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27 January 2006

PROT. N. 244/03-22238

(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Your Excellency,

I write regarding the case of the **Reverend Frederick Joseph BISTRICKY**, a priest of your Archdiocese who has been accused of sexual abuse of minors and concerning whom Your Excellency has requested dismissal from the clerical state *ex officio*.

After having carefully examined the present case it was noted that the alleged delicts are bound by prescription and that the said priest denies the allegations made against him. For these reasons the Congregation has decided that it would be more appropriate to proceed by way of an administrative penal process in this case. Consequently, this Dicastery grants a derogation from the law of prescription and authorizes Your Excellency to initiate an administrative penal process as outlined in can. 1720 of the *Code of Canon Law*. Your Excellency is therefore kindly requested:

- 1) to inform the accused of the allegations and the proofs, while affording him the opportunity, via his canonical advocate, of a proper defence;
- 2) to evaluate accurately all the proofs and the evidence with the assistance of two assessors who are competent and renowned for their prudence;
- 3) to issue a decree in accordance with cc. 1342-1350 *CIC* if the delict can be proven with certainty. The decree should contain the reasons *in iure et in facto*.

If, as a result of this process, Your Excellency is of the opinion that the accused should be *dismissed from the clerical state* or have some other *perpetual penalty* imposed upon him, you are requested to refer the matter to this Congregation. Should a decree imposing such a penalty be issued by this Dicastery *in Congressu Particulari*, the accused would have the right to present recourse to the Ordinary Session of the Cardinal and Bishop Members of this Congregation (*Feria IV*).

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His Excellency  
**The Most Reverend Timothy M. DOLAN**  
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However, before proceeding with the above-mentioned penal process, Your Excellency should approach the cleric in order to ascertain his position regarding submitting a voluntary petition for a dispensation from the obligations of Sacred Orders including celibacy.

Alternatively, since Rev. Bistricky is currently experiencing health problems, this Dicastery does not exclude the solution outlined in n. 8 b of the *Essential Norms*. Your Excellency is authorized in this case, if you should judge it appropriate, to apply such *Norms* and direct the cleric to live a life of prayer and penance with the possibility of celebrating Mass privately.

I take the opportunity to offer Your Excellency my sincere respects and I remain,

Yours devotedly in the Lord,



✠ Angelo AMATO, SDB  
Titular Archbishop of Sila  
*Secretary*

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

**Intake Call:** [REDACTED] **Date:** 3/25/02 **Time:** 9 a.m.  
[REDACTED]  Phone **By:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  In Person

**Director Contact:** **Date:** 3/25/02 **Time:** 2:30 p.m.  
[REDACTED]  Phone **By:** BR  
[REDACTED]  In Person

**Person Reporting:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone Number:** [REDACTED]  
**Current Address:** [REDACTED]

**Allegations made by:**  
(if not same as above)

**Name:**  
**Address:**  
**Phone:**

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]  
**Age at time of**  
**Allegations:** 13-14 until 15-16

**Allegations Against:** Rev. Fredrick Bistricky  
**Time Period:** Late 1960s – early 1970s  
**Where:** St. Augustine

**Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)**

To his father and to his sister, [REDACTED] in 1997. His father came to see Bishop Sklba about the matter around that time. [REDACTED] who played a role in activating our investigation of [REDACTED] and part of what drove her anger about that situation was that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] explained that after learning from his father's conversation with the Bishop that Fr. Bistricky was retired and no longer had access to children, he had no desire to push any further confrontation. However, last night he learned that Fr. Bistricky is now helping out at Immaculate Conception, neighboring his parish of St. Augustine, which upset him so much that he was unable to sleep last night and unable to go to work today. [REDACTED] urged him to come in and accompanied him.

**Alleged Abuse:**

According to [REDACTED] Fr. Bistricky taught the gym class at the grade school for the older boys (probably 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades). At the beginning of class, he checked for jock straps, making the boys pull down their pants. Any boy who had forgotten his jock strap had to stand for five minutes with his pants down "to remember next time."

Fr. Bistricky was also in charge of CYO. "He brought in boys on Saturday to clean the CYO room. He wanted us to play strip pool, told us there was nothing wrong with it – God gave us these bodies. He watched us. He also told us there was nothing wrong with masturbation. As part of initiation for officers, we had to masturbate for him." [REDACTED] reported this occurred with him between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades.

As part of CYO, Fr. Bistricky organized summer trips to Washington, Colorado, northern Wisconsin. It is not clear to me how many of these trips [REDACTED] went on. On one of these trips, Fr. Bistricky had boys staying with him in his room, but [REDACTED] felt he was spared because [REDACTED] [REDACTED] recalls some boys being stripped and having to row back across the lake naked. One early morning, [REDACTED] was outside walking because he could not sleep and he encountered Fr. Bistricky, who "tried to sodomize me," but [REDACTED] fought it off. "I didn't say nothing, I could have stopped it."

[REDACTED]

Intake: [REDACTED]  
March 25, 2002  
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History:

[REDACTED]

Current Therapist:

[REDACTED]

Next Steps:

[REDACTED] needs immediate reassurance that Fr. Bistricky does not continue to have access to children. Fr. Bistricky's presence in a neighboring parish is very upsetting to [REDACTED], and probably needs immediate remedy, or [REDACTED] is likely to cause a large public uproar.

I encouraged [REDACTED] to find a therapist for himself and gave him some names, assuring him that the Archdiocese will pay for what therapy he needs.

Report given to:

Archbishop Weakland

Fr. Al Veik (Religious)

Matt Flynn (Legal)

Bishop Sklba

Rick Tank (Non-Cleric)

Molly Hatfield (Insurance)

Fr. Joe Hornacek (Clergy)

District Attorney  
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Intake form  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2003 1:13 AM  
**To:** Tom Heinen  
**Subject:**

Hi Tom, I read your story about Fr. Fred Bistricky. The archdiocese knew about him nearly 30 years ago. I taught at St. Augustine School during the 1974-75 school year. There were credible allegations about him abusing teenage boys and setting up boys to do things to each other while he watched. The pastor at the time, Fr. John Albinger, was an alcoholic, and the two of them covered for each other. The abuse was reported to Fr. Bob Schneider, head of the Archdiocesan Priest's Senate. His response was to tell the father of one of the abused boys that if he didn't drop the charge, he (the father) would not be allowed to enroll in the permanent diaconate program. Sick! And what was the consequence for Bistricky? In June of 1975, Fr. Bistricky was transferred to a parish in Sheboygan Falls. His first act when he arrived at his new parish was to put himself in charge of the youth program. [REDACTED] p.s. I

obviously still miss [REDACTED] a lot, but I'm adjusting pretty well to life without him. Please pray for our youngest son, [REDACTED] Take care.

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## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING

### FATHER FRED BISTRICKY

#### INVESTIGATION:

██████████ made a report to the Archdiocese on March 25, 2002 alleging that he had been sexual abused by Father Frederick Bistricky. He had previously reported this to his father and to his sister ██████████ in 1997. ██████████ father ██████████ contacted Bishop Sklba and had a telephone conference with him on March 22, 1997. Mr. ██████████ was under the impression that his son ██████████ had met with Bishop Sklba and reported the allegations against Father Frederick Bistricky. Bishop Sklba had no recollection of such a meeting with ██████████ nor did Dr. ██████████

In ██████████ Intake Report, he stated that upon learning about his father's conversation with Bishop Sklba in 1997, he believed that Father Bistricky was retired and no longer had access to children, so he did not pursue anything further in 1997. In March of 2002, he learned that Father Bistricky was helping out at Immaculate Conception parish, which neighbored ██████████ parish of St. Augustine. He became upset because he thought that Father Bistricky was retired and no longer had access to children. This knowledge prompted ██████████ to make his report of March 25, 2002.

The allegation in the sexual abuse Intake Report by ██████████ alleged that Father Bistricky taught gym classes at the grade school for the older boys. He would make the boys pull down their pants and check their jock strap. Any boy who had forgotten his jock strap had to stand for five (5) minutes with his pants down.

Father Bistricky would encourage the boys to play strip poker. Father would then watch them play strip poker. Father informed the boys that there was nothing wrong with their bodies being naked and he also told them that there was nothing wrong with masturbation. As part of the initiation for officers of the CYO, the boys had to masturbate in front of Father Bistricky. This initiation occurred with ██████████ when he was in the eighth and ninth grades.

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related that Father Bistricky organized summer trips to northern Wisconsin. On one of these trips, was outside walking and he encountered Father Bistricky who tried to sodomize him.

On December 28, 2002, I took statement at Our Lady of Lourdes Church gave his statement accompanied by his wife and sister, Reverend Thomas Suriano, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes,

related that he was a parishioner at St. Augustine parish in 1968. When he was thirteen (13) years of age, he maintains that the sexual abuse was initiated by Father Bistricky. The sexual abuse consisted of the following actions:

- A. and other boys were required to pull down their pants in gym class so that Father Bistricky could check to see if they were wearing jock straps. If they did not have jock straps on, he would physically spank them with their pants down.
- B. Father Bistricky would encourage the boys in the CYO to play strip poker. He watched them many times as the poker game progressed.
- C. At times, would find himself alone in the CYO room with Father Bistricky. On these occasions, Father Bistricky would fondle him and asked him to masturbate in front of Father Bistricky. was also asked to masturbate Father Bistricky.
- D. On one occasion was working at the church festival and became ill. Father Bistricky told him to go up to his room in the rectory and while there Father Bistricky then grabbed him in his genitals and made masturbate in front of him.
- E. On a trip to Colorado with a number of boys and Father Bistricky, He discussed this with Father Bistricky who, instead of counseling him, hugged him and started to fondle
- F. When was about fifteen (15) years of age, he was in the Sanctuary behind the main altar at St. Augustine church. turned around and Father Bistricky was there with his penis out. Father Bistricky made masturbate him at that time. There were other times when similar actions occurred.
- G. When was sixteen (16) years of age, he was camping up in Vilas County with Father Bistricky and other boys. One morning, walked to the lake and Father Bistricky came and started grabbing him. punched him in the face and ran away.

All the actions referred to above occurred when was between the ages of twelve (12) to sixteen (16), between 1968 and 1973.

signed the statement which is enclosed.

On January 7, 2003, I took the statement of Father Bistricky at his home. I had given Father Bistricky a copy of [REDACTED] statement and he reviewed same. He stated that [REDACTED] never confronted him with any of the alleged incidents reflected in the statement.

Father Bistricky denied all the allegations which [REDACTED] made.

Father Bistricky stated that the seventh and eighth grade students at St. Augustine's parish participated in physical education activity where the police and firemen of the parish were volunteers and instructed these children. This was done outside on the playground and only during a few weeks of fall, weather permitting. This physical education activity took place in the presence of a classroom teacher and Father Bistricky only substituted once or twice at these physical education activities.

Father Bistricky denies playing strip poker or watching the CYO boys playing strip poker. He also stated that the incident concerning the camping trip up north, where [REDACTED] alleged that he tried to sodomize him, never happened.

Father Bistricky did meet with Bishop Sklba and the Vicar of Clergy, who has since died. He maintains that the meeting dealt with his inquiry about leaving the winter months and going to Texas and helping the parishes there. There was a question of a photo of an unidentified person mooning. Father Bistricky informed Bishop Sklba that the pastor, Father Albinger and he brought the photo to the attention of Archbishop Cousins.

At the meeting with Bishop Sklba, they talked about numerous problems that [REDACTED] and her friends had while in grade school and during her high school CYO years at the parish. The Bishop remarked that he would get a letter to me that would allow me to go to Texas and informing those in Texas that I was qualified as a priest in good standing with no allegations and would be allowed to help in parishes.

Father Bistricky learned from the Sexual Abuse Report that Bishop Sklba had placed restrictions on him. Father Bistricky was surprised that the sexual abuse report indicated that the Archdiocese or Bishop Sklba had informed him of being restricted in his ministry. Father Bistricky had no idea as to why his ministry should be restricted.

Father Bistricky believes that if a letter was written about restricting his duties as a priest, it might have been written to someone else but not to him. He maintains to this day that has never been suspended or restricted in any way.

I sent Father Bistricky a draft of his statement on January 9, 2003. I asked him to review it and let me know if there is any changes to be made and if not I did ask him to sign it.

On March 2, 2003, I received a letter from Father Bistricky and I revised the statement in conformity with his letter. The revised statement was sent to Father Bistricky for his review and



signature. I did not receive the statement back and I attempted to contact him but was unsuccessful.

I had a conference with Bishop Sklba and he related that the first time that he had any knowledge of a problem with Father Bistricky was when his father, [REDACTED] called Bishop Sklba on March 19, 1997. [REDACTED] related that he believed a priest had committed sexual abuse on a minor but he did not inform Bishop Sklba of the name of the minor. In another telephone conference that [REDACTED] had with Bishop Sklba in April of 1997 [REDACTED] told the Bishop that his son, [REDACTED] was the minor involved. Bishop Sklba attempted to contact [REDACTED] and called at his home, but he was told that [REDACTED] was not available for him to talk. The family knew that he wanted to talk to [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] never contacted him. Bishop Sklba had a memo in his file that [REDACTED] was referred to the Victim's Committee in September of 1997.

Bishop Sklba reviewed Father Bistricky's file in early 1997. Subsequent to that time and after [REDACTED] name had been disclosed, he reviewed the file again and then he saw some photos of children mooning that were in Father Bistricky's file. He is not aware as to how the photos got into the file after he first looked at the file.

In March of 2002, after [REDACTED] had made the complaint to the Archdiocese, Bishop Sklba had a meeting with Father Bistricky. Bishop Sklba reviewed his notes of the meeting and they indicated that he informed Father Bistricky of full restrictions on his duties as a priest which included no contact with children and no public masses. His notes also reveal that a letter was to be sent to Father Bistricky formalizing what he had said at the meeting. Father Bistricky was not to function in any ministerial capacity.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

1. That [REDACTED] father, had a telephone conversation with Bishop Sklba in 1997 where he informed the Bishop that he believed that Father Bistricky sexually abused a minor child, but did not name the minor child.
2. That [REDACTED] made an additional call to Bishop Sklba and informed him that the minor that had been sexually abused by Father Bistricky was his son, [REDACTED]
3. That the conversations that [REDACTED] had with Bishop Sklba in 1997 was the first report of a sexual abuse against Father Bistricky concerning his son [REDACTED]
4. That Bishop Sklba attempted to contact [REDACTED] in 1997, but [REDACTED] was not available and [REDACTED] did not return the call at that time.
5. That the sexual abuse Intake Report was taken on March 25, 2002.

6. That [REDACTED] having learned of his father's conversation with Bishop Sklba, believed that Father Bistricky was retired and no longer had access to children and [REDACTED] had no desire to have any further confrontation with Father Bistricky.
7. That in March of 2002, [REDACTED] learned that Father Bistricky was assisting at Immaculate Conception, a neighboring parish of St. Augustine and therefore he made the complaint to the Archdiocese about Father Bistricky's actions.
8. That Father Bistricky sexually abused [REDACTED] and other boys of the parish by taking the following actions:
  - A. Encouraging the boys in the CYO to play strip poker and watching them as the game progressed.
  - B. By fondling [REDACTED]
  - C. By asking [REDACTED] to masturbate in front of him.
  - D. By asking [REDACTED] to masturbate him.
  - E. By attempting to sodomize [REDACTED]
9. That Bishop Sklba informed Father Bistricky in 1997 that he was restricted in his duties and was no longer functioning in any ministerial capacity.

**DISCUSSION:**

Father Bistricky has not yet signed his statement that I prepared and revised according to his wishes. I do not find that Father Bistricky's statements are accurate or truthful. Certainly his recollection of his conversation with the Vicar and Bishop Sklba are in direct conflict with what Bishop Sklba's recollection and his notes of the meeting indicate. [REDACTED] recollection of what happened is more truthful and direct.

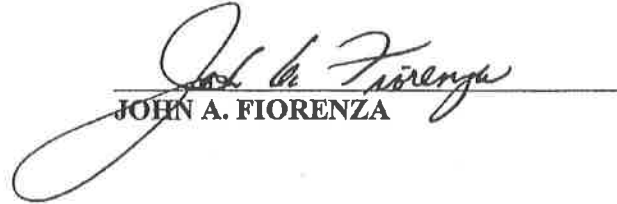
Father Bistricky's statement has many excuses and denials and contains many inconsistencies.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on the investigation and findings that I have made and using a mere preponderance of evidence standard, I do find that there is credible evidence that Father Fred Bistricky sexually abuse [REDACTED]. It is my recommendation that Father Bistricky's restrictions from

performing any ministerial duties be continued and consideration should be given to terminating his position as a priest.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2003.

  
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JOHN A. FIORENZA

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

TAKEN ON DECEMBER 28, 2002

On December 18, 2002, I met with [REDACTED] at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. At the interview, Mr. [REDACTED] was accompanied by his support group, consisting of [REDACTED] Reverend Thomas Suriano, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, [REDACTED] at St. Augustine's and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The interview was conducted with all of the above persons present.

[REDACTED] was a parishioner of St. Augustine Parish in 1968. He was thirteen (13) years of age when he claims that the sexual abuse by Father Bistricky began. The first time, he was in gym class and the boys were required to pull down their pants so that Father Bistricky could check to see if they were wearing jock straps. If they did not have jock straps on, he would physically spank them with their pants down. This occurred many times. His brother, [REDACTED] who was [REDACTED] was present when this action occurred in [REDACTED] gym class, [REDACTED].

The boys of the Parish were encouraged to clean the CYO room. He was asked to help and while cleaning up the CYO room, Father Bistricky encouraged them to play strip pool, as they watched. This also occurred a number of times.

After a while, [REDACTED] found himself with Father Bistricky, alone in the CYO room. Father Bistricky would suggest different things to get him alone. While he was alone with Father Bistricky, Father Bistricky would fondle him and at times ask him to masturbate in front of Father Bistricky. He was also asked to masturbate Father Bistricky.

Father Bistricky would have meetings with [REDACTED] in his room in the Rectory. On one occasion, [REDACTED] recalls that he was working on the Church Festival and got sick. Father Bistricky told him to go up to his room in the Rectory and at that time he grabbed him in his genitals and had [REDACTED] masturbate in front of him.

On one occasion on a trip to Colorado with a number of other boys, [REDACTED] recalled calling home and found out that [REDACTED]. He talked to his Grandmother, who was watching the other children in his family. [REDACTED] discussed this with Father Bistricky who then instead of consoling him, hugged him and then started to fondle him. [REDACTED] broke away and left the room.

The worst time that [REDACTED] remembers was when he was about fifteen (15) years of age. He was in the church at St. Augustine's and actually in the Sanctuary behind the main altar. He was right behind the Tabernacle and he turned around and Father Bistricky was there with his penis out and Father made [REDACTED] masturbate him at that time.

There were other times that similar actions occurred.

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The last time that [REDACTED] remembered an incident was when he was sixteen (16) years of age. This was in his junior or senior year in high school. They took a camping trip up in Vilas County, Wisconsin. They stayed in cabins. One morning [REDACTED] walked over to the lake and Father Bistricky came and started grabbing him. [REDACTED]

Father Bistricky always told him that he should not tell anyone and that if he did tell someone, no one would believe [REDACTED] because Father was a priest. About eight (8) years ago, [REDACTED] told his father about all the incidents and about nine (9) years ago, he told one (1) of his sisters, [REDACTED] about the sexual abuse.

[REDACTED] indicated that they contacted the Archdiocese and was told that Father Bistricky was retired. He later found out that Father Bistricky was still saying mass as a retired priest in an adjacent Parish to St. Augustine.

[REDACTED] also related an incident when a number of boys went to Washington DC. He recalled that [REDACTED] told him that Father Bistricky had gotten frozen hot dogs and then pushed them up [REDACTED] anus [REDACTED] also told [REDACTED] brother, [REDACTED] about this incident.

[REDACTED] related that these acts of sexual abuse occurred ten (10) to twelve (12) times over the period that he was between twelve (12) and sixteen (16) years of age. These acts occurred between 1968 and 1973. The acts that he complained about was that Father Bistricky made him masturbate in front of him, grabbed and touched his genitals and made [REDACTED] masturbate Father Bistricky.

[REDACTED] is currently receiving treatment.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

APPROVED:

[REDACTED]

## STATEMENT OF FATHER FRED BISTRICKY

TAKEN ON JANUARY 7, 2003

On January 7, 2003, I met with Father Fred Bistricky at his home at [REDACTED] Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He reviewed a copy of the statement I had taken of [REDACTED] on December 18, 2002. He indicated that [REDACTED] had never confronted him with any of the alleged incidents reflected in [REDACTED] statement.

Father Bistricky said that when he met in early to mid April 2002, with Father Hornacek and the Psychologist, three (3) allegations were mentioned. The first was making [REDACTED] stand naked on the playground during gym class; the second was that for high schoolers to be eligible to be placed on a ballot to be voted upon as a CYO Officer, Father Bistricky made those nominated clean the CYO activity area on Saturday mornings and then play strip poker. The third allegation was his attempt at sodomy of [REDACTED] on a CYO group outing some place up north. Not one word was mentioned by Father Hornacek or the Psychologist about the incident that [REDACTED] alleged that took place behind the tabernacle in church. Father Bistricky denied that all this activity ever occurred.

Father Bistricky indicated that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. Augustine's Parish participated in a once a week physical education activity where the Police and Firemen of the Parish were volunteers and instructed these children. This was done outside the playground and only the few weeks of Fall, weather permitting. This took place in the presence of the classroom teacher. Father Bistricky substituted once or twice at these physical education activities.

CYO activities were restricted to graduates of the Catholic grade schools. The janitor and his wife were the maintenance people and they would clean the CYO room. The CYO kids did not regularly clean up the CYO room. He does recall on one occasion when the CYO room was used, that there was popcorn and other waste material on the floor and that he got a broom and started to clean the floor. The CYO kids did not help him and he got irritated and threw the broom in the corner and told them that it was their room and that they should clean it up, not him. That was the only incident that he recalled that the CYO kids cleaned up the room.

He denies playing strip poker with the CYO boys. This never happened.

Concerning the camping trip up north, he states that he never gets up early in the morning and that he never tried to sodomize [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This incident never occurred.

Father Bistricky recalls that all three (3) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were discipline problems and sent to the Rectory several times by the Principal. Details regarding school problems can be related by the nuns or lay teachers that were their teachers from grade one, way before Father Bistricky was assigned to the Parish. The [REDACTED] father was [REDACTED] and at times the father, who disagreed with the pronouncements of Vatican II, would start arguments concerning the modern

church. Mr. [REDACTED] maintained that he had been a Seminarian and that what was being taught in the Catholic Church at that time, was not the true teachings of the Church. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The teachers mentioned what Father Bistricky and the Pastor also noticed, namely that Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The teachers, the Pastor and he had interaction with Mr. [REDACTED] and were the butt of his temper. Mr. [REDACTED] would use abusive language and push his finger into my and their chest or arm.

The Monsignor, who was Pastor the first seven months that Father Bistricky was assigned to St. Augustine's, mentioned at one noon meal time to Father Bistricky that there were three (3) families to "avoid because they are nothing but trouble". The [REDACTED] name was one of the three names. Monsignor felt that Mr. [REDACTED] may be holding a grudge against him because the Monsignor may have had something to do with Mr. [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] seems to have transferred some hostilities to the Pastor that was newly assigned to the Parish in February of 1968. There were a couple of heated encounters outdoors in front of the Rectory while the Pastor was out with his dog. Because of those happenings, the Pastor mentioned Mr. [REDACTED] alcohol smell and that he would attempt to avoid such situations. The Pastor asked that if we heard or saw Mr. [REDACTED] and him arguing, then the housekeeper and Father Bistricky were to call him inside to the phone or physically lead him into the Rectory. Over the years, Bishop Sklba mentioned several times to me of chance meetings that he had with Mr. [REDACTED] who always had a chip on his shoulder regarding the Monsignor, Father Albinger or Father Bistricky, but nothing specific.

Father Bistricky had not been assigned to a parish since 1990. He had taken assignments that allowed him to be with his mother to assist his mother while the father had an illness. After his father died, he had to assist his mother with her illness. He worked at various temporary assignments to "fill in for priests" and also was assigned as the Chaplin on call for West Allis Memorial Hospital.

Father Bistricky is a diabetic and has pulmonary problems and takes insulin and medication for the heart problems. These conditions have persisted for a number of years.

Father Bistricky met with Bishop Sklba and the Vicar of Clergy at the time, who has since died. This meeting had to deal with his inquiry about leaving the winter months and going to Texas and helping the Parishes there. There was a question regarding a photo that had been brought to the Pastor (Father Albinger) and myself by a parent who found the photo in the daughter's school pictures while away at college. It was a photo of an unidentified person "mooning" and the parent wondered if this may have been taken surreptitiously while at some CYO activity. The evaluation, knowing the girl in whose possession it was found, had been friends with [REDACTED] (as she had been know in grade school and our high school CYO as [REDACTED] was that the

photo may have been at some CYO event. The girl claimed that she didn't know they had used her camera. Father Albinger and I brought the photo to Archbishop Cousins so he would not be caught off guard in case someone complained. Father Sklba had asked about the background of the "story" of the photo and how the former Archbishop had it.

At the meeting with Father Sklba, they talked about numerous problems with [REDACTED] and her friends while in grade school and during her high school CYO years at the Parish. The Bishop remarked that he would get a letter to me that would be hand delivered or to be mailed to me in Texas qualifying me as a priest in good standing with no allegations, and would be allowed to help in Parishes. I suggested he wait on the letter until I would determine what to do about housing for the winter in Texas and in Milwaukee for the remaining part of the year. I was never able to work out adequate funding and what to do for several months with the home where I have and still live in.

He was surprised to hear that Bishop Sklba had placed restrictions on him. Not a word like that was ever mentioned. Such limitations would have been illogical after having offered to write the letter to the Texas Parish. To this day, he has no idea nor has it been mentioned to him why he would be restricted in his ministry.

Father Bistricky was convinced there was some mix up since he received a Christmas card from Bishop Sklba in December 2000, and Bishop Sklba made references to how sorry he was to hear of Father Bistricky's health problems at Lyons. Father Bistricky stated that he had never been assigned to Lyons and never helped out there and has no recollection of ever having driven through or visited Lyons for any reason. He denies receiving a letter that Bishop Sklba purportedly wrote to him in 1997 with restrictions. Father Bistricky believes that the letter was meant for a different priest and does not know how it was addressed to him or in his file. Father Bistricky maintains that he was never suspended or restricted in any way.

Father Bistricky denies each and every allegation contained in the statement and further denies having any confrontation with Mr. [REDACTED] after these incidents occurred. He has no ideas as to why Mr. [REDACTED] would make the statements against him. Father Bistricky does recall once when he was in the Parish grade school, he answered the door and the Principal and [REDACTED] was there. He was not surprised to see [REDACTED] with the Principal as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Father Bistricky recalled only one conversation with the older brother and that was when [REDACTED] was already in high school and he showed up at the Rectory door.

Father Bistricky's contact with [REDACTED] was in Religion Class. [REDACTED] This has come to light in the last several months as the former teachers have contacted me and indicated [REDACTED] was in those years, even before Father was assigned to the Parish. One nun recalls [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

Father Bistricky indicated that he believed that [REDACTED] grew up in a home atmosphere where a dad held and spoke often of his grudge against the priests who never met his standards. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Father Bistricky is adamant about denying any sexual activity with [REDACTED]. Father Bistricky indicated he would be willing to take a polygraph test if one were requested. Father Bistricky also offered to talk to [REDACTED] in person, however he requested that if [REDACTED] had persons with him, Father Bistricky would like to have the same number of support group at the time of this face to face meeting.

Father Bistricky reiterated that he had not acknowledged nor apologized regarding any of the allegations for the sexual activities alleged by [REDACTED], since none of these allegations were true.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

APPROVED:

*Fr. Fred Bistricky*  
FATHER FRED BISTRICKY

**JOHN A. FIORENZA**  
Reserve Judge

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May 8, 2003

Bishop Sklba  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
3501 South Lake Drive  
P.O. Box 070912  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

**Re: Father Fred Bistricky**

Dear Bishop Sklba:

Subsequent to my sending you the Investigation Report, I received the attached letter and signed statement from Father Fred Bistricky. I would ask that you attach this letter and those documents to the report.

I have not attempted to contact any of the people listed in Father Bistricky's letter at this time. Please advise if you wish me to make contact with these people.

Very truly yours,

**JOHN A. FIORENZA, S.C.**



John A. Fiorenza

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Enclosures

  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF AUXILIARY BISHOP

SEP 25 1997

September 25, 1997

Rev. Frederick J. Bistricky  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218

Dear Father Bistricky:

I write to express my appreciation for the opportunity to join Fr. Thomas Kerstein in meeting with you on September 17, 1997. It was very helpful to receive the larger context of your recollections regarding discussions with Fr. Donald Weber and Archbishop Cousins subsequent to the arrival of the letters which recently surfaced.

I was also pleased to hear your own confirmation of my suggestion that all unsupervised contact with minors be avoided in view of the general climate today and the issues raised in those letters. Your ongoing compliance with that request is of benefit to all parties concerned.

I pray for your own continued stability of health and I trust that your time with Fr. Palermo in Texas will be a beneficial respite from the Wisconsin climate we know all too well.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba  
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/rt  
Copy to:  
Fr. Thomas Kerstein

November 25, 1981

The Reverend Frederick J. Bistricky  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
[REDACTED]  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

Dear Father Bistricky:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, and with the concurrence of the Archbishop, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish, Sheboygan, and officially appoint you Administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish, Plymouth, effective December 15, 1981.

You are reminded that the required Profession of Faith will be made in the context of the Installation Ceremony to be scheduled in the near future at your parish.

In keeping with the Term of Office Policy inaugurated August 1, 1980, your assignment will exist for a period of up to six years from its effective date and after that will be reviewed for possible extension.

You have my sincere best wishes and assurance that my prayers are joined with yours as we ask God to bless your labors in this new work.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki  
Vicar for Priest Personnel

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE**  
The Chancery

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February 13, 1984

The Reverend Frederick J. Bistricky  
St. Andrew's Parish, Le Roy

██████████  
Knowles, Wisconsin 53043

Dear Father Bistricky:

Following the recommendation of the Priests' Personnel Board and in accord with Canons 539-540 of the 1983 Code, you are hereby appointed temporary administrator of St. Andrew Parish, Le Roy, during the illness of Father Joseph Fischer. This appointment is effective immediately.

As temporary administrator you come under the provisions of Canon 540 which is quoted here in full:

- §1 The parochial administrator is bound by the same obligations and has the same rights of the pastor, unless the diocesan Bishop prescribes otherwise.
- §2 The parochial administrator may not do anything which could prejudice the rights of the pastor or could do harm to parochial property.
- §3 When he has discharged his office, the parochial administrator is to give an account to the pastor.

Note that you have the responsibility for the Pro Populo Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; you are authorized to sign checks on all parish accounts to cover ordinary expenditures and to meet payroll obligations. Please note that in keeping with Canon 540, §2, no changes are to be made. Urgent matters should be referred to the Archbishop.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Michael T. Newman  
Chancellor

MTN/mk

cc: Rev. Joseph A. Janicki, Vicar for Priest Personnel ✓  
Rev. Eugene C. Neuman, Priests' Personnel Board

# ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

April 18, 1984

The Reverend Frederick J. Bistricky

[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218

Dear Father Bistricky,

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to become the Pastor of St. Andrew Parish in LeRoy. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board and Father Joseph Janicki, the Vicar for Priest Personnel, I am happy to entrust the faithful of that parish to your pastoral care, beginning on May 15, 1984. This appointment is being made for a period of time up to six years, after which time it will again be reviewed for possible renewal.

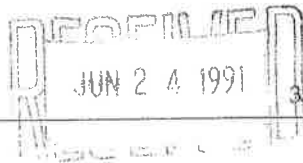
As representative of the Archbishop in that parish, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying, and also of administrating 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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# ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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The Chancery  
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June 19, 1991

Rev. Frederick J. Bistricky

[Redacted]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218

Dear Father Bistricky,

Following the recommendation of the Priests' Personnel Board and in accord with Cannons 539-540 of the 1983 Code, you have been appointed Temporary Administrator of Ss. Peter & Paul, Nenno and St. Anthony, Allenton until a new Pastor is appointed. This appointment is effective June 30, 1991.


As Temporary Administrator you come under the provisions of Canon 540 which is quoted here in full:

1. The parochial administrator is bound by the same obligations and has the same rights of the pastor, unless the diocesan Bishop prescribes otherwise (cf. cc. 519; 528-530; 535).
2. The parochial administrator may not do anything which could prejudice the rights of the pastor or could do harm to parochial property.
3. When he has discharged his office, the parochial administrator is to give an account to the pastor.

You have the responsibility for the Pro Populo Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (c. 534); you are authorized to sign checks on all parish accounts to cover ordinary expenditures and to meet payroll obligations. Please note, in keeping with Canon 540, paragraph 2, no extraordinary changes are to be made. Urgent matters should be referred to the Archbishop.

Thanks, for assuming this assignment. Your willingness to do this is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally in Christ,

  
Rev. Ralph C. Gross  
Chancellor and Vicar General  
By special delegation

cc: Most Rev. Leo J. Brust  
Most Rev. Richard J. Sklba ✓  
Rev. Thomas A. Trepanier  
Rev. Norman R. Schwartz



bc: T. Venne  
R. Gross

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Priests' Personnel Board  
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APR 07 1993

April 5, 1993

Rev. Frederick J. Bistricky

████████████████████  
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Dear Father Bistricky,

I write to you on behalf of Archbishop Weakland and the Priests' Personnel Board to formally acknowledge in writing the current agreement that you will be assigned as an assistant to the Archivist in the Chancery Office effective April 12, 1993. It is my understanding that this initial assignment will be for a three-month period followed by some evaluation and possible renegotiation for a more permanent assignment.

Since I know that you need some time to care for your elderly mother, it would seem that this is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of your needs as well as to have you work with the Archivist in the important tasks that he has to accomplish for the historicity of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I trust, that in the days ahead, you will bring your skills to the needed task. I look forward to working with you and the Chancery staff in the future to make this a permanent assignment following the necessary evaluation and input from that staff.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at my office at 769-3458. Blessings and continued success in the days ahead.

Sincerely,



Fr. Tom Trepanier  
Executive Secretary  
Priests' Personnel Board

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Fred Bistricky  
July 1, 1995

Archbishop of Milwaukee  
The Most Reverend  
Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.  
3501 South Lake Drive, Box 07912  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912

Dear Archbishop Rembert,

As of May 29th, this year, I have experienced 30 years as a priest in this Archdiocese. And I must say happy years during which I can think of no other calling in which I could have given as much to people and received such fulfillment in return.

As happens, this past year and a half has brought very awesome health changes. My diabetic condition has worsened somewhat and, if I understand my Internist correctly, my high blood pressure has remained rather stable the last 24 years. These conditions seem to be familial on my paternal side. My grandfather, dad, and his brothers all died before age 60 due to complications to these conditions and side effects of medications.

Presently, my Congestive Heart Failure is my greatest challenge. I have had a gradually enlarging heart for the past 15 years brought on in part from early adolescent Scarlet Fever which damaged the heart valves. The high blood pressure and drug side effects resulted in a heart size now twice normal.

After my heart failure and resuscitation in late January-into-February, 1994, upon returning home I experienced serious depression and boredom while recovering. I returned to work after three weeks because I enjoyed the job and was uplifted by the sharing with the Chancery staff and others at the Cousin's Center. Returning as I did rather than take the 3-to-6 months suggested seems to be the cause of further complications that led to June, 1994's passing out at home during which I was in and out of consciousness taking 2½ hours to crawl to the phone. While in cardiac critical care I was resuscitated a further 3 times, pacemaker implanted along with a defibrillator.

Since that time I have chronic morning and late afternoon listlessness and fatigue partly as normal for some diabetics and partly from three of my eight medications that control blood pressure and heart rhythm.

Consequently, I have been unable to assist Tim Cary on a full time basis. Following the two Cardiologists and Internist's suggestion I kindly ask for your approval to be placed on Disability Pension status, hopefully, until such time that further rest and therapy will restore stamina permitting me to return to full time ministry in six months to a year.

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I have the doctors' okay to take weekend help outs which I will do.

I thank you for this consideration and anticipate your okay. Please keep me in your prayers as I do you.

I am mindful of your upcoming sabbatical. I am sure that you will find it most needed and nourishing to you following this two year stretch of parish visitation in addition to your many other commitments. Having experienced the fatigue I mentioned earlier at age 56 (57 in August) I have often found myself wondering these past few years how you are able to maintain the pace you do as you approach the age of a decade-plus beyond mine! And no stepping off rail platforms, or other accidents, during the sabbatical or your personal time come August! God keep you safe and well!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred". The signature is written in dark ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Fred Bistricky

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JUL 14 1995

July 12, 1995

The Reverend Fred Bistricky  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218

Dear Fred,

Thanks for your letter asking for retirement status due to health. I certainly will grant that retirement as of June 30, 1995. I hope you can have the time and energy now to take care of yourself and that you will enjoy sufficiently good health. Continue to help out to the best of your abilities. Blessings on you.

Thanks for the years of good priestly ministry, Fred. God works in strange ways. You now associate with the Lord in your suffering as victim as well as priest. Peace.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



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

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



December, 1998  
Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

I'm still heeere! I sure thought I'd be greeting you from Texas this year. When the early Spring in Texas began having, regularly, temperatures in the 90's I really wondered what the Summer would be like. Not pleasant for me. Way too hot, and for 5 months and then some. So I reevaluated and am here for the time. Now my best option seems to possibly become a "snow bird" benefiting from the best of both locales depending upon the season. For now I'll be staying the winter here and come next summer revisit the thoughts of spending the winter in Texas. And such flooding coastal & central Texas experienced.

In the meantime back up in good old Wisconsin and Milwaukee I have been kept most busy. I had intended to visit relatives in North Dakota the past summer to celebrate graduations but requests for help out in many parishes led me to work over the summer.

With so many priests absent from parishes both for vacations and for summer school, plus a good number fewer of priests I really enjoyed doing my priestly work wherever I was asked to serve. Even though "retired" the work is good since my health has stabilized.

During the latter part of summer I slowly painted the main gutters and down spouts so they beautifully match the gleaming white of the window trim. One coat was not enough so two it was. Then I pressure washed the aluminum sided garage, painted its trim double coating the double width over head door. Next, I attacked the aluminum roll up awnings. They are now a medium tan shade and just as the rest they too needed two coats of paint. Come Spring I yet need to repaint the supports and awning over the front entrance.

I did a tad of work on my slight flower beds either side of the main entrance. When planting time comes in '99 I intend to plant several ornamental trees, shrubs and clusters of flowers on both entrance sides. I have several strong neighbors who have already cut down the over sized evergreens and removed the stumps. They will plant these bed areas when we can work the soil again.



Like any of you, the regular routine of shopping, cooking, cleaning and laundry keeps me moving.

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Most important are the thoughts and sentiment that herald the Birth of Christ and His birthday anniversary. I am surely thinking of each and everyone of you throughout the year but with the special fervor we all experience come Christmas. Loved ones now with the Lord are missed yet offer deep memories. The wonder of visiting each other through these cards, letters, phone calls, and also photos. Our world is in such a mess and to my perception so is our country. I realize that the majority just wish we could on with governing and earning a living. But it shames me to think how low the standards have fallen in the lives of our leaders, even in Washington D.C..

We so badly need the loving grace of the Savior to again strengthen us as a people. I encourage you in joining me in fervent pray for an awakening of responsibility for parents that we can eliminate the disastrous, and almost daily, news of child killing, abandonment, and such abuse as even substance abuse to which a lot of children are born with through neglectful or deliberate parental decisions.

I send you warm wishes, God's strength to endure the trials of daily living, hopes that Christ has an important place in your lives, and the loving care that each of us find from family, relatives and friends.

I assure you that you will be remembered in not only the Masses I celebrate daily during Advent but those, also, of Christmas and throughout the Christmas Season which for us of any Faith extends into January past Epiphany right up to the Baptism of Christ.

Wishing you this Season's Blessing and Christ's Presence within you the coming year the last of this century.

Love

L. Fred

April 12, 2002

Rev. Frederick J. Bistricky  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Dear Fred,

Enclosed please find a copy of the Precept which I had discussed with you by phone. The significant change in what is being expected of you at this time includes your refraining from all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist as outlined in the second point of the Precept.

Please note that this Precept is scheduled for a three-month period which is commonly a much shorter period than the usual 6-month's duration, because we sincerely hope that at least that part of the Precept would be able to be reversed after the commission finishes its work and the climate currently in the Church would improve considerably.

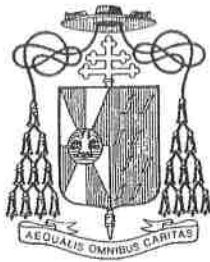
I look forward to being with you on Monday, April 22, 2002, at 1:00 P.M. when we meet with Dr. Barbara Reinke to discuss the particulars of the intake report which she documented as a result of a conversation with an alleged victim from your past.

Please know that you remain in my special prayers during this very trying time for our priests and for the Church.

Faternally Yours in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

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# REMBERTUS GEORGIUS

Miseratione Divina et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia

Archiepiscopus Milvauchiensis

## PRECEPT

In response to the pastoral needs of this Christian community, in virtue of my authority as diocesan bishop (c. 381, §1), and in accord with the provisions of canon 49, I formally place upon Reverend Frederick J. Bistricky the following obligations:

- 1) To refrain from all contact with minors, vulnerable adults, and other persons or categories of persons who have proven to be occasions of temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist; Eucharist may be celebrated in a private setting alone or with only another priest or priests in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require explicit permission from a local ordinary in each case;
- 3) To avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 4) To cease any and all activities and relationships that may be described under the broad category of pastoral counseling;
- 5) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

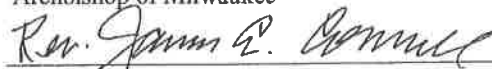
The reasons motivating this decree are the allegations of sexual activities in violation of the obligation of clerical celibacy (c. 277, §1). These restrictions are seen as necessary and prudent precautions and will remain in effect for three months from this date or until notice of their revocation. Any violations of this precept could result in penal action and this decree shall serve as canonical warning to that effect.

This decree shall be executed by means of its communication to Reverend Frederick Bistricky by Very Reverend Joseph Hornacek.

Given this 3rd day of April, 2002.



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

  
Notary

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 7, 2003

Reverend Frederick Bistricky

██████████  
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Dear Fred,

As you are aware, after advising proper law enforcement officials, the allegation made against you was turned over for review to Judge John Fiorenza who is acting as a Special Adjudicator for the Archdiocese. He has completed his review and submitted his report to the Archdiocesan Review Board for their recommendation regarding fitness for ministry. They unanimously concurred with the conclusions of Judge Fiorenza and offered their recommendation and advice to me.

Using a preponderance of evidence as a standard of proof, I now have reason to believe that there is sufficient evidence to support the probable nature of the allegation. Therefore, I am now obliged to submit this matter to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for their consideration. It is within their competence to determine whether a penal process should commence or if administrative measures are to be taken. The Promoter of Justice is advised on this matter.

The precept restricting all public ministry and public presentation as a priest continues in place. Furthermore, you are herewith also ordered to have no contact whatsoever with the individual making the allegations or with any family members of the accuser. A violation of any aspect of these restrictions could result in the application of additional penalties.

It would be important that you continue to be in contact with canonical counsel as these processes unfold. Father Joseph Hornacek will be communicating directly with you to ensure that you are cognizant of the procedures and effects. Please avail yourself of the additional spiritual and psychological supports systems that are needed at this time.

I ask your continued cooperation in this process and a Christian respect for all involved.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

July 23, 2003

Father Fred Bistricky

[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, WI 53218-4006

Dear Father Bistricky,

Thank you for your visit last week, as well as for your follow-up letter of July 18, 2003. I was pleased to meet your sister, brother-in-law, and our Jesuit confere.

I assured you that I would thoroughly review the documentation of your case, and I have.

My conclusion is that I renew my acceptance of the strong recommendations our Archdiocesan Review Board made to me: that you be completely restricted from all public ministry, allowed only to offer Mass privately; that you nether dress as or present yourself as a priest; and that you refrain from all contacts with minors. I will seek canonical counsel as to how your case should presented to the Holy See, and would encourage you to confer with a canon lawyer as well.

It is clear to me from our meeting and your letter that you do not realize the gravity of your past actions. Our files give clear indication that Judge John Fiorenza was accurate in concluding that there is indeed a preponderance of evidence of past inappropriateness, including but not limited to the accusations made in March 2002.

You remain high in my prayers,

Faternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

**ADOM021228**

June 21, 1965

The Reverend Frederick J. Bistricky

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53223

Dear Father Bistricky:

This letter is to inform you that you are herewith appointed curate at Holy Trinity Parish, Racine, effective Wednesday, July 7, 1965. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Stephen Labaj.

(Under a separate cover you have received a signed copy of the Faculties of the Archdiocese.)

May I again assure you that you are always most welcome to discuss any of your problems with me.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your priestly work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM021243

November 22, 1965

The Reverend Frederick J. Bistricky  
Assistant, Holy Trinity Parish

Racine, Wisconsin 53403

Dear Father Bistricky:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as curate at Holy Trinity Parish, Racine, and appoint you curate at St. Patrick's Parish, Beaver Dam, effective Tuesday, November 30, 1965.

You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Cyril A. Livingston.

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,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM021246

July 29, 1966

The Reverend Frederick J. Bistricky  
Assistant, St Patrick Parish  
[REDACTED]  
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin 53916

Dear Father Bistricky:

I hereby appoint you to act as District Director for the Catholic Youth Organization of District Twelve (Dodge County). This appointment is to take effect immediately.

You may contact Father John Endejan at the Catholic Youth Office for further information as to what your duties will be.

Good luck, and God's blessing in your work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM021247

June 16, 1967

The Reverend Frederick J. Bistricky

Beaver Dam, Wisconsin 53916

Dear Father Bistricky:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as curate at St. Patrick Parish, Beaver Dam, and appoint you curate at St. Augustine Parish, Milwaukee, effective Tuesday, June 27, 1967. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard H. Felsecker.

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,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM021248

May 28, 1976

C  
The Reverend Frederick J. Bistricky ✓  
St. Augustine Parish

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[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Dear Father Bistricky:

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Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board re-  
garding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your  
present position as Associate Pastor at St. Augustine Parish,  
Milwaukee, and appoint you Associate Pastor at Immaculate  
Conception Parish, Sheboygan, effective June 15, 1976. You  
will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father  
Ignatius C. Staskunas.

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With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you  
God's choicest blessings, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ADOM021251

November 10, 1981

The Reverend Frederick J. Bistricky  
Immaculate Conception Parish

████████████████████  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

Dear Father Bistricky:

Following the recommendation of the Reverend Joseph A. Janicki, Vicar for Priest Personnel, you are herewith appointed temporary administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, until a new pastor is appointed. This appointment is effective immediately.

As temporary administrator, you come under the provisions of Canon 474, have the responsibility of the Pro Populo Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, enjoy the rights of a pastor in accord with Canon 465, and are authorized to sign checks on all parish accounts to cover ordinary expenditures and to meet payroll obligations. Please note that in keeping with Canon 436, pending a pastoral appointment to Immaculate Conception Parish, no changes are to be made. Urgent matters should be referred to the Archbishop.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Faternally yours in the Lord,

(Rev.) Michael T. Newman  
Vice-Chancellor

MTN/mk

cc: Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Priests' Personnel Board

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November 4, 2002

Archbishop Timothy Dolan  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
3501 South Lake Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

RE: Fred Bistricky

Dear Archbishop Dolan:

Your office has some of my previous complaints against Fred Bistricky. I cannot at this time call him Fr. Bistricky. These were happenings at St. Augustine Parish on Howell Ave.

In 1973 and 1974 I had been in contact over the phone many, many times with Fr. Fliss. I believe he is now Bishop Fliss of Superior. At that time I had begged, threatened, etc. for him to do something regarding the inappropriate behavior of Fred Bistricky (by the way - he wanted to be called Fred - not Father). I had tried to get in touch with Archbishop Cousins to no avail. Bishop Fliss had always been a stone blocking my attempts to speak with Archbishop Cousins.

I was appalled at the actions of Fred Bistricky with all of his sexual overtones and actions. When alone with the fellows he would pinch their nipples, grab them by the butt and pull their underwear until some of them ripped. He would let them moon out of his opened back windows of his car with their underwear pulled down. He would lay (or lounge) around in the nude, saying "the bible says your body is beautiful - you should not be ashamed to display it." This happened at retreats and [REDACTED] was witness to many of these displays.

Then our CYO went to Colorado. Fred Bistricky shared a room with the "guys". At the same time there were other groups at the hotel. One group of travelers was partying so loud that the kids could not get to sleep. [REDACTED] went to the room where Fred Bistricky was and knocked on the door. He answered the door TOTALLY NUDE. Now lets face the truth - this man was sick. Any person has time to throw a robe on. He acted like "what's the problem". The girls were so embarrassed they ran back to their room.

After speaking with other parents I then tried to speak with the Archbishop but was never permitted to do so, always being blocked by Bishop Fliss.

Arguments went back and forth and one day Fred Bistricky called me to tell me that I would have to testify in court that he was not gay. I told him at that time he had a larger problem than being gay. Shortly after, he and Father Albinger whom is now deceased sent

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Father Fredlake over to speak with my husband and myself regarding the problem and we were told to back off of these issues. At the time we had asked him who sent him but he would not say. Father Fredlake has since left the priesthood.

Much later, Fred Bistricky was transferred to Sheboygan Falls. He and Father Albinger were replaced by Father Bob Bales and Father Chuck Keefe who were wonderful priests.

[REDACTED] still go to St. Augustine Parish and love Father Tom.

When all the accusations regarding sexual misconduct started to come out of the woodwork, I then notified District Attorney Mike McCann regarding this. He had checked Fred Bistricky out and he told me he was retired and was banned from participating in public worship. I had told this to [REDACTED] and they had gone to mass at Immaculate Conception and found that he had the mass. I did inform Mike McCann of this. He is also very appalled by this but the statute of limitations has expired.

Two weeks ago when I saw [REDACTED] on TV (regarding his having been sexually abused by Fred Bistricky) it brought all these memories back and I was quite angry. I feel that if Bishop Fliss at that time would have listened to me, some of these things could have been brought to a halt. I feel that Bishop Fliss is just as much to blame for covering up all this sexual misconduct. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We have wondered many times why we did stay with the Catholic religion. To this day we still wonder as we feel Bishop Fliss DID NOT act like a priest. We still have so many questions as to why he let Fred Bistricky hurt so many people and totally ignore it. I can guarantee you that Bistricky would not have been transferred if I had not been constantly reporting him to Bishop Fliss.

My husband and I feel that Bishop Fliss does owe many people an apology for covering this up. I have spoke with Mike McCann about this. He has suggested that I call and write to Bishop Fliss in Superior. If I do not get an apology or decent answers to my questions I guess I will just have to go to the Superior press, as I hear they have already taken him to task.

To sum up all these frustrating experiences we faced, need I say we are very unhappy with the cover up.



  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 3, 2003

Reverend Frederick Bistricky

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Milwaukee, WI 53218

Dear Fred,

As I continue to adjust to my role as Archbishop, I am undertaking a review of files of priests. I note that there have been problems in your past of which you are well aware. Father Hornacek will be contacting you for a personal meeting in the near future to discuss this situation with you on my behalf. If you want to meet with me personally at some point after your conversation with Joe, I am certainly open to that possibility.

In the meantime, I see that a precept restricting your exercise of ministry is in place. I would like to confirm those restrictions: You are to have no unsupervised contact with minors and no public exercise of ministry; Private celebration with only another priest or priests in attendance is permitted, but no other sacramental ministry. Given the current state of matters, I would also ask that you not wear your collar in public settings, nor present yourself in public as a priest. This is for your protection as well.

I regret that my first formal correspondence with you needs to be on such a delicate and painful matter. I am sure you understand that the scope of my responsibilities in caring for the flock entrusted to me and for you requires that I do so.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 7, 2003

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
Piazza del S. Uffizio 11  
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Eminence:

In accord with the norms of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, I am submitting for your consideration the case of a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Reverend Frederick Bistricky has been accused of sexual abuse of a minor. The summary of these allegations is enclosed. Father Bistricky has denied that these acts of sexual assault occurred.

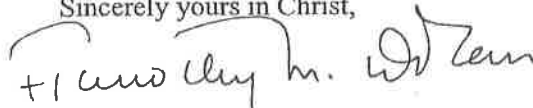
The impact on his victim has been significant. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is paying ongoing therapy costs. Our new found awareness of the severity of damage caused by sexual abuse at the hands of clergy makes it impossible for us to ignore this situation. The media reports on this case have already begun. The potential for additional victims reporting exists based on records from other inappropriate behavior from the 1970's that was reported and, at least minimally, acknowledged by Father Bistricky.

Given the nature of the alleged and admitted sexual abuse, along with the serious abuse of office, I have pondered long and hard to arrive at an opinion about the most appropriate action to be taken. In order that justice may be made manifest and healing of the victims and the Church may proceed, I am asking that Reverend Frederick Bistricky be dismissed *ex officio* from the clerical state. Whatever financial needs he may have can be provided for from the pension fund.

If the judgement of Your Eminence is that this case should proceed to a dismissal by decree of your Congregation, I would cede to that judgement. Furthermore, if it is your judgement that this case should proceed through a canonical penal process, I humbly request a dispensation from prescription as well as a sanation of any procedural errors that may have occurred during the years this case was under investigation. The severity of the offense is such that it is my opinion that these requests are justified. I look forward to your further instructions in this matter.

With sentiments of deepest esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

NAME: Frederick Joseph Bistricky

AGE: 64

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

Milwaukee, WI 53218

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY: Presbyteral Orders – May 29, 1965

Assistant – Holy Trinity Parish (Racine) – July 7, 1965

Assistant – St. Patrick Parish (Beaver Dam) – November 30, 1965

Curate – St. Augustine (Milwaukee) – June 27, 1967

Associate Pastor – Immaculate Conception Parish (Sheboygan) – June 15, 1976

Administrator – St. John the Baptist Parish (Plymouth) – December 15, 1981

Sick Leave – May 1, 1983

Pastor – St. Andrew Parish (LeRoy) – May 15, 1984

Sick Leave – July 1, 1990

Administrator – Ss. Peter and Paul Parish (Nenno) – June 30, 1991

Awaiting Assignment – August 16, 1991

Diocesan Archival Assistant – April 12, 1993

Retired – June 30, 1995

#### DECREES ISSUED:

April 3, 2002 – Precept issued for three months with the following restrictions:

- 1) To refrain from all contact with minors, vulnerable adults, and other persons or categories of persons who have proven to be occasions of temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist; Eucharist may be celebrated in a private setting alone or with only another priest or priests in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require explicit permission of a local ordinary in each case;
- 3) To avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 4) To cease any and all activities and relationships that may be described under the broad category of pastoral counseling;
- 5) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

July 22, 2002 – Above noted precept was reissued as being in effect for an indefinite period of time.

#### INVESTIGATION PROCESS:

- 1) In October 1974 several parents from St. Augustine Parish wrote letters of complaint about Father Bistricky to Archbishop Cousins. They stated that Father promoted a permissive atmosphere among the teenagers, encouraging “streaking” and “mooning.” They said he came to the door of his room in the nude while on a trip with youth. They objected to his foul language. They reported that he had taken nude photographs of adolescent boys and submitted a copy of such a photograph. Archbishop Cousins met with and reprimanded Father Bistricky. When there was additional information that the pattern of behavior had not ceased, the matter was turned over to a priest who was serving as an

“ombudsman” to investigate and handle complaints about priests. The ombudsman met with 19 parents and heard their reports which were consistent with what had previously been submitted in writing. The ombudsman met with Father Bistricky and reported that he “had explanations for some of the incidents. Other incidents he left in the realm of indiscretions or lack of control in supervision of adolescents. Father Bistricky was ordered to seek professional counseling. This resolution was reported to the parents who seemed satisfied that their issues were being addressed. The entire file on this 1974 investigation was only recovered in 1997 when the office of a deceased priest was being cleared out. In September 1997, Auxiliary Bishop Richard Sklba and the Vicar for Clergy met with Father to discuss the contents of the 1974 file. Father reported that all of that had been settled at the time by his seeking therapy. Bishop Sklba informed him that he was to have no unsupervised contact with minors. This restriction was then committed to writing and Father acknowledged it.

- 2) In March 2002, [REDACTED] contacted the Archdiocese and reported that he had been sexually abused by Father Bistricky between the ages of 12 and 16 in the late 1960's to early 1970's while at St. Augustine Parish. The alleged abuse consisted of genital fondling and masturbation. In March 2002, [REDACTED] report was submitted. With the revision in procedures in May, the report was sent to the District Attorney's office. The DA stated that the statute of limitations had expired. The case was handed over to a retired judge for investigation. That preliminary investigation has been concluded and a report submitted to the Diocesan Review Board. Both the investigation results and the board recommendations conclude that there is a preponderance of evidence that would support the probable nature of the allegation. Father was placed under a 3-month precept in April when the Vicar for Clergy met with him to discuss this allegation. This precept was reissued with an indefinite time limit in July, 2002. Father has been advised of his canonical rights and has been advised to seek the services of a canonical advisor.

**CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED DELICT(S):**

**DATE OF ACCUSATION:** March 2002

**DATE(S) OF ALLEGED ACT(S):** 1968 to 1973

**NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:** [REDACTED]

**PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM:** 46

**GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM:** Male

**NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:**

**KIND:** Forced masturbation; genital fondling; attempted sodomy

**NUMBER:** 3

**SURROUNDING EVENTS:** Frederick Bistricky served as associate pastor and was able to use his office to gain access to the alleged victim's trust through his role with youth activities; he took adolescent boys on camping and other types of trips

**CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED PERPETRATOR:**

**CURRENT RISK:** Because Frederick Bistricky is currently having health problems, there is little risk that he will make contact with a potential victim at this time. However, the risk of serious scandal is extremely high.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION:** Frederick Bistricky underwent several psychological evaluations and released their findings to his ecclesiastical superiors. The results of these evaluations are as follows:

1983 assessment – Psychology Associates, Wausau, WI (No signed release for further disclosure of information.)

1994 psychological treatment – Life Skills Counseling Center, Milwaukee, WI (Signed release filed with therapist to allow oral reports to the Archdiocese; written notes of these reports on file) – Evaluation conducted by a clinical psychologist – Conclusion – Active sexual fantasy life with some indications that they may have been acted on in the past with teen aged boys

**CIVIL AUTHORITY'S ACTION:** The Milwaukee District Attorney reviewed the March 2002 report and examined personnel files to conclude that the actions alleged are beyond the statute of limitations and cannot be prosecuted.

**CURRENT STATUS:** Frederick Bistricky has been without a ministerial assignment since 1995. He was permitted to provide weekend assistance at parishes but, since 1997 he has been ordered to have no unsupervised contact with minors. He was indefinitely restricted from all ministry in July 2002.

**RESIDENCE:** Private residence in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in home inherited from his mother.

**SUSTENANCE:** Since he sought disability retirement in 1995, he has been receiving the regular monthly pension support. He has been maintained on the archdiocesan health, medical and dental insurance as well.

ARCHDIOCESE  OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

August 25, 2003

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Dear 

I am aware that you reported an allegation of abuse through our Archdiocesan Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response Office. The report, of course, was referred to proper law enforcement officials, and because they were unable to take action, we conducted an independent investigation. I can only begin to realize how this must have been a long, arduous, and emotionally difficult process for you. Thank you for approaching us in this painful matter.

I have determined that Father Fred Bistricky will be removed permanently from ministry. He will not be allowed to function in any capacity or to represent himself as a priest.

I hope that you are making progress in the process of healing and recovery. It is the desire of the Archdiocese to take steps to help you restore wholeness. I encourage you to continue to be in touch with Dr. Barbara Reinke to talk about your needs and assess services available to you.

Although no apology can ever suffice, I do renew to you my heartfelt apologies, on behalf of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, for any harm you suffered. Please know that you are in my prayers and I care deeply about your well-being. If you would like to visit with me personally, please let me know.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee



Oct. 13, 1974

Dear Archbishop Cousins,

My involvement in this is through my son and daughter being in C.Y.O.

They've been involved in several retreats a trip to Phelps Wis. and a recent trip to Denver Colorado.

Before I go any further I would like to state that I think Father Bistricky is a dedicated, hard working priest who is in need of help.

During those trips numerous events have been brought to our attention.

At Phelps, Wis. a picture was taken with my son's camera, without his knowledge. It was a picture of three boys without any undershorts on, bending over "Flipping the Moon". I am enclosing the picture. I have the

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The other parent plus the parents of the boy who was posted as a lookout, decided along with ourselves, to have a talk with Father Bistucky.

Thursday, we decided to all go to the 7 P.M. Mass, <sup>on Saturday</sup> and talk to Father Bistucky, as he usually has confession after Mass.

Friday, my boy and the boy who was a lookout I went to Father Bistucky and told him the C.Y.O. parents knew what's going on.

When we saw him Saturday we showed him the pictures from Phelps and asked him about the pictures taken on New Year's. At first he denied it. Then he said he took it, but could give us no explanation for doing it. Then he said he was dared by the boys and it was the last picture on his roll of film. But the boys said he took pictures afterwards. He said having the boys pose for this was a way of releasing their sexual inhibitions. He asked if we would rather see our boys in bed with a girl? Needless to say we were very confused, especially when he said "Flipping the Moon" has been going on for years and we were very old fashioned. We felt we didn't accomplish a thing at this meeting.

The boys said he put picture like this in his memory book. On the last C.Y.O. trip to Denver, Colorado, when it was time to get up in the morning two boys [REDACTED] knocked on the door in the morning to awaken them. When my daughter went to open

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the door the boys were nude. She  
called them mental and slammed the door.

In closing I again want to  
state, Father Bistudy is a great  
priest and a very, very nice person, but  
I definitely needs help.

Mr. & Mrs



October 14, 1974

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Quite by accident last January several parents found out that a picture was taken of our sons in the nude. This was done while a CYA sponsored New Year party was going on in the church basement. We only saw one that was taken the same evening when they were clothed. In questioning our son he told me Father Bistricky took the Polaroid pictures.

Several parents approached Father about this incident & expressed our displeasure that he should have taken such a picture, particularly since he is a priest. It would almost seem that our son believes because of Father's position, what he says in these areas takes precedence over our teaching.

Father seemed to think we were all upset over nothing, that some things of this nature - particularly "mooching" (having your bottom in public or private with others around) is a common thing among teenagers and it is a better release for their sexual inhibitions than going to bed with a girl. We disagreed. We all left this meeting feeling we were not doing our job as parents, that our sons would not become morally degraded because of this incident - this was not what we had in mind to start with. We were not questioning our sons' moral character.


I left this meeting totally dissatisfied and only hoped that others would

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not hear of this & feel this was common practice at St. August C.Y.D.

In closing, I questioned our 23 year old son about this incident because he is not that far removed from the teen age group. He felt this behavior was unnecessary. I also spoke to a 21 year old man, educated for 16 years in Milwaukee Catholic Schools, and with 8 years experience with young boys in "Y" work & athletics. He also seemed to feel this was not proper.

Father Distichy is a hard working priest but I do feel from the related incidents he may need some help. We have an 8th grader ready for C.Y.D. but at this time I do not want him to join.

MW & Mrs 

October 13, 1974

Dear (Archbishop) Cousins

We are enclosing letters by families in all walks of life associated with St. Augustine's Parish at 2530 So. Howell Ave. Milwaukee

We are deeply disturbed by behaviors Father Bistricky is displaying that does not meet with our values as parents.

We would only ask that you look upon this problem with the same serious concern we have. We trust that thru the information we are submitting, that you will determine whether or not serious action be taken.

We are not forwarding this letter to the rectory and we would prefer that you also do not send a letter at this time because we fear definite reprisals concerning our children. We have experienced in the past such reprisals from the rectory.

We stand ready to be called to your office at your request for a personal interview if you so desire.

Carbon Copies of all enclosures to the  
Priests Personnel Board



Mr & Mrs. [REDACTED]

Most Hon. Wm. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Dear Archbishop Cousins,

My 12 year old son attended his first Jr. High C.C.D. meeting instructed by Father Bistricky. Upon his arrival home his dad questioned him as to how it went and what he learned. His reply was "it's all right, but Father sure has a dirty mouth". [REDACTED] dad asked him again and his reply was, "well he says hell & damn a lot, but it's all right because he was [REDACTED]"

On Wednesday I asked my son how his C.C.D. meeting went. He felt he had a good lesson on Religion. I questioned him further because I met other parents who were dissatisfied. I asked him if Father talked about anything we might not approve of. [REDACTED] stated "yes, but I don't like to talk like that". I questioned him further & [REDACTED] said he talked about mooning. I questioned again further & he said Father said that he was mooned, & he almost got into an accident. Mooning explanation (someone exposed their rear end out a car window.

He went on to mention that some kids were talking & Father told them about his forms of punishment in which he had a kid kneel down, but wouldn't explain what happens after that.

2.  
My son did after talking mention that  
Father pointed to a poster "This is National Sex  
Week" and said "Well boys, what do you think  
of this".

I have told my son that he will not  
continue his CCD education at St. Augustine's & would  
work out something, because we do not approve of their  
getting their kicks out of these slang terms &  
sweating under a priest's approval. In no way  
can I see where this fits into a religious setting.

I would further approve a complete social  
environment in which my sons could learn to  
respect a priest rather than a unit on what I  
term "sensitivity lessons on slang".

I am only asking that the above described  
behavior be stopped & the swearing toned down  
before I send my sons for their continued  
religious education.

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs. [REDACTED]



October 13, 1974


Dear Archbishop Cousins,

My involvement in this letter stems from incidents that happened over the past 2 years. One incident was related to a C.Y.O. trip to Phelps, Wis. A picture was taken of 3 boys "flipping the moon" (quote from Fr. Bistricky). After being being confronted with this picture, we found out from our son about another picture taken at a New Year Eve dance at our parish hall. In regard to this second picture, our son was a "lookout" since this was an adult dinner dance. The second picture was taken by Fr. Bistricky himself with his Polaroid camera. Three boys posed in this "moon" position (bare behinds, bending over). Three sets of parents confronted Father Bistricky shortly after this incident with the picture from Phelps and the knowledge of the picture taken on New Year Eve. When asked about it Father said at first he did not recall taking the picture. Upon further interrogation, Father said that he remembered because it was the last picture on the film. He also said he was dared and now could find no explanation as to why he took it. We parents were told we had dirty minds and to quote Father "Would you rather have them do this or go to bed with a girl?" We left the meeting very confused and feeling we had not accomplished anything.

Another incident involved our oldest son. He was driving 3 girls home from a

football game. As he was driving along Fr. Bistricky's car pulled alongside and the 2 boys he had in the car with him pulled down their pants and put their bare behinds out of the car window. Later that evening Father was asked about it and Father denied knowing the boys had done it until he saw one of the boys pulling up his pants.

Both of our sons have told us of "Grundy fights". This is when the boys have their undershorts ripped off of them forcibly. This has been part of initiation for C.Y.O. and sometimes this incident occurs when the boys play football and this occurs in the end. The fact that Father Bistricky is present at these incidents and condones this behavior upsets me.

Mr. & Mrs. 

1. Our 10 yr old son, now a server, has received on several occasions the "standard" punishment for misbehaving. That is, to be pinched extremely hard (so as to cause bruises). This punishment is nearly always administered to the boy's buttocks.

2. When my daughter was sitting in the CJO game room (which was literally packed with kids) with her feet on her boyfriend's lap, Father Bistricky asked her boyfriend, "what are you trying to do. Fool (Sodomize) her?" He then launched a scathing lecture on premarital sex, illegitimate pregnancy, and the like. He, according to the children, cannot voluntarily omit sex from any conversation; and openly frowns on our daughter's or any other normal teenage boy-girl relationship within the CJO.

3. On the CJO trip to Colorado in August 1974 at one motel our daughter and a girl friend had occasion at 2:30 AM to go to Father Bistricky's room to complain of excess noise in rooms adjacent to theirs. He answered the door stark naked (his roommates were observed to be fully clothed) and seemed to be completely nonplussed by the fact that two teenage girls saw him like this. These girls were so grossly embarrassed by this that all they could do was to stammer out their business and return to their room.

We hope in all earnestness that ours and other letters are interpreted as a plea for aid for a priest who obviously once was and will once again be the fine teacher and spiritual guide and guardian that God intended him to be.

Sincerely,  
Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]

October 13, 1974

Dear Archbishop Cousins,

The immediate facts we have concerning this matter are few; but, we feel, very poignant. Our direct contact with Father Bistricky stems from our eldest daughter's association with St. Augustine's CYO of which she has been

Our daughter has always openly discussed her problems and occurrences which bothered her with us. So when she would relate stories to us about immoral behavior at CYO retreats, trips, etc. which was condoned and even encouraged by Father Bistricky we were to say the least shocked. However, since these were often received second hand, all we could do was to fume. The incidents such as

Oct 13, 1974

Our daughter attended her first Jr-Hi CCD class for 7 and 8 grade which Father Bistricky was teaching. She has never before had personal contact with a religious in an instruction class. She commented that the first hour of her two hour class dealt with relationships regarding the bible, family living and was very informative. I have no question involving this. She went on that the second half dealt with talk of C/O (which I feel is unnecessary at this time) and later related a story of how Father Bistricky was riding in a car and another car was "mooning" (showing their bare bottoms) him. Upon her arrival home from class she told us of Father Bistricky's method of punishment for passing notes during class. The guilty party has to kneel on the floor and place her head between Father's legs.

The question her first contact with a priest in this type of class and certainly did not expect this type of loose moral conduct. These children receive formal religious instruction for only 2 hours per month and there certainly should be no lack of material, making it necessary to stretch the class.

Mrs and Mr. [REDACTED]



October 15, 1974

On October 2, 1974, my son returned from his first C.D. class for 7 & 8 grades at St. Augustines with Father Bistrucky as his instructor. When I asked him how was his class, he replied "OK" and looked very uncomfortable. He added that Father swears alot but that's alright because

The next night he was more willing to sit and discuss what had happened. The very first thing he told me was that Father showed them a poster hanging on a hall saying "National Sep Week" and Father said "How do you like that, boys?" Father discussed being mooned and almost having an accident with his car, giving his mother a book of pictures of streakers and explained a picture.

As for punishments, two boys were pinched on the chest. But Father mentioned that in the future the kids would get down on their hands & knees & face him. My son wasn't clear what would happen but he knew he didn't want that.

My son must have read my face for he asked what was wrong with all he had told me. He was ready to accept all these actions at his vulnerable age of twelve. Some of these things were over his head but they will not be soon if

he continues with this class.

As concerned parents, my husband and I cannot send him back to that class with a clear conscience. We have work hard with our family to see that they have a Catholic education. My twelve year old son has small enough contact with a priest and needs to learn all he can about his religion.

I would like to add although it seems minor now, in view of the above, the following: Having pre-registered \$8.00 for these classes in May, I was startled to see that those who registered in September paid \$5.00. Having had neighbors contacting him three times, I learned that he would mail out a letter to those who paid \$5 to pay their balance. As yet (three weeks later) no letters have been sent out. I cannot understand his thinking. If you can't trust your priest, who can you trust.

Mr. & Mrs) 

Oct. 13, 1974

I am writing as a concerned parent upon learning from my daughter a few incidents involving her Jr. High C.C.D. program at St. Augustine's parish.

First of all, these religion meetings take place approximately once a month for 2 hrs. I paid an \$8.00 pre-registration fee in the Spring of 1974. In Sept., 1974 an announcement was in our bulletin about registering for the Jr. High program for a \$5.00 fee, with a late registration fee of \$8.00. I called Father Bistricky about this & he said he was unaware, but that the charge was \$8.00. Since then I have learned many parents were registered at \$5.00. I feel I was misled & I would find the \$3.00 extra charge very helpful. He said he would handle the situation and it wasn't.


At the Oct. 2, C.C.D. Class my daughter mentioned his swearing and his specific references to "streaking", which included a detailed description of a picture in a book given to Father Bistricky's mother. The picture was of a nude boy standing by a bike & he told the class you can guess where the handlebar was pointing. "Mooning" was another subject. A story was told by Father Bistricky about a near accident caused by kids in another car who were "mooning". Most upsetting was when our daughter asked about the bathroom. "I don't usually carry one with me", the priest replied. Then he pointed out where it was. When she got in the rest room she

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found it was a boy's rest room & returned to her seat with the boys laughing. She said, "You didn't expect me to go in there did you?" Father Bistricky replied, "Well, I didn't expect you to stand up." We feel there is no reason to have an 11 yrs old girl talked to by a priest in a religion class this way. One of the boys who was misbehaving was called up - front & center - & was told to come & kneel & put his head between the priest's knees. When the boy approached the priest sent him back to his seat saying he was too co-operative.

My husband & I strongly feel these actions warrant attention. We are interested in the religious education of our daughter & feel she is not receiving it in discussions like this. Consider us concerned parents.

Mr. & Mrs. 

October 13, 1974

Dear Archbishop Cousins:

As the mother of a child taught  
Father Bistricky in the CCD classes,  
I very much object to some of  
the moral and physical ideas presented  
to a 15 year old boy. Our experience  
was in the 1973-74 school year. I  
attended some of the classes along  
with my son, I was very much  
disturbed by Father's language, also  
the detailed descriptions of the  
sexual act to a young adolescent.

In relating only to the lessons  
I attended. After speaking with my  
son this year. The reason for not  
wanting to attend CCD classes is -  
"Father is too crude." Although  
I recalled my son had not yet attended  
any sessions this year because of  
the offensiveness experienced in the  
previous year.

Your consideration is appreciated.



Dear Archbishop Cousins

Because of Father Bistricky's influence over young people we feel there should be an investigation because of:

1. sermons undermining parental authority
2. going through the school in an angry rampage using language that made our children upset and embarrassed
3. pinching boys on the chest as a form of punishment. This was told us by our children with embarrassment and after much coaxing.
4. because our children are in the St. Augustine's Catholic school we have told them to choose religion classes other than Father Bistricky's. Our oldest daughter does not attend high school CCh because we feel she would not really get religious education but rather discussions in "doing one's own thing" in regard to sex and dealing with parents.
5. Our 10 year old daughter has had Father through her grade school religion classes. She is the only child that seems to think using foul language is cute and says Father has explained the various words which are not wrong. He does not use this language or permit it in our home.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

On a very recent Thursday evening, our fifteen year old daughter witnessed a car driven by Fr. Bistucky in which were two boys in the back seat. These boys had taken down their pants and had their bare behinds hanging out the windows.

Mr and Mrs 

October 13, 1974

To Whom it may Concern

Our main concern regarding our four children is their unwillingness to participate in any functions regarding CYO or Father Bistricky. Mainly our sons somewhat embarrassed after having to have a wrestling match in the nude while on 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat with him at Villa Jerome. Father Bistricky was both chaperone and instructor at this time.

Shortly after graduation he attended a CYO retreat and was exposed to the so-called grundy's or having their shorts removed by force.

We have both been active in many organizations in the parish and have found we must get involved with helping bring this moral problem to light.

Our three children attend Catholic high school and are no longer directly under his instruction.

Father Bistricky is a very good priest we feel other than these problems reflecting an illness in our estimation.

Sincerely

Mr. & Mrs. 

Entry for the Chart of Father Fred Bistricky

2/24/94 by Liz Piasecki

I received a call from Barbara Ann Cusack, Vice Chancellor for the Archdiocese who reported that she had received a call from a Lt. Karen Radtke at the Columbia Correctional Institution in Portage. Lt. Radtke's phone number is [REDACTED]. Karen Radtke reported to Barbara that there was a concern about letters that had been written by Fred to an inmate at that prison and also concern that a great amount of property items and cash had been sent to that inmate and that was a rules violation. Approximately \$4,000 in goods and cash had been transmitted by Father Bistricky to that inmate. Barbara Anne told Lt. Radtke that she would notify me as the Coordinator of the Archdiocese Response to Sexual Abuse and I would be in touch with her the next morning.

2/25/94 by Liz Piasecki

I returned the call to Lt. Karen Radtke at the Columbia Correctional Institution in Portage. She had a lengthy conversation with me regarding the inmate, [REDACTED]. This is the individual with whom Father Bistricky has been corresponding since approximately last Fall. She said that Father Bistricky's letters to [REDACTED] were overtly sexual in nature and that he had also sent cash and property items and indicated in one letter that his credit cards were now at their \$5,000 limit. She expressed much concern about the situation.

[REDACTED] has been moved from medium security in the Racine Correctional Institution to maximum security at Columbia. He moved there on 11-4-93. He is convicted of false imprisonment, party to a crime of robbery; he has had serious adjustment problems in prison, resulting in his transferred out of medium to maximum security. He has been very disruptive in jail. Lt. Radtke says that when [REDACTED] can't have what he wants, he files harassment suits against the staff. She also noted that Father Bistricky had called the warden regarding [REDACTED] treatment and that he had also written or called the governor on this situation. She said that Father Bistricky is encouraging [REDACTED] disruptive behavior and they are very concerned about that situation. Lt. Radtke said they are also concerned because [REDACTED] has a long history of preying on elderly people.

Lt. Radtke also noted that they had done a cell search of [REDACTED] cell and that they found a copy of Father Bistricky's last will and testament as well as some letters. [REDACTED] indicated that not all of Father Bistricky's letters were in his possession at this time. Lt. Radtke characterized those letters as overtly love letters. She read some of the information contained in those letters to me. I requested that we receive a copy if that was possible of those letters to help us with our investigation and our confrontation of Father Bistricky.

Karen Radtke indicated that in Father Bistricky's will, he thanks his family and says since last Fall he has been blessed "with a friend and a lover" in [REDACTED]. Lt. Radtke said that the letters indicate that Father Bistricky wishes to adopt this inmate and "legitimate" their relationship. She also said that in the will they noted that there have been others regarding friends and lovers. She also indicated that the tones of the seven letters that she has<sup>3</sup> indicate that Father Bistricky's overwhelmed with his medical problems<sup>n</sup>. They seem to indicate also that Father Bistricky used to work with [REDACTED] somehow in previous years, but that Father Bistricky did not know [REDACTED] prior to October. The letters also indicate that Father Bistricky is working on [REDACTED] release from jail. He intends to provide him with employment in a living situation with him after his discharge, noting an address of [REDACTED] as Father Bistricky's address and a place where [REDACTED] could come to live after his release from prison. Lt. Radtke said the later letters are stressing a father/son relationship as a way of masking their sexual nature.

Lt. Radtke also reported that there is an inmate at the Flambeau Correctional Institution, a [REDACTED] who has been sending orders for clothing to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has passed them on to Father Bistricky to fill. The last order came yesterday and that was for \$217. I informed Father Tom Venne of the situation and we intend to have a meeting with Father Bistricky as soon as possible.

2/28/94

by Liz Piasecki

Father Tom Venne and I met with Father Fred Bistricky today and confronted him with the information we had received from Lt. Radtke at the Columbia Correctional Institution. Father Bistricky did not deny that he had sent those letters. Father Venne noted to him that he had called the chaplain at the prison and that Father Bistricky had never been up to Portage to visit [REDACTED].

Father Bistricky gave us a story of having a referral from a family in Oshkosh to [REDACTED] that this individual wanted to be in touch with a priest and had no family that was supportive of him and was having some serious bad treatment in prison and wanted a priest to intervene. That was Father Bistricky's version of how he came into contact with [REDACTED]. We asked Father Bistricky to discontinue his relationship by mail with [REDACTED]. Father Bistricky was very cooperative and agreed to stop doing so. We also insisted that he return to psychotherapy at the Life Skills Center. He apparently had seen a therapist there for several sessions on the death of his mother last summer.

Bishop Sklba was also notified by Father Venne and myself this morning regarding this entire situation.

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3/2/94

Today another conversation with Lt. Radtke at Columbia Correctional Institution. I did inform her that we had confronted Father Bistricky and asked him to discontinue his contact with Mr. [REDACTED] and told her that Father Bistricky was cooperative and had agreed to that. She was quite relieved to hear that.

Lt. Radtke also reported that the State Legal Counsel would not allow her to send copies of those letters to us and so we would have to proceed without those letters at this point. She provided some further information about Mr. [REDACTED]. She said that Father Bistricky had been misled regarding his real situation. Actually, Mr. [REDACTED] has a very supportive family. That his mother has been sending him packages, etc. She said that there had been other letters from other inmates to Mr. [REDACTED] in which Father Bistricky is basically mocked for his involvement with [REDACTED]. She said that other inmates refer to Father Bistricky as "your bitch." She said Mr. [REDACTED] is not gay and that he thinks that this is "a big joke." That Mr. [REDACTED] had put ads in the Milwaukee Journal personal section soliciting penpals from the gay community.

She said that he has received so many gifts from Father Bistricky that they "don't fit into his room any longer." He has sent some on to his mother. She also noted that Mr. [REDACTED] had written a letter to Father Bistricky and it had apparently been intercepted at the prison in which he tells Bistricky not to worry about all those earlier letters that he wrote him. "I have them in a safe place and no one can get to them." Lt. Radtke reiterated that Mr. [REDACTED] has a history of preying on the elderly.

She said that Father Bistricky could make a formal request to stop [REDACTED] letters to him and that he would need to call or write to the Columbia Correctional Institution and request that if Mr. [REDACTED] continues to send him mail, <sup>what he stopped</sup> She noted that they had intercepted a letter from Father Bistricky to Mr. [REDACTED] on February 28th of this year.

She also said that [REDACTED] is receiving quite a bit of mail and Milwaukee Sentinel and Journal envelopes. The prison had called the Journal to ask that the personal ad be stopped. Unfortunately, the Journal said that because it is running free until mid-March, there is no way to stop that ad from being run.

Lt. Radtke did inform me also that the prison warden has been notified of the fact that Father Bistricky is to have no further contact with Mr. [REDACTED] at the request of the Archdiocese. He himself will no longer accept phone calls from Fred should they occur regarding harassment and treatment issues of Mr. [REDACTED]

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3/2/94 by Liz Piasecki

Spoke again today with Father Bistricky regarding his return to treatment. He indicated to me that he had lied to us in our prior meeting with Father Venne on the 28th. He acknowledged that he answered an ad in the Milwaukee Journal and that what had caught his eye was the word lonely. He acknowledges his own loneliness. He said he had never met [REDACTED] and asked how to be in touch with [REDACTED] who was his therapist at Life Skills. He didn't know if the Archdiocese paid for his therapy or if his insurance paid for therapy. I said I would look into that.

Subsequently, I spoke with Bishop Sklba, informing him that Father Bistricky needed some help today in terms of getting into treatment and feeling very, very depressed and ashamed. Glad for an intervention, however. Bishop Sklba authorized the Archdiocese to pay for any treatment that Father Fred needs subsequent to his insurance coverage. He has WPS insurance.

3/10/94 by Liz Piasecki

Notified today by Father Fred that he has met with Bishop Sklba to discuss the situation. He had received another letter from [REDACTED] and he opened it apparently in Bishop Sklba's presence. He noted that Bishop Sklba had recommended to him that he put some closure on his relationship and write a letter indicating he would have no further contact with him. Bishop Sklba suggested to Father Bistricky that I help him compose that letter. Subsequently, Fred has requested that I meet with him to do so.

3/11/94 by Liz Piasecki

I received a call from [REDACTED] who is now seeing Father Bistricky in weekly psychotherapy. [REDACTED] has a signed release allowing her and I to talk about the situation. She believes Father Bistricky is quite fragile emotionally. She was calling for some more background information to check out his story. She expressed some concern that Father Fred may have been involved with minor boys. It's just a hunch she has. She has no data or no names, etc., but she's going to be monitoring that situation. It does appear, however, that in this situation with [REDACTED] much of what has occurred has occurred in Fred's fantasy life, given the fact that they have never met. I did caution [REDACTED] however, that he has done this acting out of his fantasy life and that is these letters that were overtly sexual, as well as sending a last will and testament to [REDACTED]. She was quite shocked to hear about the last will and testament and would be pursuing that further. She's requested a weekly consultation on this case because of his fragility.

3/11/94 by Liz Piasecki

Today I notified Archbishop Weakland of the details involving Father Fred Bistricky and [REDACTED] at the Columbia Correctional Facility. He is in concurrence with the need to send Father Bistricky back into weekly psychotherapy.

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Entry for the Chart of Father Fred Bistricky

3/18/94 by Liz Piasecki

Received a call today from [REDACTED] who is Fred's therapist. She left a voice mail message that indicated that she would be administering the MMPI to Father Fred next week and I should be in touch with her next Friday for the results.

3/31/94 by Liz Piasecki

Received a call today from [REDACTED] who is Fred's Therapist. She wanted to touch bases prior to leaving on vacation for two weeks. She has seen Fred twice since her last call. She expressed some serious concerns about Fred regarding his guardedness and evasiveness in therapy. She also expressed some concern that perhaps the behavior that brought him into therapy this time with [REDACTED] may not be an isolated incident. She is suspicious that there may be more sexual acting out than Fred has disclosed. She wanted us to know that this was what was going on in treatment. She will send over a copy of his MMPI-2 profile when it is scored and will be in touch again following her return from vacation and subsequent sessions with Father Fred and to discuss treatment planning further. I told her I would pursue the situation with Father Bistricky and with Father Tom Venne as well when Father Tom Venne returns from vacation.

She also wanted to report that she feels as the pressure is off regarding [REDACTED] and the Columbia Correctional Facility, she has noted that Fred has become much more guarded and defensive in treatment. He talks a lot about lonely, empty feelings, has a lot of ambivalence and seems to be in denial regarding some of his behavior. She indicates that it's quite tough to keep him engaged in therapy. She did also register a concern, however, that perhaps she has a sense that Fred may have acted out some sexual impulses in some fashion prior to this incident and I said I would be pursuing that with him and with Father Tom Venne.

Entry for the Chart of Father Fred Bistricky

5/10/94 by Liz Piasecki

Received a call from [REDACTED] who is Fred's therapist at Life Skills. She was reporting on the results of Fred's MMPI. She thought the results fit him quite well. They included the characteristics that he thinks positively of himself and others. He refuses to see reality accurately and clearly. That he suffers from a lack of insight, also describes him as clever and enthusiastic. He would also be noted to be in profound denial of psychological and emotional pain. He is characterized as an individual who likes to be liked and wishes to avoid conflict. There is a need within his psychic structure to be seen as psychologically healthy and this pattern of psychological characteristics were likely to produce physical symptoms as a result of their impact on his functioning. [REDACTED] was quite concerned about the fact that he tested as having very poor insight into his problems. She said that she had staffed his case with Dr. [REDACTED] and that her gut feeling, as well as his, is that there is probably never real acting out sexually on the part of Fred, but that rather that he lived in a substantial way in fantasy. But he is also so emotionally needy; however, doesn't seem to have any intimate relationships with people generally.

5/27/94 by Liz Piasecki

I received a call from Father Fred Bistricky's therapist, [REDACTED] at Life Skills. She was reporting on Father Fred's progress and treatment with her. She said that she remained somewhat cautiously optimistic about the way treatment was progressing. She said that Fred had become more honest and open about his mother issues and his unresolved anger toward her as well as some perceived hurts that he felt. She also mentioned that perhaps there be some concern on the part of the Archdiocese that Fred not be around kids. That his sexual fantasies involve high school age young adult males, 18 - 20 years old. She said that she believed he had no boundaries regarding sex and was extremely underdeveloped sexually and quite naive regarding sexuality. That he did have some women fantasies, but she did not believe that Fred's sexual development would progress in any appreciative way. Subsequently, I reported this to Bishop Sklba and also to Archbishop Weakland and we did discuss asking Fred to voluntarily restrict his contact with minor individuals. I told Father Tom Venne of that decision and Father Venne said that Fred was not in contact with that kind of a population and didn't see a need to do that at this time. I will pursue it again at a later date.

Boydell

5/27

cautious optimistic  
sincere affect

honest & open at. - mother → unreserved  
eyes looked her = perceived hurts

1 → not around kids; young adults (18-20)  
sense of sexuality / masculinity

no boundaries re: sex  
underdeveloped sexually -  
naive way -  
women fantasies -



FATHER DONALD N. WEBER

Dear Archbishop —  
you may wish to  
review this report,  
before I see you  
about this matter.

I learned a few things  
from this session !!!

Kind regards —

Respectfully,

Don



12/20/94 - Fr. Mike  
Archbishop suggested to Tim that I become involved

St. Augustine Parish } Loyalty of  
+ } moral tone  
Fr. Fred Bistricky - working with  
young

they sent  
letters sent to

- Archbishop + Personnel Board in Oct.

- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - Ralph heard lady

- Archbishop saw Bistricky + squashed away  
allegations

- they were aware that something was done

- they came back & asked to see Archbishop

- talking lawyer etc

Allegations  
- leaves young people streak in church

- "come to door middle" >??

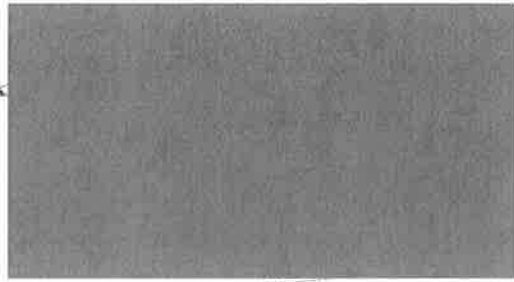
Albiner knows - spoke to Archbishop

memo from Fr. Donald Weber

To John Waldman —  
Personnel Board

may have  
done something  
on the matter

me



concerned  
parents



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Med. Bistrich

phone conversation  
with Thesin

4/3/74

- 1.) People write to Personnel Board  
& Archbishop (Oct?)
- 2.) John W. saw Archbishop - he told John  
W. to see Bistrich
- 3.) Later Archbishop saw Bistrich
- 4.) Thesin & think John Albaugh is aware  
- people are afraid of him
- 5.) People have called Thesin  
- informed him that they had app'd with me
- 6.) Pres. Board does not want to become  
involved. (Nor does Sue Process).  
They feel that it is matter of independence  
or indiscretion by Bistrich
- 7.) Thesin doesn't know current allegations

**memo** from Fr. Donald Weber

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Mrs. [REDACTED] called - Sat. Jan 18  
Eve

Told her I made report to Archbishop  
and he said "Told them we're no working on it"  
- did not reveal that I was instructed to  
call - Bistritzky

she reported that one of 19 delegates  
reported on our meeting to Fr. Fredelake  
- (she had taken notes of CCD instructor)

- Fredelake has visited [REDACTED] +  
some others seeking information about  
and trying to dig Bistritzky  
- to [REDACTED] brought my name & where  
whom they don't know & couldn't  
understand why his name came up

Told her I may have more to  
report in a few weeks [REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

TO: ARCHBISHOP COUSINS  
FROM: OMBUDSMAN TO PRIESTS  
DATE: February 3, 1975

RE: FATHER FRED BISTRICKY

Spent 2½ hours on Thursday, January 30, 1975 interviewing him at my home. I found him to be very intelligent, sincere and willing to discuss the allegations. He had explanations for some of the incidents. Other incidents he left in the realm of indiscretions or lack of control in his supervision of adolescents. He did deny the accuracy of one of the accusations. At times he seemed somewhat confused about these past incidents.

When I approached the prospect of professional care, he informed me that he has been seeing [REDACTED] the psychologist, for some time, and found this counseling helpful. At this point, I asked whether the fact that he is receiving professional care could be shared with his people who indicated in the previous session that they thought he needed professional assistance. He agreed to this. He apparently would prefer to remain at St. Augustine till Spring of 1976. He did seem to understand that this type of conflict with the parents there cannot continue. He is also concerned with his health.

It would appear to me that Fr. B is a sincere, dedicated young priest whose judgment may leave something to be desired however. In an effort to win the support of the young people, he probably has established a permissive climate for them. However, I do believe that he is doing considerable soul-searching at the moment, and could well re-establish good equilibrium with the help of the present counseling.

On Saturday eve, February 1st, the contact lady from the parish called. When I told her that Fr. B. had determined to exert greater control over the youth program and that he was under professional care, she seemed very satisfied. I asked her to encourage the other people who are complaining to "cool it", and to adopt a greater posture of charity toward Father and his future efforts to re-construct the youth program. She was very agreeable.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

To: Archbishop Cousins

Re: Father Fred Bistricky

January 4, 1975

Ombudsman met with 19 people, representing 14 families, from St. Augustine parish for 2½ hours. They were parents of adolescents, primarily within 35-50 age bracket. They represented various parish organizations and various walks of life - [redacted] They claim not to know each other well. It seemed that only one couple had worked closely with Fr. B. for some years, but were eventually dismissed from CCD program.

They were respectful, calm and deliberate. Most of their testimony seemed spontaneous, with no organized plan. They seemed to appreciate all previous attention given them, but feel that no one has really comprehended the intensity and severity of their complaints. They are begging the Church to act on the matter. They did not adopt an overt posture of threatening, but feel if the church does not respond, they have no choice but to approach the District Attorney. They have consulted two attorneys who inform them that they have a morals charge. When I asked them in conclusion, what they expected the Church to do about the matter, they first suggested professional help for Fr. B, and secondly, they would like to see him removed from St. Augustine. They fear his influence on the moral development of their children.

They offered some positive feelings about his influence on youth, but see this completely diminished by the areas of their complaints. They have approached Fr. B. repeatedly asking him to change his approach to youth, but to no avail. They offered current incidents which contribute to their attitudes, even after Fr. B. had seen the Archbishop - which fact he brazenly told the young people. They also volunteered that they knew Fr. Waldbauer had talked to Fr. B.

They have not approached Fr. Albinger because "nothing would be accomplished". Fr. A makes statements of defense of his associates without provocation to do so. They feel they cannot approach Fr. A. because he would immediately share this with Fr. B, and that their children, as well as themselves, would consequently become subjects of recrimination by both priests - perhaps even from the pulpit.

They have the greatest respect for Fr. Fredelake - call him a saint. Some have approached him confidentially on this matter, but he chooses not to become involved.

COMPLAINTS

When asked inconclusion, to summarize their complaints, the following statements emerged:

- 1) Fr. B. establishes a promiscuous and permissive climate when working with their adolescents.
- 2) He is an exhibitionist and encourages nudity
- 3) He constantly uses foul language with the youth - not to be confused with profanity or inappropriate language
- 4) He is constantly "driving a wedge between children and parents"

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- 5) He searches for confidential information and then misuses it with the children (sometimes with adults)
- 6) He uses this information to threaten and to become vindictive with youth and adults - however, they make no accusation that this information is gained from the internal forum
- 7) He is accused of frequent indiscretions from the pulpit - and this accusation they also place upon Fr. Albinger
- 8) He is possessive of CCD and CYO programs - chooses to go it alone without help from lay people.

#### EXPLANATION OF COMPLAINTS

Re: 1) Fr. B. teaches CCD grades 7 to 12 himself. Over-emphasis on sexuality - little religion taught. They do not accuse Fr. B. of any personal promiscuous relationships with boys or girls - in fact, he does not seem to condone normal boy-girl relationships. Allows no dances. But he justifies complete boy-girl freedom in regard to nudity, conversation and language. Keeps children at parish till 1 and 2 in the morning. Pinches children in armpits for discipline.

Gave children a questionnaire before Confirmation. Very many of the questions were on sex - and beyond knowledge of children. Questions were designed for child to divulge aspects of their family life. Justifies this by saying that children must feel close to him, so they have someone to go to confession to with ease. He is idol of some adolescents because of his permissiveness until they mature, then they feel that "Father is sick". He expects expensive gifts from the children. They allege no use of alcohol, drugs or commercial pornographic material.

Re:2) He took young people on trip to Denver where he answered his motel room door stark naked when some of the girls knocked. Other boys were in the room with him, but they were clothed. But later encouraged boys to go naked to doors of girl's rooms. Encouraged youths to go "skinny-dipping" at motel pool. He took pictures of nudity and has recently (passed around in December) showed them to youth. (This type of thing has occurred on other trips also)

Has allowed boys in his car (while he is driving) to go mooning (i.e. expose their buttocks out of car window). Has allowed streaking on occasion and nude wrestling matches. Encourages boys to rip off boys' shorts (Grundy!)

Re:3) He justifies as normal conduct any and all "earthy" language which most of the parents claimed they do not use in their homes. When child mimics priest, parents are told "Father uses that all the time". They also accuse him of using inappropriate language in the pulpit.

Re: 4) Tells children that they need not obey their parents. Interferes with parental discipline. Condone children's behaviour under any conditions - he will call parents and reprimand them for disciplining children. At former CCD parents meetings, he would agree with parents, but at subsequent sessions with children, would condemn parents.

Re: 5 & 6) He telephones people fishing for information, particularly on their past lives. Then will make references to this when speaking to children. Threaten people that he will divulge confidential information. People fear his vindictiveness. Searches out facts with great effort about people to terrorize them. Claims he has a tape-recorder attached to his phone. Alleges that he has a degree in counseling - is a self-proclaimed psychologist.

Re:7) Both Fr. B and Fr. A. go on tirades from the pulpit, condemning Archbishop, Fr. Hanley, School Board, "Zoo Annex", everybody. Fr. B. told children that Archbishop had told him that he is "too human". Many parishoners X have left St. Augustine. Children no longer sent to CCD there. One witness alleges that she was "swore at" by Fr. A when she came to Rectory door. Ridicules 3rd Order group (Moderated by Fr. Fredelake). No good feelings between rectory and convent.

Re: 8) Some adults were phased out of CCD teaching. Retains only those adults he can manipulate, but basically goes it alone. Does not accept volunteers. Apparently uses considerable medications and uses his health condition to gain sympathy. Accuses his former workers of leading a conspiracy against him.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Witnesses allege no change in him since Archbishop spoke to him. They recommend psychiatric treatment and change of assignment. He is in his 8th year at St. Augustine. They intend to call Ombudsman in two weeks.

8/14/03

For the file of [REDACTED]

I had a 90-minute meeting with [REDACTED], his wife [REDACTED], and his friend [REDACTED], requested by [REDACTED]. The spirit and tone they established in this meeting was a respectful one of wanting improvement by the Church, of wanting their Church to do the right thing.

They are quite disgusted about not yet receiving a letter informing them of the outcome of the independent investigation by Judge Fiorenza.

With regard to suggesting improvements in the independent investigation process, they would like an explanation in print about the process and the investigator's role. Although they now understand it, much distress and confusion would have been spared if they had better information in advance. According to them, Fiorenza promised them a copy of his final report. They are reluctantly willing to accept that the report has gone to the Diocesan Review Board and not to them, but then they want assurance that Bistricky has not received a copy of the final report either.

They are very concerned about issues of supervision and monitoring in the community. I told them there were mechanisms for monitoring and group treatment in place. We had a lengthy discussion about the uncertainties surrounding laicization and the pros and cons of laicization for ongoing supervision of Bistricky.

"If Bistricky has been removed from ministry, why isn't the diocese announcing his name?" (since there have been public announcements about the removal of other priests). They point out that there are registries for sex offenders that serve the purpose of making information known to the public; they make a case for a public list of those priests for whom allegations have been substantiated. This is likely to be one of their requests at the mediation stage.

The [REDACTED] report they have received an outpouring of calls and letters to their home, including from priests they know, indicating others' awareness since the 1970s of a problem with Bistricky, with an implication of failure by the Archdiocese to deal with the problem in a timely manner and hence a problem with the Archdiocese's credibility. I told them about the absence of records from the 1970s. They feel there have been only token efforts by the Archdiocese to assure victims that it is safe to come forward. [REDACTED] talked briefly about how hard it was for him to tell his wife and children about the abuse so that he could come forward.

I gave them an overview of mediation. [REDACTED] indicated he is not ready to make a decision about this.

We discussed [REDACTED] current job situation. [REDACTED] and his M.D.s have indicated probable aggravation by stress. He currently has an

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Currently he is receiving unemployment compensation and working very part-time with the [REDACTED] on weekends.

[REDACTED] reports good progress with his therapy. He also emphasized that he did not allow Bistricky to take away his faith. He reports good conversations with Fr. Tom Suriano and Fr. Tom Witliffe.

All understand that this will be an ongoing conversation.

[REDACTED] Ph.D.

C: Archbishop Dolan  
Barbara Anne Cusack

Archbishop Dolan and Barbara Anne – I think it would be a good idea to discuss briefly some of the issues raised here in our Internal Communications meeting on 8/18.



207. Bistricky, Frederick

He came to see me to let me know that he is making great progress in his personal life. He is working with Father Jim Schroeder and he is starting to get at the source of the anger that has been so destructive to him in recent years. A lot of this evidently stems from what happened at the time of his own father's death and the terrible financial outlay the family had to make at that time. His own frustration with the fact that he could not repay some of this caused him great anger which seems to persist. He still is not getting at the root of things though because his blood pressure and other physiological signs continue to show that there is a problem. He does not know whether to apply for the parish at Leroy because it might look to the parish council that his appointment was cut and dried before the parish consultation was taken.

2/28/84

337. Bistricky, Frederick

On Tuesday morning, July 1, 1986 I concelebrated with Fred at the parish Eucharist and had breakfast afterwards, trying to explore the problems experienced there. I encouraged closer collaboration with neighboring priests, and mentioned in passing the complaint of improper talk with teenagers or marriage preparation couples.

RJS

144. Bistricky, Frederick

On Saturday, March 14, 1987 I received a phone call from a parishioner concerned about Fred. While she expressed repeated appreciation for him in his work, and fear of hurting him, she reported that he has a reputation for being abrupt, especially at weddings, and for dealing with the entire parish as a stubborn parent deals with children. I have spoken with neighboring priests who see Fred as a loner and who report that part of the difficulty stems from his raising annual membership significantly. Neighbors have promised to continue showing support and encouragement.

RJS

410. Bistricky, Frederick

On Monday, August 17, 1987 I had an extended phone call with the [REDACTED] of St. Andrew Parish in LeRoy, Mr. [REDACTED] (Milwaukee business phone: [REDACTED] expressing his great concern and frustration over financial issues and loss of membership in the parish. I will continue my attempts to review the matter with Fred himself.

RJS

465. Bistricky, Frederick

On Friday, September 11, 1987 I had an extended visit from Fred to discuss the pastoral situation at Leroy. He asked for diocesan help in bringing the financial records and membership records from private homes back into the rectory. He said he would be going on vacation for two weeks beginning September 21 and that Michael Sablica was his replacement. He expressed some concern about that fact and also about the domineering role of the present parish treasurer.

RJS

480. Bistricky, Frederick

On Friday, September 18, 1987 I spoke with Fred who visited the office. He indicated that he will be gone on vacation for two weeks and that any emergency information regarding Father Tony Gundrum's funeral could be obtained from Patti Weinburger [REDACTED] or in case of emergency from himself at the home of his sister, [REDACTED] in Colorado [REDACTED]. He also indicated that he might require additional assistance to move the parish membership and financial records from homes of trustees into the rectory again. He will ponder the strategy and possibly speak about it with Bishop Brust on the occasion of the confirmation at St. Andrew's next month.

RJS

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161. Bistricky, Fred

On June 11, 1996 I called Fred at St. Michael's Hospital. He appears to be having some difficulty with the functioning of his pacemaker.

CCS

51. Bistricky, Fred

On February 19, 1997 Fred called to inform me that he was considering selling his home in Milwaukee and moving to Texas. I merely told Fred that today if anyone went to another diocese and wanted to do help out work, that priest could not have any allegations against him or the diocese could not file the tri-conference document with the new diocese indicating fitness for ministry.

CCS

53. Bistricky, Fred

On February 24, 1997 Fred called to solicit a letter indicating that he belonged to the diocese and that he is on disability retirement. He need this statement to rent a car in Texas, since his credit cards are "max'd out", since his heart surgery.

CCS

68. Bistricky, Fred

On May 20, 1997 I received a call from Fred Bistricky who inquired whether it would be possible to get Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance instead of WPS. He explained his great dissatisfaction with WPS. I told him that at this point BC/BS is not an option but that an insurance committee was forthcoming in July. I advised him to contact our health insurance consultant at Frank F. Haack & Associates in order to voice his concerns.

SKS

697. Frederick Bistricky

On September 5, 1997 in a meeting with Fr. Thomas Kerstein I learned of Fr. Bistricky's intention to move to Texas (presumably the Diocese of Austin where his friend Fr. Albert Palermo is pastor) sometime before the end of the year. We agreed that I would ask Rita to establish a time when I might join Fr. Kerstein in a meeting with Fr. Bistricky in order to discuss the issue and his file as soon as possible.

RJS

729. Frederick Bistricky

On September 17, 1997 I joined Fr. Tom Kerstein in meeting with Fr. Fred Bistricky in order to review the information discovered in the files regarding allegations of inappropriate behavior at St. Augustine Parish in Bay View some time prior to 1977. We learned that the photos had been taken by High School students without the knowledge of Fr. Bistricky or any of the adult chaperones, that the matter had been addressed in conversation with Ombudsman, Fr. Donald Weber and Archbishop Cousins with the conclusion that everything regarding Fr. Bistricky's adolescent behavior and lack of adult responsibility would be addressed through several counseling sessions with Fr. Martin Pable. The issue seemed to have been properly resolved at that time and any further action at this time seemed unnecessary. I suggested that unsupervised contact with children was inappropriate given the climate of the age and he concurred, stating that he had avoided all such ministry for many years, even though he continued to provide Sunday and weekday helpout ministry at a variety of parishes in the Milwaukee area. After the meeting I agreed to send a letter confirming the wisdom of the restriction we mentioned. Fr. Bistricky also noted that he plans to visit Fr. Alfred Palermo in Austin, Texas sometime in January of 1998 in order to escape the difficult winter weather and hopes to move to Austin on a permanent basis sometime after the sale of his home in Spring of 1998.

RJS

[REDACTED] M.D.  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON  
[REDACTED]  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53209  
[REDACTED]

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Bishop Richard Sklba  
Vicar of Clergy  
P.O. Box 07912  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912

Re: Rev. Fred Bistricky

Dear Bishop Sklba:

Father Bistricky was seen by me today and examined. He is under treatment for diabetes mellitus and hypertension. His chest x-ray shows mild cardiac enlargement. His electrocardiogram has exhibited a change from a previous tracing, now indicating some left ventricular strain. He has been advised to consult with a cardiologist, Dr. [REDACTED] for further evaluation.

Also, he has been under much stress recently and has developed some stress related symptoms. I believe that it would be beneficial to him and would advise that he go on a three or four month medical leave of absence for a better opportunity for him to address these problems.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] M.D.

cc: Rev. F. Bistricky

ADOM027576

February 10, 2005

Dear 

I inquired about the photos the Bistricky had taken. It is my understanding from the information I received that the photos were sent to Rome with all of the files to make the case for his laicization. I don't expect that they will send the photos back.

I apologize for any concern this may cause. If there is anything else I can do for you please let me know. I am grateful for your report and I am sending you a copy of the intake form.

Sincerely,

Amy Peterson  
Victim Assistance Coordinator

**ADOM032193**

Entry for the File of [REDACTED]  
By Barbara Reinke

September 26, 2002

I finally got back to [REDACTED] who had requested a chronology for Fr. Fred Bistricky. I told her the following: in October, 1974 several parents from St. Augustine wrote letters to the Archdiocese reporting that Fr. Bistricky encouraged nudity, encouraged streaking and mooning, had come to the door nude on one occasion, used crude language, and misused confidential information. In January, 1975 an ombudsman from the Archdiocese met with fourteen families from St. Augustine about these concerns. No one claimed that any sexual touching had ever occurred. In 1994, the Archdiocese became aware that Fr. Bistricky had responded to a personal ad and was soliciting a relationship with an adult male. At that time, Fr. Bistricky returned to therapy. The therapist expressed concerns about his fantasies, but had no data to suggest any sexual abuse. In 1994, Liz Piasecki sought to restrict his access to children, but Tom Venne, Vicar, found this unnecessary given that he was in a position away from children. In March, 2002, [REDACTED] came forward and on April 3, 2002 a formal precept was issued. I also gave [REDACTED] a listing of dates and churches served by Fr. Bistricky.

I emphasized to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was the only victim of Fr. Bistricky who had come forward to the Archdiocese.

According to [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] talked to Bishop Sklba, [REDACTED] was told that there had been not previous concerns about Fr. Bistricky. [REDACTED] feels that Bishop Sklba lied to [REDACTED]. I urged [REDACTED] to put [REDACTED] grievances into a letter to Bishop Sklba. [REDACTED] has assured me that [REDACTED] was quite upset and will take care of this. [REDACTED] indicated that they have heard rumors about another possible victim, who they are encouraging to come forth.

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Typed 10/10/02

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Entry for the Chart of [REDACTED]  
By Liz Piasecki

March 22, 1997

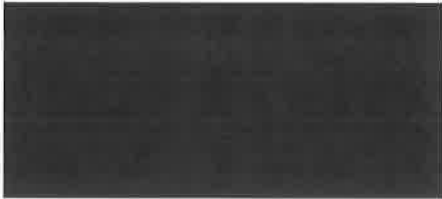
I received a call today from Bishop Richard Sklba. Bishop Sklba had just spoken with [REDACTED]. He was very accusatory, claiming that [REDACTED] had talked to Bishop Sklba several years ago and that [REDACTED] had met with myself reporting allegations against Father Frederick Bistricky. Bishop Sklba has no recollection of such a meeting, nor did I. [REDACTED] claims that [REDACTED] came forward and the allegations about Father Bistricky when he was at St. Augustine Parish, and then [REDACTED] also accused Bishop Sklba of knowing of prior allegations against Father Bistricky and reassigning him because of them. Bishop Sklba indicated that [REDACTED] did not believe him, when he said that he had not met [REDACTED]. The Bishop was calling me to inquire if I had ever had a recollection of meeting [REDACTED] and I absolutely do not. I checked the files, checked the sexual abuse log, checked with anyone who might have had any connection through Project Benjamin, and there is just simply no record of [REDACTED] or of [REDACTED] having contacted the Archdiocese with allegations of any kind.

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3/24/97

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ARCHDIOCESE  OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

May 14, 2002

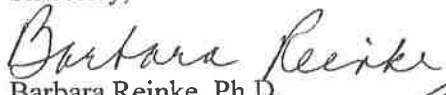


The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has decided to turn over all complaints about sexual abuse, no matter how old, to the District Attorney's office, and E. Michael McCann has agreed that his office will review all cases relevant to Milwaukee County. Because you recently made a report about sexual abuse, I am informing you that I will be forwarding this report to the District Attorney. If you have concerns about this, please notify me by May 24, or I will assume your report can go forward.

Thank-you for contacting Project Benjamin about the problem you encountered. On behalf of the Archdiocese, I am truly sorry this happened to you. We would like to assist your healing in whatever way we can.

You are always welcome to contact me at 414-769-3436.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Reinke, Ph.D.  
Director, Project Benjamin *SAZ*

September 14, 2005

Archbishop Angelo Amato, SDB  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
Piazza del S. Uffizio 11  
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Excellency:

Currently pending before the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is the case of Reverend Frederick Bistricky. I am providing the attached, updated report since a second person has now come forward with a credible allegation that corroborates the initial report.

Given the nature of the alleged and admitted sexual abuse, along with the serious abuse of office, I have pondered long and hard to arrive at an opinion about the most appropriate action to be taken. In order that justice may be made manifest and healing of the victims and the Church may proceed, I am asking that Reverend Frederick Bistricky be dismissed *ex officio* from the clerical state. Whatever financial needs he may have can be provided for from the pension fund.

If the judgement of the Congregation is that this case should proceed to a dismissal by decree of your Congregation, I would cede to that judgement.

Were there any acknowledgement and signs of remorse, I would seek a life of prayer and penance for him. Such is not the case. The scandal continues as the abuse has been publicly disclosed and there is no resolution yet.

With sentiments of esteem and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Dolan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ADOM039446



<b>DIOCESE</b>	Milwaukee
<b>NAME OF ORDINARY</b>	Timothy M. Dolan
<b>CDF PROT. N. (if available)</b>	244/03 – 17922
<b>NAME OF CLERIC</b>	Frederick Joseph Bistricky

<b>PERSONAL DETAILS OF THE CLERIC</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	August 19, 1938	<b>Age</b>	67
	<b>Ordination</b>	May 29, 1965	<b>Years of ministry</b>	24
<b>ORIGINAL DIOCESE OF INCARDINATION</b>		Milwaukee		
<b>MINISTRY IN/TRANSFER TO OTHER DIOCESE</b>				
<b>CONTACT ADDRESS OF THE CLERIC</b>		Milwaukee, WI 53218		
<b>PROCURATOR (include original signed mandate)</b>		None identified		
<b>CONTACT ADDRESS OF THE PROCURATOR</b>				
<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Appointment</b>	
1965	Holy Trinity Parish	Racine, WI	Assistant	
1965	St. Patrick Parish	Beaver Dam, WI	Assistant	
1967	St. Augustine Parish	Milwaukee, WI	Curate	
1976	Immaculate Conception Parish	Sheboygan, WI	Associate pastor	
1981	St. John the Baptist Parish	Plymouth, WI	Administrator	
1983	Sick leave			
1984	St. Andrew Parish	LeRoy, WI	Pastor	
1990	Sick Leave			
1991	Ss. Peter and Paul Parish	Nenno, WI	Administrator	
1991	Awaiting assignment			
1993	Archdiocesan Archives		Archival Assistant (sporadic)	
1995	Retired			

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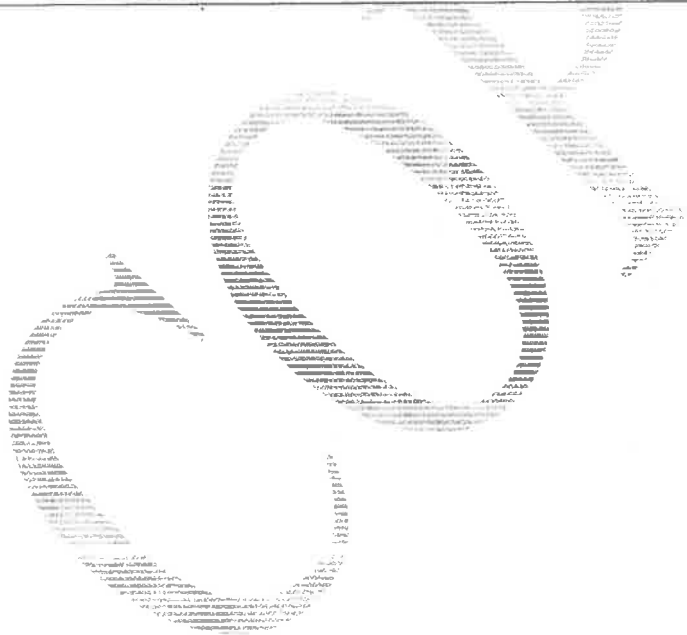
ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE CLERIC				
Year	Victim	Age	Imputable Acts	Denunciation
1974	Multiple (names not on file)	Teens	Several parents from St. Augustine Parish wrote letters of complaint about Father Bistricky to Archbishop Cousins. They stated that Father promoted a permissive atmosphere among the teenagers, encouraging "streaking" and "mooning" (both activities involving at least partial nudity). They said he came to the door of his room in the nude while on a trip with youth. They objected to his foul language. They reported that he had taken nude photographs of adolescent boys and submitted a copy of such a photograph.	1974
1968-1972 (approx)	[REDACTED]	12-16	Genital fondling and masturbation	2002
1968	[REDACTED]	11	Forced to disrobe and have his genitals "inspected"	2005
CIVIL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE CLERIC				
Year	Type/Case	Conviction	Sentence (include copies of civil documents)	
2002	Criminal investigation by the Milwaukee District Attorney	Statue of limitations expired	D.A. found the report to be credible.	
MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESE				
Year				
1974	Archbishop Cousins met with and reprimanded Father Bistricky. When there was additional information that the pattern of behavior had not ceased, the matter was turned over to a priest who was serving as an "ombudsman" to investigate and handle complaints about priests. The ombudsman met with 19 parents and heard their reports which were consistent with what had previously been submitted in writing.			
1997	The materials related to this 1974 action only came to light in 1997 when an old office used by a then deceased auxiliary bishop was cleaned out and a file of such paperwork emerged from a locked cabinet. Auxiliary Bishop Richard Sklba and the Vicar for Clergy met with him and ordered him to have no unsupervised contact with minors.			
2002	The [REDACTED] case was handed over to an investigator. The preliminary investigation was completed and the report submitted to the Diocesan Review Board. The recommendation was that there was a preponderance of evidence to support the allegation. A precept restricting any public ministry was issued in July 2002 and remains in effect. Father Bistricky has been advised of his rights and counseled to seek the services of a canonical advisor.			
2005	With the latest [REDACTED] report comes corroboration of the [REDACTED] account. This person was present with [REDACTED] was abused and vice versa.			

**SUSTENANCE PROVIDED BY THE DIOCESE TO THE CLERIC**

Full pension benefits and medical coverage. He owns his own home.

**RESPONSE/RECOURSE MADE BY THE CLERIC**

Year	
1974	The ombudsman met with Father Bistricky and reported that he "had explanations for some of the incidents. Other incidents he left in the realm of indiscretions or lack of control in supervision of adolescents." Father Bistricky was ordered to seek professional counseling. This resolution was reported to the parents who seemed satisfied that their issues were being addressed.
1997	When confronted with the contents of the 1974 file, Father reported that all of that had been settled at the time by his seeking therapy. Bishop Sklba informed him that he was to have no unsupervised contact with minors. This restriction was then committed to writing and Father acknowledged it.
2002	Father denies the allegation as well as the reality of the 1974 and 1997 interventions. He denies he was ever restricted in his ministry despite the written documentation in his file.



**Entry for the Sexual Abuse Log**  
**By Liz Piasecki**

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**March 22, 1997**

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3/24/97

**ADOM055515**

Select Bistricky Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

2/1/05           Victim intake report from victim who was abused by Bistricky when he was 11-12 at St. Augustine from 1968-1969. The abuse consisted of Bistricky forcing the victim to urinate in front of him, forcing the victim to expose his genitals, and taking a picture of the victim's genitals.