

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING LAWRENCE CHARLES MURPHY¹

5/27/50 - Ordained

6/14/50 Murphy appointed Assistant at St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee, WI effective June 16. (37441)

6/16/50 – Assistant, St. John's School for the Deaf, Milwaukee, WI

6/12/61 Murphy appointed chaplain for the Cardinal Stritch Council No. 4614 Knights of Columbus for the forthcoming year. (37446)

6/19/63 Murphy appointed Director of St. John's effective July 1, 1963. (37453)

7/1/63 – Director, St. John's School for the Deaf, Milwaukee, WI

1/13/64 Murphy appointed Auxiliary Chaplain to the 128th Aircraft and Control Squadron in South Milwaukee. (37456)

11/16/68 Letter from a parent who reported that Murphy severely physically beat his son and asking Cousins to investigate. Letter stated that the son was black and blue on "the entire left side of his face from the level of the eye-brow down to the shirt collar." (32437-32438)

12/12/68 Notes from the parent of the son who Murphy beat about his phone conversation with the Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese. He reaffirmed his demands in the 11/16 letter, wants assurance that his son will never be mistreated by Murphy again. (32443)

1/13/69 Letter from the parent whose son was beat by Murphy to Cousins stating that they had not gotten a sufficient response that it wouldn't happen again. (32442)

1/21/69 Letter from Msgr. Francis Beres apologizing for not getting back to the parent sooner and stating "we feel assured that there will never be another incident like that, which occurred relative to your son." (32441)

11/3/72 Letter from Cousins to a woman who wrote in about an "unfortunate episode" involving her daughter and the Administration at St. John's School for the Deaf. He will do a personal interview with Murphy. (37474)

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- 5/19/73 Letter from unknown to Cousins asking for an appointment relating to a “serious personal problem.” (24593)
- 5/25/73 Letter from Cousins to unknown responding to 5/19/73 letter. He agrees to meet but wants more information about the subject of the meeting. (24592)
- 6/4/73 Letter from mother who wrote 5/19 letter to Cousins explaining more about the requested meeting in the 5/19 letter. The author says the meeting would be in regards to her son, who is a student at St. John’s School for the Deaf. Her son was thrown out for smoking a cigarette. Letter also alleges that Murphy is covering for a priest who sexually molested a boy. (24586-24590)
- 6/8/73 Letter from Cousins to mother of son in 5/19 letter. He has not found Murphy unreasonable but they will investigate her son’s situation. (24591)
- Fall 1973 Letter from an individual to “Mr. Legal Aid Attorney” with the individual’s story enclosed. He said he made a complaint at the vice squad about abuse by Murphy but he was told he’s too old. The enclosure states that a priest who worked with Murphy told Cousins about his actions and Cousins gave Murphy a final warning. (37962-37964)
- 12/18/73 Letter from an individual abused by Murphy. (Author is the same person who wrote the letter above to “Mr. Legal Aid Attorney.”). He talked to police, the district attorney and a lawyer but no one took action against Murphy. Letter says Murphy is the king in the sexual molesters club and has been molesting for 23 years, since 1950. (24644)
- 1/14/74 Letter from a mother of a St. John’s student to individual abused by Murphy. The mother asked her son if Murphy touched him and her son said no. Letter outlines other boys’ complaints against Murphy. She says that if something is going on with Murphy at St. John’s then something should be done. Also says there is no use going to Cousins because he always denies everything. She wants to get a group of deaf men together to talk about Murphy. (24668-24671)
- 4/12/74 Notes from an individual abused by Murphy to unknown. Individual graduated from St. John’s in 1970. He knows others who Murphy abused in 1973-1974. He says many deaf people are afraid of Murphy but he must be stopped. (24643)
- 4/14/74 Letter from individual to [redacted] describing his abuse by Murphy. The individual left St. John’s in. Author would like to see the letter kept secret. (24642)
- 4/15/74 Letter from [redacted] to “To Whom It May Concern.” Writer is an Episcopal priest in Milwaukee that worked at St. John’s and has heard allegations that Murphy molested kids and thinks that it should be investigated. (37934-37935)

- 4/23/74 Page of statement summarizing a meeting with the Archbishop including some of the facts demonstrating that Murphy abused children. (24638)
- 1973-1974 Handwritten notes titled “complaints,” include reference to police calling Cousins in 1973/1974. (37829-37832)
- 1974 Letter from unknown to Fr. Theisen stating that she was approached by several deaf men who were sexually molested by Murphy. Writer states that she learned that the Archdiocese knew about Murphy in 1960 and now the St. Francis police have been approached about arresting Murphy. The author is now helping the men. (24647)
- May 1974 Petition signed by 13 individuals of Murphy which states “We make a petition that Rev. Lawrence Murphy shall resign as the Director of St. John’s School for the Deaf because he is the sexually child(boy) molester from 1950 to present.” (24654). Six of these individuals later signed statements saying “I want to have my name removed from the petition presented by [redacted name] against Father Murphy. I did not fully understand what I was signing and do not want Father Murphy removed from St. John’s.” (24648-24653)
- 5/15/74 Letter from individual abused by Murphy to unknown. Individual graduated in 1970. He attended St. John’s and was abused by Murphy for 6 years starting in 1964. (37352)
- 1974 6 point proposal that individuals abused by Murphy gave to Cousins before their 5/16/74 meeting. Proposal requested that Murphy resign from St. Johns’ and cease all activity with the school and the deaf community. (37926)
- 1974 One page document with Murphy’s name on top that was given to Cousins before the meeting of 5/16/74. Describes Murphy as having been a child abuser for almost 23 years. (37964)
- 5/16/74 Summary of meeting of May 16, 1974 regarding Murphy. Cousins was at the meeting with abuse survivors who were represented by one woman that could speak. Cousins said Murphy will resign from Director of the school while an investigation is pending. Someone at the meeting alleged that Cousins had knowledge of complaints as far back as 1960. Cousins denied this and said the ‘flyer’ that the individuals made was in error. Rather, he said the incident referred to concerned Archbishop Meyer in 1957 or 1958. Requested additional information. Woman speaking on behalf of those with allegations against Murphy refused to release any more information, claiming that there was sufficient information and evidence for the Archbishop to act. Woman speaking on behalf of abuse survivors was asked to furnish additional information and witnesses and agree to an investigation of the charges. She refused to do so and led the individuals with complaints from the meeting. (24571-24572)

- 6/19/74 Letter from Cousins to Murphy appointing him Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus effective July 1. (37476)
- 7/23/74 Letter from the Vatican's Apostolic Delegation in D.C. writing "once again" on the Murphy matter. Letter quotes a letter that the delegate received from the representative of the deaf survivors. The representative threatened legal action. He responded to the representative's letter saying that the Archbishop's action is appropriate and thus does not see the utility of any recourse to the courts. (24569-24570)
- 9/12/74 Memo from Fr. Sampon regarding Murphy- says Murphy will take "what will be called a 'temporary sick leave'" in mid-September. His new address is not to be published but will be in Boulder Junction, WI. (37257-37258)
- 9/14/74 Article in Milwaukee Sentinel reporting about a group of boys from St. John's who is attempting to get Murphy removed from St. John's. (37415)
- 4/28/75 Letter from Cousins responding to person who had written praising Murphy. Cousins says he has the highest regard for Murphy and looks forward to the day when Murphy will return to full service in the deaf community. (37480)
- 5/27/75 Signed agreement saying that a individual wants to drop his lawsuit against the Archdiocese and that "I . . . have, in the past, persecuted and threatened the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy, . . . and St. John's School for the Deaf." (24617) Also includes a note from the individual to his lawyer enclosing the agreement and stating that he signed it freely. (24616)
- 9/22/75 Portions of a signed stipulation that gives a survivor \$2000 from the Archdiocese to be used for counseling. Also says that when counseling is complete, any unused funds will be returned to the Archdiocese. Agreement is signed by the survivor's attorney. (33531-33534)
- 10/6/75 Letter from Bill Farrell to Cousins referencing a meeting with Fr. Murphy's brother. Brother insisted that Murphy see a psychiatrist; he feels it is an absolute must. Farrell suggests that Murphy see a psychologist in the Diocese of Superior. (24607)
- 10/29/75 Letter from unknown author to Murphy saying he is grateful Murphy will continue to serve in his informal assignment in Boulder Junction. Murphy is willing to seek professional counseling. Author reminds Murphy that "the continued frustrations can lead to serious consequences until they are put into proper perspective." Forwards the name of a psychiatrist. (37527)
- 11/8/75 Letter from St. John's alumni association member to Rev. Zerkel asking him to remove Murphy from St. John's and to give the \$1,000 check that was presented to Murphy back to the alumni association because it was not approved. (37497)

- 11/10/75 Letter from Rev. Sampon extending Murphy's temporary leave of absence. (37498)
- 11/12/75 Letter from unknown author to "To Whom It May Concern" saying that St. John's School for the Deaf is planning a celebration for Murphy's 25 year anniversary of ordination. The author wonders how that could be possible because Murphy was dismissed from St. John's for molesting children. (24584)
- 12/10/76 Letter from Fr. Zerkel, the Director at St. John's, to James Collis, attorney. Says St. John's will pay \$2,000 toward counseling for a survivor, but it will not pay after 12/1/77. (24601)
- 7/9/80 Letter from Bishop Fliss of Superior to Rev. Joseph Janicki saying Murphy is a friend of Fr. Meyett at St. Anne's in Boulder Junction, and that he is sure Murphy is assigning Fr. Meyett at the parish and its missions in Presque Isle and Sayer. Fliss states that he was left with the impression that it would not be advisable at this time for Murphy to return to Milwaukee to work among the deaf. Inquires if the Vicar's office can pursue that question with him. (37526). Vicar Log Entry No. 518. Entry is in regards to the above letter. Murphy wants to return to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as a freelance priest to the deaf community. Fliss and Weakland do not feel this should happen. (37784)

1980 – St. Anne's Boulder Junction

- 7/15/80 Letter from Janicki to Murphy after learning about Murphy's desire to return to minister with the adult deaf community. Janicki advises Murphy that this matter needs to be discussed personally. (37525)
- 5/9/83 Clergy credential certifying that Murphy is ordained and authorized to exercise ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. (37502)
- 2/11/86 Letter from individual to Fr. Michael Newman- Individual pleads to Newman to do what needs to be done for justice. Murphy was nominated to receive a distinguished service award from the local Lion's Club for his work with the deaf community. Individual wants Newman to check Murphy's personnel file and talk with the Lion's Club board and ask them not to honor Murphy. (37510-37513)
- 3/3/86 Vicar Log Entry No. 102. Memo from Sklba's conversation with individual who was concerned that Murphy could receive an award. Individual said there are too many deaf people who still experience the scars as a result of what happened several years ago. Vicar stated that he is actively working to discourage further talk of such a public citation. (37784)

- 4/2/86 Beginning of a letter to Sklba from unknown asking him to tell Murphy not to attend the ceremony for the Distinguished Service Award because certain people would be offended. (37568)
- Mid-1980's Handwritten notes listing restrictions for Murphy including no public mass in Milwaukee, no unsupervised contact with youth, no sacramental ministry, no public presence in deaf community. (37825)
- 6/14/86 Vicar Log Entry No. 391. Sklba learned that Murphy attended a deaf community reunion even after he was explicitly told not to. Murphy has been told by the Archbishop that he is not to participate in any form of deaf ministry or to have any contact with the deaf community. (37784)
- 6/6/86 Letter from Sklba to Murphy. Sklba learned of the proposed reunion of St. John Alumni next weekend. Sklba also learned of considerable unrest and of the threatened renewal of publicity and legal action should Murphy appear at the gathering. Sklba renews his request that Murphy not attend the gathering. Sklba says that he does not understand the entire history of the matter, but he does desire to protect Murphy from further negative or damaging public comment. (37973)
- 6/11/86 Letter from Msgr. Beres to Murphy extending his term at St. Anne's in Boulder Junction. (37544)
- 11/26/86 Vicar Log Entry No.601. Sklba repeated his request to Murphy that Murphy not attend the 75th anniversary of the Ehiphta Society. Murphy said his opponents had their day in court and he was attending over Sklba's objection. Sklba then decides to attend the mass, but absent himself from the dinner. (37784)
- 3/18/87 Letter from individual to Sklba expressing frustration that Sklba allowed Murphy to concelebrate mass with the deaf community. Individual says Sklba's actions suggested there was nothing wrong with molesting boys. Individual states that he knows someone who went to Murphy's office and saw Murphy with a boy who had his pants off. He also writes that a nun visited the person every night until he signed a piece of paper giving up his lawsuit. (37534-37539)
- 4/13/87 Letter from Sklba in response to letter of 3/18/97. Sklba is puzzled by the fact that a large portion of the deaf community insists on inviting Murphy to all celebrations and pressuring him to be present. Sklba has consulted others in activity ministry to the deaf community, and has not found information that corroborates the incidents written about. He will share the concerns with Bishop Brust. Says the allegations are serious but since it's been so long he suggests a "thoughtful pastoral context." (37533)
- 11/12/87 Letter from individual who wrote previously on 3/18/87 to Sklba requesting he demand that Murphy not be around St. John's or be recognized or honored. (37549-37550)

- 12/2/87 Response from Sklba thanking him for his concerns, but writer must realize that many in the deaf community insist on inviting Murphy. He is doing everything possible to bring “grace” to the “painful human situations of the past.” (37548)
- 11/11/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 693. Sklba talked to Fliss and asked that Murphy continue to be supervised and that the current pastor Murphy is working with be aware of the circumstances that led to Murphy being in the Diocese of Superior. (37783)
- 12/30/92 Letter from Murphy to Weakland requesting permission to retire for health reasons. (37576)
- 1/21/93 Weakland accepts Murphy’s request for retirement, says “one never retires from being a priest.” Thanks Murphy for the “zeal you have shown throughout the years.” (37250)

1993 - Retirement

- 10/12/93 Memo from Liz Piasecki to Weakland saying that a father of an individual abused by Murphy called to say the Archdiocese should expect a deluge of complaints now that his son came forward last week. (37822)
- 10/28/93 Letter from Sklba to Murphy. The Archdiocese received another allegation of abuse by him. Sklba informed Bishop Fliss of the allegations. Bishop Fliss will inform the pastor of St. Anne in Boulder Junction. He should meet with Venne and Piasecki to ensure his rights are safeguarded. (37583)
- 11/5/93 Letter from Murphy to Venne about the allegations against him. He says that “if it is refers to the incident stemming from 1973-74 handled by Archbishop William E. Cousins it was settled and all should be in my personnel file I would think.” (37584)
- 11/24/93 Memo from Piasecki after she met with Murphy, Weakland, Sklba, Flynn, and Venne. They placed restrictions on Murphy’s ministry including no contact with survivors, no presence in the deaf community, no public ministry in the Archdiocese. (37389)
- 1990’s Memo to Liz Piasecki. The unknown author met with the St. John’s class of 1953 and they informed her they were more than 200 boys molested by Murphy. They feel Murphy should be removed immediately from ministry. Murphy looked for weak boys. (37297)
- 11/16/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 981. Venne talked to Murphy about the allegations that were coming out against him. Murphy said he thought that had been over since the legal action in the 1970s. (37781)

- 12/14/93 Action plan from Emergency Intervention Committee meeting. List includes Murphy's restrictions, announcements to send out, etc. and who will do each task. (37586-37587)
- 1/4/94 Vicar Log Entry No. 3. Murphy's faculties in both Milwaukee and Superior are limited to celebrating private mass, must refrain from unsupervised contact with minors and avoid places of temptations including the deaf community. (37780)--
- 2/12/94 Settlement agreement with Murphy and the Archdiocese contributing to a \$5,000 settlement. Agreement includes a confidentiality clause. (33524-33528)
- 10/12/94 Letter from Sklba to Murphy. Sklba received complaints about Murphy being at events with members of the deaf community. Sklba reiterates and clarifies the restrictions on Murphy. Requests that Murphy refrain from all sacramental ministry anywhere and that he not participate in any social events in the Archdiocese or elsewhere which may either be sponsored or attended by members of the deaf community. (24182)
- 10/25/94 Sexual abuse intake report alleges abuse by Murphy at St. John's from 1973-1978. The survivor's mother previously reported to Fr. Zerfel. (32191)
- 11/7/94 Letter from a survivor to Weakland discussing his abuse by Murphy at St. John's. The survivor says he tried to get help from Fr. Tom Coughlin and Fr. Joe from Chicago. (38070-38072)
- 2/12/95 Letter from "John Doe" to Murphy copying Weakland and Pope John Paul II about the incidents of abuse he suffered from Murphy as a child. Says one boy went to the police department and Murphy said the boy was retarded, so the police didn't do anything. Murphy told individual at St. Rita's School for the Deaf that he molested boys. Another individual caught Murphy molesting the individual. (24430-24436)
- 9/25/95 Letter from Piasecki to Weakland with three suggestions about how to handle Murphy: initiation of a judicial process to declare Murphy impeded from the exercise of orders, initiation of an oral contentious process which could be completed in a short period of time, or a process through the administrative tribunal. Handwritten notes from Weakland on the bottom say he recommends the second option, which is an initiation of an oral contentious process, because Weakland says there is enough material to support it. (24199)
- 12/2/95 Letter from a Murphy survivor to individual at St. John's School for the Deaf requesting that he resign from the Wisconsin School for the Deaf because of his failure to report Murphy's abuse of children when he was a teacher and dorm supervisor from 1970-83. (24205)

- 2/1/96 Letter from a survivor to Piasecki- the individual outlines concerns over the proposed settlement agreement: that the agreement says the abuse took place in the 1970s when it was actually in 1963; the section that says Murphy will drop his complaints against the individual, which sounds like the individual is to blame; that the papers say the church denies ever doing anything wrong; and that Murphy is part of the settlement but is not contributing anything to the church's previous offer of \$75,000. (31327-31328)
- 4/19/96 Letter from Piasecki to the individual from the 2/1 letter. She responds to his concerns about the amount of the settlement. The language in question is standard wording in settlement agreements and is a protection for the abuse survivor. Piasecki agrees that Murphy has no reason to sue the survivor but says that it is better to have that agreement in writing. Says that it is the Archdiocese's policy at present not to offer any settlements right now, but to pay for therapy costs. This is because there are no reserves left in the budget but his case is an exception. She says his settlement offer of \$75,000 is one of the largest the Archdiocese has ever made. Says the offer will be withdrawn if a conclusion is not reached soon. (31305)
- 6/5/96 Letter from Piasecki to a survivor enclosing a check for \$75,000 in settlement money that they agreed on. (31294)
- 7/17/96 Letter from Weakland to Cardinal Ratzinger at the CDF requesting assistance on what to do regarding accusations of solicitation of the penitent by Murphy. States that Murphy has many victims and one gave a statement that Murphy solicited him in the confessional. (24229-24230)
- 10/15/96 Archbishop of Milwaukee gives decree initiating the investigation of allegations of sexual misconduct and solicitation in the confessional by Murphy. [Ex554]
- 1/17/97 Letter from Fr. Irving Meyett to Fr. Brundage- he was the pastor at St. Anne's in Boulder Junction and heard no complaints about Murphy. Murphy gave mass during the week and on the weekend and supervised the grade school and high school religious programs. (24258-24261)
- 2/24/97 Memo by Liz Piasecki on meeting with Fr. Tom Brundage, Barb Cusack, Fr. Jim Connell regarding the canonical situation of Murphy. Brundage indicates there are some problems since the canonical norms statute of limitations on the solicitation of the confessional. Murphy's canonical advisor pointed out that there is a thirty day statute of limitations on the solicitation issue because the 1962 canonical norms apply in this case, rather than the 1983 Code of Canon Law. Brundage noted that in the 1983 Code the statute of limitations is five years, which also would fall short of the time span needed to proceed canonically against Murphy. They must wait on his case until they hear from Rome about waiving the statute of limitations. Explored the possibility of moving administratively in the issuance of several penalties for disobedience because

- Murphy may have continued his contact with the deaf community against the Archbishop's instruction. (37386)
- 3/10/97 Letter from Weakland to Cardinal Agostoni requesting assistance with canonical processes in Murphy's case and asking to waive certain canonical requirements in order for justice to be served. (24271-24272)
- 3/24/97 Letter from Bertone to Weakland instructing him to use "instruction de modo procedendi in causis sollicitationis" to proceed in Murphy's case. (24274)
- 5/5/97 Letter from an individual to Fr. James Connell asking him to get back to him about whether Rome has waived the statute of limitations for Murphy's church prosecution. The individual says he wrote to Cardinal Angelo Sodano at the Vatican Church twice in 1995 but Sodano never answered him. (24283)
- 6/10/97 Letter from former Chicago chaplain of the deaf. He was a chaplain in Chicago from 1955 to 1963 and heard from several deaf teenagers who attended St. John's in Milwaukee that Murphy was taking advantage of them. Walsh drove to Milwaukee to meet Archbishop Meyer, who later informed Walsh that Murphy denied the charges but admitted them two weeks later. Walsh later reported it to the Apostolic Delegate in Washington as well. (38157)
- 6/23/97 Decree relating to Murphy's case- incorporates 27 documents into the case. (24174-24175)
- 6/24/97 Letter from Sister Mary Claude to Fr. Brundage telling him about her experiences at St. John's. At one point Sister Lucina took papers, etc., from Murphy's room and burnt them in the incinerator and after that Murphy had to leave, but she thinks Bishop Meyer reversed the decision and allowed Murphy to stay at St. John's. (24290-24295)
- 7/8/97 Follow up note from Sister Mary Claude saying she remembers hearing that Murphy pointed out boys' sex organs. (24297)
- 9/14/97 Settlement agreement- St. John's and the Archdiocese to contribute toward a settlement of \$4,427. Includes confidentiality clause. (31915-31921)
- 1/12/98 Letter from Murphy to Cardinal Ratzinger at the CDF asking for leniency surrounding allegations and he is currently in poor health and would like live out his remaining life with dignity of his priesthood. (24325-24326)
- Spring 1998 Letter from Tom to Bishops saying the CDF said there are no statutes of limitations governing Murphy's case. He met with the deaf community, who demanded that Murphy be removed from the clerical state. Bishop Fliss (because Murphy resides in the Diocese of Superior the case must be brought by the

Diocese of Superior) then recommended that they proceed with Murphy's case. (38320)

- 4/6/98 Letter from Bertone to Fliss referring to Murphy's letter to Bertone and asking Weakland to consider canon 1341 and pastoral measures that could "obtain the reparation of scandal and the restoration of justice." (24331-24332)
- 5/13/98 Letter from Fliss to Bertone- Fliss reviewed canon 1341 and has concluded the scandal cannot be sufficiently repaired without a judicial trial against Murphy. The scandal in the deaf Catholic Community is at a level that demands the careful administration of justice. He has instructed Tribunal to employ the 1962 norms. (24336)
- 5/19/98 Email from Sklba to Brundage asking him to get him the materials on Murphy before his meeting with the Cardinal. (24348)
- 5/30/98 Notes from a meeting between Wisconsin Bishops and Superiors of the CDF in Rome about the Fr. Murphy case. Says there was an intervention towards Murphy in 1974 but nothing was recorded in the files, there is no longer a possibility for a civil trial in Wisconsin, Murphy has no sense of remorse, there is danger of scandal if the case is publicized, Weakland should try to declare Murphy impeded from ministry. (24354-24355)
- 6/26/98 Email from Weakland to Brundage saying he will meet with Murphy at the end of July to lay down the ground rules for the future. (38351)
- 7/13/98 Letter from Bertone to Weakland enclosing the notes of his 5/30/98 meeting with Wisconsin Bishops about Murphy. (38352)
- 8/98 Draft of a letter for Murphy to handwrite to a survivor apologizing for his behavior and for hurting the survivor. (24384)
- 8/19/98 Letter from Weakland to Bertone- Weakland will abate the judicial process against Murphy and begin process to administratively declare that Murphy is irregular for ministry. Weakland will strengthen the precepts already in place to assure that Murphy does not continue to seek contact with the members of the deaf community. (24390-24391)

8/21/98 – Deceased

- 8/27/98 Draft of a reconstruction of a timeline in Murphy's case. Timeline of events put together from Murphy's self-report to the investigating team in 1993. First abuse survivor went to St. Francis Police in fall of 1973. Police contacted Cousins informing him that the police wanted to speak with Murphy. Police found allegations unfounded. Survivor's parents verified that the son could not have written the note that was given to the police and asked to be left alone wishing no

part of the removal effort or the pressing of criminal charges. Complaints from group of survivors made to Cousins in March 1974. Mrs. Quant met with a group who stated the Archbishop refused to listen to survivors. In May 1974, Murphy is removed from St. John's as director but allowed to remain as fund-raiser and alumni director. Civil suit was filed in summer of 1974 in Milwaukee County against Murphy and later dismissed. In 1990 new allegations come forward involving Murphy. In October 1993, a day of reflection is offered on the topic of healing from childhood sexual abuse. Murphy's behavior was publicly acknowledged and further abuse survivors were invited to come forward. In the Winter of 1994, the deaf were notified in a special edition of Hand In Hand of the restrictions placed on Murphy. (37701-37704)

- 9/14/98 Decree from Brundage concludes penal case against Murphy. Says that the Acts of the case will be kept in the secret archives for a period of time prescribed by law. (24409)
- 9/28/98 Letter from Bertone to Weakland saying he received Weakland's letter informing him that Murphy died and he closed his case. Bertone writes that he hopes the Church is spared undue publicity on the matter. (38380)
- 10/98 Issue of "Hand in Hand" publishing Bishop Sklba's words at Murphy's funeral mass. Acknowledged the accusations against Murphy. He said that Murphy was in the process of writing apology letters. (24411-24412)
- 10/16/98 Letter from Weakland writes to an unknown nun saying that he didn't want a public funeral for Murphy to avoid his name being dragged across the press. Weakland discussed with Rome how not to create more negative publicity around this emotional issue. In order to keep Murphy's good name he has had to keep quiet and so far they have succeeded in preserving his reputation. (37630)
- 12/2/98 Letter from Weakland to Murphy's brother. Brother is upset about what Sklba said at Murphy's funeral. Weakland says he met with Bertone and several officials while in Rome and discussed the "need to avoid scandal" and that "everything was planned to avoid an article in the press." Weakland says that he is absolutely certain that if the case had run its full length, Murphy would have been stripped of his priesthood and buried as a lay man. (24416-24417)
- 6/1/01 Settlement agreement- St. John's and the Archdiocese will pay \$3,000. Includes confidentiality clause. (35835-35839)
- 8/22/02 Email from Barbara Reinke to Sklba and Barbara Anne Cusack. Reinke has been communicating with a survivor who was abused in the Diocese of Superior in 1978. The survivor doesn't know the priest's name, but Reinke thinks it could have been Murphy based on the description. (32230)

- 9/11/02 Letter from survivor to Reinke in response to a letter she sent to him indicating that she thinks Murphy is the priest who abused him. He recognized Murphy's name as soon as he read it and he confirms that he was abused by Murphy. (32222-32223)
- 1/1/04 Letter from Dolan to survivors inviting them to participate in a mediation and informing them of a support group. (30364-30365)
- 8/18/05 Letter from Dolan to a survivor regarding the recent WI Supreme Court decision. He says the Archdiocese continues its commitment to assisting and supporting survivors of sexual abuse. "We realize that, while much good work has been done over the last three years, we can always do more for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse." (35557)
- 9/23/05 Settlement agreement for \$200,000. (56508-56510)
- 1/23/06 Settlement agreement for \$110,000. (57068-57070)
- 4/30/07 Letter from a Murphy survivor after going through the Archdiocese's mediation. She writes that she requested more money than the Archdiocese was willing to give. The Diocesan facilitator told her that no other survivors received the same amount and also that if her main goal was to become a healthy, functioning person like she says is her goal, then therapy paid by the Archdiocese is the best solution. The deal was to settle for a lot less money and the Archdiocese would pay for therapy for her, her children, and husband. (34557)
- 10/26/07 Sexual abuse intake report from a Murphy survivor who was abused from 1970-1973. The report says the individual reported to James Hiedenthal, who was a staff member at St. John's, and James then told parents of students who Murphy abused. (29916-29917)
- 6/10/08 Sexual abuse intake report from a Murphy survivor who was abused from 1950-1957. The individual previously reported to Fr. Walsh from Chicago. (37180-37181)
- 9/15/08 Email from Rev. Joseph Mulcrone to Amy Peterson discussing his meeting with a survivor. He says that Murphy and the Archdiocese destroyed the man's life and those who made the settlement with the man years ago knew he was vulnerable and conned him into the settlement. (33497)
- Undated Handwritten notes about abuse that took place from 1964-1970, includes notes about confession and that confessions would take place everywhere. Says Murphy masturbated himself, went to his cottage several times where he touched individual. (37786-37787)