

**Entry for the File of Fr. Clarence Schouten**  
**By Barbara Reinke**

**May 31, 2002**

I spoke with Fr. Ken Metz, 262-656-7373, and encouraged the efforts that he is making to refer multiple people to Project Benjamin. I confirmed for him that Fr. Clarence Schouten was indeed a notorious abuser of young girls, and we encourage these victims to come forth.

BR:saz

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October 12th, 1938.

Rev. Clarence Schouten,  
[REDACTED]  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Reverend Father:

You are hereby appointed Pastor of St. Mary's Parish at Cascade and St. Michael's Mission at Mitchell, Wisconsin, with the rights and prerogatives and duties of a "Parochus Amovibilis" as given in the Code of Canon Law. This appointment is effective at once and you are directed to be at your new post of duty not later than Monday, October 17th, 1938.

Wishing you every blessing in your new field of labor and with appreciation of your fine labors, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Roman R. Atkielski, Chancellor.

De speciali mandato  
Reverendissime D. Archiepiscopi.

November 30, 1950

The Reverend Clarence Schouten  
St. Mary's Rectory  
Cascade, Wisconsin

My dear Father Schouten:

I hereby appoint you to the pastorate of St. Patrick's Parish, Ripon, Wisconsin, transferring you from the pastorate of St. Mary's Parish, Cascade. You will please to take charge of this parish on Wednesday, December 6, 1950, at which time Father Johnson will turn over to you the books and records of the parish.

In accordance with the Statute of the diocese, before leaving you will please forward to the Chancery Office the financial report of St. Mary's Parish, Cascade.

In accordance with Statute 29 of the Liber Manualis, you will please forward to the Chancery Office, as soon as possible, an inventory of the furnishings belonging to St. Patrick's Parish, Ripon.

Wishing you every grace and blessing you desire, and a fruitful pastorate in your new field of labor, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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## ST. PATRICK CONGREGATION

RIPON, WISCONSIN

January 27, 1952.

Your Excellency:

Returned home that Friday and called the Party in question about 9:30 P.M. asked him and his wife to come over to the house - stated he would be over in the morning - waited till the following week and called again - did not come over. yesterday at Religion's Instructions showed film strips of the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment - I stressed the idea of telling the truth - and if one told a lie than one should go and tell that one have told the lie and than tell what is true - [redacted] attended the instructions and I made sure that she understood - afterwards I called her aside and told her that she told her mother a big lie and she would have

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to tell her mother the truth - I told her I would  
call her mother - Later I called the party upstairs  
which is [redacted] aunt because people were in the  
office downstairs - I told the party that [redacted]  
had told several lies and if she would  
contact the mother and come over to see me -  
Still they never showed up - It is too bad that  
I did not have a recorded for whom one would  
have the direct testimony of [redacted] - I do not know  
if you write to them - they are guilty of slander.

I intended taking a vacation after Easter -  
(having been away from the Parish 2 days this  
past year). The testing equipment being late -  
I decided taking one now so that I could be  
home when it arrives - I have the Capuchin  
taking my place - I am leaving tomorrow.  
Hope the above shows that I am innocent  
of the above charges. Sincerely,  
B. Johnston

May 21, 1955

The Rev. Clarence Schouten

[REDACTED]  
Ripon, Wisconsin

Dear Father Schouten:

This letter is to inform you that you are herewith appointed Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Milwaukee, effective on Wednesday, June 1, 1955. You will kindly report to your new assignment on that date.

In view of the fact that this is a transfer, you are dispensed from the usual requirements of Canon Law with regard to the Profession of Faith and the oath against Modernism.

Assuring you of my best wishes and blessing in your new assignment, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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# St. Joseph

CONGREGATION

WAUWATOSA, WIS. 53222

*Schouten*

*August 5, 1968*

*Your Excellency:*

*I am*

*leaving for the Eucharistic  
Congress on August 17.  
I shall be gone for three  
Sundays. If possible  
I would like to be  
dispensed from the Rector's  
Office during the Trip.*

If and when there  
is a vacancy at  
Sacred Heart Rehabilitation  
Hospital - I would  
like to be considered.

yours in Christ  
C. J. Kouten



September 7, 1969

Your Excellency:

With all your problems, I am sorry to add another one.

It helps many people with their difficulties -

When one could use the assistance of some - they refuse.

at this time I would like to retire and take up Residence on the West Coast where I have

some relatives.

Some thanks for  
your kindness in  
the past. In the  
future all reports  
shall be good.

yours in Christ  
Father Schouten

September 19, 1969

The Reverend Clarence J. Schouten (Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Wauwatosa)  
c/o [REDACTED]  
San Bernardino, California 92402

Dear Father Schouten:

I regret not having immediately acknowledged your letter of September 7th in which you informed me of your desire to retire to take up residence on the West Coast. Washington and the Administrative Board have kept me out of the Office for the past ten days, and I am just catching up with correspondence.

It goes without saying that your wishes in this matter will be respected. I am happy to know that you are in a position to make plans that will involve your staying with relatives for the time being. I certainly would not want to see you resign your parish without some definite plans for the future.

Our relationship through these years has been a congenial one, and whatever has developed in the interval in no way affects my overall evaluation of the priestly service you have rendered me and the Archdiocese. Believe me when I say that my prayers and my good wishes follow you and that my appreciation for your loyalty and your friendship is warm and deep.

With every blessing and with the warmest of personal regards,  
I am

Faternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Personnel Board

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June 23, 1970

Reverend Clarence J. Schouten

[REDACTED]  
Norco, California 91760

Dear Father Schouten:

Greetings from the far North! Hope all is going well with you in Sunny California. Weatherwise we havn't had too much summer yet. We keep hoping for the best!

It is about that time of the year that we pay Blue Cross-Blue Shield for another quarter, ie. commencing July 1st.

During this past year we carried you on the so-called "priest chancery group" so your health insurance has been covered up to the ending of this month. I understand that you are now working in the diocese where you live and accordingly must have coverage there.

If you do not have health insurance and would prefer to stay on our plan this would be acceptable with the understanding that we would bill you each quarter. It still amounts to about \$46.00 a quarter.

Let me know your preference within the next few days. Coverage available to you there may be cheaper and better, and we would not want to impose our plan on you.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampon  
Chancellor

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## ST. MEL CHURCH

NORCO, CALIF. (91760)

Schouten ✓

June 26-70

Dear Father:

The enclosed information will give you an idea the weather we are having. In an hour I could be at Palm Springs 117°. I was able to take a trip to Japan - China, Hong Kong etc. I am not taking a salary since I do not take the full responsibility of an Assistant. of course I say Mass daily - Confessions and Sunday Masses - 4 hrs. a week in school - I work about the property and play Bingo every Thursday nite. The Pastor takes care of all finances etc. I did not join the Diocese. I am not taking money from the St. Michaels Priest Fund - since I am receiving my room and board and Masses. I am also receiving Social Security and a small

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# ST. MEL CHURCH

NORCO, CALIF. (91760)

income from investments. I have  
paid my dues to the Society i.e.  
St. Michael's Priest Fund.

I would appreciate keeping me  
on the Priest & Family Group.

Enclosed check for \$46.00 Please  
bill me every quarter. Thanking  
you for past favors.

Will send you some worm  
soy - cannot send rain drops -  
for we have not had any in  
months.

yours in Christ.  
C. J. Schouten

Corona, 93-57; Riverside, 98-58; El-  
sinore, 100-52; Perris, 101-53; San Jacin-  
to, 109-53; Palm Springs Tramway  
Mountain Station, 79-47; Palm Springs,  
117-70; Thousand Palms, 122-87; Desert  
Hot Springs, 114-76; Palm Desert, 113-  
74; La Quinta, 116-72; Bermuda Dunes,  
116-79; Indio, 115-82; Oasis, 116-67; Mec-  
ca, 114-70; North Shore, 108-76; Ripley,  
118-70; and Blythe, 115-73.

Corona is a suburb to  
Norco and Riverside.

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Fa Schouten ✓

September 15, 1978

The Reverend Robert J. Erickson  
Pastor, St. Margaret Mary Parish  
[REDACTED]  
Chino, California 91710

Dear Father Erickson:

Sorry for the delay in getting this to you pursuant to our phone conversation. The secretary of the Priests' Pension Board thought it might be wise if I sent the enclosed application to you for you to obtain Father Schouten's signature. I suggest using September 1, 1978, for the retirement date. Reassure Father that he is more than welcome to continue with whatever priestly activity he feels inclined to do after retiring.

Please have Father return this application to me and I'll see to it that the wheels will be set in motion without delay.

With kind personal regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampon  
Chancellor

RGS/mk  
Enc.

cc: Rev. Raymond A. Sochurek  
Chairman, Priests' Pension Plan Board

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May 20, 1992

Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
3501 South Lake Drive  
Saint Francis, WI

RE: Claim of [REDACTED] against  
Rev. Clarence Schouten and the  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Dear Archbishop Weakland,

I represent Ms. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] in connection with a series of sexually abusive incidents which occurred when she was a child. The perpetrator was Father Clarence Schouten. I understand that he is deceased and there did not seem to be any need to contact the personnel board or its vicar relative to his current assignment as is my usual procedure. Therefore, I am sending this to you with the assumption that you will direct it to the proper person or handle it yourself.

My client's family attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 122nd and Center Streets during the time in question. She has told me of a pattern of abuse which occurred from approximately 1964 to 1967 when she was from about 4 to 7 years old. Father Schouten was the pastor at that time.

He frequently invited children from the surrounding neighborhood to come into his office. He would give them candy and allow them to play with a music box - bank which would grab a coin with a little hand. My client reports that Father Schouten would hug her while she watched the music box and place his hand down her pants. He would also place her hand on his penis. Sometimes it was inside of his cassock when he did this. On other occasions it was outside of his cassocks, completely unclothed. He then moved her hand to stimulate himself. My client recalls him becoming erect and that later his penis would become wet. Father Schouten would then give her a piece of candy and tell her to go outside and play. This set of circumstances occurred on numerous occasions. My client was unaware of what happened to Father Schouten until recently. She has learned that the complaints of similar conduct made by the parents of other neighborhood children led to his removal from the parish. It seems he was in semi-retirement in California. One natural question she has is why no effort was made at the time to reach out to other potential victims within the

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parish once the pattern of abuse was known. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ms. [REDACTED] has retained me to represent her on this claim. I believe the Archdiocese is liable for Father Schouten's acts and the failure to respond aggressively at the time. The emotional problems from which she has suffered could have been prevented or minimized by treatment at the time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I would appreciate it if you or someone on your behalf would contact me with your thoughts on resolving this matter short of litigation.

Very truly yours,

COURTNEY, PLEDL & MOLTER, S.C.



Robert W. Pledl

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c: Ms. [REDACTED]

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December 7, 1993

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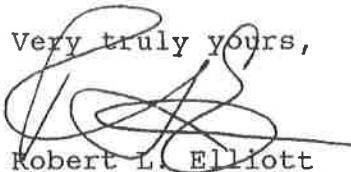
Re: [REDACTED] v. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee & St. Joseph's Catholic  
Church

Dear Matt:

As we have discussed, I have prepared the final draft of the  
Summons and Complaint in this case and will be filing it on  
December 13, 1993 unless we reach a resolution of this case.

I am enclosing for your review copies of witness statements we have  
taken of various witnesses regarding the abuse that Schouten  
perpetrated upon [REDACTED] and others for your client's  
review. If your client does wish to try to resolve this matter  
before December 13, 1993, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



Robert L. Elliott

RLE/mw  
Enclosures

Fax (414) 271-7760

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JAN 31 1994

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (hereafter "Agreement") is made by and between [REDACTED] and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee (hereafter "Archdiocese"), and all of its affiliated entities.

WHEREAS, [REDACTED] alleges certain claims against Fr. Clarence Schouten (deceased) and the Archdiocese, arising from alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Clarence Schouten commencing in or about 1964 and continuing for a period of time thereafter; and

WHEREAS, [REDACTED] further alleges that the Archdiocese may be liable for the actions of Clarence Schouten that give rise to the alleged claims; and

WHEREAS, Archdiocese denies [REDACTED] claims, and there is a dispute between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement wish to settle and compromise all claims of [REDACTED] against the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, arising from the alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Clarence Schouten, without the necessity of formal litigation

and expense, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of this Settlement Agreement, including, but not limited to, any claims based on sexual contact of any nature between Clarence Schouten and [REDACTED]

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein provided and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties to this Agreement hereby agree as follows:

1. The Archdiocese agrees to pay to [REDACTED] the total sum of \$105,000, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. All parties will bear their own costs and attorneys' fees associated with this settlement.

2. The Archdiocese agrees to pay for five years of psychotherapy expenses for [REDACTED] with a cap on those expenses per year of \$4,000. Therapy bills are to be submitted directly to the Archdiocese from a licensed therapist and will be promptly paid upon receipt of those bills. The parties further agree that the Archdiocese shall make payment to the therapist for reasonable bills, charged at the customary normal rate charged by that therapist to his or her patients generally, for therapy services actually provided to [REDACTED], for up to a capped amount of \$4,000 a year for five years commencing on February 1, 1994, and ending on February 1, 1999. The total obligation of the Archdiocese under this paragraph shall not exceed \$4,000 for

any individual year, nor shall it exceed a total of \$20,000 for the five year period.

3. In return for the payments in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, [REDACTED] agrees to release and forever discharge the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, and all parishes, religious orders and schools, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from, and covenants not to sue them for, all claims, causes of action, charges, and demands, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise, of any nature that she may have had at any time up to and including the date of signing of this Settlement Agreement, including without limitation any claim of any nature arising from any assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Clarence Schouten.

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

5. As a condition precedent to the payment of the sum set out in paragraphs 1 and 2, [REDACTED] and her

attorney, Robert Elliott, hereby agree not to disclose to any third-party, including, without limitation, any newspaper, any electronic media, any reporters, any other attorneys, and any other individual, or to release for publicity any of the allegations which have been made against Clarence Schouten and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, or the terms of this Agreement. The terms of this agreement relating to confidentiality do not apply to any disclosures made to [REDACTED] therapist, support person (as that term is used in AODA treatment) or close friends or relatives. [REDACTED] understands and agrees that the confidentiality and secrecy required in this Agreement are material considerations for the payments to be made pursuant to this Agreement.

6. The parties agree that this agreement is not an admission of liability on the part of any party.

7. [REDACTED] DECLARES THAT SHE HAS READ THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT; DISCUSSED IT WITH HER LAWYER; AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS TERMS. [REDACTED] FURTHER DECLARES THAT SHE HAS OBTAINED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING FOR THE INJURIES ALLEGED AND UNDERSTANDS THEIR IMPACT ON HER; DECLARES THAT SHE IS ENTERING INTO THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE WITH THE ADVICE OF THE LAWYER RETAINED BY HER; AND DECLARES THAT SHE VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTS THE TERMS AND SUM OF MONEY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A FULL AND FINAL COMPROMISE, ADJUSTMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

8. In witness of this Agreement, we have hereunto  
set our hands on the dates respectively indicated.



IN PRESENCE OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MILWAUKEE**

IN PRESENCE OF:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fr. R. Thomas Venne

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEREAS, [REDACTED] alleges certain claims against St. Joseph's and the Archdiocese, arising from alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Clarence Schouten (deceased) commencing in or about 1965 and continuing for a period of time thereafter; and

WHEREAS, [REDACTED] further alleges that the Archdiocese and St. Joseph's may be liable for the actions of Clarence Schouten that give rise to the alleged claims; and

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese and St. Joseph's deny [REDACTED] claims, and there is a dispute between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement wish to settle and compromise all claims of [REDACTED] against the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, St. Joseph's, and all of the Archdiocese's and St. Joseph's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, arising from the



alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Clarence Schouten without the necessity of formal litigation and expense, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of this Settlement Agreement, including, but not limited to, any claims for sexual contact of any nature between [REDACTED] and Clarence Schouten;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein provided and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties to this Agreement hereby agree as follows:

1. The Archdiocese and St. Joseph's jointly agree to pay to [REDACTED] the total sum of \$32,000, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. All parties will bear their own costs and attorneys' fees associated with this settlement.

2. The Archdiocese and St. Joseph's jointly agree to pay for certain in-patient psychotherapy expenses for [REDACTED], with a cap of \$30,000 on those expenses, as follows. Commencing on May 1, 1994, and terminating on May 1, 2034, the Archdiocese and St. Joseph's agree to pay jointly up to the total sum of \$30,000 for in-patient psychotherapy treatment of [REDACTED] as may be approved by a medical doctor of [REDACTED] choice, and as may be further approved by the Professional Mental Health Review Committee of the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese and St. Joseph's will not be obligated to pay for any in-patient

psychotherapy expenses of [REDACTED] under this paragraph unless (a) a licensed medical doctor recommends the in-patient psychotherapy treatment; and (b) the Professional Mental Health Review Committee of the Archdiocese approves the in-patient psychotherapy treatment as reasonably necessary. Approval of the Committee will not be unreasonably withheld. Under no circumstances are the Archdiocese and St. Joseph's obligated under this paragraph for the payment of any out-patient psychotherapy treatment of

[REDACTED] Further, under no circumstances are the Archdiocese and St. Joseph's obligated under this paragraph (a) to pay jointly more than \$30,000 of in-patient psychotherapy expenses of [REDACTED] under the conditions set out above; and (b) to pay for any in-patient psychotherapy expenses that occur after May 1, 2034.

[REDACTED] and the Archdiocese specifically agree that the \$30,000 cap is not the present value of \$30,000 in 1994, but rather a maximum of \$30,000, no matter what the year paid. [REDACTED] represents that she understands and agrees that the sum of \$30,000 may purchase very little in the way of in-patient psychotherapy services as time passes to May 1, 2034.

3. In return for the payment above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, [REDACTED] agrees to release and forever discharge the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, St.

Joseph's, and all of the Archdiocese's and St. Joseph's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, and all parishes and schools, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese from, and covenants not to sue them for, all claims, causes of action, charges, and demands, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise, of any nature that she may have had at any time up to and including the date of signing of this Settlement Agreement, including without limitation any claim of any nature arising from any assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Clarence Schouten.

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[REDACTED]  
IN PRESENCE OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Memo

JUL 17 2005

To: Amy Peterson  
From: +Timothy M. Dolan  
Date: July 15, 2005

+ T.M. Dolan

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I had a very fruitful meeting with [REDACTED] a victim of Clarence Schouten.

Could you communicate my renewed appreciation to her? Could you include the following information as well:

1. She wanted to know her abuser's age, so send her his birthdate;
2. She wondered about his "pattern," specifically, if he abused boys as well, for she has always worried about her brother.
3. She is very interested in any retreats or "reconciliation prayer services" we might offer.

Her address is:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is one of a number of victims of Clarence Schouten at St. Joseph Parish, Wauwatosa. We know of at least 19 victims and there are probably many more. This is the same perpetrator as the [REDACTED] family.

Schouten appears to have been indiscriminate in his choice of victims, many very young girls but also at least one boy. In this case the parents were proactive, they believed what their children told them, they held a meeting and some parents went to see Bishop Brust. Schouten was asked for his resignation immediately. Unfortunately, although he resigned, he went to live with his sister in California but ended up living and working at two different parishes with a priest friend. We have had no reports of abuse in California but victims and families are upset that he was able to continue working as a priest after he was reported.

[REDACTED] went through the mediation process last fall and we arrived at an agreement. She was given a lump sum (\$50,000) and we are paying ongoing therapy expenses for her and her family.

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHANCERY  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

**Intake Call:**

Date: 5/4/04

Time:

By: BR

Phone

In Person

**Director Contact**

Date: 5/6/04

Time: 9:00 a.m.

By: BR

Phone

In Person

**Person Reporting:**

Phone Number:

Current Address:



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

Name:

[Redacted] is also reporting for her sister,

Address:

Their maiden name was [Redacted]

Phone:

Date of Birth [Redacted]

Age at time of

Allegations around 7-8 years old

**Allegations Against:**

Fr. Clarence Schouten

**Time Period:**

Mid-1950s

**Where:**

St. Joseph School at  
12<sup>th</sup> and Cherry Streets

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

According to [Redacted], her mother ([Redacted]) went to the Archdiocese and reported it around the time it occurred, with the result that [Redacted].

[Redacted] "The Archdiocese never did anything about it. It could have been nipped if they had listened to my mother."

**Alleged Abuse:**

"He had my mother stand outside, wouldn't let her come in. He had her drop us off at the rectory. There were different levels of prizes we could get ([Redacted] described in detail the levels of prizes arranged in rows – holy cards, rosaries, statues, etc.). He would have us sit on his lap and he gave us horsy rides, bouncing up and down. My mother had to stand outside, she asked what were we doing in there? (Because of the prizes) we begged our mother to come back. We didn't know any better."

**History:**

[Redacted] and heard from one of her clients that "he eventually got caught."

She denied a need for help or assistance at this time, but is [Redacted]

**Current Therapist:**

None

**Next Steps:**

I confirmed that we know of Schouten as a perpetrator against small girls in the manner [Redacted] describes from reports from his subsequent parish in Wauwatosa.

No further steps are planned.

**Report given to:**

Archbishop Timothy Dolan

Bishop Richard Sklba

Fr. Joe Hornacek (Clergy)

Fr. Al Veik (Religious)

Rick Tank (Non-Cleric)

Barbara Anne Cusack

District Attorney

Typed 5/10/04

Intake form

saz/Revised 12/5/02

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✓641. Clarence Schouten

On October 27, 1993 in the context of the meeting with the Professional Mental Health Review Board it was decided that [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED] would be authorized to receive marital and personal therapy with [REDACTED] authorized for up to 3 months/12 sessions at \$90.00 per session, and [REDACTED] authorized for 16 months/65 sessions at \$80.00 a session with the understanding that the latter would be approved by Dr. Piasecki in segments of 20 sessions, renewable with an updated report from the therapist. Dr. Piasecki was authorized to inform the two individuals that the treatment plan had been approved, that review was required after 20 sessions and that any in-patient treatment would certainly require further authorization by the Review Board.

The Board also reviewed the treatment plan currently on file for [REDACTED] and determined that it remained reasonable. Dr. [REDACTED], as her therapist, was requested to provide an updated plan indicating the results achieved, the actual number of sessions already completed and some anticipated date of termination for the treatment.

641. (cont'd) Clarence Schouten

The Board also reviewed the situation of [REDACTED] and indicated and endorsed my authorization through the month of November, 1993 with a request that a new plan be submitted from the new therapist in [REDACTED]. It was also requested that Dr. Piasecki stipulate that issues already clarified in the first phase of treatment would be shared with the new therapist and that some effort should be provided to avoid a new type of dependency for [REDACTED] in her new living situation subsequent to the move to [REDACTED].

RJS

✓159. Clarence Schouten

On March 19, 1994 after the approval of Archbishop Weakland I attempted to call [REDACTED] in order to report the general terms of a suggested settlement, namely the \$32,000.00 as requested, plus up to \$30,000.00 for in-patient therapy over a five year period with the requirement of prior professional agreement from our Review Committee members. Since I was not able to speak with [REDACTED] directly, and in view of my absence from Milwaukee over the subsequent week I contacted Dr. Piasecki with the request that she confirm that matter with [REDACTED] directly before submitting a formal settlement agreement.

RJS



✓ 150. Clarence Schouten

On March 10, 1993 I spoke with Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki who approved the treatment plan developed by counselor [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] who was released from Charter Hospital on Tuesday, March 9, 1993 after her initial in-patient treatment. I approved at the recommendation of Dr. Piasecki 20 session (one single session per week with a counselor at \$90.00, one group session for weight control at \$40.00, one personal consultation with personal physician at \$55.00) with the understanding that there would be a review after 20 sessions. The suggested plan indicated therapy which might extend to two or three years. With the approval of Dr. Piasecki I approved the entire plan and wrote a letter to [REDACTED] so indicating.

A review of the treatment plan for [REDACTED] indicates \$185.00 per week, or approximately \$10,120.00 per year for the counseling and medical sessions judged necessary.

RJS

✓ 160. [REDACTED]

✓ 160. [REDACTED]

✓ 179. Clarence Schouten

On March 30, 1993 I spoke with [REDACTED] assuring her of financial support for her therapy pending the evaluation of the treatment plan which we had just received.

RJS

307. Schouten, Clarence

On April 14, 1993 I received a call from [REDACTED] who was referred by [REDACTED]. She has been contacted by an attorney who represents two alleged victims of Clarence Schouten, who are suing the Archdiocese. [REDACTED] said her 4 daughters had been molested by Clarence Schouten, and her husband was the one who reported this to Bishop Brust. She has been asked to give testimony and wanted to know our recommendation. I told her that she should feel free to do what she felt would be most helpful. She said her daughters are all doing okay, but she feels sorry for those who are suffering now from the affects of this behavior. She said she was upset by how long it took to remove Schouten, and that he wasn't sent to his sisters in California as they were promised but to another parish there. She said the attorney has all this information.

RTV

116. Clarence Schouten

On February 24, 1993 I spoke with [REDACTED] who expressed a great deal of personal anxiety and the need for possible psychiatric care. She was concerned about a sense of support from the Church. I promised to call her psychologist, Dr. [REDACTED] in order to discuss the issue and also describe some of the developing structures for victim support currently being developed by the Archdiocese.

On February 26, 1993 I spoke with psychologist Dr. [REDACTED] and therapist [REDACTED] regarding the need for immediate in-patient treatment for [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] explained that initial short range goals could be achieved through hospitalization that would run for a shorter period, possibly two to three weeks (since [REDACTED] is very eager to return to her children and family as soon as possible). I underscored the comparatively higher cost rates through Charter and the need for review of [REDACTED] treatment plan by our own professional consultants according to policy. With the approval of the Archbishop I FAX'd a letter to the Charter Counseling Service authorizing payment through the Office of the Vicar for Clergy Personnel. My understanding is that this might run in the neighborhood of \$15,000.00.

RJS

119. Schouten, Clarence

On February 26, 1993 I received a call from [REDACTED] of Charter Hospital. She stated that Dr. [REDACTED] was recommending inpatient treatment for [REDACTED], who alleges inappropriate sexual behavior by Clarence Schouten, when she was in grade school in the 1960's. [REDACTED] had spoken to Dick Sklba regarding this allegation in Jan. 1993, when I was away on vacation. Dick Sklba had authorized some help with her treatment at that time. Since he had made the original agreement I referred the request for inpatient treatment to him. In a letter dated 2/26/93 Dick Sklba authorized payment for a short-term stay at Charter. On 3/5/93 I received a call from [REDACTED] of the Finance Dept. of Charter Hospital. She wanted to clarify what Dick Sklba meant by short term. He indicated that he meant for a period of 2-1/2 to 3 weeks, at which time we would need to review her situation. A fax was sent to us on the same day for authorization for the 3 weeks of treatment. It was signed and returned to Charter Hospital.

RTV

✓ 129. Clarence Schouten

On March 1, 1993 I spoke with Dr. [REDACTED] of the Stress Management and Mental Health Clinic [REDACTED] Waukesha, WI 53188 phone: [REDACTED]. He indicated the need of [REDACTED] for some additional help since she is experiencing a great deal of anger and anxiety during this phase of her treatment. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that her insurance only covered therapy until mid-March and was very limited in terms of medication. He stated that he was encouraging her to participate in the therapy support groups offered by the Archdiocese as an expression of Church concern for her welfare. In the meantime I authorized payment for short-term therapy, including the possible visit to a psychiatrist if not covered by the insurance, until the formal treatment plan was submitted for professional review. Dr. [REDACTED] was very cooperative and eager to move [REDACTED] toward the system which is being developed by the Archdiocese.

RJS

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✓ 275. Clarence Schouten

On May 26, 1992 I received a copy of a letter to Archbishop Weakland from Attorney Robert Pledl. That same day I spoke with Bishop Brust who recalled meeting with Clarence on August 22, 1969 in order to request his immediate resignation from the pastorate of St. Joseph's Parish in Wauwatosa.

RJS

413. Schouten, Clarence (deceased)

On Wednesday, May 27, 1992 we received a letter addressed to Archbishop Weakland from Attorney Robert Pledl asking for some compensation for [REDACTED] who alleges sexual abuse as a minor by Clarence who is not deceased. The alleged incidents occurred in the 1960's when Clarence was Pastor of St. Joseph, Wauwatosa. Ralph Gross checked the Chancery files, and there are no other such allegations. [REDACTED]

RTV

✓ 743. Clarence Schouten

On Sunday evening, December 6, 1992 I received a phone call from Deacon Larry Norman who reported conversation with an alleged victim of Clarence from many years ago. At my suggestion he stated that he would continue conversation with her and let me know if she desired a personal meeting with myself.

RJS

✓ 24. Clarence Schouten

On January 21, 1993 I met with [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who alleged extensive sexual abuse by Fr. Schouten while they were in the first five years of grade school at St. Joseph's in Wauwatosa (1964 to 1969). They came accompanied by Deacon Larry Norman of St. Paul's Parish in [REDACTED] who has been assisting [REDACTED] in gaining trust in the Church. At their request I reviewed Fr. Schouten's file from the Chancery Archives and discovered very little information which I was able to share. [REDACTED] requested financial assistance in returning to a therapist, [REDACTED] of the West Allis Charter Counseling Center, for additional therapy since she had found help through this same individual from May, 1990 through June, 1991 and needs to return even though she does not have insurance coverage for counseling at this time. I explained the fact that we were in the process of developing some kind of plan for providing initial help to victims and promised to seek counsel from Dr. Liz Piasecki as well as contacting the therapist mentioned. [REDACTED] is receiving therapy from a psychiatrist, Dr. [REDACTED] in the Waukesha area and requested that the Parishes where Fr. Schouten may have served (in the San Diego area after moving to live with his sister in California in 1969) be contacted in order to see if any cases of alleged abuse may have occurred there. Both individuals are convinced of the existence of other cases and mentioned a friend, [REDACTED] as an additional potential victim. They also both requested a special support group sponsored by the Archdiocese for such victims and I promised to seek further information in that regard.

RJS

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ARCHDIOCESE  OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 8, 2004

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL



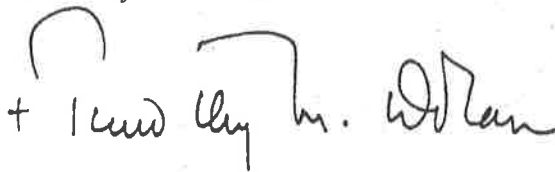
Dear 

In line with the assurances given in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, I have authorized the release of the names of priests who are now or would have been restricted from all priestly ministries. These men can not celebrate the sacraments publicly or represent themselves as priests in any way.

This action will bring with it additional publicity. My concern is that the publicity may bring you, personally, additional anxiety, stress or other difficulties. If you need to talk to someone, please do so. If you would like to contact our office for Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services, please call 414-769-3436.

What happened to you was not your fault and should never have happened. For that, I apologize in the name of the Church. I hope our actions as a Church in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and my actions as archbishop continue to provide for healing. Please know you remain in my prayers.

Faithfully in Christ,




The Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
 ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

SEXUAL ABUSE CONTACT REPORT

Intake Call: Date: 9/2/93 Time: By: Steve Sidlowski  
 Archdiocese of Chicago  
 Phone  In Person

Coordinator Date: 9/2/93 Time: 8:00 p.m. By: Liz Piasecki, Psy.D. *LP*  
 Contact  Phone  In Person

Person Reporting:   
 Phone Number:  
 Current Address:


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

Name: Date of Birth mid 30's currently  
 Address: Age at time of  
 Phone: Allegations minor

Allegations Against: Fr. Clarence Schoueten


Time Period: 1969

Where: Rectory basement - St. Joseph's Parish, Wauwatosa

Reported:  
 (Previously? To Whom?) Mother allegedly reported to Archdiocese or confronted Fr. Schoueten in 1969;  is unclear on this, but knows her mother did "something" because Fr. Schoueten left the day after she told her mother.

Alleged Abuse: Complainant alleges that Fr. Schoueten would take her hand and make her "manipulate his penis" through his pants

History: Believes there were "many children" who were victimized by Fr. Schoueten.

Current Therapist: Not in therapy presently. Reporting now to support her brother  who is also a complainant and who is have a very difficult time presently dealing with this issue.

Next Steps: 1. No immediate steps necessary. Complainant has no requests of the Archdiocese presently.

Report given to:

- Archbishop Weakland  Bishop Sklba
- Fr. Tom Venne (Clergy)  Fr. Al Veik (Religious)
- Rick Tank (Non-Cleric)  Tom Schneider  Diane Knight
- Matt Flynn (Legal)  (Insurance)

Entry for the File of [REDACTED]  
By Barbara Reinke

October 21, 2002

I returned a call to [REDACTED] and conveyed to her the contents of the messages I received from Barbara Anne Cusack and Bishop Sklba regarding Fr. Clarence Schouten. She and I attempted to piece together what may have transpired, acknowledging the limitations in records. She asked questions about how pedophiles rationalize their behavior and if they ever feel remorse. We talked about the attitudes of those times, that if a trauma was not talked about children would forget it. [REDACTED] indicated that while making her report to Project Benjamin was very difficult, she has experienced some lifting of the burden and recently had her first day in which she never thought about the abuse. I suggested to [REDACTED] that this should be an ongoing conversation, and she may call back for further discussion as things unfold in her mind.

BR:saz  
Typed 10/29/02

ADOM031694

**Subject: Re: Info on Fr. Clarence Schouten**

**Date:** Tue, 15 Oct 2002 13:42:45 -0500

**From:** Barbara Anne Cusack <cusackb@archmil.org>

**To:** Barbara Reinke <reinkeb@archmil.org>

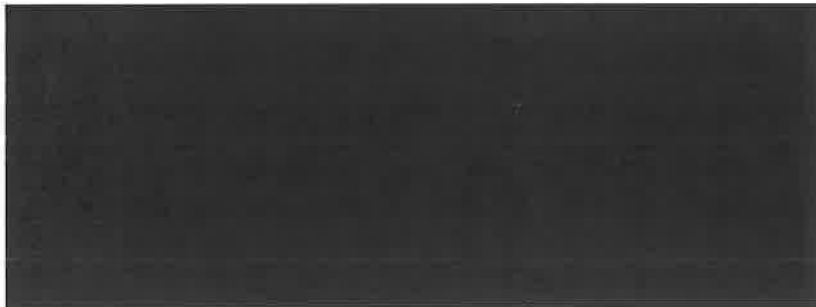
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Barb--

You are free to come and review the file. There is only the Chancery file since there would not have been a Vicar at the time. In 1969 he left St. Joseph Parish in Wauwatosa and moved to California, supposedly to live with his sister in the LA area. There is nothing "concrete" about abuse dated from that time. There is a strange letter from him to Archbishop Kiley earlier (1952) when he was at St. Patrick in Ripon. If you read between the lines, it seems that someone made an allegation and he is denying it. At the time lawsuits were threatened (1992), the plaintiff's attorney (it appears) solicited a number of statements from people to support the claim that "everyone" knew there was abuse and that some people reported it. They claim it was the reason he left for California. Sorry not to have more for you. Let me know if you want to look at what we have.  
Barbara Anne

Barbara Reinke wrote:

> Dear Bishop Sklba and Barbara Anne,  
> I'm wondering if you can help me piece together information about  
> Fr. Clarence Schouten for the purpose of answering questions from his  
> victims. When he was supposedly removed from St. Joseph's in Wauwatosa  
> and went to California, were there reports or suspicions of sexual abuse  
> of young girls? Was he ever confronted? Did he ever acknowledge or  
> apologize?  
> Thanks,  
> Barbara



Bishop Brust died  
in 1995

**Subject: Re: Info on Fr. Clarence Schouten**

**Date:** Sat, 12 Oct 2002 14:53:35 -0500

**From:** Bishop Richard Sklba <bishopsklba@archmil.org>

**To:** Barbara Reinke <reinkeb@archmil.org>

**COPY**

Leo Brust was the person who handled the matter of Clarence's removal from Saint Joseph's in Wauwatosa and his move to California, and there is an indication in the Chancery file of Clarence Schouten of a complaint and request from parents regarding this abuse. They may have requested confidentiality at the time, or Leo may have suggested that. I have no idea if there was any communication about the problem to church officials in California, but the clear manner in which Archbishop Cousins handled the Widera matter suggests some equal form of candor for the protection of all concerned. RjS

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> apologize?  
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> Barbara





  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

January 4, 2000



Dear 

Thank you again for your courage in meeting with Bishop Sklba and telling your story to him directly. I hope there was some healing in the encounter. Thanks also to  and  who are indeed a source of strength and support for you in all of this.

Enclosed is the funeral card for Clarence Schoueten. As you can see, he did indeed die on January 14, 1979 and is buried in California. I hope that this picture will not dredge up even more emotional turmoil although that would be completely understandable. Feel free to do what you wish with this funeral card.

In all of this, I trust that the Lord in His mercy has already made evident to Fr. Schoueten the harm, which he caused by his misconduct, both to you and to the others whom he offended.


If there is anything else I can do to assist in your healing, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth C. Piasecki, PsyD.  
Director  
Archdiocesan Response to Sexual Abuse

ECP:saz

P. S:  could you call in that phone number again? Our voice mail system had a Y2K glitch and your message with the number was reported as lost when I tried to retrieve it again. Thanks.

ARCHDIOCESE  OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

COPY

January 1, 2004



Dear 

I write to you because you have experienced, firsthand, the pain caused by sexual abuse within the Church, and you courageously reported the abuse to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. No words can apologize sufficiently for your experience, but I will continue to try by saying again how sorry I am. Knowing that no remedies can adequately address the harm done, I still want to make you aware of a variety of services available to you and intended to assist in your healing.

Dispute resolution services to address your unique needs for recovery will become available in mid-January. Eva Soeka, a nationally known expert in dispute resolution systems, is creating a process independent of the Church that will make use of the best mediators in the area. I continue to believe that this initiative represents the best way for us to meet together about your situation and provide assistance. More details and information about how to enter into this process will be available in mid-January. At this time, I ask you to start considering if this might be the right next step for you.

Catholic Charities is also offering a new support group in Milwaukee for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. This group will offer a faith-based perspective, and is meant to supplement other support groups available in the area. A flyer is enclosed.

Financial assistance with psychotherapy also remains available. To access this, or for other questions about our services, please contact Dr. Barbara Reinke in our office for Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services (414-769-3436 or [reinkeb@archmil.org](mailto:reinkeb@archmil.org)). Also enclosed is a brochure about our policies and procedures when a report is made.

I continue to meet privately with those victim-survivors who find that helpful. Please contact me at 414-769-3496 if you would like to arrange such a meeting. We have also arranged for several priests, sisters and lay ministers, who are professionally-trained in providing spiritual direction, to be available. If you would like to speak with one of them, please contact Barbara Anne Cusack, my delegate for sexual abuse issues, at 414-769-3341.

It is also important for me to communicate with you about our efforts to prevent clergy sexual abuse in the future. Our *Code of Ethics* makes it clear that no such behavior is to be tolerated within ministry. Our *Mandatory Reporting Responsibility* policy specifies that any employee or volunteer working in our parishes and schools must report any suspicion of abuse. In addition, all adult staff, and volunteers who work with children are required to participate in training to enhance awareness of childhood sexual abuse.

One final thing: if you would prefer not to have further contact from me or from any Church representative, please let us know using the enclosed return letter and pre-stamped envelope.

Much more remains to be done, and we welcome your suggestions. You can use the enclosed response letter and envelope for that purpose as well.

Please know that I am concerned about you and I pray for you. I apologize for the past misdeeds and wish to restore your wholeness as best we can.

Faithfully 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

ADOM035920

11/14/02

Dear [REDACTED]

It has been several months since you contacted my office about the abuse you suffered from Clarence Schouten. If you need assistance for your own healing, including therapy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peace,  
Barbara Reink

February 19, 2004

Dear [REDACTED]

Please allow me to continue to update you about developments that may concern you.

On February 27, 2004 the findings of the "John Jay Study" will be released. This study was commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at their Dallas meeting in June, 2002. John Jay College of Criminal Justice conducted a survey, and this report will include cumulative numbers from dioceses across the United States who reported on their individual numbers since 1950.

Naturally you will be interested in this news story because of its personal dimensions for you, but many victim/survivors have also let me know how extensive media coverage of clergy sexual abuse causes intense personal disruption and setbacks. In addition to a "heads up" about the turmoil you may face, let me make a few suggestions about how you might manage this time period.

- Be in charge of your media doses, rather than let it control you. Choose when and where and how much exposure you want. Turn off the TV or radio and put away the newspaper, as needed. Let people know if you don't want to talk about it now.
- Turn to people who offer you genuine caring and support. Distinguish these from the people who have another interest or purpose in talking to you about your personal relationship to the topic. Remember that you have choices about whether you publicly identify yourself as a victim. Talk with people with whom you feel "safe."
- Consider making an appointment with your therapist if you don't already have one. If you have not taken advantage of our offer to assist financially with psychotherapy, but would like to do so, please contact me. There are also support groups that focus on the healing needs of sexual abuse survivors, for which I can provide information. You are welcome to turn to me as a support person as well.

Previously we informed you that a new mediation program, independent of the Archdiocese, was forthcoming. The Clergy Sexual Abuse Mediation System is designed to resolve disputes for those who have been sexually abused by Catholic clergy, with the goal of healing, restoration and closure. If you are not already registered to participate in mediation, you may do so by calling 414-302-9215 or 1-866-302-9215. The last date for requesting mediation if you choose to seek resolution.

February 19, 2004

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I pray and hope that your journey as a survivor of clergy sexual abuse starts to become easier. For the Catholic Church it is a necessary time of public accountability in order to be responsible for what happened in the past, to change the culture and ways of operating in the present, and to practice prevention in the future. As we have said before, no words or actions erase the burden you have borne as a result of this issue.

May God be with you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Reinke". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Barbara Reinke, Ph.D.  
Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

BR:saz

ADOM036625



454. Clarence Schouten

On July 16, 1993 after a conversation with Dr. Piasecki I authorized continuation of treatment for [REDACTED] for an additional 6 weeks until the Professional Mental Health Review Committee can be convened to provide professional supervision for this addition to the treatment plan.

RJS

✓ 457. Clarence Schouten

On July 17, 1993 I authorized payment for an additional eight weeks of group support sessions with Dr. [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] as requested in her letter of July 11, 1993.

RJS

✓ 530. Clarence Schouten

On September 1, 1993 I received a memo from Liz Piasecki indicating that she had tentatively approved four more counseling sessions for [REDACTED] in the hope that we can arrange a meeting of the Review Committee by that time. I noted that [REDACTED] has been struggling for over a month to find a mutually acceptable date for the very busy people who have agreed to serve on the committee, and that we would continue to seek a meeting date as soon as possible.

RJS

✓ 541. Clarence Schouten

On September 8, 1993 I received a phone call from Liz Piasecki in Tom Venne's absence reporting contact from [REDACTED] who alleges that three members of his family were abused many years ago. He is currently in therapy with Dr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and alleges that two of his sisters also experienced inappropriate activity many years ago. They are supporting his healing and are not interested in any contact with the Church. He requested some authorization to help and I again asked Liz to seek the treatment plan for review.

RJS

✓ 596. Clarence Schouten

On September 30, 1993 in response to a memo from Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki, dated September 22, 1993 I authorized continued payments for outpatient psychotherapy for [REDACTED] through the end of October when she will be moving to [REDACTED] because of a change in her husband's employment. I concurred with Dr. Piasecki's request for a personal meeting between Liz and [REDACTED] as well as a formal meeting of the Treatment Review Committee prior to initiating further treatment in [REDACTED]

RJS

✓ 616. Clarence Schouten

On October 14, 1993 in a meeting with Attorney Matt Flynn and Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki the special situation of [REDACTED] was discussed and the complications posed by the initiation of a new treatment provider in [REDACTED]. Dr. Piasecki was authorized to seek some kind of more limited settlement, or a different resolution according to the procedures currently utilized by the Professional Mental Health Review Board.

RJS

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CLARENCE SCHOUTEN (CS)  
INVENTORY OF FILES:

Two copies of personnel sheet with vital statistics and assignments listed  
1969 Personnel data form

- 10/12/38 – Letter of appointment as pastor at St. Mary (Cascade) from Chancellor Atkielski (first document in file)
- 11/30/50 – Letter of appointment as pastor at St. Patrick (Ripon) from Archbishop Kiley
- 3/21/51 – Letter from Kiley to CS about whether a choir from Boys Town, Nebraska should accept an invitation to give a concert in Ripon (no response on file)
- 11/23/51 – Request from CS to Kiley for faculties for a Redemptorist to preach a mission
- 11/25/51 – Letter from Kiley to CS granting above request
- 1/27/52 – Letter from CS to Kiley reporting on follow up to some unnamed events involving an 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl; contends lies were told and parents refuse invitation to meet
- 5/9/55 – Letter from Archbishop Meyer to CS regarding plans to name him pastor to St. Joseph Parish (Milwaukee)
- 5/21/55 – Official appointment as above
- 6/4/58 – Letter from CS to Meyer requesting appointment as pastor to St. Mary Parish, Elm Grove recently vacated
- 6/5/58 – Response to above that position already filled
- 10/1/58 – Letter from CS to Meyer from St. Mary Hospital (Rochester, MN) reporting on marriage cases from the parish that needed attention, informing about his surgery and planned convalescence with his sister in Los Angeles, and reporting on his brother's death in Los Angeles
- 10/5/58 – Response from Meyer to above approving convalescence in LA
- 5/5/60 and 5/13/60 – Exchange of letters between Jesuit Retreat House in St. Louis and Chancellor Brust that CS had made his annual retreat there
- 5/4/61 and 5/20/61 – Same as above
- 11/26/67 – Letter from CS to "Bishop" (not specified) re. another priest's retirement
- 8/5/68 – Letter from CS to Archbishop Cousins that he would attend Eucharistic Congress
- 9/7/69 – Letter from CS to Archbishop Cousins; "with all your problems, I am sorry to add another one" (no further specification); requests retirement and taking up residence on the West Coast with relatives
- 9/19/69 – Response from Cousins to above accepting retirement and approving plan to live with relatives on the West Coast
- 10/14/69 – Letter of acknowledgement from Bishop Brust to CS for ordination gift; instructions about filling out insurance card for Blue Cross
- 6/23/70 – Letter from Chancellor Sampon to CS regarding his plans for health insurance coverage
- 6/26/70 – Response to above and indicating that he his helping at a parish in California
- 7/14/72 – Letter from CS to "Dear Father" (presume Chancellor Sampon) regarding unspecified payments he made to the Archdiocese

- 6/9/74 – Parish bulletin with note that CS is moving with a priest friend to another parish in California
- 8/5/74 – Letter from CS to unidentified recipient with copy of tribute read at his departure from California parish; indicated move with priest friend to new parish where he would assist; declined to take pension payments
- Undated letter 1974 – Cover letter from CS with check for insurance premiums
- 8/12/74 – Letter to CS from Chancellor Sampon acknowledging receipt of insurance premium payments
- 7/6/78 – Letter from CS to Archbishop Weakland with contribution to fund appeal
- 7/21/78 – Acknowledgement of above
- 9/15/78 – Letter from Chancellor Sampon to priest friend of CS giving instructions on application to pension fund
- 9/19/78 – Application form from CS for pension with cover letter from sister of CS who was on leave of absence from convent to help other sister in care for CS after second stroke
- 9/25/78 – Memo from Chancellor Sampon to Finance Office to begin payments to CS from the pension fund
- 1/14/79 – Death Notice
- 3/2/79 – Letter from sister of CS asking for receipt that boxes of clothes had been received
- 8/26/81 to 11/6/81 – Letters from and to sister of CS asking about payment on a note to St. Joseph Parish from 1969; resolved with payment made

#### Legal correspondence in 1992

##### Plaintiff's counsel reports of victims and families:

- One describes her and friend's abusive contacts with CS
- One describes own and sister's abuse; knows of others as well; reports mother was told and parents confronted Bishop Brust which led to removal of CS
- Sister of above (?)
- Mother of two above (?) – Describes being informed by two daughters, calling meeting with other parents; confronting Brust
- One has no direct memory of abuse but senses it happened
- Mother who thinks one of her two daughters was abused but daughter denies it; had attended meeting called by above mother
- Long time parishioner who had heard rumors and had suspicions
- Father who said he heard about abuse but his daughters were not

#### Log Items

- 5/26/92 – In context of receipt of legal claims, Brust recalled he met with CS in August 1969 and requested his resignation from St. Joseph
- 5/27/92 – Bishop Sklba consulted files to verify that CS was assigned as reported in the legal claims
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10/27/93 to 3/19/94 – Therapy authorizations

Individual Victim / Survivor / Therapy Payment Files:

Not reviewed

Number of victims / survivors making reports: 19

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- 1) Have any victims/survivors from places other than St. Joseph Parish come forward?  
No. All have been from St. Joseph, either at its Milwaukee or Wauwatosa location.
  
- 2) What is the number of victims/survivors from St. Joseph Parish?  
From legal correspondence in 1992 we learn the following:  
Plaintiff's counsel reports of victims and families:
  - a) #1 describes her and her friend's abusive contacts with Clarence Schouten
  - b) #2 describes own and sister's abuse; knows of others as well; reports mother was told and parents confronted Bishop Brust which led to removal of Clarence Schouten
  - c) #3 Sister of above
  - d) Mother of two above – Describes being informed by two daughters, calling meeting with other parents; confronting Brust
  - e) #4 has no direct memory of abuse but senses it happened
  - f) Mother who thinks one of her two daughters was abused but daughter denies it; had attended meeting called by above mother
  - g) Long time parishioner who had heard rumors and had suspicions
  - h) Father who said he heard about abuse but his daughters were not

#### Log Items

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3) Is there any mention of reports from specific families?

No reports from 1969 but later entries in the files (e.g., 1992) refer back to the reports and name families.

4) What was the sequence of Clarence Schouten "moving out" of St. Joseph's?

9/7/69 – Letter from Clarence Schouten to Archbishop Cousins; "with all your problems, I am sorry to add another one" (no further specification); requests retirement and taking up residence on the West Coast with relatives

9/19/69 – Response from Cousins to above accepting retirement and approving plan to live with relatives on the West Coast

10/14/69 – Letter of acknowledgement from Bishop Brust to Clarence Schouten for ordination gift; instructions about filling out insurance card for Blue Cross

6/23/70 – Letter from Chancellor Sampon to Clarence Schouten regarding his plans for health insurance coverage

6/26/70 – Response to above and indicating that he is helping at a parish in California

7/14/72 – Letter from Clarence Schouten to "Dear Father" (presume Chancellor Sampon) regarding unspecified payments he made to the Archdiocese

6/9/74 – Parish bulletin with note that Clarence Schouten is moving with a priest friend to another parish in California

8/5/74 – Letter from Clarence Schouten to unidentified recipient with copy of tribute read at his departure from California parish; indicated move with priest friend to new parish where he would assist; declined to take pension payments

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St. Mary (Cascade) (with Mission at Mitchell): 1938-1950

St. Patrick (Ripon): 1950-1955

St. Joseph (Milwaukee / Wauwatosa): 1955-1969

Nothing appears as unusual in the departures or the length of time at each place; the only "sudden departure" is the resignation from St. Joseph in 1969

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Clarence Schouten

Ordained: February 2, 1929

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St. Mary (Cascade) (with Mission at Mitchell): 1938-1950

St. Patrick (Ripon): 1950-1955

St. Joseph (Milwaukee / Wauwatosa): 1955-1969

Died January 1979

In 1992 legal claims were filed against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in relation to sexual abuse of minors by Schouten. There is a note in the file as part of the file review in 1992, that Bishop Leo Brust recalled confronting Schouten and requiring his resignation in August 1969. The issue that led to calling for resignation arose from parental reporting of sexual abuse of their children.

In September 1969, Schouten wrote to Archbishop Cousins saying “with all your problems, I am sorry to add another one” (with no further specification); he resigned from St. Joseph Parish and said he was taking up residence on the West Coast with relatives. Archbishop Cousins accepted the resignation and approved the plan to live with relatives on the West Coast. It was later learned that he was helping out at a parish in California when he sent a letter of payment for his health insurance and he mentioned it in passing. There is no indication in the file that any authorities in California were notified of his presence. When the 1992 legal claims were filed, Bishop Sklba contacted the parishes in California by telephone to advise them about reports and request information of any reports of abuse there. There is no record of any reports of abuse in California.

We know of 19 individuals who have reported being abused by Schouten. All of them report the abuse as occurring at St. Joseph parish.

Schouten ✓



## ST. MEL PARISH

P.O. Box 700  
4200 Corona Avenue  
Norco, California 91760

Father Robert J. Erickson, Pastor, 737-7144  
Father Clarence J. Schouten  
Sister Hilda Marie Gelegan, O.P., Principal of St. Mel School and Directress of Religious Education  
Mrs. June Marberry, Parish Secretary, 737-7144 (Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9-12)  
Mrs. Dee Tyson, School Secretary, 737-8658 (9-4)  
Mrs. Eloise Garcia, CCD Secretary, 737-8658 (Monday, 3:30-5:00)

### MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY: Masses on Sunday at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 (Folk Mass) 11:00 a.m.  
and 5:00 p.m.  
DAILY: 8:15 a.m. (Except Saturday)  
HOLIDAYS: 7:00 and 8:15 a.m. 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
CONFESSIONS:  
SATURDAY: 4:30 to 5:00 and at 7:30 p.m.  
DAILY: Before the 8:15 Mass and on request.  
BAPTISMS: By appointment only. Arrangements are  
to be made at least one week in advance.  
WEDDINGS: Arrangements are to be made at least two  
months in advance.  
SICK CALLS: Any time of the day or the night.  
SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION: Monday, 7:00 p.m., Church  
Hall, Father Erickson.  
PRAYER MEETING: Monday, 8:00 p.m., Church Hall.  
FOLK MASS CHOIR: Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the  
Church. Penny or Terry Braund, 737-7433,  
Sharon Swiecki, 737-6328.  
ADULT CHOIR: Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., in the Music  
Room. George Thoemmes, 685-3956, or  
Virginia Dotson, 735-3463.  
SCHOOLS OF RELIGION: Discontinued for summer.  
SYNOD BOARD: Bob Cahill, Chairman, 735-3769.

### PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN RELIGION CLASSES:

Discontinued for summer.  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES: Gerald Leonard,  
Dir., 1-686-7112. Marriage and family  
counseling, unwed mothers, adoption,  
dope addiction, etc. Limited financial  
aid and clothing.  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: 1-787-8483  
RIGHT TO LIFE LINE: 1-688-6014  
ALTAR SOCIETY: 1st Tuesday of the month,  
8:00 p.m., Parish Hall. Tessa Burke,  
Pres., 737-8045.  
GUADALUPANA SOCIETY: Last Monday of the  
month, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall. Maria  
Rios, Pres., 735-1547.  
PARENT TEACHER GROUP: 3rd Tuesday of the  
month, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall. Wally  
Cronin, 735-6676.  
SCHOOL BOARD: 2nd Tuesday of the month,  
7:30 p.m., Parish Hall. Don O'Neil,  
737-7996.  
USHER CAPTAIN: George Kobe, 737-4740  
ALTARBOYS: Father Schouten, 737-7144  
FESTIVAL CHAIRMEN: Wally Cronin, Art Stoll,  
Harvey Wimer, Manuel Rios.

Announcements for Sunday, June 9, 1974

TRINITY SUNDAY

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OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1974.....\$1,030.05

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Linda Lee Wagner and Danny Boy Marek; Rebecca Oropeza and Michael Andrew Granado; Ramona Lee Lopez and Ronald Gregory Cisneros; Susan Brann and Mark Peramble; Becky Jewett and Randy Brown; Gwyn Mattice and James Frost; Sharon Stoll and Porfirio Castruita; Micky Jarrett and James Campbell.

TEENAGERS OF ST. MEL: If you are interested in working for God and having fun doing it, call Jeanette Brann, 737-8034. A pleasant surprise is in store for you.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30. All are invited to attend.

THERE COMES A TIME

In the life of a Priest there comes a time when the Bishop asks him to accept the challenge of a new assignment and to assume the Pastorate of another Parish. And thus the time has come for your Pastor, Father Erickson. On last Monday morning the Personnel Board of Diocese of San Diego, at the request of the Bishop, called to say that it was the wish of the Bishop that I consider accepting the Parish of St. Margaret in Chino. Having said no on two other occasions this past year, your Pastor thought it wise to say yes. I will assume the duties of that Parish on July 1, 1974.

It has been my privilege to serve as Pastor of the Parish of St. Mel for 8 years during which time I have made many friends (perhaps a few enemies). I must say that I have enjoyed these years and I trust that you likewise have enjoyed them.

Those of the Parish who know me well know that I do not like fan-fare, consequently it is my wish and also the wish of Father Schouten that there be no fare-well party. I would prefer that we remember each other in the same way in which we spent the last 8 years--just one big happy family.

Both Father Schouten and I will take up residence in Chino on July 1, 1974. On July 2, I will take my annual vacation with Father Phil Straling.

Having just completed our Annual Calf Auction and Festival I have now been informed that they are going to have one in Chino in the middle of the month of October. An invitation is now being extended to all of you to come over and visit and help the Parish of St. Margaret in the same way that they have helped this Parish and our School.

Since word "leaked out" that I was going to be changed, many invitations for dinner have been received. I feel that it is quite evident from the publication of the Banns of Marriage and all the other work that must be completed, the end of the fiscal year and the closing of all the Parish records as well as packing, that it will be impossible to accept any of them. Thanks just the same.

WHO IS COMING TO ST. MEL ???

Father J. Ernest Hayes Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Brawley, has been named as the new Pastor of St. Mel. Father Hayes was educated in our own Diocesan Seminary in San Diego and was ordained a Priest on March 17, 1961. He was born and raised in Canada. He speaks French and Spanish fluently. He is very well versed and a gifted speaker. He has a wonderful personality. He has a reputation for working with youth, in particular the junior and senior high level. I feel that the Parish is really blessed with his appointment.

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As has been announced, the Sister of St. Benedict and Mr. and Mrs. John Schroer extend an invitation to all the members of the Parish to attend the religious reception of Postulant Randa Lou Schroer which will take place this afternoon, Sunday, at 2:00. A reception will be held in the Parish Hall from 3:00 until 5:00.

POST COMMUNION MEDITATION HYMN "AMAZING GRACE"

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.  
'Tis grace that's brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's Praise then when we first begun.
5. Praise God.....
6. Alleluia.....

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*New address - St Margarets Church*



*Chico, California 91710*  
 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God the Father,  
 and fellowship with the Holy Spirit  
 gladden your hearts +

1. PEACE MY FRIENDS

Words and Music by Ray Repp  
c.1967 by F.E.L.

Peace I leave with you, my friends  
Shalom, my peace, in all you do.  
Peace I leave with you, my friends.  
I give to you so you can give to  
others too.

1. To share His love is why I came,  
To show His kindness to all men,  
Go now my friends and do the same,  
Until I come again. CHORUS
2. Take my hand and be at peace;  
The spirit of our love I send.  
And with this love you will be free,  
Until I come again. CHORUS
3. With this love all men will know  
That loneliness is at an end.  
Rejoice, my brother, though I go.  
For I will come again. CHORUS

2. THERE IS A NEW WIND BLOWIN'

There is a new wind blowin', there is a new  
wind here. There is a new wind blowin',  
there is a new wind now.

1. I feel it everywhere, its message fills  
the air; and Christians ev'rywhere must  
feel it too. The time has come at last  
when Christians stop to ask, why have I  
tried so hard to hold the past? A  
new wind at last. CHORUS
2. It warms the heart to think that young  
and old alike can share in harmony this  
thrilling hour. It means so much to  
us to seek a way to grow And find our  
happiness, our love to show. A new  
wind at last.

3. BEYOND A DREAM

1. If you looked beyond a dream to a time  
when the world wasn't cold to hunger, to  
suff'ring and need, and you found beyond  
a dream there were those with their hearts  
filled with love, who reached out to help  
when they could, why, then, can't that  
time be now? Why, then, can't that time  
be now?
2. If you looked beyond a dream to a place  
where the labor of love had laid bare the  
seeds of distrust, and you found beyond a  
dream were those with their hearts seeking  
a peace, had made hate a thing of disgust,  
why, then, can't that place be here? Why,  
then, can't that land be ours?
3. If you looked beyond a dream to a land  
where all men stood with pride defending  
their right to be free, and you found  
beyond a dream there were those with their  
hearts born of hope, while struggling had  
found unity, why, then, can't that land be  
ours? Why, then, can't that land be ours?

4. ALL YOU PEOPLES CLAP YOUR HANDS

All you peoples, clap your hands and shout  
for joy: The Lord has made all mankind one,  
So raise your voices high!

1. All creation shows the glory of the Lord;  
The earth proclaims his handiwork; the  
sky cries out his word. Night and day  
sing out the glories all about, So  
praise the Lord with shouts of joy.
2. The strength of God is great; he rules  
from sea to sea, And all creation knows  
the might and glory of his deeds, So  
ev'ry queen and king, join in now as we  
sing, And praise the Lord with shouts of  
joy.

5. LOVE

Love, Love, Love, Love,  
Christians this is your call  
Love your neighbor as yourself  
For God loves all.

6. TILL ALL MY PEOPLE ARE ONE

Words and Music by Ray Repp  
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CHORUS

Stand together for what you believe.  
Work for what must be done.  
Love each other in all that you do,  
Till all my people are one.

1. Spread the Word my brothers,  
Spread it far and wide;  
Take no heed that it is hard,  
For Christ will be your guide. CHORUS
2. Teach all men to listen,  
And follow his command;  
Love all men as I love you,  
And peace will fill our land. CHORUS

7. BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

1. How many roads must a man walk down  
before you can call him a man?  
Yes, 'n' how many seas must a white dove  
sail before he sleeps in the sand?  
Yes, 'n' how many times must a cannon ball  
fly Before they're forever banned?  
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the  
wind The answer is blowin' in the wind.
2. How many times must a man look up  
Before he can see the sky?  
Yes 'n' how many years must one man have  
Before he can hear people cry?  
Yes 'n' how many deaths will it take till  
he knows That top many people have died?  
The answer my friend, is blowin' in the  
wind The answer is blowin' in the wind.

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Bless of 1929

Sea Hills to Bishop  
Brust

Saint Margaret's Church

Telephone

CHINO, CALIFORNIA 91710

July 6, 1978

My Dear Archbishop: I hope you will  
pardon this delay in sending my  
contribution to the Archbishop's Fund Appeal.  
I had an operation on my eyes for  
Cataracts,

The reason why I did not apply  
to receive money from the Pension Fund  
i.e. Priest Fund is that I am working  
at St. Margarets. I receive Mass Stipends -  
Room and Board also Social Security. If  
and when I am unable to work I may  
request that my name be put on the  
list to receive the monthly check. I  
appreciate that my Blue Cross - Blue  
Shield is paid by the Diocese -

May the Lord Bless you in your  
work - with Health and full  
cooperation of your Priests.

Yours in Christ - Father Schouten

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M E M O


September 25, 1978

To: The Most Reverend Leo J. Brust, D.D.  
Vicar for Finance

Re: Priests' Pension Plan  
Retirement of Reverend Clarence J. Schouten

Kindly know that Father Clarence J. Schouten, on assignment outside the diocese, has officially retired as of August 1, 1978. He is to be included as a beneficiary of the Priests' Pension Plan. Payments are to be retroactive to the date of retirement in accord with Article IV, Section 4.1, of the Priests' Pension Plan Articles of Incorporation.

Father Schouten's address is:

  
Chino, California 91710

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampon  
Chancellor

RGS/mk

cc: Rev. Raymond A. Sochurek

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May 29, 1992

JUN 1 1992

Robert W. Pledl, Esq.  
Courtney, Pledl & Molter, S.C.  
633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 509  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

Re: Your Letter of May 20, 1992  
Concerning [REDACTED]

Dear Atty. Pledl:

I am writing in response to your letter of May 20 to Archbishop Weakland. We represent the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and request that any further communication on this or any other subject be directed through me.

As you note, Fr. Schouten is deceased, and we know of no independent verification of the events that you described. Furthermore, we do not agree with your account of Fr. Schouten's retirement, nor with the claims that you assert.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours truly,

QUARLES & BRADY

  
Matthew J. Flynn

MJF: jlm

Letters\Pledl

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doesn't remember how long the abuse went on for, just remembers that he left at the end of her 3rd grade, they were taken out of St. Joes because he wasn't gone yet,

they would go to church to help with offetory, to clean, to do readings for mass, Fr.S would put her on his lap, take her hand & put it in his pants & fondle his penis, she has no memory if he got erect or ejaculated; she was never alone with him when this abuse occurred & never told her anything while it was going on, was not threatened

she has no memory of a music box; was given candy & lots of religious things but doesn't remember it/them as in response to the abuse; he did not touch her, her other sisters were in the room @ the time, he did it quietly enough that no one in the room knew what was going on

raised to respect priests, didn't question what he was doing out of ignorance of what he was having them do, she felt bad about it & didn't say anything to anyone, was confused about it & why he was doing it, she remembers skin/skin contact & her rubbing him

she asked her sister if priests wore underwear because he never had any on (or it seemed that way because "there he was"), her sister was relieved that it was happening to her too, and she went to tell her mother, remembers that they all got together with their mom, now she knows that her mom was so shaken she wasn't sure her legs would support her as she went downstairs

she remembers the meeting in the livingroom, purpose to get support & wanted the priest to leave; mom knew who to invite by asking the girls what other kids they knew were there; a lot of parents wouldn't cooperate, told their kids to just not go over there; she understands that only girls were involved, her husband was in her grade & he didn't know this was going on to either girls or boys; the girls were not a part of the meeting

parents told them why he left & that he did something bad

never got therapy, never felt she needed it

she remembers being desperate to get off his lap, hated it, knew something wasn't right about it, why did she keep going back? did candy & religious stuff outweigh discomfort? yes, was not afraid of him or for her safety; she remembers that this happened @ every out of church contact, went back even though abused out of ignorance of his body parts & what was happening, wasn't clear what he was doing, confusing, "a priest took God's place" & was pastor of their parish

now knew parents spoke with Bishop Burst, were begged not to go to press

"I never didn't remember the abuse" like , always a part of her life was going to speak to her cousins who went to St.Joes about the abuse

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

she remembers the evening she found out "like it was yesterday" though she has forgotten some things about the abuse

[REDACTED] came to her to tell her that she was not going to go to 5th grade @ St. Joes anymore, when she asked why [REDACTED] said that they were touching Fr.S, she then talked to all 4 girls ([REDACTED] 4th); heard that some girls loss all of their hair as a physical response to the abuse

knows a woman now who is going through what [REDACTED] is but wouldn't tell me who as didn't "have her mother's permission"

[REDACTED]

Husband was ready to kill the priest that night, she calmed him down, next morning he went to Chancery on advice of a priest-friend, spoke with Bishop Brust, nothing was done or said to help them, didn't get any therapy, angry that Fr.S went to another parish instead of going to live with his sister like they were told, was angry @ the higher up's not @ Fr.S because he was sick, they should have done something

husband threatened Brust to meet with him or he'd go to the papers, took 2 weeks for Fr. S to leave, husband remembers that it took the whole summer

they were criticized for trying to get Fr.S removed, others knew that this was going on & did nothing, could have prevented this abuse before then, all were in shock

meeting: [REDACTED]

she believed her girls, why would they lie about this? they would never lie to me about that

remembers coincidences that Fr.S used to bring the girls home in his car with one of them on his lap, didn't remember that he picked them up from her home, just dropped them off (told her [REDACTED] memory)

[REDACTED]

can I call her other daughter? [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ok, [REDACTED] just had her [REDACTED] baby not a good time also

wasn't a member of the Christian mothers society (because didn't want to go to meeting on Sundays when should be with family). didn't know of letter written to them & Holy Name group (did Mrs. [REDACTED]?)

Fr.S wrote them an apology letter, can vividly see it, didn't remember this initially, husband reminded her, tore it up in a million pieces; mad

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Entry for the File of [REDACTED]  
By Barbara Reinke

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April 29, 2002

I received a call from Fr. Kurt Frederick, from St. Dominic Parish in Brookfield, 262-781-3480. He was letting me know that he is putting [REDACTED] in contact with Project Benjamin, who alleges that she was abused by Fr. Clarence Schouten when she was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Fr. Frederick also recalls that some years ago he received a letter from different woman alleging that she was victimized by Fr. Schouten when she was in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

BR:saz

✓ c: Sexual Abuse Log

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## AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Agreement and Mutual Release (hereafter "Agreement") is made by and

between [REDACTED] (hereafter [REDACTED]) of [REDACTED] and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of its affiliated entities, schools, and parishes, including, without limitation, St. Joseph Congregation and School (hereafter "Archdiocese").

[REDACTED] has brought to the attention of the Archdiocese that she was sexually abused by Clarence Schouten (hereafter "Schouten"), a priest of the Archdiocese, when [REDACTED] was a minor.

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Accordingly, the parties to this Agreement wish to resolve and satisfy all claims of any nature that [REDACTED] has against the Archdiocese, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, insurers, officers, directors, affiliates, and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes, schools, and religious

orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese, arising from the sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Schouten without the necessity of further proceedings or expense of any nature, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any claims for sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Schouten.

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3. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee agrees that additional pastoral outreach especially to parents of victims-survivors is important and, as such, commits to a meeting

with [REDACTED] parents to address their concerns as well. This meeting will be scheduled by December 15, 2004.

4. [REDACTED] and the Archdiocese will each bear their own costs and any attorney's fees associated with the settlement, and there will be no payment to [REDACTED] other than that specifically enumerated in these paragraphs.

5. In return for the payments set out above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, [REDACTED] releases and forever discharges the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, insurers, officers, directors, affiliates, and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, including, without limitation, St. Joseph Congregation and School and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from, and covenants not to sue them for, all claims, causes of action, charges, and demands, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise, of any nature that he may have had at any time up to and including the date of signing of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any claim of any nature arising from the assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Schouten.

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Date 8-7-04

*Barbara Anne Cusack*

8-9-04

Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

Date

## AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

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3. In return for the payment set out above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, [REDACTED] releases and forever discharges the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, insurers, and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, including, without limitation, St. Joseph Congregation and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from, and covenants not to sue them for, all claims, causes of action, charges, and demands, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise, of any nature that she may have had at any time up to and including the date of signing of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any claim of any nature arising from the assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Schouten.

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4-27-05  
Date

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

5-2-05  
Date

## AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

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2. The Archdiocese agrees to provide payment for the professional services of a counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist and/or other mental health provider as deemed necessary and appropriate for [REDACTED]. The Archdiocese shall make payments to the counselor for reasonable costs, billed at the counselor's usual and customary rate. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Archdiocese's therapy payments owed under this provision shall be based upon treatment plans submitted by the counselor. This payment and reimbursement is limited to medication and therapy expenses relating to injuries suffered as a result of the sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Schouten.
3. The Archdiocese agrees that Archbishop Dolan will be presented with the written statement prepared by [REDACTED] and that he will read it in place of the deceased Schouten.
4. The Archdiocese agrees to arrange a meeting for [REDACTED] with Archbishop Dolan when she is ready to request one. Such meeting shall be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time and place.
5. In return for the payment set out above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, [REDACTED] releases and forever discharges the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, insurers, and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic

clergy, and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from, and covenants not to sue them for, all claims, causes of action, charges, and demands, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise, of any nature that she may have had at any time up to and including the date of signing of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any claim of any nature arising from the assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Schouten.

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[REDACTED]

Date

4-19-05



Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

Date

4-21-05

## AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

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3. The Archdiocese further agrees to pay [REDACTED] \$5,000 per year for five years in consideration of the special disability she attributes to the abuse by Schouten. The first such payment shall be made by August 13, 2004 and continue each August 13 until the year 2008 at which time any and all payments under this provision shall cease.

4. The Archdiocese agrees to assist [REDACTED] with contacts with the Vatican Visitors' Office for any special considerations that can be provided [REDACTED] should she and/or her family travel to Rome. [REDACTED] understands and accepts that the Archdiocese cannot guarantee any or all special considerations as these remain in the authority of the Vatican. Contact by the Archdiocese with the Vatican under this provision will commence upon contact by [REDACTED] with the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese. Should regulations within the Vatican change and eliminate special considerations requested by diocesan bishops, the Archdiocese shall not be held liable nor shall any financial consideration be made in lieu of this provision.

5. Upon written request by [REDACTED] supplying all relevant contact information, the Archdiocese agrees that Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, as long as he remains Archbishop

of Milwaukee, will send a letter requesting special consideration for [REDACTED] and/or her children to the high school, college or university named in the request. The provision of any admissions, scholarships, grants, or other considerations remains the prerogative of the school, college or university and neither the Archdiocese nor Archbishop Dolan shall be held liable should those institutions not be forthcoming with financial assistance.

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

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8/16/04  
Date

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

8-20-04  
Date

## AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

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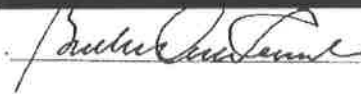
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[REDACTED]



Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

8/14/04  
Date

8/20/04  
Date

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Date 8-12-04

  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

Date 8-20-04

## AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

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1. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with \$50,000 as compensation for personal injury and emotional pain and suffering sustained as a result of the sexual abuse referenced in this Agreement. These funds shall be used at [REDACTED]'s own discretion.

2. The Archdiocese agrees to provide payment for the professional services of counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists and/or other mental health providers as deemed necessary and appropriate by such counselors for [REDACTED] and her immediate family members. The Archdiocese shall make payments to counselors for reasonable costs, billed at the counselors' usual and customary rate. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Archdiocese's therapy payments owed under this provision shall be based upon quarterly treatment plans submitted by counselors and submission of paid statements by [REDACTED]. This payment and reimbursement is limited to medication and therapy expenses relating to injuries suffered as a result of the sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Schouten.

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[REDACTED]

1/18/05  
Date

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

2-23-05  
Date



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Cusack is an authorized representative of the Archdiocese and is duly authorized to execute



*Barbara Anne Cusack*

Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

8-11-04  
Date

8-14-04  
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[REDACTED]

Barbara Anne Cusack

Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
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Date 8-2-04

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Date

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Clarence Schouten

On January 25, 1993 I spoke with [redacted] Knapp of Charter Counseling Services [redacted] West Allis, WI 53227 - telephone [redacted] confirming my authorization for initial counseling visits for [redacted] and indicating that I would request a written treatment plan for review by professionals such as Dr. Piasecki. She was in complete agreement with such an arrangement and requested a formal letter of authorization to send the bills to Tom Venne's office.

RJS

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Clarence Schouten

On January 29, 1993 I spoke with Matt Flynn and reviewed the letters which I have intended to send to the parishes in California where Fr. Schouten offered sacramental health after his retirement. Matt recommended that we accomplish [redacted]

[redacted]

RJS

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Clarence Schouten

On February 5, 1993 I received a phone call from [redacted] who called to repeat her request for information regarding survivor groups. Having spoken with her therapist, Dr. [redacted] (Office phone [redacted], (whom she thinks could be very helpful in facilitating such a group) she also shared some suggestions which the Doctor made for other training facilitators, namely Dr. [redacted] Dr. [redacted] and a United Methodist Minister, Rev. Joan Demming. [redacted] repeated the suggestion of Dr. [redacted] that both men and women be involved as therapists so that victims could learn to trust the other gender again. I shared some information from the recent suggestion of Catholic Social Service as well as cautions expressed by the Archbishop for trained personnel who would also be able to heal the relationship to Church. I indicated that I would share this information with those who were developing the groups and would in turn send her information about the groups when established.

RJS

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Clarence Schouten

On February 18, 1993 I received a phone call from [redacted] who inquired again about the availability of support groups. I telephoned Tom Schneider to learn of the arrangements which have been developed thus far, and sent a copy of the brochure to [redacted] I made an appointment to meet with Tom in the near future in order to be sure that charges would not be levied for those who have the authorization of the Archdiocese to participate as needed.

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Select Schouten Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

3/22/04 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Schouten when survivor was 10 years old at St. Joseph's in 1968. The abuse occurred multiple times and consisted of Schouten making the youth fondle him through his cutout pockets. The survivor told her mother "the whole story" and she saw her parents take action immediately.