

This is the only thing in his handwriting  
in his envelope. Do you think we could  
check back on some dispensation he  
might have applied for.

## Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

**Richard Gregory  
Theisen**

Born: [REDACTED] Ordained: 05/01/1952 Died: 01/21/2013 Ethnicity:

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Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
St. Francis Borgia Parish (Addison St.)	Assistant Pastor	07/08/1952	07/09/1958
St. Patrick High School (Adams) (boys)	Staff	10/26/1957	
St. Francis de Sales Parish (Ewing Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	07/09/1958	07/09/1963
St. Henry Parish (Hoyne Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	07/09/1963	06/30/1965
St. Christina Parish (111th St.)	Assistant Pastor	06/30/1965	08/23/1966
St. Leonard Parish (Berwyn)	Assistant Pastor	08/23/1966	06/08/1972
St. Cornelius Parish (Foster Ave.)	Associate Pastor	06/08/1972	06/01/1978

**Extraordinary  
Appointments:**

**June 30th, 1952**

**My dear Father Theisen,**

**I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of  
St. Francis Borgia Church, Chicago, Illinois.**

**You will kindly report for duty to Father Hemrick  
on July 8th.**

**With blessing,**

**Archbishop of Chicago**

**Reverend Richard G. Theisen  
5554 N. Paulina Street  
Chicago 40 Illinois**

OCTOBER 26, 1957

MY DEAR FATHER THEISEN:

HIS EMINENCE HAS ASKED ME TO WRITE TO YOU TO INFORM YOU THAT HE IS APPOINTING YOU TO THE VERY IMPORTANT WORK OF SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE FOR THE BOYS IN ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL. THIS WORK WILL NOT TAKE TOO MUCH OF YOUR TIME BUT WILL BE VERY VALUABLE FOR THE SPIRITUAL FORMATION OF THESE YOUNG MEN.

WILL YOU KINDLY CALL BROTHER PAUL TO TELL HIM THAT YOU WILL SERVE. BROTHER PAUL WILL GIVE YOU FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

WITH BEST WISHES.

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST,

RT. REV. MSGR. EDWARD M. BURKE,  
CHANCELLOR

REVEREND RICHARD THEISEN  
ST. FRANCIS BORGIA RECTORY  
3520 NORTH PANAMA STREET  
CHICAGO 34, ILLINOIS

July 1st, 1958

My dear Father Theisen:

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Chicago, Illinois, transferring you as assistant to the pastor of St. Francis Borgia Church, Chicago, Illinois.

You will kindly report for duty on July 9th to Father Memmesheimer, the pastor.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Geo. J. Casey  
Administrator

Reverend Richard Theisen  
St. Francis Borgia Rectory  
3520 N. Panama Av.  
Chicago ILL.

By Heffner

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

*Chancery Office*

719 NORTH WABASH AVENUE  
CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

June 27, 1963

✓ My dear Father Theisen:

I hereby appoint you assistant to  
✓ the pastor of St. Henry Church, Chicago, Illinois,  
transferring you from assistant to the pastor of  
✓ St. Francis de Sales Church, Chicago.

You will kindly report for duty  
on Tuesday, July 9th to Father Fuessel, the pastor.

Wishing you every blessing, I  
remain,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Albert Cardinal Meyer*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Richard G. Theisen

St. Francis de Sales Rectory

10201 S. Ewing Avenue

Chicago 17 Illinois

AOC 020172

June 14, 1965

My dear Father Theisen:

I hereby appoint you assistant to  
the pastor of **St. Christina Church, Chicago, Illinois,**  
transferring you from assistant to the pastor of **Saint**  
**Henry Church, Chicago.**

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

Wishing you every blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Cletus F. O'Donnell  
Administrator

Reverend **Richard G. Theisen**

**St. Henry Rectory**

**6404 Ridge Av.**

**Chicago Ill.**

[REDACTED]

April 17, 1966

Most Reverend Cletus F. O'Donnell  
Cathedral of Holy Name  
N. State and Superior Streets  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bishop O'Donnell:

I became aware of a situation about four months ago which has concerned me. Recently, I spoke to a Priest about it, and he suggested that I write to you.

I have charge of a college residence hall. About five months ago I absent mindedly opened a letter in my mailbox while opening my mail. This letter was addressed to one of the dorm girls whose mailbox was near mine, but it was put in the wrong mailbox by the girl at the switchboard. The letter was obviously from a Priest, but it was signed love, Rick. The contents of the letter indicated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In checking I have found that she writes to Father almost every day, and he writes about three times a week. Father's name is Father Richard Theisen and hers is [REDACTED]. I do not want to accuse them of anything wrong, however, I would not want anything to happen to either of them, especially Father.

I have said nothing to [REDACTED], and she is not aware that I know about the situation for I merely wrote opened by mistake on the envelope without signing my name.

The Priest that I consulted said that you would know how to take care of the situation. I realize that it is most difficult without any proof, and just the above information, but I will help in any way I can.

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]



CATHEDRAL of the HOLY NAME  
730 N. WABASH AVENUE — CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

April 27, 1966

Your Excellency:

The attached letter was received while you were in Rome. As yet I have not acknowledged it for I judged it should be referred to you. We have had complaints of the same nature about Fr. Theisen in the past, but could never prove anything. I have had him in the Chancery twice several years ago but he always denied being involved. If there is anything you wish me to do about the matter please let me know.

as ever in Christ,  
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*(V. 11 1966)*

*Confidential*

May 2, 1966

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Through the kindness of Bishop O'Donnell, he has shared your very gracious letter of April 17, 1966 with me in view of the urgency of the matter.

It seems quite providential that you opened the letter which was intended for one of your students and I see in this a special act of Divine Providence to protect one of our young priests. After having discussed the matter thoroughly with him, I do hope that this association will be immediately terminated. He is surely aware of the precarious position in which he has placed himself and he realizes, I believe, the scandal of which he may unwittingly been the cause. I have given him very definite directives and I pray that this matter will be settled at once.

I am personally very grateful to you for having the courage and the determination to bring this to the attention of the proper ecclesiastical authorities. In the field of human relations and emotions all too often direct contact with Superiors is the last thing to be thought of. It is for this reason I express my deep personal appreciation for your communication.

Begging God to bless you in your dedicated work and assuring you of a continuing remembrance in my prayers, I am, dear [REDACTED]

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

JPC: DR.

AOC 020176

*Prest. file*

August 24, 1966

Reverend Richard F. Theisen  
St. Christina Rectory  
11005 South Homan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60655

Dear Father Theisen:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Assistant to the Reverend Leopold A. Peschon, Pastor of St. Leonard Church, 3318 South Clarence Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, and in accordance with Canon 476, 3, to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

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

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

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rev. Leopold A. Peschon

AOC 020177

Jan. 29, 1971

REPORT OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH RICHARD THEISSEN, ST. LEONARD

Dick wants to teach religion in high school. He is disturbed at what the young people are getting today in their courses. He feels he is qualified to do a good job. He is not necessarily looking for a full-time job as such. When I pressed him, he ~~alluded~~ as how he had done the associate - teacher role at Francis de Sales. This was very taxing, and he does not want to do it again.

What he wants is an assignment to teach religion. He could do this while still being an associate, but he does not want to go through the problem of fighting the pastor or staff to teach. He wants a clear appointment to be "associate at \_\_\_\_ parish also to teach mornings at \_\_\_\_\_ high school."

It took some digging to get this out of Dick. I'm not sure whether he just hadn't given it specific thought or whether he was "afraid" to ask. My impression is that authority is a problem with him. He wants clear cut directions.

He is not unhappy, nor is he seeking an immediate change. He just wants the board to consider the needs of high school youngsters for good religious training, and if any openings as described come along, he is volunteering his services.

I asked him to write an official request to the Board clearly stating his own priorities - this letter to be filed in his active file for future reference. I also told him I would personally keep an eye open.

P. O'Connell

ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

MINUTES  
Meeting No. 79 - Second Board

Meeting: Friday, January 29th, 1971 - 11:00 A.M.

Place: Personnel Board Office

Absent: F. Byrne, E. Roche, R. Vanecko

1. Minutes of Meeting No. 78, were approved.

2. Reports:

- [REDACTED]

- Re: Richard Theisen: O'Malley reported that Dick is interested in teaching religion in a high school in the mornings and also working as an associate in a parish. However, to avoid the problem of having to fight the pastor and associates to enable him to teach, he would want a clear appointment to be "an associate at \_\_\_\_\_ parish and to teach mornings at \_\_\_\_\_ high school." O'Malley asked Dick to write to the Board so that his request can be noted in his active file.

- [REDACTED]

3. Agenda was approved with additions:

- [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

3. Agenda approved with additions:

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- Letter of R. Theisen.

- [REDACTED]

3a) Re: Letter of R. Theisen - Richard did not appreciate our answer to his request that he be officially appointed a teacher of Religion in a Catholic High School along with an appointment to a parish as an associate. CARDIFF AND O'MALLEY will talk to Richard to clear up the misunderstanding, (Pat will not be free at all until after Wednesday of next week).

3b) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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8. Richard Theisen was invited by Cardiff to speak to O'Malley and himself, but he stated that such a discussion was not necessary. Cardiff discussed the correspondence that was had between himself and Theisen and cleared up the misunderstandings. Dick is not anxious for a change unless it is to a teaching position in religion where it would come as a definite appointment along with some parish work.

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

M I N U T E S

Meeting No. 12 - Third Board

Meeting: Friday, January 7th, 1972  
Absent: J. R. Keating (sick), T. Ventura (sick), P. O'Malley (vacation)  
Place: Priests' Personnel Board Office

1. Minutes of Meeting No. 11 were approved with the following correction:

[REDACTED]

2. Reports:

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[REDACTED]

Other Reports:

[REDACTED]

Scheid - [REDACTED] is willing to be considered for a change now. R. Theisen, '52 is ready for a change; he would like a parish on the North Side where he could teach at Loyola. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

8. List of possible men to consult about changes:

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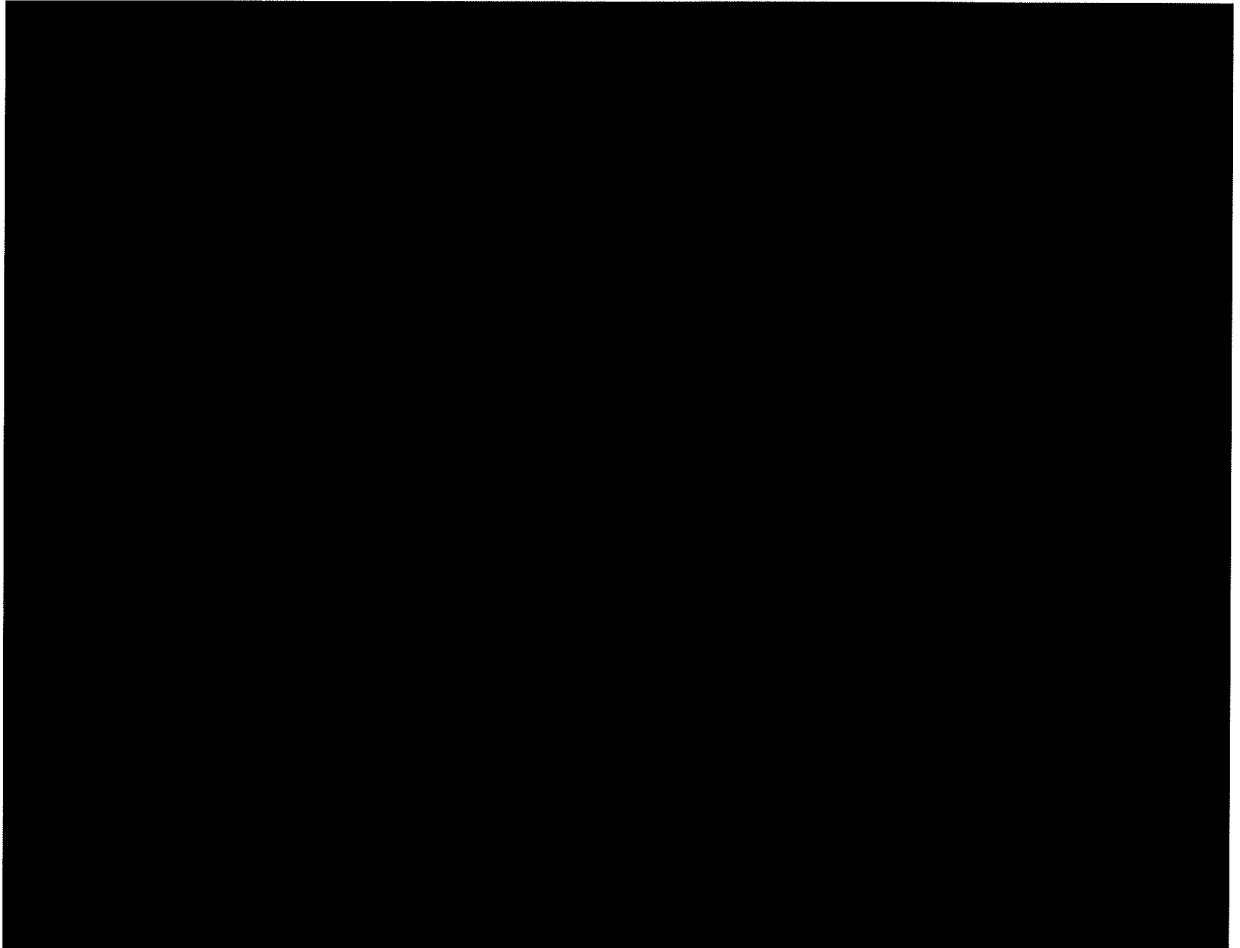
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- (1) Wachowiak and Adams will contact the men on above list No. 8.
- (2) The Board members will contact the remaining men as a courtesy with low expectation.
- (3) A record of significant information will be kept in the man's file.

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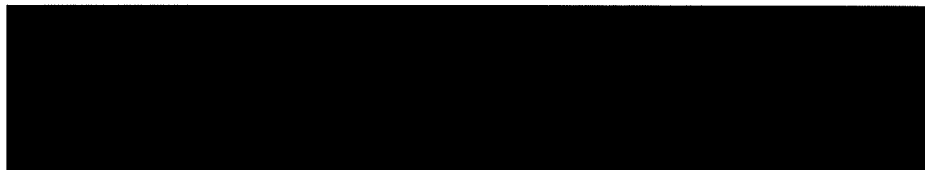
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d. Parishes available for the Newly Ordained

Recommendations to open places for Newly Ordained:



Richard Thiesen: St. Cornelius - (SCHEID TO CONSULT)



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- Richard Thiesen to St. Cornelius - SCHEID

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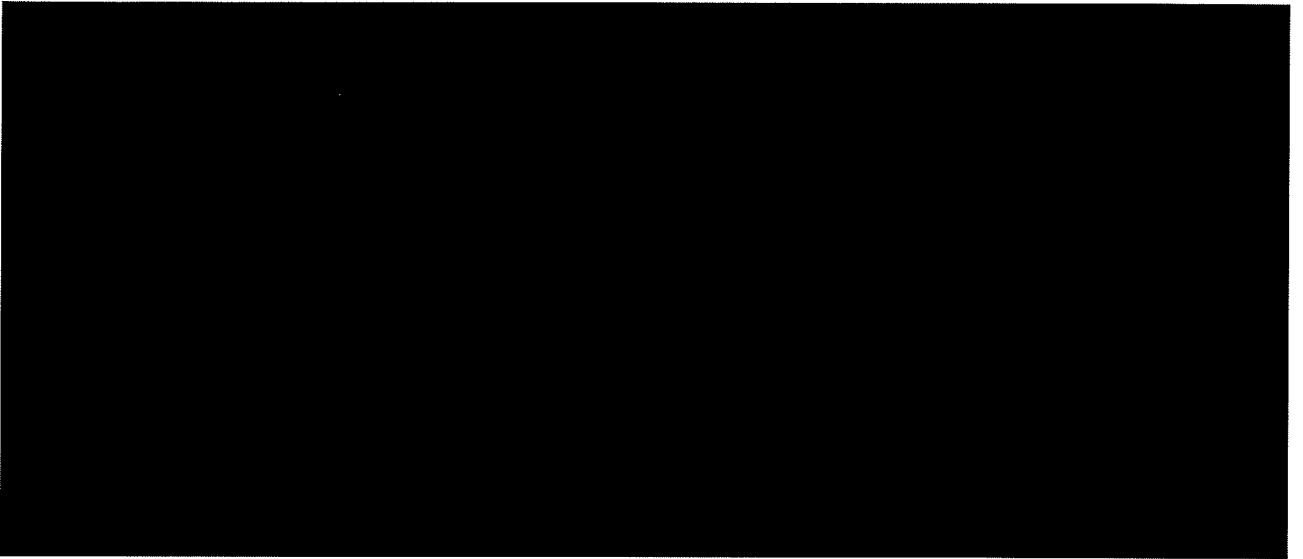
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Results of Consultations:

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k) R. Thiesen to St. Cornelius - no contact.

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- n)
- o)



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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 26 - Third Board  
Tuesday, March 21, 1972 - 10:00 A.M.  
Place: The Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois

1. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting No. 25
2. Reports on other matters than Consultations for the Big Change
3. Approval of the Agenda

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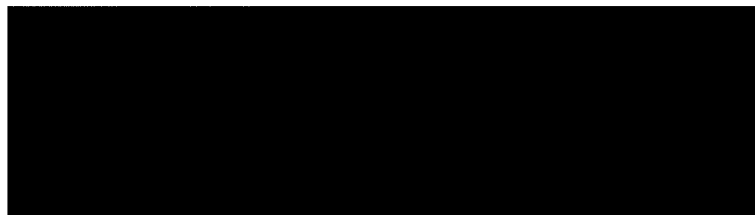
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7. Associates:

A. Report on Consultations:

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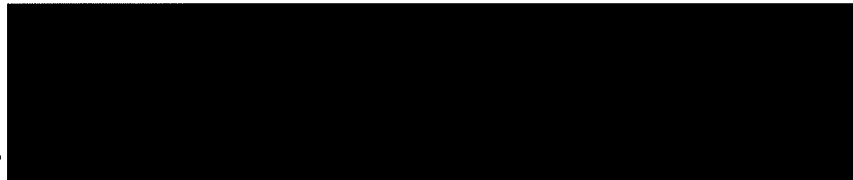
R. Thiesen to St. Cornelius - SCHEID



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8. Consultations

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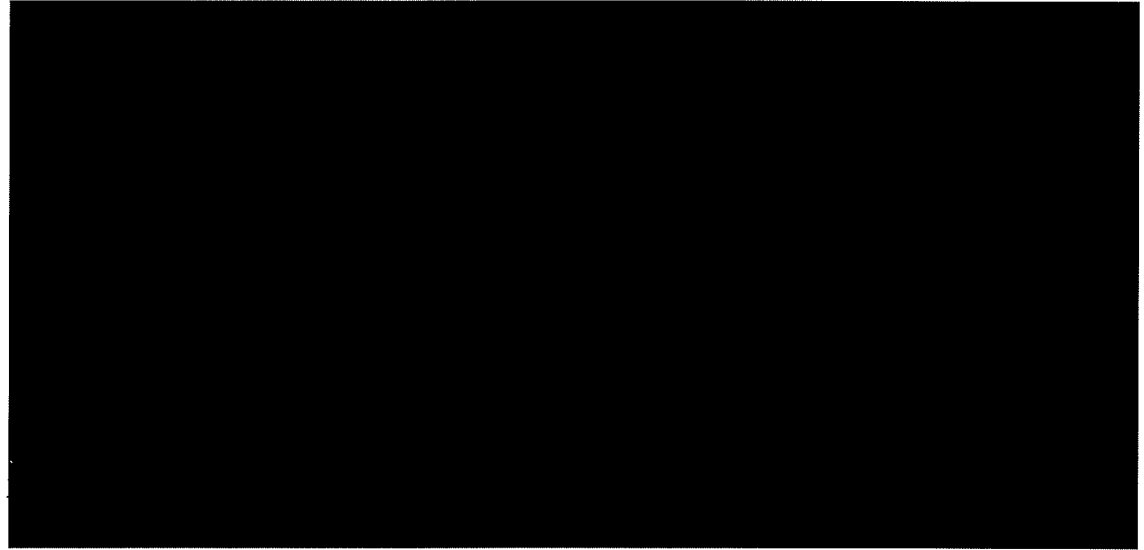
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g) R. Thiesen to St. Cornelius (SCHEID) - Dick is interested; no contact with pastor as yet.

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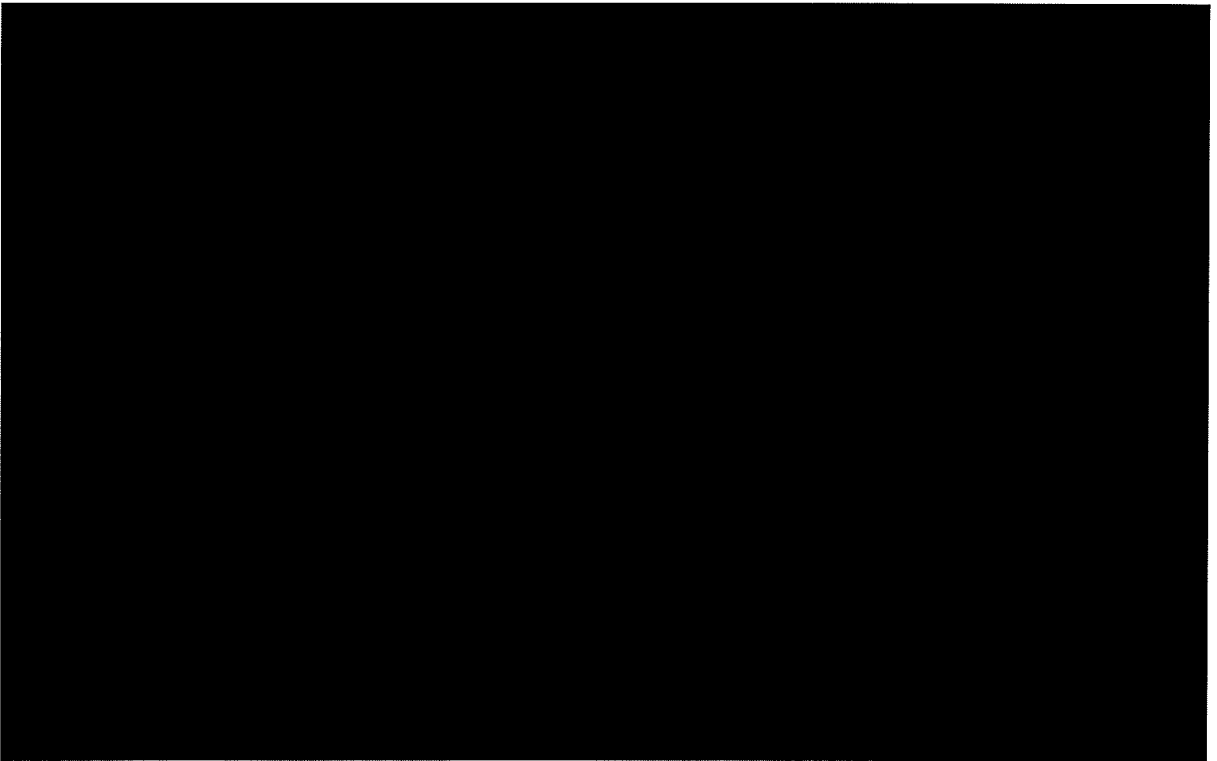
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5. "BIG CHANGE"

A. Results of Consultations

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[REDACTED]

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3. (SCHEID) -

[REDACTED]

- R. Theisen to St. Cornelius: PENDING.

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 28 - Third Board

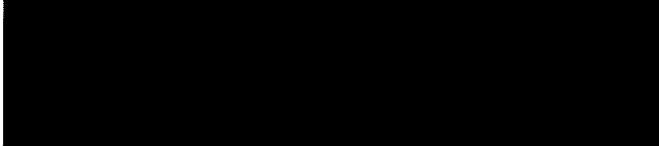
Tuesday, March 28th, 1972 - 10:30 A.M.

Place: Priests' Personnel Board Office

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1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 27

2. Reports:



Other Reports:

3. Approval of the Agenda:

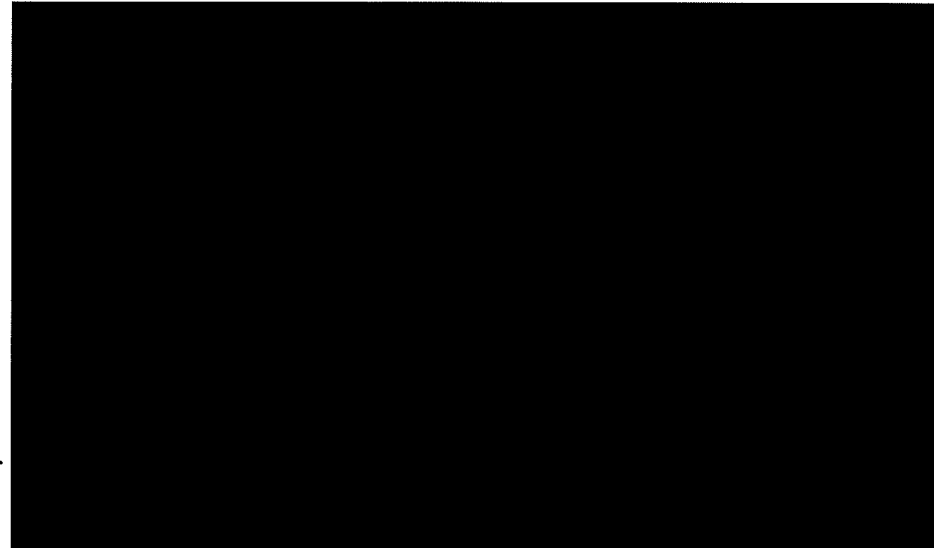
4. "Big Change":

A) Results of Consultations

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R. Theisen to St. Cornelius - SCHEID



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6) R. Theisen to St. Cornelius - He and Pastor are interested.

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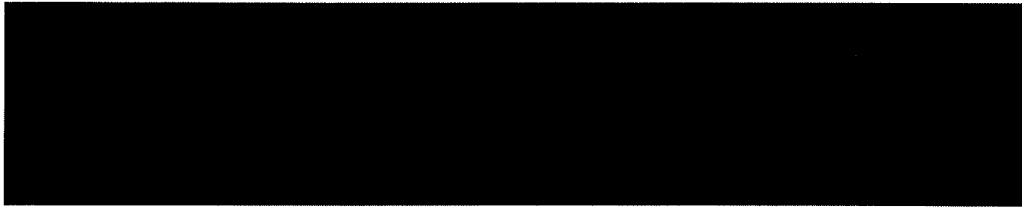
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- R. Theisen says YES to St. Cornelius. Still have to hear from J. R. Gleason.

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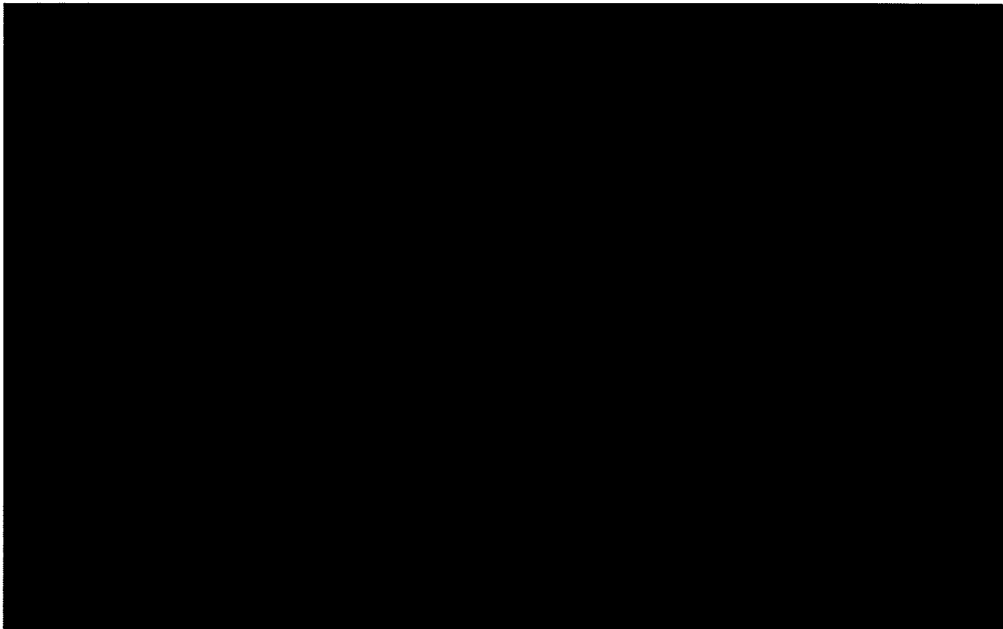
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d) R. Theisen to St. Cornelius - APPROVED FOR WSR.

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- 2) [REDACTED]
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- 9) [REDACTED]
- 10) [REDACTED]
- 11) [REDACTED]
- 12) St. Cornelius Parish - [REDACTED] was transferred early. J. Gleeson asks for immediate replacement. R. Theissen to St. Cornelius immediately (for next WSR) LYNCH will consult Theissen and Farrell about this.

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

A G E N D A

Meeting No. 35 - Third Board  
Tuesday, May 2nd, 1972 - 10:30 A.M.  
Place: Priests' Personnel Board Office

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 34.

2. Reports:

a) Re: Request of immediate transfer of R. Theisen to St. Cornelius. Msgr. Farrell asks that this be postponed until the Big Change because [REDACTED] is not well at this time.

b) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. Approval of the Agenda:

4. [REDACTED]

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

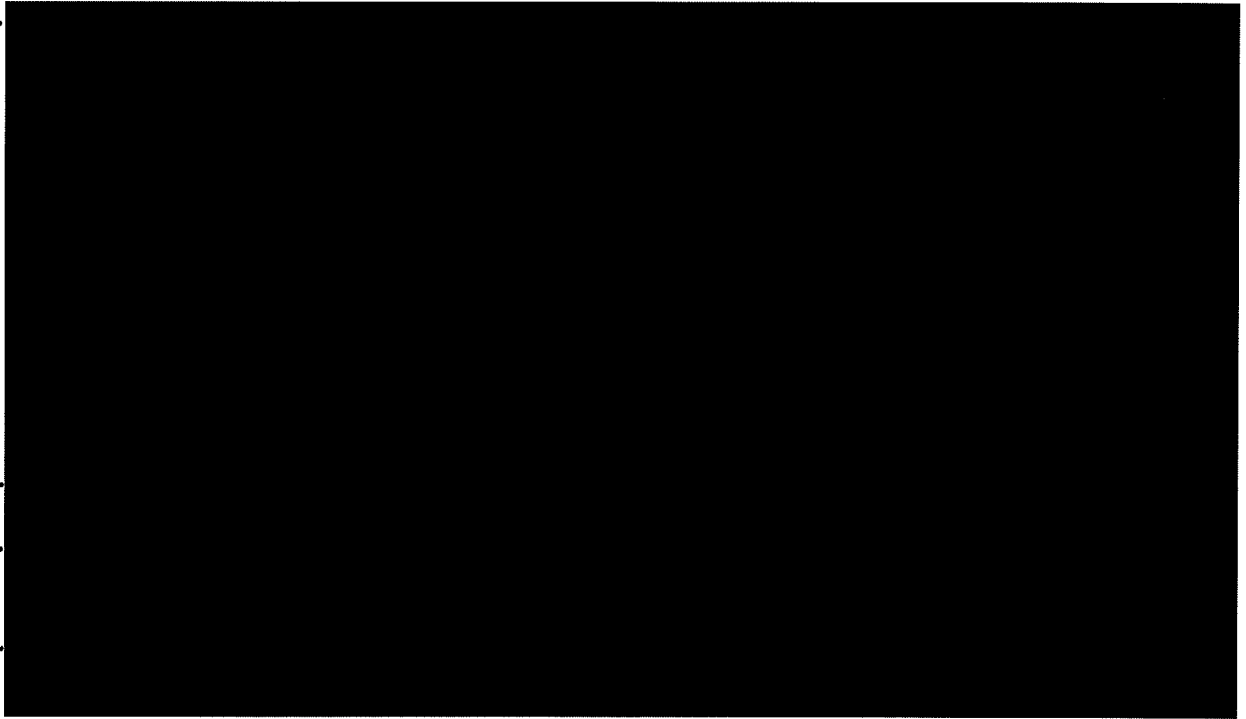
MINUTES  
Meeting No. 35 - Third Board

Meeting: Tuesday, May 2nd, 1972  
Present: Lynch, Wachowiak, O'Malley, Kinane, Scheid, Ventura, McDonagh & Keating  
Place: Priests' Personnel Board Office

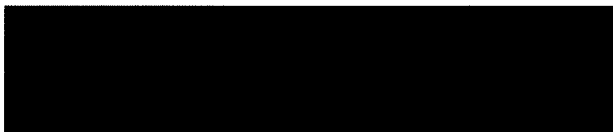
1. Minutes of Meeting No. 34 were approved.

2. Reports:

- (LYNCH) R. Theisen to St. Cornelius early - NO, because [REDACTED] is ill.  
SCHEID will inform Gleason of this.



3. Agenda was approved with additions




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Other Reports:



Scheid: Msgr. John Gleason has been informed that Theisen will be assigned to St. Cornelius in June. 

3. Agenda was approved without additions:

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

June 8, 1972

C  
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Reverend Richard G. Theisen

St. Leonard Parish

3318 S. Clarence Ave.

Berwyn, Illinois 60402

Dear Father Theisen,

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Vicarius  
Cooperator to the ~~Reverend~~ John R. Gleason, Pastor of St. Cornelius  
Parish, 5205 Lieb Street, Chicago, Illinois, and to  
grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that  
duty (Canon 476, 3).

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

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in  
this pastoral assignment, I remain, dear Father Theisen,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Vice Chancellor

cc: Reverend Msgr. John J. Farrell  
Reverend Msgr. John R. Gleason

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Minutes, Meeting No. 68, The Fifth Board, CPB Office, Monday, February 14, 1977

5. Discussion: Extension Requests

[REDACTED]	Approved	5-1
Richard Theisen	"	6-0
[REDACTED]	"	6-0
[REDACTED]	"	6-0
[REDACTED]	"	6-0
[REDACTED]	Denied	6-0
[REDACTED]	Approved	6-0
[REDACTED]	"	6-0
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[REDACTED]	Denies Again	5-0-1
[REDACTED]	Hold.	[REDACTED]

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8. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 P. M.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Friday, February 18th at 10:00 A. M.

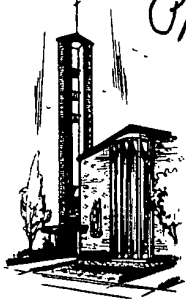
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Richard Theisen

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*Priests file*

ST. CORNELIUS RECTORY  
5205 NORTH LIEB AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60630

*J. Keating*  
*Did you send*  
*letter, I thought*  
*May 24, 1978*  
*he was*  
*already gone?*  
*Ask for his address*

Dear Cardinal Cody,

In regard to the leave of absence that you have  
granted me, I would like to begin that on June 5.  
I trust that this date will meet with your approval.

Sincerely in Christ,

Richard L. Thesen

7/26/78 did we send letter  
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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

June 7, 1978

C  
Reverend Richard G. Theisen  
St. Cornelius Rectory  
5205 N. Lieb  
Chicago, Illinois 60630

Dear Father Theisen:

O  
For the reasons which we have discussed personally in our meeting of April 8, 1978, I am hereby honoring your request for a temporary leave of absence from your priestly duties. Your leave of absence will be in effect from June 12, 1978 through December 12, 1978.

P  
While on leave, your license to function, or represent yourself as a priest is withdrawn, and you are dispensed from the normal obligations of clerical garb and the Divine Office.

Y  
Please keep us informed of your address and your employment while you are on leave from the Archdiocese. When your leave is about to expire, I would ask that you contact me so that we might discuss what should be done at that time.

With a pledge of prayer and with every sincere good wish, I am, dear Father Theisen,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 020202

THE DIOCESAN CLERGY PERSONNEL BOARD  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

M I N U T E S  
Meeting No. 34 - The Sixth Board

Meeting: Friday, June 16, 1978 - 10:35 A.M.

Present: Reverend Monsignor Eugene F. Lyons, Reverends Richard R. Schroeder,  
George A. Brown, John P. McNamara, John R. Keating, Thomas A. Tivy,  
William D. Mannion, Kenneth J. Velo, Thaddeus J. Makuch.

Place: Clergy Personnel Board Office.

1. Opening Prayer: Reverend Thaddeus J. Makuch

2. Minutes Approved: 7-0.

3. Reports:

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[REDACTED] has left the ministry. The following  
priests have left the active ministry within the past year.

[REDACTED]  
Richard Theisen, '52  
[REDACTED]

4. Agenda

[REDACTED]  
Agenda Approved: 8-0.

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Richard G. Theisen  
P. O. Box 41  
Grayslake, Illinois 60030

J. N. Keating

December 12, 1978

Dear Cardinal Cody,

Now that the six months of my leave of absence has expired, I am writing to you, as you asked in your letter of June 7. During the past six months I have given the whole matter a great deal of thought, and have reached a final decision. I do not wish to return to active ministry in the Archdiocese. Rather, I would ask your permission to petition for laicization.

I have been spending a good deal of time in Florida, and for the time being will be alternating between several places there. However, a letter addressed to me at Grayslake will be forwarded.

I would deeply appreciate receiving the necessary information concerning the procedure to be followed in asking to be laicized.

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Richard A. Nelson

Sincerely,

Thank you for your past and continuing  
concern and helpfulness in this difficult matter.

RICHARD G. THEISEN

PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL

December 13, 1978

Richard G. Theisen  
P. O. Box 41  
Grayslake, Illinois 60030

Dear Dick:

His Eminence has shared with me your letter of December 12, 1978, since it is I who assist in petitions for laicization.

It would be best if you could phone me so that we might get together and I can explain to you the composition of your petition to the Holy Father. I can be reached at 751-8238 (Chancery) or [REDACTED] (St. Louise de Marillac Rectory -- private line).

Wishing you every blessing this Christmas, and assuring you of a fraternal pledge of prayer always, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Reverend John R. Keating  
Co-Chancellor for Personnel

+JPC:JRK/ ag

AOC 020206



P. O. Box 41  
Grayslake, Ill. 60030

December 11, 1979

Reverend John R. Keating  
Co-Chancellor for Personnel  
1144 Harrison Ave.  
La Grange Park, Ill. 60525

Dear Dick,

I would have gotten this to you earlier, except I had a few days hassling with the flu. It must be the result of this "typical" northern weather.

I will be here until January 20, should you wish to get in touch with me regarding this petition. I feel sorry for you having to read the whole dreary thing. However, after you do, if you feel there is something that should be added, subtracted or changed, please let me know. I certainly value your judgement.

If I have not heard from you by January 20, I will return to Floriday until March 15. I will be back here then for the Spring (hopefully). Should you need to contact me, you can either send a letter to this Grayslake address, and it will be forwarded, or you can write to me at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I will certainly be back here by March 15, and I do not expect that you will have an answer from Rome before that.

Should you wish to contact me by telephone out here at [REDACTED] my telephone number is [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for all of your time and patience. I really do appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

*Dick*

THEISEN, RICHARD GREGORY

Born: [REDACTED]  
Ordained: May 1, 1952  
Last Known Address: P. O. Box 41  
Grayslake, IL 60030 (as of December, 1981)

Leave of absence granted on June 12, 1978, for six months

A letter of resignation was written by Theisen on December 12, 1978

No letter of acceptance from archbishop. However, there was a letter from Fr. Keating, in which he mentioned that Cardinal Cody asked him to assist Theisen in petitions for laicization

Theisen attempted civil marriage on July 17, 1979

When Theisen was as a priest in 1966, he had an affair with a young woman in a college

PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL

December 21, 1981

Mr. Richard G. Theisen  
P. O. Box 41  
Grayslake, Illinois 60030

Dear Dick:

I have just received a sort of progress report concerning your pending petition.

So that we might discuss it, would you be good enough to phone me at your earliest convenience. I can be reached at 751-8219 (Chancery), or [REDACTED] (St. Louise de Marillac Rectory, private line).

Fraternally yours in Christ,

JRK: ag



Off: (312) 642-1837

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: Rev. David Hynous, O.P.

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert *RG*

DATE: Oct. 19, 1990

RE: Richard Theisen

1. Richard Theisen, ordained in 1952, left the active ministry some time after 1977. Dick is a classmate of mine and I know that he was still around at the time of our silver anniversary. His name came up in conversation with several classmates yesterday and one mentioned that he had talked to Dick about whether he had ever been laicized.

2. Dick's response was something to the effect that he had submitted a petition, but had never heard anything or received any acknowledgement. Whether or not this is factual, I do not know. If he did present a petition, I suspect it would have been long before you were on the scene. At any rate, could you check through your various files and let me know whether or not you have anything at all on Dick's case. I would like to encourage him to pursue it, but thought it might be better to first find out just what information you have.



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor

MEMORANDUM

To: Father Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests  
From: Father David Hynous, O.P., Vice-Chancellor DMH  
Re: Richard Theisen  
Date: October 29, 1990

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I checked through Richard Theisen's file. The petition was sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in early 1979. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If you (or Richard Theisen) wish, I could draft a letter for the Cardinal asking for information on the status of the case.

It's interesting that I should be asked to read the file. I happen to be one of those who "blew the whistle" on him in 1966. He was having an affair with a young woman [REDACTED] in college. The Dean of Women absent-mindedly opened her mail without looking. One of the letters was from "Rick" in which he protested his love for this young lady and [REDACTED] The Dean, a Dominican Sister, asked my advice. I suggested she write to Cody. She did and received a reply. I'd say he has a good case for laicization.

Let me know what you want to do.



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800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311  
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Off: (312) 642-1837

November 2, 1990

Rev. Thomas Fahey  
Villa St. Cyril  
1111 St. John's Avenue  
Highland Park, Illinois 60035

Dear Tom,

I might just mention, Tom, that I checked out Dick Theisen's application for laicization. Fr. Dave Hynous, O.P., is the one who handles those petitions



Dave's suggestion is that Dick contact him at the Pastoral Center (751-8213) if he wishes to pursue the petition. If Dick does want to continue the process, Dave would prepare a letter for the Cardinal's signature asking the Congregation to inform us of the status of the case. My guess is that the petition would be decided favorably, particularly in light of Dick's (and ours) advanced age. You might want to pass this information along to Dick, if you are in touch with him, or suggest that he call either myself or Dave Hynous. I would be happy to pave the way for him, if he would so wish. At any rate, Tom, maybe you can sound him out and just see what his thoughts are about this.

With best wishes, Tom, I remain

Fraternal ly yours,

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

Rev. Raymond Goedert

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Chancellor



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor

From: Reverend Michael G. McGovern, Vice Chancellor *m/mm*

Date: June 6, 2000

Re: Allegation of Misconduct: Richard G. Theisen

This afternoon [REDACTED] of the Diocese of [REDACTED] called. Yesterday she met with a woman who had been referred to her by a parish deacon. The woman related her story which included an allegation of misconduct against Richard G. Theisen.

The alleged incident happened between 1962-1965. [REDACTED] says that based on the woman's story, she was a minor between the ages of 15 and 17. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] says that you know each other. I said I would give you the information. You may call [REDACTED] this afternoon at [REDACTED] said she is going out of town tomorrow and will be away for a week.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** File

**FROM:** Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TJP*

**DATE:** June 7, 2000

**RE:** Allegation of Misconduct: Richard G. Theisen

In the afternoon of June 6, 2000, I called [REDACTED] of the Diocese of [REDACTED] regarding the allegation of misconduct against Richard G. Theisen, described in Fr. McGovern's memo to me dated June 6, 2000.

I referred [REDACTED] to Ms. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, and gave [REDACTED] Kathleen's office telephone number.

On June 7, 2000, Kathleen Leggdas called to inform me that [REDACTED] had called her and discussed the case with her. They agreed that further information should not be taken over the telephone. [REDACTED] said that she would speak with the woman to see if she wants to come to Chicago to meet with Kathleen, or whether Kathleen should go to [REDACTED] to meet with her, or whether [REDACTED] should interview her on our behalf and send the information to Kathleen Leggdas.

Kathleen will let me when she has further information.



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ms. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
**FROM:** Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TOP*  
**DATE:** June 7, 2000  
**RE:** Allegation of Misconduct: Richard G. Theisen

Enclosed are copies of pertinent documents from the inactive priests' file of Richard G. Theisen. This may be helpful in evaluating the credibility of the allegation of the woman from the Diocese of [REDACTED]

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

FATHER THOMAS J. PAPROCKI

*To: Kathleen Leggdas*  
*copy to: MC file -*  
*Richard G. Theisen*

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Vicar General



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February 1, 2001

Dear Dick:

I was at the cottage last week and the fellas were talking about your brother's death a few weeks ago. I was out of town at the time, but I did want to express my sympathy to you and your family. I will offer a Mass for the repose of [REDACTED] soul. May Our Lord comfort you in your loss and grant to [REDACTED] quickly the joy of the Resurrection!

As long as I am writing to you, Dick, I'd like to mention something that Cardinal George talked about several times during the Jubilee Year that just concluded. He said he would be very happy to help any of our priests who had not been laicized, but would now be interested in pursuing the process. The policies in Rome have changed over the years and presently most of the petitions, especially from older men, have been granted. I know that you began the process quite awhile ago, but for one reason or other, it was never finished and sent to Rome.

You'll have to excuse me, Dick, if I have gone too far, but I asked Cardinal George specifically about your case. He said he would be delighted to see the process completed and he would personally endorse a favorable outcome. Of course, nothing can be done without your cooperation and approval. If you want me to back off, I will. On the other hand, if you give me the green light, I will find out what has to be done to prepare the case for Rome and will pursue it until we get an answer.

I didn't intend to bother you with so lengthy a letter, Dick, but you and our other classmates who have left the active ministry are very much on our minds as we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and if I can be of help to any of you, our Golden Jubilee is certainly an opportune time to intervene.

With best wishes, Dick, to you and [REDACTED] and looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ray Goedert".  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

Mr. Richard Theisen  
Post Office Box 41  
Grayslake, Illinois 60030

AOC 020216

[REDACTED]

February 4, 2001

Dear Ray,

Your incredibly kind and considerate letter arrived yesterday. I am greatly appreciative of your time and concern. I certainly would very much desire to complete the process of laicization that I began twenty-two years ago.

As you probably have guessed, there is a great deal more to this than appears of itself. I do not wish to revive all of the old bitterness at the way in which I was treated. At the time, I did everything that was required. I wrote all that was asked and submitted it to, as I recall, Father Keating. He assured me everything was in order and the petition would be sent to Rome. After several months of hearing nothing, I called him and I was told simply that Rome had refused my petition — no reason given. Tom Fahey, good friend that he was, tried to revive the case to no avail. Some day I would very much like you to know the entire story.

In the meantime, please be assured that I  
am extremely grateful to you for your interest and  
for all that you have done.

Sincerely,

Dick

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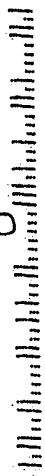
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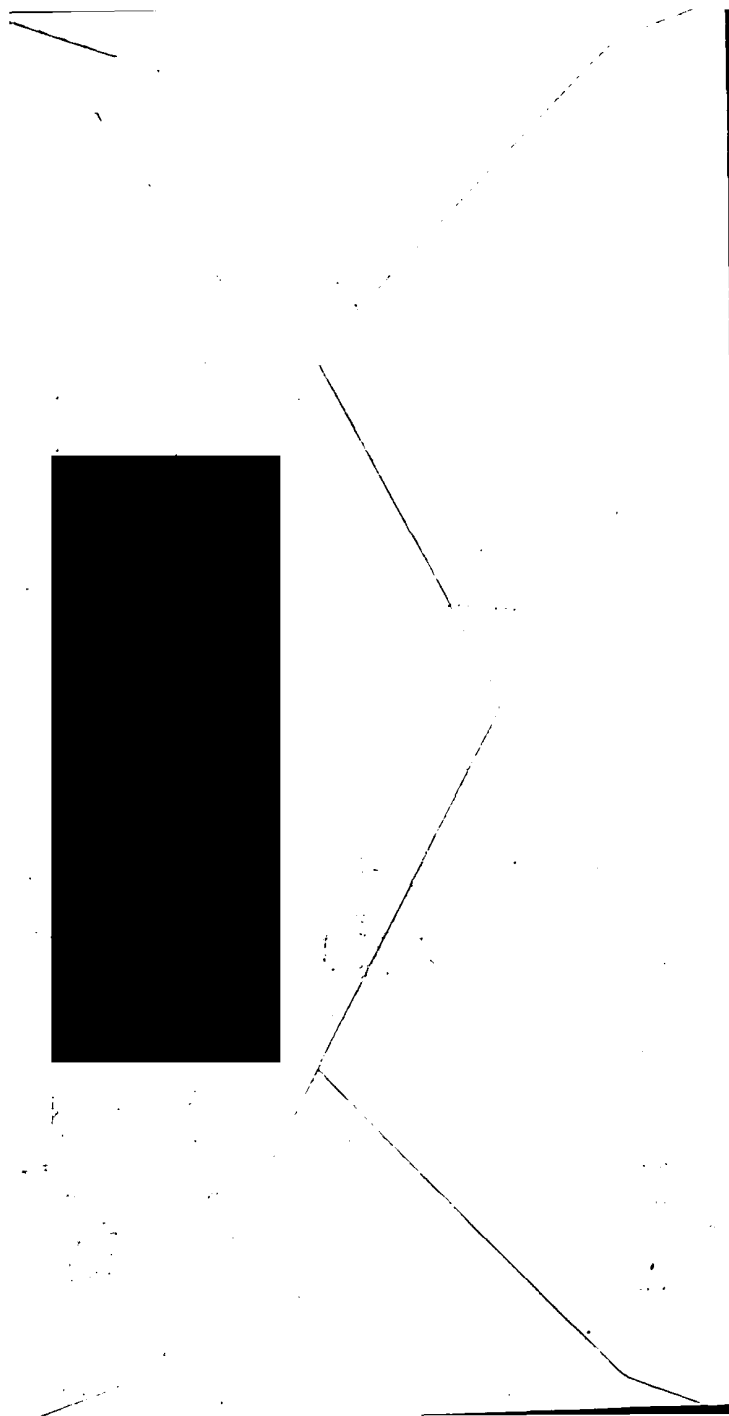


Bishop Raymond Goedert  
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## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** FEBRUARY 6, 2001  
**TO:** REVEREND PATRICK LAGGES  
**FROM:** BISHOP RAYMOND GOEDERT  
**RE:** RICHARD THEISEN/LAICIZATION PETITION

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Dick Theisen, a classmate of mine, would like to reopen his case for laicization. He began it with Dick Keating some 22 years ago, and, as best I can figure out, the case was sent to Rome in 1979. An acknowledgment of receipt of the case was dated February 8, 1979 under the protocol number 176/79s.

There is a letter to Cardinal Cody from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, dated November 30, 1981 in which the Congregation seems to be asking for some sort of sworn statement from the petitioner. What that is all about I do not know.

I would appreciate it if you would look over the case and let me know what has to be done to complete the acts and satisfy the Congregation's request. I would be happy to follow up with Dick in any way I can be helpful. But before I call him in response to his letter of February 4, I'd like to know your thoughts about the likelihood of a favorable response, how long it would take, etc. Dick is 74 and had some serious health problems last summer. His wife is around 80. So time is crucial.

AOC 020221

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review




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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-97

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: Unidentified/Unidentified

Date: April 24, 2003

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PFRA spoke with [REDACTED] from the Diocese of [REDACTED] via phone on April 23, 2003. [REDACTED] stated that she has been in contact with a woman who currently resides in [REDACTED] and alleges that she was abused by a priest in the Chicago area when she was 13 years old. As per [REDACTED], the alleged victim stated that the accused has left the priesthood. [REDACTED] was contacting the Archdiocese of Chicago on behalf of the alleged victim [REDACTED]. In a previous phone conversation, PFRA had directed [REDACTED] to Dr. Michael Bland for such information.

As requested by [REDACTED], PFRA explained to her the process of formalizing an allegation against a priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago. [REDACTED] does not know the name of the accused, but stated that she is certain that the alleged victim does not wish to travel to Chicago. It was explained to [REDACTED] that if the alleged victim wishes to formalize her allegation, PFRA and [most likely] a representative from Victim Assistance Ministry [VAM] would travel to [REDACTED] in order to meet. [REDACTED] stated that she would inform the alleged victim of the process of formalizing an allegation and would be in touch with PFRA.



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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. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant  
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: April 25, 2003

RE: **[PFR-97] Unidentified/Unidentified**

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by phone on 4/23/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with Unidentified person via [REDACTED] from the Diocese of [REDACTED]

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. Raymond E. Goedert

AOC 020223

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-97

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re: Unidentified/ [REDACTED]

Date: May 15, 2003

PFRA received a phone call today from [REDACTED] from the Office of Assistance Ministry in the Diocese of [REDACTED] directed [REDACTED] to the Office of Professional Fitness Review. PFRA has spoken with [REDACTED] in the past [April 10 and April 23, 2003] regarding an unidentified adult female who has an allegation of sexual misconduct against a priest who was formerly of the Archdiocese of Chicago and has since left ministry.

At [REDACTED] request, PFRA explained to her the process of formalizing an allegation of sexual misconduct through this office. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She stated that she would like to meet with PFRA and a representative from Victim Assistance Ministry [VAM] to formalize her allegation without disclosing the name of the accused.

[REDACTED] prefers to meet with PFRA and VAM in [REDACTED], where she currently resides. It was agreed that PFRA would speak to VAM regarding possible dates to travel to [REDACTED] and PFRA will then contact [REDACTED] on her cell phone.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry

AOC 020224

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Office of Professional Fitness Review at the Archdiocese of Chicago, to file, dated May 15, 2003, summarizing a phone call from Victim JW. During the call, McCluskey explained the process of formalizing an allegation against the priest Victim JW accused of abuse, Fr. Richard Theisen. Victim JW stated she wished to formalize her allegation against Theisen. According to the memorandum, the alleged abuse occurred when Victim JW was 16 years old and attending St. Francis De Sales grammar school.

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## MEMORANDUM

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Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review  
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, <sup>LNP</sup>Administrative Assistant  
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: May 19, 2003

RE: [PFR-97] Unidentified/ [REDACTED]

*Richard Heisen*

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 5/15/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Unidentified/ [REDACTED].

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. Raymond E. Goedert

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Office of Legal Services

John C. O'Malley  
DirectorPost Office Box 1979  
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e-mail: jomalley@archdiocese-chgo.org

June 2, 2003

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIALMr. Michael J. Howlett, Jr.  
Cook County State's Attorney Counsel  
60 West Washington Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: approximately 9/1/62

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Please be advised that Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago received an allegation from [REDACTED], currently [REDACTED] years of age, that she was the victim of sexual misconduct by an archdiocesan priest in approximately 1962. [REDACTED] has declined to name the priest, who is now elderly, and has left the priesthood.

The incident of misconduct was alleged to have taken place on school grounds at an unknown location. [REDACTED] was approximately 16 years of age and it is unknown whether the alleged incident took place in Cook County or Lake County, Illinois.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms. Shauna Bolliker  
Ms. Leah Mc Cluskey

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AOC 020227

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Responsibility




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## MEMORANDUM

To: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Unidentified/ [REDACTED]

Date: August 19, 2003

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PRA received a phone call from [REDACTED] Victim Assistance Minister in the Diocese of [REDACTED]. She stated that Saturday, October 4, 2003 would work as a meeting date for [REDACTED] and herself. [REDACTED] has an allegation of sexual misconduct to formalize against a still unidentified priest. From past conversations, it is clear that [REDACTED] does know the name and identity of the accused, however, she has yet to provide PRA with his name. It is certain that the alleged abuse occurred when [REDACTED] was a minor and the accused was and still is a priest within the Archdiocese of Chicago.

PRA returned [REDACTED] phone call to agree to a meeting in [REDACTED] to take place on the morning of October 4, 2003. This memo is to serve as notification of the scheduled meeting as well as to determine if a representative of Assistance Ministry from the Archdiocese of Chicago will accompany PRA to [REDACTED]

Please note that there was confusion as to whether or not the aforementioned meeting was to take place in July of 2003. PRA did not receive confirmation of the date to meet in July from [REDACTED] until three days prior to her proposed meeting date. [REDACTED] was under the impression that PRA had confirmed a date in July with her. PRA has not spoken with [REDACTED] regarding the rescheduling of a date to meet and has strictly spoken and arranged the October 4, 2003 date with [REDACTED]

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF [REDACTED]

September 2, 2003

received  
9/8/03 LNP OPR

Leah McCluskey  
Assistance Coordinator  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Leah:

This will confirm that you will be meeting with [REDACTED] and myself on October 4, 2003 at 10:00 am. We can meet at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, [REDACTED]. The number there is [REDACTED]. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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## MEMORANDUM

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✓ Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility  
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Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant <sup>LNP</sup>  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: October 6, 2003

RE: [PFR-97] Unidentified [REDACTED]  
[PFR-205] Theisen, Richard G. [REDACTED]

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Theisen, Richard G. [REDACTED]

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

AOC 020230



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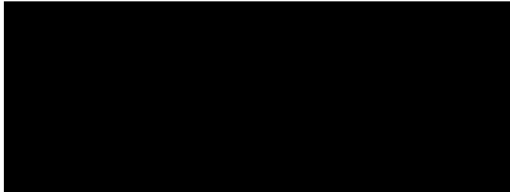
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October 24, 2003

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Dear 

Enclosed you will find a draft copy of the report from your interview on October 4, 2003.

Please make any necessary changes/corrections to the report and return to Leah McCluskey in the self-addressed envelope provided at your earliest convenience. Once Ms. McCluskey receives the report with those changes she will make the corrections and mail you the finalized report for your signature.

Included is a copy of our policies and procedures manual for your convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures



AOC 020231

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract accompanies a letter from Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant in the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, to Victim JW, enclosing a draft copy of Victim JW's report from her interview with Leah McCluskey on October 4, 2003. Returning a copy of the interview report with corrections, Victim JW asks to remain informed regarding the process, and wishes to know what the next steps would be in the course of formalizing her allegation against Rev. Richard Theisen.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim JW's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on October 4, 2003, formalizing her allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Richard Theisen. According to Victim JW, the abuse began when Victim JW was 14 or 15 years old, in the early 1960s, and continued through Victim JW's high school years and while she was in college.

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Office of Professional Responsibility



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December 15, 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for reviewing the draft report and returning your corrections to me. Enclosed you will find a revised copy of the original report based upon your corrections. Please take the time to review the report and sign and date the copy if you feel that the enclosed report is accurate.

In terms of your question, [REDACTED] -I will contact Rev. James T. Kaczorowski in the Vicar for Priests office and ask that he locate Richard Theisen so that I am able to read the allegation described in the enclosed report to him. I will then ask Mr. Theisen for a response to the allegation. I certainly will notify you of progress in terms of locating Mr. Theisen and scheduling a time with him to read the allegation.

As always, please contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any concerns. I will be in touch.

Take care,



Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
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MEMORANDUM

**DRAFT**

# 3

To: PFR-205

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: **RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT  
AGAINST RICHARD THEISEN [RESIGNED] MADE BY [REDACTED]**

Date: January 9, 2004

Date of Meeting: January 8, 2004

Time of Meeting: 9:00am

Present at Meeting

Mr. Richard Theisen

Mr. Patrick Reardon, attorney for Mr. Theisen

Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

Phone Meeting

Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA contacted Mr. Reardon via phone from the Office of Professional Responsibility at 9:00am for the scheduled interview. Mr. Reardon then contacted Mr. Theisen and linked him to the conference call. The meeting was conducted entirely via speakerphone. Prior to reading the allegation, Mr. Reardon accepted PRA's offer to explain to Mr. Theisen the process of one formalizing an allegation of sexual misconduct against a cleric and the involvement of the Independent Review Board. PRA also agreed to Mr. Reardon's request to have a copy of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Mr. Theisen.

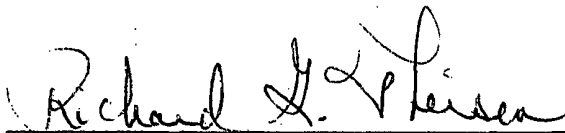
PRA read to Mr. Theisen the entire revised allegation made against him by [REDACTED] without any interruptions. Mr. Reardon asked for PRA to clarify the misconduct alleged by [REDACTED] as well as her age at the time of the misconduct. Taking the requested information from the report, PRA informed Mr. Reardon that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Reardon informed PRA that the reference [REDACTED] was not clear and that he would wait to receive a copy of the report itself.

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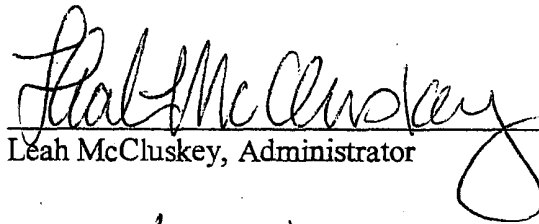
Mr. Reardon then referred to his "general feelings" regarding advising client against providing a response to an allegation when the client is resigned from the priesthood and "not seeking ministry." He continued by offering a "general denial" of sexual misconduct of a minor on behalf of Mr. Theisen. Mr. Reardon then asked, "Is that accurate Mr. Theisen?" to which Mr. Theisen responded, "Yes."

Mr. Reardon ended the conversation by informing PRA that upon his receipt of the report written based upon [REDACTED] allegation they [he and Mr. Theisen] "would determine if there was any reason to make any further response."



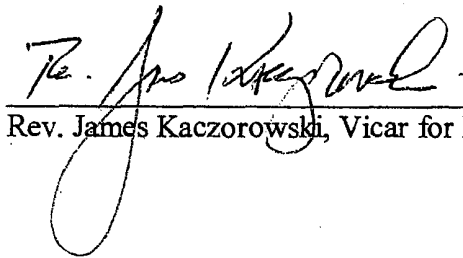
Richard Theisen

1/20/04  
Date



Leah McCluskey, Administrator

2/3/04  
Date



Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

2-11-03  
Date

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

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract accompanies a redacted memorandum from Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Fr. Richard Theisen's response to Victim JW's statement. According to Victim JW, the abuse began when Victim JW was 14 or 15 years old, in the early 1960s, and continued through Victim JW's high school years and while she was in college.

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January 12, 2004

Mr. Patrick Reardon  
221 North LaSalle Street  
Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Reardon,

Enclosed you will find a draft copy of the report based upon a conference call that took place with you, your client Richard Theisen and Leah McCluskey on January 8, 2004.

Please ask your client to look over the report and make any necessary changes to ensure that the report is accurate by his standards. I ask that you return the corrected report to this office in the envelope provided at your earliest convenience. A final copy of the report that reflects those changes will then be sent back to you for your client's signature and you are asked again to return it to this office. Once all signatures are obtained a copy of the final report will then be forwarded to you and Richard Theisen. Please note that a copy of [REDACTED] report is also included for you.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

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January 21, 2004

Mr. Richard G. Theisen  
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon  
221 North LaSalle St Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Theisen,

Enclosed you will find a signed copy of the report in regards to [REDACTED] allegation of misconduct of a minor made against you.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

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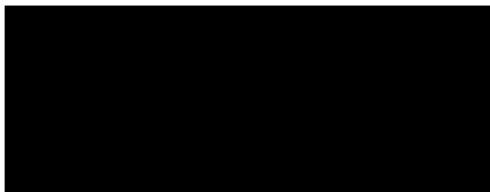
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January 21, 2004



Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a signed copy of your report in regards to your allegation of misconduct of a minor against Richard G. Theisen.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

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AOC 020240

To: Jan

From: Mary Ann

Date: 1/29/04

Re: Unidentified Roles

✓ Theisen, Richard: Archdiocesan priest; resigned '78; laicized (no date)

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino <sup>LNP</sup>  
Re: Mr. Richard Theisen's Response to Allegation made by [REDACTED]  
Date: February 3, 2004

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Attached you will find a signed report from Mr. Theisen. Please sign and make a copy and return it to this office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

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## **Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, February 21, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Review Board Members Present:**

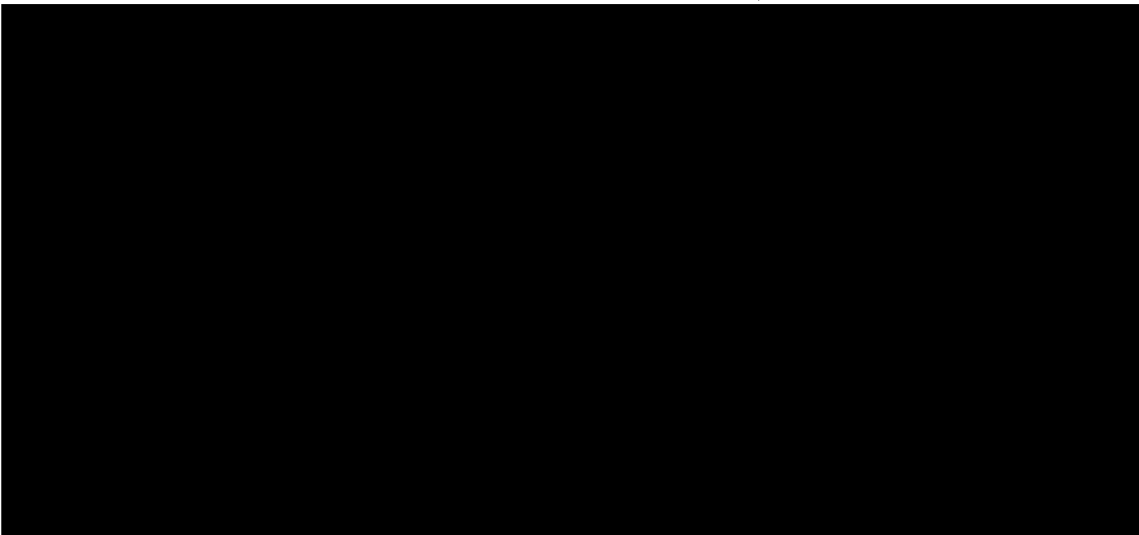


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#### **Non-members present:**

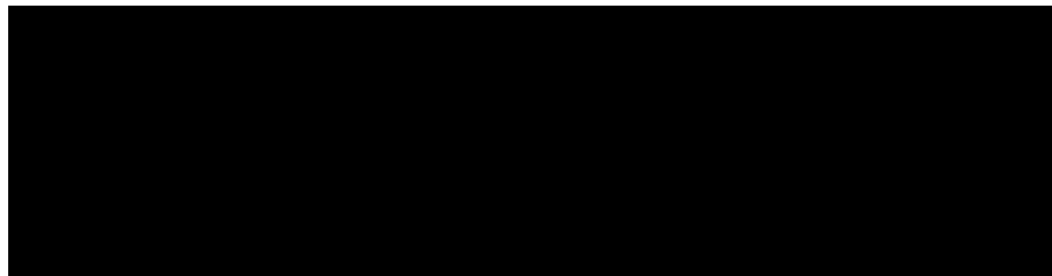
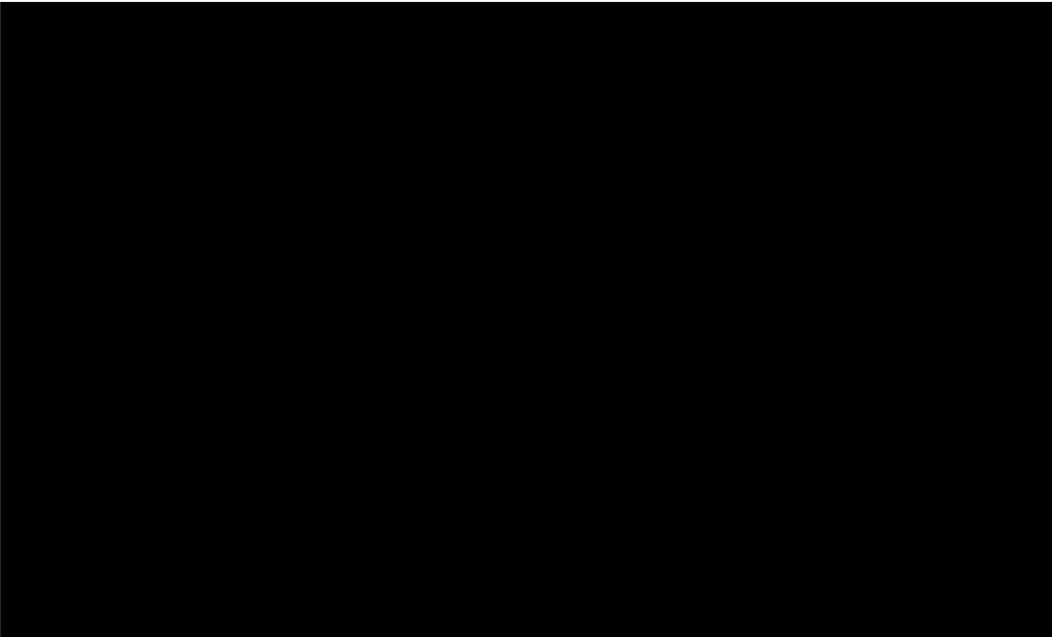
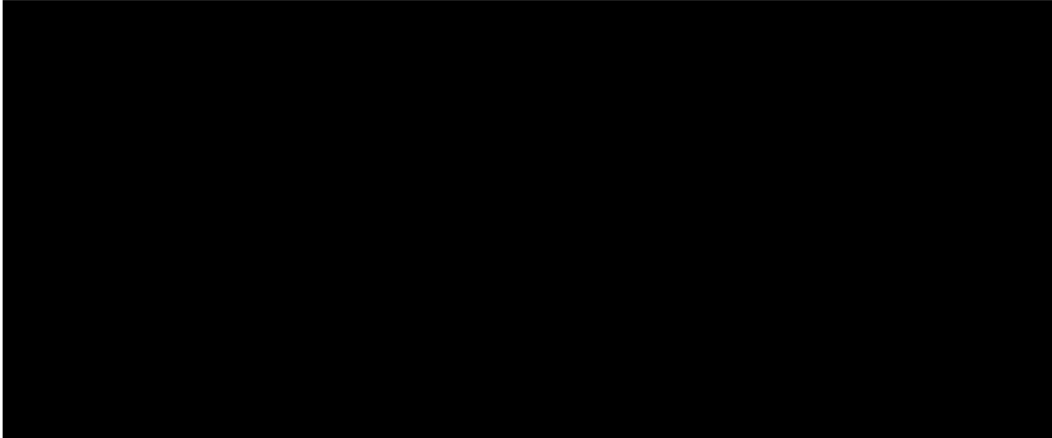
Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board



#### **I. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2004**

- The Board requested in a unanimous 6-0 decision that a correction be made on page two, bullet point three of the January 10, 2004 minutes [see revised January 10, 2004 Minutes]

**II. Update from January 10, 2004 Meeting**



### III. Case Reviews

#### Initial Review:

##### A. In the Matter of Richard Theisen [Resigned 1978/Laicized] - PFR - 205

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation of

[REDACTED] The claim is as follows: [REDACTED] sought spiritual guidance from Fr. Theisen. [REDACTED]

Relationship became sexually intimate. As per [REDACTED]

- In a 7-0 vote, the Board recommended that in light of the information presented, the information at least seems to be true of an offense. The Board also recommended that Fr. Smilanec review the Chancery files and that PRA request that Fr. Kaczorowski reviews the Vicar for Priests files.

### IV. Case Updates

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### V.

[REDACTED]

**VI. Other Matters**

- The December 2004 Board meeting has been rescheduled for December 4, 2004

*Next scheduled meeting is March 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests  
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## **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING** **Saturday, February 21, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

I. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2004

II. Case Reviews

#### **Preliminary Review:**

A. In the Matter of Richard Gregory Theisen (Resigned (1978)/Laicized) - PFR-205

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

III.

IV.

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*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, March 20, 2004*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-205  
From: Review Board Meeting  
Re: Richard Theisen (Resigned/Laicized)  
Date: February 21, 2004

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on February 21, 2004:

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]

The claim is as follows: [REDACTED] sought spiritual guidance from Fr. Theisen. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Relationship became sexually intimate. As per [REDACTED]

- In a 7-0 vote, the Board recommended that in light of the information presented, the information at least seems to be true of an offense. The Board also recommended that Fr. Smilanec review the Chancery files and that PRA request that Fr. Kaczorowski reviews the Vicar for Priests files.

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 2/21/04 to conduct a(n)  
(enter date: month/day/year)

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

against Richard Gregory Theisen  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☐ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

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

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

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

which claims as follows: emotional + physical (sexual)  
relationship  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

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

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

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

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

**Review for Cause:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

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

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

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

The Board further recommends: 7-0 unanimous; Smilanić  
will review Chancery files; PRA to review  
Vicar & Priest files

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# Memo

**To:** Leah McCluskey (Office of Professional Responsibility)  
**From:** Fr. Dan Smilanic  
**Date:** February 23, 2004  
**Re:** Richard Gregory Theisen ('52) - PFR-205

I examined the entire file for Richard Gregory Theisen, ordained in 1952. There were several general items and one specific item that the board should know.

In general, he is described as intelligent, talented, immature and spoiled. Contrary to the clerical custom of the time, he wrote and published mystery novels under a pseudonym, as well as playing trombone in a jazz combo. The principle criticisms would be that he could not deal with authority, that would deliberately bate authority, and that he would blame others for problems rather than assuming some responsibility for his own part in the matter. In his first assignment, if there were a disagreement with the pastor he would enlist the aid of his wealthy mother to leverage for his position.

In 1966, it was discovered that he was exchanging emotionally-significant letters with a girl who attended [redacted] college.

[redacted] he was assigned to St. Francis de Sales.

[redacted] Her name was [redacted] Pursuant to the matter, the file contains a letter from the Dean of Students at the college, who was a Dominican sister, and correspondence from Cardinal Cody and another archdiocesan official, as well as several memos that reference the issue. There is no information about the further investigation of the case or about any actions taken.

In the file there is a reference to his having been confronted at the Chancery Office by three officials of the archdiocese over some issue. However, the reason for, and the outcome of, the confrontation is not stated. Whether or not the confrontation arose out of his relationship with the girl or out of an authority conflict is not clear.

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### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract accompanies a redacted memorandum from Fr. Daniel Smilanic, of the Office of the Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Chicago, to Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, dated February 23, 2004. In his memorandum, Smilanic summarizes information found in Fr. Richard Theisen's file in the Office of the Chancellor at the Archdiocese of Chicago. Included in his file are documents indicating Theisen maintained a relationship with Victim JW, a female college-age student in a neighboring state. In addition, documents indicated that Victim JW and Theisen would spend unsupervised time together at Theisen's parent's summer home.

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February 25, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Theisen,

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of your interview report with all of the necessary signatures. A copy of the report is also enclosed for your attorney Mr. Reardon.

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

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

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March 3, 2004

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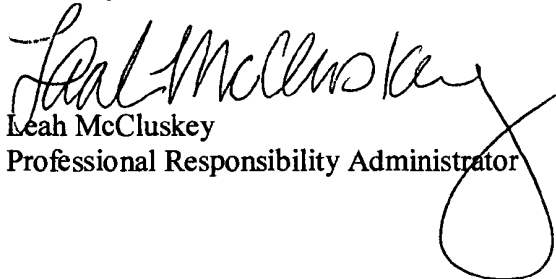
Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on February 21, 2004 and conducted an Initial Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Richard Theisen pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board has recommended that in light of the information presented, the information at least seems to be true of an offense.

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

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept this recommendation.  
F. J. J.  
March 6, 2004*

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Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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March 15, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Theisen,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on February 21, 2004 and conducted an Initial Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination that the information presented seems to be true of an offense.

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

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

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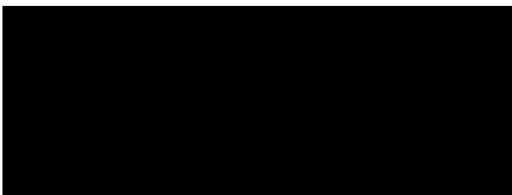
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March 15, 2004



Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on February 21, 2004 and conducted an Initial Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Richard Theisen, a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination that the information presented seems to be true of an offense.

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

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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

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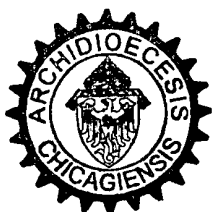
Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of March 3, 2004, regarding the matter of **Richard Theisen**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been dispensed from the obligations of the clerical state, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] regarding the Initial Review which is to be conducted by the Professional Responsibility Review Board on February 21, 2004.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter at their regular meeting of February 21, 2004, I accept the Board's recommendation to me that the information about the offense at least seems to be true.

Since Richard Theisen has already been dismissed from the clerical state by virtue of his laicization, I cannot take any further action against him. However, I would ask that you make a further inquiry into this matter to see if there is additional information available. In conducting this information, please make every effort to ensure that Mr. Theisen's right to privacy is protected and that nothing is done which would damage his reputation. After you have conducted your inquiry, please report back to me about the results.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

*Rev. Richard Lueder*

Ecclesiastical Notary

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

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## **Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, March 20, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

### **Revision**

#### **Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Members absent:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Non-members present:**

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

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- PRA will have copies of the revised January 10, 2004 Meeting Minutes sent to all Board members in the packets for the April 17, 2004 Review Board meeting.
- I. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2004**
- The Board approved the meeting minutes in a unanimous 5-0 vote.
- II. Update from FEG's decisions from March 20, 2004 Review Board Meeting**
- PRA provided the Review Board with the information that Cardinal George accepted and supported their recommendations from March 20, 2004 concerning the following matters: Theisen [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

#### **III. Case Reviews**

##### **Initial Review:**

A. [REDACTED]

B.



C.

Second Stage Review

D.



**IV. Other Matters**

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

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests  
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## **Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, March 20, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Members absent:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Non-members present:**

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

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### **III. Case Reviews**

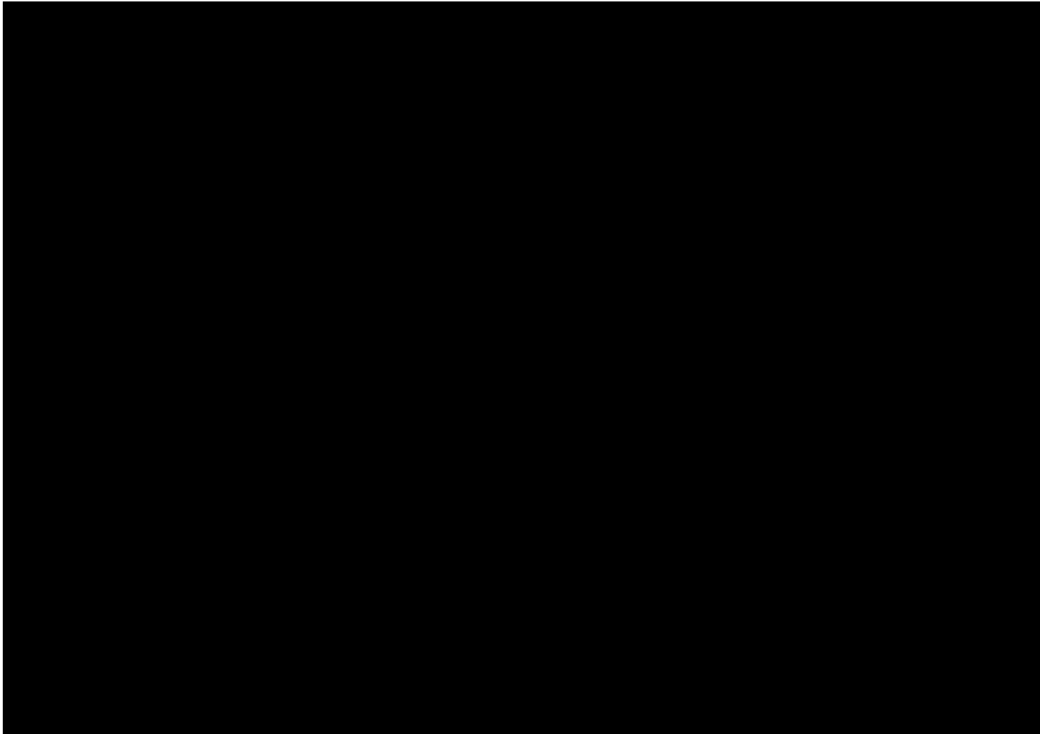
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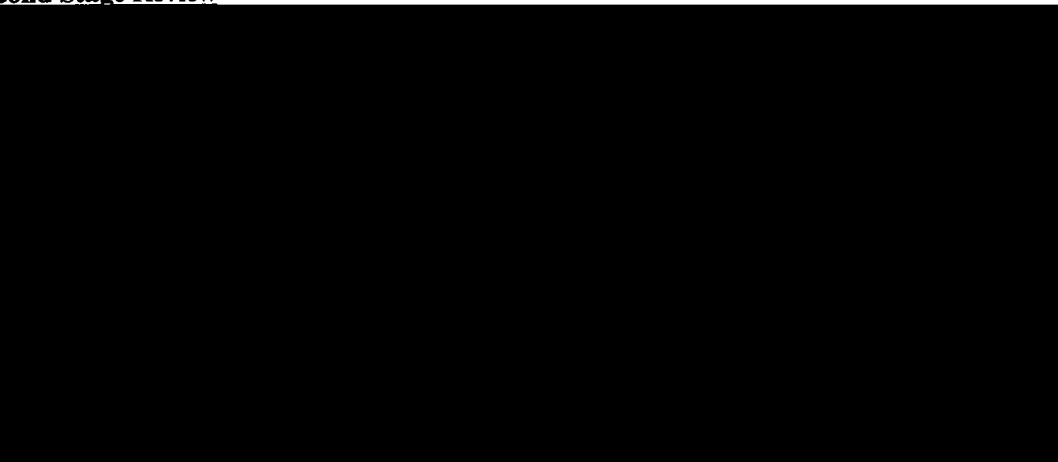
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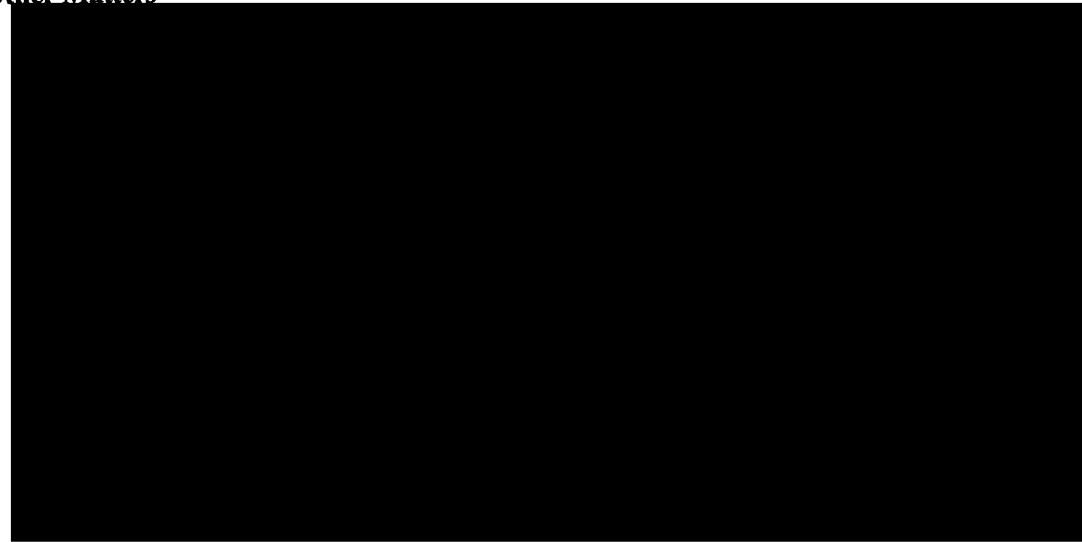
**Second Stage Review**

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**IV. Other Matters**

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

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

To: File - PFR - 205

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

Re: Theisen, Richard Gregory (Deceased)/[REDACTED]

Date: June 10, 2011

Upon a file review it was determined that when this matter was first reported, the names of the alleged victim (Unidentified per [REDACTED] Diocese) and the accused were not known. Therefore, the original PFR file on this matter was PFR – 97 Unidentified/Unidentified. However, when the alleged victim was eventually identified [REDACTED] and the accused was identified as Rev. Richard Gregory Theisen, a new PFR file was created (PFR – 205 Theisen, Richard Gregory/[REDACTED]) as opposed to updating the existing PFR – 97 file (to become PFR – 205 Theisen, Richard Gregory/[REDACTED]).

I have combined the aforementioned files to become one final file: **PFR – 205 Theisen, Richard Gregory/[REDACTED]**

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## Memorandum

**Date:** January 29, 2013  
**To:** Diana Kozojed  
**From:** Bishop Raymond Goedert   
**RE:** Richard Theisen '52

Richard Theisen, ordained a priest in 1952, was granted a Decree of Laicization on March 13, 2001. He died on January 21, 2013. Attached is a copy of the death notice.

I would appreciate it if you would include this memo in his file and send it to the Archdiocesan Archives. Thank you.

THEISEN, RICHARD G.

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cc: Jimmy Lago, Office of the Chancellor