Mayra CC:

From:

Leah McCluskey

To:

Bland, Michael; Bonaccorsi, Ralph; Flores, Mayra

Date:

2/16/2005 3:33:00 PM

Subject:

Savage/

Greetings!

Just received a return phone call from . He was referred to us by Amy Peterson in Milwaukee.

As a result, I to your office. When given the choice, stated that he would prefer a contact from one of you. He may be reached either at home or on his cell

I will type up a memo based upon my phone conversation with today, but wanted to let all of you know of our contact and his wish to hear from you.

Call me with any questions--thanks.

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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<MJBland773@aol.com>

To:

<MFlores@ArchChicago.org>

Date:

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Subject:

Fwd: Fwd: Savage

I would be willing to call him since I have "worked" with many of the folks from that area. I can also tell you that \_\_\_\_\_\_ mjb

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June 9, 2005

VIA 1	FACSIMILE ( & U.S. MAIL
	Re: Rev. Joseph Savage
Dear	
someo either Archd	I am following up on your statement of May 26, 2005 informing me that you are the attorney regarding the above matter. I have notified Ms. Leah McCluskey, the ssional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that one from her office has been or will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8267), Assistance Minister of the liocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist or client's choice.
	Please direct your communications about this matter to the undersigned.
	Very truly yours,
:	James A. Serritella
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cc:	Leah McCluskey (via facsimile) Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)



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#### Memorandum

To:

File - PFR-147

From:

Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator

Re:

Savage, Rev. Joseph (Deceased)/

Date:

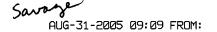
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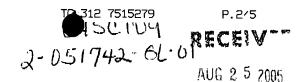
PRAA consulted with the Professional Responsibility Administrator and decided to make this case inactive.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee made the Office of Professional Responsibility aware of a sallegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Savage.

did not respond to PRA's attempt to contact in May 2004.

Cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry





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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Archdiocese of Chicago 155 East Superior Street Chicago, IL 60611

RE:

Our Tax ID#: 36-330-9366 Our File No. 5N-0093

Sir/Madam:

We represent the above-named individual in a cause of action about to be brought against you for injuries and damages due to your negligent conduct.

Enclosed please find our Notice of Attorney's Lien which is being sent to you in accordance with Illinois Statutes.

We would suggest that you forward this tien to your insurance company immediately.

Very truly yours.



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August 22, 2005

TO: Archdiocese of Chicago 155 East Superior Street Chicago, IL 60611

Please take notice that the control of the control

You are hereby notified that the Claimant(s) entered into a contract with me to pay me as compensation for services rendered and to be rendered in and about the prosecution of the said suit, claim, demand or cause of action, a sum up to one-third of any amount recovered by way of settlement or otherwise, prior to the actual trial of said cause in Court, and up to one-third of any amount recovered after suit is started and the trial of said cause is begun.

You are further notified that by virtue of the Attorncy's Lien Law of 1909, as amended, I claim a lien to the extent of my interest, as above set forth in said claim, demand, cause of action and suit at law, which said lien, by virtue of said law, attaches to any verdict or judgment entered or to be entered in such suit or to any money or property which may be recovered by the claimant(s) on account of such claim, suit, demand or cause of action from and after the service of this notice.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that on the 22<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2005, she served the foregoing claim of lien upon the above-named party by regular and certified U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, and that she deposited the original thereof enclosed in an envelope addressed to the said above-named party at the above address in the U.S. Mail Chute at with the proper postage thereon fully prepaid.

[X] Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109 (1993), I certify that the statements set forth herein are true and correct.

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September 22, 2005

VIA FEDER	AL EXPRESS
Re:	Joseph Savage, a deceased priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Dear I	<b>:</b>
	made payable to and and as Attorney for the above matter, along with a and as Attorney for
Please	call if you have any questions.
	Very truly yours, Patricia B. Carlo

Patricia B. Carlson

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Re:

/Father Joseph Savage

Dear

I am following up on your letter of August 22, 2005 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that someone from her office has been or will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8267), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.

Please direct your communications about this matter to the undersigned.

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From:	Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator
Re:	Savage, Rev. Joseph (Deceased)/
Date:	October 19, 2005
	ulted with Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator (PRA) e above case.
	wed the file and located a "Sex Abuse Intake Report" written by Amy rogram Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, WI. This report s allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. Savage.
PRAA called	with Attorney with Attorney 's office.  had contacted PRA on 10/17/05 to inquire as to next steps in the process ffice of Professional Responsibility (OPR).
	detailed voicemail for explaining that per the file, it appeared ocess was complete and directed him to the Office of Legal Services.

Cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

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November 16, 2006

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Very truly yours,

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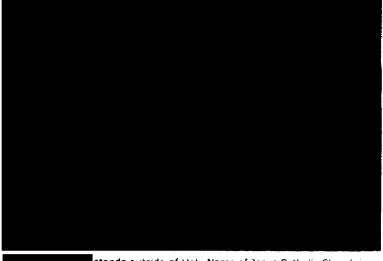
# 'He may have stolen my youth, but I won't let him have my faith'

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stands outside of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Wilmot. ( SEAN KRAJACIC )

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It's been 11 years since now 68, reported the sexual abuse she suffered as a child at the hands of a local priest.

She said there is satisfaction in knowing her abuser, Joseph Savage, has been unmasked. It allowed her to begin the healing process.

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"I still don't necessarily trust people who are in a position of authority in

the church," said. "But I am a Catholic and no one is ever going to take that away from me. He may have stolen my youth, but I won't let him have my faith."	
wasn't the only one to issue allegations against priests who served at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Wilmot in the 1950s.  and brought official complaints before the Archdiocese of Milwaukee regarding alleged abuse by former priests Harold Herbst and Joseph Savage.	
Scared into silence	
said her late brother and two other family members were also allegedly abused by Savage — who had been defrocked by the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1936, prior to coming to Wilmot.	
Scared into silence in their youth, it took more than 30 years for the alleged victims to come forward. Both priests were already deceased when the reports were filed. The purpose of their reports, they said, was to reach out to other victims and make sure information about clergy abuse is made public.	
"We wanted to reach out to other victims and let them know they are not alone," said. "There are hundreds out there. We have just scratched the surface."	
Confided in another abuser	
first went to the Rev. George Nuedling at St. John Catholic Church in Twin Lakes before going public. This was before allegations regarding Nuedling surfaced.	
"The first person I told was Father George Nucdling," she said. "He was good to my family. My father converted because of him. I respected him and I trusted him. That is why I went to him."	
Nuedling's response was that she should tell her husband and pray. She didn't know she had confessed her abuse to another abuser.	
"When I found out the monster he was I felt abused all over again," she said.	
said the Archdiocese of Milwaukee referred her to Chicago. In 2003, she received a report from the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Professional Fitness Review. She learned Savage was forced to resign in 1936 after alleged sexual abuse of a 14-year-old boy. However, none of that information was shared with subsequent congregations where Savage served.	
According to the report says he was possibly reinstated in 1938 at a diocese in northern Wisconsin. It is unclear how Savage was allowed to celebrate his Golden Jubilee at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Antioch, Ill., when he was no longer a member of that diocese.	
Goes public with report	

She went public with the findings. It was a frightening thing to do, she said.

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"It wasn't easy to walk around town after the article came out," she admits, referencing a newspaper article that appeared in the Kenosha News in April 2004.

But people did come forward. She got letters from other victims, some anonymous, some signed.

Documents regarding the allegations involving Herbst were released earlier this year by the Achdiocese of Milwaukee. Those involving Savage were handled by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

#### **Counseling sessions**

said the Archdiocese of Chicago provided group and individual counseling, along with opportunities for victim-survivors to attend overnight retreats.

Her counseling sessions ended this spring.

"That was very traumatic for me — to end that." she said, adding if she could have continued it for the rest of her life, she would.

She is grateful for the Rev. Roger Savage at Holy Name (no relation to Joseph Savage) for believing her and being an advocate for the victim survivors from that parish.

"My former parish has removed the pictures of my abuser and the two pastors be served under who knew about the abuse but did not stop it," said.

In 2004 and 2005, the archdiocese in Milwaukee entered into settlements with victims claiming abuse by Herbst. The initial settlement, which included Holy Name Congregation, resulted in a payment of \$75,000. The latter one resulted in a payment of \$75,000, and up to an additional \$25,000 for any treatment needs.

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#### Group creates Healing Garden at parish

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A focal point of the Healing Garden at Holy Family Church in Chicago is the sculpture Circle of Love. , depicting the Holy Family that is a gift of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. ( Catholic New World photo )

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The Healing Garden at Holy Family Parish in Chicago is a place where victims of clergy abuse can go to feel free from fear, shame and judgment.
"We want it to be a place where people will find compassion, comfort and healing,", a member of the planning committee, said.
by the Archdiocese of Chicago to help make the garden, dedicated on June 9, 2011, a reality. The committee also included two diocesan priests and staff from the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth.
"Being able to serve on the Healing Garden Committee has been a tremendous catalyst in my growth," said. "I can now manage my anger and overwhelming fears."
Being involved in the project also helped find her way back to the church.
"I have recently returned to attending Mass and receiving the sacraments with great joy," said. "The pain will always be there, but I have channeled it into helping others."
The garden was the site of a recent Mass of Atonement, attended by hundreds who prayed for the protection of children.
"It is not just for those who have been abused," said. "It is also for those whose faith has been shaken by the stories."
The location of the garden at Holy Family Parish, 1080 W. Roosevelt Road in Chicago, is an appropriate testament to survival and strength, said. Holy Family Church is one of only two to survive the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.
The lush gardens symbolize rebirth and growth. said there are more than 25 varieties of trees, plants and flowers.
But it is the centerpiece of the garden, a sculpture called The Circle of Love, that said is her favorite detail. The sculpture depicts the Holy Family joyfully dancing together.
"The statue is very moving to me," she said, "They are dancing — smiling — in a circle of love. It is very uplifting." $$
The bronze sculpture, a work by artist George Michael Myers of Prescott, Ariz., weighs just under 600 pounds. It is a gift from the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

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