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CHRONOLGY OF REPORTS:

1990 – V/S contacted Archdiocese and Bp Sklba spoke with him (12/7/90). He relayed report of abuse by L at age 8 or 9 while at _____. Alleged abuse by his father as well. Bp. Sklba met with him and his mother (12/14/90). Report stated abuse began at age _____ and continued until he left the orphanage at age 18 and even on occasion after that for a number of years. Offered assistance to V/S with _____ aid for treatment at St. Michael Hospital. L denied abuse and was told not contact with minors and was to be supervised by the pastor who was informed of situation. Contact with V/S by Bp Sklba reveals that he stopped his rehab and was moving to CITY (2/1/91); encouraged to continue in AA.

1991 – Accusation of sexual abuse by L made by the sister of a then deceased male; reported abuse occurred while he was at _____

1992 – Allegation in lawsuit against L; reported abuse began in 1961 at _____ when he was 11 years old and continued until 1990; allegation denied (THIS IS CURRENT CASE – case was dismissed – no follow up for settlement at that time although Bp Sklba had authorized \$20,000 for treatment – Note that is pre-dates Pritzlauf and Doe.)

1997 – After L's death, man accused him of sexual abuse for 35 years, starting as a minor

ACTIONS BY ARCHDIOCESE:

1990 – Confronted; denied; no contact with minors; pastor to supervise

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BACKGROUND ON CURRENT MEDIATION CASE:

His first approach (as far as I can tell) to the Archdiocese was through the mediation system. We do not have much information on him.

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10/25 [redacted] msw [redacted] [redacted]
48 yr. old gentleman -> St Francis /
sexual relationship w priest since 15 years old
priest died 2 or 3 weeks ago
local area priest

[redacted] - wife [redacted]
family meeting on Monday -

mother [redacted]
in N. out of orphanage - you boy -

mother - [redacted] - herin -
father -> family together father died
boys - across from St. Joe's orphanage

Eldred
Jiranevski

wants priest for confession -
out of work in Penn -

N. dependent man / N. dep. - his wife
victim mentally -

move to east next week / Tuesday -
5th North -

Psychiatric Unit -

phone outside 5482 -

here to see [redacted] -
Fr. Joe Bischoff -



10/28/96



11 or 12 St. Joseph's Orphanage
St. Florence -> grandma for (B) He acts as if
I really wanted to be one

parents had passed away all 6 mos apart
led her at St. Ann's -

had 20 'ol brother

2 sisters Anna & Helene Zimice

[redacted] - 3rd child - [redacted]

Went to school with her - in Paris in
four weeks + (B) -> St. Joseph's

had a hard time leaving home

Fr. Kucinski = v. good at teaching

asked (B) over for breakfast / couple of times

"I want to show you something upstairs" - first
struck he struck me, played w/ me

had me touch him

after I couldn't say anything

[redacted] - over on little
rooms - KB had aimed pencil over it by bed

I couldn't say anything. I don't know what to
do.

Always a end then of something / business
from (Brown)

(R.R) went shopping with Jim / Brown - stole all the things

(B) - went to St. Joseph's with it he blamed

my brother was always in protection
left orphanage - at 18
went to Gaenewski until 18
I always tried to avoid him & the mass -
always same pattern / best friend of my brother

in a [redacted]
freshman - I was poor in school
athletics, everything
So → [redacted] showed father me -
he was out of the home - put up the same
he would take me over to father's parents'
one day led to another, he started to abuse
me -

I tried to get out of the mel. there
I tried him I didn't want to see him

of the [redacted] left [redacted] - loved to my brother
sister in law May was v. good to me, a good friend
that summer, 18th b-day, a Sunday
I was v. active in church / dinner for Ch-
judicious

brother came to see me / [redacted]
had a good time [redacted] last time I saw [redacted]
abuse, [redacted] went to live with my oldest brother.
4 days later, on oldest bro's wedding anniversary,
he was driving a tractor, going to lift up -

at Cij. -> doctor pinned him
4. was always there - N. Conroy

Apprenticeship - find the first test but solve -
working -

worked as - work -

in met. pts - got drafted - went to

[redacted] to get off the draft -

"I was sent 'quilt'" - I went a WT,
went into the draft a WT.

went into Service -

in [redacted] - black man was being beaten

one of the barracks / pulled me over, had knife in
his hand - tried me to have sex with him

I didn't know what to do

wrote statement / told him what had

happened

(B) went to Germany - had afraid of friends,
friends

Commanded by another guy - tried to have
sex with him

I started drinking more to try to get
out of my mind

hospitalized - 20 of alcohol

enough discharge offered / take it

had to go to make to finish apprenticeship

finished 3 yr. apprenticeship at JVS

F. helped me get a apt - a little house set
by myself.

I had a roommate for the home -

another one for the home - he wanted to stay the
night, I agreed - Fred hearse into me
past Indian

My roommate was smoking pot - I didn't allow it
in the house -

Richard roommate out -
the weekend was - wanted to get trailers -
here

now, act 23, had some money from
state (3,000) I decided to
buy a whole home - F. helped me
out / gave me money for closing costs,
down payment always there for me

self and contact continued all that time

I thought if I got married, it would be diff.
I really wasn't sure if I loved [redacted] - she
was only 14, I tried to kiss her
she would come over in the morning & I would "joke"
around - " decided to get married

F. honestly married them / [redacted]

"I always confided in him all my life"

he was a father figure to me
after body was born; he kept feed him

[redacted] - then

one very couple of months
tried to avoid him

① something ^{came} up → I would go to him
he went to St James' - I did a
lot of things for the home - clothes & stuff
I stayed overnight there (before marriage)
several contact

Si's didn't know; Si's N. good to
me at W. An's S. Florence
Joined any - she was L. a mother
me late 80's

[redacted]
Over by N. advance to her return
She would let them out at night - I would
stay up working for them
I did most of the cleaning

Older for. Bill - had drunk; part → wet HAP
[redacted] too -

[redacted], hits, (B) → slid off road, next day
I was drunk
fence, into field

↳ no. quit

(mom - in mental - she'd be schizophrenic)

[redacted] ^{always} ~~tried to~~ fight at orphanage -
[redacted] went to slap him / he tried
her he would settle her if he ever tried again

after awhile I was just went to it (Zephaniah's house)
it was wrong - I would just confess
- to him - [redacted]

he was saying it was alright - God forgives you -
I believed it

I said I forgive him - I'm hurt - but yet
I am relieved that he died

182-83
went ^{on} up until his great surgery -
went to blessed sacrament - helped me with my son /
paid tuition

S - R. H. J. - had a lot of problems -
I on playground - got in a fight with
one of the kids / mother a playground → said it was
R. H. J. - parent - scolded by Sr. → the kid so
much trouble in school -

Psychologists / transferred to another C.S. S.
- then to public school
beat up by black kids at 8th

now 19 - after 7. left & went to
Juneau, Alaska a. we went up there -
I didn't want my son to stay there - [redacted]

always there financially on Dennis
I always paid his bills
(D) → said he was going to leave me something in his
estate
after he passed away - 2 sisters came

[REDACTED] (D) was there
during the bust - wanted to see me -

after he died [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - bills had to be paid
I had his address changed to mine
IRS - bank tapes

I couldn't find any money
his [REDACTED] came into town -
It believes just papers for the Archdiocese -
showing sexual abuse -

I drove him to WI Club to meet [REDACTED]
(depositories → (B) saw them)
my wife knows what -

[REDACTED] she's angry in Illinois / wants nothing to do with her

" I came in on a wrong shift - (VFA hospital as a cook)
' knew I was going to get a test later - "
couldn't deal in work / also worked with at
Procter at night - help pay for my bills -
moved to Oak Creek

[redacted] - quit / (B) being [redacted]
family with [redacted] a letter, left it on the
table, told her I was going home with
my parents
going to cemetery, was going to kill myself

[redacted] went to cemetery, laid down on the graves,
cleaned the graves, around the stones

~~in [redacted]~~

In Army reserves also; got early retirement
from there -

F. would help me find the military medals, etc.
for the reserve.

Beddest pr. Jerry -> ([redacted]) - buried in [redacted]
also - was in a shelter - no sheets etc -
ETD it is epileptic
we (B) Conventy Service
went to F. I want to do something

John
F. helped him (B) out -> stayed in (B) -
(B) got bro. a desk with job at Selkirk -

one night Terry picked up coffee table - dropped
it - glass top - broke -
F. helped (B) put him in the Paul -
after the Paul, (B) could not have him live in
me -

Before I was married / duty [redacted]
Jez went to Hotel Pitters →
③ - at Sumner camp in Reserves -
= Day - in mess hall → got phone call -
A. on phone → Jez's dead, fell for the
wonder of the hotel -
went to church - fell down the carpet in
the U. , just cried
commander came + got me -
A. - meet me at the airport -
had to go to Hotel Pitters to request a suit
of burial
Jez → in 30's

③ → cemetery - laid down / looked up at the
sky - just take me, God -

Mr. Bill came to the cemetery - I've talked a little,
went back to the house,

[redacted] came + got me - she drove me
back in my car → you have to see somebody
you either go in or I commit you
all I did that of was my mother -
I was sure / I died if anything happened.

always had marriage problems - (L) for Ant
also

I never liked it, I never wanted to do it.

I tried to avoid it -

I'dd numb myself out with
Quercetin bad oral sex, even though he wanted me
to sev. times. I couldn't get it in my
mouth - Guy & pull away
he wanted paper oral sex (B)

St Anne's - Muskegon Ave - most of
money left there -

(B) - played St. Nicholas Here - left (B) his
mattress, cups etc.

3 keys - Golden key -

beneficiaries of annuities -

2 pictures at Lourdes Center - (B) -
went there -

money being transferred by Western Union to
Somewhere -

[redacted] is dead -

brain aneurysm - died -

couple of years ago -

F. (L) made the arrangements

was gay, had no money
all at at ~~at~~ cemetery -
called (L) to ask for money -

Circuit Court**Former altar boy alleges sex abuse**

41-year-old man says contact began at an orphanage in the 1960s

By MICHAEL R. ZAHN
of The Journal staff

A 41-year-old Pulaski man has filed a lawsuit against a 63-year-old Milwaukee priest, claiming that the priest sexually abused him while he was an altar boy in an orphanage here in the 1960s and that their sexual relationship ended only a couple of years ago.

The Pulaski man's attorneys identify their client only by the pseudonym Roger Roe.

The priest said Monday that the allegations were not true. "My

gosh, I don't have any information about this at all," he said.

The Milwaukee Archdiocese and its charitable arm, Catholic Social Services, are also named as defendants. The Circuit Court suit claims they "knew or should reasonably have known" of the priest's alleged conduct.

Greg Bell, spokesman for the archdiocese, said Monday that the archdiocese had not yet been served with the legal papers, and that he therefore could not comment on the lawsuit.

The suit, which does not seek a specific amount for damages, was brought by Jeffrey R. Anderson, a lawyer from St. Paul, Minn., who specializes in sexual exploitation lawsuits against clergy, and by Mil-

waukee attorney Don C. Prachthausen.

It says the plaintiff and his siblings were placed in an orphanage here when he was 10 years old and that he stayed at the orphanage until 1968, when he turned 18. The priest began having sexual contacts with the plaintiff in 1961, when the boy was 11, the lawsuit claims.

The priest and the plaintiff continued to have sexual contact until two years ago, the suit alleges. At that time, it says, the plaintiff came to the conclusion that the relationship had caused him psychological harm.

Prachthausen said the plaintiff "has held a number of part-time jobs over the years, but he has not had steady employment."

Confidential

October 9, 1991

Monsignor Joe Springob came to see me today about a problem presented to him about Eldred Lesniewski. Several weeks ago he attended the funeral of a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been a resident of St. Joseph's home on the South Side when Eldred had been chaplain there. Monsignor thought it had to be in the late 50's or early 60's. [REDACTED] left there when of age to go to work in [REDACTED]. From the way Monsignor talked I judged that [REDACTED] life was not a happy one and that he [REDACTED]. At the time he was at St. Joseph's Home, his sister [REDACTED] was at St. Rose's where Monsignor knew her. Monsignor met the sister again at [REDACTED] not having been in touch with her for many years. She appeared very angry and insisted that her brother [REDACTED] had been sexually abused by Father Eldred when he had been a resident in the home. (Monsignor said that once an accusation had been made about Eldred about another boy from Racine but that it had been thrown out by the judge for lack of evidence.) [REDACTED] mentioned to Monsignor that her only concern was that Father Eldred not have access to boys where he is living and working and that she needs some assurance to that effect.

JTB

[REDACTED]

ADOM016795

June 1, 1953

The Rev. Eldred Lesniewski,
[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Reverend dear Father:

You are hereby appointed Assistant to the Rev.
Joseph Lomasz, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Church,
Racine, Wisconsin.

This appointment is effective immediately and you
are directed to take up your duties at St.
Stanislaus Parish not later than Friday, June 12th,
1953.

Wishing you every blessing, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee,
Administrator sede vacante.

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ADOM017141

August 4, 1955

The Reverend Eldred Lesniowski,
[REDACTED]
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Father Lesniewski,

This letter is to inform you that
I am transferring you to a new assignment.

You are herewith appointed assistant
at St. Stanislaus Parish, Milwaukee, and to the
faculty of Notre Dame High School attached to the
parish.

You will kindly report to the pastor,
the Right Reverend Monsignor Kobelinski, on Wednesday,
August 17, on which date this appointment becomes
effective.

Thanking you for the fine work which
you have done in Racine, and wishing you God's blessing
in your new appointment, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM017145

June 6, 1957

The Rev. Eldred Lesniewski

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee 4, Wisconsin

Dear Father Lesniewski:

This letter is to inform you that I am transferring you from your present assignment as assistant at St. Stanislaus Parish, and appointing you assistant at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Milwaukee, effective Friday, June 21, on which date you will kindly report to your new pastor.

Wishing you God's blessing, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM017146

"ECCE ANCIILLA DOMINI"

Sisters of Christian Doctrine
Madonna House
173 Cherry Street
New York 2, N. Y.

BA 7-3644

October 7, 1958

Most Reverend Archbishop:

Enclosed is my tuition bill for the first semester.

I am very well situated here by now, with the good Sisters making my quarters here very comfortable. My field work placement is at the Kennedy Home in the Bronx, where I work three days a week as a student social worker. This is part of the training program, combining two days of theoretical class study with three days of field experience.

Assuring you of my prayers as you prepare to leave us,

I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Eldred B. Lesniowski

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ADOM017150

June 21, 1960

The Rev. Eldred Lesniewski

████████████████████
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

Dear Father Lesniewski:

By this letter I officially appoint you Chaplain at St. Joseph's Home for Children, Milwaukee, and assign you to the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau. This appointment is effective Thursday, July 7, 1960, on which date you are asked to report.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your new field of endeavor, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM017156

January 16, 1961

The Rev. Eldred Lesniewski
[REDACTED]
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

Dear Father Lesniewski:

Your interest in our Catholic Family Life Program has prompted Father Donald Weber's recommendation that you be officially assigned to the Program's Staff of Speakers. I am in hearty accord, confident that you will be an asset in the promotion of worthy ideals in family relations.

Please accept this letter as one of appointment and as an expression of my prayerful appreciation for your expressed willingness to serve in the above-mentioned capacity.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM017157

August 27, 1968

The Reverend Donald Reiff
1500 South 29th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Father Reiff:

One more request difficult of fulfillment.

The enclosed letter relieves Father Lesniewski of his duties at St. Joseph's Home at anytime we so decide. But as I indicated in my enclosed reply to Sister Alvernia, I think she is making a somewhat unusual and a slightly unreasonable petition.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM017158

October 4, 1968

The Reverend Eldred B Lesniewski
Chaplain, St. Joseph Home for Children
[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Father Lesniewski:

This letter is to inform you that I herewith transfer you from your present position as Chaplain at St. Joseph Home for Children, Milwaukee, and appoint you Chaplain at St. Ann Rest Home, Milwaukee. The effective date of your appointment is to be determined by Sister Alvernia and yourself.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your new field of endeavor, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

October 21-1968

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ADOM017159

bcc Priests' Personnel Board
Father Sampon

July 8, 1980

Rev. Eldred B. Lesniewski

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Dear Father Lesniewski:

After consulting the Personnel Board and with the concurrence of Archbishop Weakland, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Executive Director of District Offices of Catholic Social Services, and officially appoint you Pastor of Blessed Sacrament, Milwaukee effective July 22, 1980.

Before this date you are asked to make the Profession of Faith at the Chancery Office as is required by Canon Law for newly appointed pastors.

Father John Litzau has agreed to be your pastoral advisor during the next year. Would you kindly meet with him on at least a monthly basis to discuss parish matters and experiences. This will be helpful to you as you begin to serve the people of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

It affords me great pleasure to make this appointment, and I assure you that my prayers are joined with yours as we ask God to bless your labors in this new field.

Faternally yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

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June 8, 1986

The Reverend Eldred B. Lesniewski ✓
Blessed Sacrament Parish

████████████████████
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Father Lesniewski:

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to become the Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Juneau. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I am happy to entrust the faithful of that parish to your pastoral care beginning on July 1, 1986. This appointment is being made for a period of time up to six years, after which time it will be reviewed for possible renewal.

As representative of the Archbishop in that parish, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying, and also of administrating the parish, together with the Parish Council and those organizations designated to collaborate with you.

It is a privilege to share my ministry with you. May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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April 9, 1990

The Reverend Eldred B. Lesniewski
St. Ann Home
[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

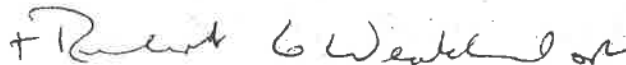
Dear Eldred,

I understand perfectly well your need and desire to resign as pastor of Immaculate Conception parish in Juneau. I notice that you wish the effective date to be May 10th. With this letter I accept your resignation.

I hope this gives you a bit more time for your recuperation now and also the sense that there is no urgency. Take good care of yourself so that you will be able to assume a new assignment when you are healthy.

May God bless you, Eldred, and thanks for all the good things that you have done in your priesthood.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Co-Vicars for Priest Personnel
Priests' Personnel Board
✓Chancery

ADOM017176

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, WI 53204

April 7, 1990

Most Reverend Archbishop,

For reasons of health, I hereby formally request that I be permitted to resign as Pastor of Immaculate Conception parish in Janesville, Wis. as of ~~April 30, 1990~~ May 10, 1990.

My assignment in this parish has been a source of joy and satisfaction. Although I feel that I am on the way to complete recovery, the up-and-down reality of my health status has posed a problem in future planning for the parish.

I do look forward to receiving another assignment as pastor or associate pastor which will enable me to work within the limits of my current health situation.

With grateful regard for your prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Edward B. Lesniewski

Father Lesniewski called in on April 5th and asked that the date be changed from April 30th to May 10th.
done

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JUN 2 1992

June 1, 1992

The Reverend Eldred B. Lesniewski

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Eldred,

Thank you for your recent letter requesting permanent retirement for health reasons. With this letter I formally accept your request.

I am sure when you look down through the many years you served in the diocese and especially in Catholic Social Services, you can see so much that you have accomplished. I hope God will continue to bless you in your life and keep you close to him during these years of retirement. It is good to see that you will be retiring to Meyer Hall.

Many blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Bishop Sklba
Vicar for Clergy Personnel
Priests' Personnel Board
Priests' Pension Board
St. Michael's Priest Fund
Chancery

ADOM017178

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, WI 53215

May 27, 1992

The Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Most Reverend Archbishop,

At the suggestion Of Bishop Sklba, and after conversation with Father Venne, Iam requesting permanent retirement for health reasons.

I am planning to have residence at Meyer Hall, and I have filed an application for retirement and pension Benefits with Father Venne's office. At the present time I feel able to continue to be available for parish help-out.

Respectfully yours,



Rev. Eldred B. Lesniewski

ADOM017179

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 21, 1995

Reverend Eldred Lesniewski
Meyer Hall - Apt. 103
[REDACTED]
St. Francis, Wisconsin 53235

Dear Fr. Eldred,

I am responding to your letter of early June. I am sorry that my letter came without previous discussion, but it was necessary for me to act quickly and consistently for the good of all.

It is so important, Eldred, that you observe the restrictions as stated in my letter. I do not want to make exceptions, especially for Polish Fest, the Notre Dame High School Mass, and the other ministries you outlined. Every time you appear in public this way at the altar, Eldred, you risk stirring up people who have brought allegations. The network of such victims is enormous and very aggressive. You risk much unfortunate bad publicity against yourself, the priesthood, and the diocese.

I hope you can understand that such risks should not be taken. Peace.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Department of Clergy Personnel

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June 16, 1993

Reverend Eldred Lesniewski

[REDACTED]
St. Francis, WI 53235

Dear Eldred,

I had an opportunity to speak with Bishop Sklba before he left for the Spring Bishops' Meeting. It was his understanding also that when we spoke with you on October 30, that you would not have parish Masses. Perhaps in our speaking specifically about St. Alexander's this was not made clear, and I apologize for the confusion. Our policy is that when there are public lawsuits pending, the priest would not do public Masses except with permission for special circumstances.

I know these are difficult times for you, and I certainly do not want to add to the situation. Your helping at the Convent and occasionally at the Nursing Home would be appropriate. Our policy is not to judge whether the allegations are true or false, but to be sensitive to all parties. We certainly hope and pray for justice in regards to these allegations.

Please let me know if there is any way I can ever help. You are in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Tom

Reverend R. Thomas Venne
Vicar for Clergy Personnel

RTV/sks



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September 13, 1983

Rev. Eldred B. Lesniewski
Blessed Sacrament Church

Milwaukee, WI 53215

Dear Eldred:

Before too much time elapses I thought it would be good to commit to writing what we discussed on July 7, 1983 concerning a number of topics including the need for an additional priest at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

I guess my first concern is for you and for your health especially. Some of our fellow priests have also expressed this same concern and feel that you are obviously overweight and probably experiencing blood pressure problems. There has undoubtedly been a great deal of stress and tension over the last three years resulting from your transition from Catholic Social Services to the routine of a large parish. The Archbishop and I want you to let us know if Blessed Sacrament is too much for you to handle reasonably. It would be much wiser to be in a less stressful assignment than to burn yourself out. You know that you and we have a moral obligation to consider this and act on it if necessary.

In our meeting we also discussed your administrative actions at the parish. From a financial standpoint you admitted that you neglected to obtain from the Archbishop the proxies which are necessary to expend amounts that exceed \$1,500.00 for extraordinary matters. This is a matter of both ecclesiastical and civil law and lets you open to serious criticism. We cannot support you in this area unless you cooperate and all it takes is one irate parishioner or trustee and you could face a lot of embarrassment. I asked you to write to the Archbishop about these matters so that proxies can be issued, even retroactively. I do not believe either the Archbishop or Bishop Brust has heard from you yet.

From the standpoint of administrative organization and consultation, evidently, a parish council has not yet been started. Frankly, this surprises me because I remember so well before you were assigned how you stated that establishing a parish council and working with one would pose absolutely no problem since you were accustomed to working with several boards and councils at CSS. I had expected that the parish council would have been your first project at Blessed Sacrament. Recently, when Father Roscioli left the parish, some of the parishioners expressed

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Rev. Eldred B. Lesniewski
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strong feelings about the lack of a parish council and the Renew Program in which they could participate. You will recall that at our meeting I told you Archbishop Weakland had decided that you were not to undertake any projects until a council is formed.

When we discussed the possibility of another associate, Father Lijewski's opinion was that it would be disastrous if a priest were appointed and then would leave in a manner similar to the last two. Tom felt that the parishioners would never stand for that, and consequently, no one should be assigned. I feel Tom is absolutely right; however, given the size of the parish and its outstanding people, the parish should receive another priest. Besides, if a parish council is established according to diocesan criteria and the Renew Program begun, there will be a much greater need for the services of another priest to help enable the laity to assume their rightful role in the parish.

The question which remained as the meeting ended was how to go about the process of finding an associate pastor. This is a bad time of the year since the spring assignments have been made and most priests have been situated. If we open list the assignment and no one applies, the parishioners will feel badly and maybe even angry. I told you that I would discuss the matter with the Personnel Board and suggest that perhaps one of the priests awaiting assignment might be interested and willing. I also suggested that you and Tom feel free to ask priests of your choosing to apply. To date, no one has applied and the Personnel Board feels that we need to see more action on your part especially by way of establishing a parish council before the position is open listed.

Basically, that is my recall from my notes of our meeting which, I felt, was a good one and evidenced excellent cooperation on your part. All of us now need to get busy and work together so that good things can happen. I stand ready and willing to continue to discuss these matters. First, however, I ask you again to straighten out the proxy matters. Secondly, I would hope that you contact the Parish Council Office for advice in setting up a timeline for the proper implementation of a parish council. Finally, you have my assurance that I will do everything possible to see to it that another priest is assigned to the parish when attention is given to the above matters.

I am thanking you in advance for your collaboration.

Fraternally in Christ,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

JAJ/srs

cc Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, OSB
Bishop Leo J. Brust
Rev. Thomas F. Lijewski
Rev. Eugene C. Neuman, Priests' Personnel Board

bcc Rev. Michael T. Newman and Parish Council Office

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June 11, 1958

The Rev. Eldred Lesniewski

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

Dear Father Lesniewski:

Pursuant to our conversation of last week this letter is to inform you that I wish you to pursue special studies in the Social Sciences at the Catholic University of America. Accordingly you may make the proper inquiries for registration and other formalities that will be necessary.

It is understood of course that you will continue in your present capacity as assistant at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish until such time as I am able to replace you there later on in the summer.

With every best wish and blessing, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Albert G. Meyer
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Blind Copy: Fr. Eugene Winkler
Mrs. [REDACTED]

June 9, 1987

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The Reverend Eldred B. Lesniewski
Immaculate Conception Church
[REDACTED]
Juneau, Wisconsin 53039

Dear Father Lesniewski,

District Moderators in our Council of Catholic Women are among the most important factors in the Council's success. Having been assured of your willingness so to serve, I am appointing you as Moderator of District 12, Dodge County, MACCW, effective immediately.

With warm personal regards and assuring you of my personal interest in the task to which you have been assigned, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

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[REDACTED] has advised the Archdiocese that he was sexually abused by Eldred Lesniewski (hereafter "Lesniewski"), when [REDACTED] was a minor.

[REDACTED] and the Archdiocese entered into mediation to achieve reconciliation and restoration, to address issues of concern to both sides, to further prevent sexual abuse of minors and to enhance Church practices in this regard, and to otherwise resolve and settle all disputes between them.

Accordingly, the parties to this Agreement wish to resolve and satisfy all claims of any nature that [REDACTED] has against the Archdiocese, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, insurers and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese, arising from any sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Lesniewski without the necessity of further proceedings or expense of any nature, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any claims for sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Lesniewski.

So, in consideration of the mutual promises made here, and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties to this Agreement agree as follows:

1. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with \$50,000. These funds shall be used at [REDACTED] own discretion.

2. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with \$45,000 for past, present, and future costs for therapy. [REDACTED] understands that the Archdiocese considers this amount full and final payment for any therapy expenses [REDACTED] may incur at any time in the future.

3. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with the names of three consultants from whom he may choose someone to conduct a thorough evaluation of his current emotional, psychological, psychiatric, and social services needs. The Archdiocese further agrees to pay the expenses for this evaluation upon presentation of an invoice from the provider in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. If there are any funds remaining after all bills have been submitted, the remainder will be given to [REDACTED]

4. If [REDACTED] desires a meeting with the Archbishop of Milwaukee at some time in the future, he will contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee who will assist with scheduling such a meeting.

5. [REDACTED] and the Archdiocese will each bear their own costs and any attorney's fees associated with the Agreement, and there will be no payment to [REDACTED] other than that specifically enumerated above.

6. In return for the payment set out above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, [REDACTED] releases and forever discharges the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, insurers and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from, and covenants not to sue

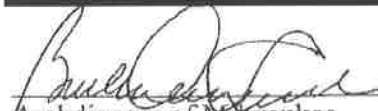
them for, all claims, causes of action, charges, and demands, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise, of any nature that he may have had at any time up to and including the date of signing of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any claim of any nature arising from any assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Lesniewski.

7. The Archdiocese hereby releases and forever discharges [REDACTED] from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature that were in existence up to and including the date of the signing of this Agreement.

8. This Agreement supersedes all prior understandings and agreements between the parties, and constitutes the full agreement of the parties. No change to this Agreement shall be enforced against any party unless it is in writing signed by both parties.

9. The undersigned represent and warrant that each has read the foregoing Agreement; had an opportunity to discuss it with a lawyer; and fully understands its terms; voluntarily, freely, and without coercion signs the Agreement; and that Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack is an authorized representative of the Archdiocese and is duly authorized to execute this Agreement and Mutual Release. Since both sides have had an opportunity to review this instrument with a lawyer of his or its choosing, in the event this instrument needs to be construed, it shall be construed and understood as it is written and without regard or preference as to which party served as the drafter of the same.

[REDACTED]


Archdiocese of Milwaukee
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack


Date

1-13-06
Date

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Accordingly, the parties to this Agreement wish to resolve and satisfy all claims of any nature that [REDACTED] has against the Archdiocese, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, insurers, and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese, arising from the sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Lesniewski without the necessity of further proceedings or expense of any nature, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any claims for sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Lesniewski.

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1. The Archdiocese agrees to research the status of the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. If it has not yet been declared invalid, the Archdiocese will assist [REDACTED] in applying for such a declaration. The Archdiocese cannot guarantee the outcome of the case.

2. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee agrees to provide payment for counseling for [REDACTED] to address issues resulting from this abuse. The Archdiocese shall make payments to the counselor for reasonable costs, billed at the counselor's usual and customary rate. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Archdiocese's therapy payments owed under this provision shall be based upon treatment plans submitted by [REDACTED] and his counselor. This payment for treatment shall continue for five (5) years, through June 30, 2010, at which time it will be reviewed for possible renewal by the Archdiocese.

3. The Archdiocese recognizes [REDACTED] desire to support renewed faith by helping others with similar backgrounds. The Archdiocese agrees to inform Amy Peterson, Victim Assistance Coordinator, of [REDACTED] desire and interest in assisting this work.

4. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with \$60,000 in reimbursement for past medical and therapy expenses incurred as a result of injuries inflicted by Lesniewski.

5. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with \$40,000. These funds shall be used at [REDACTED] own discretion.

6. The total of all funds to [REDACTED] shall total \$100,000 as delineated in paragraphs 4 and 5.

7. [REDACTED] and the Archdiocese will each bear their own costs and any attorney's fees associated with the Agreement, and there will be no payment to [REDACTED] other than that specifically enumerated above.

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June 17 2005
Date

Barbara Anne Cusack
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

6-20-05
Date

Select Lesniewski Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

- 7/23/06 Sexual Abuse Intake Report from a survivor of abuse by Lesniewski who reports that Lesniewski abused him in 1964-1966 when he was 11-13 years old at St. Joseph's Orphanage. Lesniewski touched the survivor's penis and scrotum on several occasions. His step-brother was also abused.
- 4/10/10 Sexual Abuse Intake Report from a survivor of abuse by Lesniewski who reports that Lesniewski abused him in 1961-1964, beginning when he was 11 years old at St. Joseph's Orphanage. Lesniewski wrestled with him and fondled him over and under his clothes on approximately five occasions.