

February 3, 2003

Reverend Daniel Budzynski

[REDACTED]  
St. Francis, WI 53235

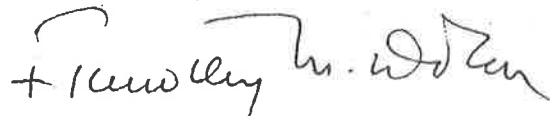
Dear Dan,

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

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

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

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

April 21, 1994

APR 8 1994

The Reverend Daniel Budzynski  
Villa Clement

[REDACTED]  
West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

Dear Dan,

I am in receipt of your letter of April 14th requesting retirement. I have noted that you are 66 and have accepted that retirement on the basis of health and, thus, you will receive full pension benefits.

Many thanks, Dan, for the good work at Villa Clement. You are absolutely correct that the future of all health care ministry is certainly a dubious one. I do hope we will be able to continue to have an effective Catholic presence there.

Take care of yourself now in this retirement. I would appreciate it, of course, if you would take a good look at that liturgy and music theme that seems to be of interest to you, as it is, of course, an area in which I, too, have been very much interested. Many blessings on you.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



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

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

ADOM023676



Villa Clement, Inc.

Greenfield, Wisconsin 53228

March 22, 1994

Villa Clement Health Center  
Gina Dennik-Champion, Adm.  
9047 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

Dear Gina,

I am sorry to inform you that I must tender my resignation as Chaplain of Villa Clement. At the same time I am applying for formal retirement in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

This decision comes two or three years sooner than I had anticipated but there are a number of reasons that have brought me to it. Primarily, it has to do with the kind of ministry I wanted in my later years. Several years ago, and before I applied to Villa Clement, I had sought a sabbatical for a sort-of pre-retirement preparation. There was no sabbatical available for me, nor was a leave of absence an option. The suggestion was made to accept full-time assignment, and then try to pursue my other interests on my own. I have looked into several possibilities but none seemed compatible with my work here at Villa.

I have found ministry to the sick and dying, not only fascinating, but very personally rewarding, although draining of spirit at times. I have felt myself increasingly being drawn into the more professional aspects of Pastoral Ministry. I soon came to realize that it was taking me away from my previous long-range goals. And so I set about to re-examine those goals. I have concluded that this step is necessary.

I anticipate my termination to be May 21, 1994, or at the end of that pay period. I have scheduled a vacation early in May so that Sunday, May 8, 1994 would be my last working day at Villa Clement.

I wish to thank you personally for your kindness and graciousness. I am also privileged to be a part of the Villa Clement, Inc. I have come to admire both Administration and Staff. They have always treated me with professional courtesy and the greatest of respect. It does not make leaving any easier. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Dan. Daniel A. Budzynski*  
(Rev.) Daniel A. Budzynski

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

September 30, 1992

Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski  
St. Francis Assisi Convent  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Dear Father Budzynski,

It is with a sense of joy in our shared faith that I ask you to become the Chaplain at Villa Clement Health Care Center in Greenfield. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I am happy to entrust this office to your care beginning on October 15, 1992. This appointment is being made for a period of up to six years after which time your term will be reviewed for possible extension.

As the Chaplain at Villa Clement you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying.

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

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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## OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

September 2, 1987

The Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski ✓  
St. Louis Parish

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Caledonia, Wisconsin 53108

Dear Father Budzynski,

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to become a Priest Team Member of St. Francis of Assisi Convent / St. Ann Center in Milwaukee. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I am happy to entrust this office to your pastoral care beginning on October 19, 1987. This appointment is being made for a period of time up to six years, after which time it will be reviewed for possible extension.

As representative of the Archbishop in this office, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying. To accomplish this mission, I ask you to work closely and in collaboration with the administration of St. Francis of Assisi Convent / St. Ann Center.

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

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



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

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## ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

Vicar for Priest Personnel

September 4, 1984

The Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski  
St. Louis Parish

[REDACTED]  
Caledonia, Wisconsin 53108

Dear Father Budzynski,

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to become the Pastor of St. Louis Parish in Caledonia. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board and Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, I am happy to entrust the faithful of that parish to your pastoral care, beginning on September 4, 1984. This appointment is being made for a period of time up to six years, after which time it will again be reviewed for possible renewal.

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

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

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki  
Vicar for Priest Personnel

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 19, 1984

The Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski  
St. Louis Parish

Caledonia, Wisconsin 53108

Dear Father Budzynski,

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to become the Associate Pastor of St. Louis Parish in Caledonia. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board and Father Joseph Janicki, the Vicar for Priest Personnel, I am happy to entrust the faithful of that parish to your priestly care in collaboration with the Pastor, Father Leonard A. Novotny, beginning immediately. This appointment is being made for a period of up to six years, after which time it will be reviewed for possible extension.

As representative of the Archbishop in that parish, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying, and of administering those areas of parish life delegated to you by the Pastor, Father Novotny. You are also asked to collaborate with the Parish Council and those organizations that are part of this parish.

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

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

ADOM023708

Received 21 Sept 83

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE**  
The Chancery

September 21, 1983

The Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski ✓  
St. James Parish

[Redacted]  
Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149

Dear Father Budzynski:

Following the recommendation of the Priests' Personnel Board, you are herewith appointed temporary administrator of St. James Parish, Mukwonago, Wisconsin, while the Pastor, Father William M. Heffron, is on a sabbatical. This appointment is retroactive to September 1, 1983.

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

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*M.*

(Rev.) Michael T. Newman  
Chancellor

MTN/mk

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

P.S. Dan, in order to save further work and needless transferring of group numbers, etc., we will retain you on our Chancery Blue Cross/Blue Shield roll, but this does necessitate your (the parish) reimbursing the Chancery Office for three months of health care insurance, namely, medical and dental payments.

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July 9, 1976

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His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Frederick W. Froking, D.D.  
4240 Mormon Coulee Road  
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

Your Excellency,

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Our Personnel Board has recommended that Father Daniel A. Budzynski be released temporarily from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to work in Campus Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse under the direction of Father Robert Cook, the release date to be effective as of August 1, 1976.

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I am given to understand that Father Cook has consulted you and that arrangements for Father Budzynski's service are completed. With this assurance, please look upon this letter as one of official release of Father Budzynski for a period of time consistent with circumstances. There is no intention on the part of anyone concerned to think in terms of excommunication and incardination.

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Father Budzynski has had problems, which have been brought to your attention and which are known to Father Cook. It is understood that he will continue to be guided professionally by a psychologist or psychiatrist of his choice. Father Cook has accepted the responsibility of seeing to it that this program is carried out.

Your charity in accepting this priest must be commended. I have every reason to believe the man deserves consideration and that he will respond to the opportunity you have provided. It is my sincere hope that he will render the Diocese of La Crosse a real service and in the interval progress to a point of a restored confidence that will encourage his return to his Diocese of origin.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Fraternally and gratefully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Personnel Board

ADOM023713

July 9, 1976

C The Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Dear Father Budzynski:

O Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I hereby release you from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to work in the Diocese of La Crosse. I understand that the necessary prearrangements have been agreed upon. This appointment is effective August 1, 1976.

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Y Based on the proposal of the positive steps you outline in your March 23rd letter to the Board (a copy of which you sent to me), this release is granted. Consultation with Father Robert Cook by the Board assures me of your mutual compatibility for the work in Campus Ministry; your salary, room and board, car allowance, and all other benefits commensurate with such priestly involvement will be cared for by this agency. Official notifications of your release are being sent to Bishop Frederick W. Freking and Father Robert J. Cook.

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

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ADOM023714

March 4, 1974

Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski  
St. Joseph Parish  
[REDACTED]  
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53222

Dear Father Budzynski:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith appoint you Associate Pastor at St. Joseph parish, Wauwatosa. This appointment is effective immediately. You will kindly report to the Pastor, Father Edward R. Eschweiler.

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

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM023715

November 3, 1972

Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski  
St. Patrick Parish  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Dear Father Budzynski:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at St. Bernadette Parish, Milwaukee, and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. Peter Claver Parish, Sheboygan, effective November 14, 1972. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father George S. Hopf.

I also understand that the Board has recommended that you assist Father Donald R. Peters in the CCD work at St. Mary Parish, Sheboygan Falls.

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

Faternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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September 15, 1971

Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski  
St. Casimir Parish  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212

Dear Father Budzynski:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at St. Casimir Parish, Milwaukee, and appoint you Associate Pastor Pro Tem at St. Bernadette Parish, Milwaukee, effective September 28, 1971. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father James C. Ruetz.

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

Faternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM023719

May 23, 1969

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Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski  
St. Paul Parish

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Dear Father Budzynski:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at St. Paul Parish, Milwaukee, and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. Casimir Parish, Milwaukee, effective June 17, 1969. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Leo Kowalski.

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

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ADOM023720

June 1987 St. Louis Church  
 8th grades (Male) - Retreat for 8th grades  
 - swimming  
 - Bp Akiba intervention

June 1983 - Awaiting Assignment  
 - living with sister  
 - G. Z. landlords

(Whitewater)  
 January 1982 Recalled from <sup>guest home</sup> Campus Ministry - Stern Point  
 - dinner/overnight with B. from  
 - D. B. involved adult / student / ~~campus~~ / ~~ministry~~

1978 Sac. Clair - Fr. Jambhi intervention →  
 Spring 1976 St. Joseph, Wauwatosa 7476

- at rectory w/ J.  
 - intervention with parents, Fr. Murphy, Bp Louis  
 also - invited on M-

Spring 1972 St. Bernadette  
 - intervention Fr. James Ruetz, Paroiss  
 Bp Brunet

June 1969 St. Columba

1966 St. Paul's

1965 St. Joseph Parish

Jan to May 1984 Sabbatical Vatican II Institute. Menlo Park, CA

Sept to Dec 1983 Administrator: St James, Mukwanago

June 1983 Awaiting Assignment; living at [redacted] (Litch)

Sept 1982 St Patrick Parish, Whitewater

Jan thru May 1982 sick leave - Guest House Rochester

August 1976 thru January 1982 <sup>on loan to</sup> Diocese of La Crosse

1980-1982 St. Peter's Point Campus of UW

1976-1980 Eau Claire Campus of UW

young adult	}	- ?	music student (from Oxford WI ?)
		-	boy, @ 13 - Parents in Restaurant
		-	<del>_____</del>

1974-1976 St Joseph, Wausau

- intervention with Parents, Fr John Murphy, Wausau  
@ 1975 - (+)

1972-1974 St Peter Claver, Sheboygan

| ? - guitar guitar players - 16/17 late May?  
- ' - -  
- " ?

San Francisco - 2 Summers  
on leave for (?) 11/73 -> 3/74



2/11/94

1971-1972 St Bernadette, Milwaukee

Intervention by Parents, Pastor (Jim Rutz) Bunct

- direct<sup>to</sup> overnite - no incident

- picnic - changing clothes - no incident

leave - for sev. weeks before Shelbygo

1969-1971 St Casimir, Milwaukee

1971) weeks  
1978

- future  
hosted at P. Rutz

14-15

runaway

Mrs. Seimon

1966-1969 St Paul, Milwaukee

(13 or 14)

picnic  
camping  
various

- and friend  
his cousin

from Parish

church +

attendant

③ another boy  
wrote a love

1965-1966 St Joseph, WA

camping

(3 boys)

13-14 yrs old

(69-71)

= in bar (at St Casimir's)

④ (13) at house  
with family

no incidents before this time (1965)

picnic - kids -> St Helen's, St Hedwig's - just boys  
St Hedwig's - sent for a Catholic book publisher

Allegations: Rev. Daniel Budzynski

Name of Complainant: Protected until her permission is finalized to utilize her name

Alleges: The following occurred to her while she was a parishioner at St. Bernadette's Parish, 1970-71, Age 6 - 7

Memories surfaced "one year ago" in treatment. [REDACTED]

Remembers four specific events:

- 1) In the summer, at her brother's basketball game on parish grounds - says Fr. B "lured her into a sewer" she was very afraid. Fr. B. "got on top of her" Fr. B. turned from being "very nice to very nasty."
- 2) Alleges that Fr. B. is a "stalker." She was in public school up until last two years when she attended St. Bernadette's. Remembers being brought by an "older woman" to Fr. B. who was "laying in bed without his pants on." She was at St. Bernadette's for CCD class.
- 3) Remembers being brought to Church by an "older woman." She was supposed to hide in the church and play a game with Fr. B. Once again "he turned from being a nice man to being nasty." "Made me perform fellatio on him."
- 4) At parish festival. She was "goofing around" - saw Fr. B. who made eye contact with her. She tried to flee and hide. Fr. B. "stalked" her, got her and took her by the hand. She remembers dissociating. Fr. B. took her into the school. Again nice guy who turned nasty. She tried to flee out the back door. Fr. B. caught up to her and had sexual intercourse with her under a broken down festival ride out in the back.

Believes Fr. <sup>James</sup> ~~John~~ Ruetz, pastor, must have known.

2/9/94

ADOM023742

June 11, 1956

The Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Reverend Father:

This letter is to inform you that you are herewith appointed assistant at St. Helen's Parish, Milwaukee.

This appointment is effective on Tuesday, June 26, on which date you will kindly report to the pastor, the Reverend John Brzonkala.

Wishing you every blessing of God in the sacred ministry, and assuring you of a continued remembrance in prayer, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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ADOM023761

August 31, 1961

The Rev. Daniel A. Budzinski

Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

Dear Father Budzinski:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as assistant at St. Helen's Parish, Milwaukee, and appoint you assistant at St. Mary's Parish, Menomonee Falls, effective Thursday September 21st. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Eschweiler.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM023762

July 3, 1962

The Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski

Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

Dear Father Budzynski:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as assistant at St. Mary's Parish, Menomonee Falls, and appoint you assistant at St. Hedwig's Parish, Milwaukee, effective, Thursday, July 12th. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Sleva.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM023763

November 13, 1963

✓ The Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski

[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Father Budzynski:

I am herewith appointing you a part-time teacher of religion at St. John's Cathedral High School.

Would you please contact Monsignor Kelly as soon as possible for your schedule.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Roman R. Atkielski  
Vicar General

CC: Monsignor James Kelly  
Father Victor Sleva

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ADOM023764

June 21, 1965

The Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski  
St. Hedwig Parish

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Father Budzynski:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as curate at St. Hedwig Parish, Milwaukee, and appoint you curate at St. Joseph Parish, West Allis, effective Wednesday, July 7, 1965. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Edwin Peksa.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM023767

September 8, 1965

Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski ✓  
St. Joseph Parish

West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

Dear Father Budzynski:

I hereby appoint you an Instructor of Religion at Pius XI High School, Milwaukee, for the coming scholastic year.

Please report as soon as possible to Father Lawrence McCall, S.A.C., Principal of Pius XI High School, so that he can arrange his class schedule.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM023768



June 24, 1966

The Reverend Daniel A. Budzyński  
St. Joseph's Church

West Allis, Wisconsin

Dear Father Budzyński:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as curate at St. Joseph's Parish, West Allis, and appoint you curate at St. Paul Parish, Milwaukee, effective Wednesday, July 6, 1966. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Stanley Bartnicki.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM023769



St. Paul's Congregation

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

(CATHOLIC)

August 22, 1966

Dear Archbishop Cousins,

I am writing to you as you requested me to do, in order to summarize our conference on Thursday morning, August 11th. As you recall I have discussed with you the possibility of being assigned some work in guidance, counseling, or teaching. I have given considerable thought and prayer to this move and feel it is based upon solid reasons. In my ten years at various parishes I have grown increasingly aware that my talents lie in counseling or teaching. I have felt especially competent with young people and their problems although I have had considerable success in establishing cordial relations with all people.

I wish to emphasize, your excellency, that my request does not stem from any discontent with parish life. I can honestly say that I have found happiness working with people on the parish level, even though I had considerable adjustments to make at some assignments, particularly with some pastors. Nevertheless, I have felt that I addressed myself to these problems successfully.

In recent years I have felt a need to study---particularly Theology and Scripture, and I have used my "off day" time to take courses and seminars which would help me to keep abreast with the current thinking in these areas. While working at St. Hedwig's on the East side, I have found a need for Spanish, especially in confession work, and so I took a thirty week course in Spanish on my off day. It was while at this parish I became interested in the social apostolate and began to develop skills in counseling the delinquent and underprivileged youth. I liked this work very much. I also became acquainted with many college students and professors living in the apartments near by. They have had considerable doubts and uncertainties which we help to solve by many pleasant discussions. At my last assignment, St. Joseph, West Allis, I had considerable time on my hands and so I asked the Pastor if I could take some courses at Marquette in order to perfect myself and possibly get my education credits which would qualify me to teach. However, he absolutely refused. I had enjoyed teaching---especially in High School and I had been told by the sisters that I do understand the youthful mind. I was even invited to lecture to a class on adolescent psychology at Mount Mary College.

Therefore, I am requesting to be considered for some work involving these skills. You have brought to my attention, your excellency, the urgent need for priest marriage counselors, and, after thinking it over, I feel that I would do well in this area. I have had a lot of practical experience in my parish work. I do feel, however, that I would need some study in order to be more competent and expert in this important field of service.

In other areas, guidance or teaching would be fine. I think I do especially well with youth. I include here the college student. I find that they are particularly in need of patient understanding. But I have had considerable experience in counseling boys, especially through my work at Camp Plagens, Michigan, during my student days. I have since been especially interested in helping boys.

I have considerable talent in music, but, unfortunately no formal training, and so I have rejected the thought of working in the field of Church music and Liturgy, although I would probably do well in it. This is an area in which priests could use some guidance.

Finally, may I ask your priestly blessing on my work. I have tried to be a good priest and pray that I may always be exemplary in keeping the mission of Christ in a changing world foremost as my goal.

Respectfully yours,

*Rev. Dan Budzynski*  
Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski

ADOM023770

August 22, 1969

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Reverend Daniel Budzynski  
St. Casimir Parish  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212

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Dear Father Budzynski:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I hereby appoint you part time Instructor of Religion at St. Joan Antida High School, Milwaukee, for the coming year.

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Please report as soon as possible to Sister Joan Antida, SCSJA, Principal of St. Joan Antida High School.

With warm personal regards, I am

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ADOM023772

August 27, 1973

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

My dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your letter of August 20th. My absence from the Office for a few days has delayed my acknowledgment.

Be assured that we are as concerned as you yourself in this matter, and we are making every possible effort to resolve justly and with charity the unfortunate situation as it presently exists.

With every blessing, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM023774

September 14, 1973

The Reverend Daniel Budzynski  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

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This course of action is not to be interpreted as disciplinary in character. You have years ahead of you during which your ministry could be exercised to its highest potential. This interval for gathering your forces and preparing yourself for another assignment is based upon real concern and fraternal charity.

I ask you to get in touch immediately with the Personnel Board advising them of your plans, and at the same time make your arrangements with Dr. [REDACTED] I will be in contact with both of them as well as with Father Hopf informing them of the contents of this letter.

With the warmest of personal regards and asking your cooperation in helping me to help a fellow priest, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM023776

September 14, 1973

The Reverend Daniel Budzynski

Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

Dear Father Budzynski:

Since our last conversation I have talked with Dr. [REDACTED] and I have also discussed your case at greater length with the Personnel Board. I have come to the conclusion upon this consultation that it would be better if you were to take a brief leave of absence to permit some concentrated series of interviews with Dr. [REDACTED]. We shall make a salary arrangement for you in the interval and underwrite medical bills that could be incurred. I leave the choice of residence to yourself, with the suggestion that it should not be in the Sheboygan area and that it perhaps could be with your folks. In any case, you should be in reasonable proximity to Dr. [REDACTED] office.

This decision is based upon a sincere regard for you and your future. Quite evidently, there is a problem that has not been brought completely under control. There is also evidence that your remaining in your present parish could induce publicity that should be avoided, not only for your own sake, but for the sake of the parish and the Church-in-general. Even though you feel you have made some progress, much remains to be done; and it would be better done without the pressures and criticisms of your present environment. I would further ask you to make these arrangements as soon as possible, including those involving your residence as well as immediate and future appointments with Dr. [REDACTED].

Once again, I remind you that no amount of treatment will be of any value without your cooperation. Let us look upon your case as we would upon a case that involved medical help. A doctor would be handicapped if you hid symptoms and impeded a proper diagnosis by misdirection, even though that misdirection was in the nature of an instinctive defense.

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ADOM023777

May 1, 1976

The Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski

████████████████████  
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53222

Dear Father Budzynski,

The Personnel Board, after long deliberation and consultation, has recommended that you be granted temporary leave of absence effective immediately to permit the resolution of your current personal problem under the direction of Dr. ██████████ and ██████████ and others who may at their suggestion become involved.

Because I am sincerely interested in you as a fellow priest and because I am as anxious as you are about your future, I concur with the Board's recommendation, for reasons we discussed at our last meeting.

You are, therefore, as of now, being relieved of your duties as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, Wauwatosa. It is also asked of you that you be prepared to move into temporary residence by Friday, May 7th. Please contact the Personnel Board at your earliest convenience for any help it can give you in this regard. The Board stands ready to aid you in any way.

Be assured in the interval that you are not being denied future assignment and that this professional and medical approach to your problem is not to be primarily interpreted as disciplinary. Your cooperation is needed and confidently asked, because you represent a priestly potential that the Church of Milwaukee needs and plans to use for many years.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Personnel Board  
Monsignor John Francis Murphy

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# Diocese of La Crosse

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LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN 54601

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 21, 1976

His Excellency  
Most Rev. William E. Cousins, D.D.  
Archbishop of Milwaukee  
345 No. 95th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Re: Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski

My dear Archbishop:

At this time I wish to acknowledge your gracious letter of July 9 with the release of Father Budzynski, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, so that he may be assigned to work in the Campus Ministry in our diocese at the Newman Parish at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, under the direction of Father Robert Cook, the Pastor and the Diocesan Newman Apostolate Coordinator.

I am enclosing a copy of the official letter of appointment which I have sent to Father Budzynski together with a cover letter indicating some of the arrangements of his assignment. I trust that they are acceptable to you. The appointment has been announced in our Times-Review to be effective on August 1, 1976.

I had the occasion to visit with Father Cook again last evening. He seemed very happy and willing to receive Father Budzynski and to work with him. He is fully informed about the circumstances through your Personnel Board and assures me that he will be very conscientious in trying to help Father Budzynski restore his confidence and overcome his difficulties. It is obviously a calculated venture.

As you indicated in your letter, there is no understanding of excommunication and incardination at this time. Future circumstances will determine whether anything further should be done in that respect. For this reason I felt that he should remain in your priests' retirement program. I do not know what your plan is, but in our diocese each parish or institution contributes \$700.00 per year, per priest.

May I express my gratitude and appreciation for your concern for the need of priests in our diocese in releasing Father Budzynski. I assure you that he can be of great help to us. I hope and pray that his priestly ministry will be satisfactory and personally satisfying to him so that he will be able to make steady progress. I shall try to keep you informed from time to time of his work.

With sentiments of esteem and gratitude and with kindest personal greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of La Crosse

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February 11, 1978

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The Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski  
Ecumenical Religious Center  
[REDACTED]  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

Dear Dan,

Thanks for the long and informative letter. It is true that my schedule has been overcharged; but if you are ever in Milwaukee, we could, I am sure, work out a meeting.

It is not clear to me yet if I will get to Eau Claire on the La Crosse trip. Connections are not the best and I have other appointments here that might force me to run home.

I hope, nevertheless, we can meet sometime and talk over your future.

Thanks for writing. God's blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

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Cooperative campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
The Ecumenical Religious Center,  
[REDACTED]  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

February 3, 1977

Archb. Rembert G. Weakland  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
345 North 95th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Archbishop Weakland,

I am very happy for this opportunity to write to you personally. I not only support the annual fund appeal but place it as a very high priority in my response to Charity appeals. I have always made special efforts when I served parishes in Milwaukee to promote the Fund appeal.

I am also anxious to communicate with you my feelings about my present assignment and my relationship to my diocese. I had met you briefly at the reception of Clergy during your ordination week, but that was surely no place to try to talk with you personally. When I was visiting my family at Christmas time some of my classmates told me that you are so booked up that I would find (it) near impossible to get an appointment. As much as I would like a private meeting with you I am aware that the problems of pastors and the diocese have a sort of immediate priority.

As you could gather I am a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I was ordained from St. Francis Seminary in 1956 and I served in parish work in some nine parishes. I was always interested in up-dating my Theology and Pastoral skills and twice had asked Archbishop Cousins for an opportunity to go to studies and get further degrees. Unfortunately the pressure of the diocese didn't allow that. For two summers I was able, at my own expense, to study Theology and Religious Education at the University of San Francisco. Although I was very enthusiastic about completing my education there the toll on my health and finances made it impossible. I have however, used many vacation days at workshops and seminars.

Ever since my seminary days I was involved on the Diocesan level, in Liturgy and Music. For a while I was assistant director of singing the Office and Mass at Priests funerals, taking Fr. Elmer Pfeils place when he was unable to get there. (This custom has given way to the revised Funeral Ritual) I served the Archdiocesan Music Committee all my years until I moved to Eau Claire. It was in this connection that I met you, Bishop, in 1966 when you addressed the International Church Music Congress in Milwaukee. In recent years I had been involved in the development of the Institute of Ministries in Worship and had served on the original board of Directors for almost two years. In this work I found myself giving talks and workshops around the Diocese. I still write articles and reviews for the GEMSHORN quarterly.

My first love, however was parish work and I suffered the anxiety of working through the years of Vatican II with many priests who didn't share my vision of what

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Episcopal Church  
United Church of Christ  
United Methodist Church  
United Presbyterian Church

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**The Ecumenical Religious Center,**  
[REDACTED]  
**Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701**

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the post-conciliar Church should be like. My last two parish assignments were much different and the pastoral team worked together with excellent results.

At present I am in Campus Ministry, working for the Diocese of La Crosse. I would be willing to share with you personally some of the circumstances which made me available for this work in the summer of 1976. But it was the recommendation of Archbishop Cousins and the Personnel Board that I take this assignment. After serious consideration and much soul-searching, plus generous encouragement from friends who thought I would be "great for the job" I accepted the assignment, but wanted sufficient time to develop as a good and efficient campus minister. I see myself in this work for three to five years at least. As I understood the Personnel Board they would leave it open ended.

At present I feel that I have made a good decision and fairly good transition. I find it hard to be away from my ageing parents, my family and friends in Milwaukee, but the work here has been challenging, educational, and most rewarding. It has begun to renew my confidence in my own abilities and has broadened my spiritual and pastoral horizons. Fr. Bob Cook, with whom I work, and Bishop Freking, of La Crosse are very encouraging and enthusiastic about my work.

I had recently spoke to Sister Margaret Mischaud and she told me that you plan to visit St. Bede's while on the way from La Crosse, in March. I would be very pleased to see you at that time and Fr. Cook and I would be most pleased if you could plan to be our guest at the Ecumenical Religious Center. We have very comfortable accomodations and your presence on campus would be very exciting. You most certainly will have to spend at least one night in Eau Claire, and when you get here I am sure you would wish to spend several. It really is very beautiful.

I hope you excuse this method of communication with you but I thank you for your interest and look forward to meeting you again.

Very Sincerely Yours,

*Dan Budzynski*  
(Rev.) Daniel A. Budzynski

May 12, 1978

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Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

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Dear Dr. ██████████

Thanks for your letter of March 12th about  
Father Daniel Budzynski. It was good hearing from  
you.

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Blessings.

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Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

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[REDACTED] M.D.

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EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN 54701  
FAMILY PRACTICE

OFFICE: [REDACTED]

HOME: [REDACTED]

March 12, 1978

Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, OSB,DD  
345 N. 95th St.  
Milwaukee, WI.  
53201

Excellency,

All too often the only comments from the community about professionals are those of complaints. As a physician for seventeen years I know it is the exception to the rule to hear or read of the good that someone else is doing.

I want to thank you for assigning Father Daniel Budzynski to our Newman Community, Eau Claire.

He and Father Robert Cook compliment each other in personalities, interests, and education.

My wife, [REDACTED] daughters, and I are just one of the three hundred and fifty stationary members (families) of the Newman Community. We and the students at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire have a special liking and respect for Father Dudzynski.

His special skill with music has enabled him to enhance our liturgy, singing, and community involvement in the Mass.

I've worked with him counseling students and find him understanding, empathetic, and effective.

Father Budzynski instigated a series of bi-annual pre-marital seminars, intended for those young people of our area interested in marriage. These five, two hour seminars compliment the PMI (Pre-marital Inventory). This is done by married, trained members of Newman. To further illustrate its success the fourth series starts the end of March.

Again, thank you for giving our community this warm, human, priest.

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August 12, 1982

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The Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski ✓  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Father Budzynski:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, and with the concurrence of the Archbishop, I herewith appoint you Pastoral Team Member with Father John C. Wagner at St. Patrick Parish, Whitewater, effective September 1, 1982. Father Wagner's appointment as Team Member and Administrator is effective August 10, 1982. You will kindly report on that date to the parish.

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

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

Accept my prayers and good wishes as you move on to a new area of priestly work.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki  
Vicar for Priest Personnel

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Dear Archbishop Weakland,

I am enclosing a letter which I sent to  
Mr. Gene Neuman regarding my new ~~work~~<sup>work</sup>  
in the Archdiocese.  
The only thing I regret about the  
sabbatical is that it can't be longer.  
There are many priests here, mostly Relig-  
ious Order men, that have six months  
or a year.

On the other hand, I feel I am ready  
to go to work. I am spiritually, education-  
ally and physically revived. We have a  
wonderful group of priests here, from all over  
the country (even Missionaries from Guatemala,  
Japan and Tanzania). I have a new apprecia-  
tion of my brother priests. I have known

[redacted] for thirty five years, and  
I feel proud to "brag" a little about  
a Milwaukee boy who has orchestrated  
such a wonderful program at the Vatican  
Institute. I think him often about coming  
back to work for his own diocese in Milw-  
aukee.

My sister [redacted], a favorite son of yours  
has kept me informed about what is  
happening in Milwaukee. She always sends me  
articles about you from the local papers.

I am sincerely grateful for all you have  
done in the Archdiocese, in particular your  
concern for you sick priests. My prayers  
are with you.

Sincerely, in X's  
Dan Budzinski



# Vatican II Institute

## for CLERGY EDUCATION

April 28, 1984

Dear Gene,

I am writing to you from California during my final days of Vatican II, a sabbatical which I have enjoyed since January. I have studied the list of open parish assignments which you've sent me and I think I have come to some honest conclusions. In order to amplify what I have said and place it in perspective I would like to add these remarks.

As to campus Ministry, I don't see much future for me in the Archdiocese. You realize that I have found it very satisfying and consider it a very important apostolate among our Catholic students at the State University. However, there is a different approach in the diocese which I seriously question. There doesn't seem to be anything suitable for me at this time, but I have not completely closed the door.

Looking toward a parish Pastorate I think I have serious and personal reasons for avoiding any large school population. I know that a parish has a responsibility to its youth (not to ignore the adults) and I am ready to work to develop quality Religious Education programs. But considering my past experiences I find it more realistic to look for a parish where the school is a lesser emphasis.

I would also seek an assignment close to Milwaukee. It has been over ten years since I have been working in Milwaukee. I was asked to work outside the diocese (LaCrosse) for over six years and it was a very positive experience. I had indeed hoped to duplicate that kind of work closer to home. I am not inclined to look for a position in campus ministry outside the Archdiocese. I want to work here. When I was away from home I felt the pain of separation from my parents during their aging and dying. My three brothers and two sisters who live in the Milwaukee area are approaching the age where sickness and health problems can be anticipated. I would hope to be able to more easily minister to them by being close to home. Also I anticipate the continuation of my therapy which has helped me so considerably in recent years. My doctor is located in Milwaukee and it would be more convenient to see him regularly if I were near Milwaukee.

My sabbatical experience has, in every way, been a very marked experience in my life. From the point of view of continuing education I feel that I was completely and adequately appraised of the latest and most current trends in Church teaching and Theology. There were also many opportunities for spiritual development, and I availed myself of regular spiritual direction and had the experience of a silent, directed Jesuit Retreat. The Institute program is holistic in design and so we were exposed to a variety of programs which would help us to evaluate our life-style as priests. A number of tests were given and individually analyzed (California Personality, Myers Biggs, etc.) All of us are at least aware of the dangers of middle age for mental and physical health and were able to experiment with diet and exercise, time-management, wellness lifestyles, etc. to try to manage stress more reasonably. I was able to consult with a clinical psychologist almost weekly.

I not only found out much about myself that was positive and affirming, but I was also alerted to my continuing fragility and vulnerability in certain areas (alcohol, self-esteem, workaholic, youth, etc.) I am renewed in my conviction that control in these areas will depend on a compatible work situation and a continuation of some ongoing therapy.

All this I offer as some reasons that I am looking for a satisfactory parish ministry which could challenge my creative abilities as well as taking into account my particular stress responses.

Finally, I am grateful and indebted to the Archdioceses for providing me with time for healing. I have been treated with dignity and respect by Fr. Janicki, Bishop Sklba and Archbishop Weakland. I appreciate the kindness and priestly concern of Fr. Carl Last, and finally I am grateful to you, Fr. Gene, for your own unique role in all of this. I expect to be back in Milwaukee by the middle of May, at which time perhaps we can deal with these matters in person.

cc. Arch. Rembert G. Weakland  
Rev. Joseph A. Janicki

Sincerely,

*Dan Budzynski*  
(Rev.) Daniel A. Budzynski

% st. patrick's seminary • [redacted]

menlo park, ca 94025 [redacted]

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[redacted] Milwaukee, WI 53215 [redacted]

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# Villa Clement

April 14, 1994

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The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weaklan, OSB  
Archbishop of Milwaukee  
3501 S. Lake Drive  
P.O. Box 07912  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Copies to; Bishop Sklba  
Priests' Personnel Board  
Vicar for Clergy Personnel  
Priests' Pension Board  
St. Michael's Priest Fund  
Chancery

Dear Archbishop Weakland,

After prayerful consideration and in consultation with Bishop Richard J. Sklba, I have determined to request your permission to retire at this time. I am looking to the possibility of making this effective May 31, 1994.

I have submitted my resignation to Villa Clement, Inc. effective May 21, 1994. I also have made contact with Fr. Paul Janette and asked him to reserve an apartment for me either at the Cousins Center or Meyer Hall. He assured me that there was space available for me immediately at Meyer Hall. I will serve notice to the place where I rent a town-house in South Milwaukee and wish to be moved out by the end of June.

I have just turned sixty-six and had hoped to remain in the present assignment for at least two years. But recent experience, not the least of them being the situation at Villa Clement, Inc. had made me less confident in my ability to continue. The health care business is very precarious, as you know, and I wonder whether there will even be a position for me in a few years. Villa Clement, Inc. has found itself fighting for survival in these troubled times. Increasing costs, declining census, and competition are cited as the reasons for a fiscal deficit. In addressing these problems the Corporation has found it necessary to lay off over thirty-five middle and lower management people. While my own responsibilities had increased I lost my two Pastoral associates. I believe I am well appreciated here but I am uncomfortable with the increasing involvement in this field when I really feel I would like to direct my energies elsewhere.

My health is reasonably good, although the signs of age are already beginning to show. Recent tension in the past months have seriously drained my energies and I am seeing my Doctor regularly. I am taking medication for hypertension, diverticulitis, swollen ankles and arthritis. I am feeling very tired and worn out, and a lesser responsibility would be welcomed. Yet I cannot consider another assignment at this time of my life.

For several years I had dreamed of concentrating my energies in the direction of Music and Liturgy. Although I am not a trained musician I have used my talents wherever I could. I would like to explore ways in which I might be of service to the Church in Liturgy and Music during my Retirement. Hopefully I would have the time to pursue this interest in a more positive way. Always grateful for support and encouragement, I remain:

██████████ West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

*D. Daniel A. Budzynski*

Sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis

(Rev.) Daniel A. Budzynski

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

April 21, 1994

The Reverend Daniel Budzynski  
Villa Clement

West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

Dear Dan,

I am writing a separate letter here, because I think it would be helpful to do so and I would not be sharing it with the same offices that receive the other letter accepting your resignation. I think it would be very important for you during your retirement period not to have any contact with minors that is not totally supervised. This caution is important at this point.

I think also it is important for you to be very cautious about what kind of help-out ministry you perform and that we come to some agreement as to how and when this takes place. I will be in touch with you a little later about that, as I think it is important for you and for us that there be certain cautionary measures taken into account.

I am sorry about all this, Dan, but I am sure you understand the wisdom of it in terms of your own public image as well as the benefit of the Church. At present, of course, feel perfectly free to say Mass privately and concelebrate publicly; but I would like to talk a bit to Bishop Sklba before setting up any ground rules concerning other kinds of help-out.

Thank you a million. Many blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



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

CC: Bishop Richard Sklba

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ARCHDIOCESE  OF MILWAUKEE

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

May 25, 1995

Reverend Daniel Budzynski  
Meyer Hall

St. Francis, WI 53235

Dear Father Budzynski,

As you are aware I must frequently review the situation of priests who have had allegations of misconduct placed against them. You know of my comments at the Spring Assembly for Priests where I indicated that even retired priests may have to have some restrictions placed on the ministry they can offer. My concern is both to ensure that the integrity of the priesthood is upheld and to protect the diocese from any allegations of improper monitoring which might place persons at risk.

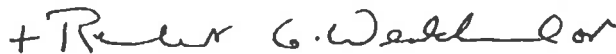
I have pondered how best to proceed with decisions regarding your status and exercise of ministry. I must bear in mind both my responsibility toward the good of the whole community and respect for your individual rights.

Given the serious nature of the obligations of celibacy, as well as the seriousness of violations alleged to have occurred by you, I find that some necessary and prudent precautions must be taken. This decision is ultimately a pastoral measure to protect the rights and reputations of all involved.

Therefore, I am enclosing a document which specifically details any ministerial restrictions which are to be observed by you.

I know that I can count on your cooperation and obedience in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

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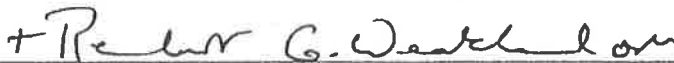
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In response to the pastoral needs of this Christian community, in virtue of my authority as diocesan bishop (c. 381, §1), and in accord with the provisions of canon 49, I formally place upon Reverend Daniel Budzynski the following obligations:


- 1) To refrain from all contact with minors;
- 2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist in other than a private setting with only another priest or priests in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require my explicit permission in each case;
- 3) To avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 4) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

The reasons motivating this decree are the allegations of sexual activities in violation of the obligation of clerical celibacy (c. 277, §1). These restrictions are seen as necessary and prudent precautions and will remain in effect until notice of their revocation.

Given this 25 day of May, 1995



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

  
Chancellor/Notary

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 21, 1995

The Reverend Daniel Budzynski  
[REDACTED]  
St. Francis, Wisconsin 53235-3707

Dear Dan,

Sorry for the abrupt letter that you received, but it was necessary for me to act consistently and clearly.

For your own sake, Dan, please understand that any public ministry on your part exposes you, the priesthood, and the diocese to much negative publicity. The network of victims is well organized and any public ministry becomes the occasion for renewed anger and threats. I wish I could be more "generous", but I simply cannot be. The exposure is too great and the possible consequences too devastating.

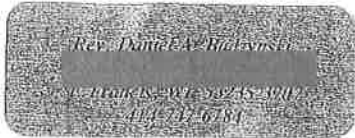
Thanks for the prayers.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



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

Copies to: Father Carrol Straub  
Bishop Sklba  
Barbara Anne



June 8, 1995

Ms. Rev. Rembert G. Weakland  
3501 South Lake Dr.  
P.O. Box 07912  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Archbishop Weakland,

This afternoon I leave on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with 25 priests, sponsored by the Vatican II Institute. I leave with a very worried heart and fear.

It was just a week ago that I received your formal decrees which essentially prevents me from any public ministry. It was the sudden and total severity of your decision that put me into "shock and depression" I immediately sought counsel from my therapist of over twenty years, Dr. [redacted] and it gave me some reason to continue on with my struggle.

While I promise you obedience to your wishes I wish a) that we had first had a chance to talk, so that I could hear the details of how this decision was reached. and b) that I could at least minister to the good Sisters who have been calling me, especially for their Funerals. c) I have made commitments which have to be resolved with as little embarrassment as possible. [St. Francis Woods rehab center].

I don't think I have to remind you that I have always done what the Church had asked of me. It has been many years since I was made vulnerable by my drinking, and I have repented, cried, prayed for forgiveness and done everything to maintain control. I don't intend to contest anything, but I am perplexed because of the many years past, without any public notice (even my family doesn't know these things) and each incident was resolved with the Bishop and families.

If it would be possible I would not hesitate to meet with you; not to advocate for a defense but to see if I could still salvage a little of what I consider the heart of my calling from God: preaching and Sacraments.

Please be assured that I fully understand your difficulty in trying to be compassionate and yet following the process. I will promise you my special prayers at all the shrines of the Holy Land.

In obedience, *Fr. Dan Bulvinski*

ARCHDIOCESE  OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

August 22, 1995

Reverend Daniel Budzynski

[REDACTED]  
St. Francis, WI 53235-3707

Dear Dan,

I am responding to your recent letter. It has a good many questions, and so I am not sure I can respond to all of them.

I believe, Dan, you really don't understand the seriousness of the situation you find yourself in. As I understand it, you could be the object of enormous numbers of lawsuits if people come forward. I also don't believe you understand the harm you have done to so many young people in this Archdiocese. That harm is greater than you can ever imagine. I feel from your letter that you simply want to forget all of that; but it cannot be that easy. As I see it now, I don't see any way in which the restrictions I have given you can be lifted. I would, of course, have no problem if you would become a liturgist somewhere; but I do think that if that happens, the pastor and those in charge should know of your past background so that there are no hidden agendas.

I guess that with whatever area of work you would try to find, Dan, you have to be up front and honest about your background. This is a most serious moment and I am afraid your letter doesn't give the impression that you understand fully the harm that has been done. I wish you the very best, but I also know that controls are necessary. Peace.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



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

CC: Bishop Richard Sklba



July 25, 1995

Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.  
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Dear Archbishop Weakland,

Thank you for responding to my earlier letter. It helped me to put things in better perspective. I will look upon the restrictions on my Priestly Ministry, not so much as a punishment, but as prudential strategy. I have to realize that I have made some good contributions to the Church in my years. But I realize that the times are ripe for using any pretext to provoke criticism and trouble for the Archdiocese. I want you to know that I have trusted your judgement, together with that of Bshp. Sklba, and, if anything, I discern your own grief at this process.

It has been extremely hard for me to be dispassionate about all this. Even though I have worked hard for years to resolve my difficulties I still sometimes find very little redeeming value in my whole Priestly career. I have to be reminded constantly about this. For this I have sought counsel for over twenty years from Dr. [REDACTED]. I have much confidence in my spiritual Director, [REDACTED]. And I was able to share these things with my two priest-friends of long standing, Fr. Ken Derfus, and Fr. Gene Konkol, S.S. We both grew up in the same neighborhood and were classmates in the Seminary. He currently is director of Vatican II institute. He was very supportive on my trip to Israel. The only family member that I have shared this with is my sister, [REDACTED], who has been wonderfully supportive.

I have now severed my ties with all the help-out commitments I have had. I had been serving St. Leonard's parish for over eight years. Since retirement I had taken on to minister to the convalescents at St. Francis Wood. It is a small group of temporary residents who are gathering strength before they are released for home. I am no longer available to help-out on weekdays either. It has been very painful for me to turn down requests. I try to find a gentle way so that they would not consider me uncooperative or lacking in generosity. In most cases, I'm afraid, I leave the impression that I had some physical disability.

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I must admit, however, that I am still unclear as to how extensive these restrictions have to be? There are some clarifications I would like to have. For instance: Funerals of the Sisters. When I was Chaplain at the Convent I had conducted workshops on Sickness, Death, and Dying; the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing and the New Order of Catholic Funerals. This included directions on how to plan their own funeral liturgies. Many of the Sisters requested in their plan that I should preside/preach at their funerals. As these come up I want to be clear about where I stand? It may be a bit awkward. This takes on special urgency since I just visited a Sister who was told she has about a month to live. She reminded me that I was to preside and instructed me about it. I can only anticipate more of the same, since I was very well accepted by the Sisters.

I have also turned down requests to say week-day Mass for the Sisters. I am sure they are troubled about it. While understanding the need to avoid involvement in Parishes, I wonder if I could serve these Sisters? It is somewhat of a private setting. I would like permission to say Mass for the Sisters occasionally and have their Funerals if requested to do so?

I had continued to counsel some Sisters on a regular basis, even after I left the Convent. There are also some Priests who have asked to talk with me. These usually request Absolution. I have already sent one Sister off with a Blessing, suggesting that Absolution was not necessary at that time. Would I be permitted to accommodate Sisters and Priests privately?

My sister, [REDACTED], is concerned about Family and dear old, friends. I have often been called upon to visit, anoint them, even have their Funerals. I told my sister that I may be able to get permission for these special circumstances.

Also, I try to attend Priest's Funerals and other Archdiocesan events when concelebration is indicated. I wonder if I could join the Priests for concelebration? I have avoided Mass at Polish Fest and Festa Italiana because of this.

As I have lived with this burden for the past two months I am faced with what will my future be? Some more questions:

- 1) Will I have to live with this the rest of my life? or can I hope there will someday be a lifting or modification?
- 2) I am searching for areas where I could serve the People in other ways. One possibility would be as Cantor/Song Leader, organ or piano accompanist. I would like to list my name as help-out for emergencies. I have already had one Church musician ask me to cover her vacation weekend. I am not professional but she knew my abilities. Anyway, it was during the time when I was in Israel. I have considered "re-tooling" myself with organ lessons, Canto Workshops, etc.

- 3) In the past I served on the Archdiocesan Music/Liturgy Committees. I was a member of the Institute for Ministries in Worship for several years. This group served the formative years the need for parishes to prepare their ministers of Worship. We were called upon to conduct small seminars in parishes for Readers, Cantor/Song leaders, Ushers, Choirs, Liturgical preparation committees, etc. I wonder if I could dust off my notes, revise them and be available for Evenings of Renewal or for Ministry?
- 4) Recently Marquette University was looking for a Chapel guide to give tours of Joan of Arc Chapel and serve as a sort of sacristan. I am not looking for a part-time job, but a little income would be helpful, since I no longer can depend on Mass help-outs for supplementary income. I have not been able to save a lot of money through my years.
- 5) Priest friends of mine, hearing of my retirement have made serious offers to do some work in other Dioceses (San Francisco, Anchorage, Superior, etc.) Could I even consider this as a possibility?
- 6) Is there some small corner of this great Archdiocese where I could quietly do something for the Church?

I hope you forgive this long letter, but I wanted you to know exactly what effect this has had on me and what my thoughts are. I am dealing with it all as best as I can. I don't know if any of these things can be considered, but I felt compelled to ask, out of zeal for Priestly activity. I have to find some reason for Hope--something to look forward to, so that my Priestly life will have some meaning.

Trusting you understand my affection for you and will obediently follow your counsel, I remain,

Very truly Yours, In Christ,



(Rev.) Daniel A. Budzynski

cc. Most Rev. Richard J. Sklba

ARCHDIOCESE  OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

May 7, 2001

Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski  
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**CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Dan,

Your letter has been sitting on my desk for two weeks now. Sorry for the delay. I read it carefully several times. First of all, I want to encourage you to continue the sobriety program. You have done so well on it.

The serious difficulties of the past never surfaced in the public forum nor were brought to any legal authorities, but they still could well surface. I see no reason to take those risks for yourself or for the Church. Public ministry it seems to me is still not an option for you.

Among the situations you mentioned, I do not see how the weddings are possible. I would permit the concelebrating of your 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination on May 30/31.

Sorry, Dan, but prudence tells me it is best to hold to the status quo.

Peace and blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



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

CC: Bishop Richard J. Sklba  
Vicar for Clergy Personnel  
Chancery

*Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski*

██████████  
*St. Francis, Wisconsin 53235-3707*

April 24, 2001

Dear Archbishop Weakland,

In this season of Hope and Joy I have prayed that the fruits of Jesus' victory continues to embellish your difficult Ministry.

I am writing to you at this time because I am worried and concerned about some things that I face in the near future. Recently I spoke about these things to Bishop Sklba and he encouraged me to write them out in clear and precise language. I would like you to advise me on the following:

1. My brother ██████████ and his wife ██████████ are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 22nd. They do not wish to have a big celebration or too public display. Their parish is St. Alexander, but they are considering a smaller ceremony, perhaps in a Chapel like St. Francis Seminary or Meyer Hall. I was their best man at the wedding in 1951.
2. Another brother, ██████████, is planning to marry sometime in Fall. He and his fiancée have membership with St. Matthias parish. He is almost sixty years old, and never married. ██████████ has been married, abandoned, and raised three children to adulthood. Her status with the Church had been made clear some years ago by a declaration of nullity.
3. This year I celebrate my forty-fifth anniversary of Ordination. The two day gathering will be at St. Francis Seminary. I am chairman of the committee and most of my classmates are unaware of the fact that the Church had placed restrictions on my public Ministry. The gathering will be May 30th and 31st, and Bishop Raphael Fliss, my classmate, will preside at the Mass on Wednesday.

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4. I have been asked to officiate at the Wedding of [REDACTED], the youngest daughter of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I celebrated their 25th Wedding at St. Mary's, Menomonee Falls. I also have had Baptism, First Communions, and Weddings in their family through the years. When they contacted me some time ago I declined. I am sure that they are confused and hurt but perhaps assume it has something to do with my state of health. They have since invited me to the Wedding and asked if I could at least be at the Altar (Concelebrate) or give a Blessing?

It has been almost six years since I have been ordered to refrain from public Ministry. It has been painful for me to be considered a Priest in good standing and yet I cannot function in the basic things of a Priest: preaching, saying Mass, hearing Confessions. It is a daily agony.

I have tried to understand the position of the Church and the larger implications in the public forum. I admit that I have had some serious difficulties in the past. These go back almost twenty-five years. In each case I was confronted by the Bishops, Pastors and Parents and agreed to certain disciplines. At no time was my name made public nor was it a matter for the legal authorities. I had successfully completed the program at Guest House and have not had a drink in nineteen years. I attend AA meetings regularly. I entered intensive Psychotherapy and continued for well over twenty years. I have a stand-by arrangement with the therapist. I have learned not only to control my drinking but I learned methods of self-control and avoiding situations that could prove dangerous.

While I trust the Church's Wisdom I find it difficult to understand why I cannot minister the Sacraments in special circumstances. Those close to me, I am sure, attribute my non-involvement to my recent heart surgery which offers a ready explanation. The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi are very kind, try to understand but are understandably hurt and confused when I don't have their Funerals even when requested of me.

However, they can see other Priests in poor health being very active.

I have had requests from relatives, former parishioners, Priests who need help-out, etc. I have refused all. Some can't understand, some cousins were hurt and will have nothing more to do with me. Some Priests have not been subtle in letting me know that I have some obligation to help out even if I am retired.

I feel that I am trying to be the best Priest possible under these circumstances. I take every opportunity to help people in any small way I can. I have some Priests, Sisters, and even Seminarians that come to me for counsel. I also have Fr. Edward Eschweiler as my spiritual Director and have given him permission to discuss my situation with you if it would be helpful.

I am developing my musical skills by studying the violin and piano daily. I love to sing with the Archdiocesan Choir and sing with the St. Francis Seminary Schola. I consider these to be my way of contributing in the Ministry of the Church.

In one of your letters to me, Archbishop, you said that from time to time cases like mine are given a review. I wonder if this may be the time. I am seventy three, with heart trouble and I would like to hope that I could do a little ministry before God calls me. It is embarrassing to sit in the pews for Liturgies involving Funerals, Jubilees, etc. I am small and maybe could hide well among so many big Priests at the altar. The Sisters at the Convent are still very fond of me, I attend many funerals there. They would be so happy if I could sometime celebrate Mass for them. But mostly, I worry about my family and Relatives. We are now in our seventies. Jubilee celebrations and Funerals are to be expected. Can I serve them?

I am glad I took this time to speak to you. I am praying that this Holy Season will fill you with the grace of Christ in the mystery of Resurrection, Ascension and Holy Spirit, to sustain you in your very important work.

Very Truly Yours,

Fr. Daniel A. Budzynski


cc. Bishop Sklba




August 13, 2002

Mr. E. Michael McCann  
District Attorney  
821 West State Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Mr. McCann,

As per our agreement, I am enclosing materials for your review. The first intake report alleges abuse by Father 

  
The second report involves Father Daniel Budzynski. Father is currently retired and residing at Meyer Hall at the Seminary. He has been known to us as an offender from previous reports. He is under full restrictions and may exercise no public ministry. He is not being informed that this report has been received nor that your office has been contacted. We will be asking him, however, not to sing in the diocesan choir, as he has done in the past, until further notice.



Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara Anne Cusack  
Chancellor



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14 October 2003

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(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

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Your Excellency,

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has received your letter of 15 July 2003, in which Your Excellency remands the case of the **Reverend Daniel BUDZYNSKI**, a priest accused of sexual abuse with a minor; and for whom you are requesting the dismissal from the clerical state *ex officio et in poenam*.

After a study of the case, this Congregation wishes to inform Your Excellency that it is widely disposed to proceeding with your request. However, from the documentation submitted there remains some confusion as to the actual ages of the victims of Fr. Budzynski's alleged abuse. It is not clear, for example, from the table you submitted, whether the age of the victims as indicated referred to their age in 1994 or 2003. If Your Excellency could clarify this point, the Congregation will be able to proceed with its study of this case.

Looking forward to receiving this documentation at your earliest convenience, I remain,

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

\* Angelo AMATO, SDB  
Titular Archbishop of Sila  
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382. Daniel Budzinski  
✓ On May 24, 1995 Ken Derfus reported that Dan had celebrated an occasional Sunday Eucharist at St. Leonard Parish in Muskego under his own very strict supervision as someone who understood the extent of concern from the past. Ken also reported that Dan currently serves as Assisting Priest for alternate weekend liturgies at Elm Brook Hospital special residential section on the lower level of the institution. Ken recommended that his successor at St. Leonard's be given complete and accurate information so that all additional supervision needed for the future would be in place.  
RJS
- ✓395. Daniel Budzinski  
On April 19, 1996 I spoke with Dan Budzinski who asked for guidance regarding whether or not he would be able to concelebrate as a 40th Anniversary Jubilarian at the Priest Assembly, and expressed his personal frustration over his inability to do any kind of ministry at this point in his life.  
RJS
- ✓426. Daniel Budzinski  
On April 26, 1996 in consultation with Carrol Straub we agreed to allow the 40th Anniversary concelebration to proceed on the basis of the invitation extended, but stated that participation in a similar event in LaCrosse would not be permitted.  
RJS
- ✓1039. Daniel Budzinski  
On November 4, 1996 in a meeting with Dr. Liz Piasecki I concurred with her suggestion that Dan enter into formal association with Deacon Thomas MacGuine in the program of Monitoring developed by the Office of the Vicar for Clergy and promised to speak with Fr. Straub about initiating that understanding with Dan.  
RJS
- ✓322. Daniel Budzinski  
On May 5, 1997 the Archbishop approved granting faculties to Fr. Budzinski to preside and preach at a cousin's 50th Jubilee in Centerline, Michigan in August of 1997 with the understanding that this for one time only and that the other restrictions remain in place.  
RJS
- ✓416. Daniel Budzinski  
On June 5, 1997 I learned that Dan does not seem to have found any replacement for regular professional counseling after the retirement of Dr. [REDACTED] approximately 2 years previously.  
RJS
70. Budzynski, Dan  
October 16, 1997 - I authorized Dan to have (one-time only) the funeral Mass for his sister. The funeral will probably be on Monday, October 20 at Gesu Church, Milwaukee.  
TFK
- ✓23. Daniel Budzinski  
On January 19, 1998, after consultation with Fr. Thomas Kerstein, I gave permission for Fr. Budzinski to concelebrate at the funeral of his classmate, Fr. Cletus Kaiser, at Holy Angels in West Bend, with the clear understanding that he continue to respect the restrictions on his ministry currently in place.  
RJS

155. Daniel Budzinski

On March 17, 1994 I met with Dan to finalize the terms and time line of his projected retirement. We agreed that he would speak with the Administration of Villa Clement immediately in order to determine an effective date of resignation and suggested that May 31, 1994 would probably be convenient for all parties concerned. I asked that he obtain a letter from his physician documenting the health concerns which would justify early retirement will full benefits, and asked that Dan write a personal letter to the Archbishop requesting retirement and that he meet with Paul Janette to explore the possibilities of residence at Cousins Center or Meyer Hall. It was concluded that the package of Dan's future ministry would entail music, studies (presumably at his own expense), together with the combination of Eucharistic ministry within the office personnel of Cousins Center and possible assistance to the Archbishop's office in areas of correspondence. I learned that Dan has made an appointment to meet with Paul Janette for a visit to the residence facilities on March 22, 1994.

RJS

487. Budzynski, Daniel

On April 15, 1994, we received a copy of a letter from Daniel Budzynski to Archbishop Weakland requesting permission to retire as of 5/31/94. He has submitted his resignation to Villa Clement effective 5/21/94.

RTV

535. Budzynski, Daniel

On April 27, 1994, we received a copy of a letter from Archbishop Weakland to Daniel Budzynski granting his request for early retirement for health reasons.

RTV

261. Daniel Budzinski

On May 4, 1994 I briefly spoke with Dan who asked if he would be able to continue a monthly help-out at St. Leonard's in Muskego, and if he would be able to accept other invitations in the future. In view of the fact that I have not had the opportunity to finalize the matter of Dan's restricted faculties with the Archbishop, and in view of the fact that Fr. Ken Derfus is completely aware of the history, I allowed Dan to continue his monthly week-end assistance at Muskego and cautioned against accepting further invitations until we have had the opportunity to bring complete resolution to the issue.

RJS

126. Budzynski, David

On February 17, 1995, Dan stopped to drop off his therapy charges which the diocese paid through the years.

CCS

✓ 174. Daniel Budzynski

On March 23, 1995 in the context of a meeting with Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki I learned of the need on my part to review the status of all ministerial restrictions placed upon parish help-out services provided by Dan in his retirement and residence at Meyer Hall.

RJS

135. Budzynski, Dan  
On February 1, 1994, Dr. Liz Piasecki and I met with Dan Budzynski to inform him of allegations brought to Liz by a woman, who alleges inappropriate behavior by Dan while he was at St. Bernadette's 1970-71. She was in 1st grade. She did not give permission for her name to be used. She informed Liz that she has spoken to a lawyer. Dan was very upset and has no recollection on any of the situations alleged. He will see Matt Flynn for a legal discussion and on 2/9/94 will meet with Liz and the assessment team.

RTV

60. Daniel Budzinski  
On February 16, 1994 I was asked by the Archbishop to meet with Dan and to discuss his possible retirement from active ministry.

RJS

✓81. Daniel Budzinski  
On February 24, 1994 I met with Dan to review his current situation and to explore the possibility of early retirement. Dan will turn 66 on March 12, 1994 and acknowledged a variety of possibilities for the future including some specialized music study toward liturgical ministry. He promised that he would work out some scenarios with Dr. [REDACTED] and I promised to explore the types of ministerial restrictions which would be invoked in the proposed retirement status. Dan also indicated some concern about financial resources if he were suddenly retired and I learned that there were sufficient physical problems in his own health status to warrant an early retirement for health reasons.

RJS

317. Budzynski, Daniel  
On March 9, 1994, I spoke to Dan Budzynski after [REDACTED] funeral. Dan said he went through the evaluation and it was very rough. He said he met with Dick Sklba and an early retirement was suggested. Dan said it has been very difficult and he is trying to take it one day at a time. He didn't see the need for early retirement, since things seem to be going well in his ministry at Villa Clement.

RTV

✓135. Daniel Budzinski  
On March 4, 1994 I spoke with Dan and communicated the basic request of the Archbishop regarding the future.

RJS

✓126. Daniel Budzinski  
On March 11, 1994 in a meeting with Archbishop Weakland I concluded that it would be helpful for Dan to retire to Meyer Hall or Cousins Center this Spring without helpout responsibilities at least for the time being.

RJS

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433. Budzynski, Daniel

On Friday, August 28, 1987 I met with Dan in order to encourage his speedy movement into the new ministry at the motherhouse, to explore possible parish residences and to offer help out at St. Louis as the need occurred.

RJS

488. Budzynski, Daniel

On Tuesday, September 22, 1987 I had an extended visit from Sister Rita Jean, principal of St. Louis School in Caledonia, expressing her great concern regarding the gossip in the parish and her affirmation of everything that Dan has done during his pastorate there. She feels that the entire matter may be unfairly handled to the disadvantage of Dan himself. I agreed to encourage parents to speak with him directly.

RJS

1037. Budzynski, Daniel

On Wednesday, December 20, 1989 I spoke with Dan alerting him to the possibility of group work with Dr. [REDACTED]

49. Daniel Budzynski

On Wednesday January 10, 1990 Dan wrote saying that he had reviewed the invitation to join Dr. [REDACTED] group with Dr. [REDACTED] and concluded that this was not necessary at this point.

RJS

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320. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Tuesday, June 30, 1987 I had a conversation with Dr. [REDACTED] and made arrangements for a meeting with him and Dan on July 22. On that same day I had a long conversation with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] regarding the current situation in the parish. Apparently, an increasing number of parents are very concerned. [REDACTED] has exhibited significant mood change, and I received some indication that two others may have had some questionable experiences leaving them confused during the past year. I have become convinced that a change this summer seems most appropriate, and I took the liberty of calling Sister Carol Wester, OP to see if a temporary chaplaincy at Siena Center might be possible. She gave me the name of Sister Eleanor Linz and indicated a willingness to be helpful if this fitted in with the current community plans at Siena Center. I will meet with Dan as soon as possible in order to explore these developments directly.

RJS

334. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Sunday, July 5, 1987 I met with Dan at St. Louis rectory in order to discuss the various options which seemed available at this time and to inform him of an appointment with himself and Dr. [REDACTED] on July 22, 1987. He is obviously very deeply concerned and upset even though he is maintaining good external composure.

RJS

34. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Wednesday, July 22, 1987 I met with Dan and Dr. [REDACTED] at the doctor's office in order to discuss the background to the current situation and various alternatives. I suggested strongly reassignment and [REDACTED] felt the session went well even though Dan took it very hard. That same evening I went to visit the young eighth grade lad, [REDACTED], at his farm, [REDACTED], Racine County; telephone, [REDACTED]; member of St. Clare Parish in Wind Lake) for a discussion at the request of the parents. The talk was long and difficult without a great deal of communication from the boy. He endorsed the brief description of the event as I narrated it and expressed concern that adults were making a bigger issue of this than necessary as well as a great deal of anger toward his friends and their parents for bringing this to the attention of others. Subsequently, I spoke with the parents that same evening who stated that, in fact, [REDACTED], had made a great deal about the incident, with significant personality change for the first month or six weeks of the summer. They requested that I not contact the police if at all necessary for the good of the young man. I believe that the [REDACTED] opinion gives me some options in this regard, and I will continue to ponder them.

RJS

388. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Monday, August 10, 1987 I spoke with Dan who had determined to apply for the chaplain's position at the motherhouse in Milwaukee. I also telephoned Sister Doris Pehowski, the community President, and Sister Ann Mary, the convent administrator, in order to inquire about the status of interviews and to recommend Dan for their consideration.

RJS

427. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Saturday, August 22, 1987 I spoke with the Motherhouse coordinator in order to establish the status of applicants for chaplaincy at St. Francis Convent and learned that Dan was the forerunner, although the final decision has not been made. I also called Dan to encourage him to say in the context of informal conversation during the festival that he had been invited to interview for another pastoral position in the Archdiocese. Subsequently, I spoke with [REDACTED], president of the Home and School Association of St. Louis Parish, (home: [REDACTED]) and with a concerned parent, [REDACTED], indicating that the Archdiocese desire to be attentive to the good of all parties concerned and that Father Dan had been invited to interview for some other assignments this summer.

RJS

286. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Tuesday, June 16, 1987 I spoke with [REDACTED] who had met with Dan to discuss the entire possibility of child abuse. I indicated that I would probably feel constrained to make a report to the Racine police department and also raised the possibility of Dan's moving from this assignment.

RJS

305. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Friday, June 19, 1987 I again spoke with [REDACTED] who is hesitant to take additional steps before checking with psychologists dealing with her son.

RJS

844. Budzynski, Daniel  
At the recommendation of Father Last I ok'd a sabbatical for Budzynski next spring at Menlo Park. He has been assured of a place there even though we will be sending another priest from the Diocese to the same institute. Last is now going to follow up with the arrangements.

9/12/83

1125. Budzynski, Daniel  
Dr. [redacted] told me that Budzynski is doing very well at this time. I told [redacted] that I was somewhat disappointed when Budzynski did not accept the parish of St. Michael in Beaver Dam because it was a small parish and did not have a grade school. [redacted] agreed and said that Budzynski's anger has subsided and that even if he has to wait some time for a parish this will not be harmful to him.

11/29/83

447. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Saturday, September 6, 1986 I met with Dan in order to discuss his willingness to accept Peter Jansta as a permanent deacon at the parish of St. Louis in Caledonia (which he was inclined to do), and also to discuss Dan's ongoing therapy with [redacted]. Dan feels that the area of alcoholism and the area of sexuality are properly under control with therapy and indicated that there had been no problem at the parish in either area. He was very grateful for the contact and the support expressed by the visit.

RJS

485. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Tuesday, September 23, 1986 I had a telephone conversation with Dr. [redacted], whom Dan sees on a monthly basis. [redacted] indicated that Dan is almost a "miracle story" because of the way in which he has handled his problems responsibly and maturely. I made an appointment to meet with [redacted] and Dan next month.

RJS

509. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Friday, October 10, 1986 I met with Dr. [redacted] in his office [redacted] to discuss the progress of Dan's therapy. [redacted] believes that Dan has made great progress, and as a result of Dan's efforts, he can be expected to continue in his ministry without undue risk provided that he continue to take the personal precautions established, avoid alcoholic beverages, and continue his monthly therapy sessions. [redacted] said we should feel free to ask Dan how things were going in a direct fashion as a sign of support.

RJS

282. Budzynski, Daniel  
On Saturday, June 13, 1987 I received a phone call from [redacted] President of the Parish Council at St. Louis Parish, Caledonia (Home, [redacted]; Work, [redacted] regarding some alleged child abuse. I immediately spoke with Dr. [redacted] (Home, [redacted] who agreed to contact Dan on Monday the 15th of June in order to set up an appointment immediately to discuss the matter. I contacted Dan himself and told him of the allegations without mentioning any names, also informing him of the forthcoming phone call from Dr. [redacted]. On Sunday morning, I spoke with [redacted]

[redacted] regarding the situation and promised to call [redacted] at the end of the week after she had had more opportunity to speak with her son [redacted].

[redacted] I also learned of another parent at the parish, [redacted] who had expressed some concern regarding her son as well. I will talk with Dr. [redacted] again as soon as possible.

RJS

513. Budzynski, Daniel

He called to tell me how upset he was about the way it was announced to him by the Personnel Board that he was to leave St. Patrick's, Whitewater. He said that from all appearances we had been working and conferring diligently with Father Wagner and letting him completely out of the picture. He reminded me that I had promised to talk to both of them after Wagner's evaluation. I told him that I did want to talk to him about this whole thing but that my vacation intervened and also a number of things changed. I told him that it seemed best for him to move rather than to remain there alone with all the administrative pressures that would be put on him. I told him that Wagner was only staying there temporarily and that we hoped to find him another assignment by September. I asked him to keep that confidential at this point although he seemed to be aware of that. He told me that his psychologist, [REDACTED] helped him greatly through the episode and that he did not fall back into a drinking pattern. He said that he does not like the idea of Divine Savior-Holy Angels High School but he will pursue an interview with them on Wednesday. He would accept the assignment at least until something opened up that he preferred. He would really like to be in campus ministry, but I told him there were very few positions available and that right now we did not see a position at UWM opening up for the next couple of years. I asked him what Dr. [REDACTED] would recommend by way of a parish assignment. He told me that he felt Budzynski could handle a parish without a school where there is a DRE who can handle most of the work that has to do with the high school children and younger people. When he kept on mentioning the idea of campus ministry, I asked him if he would like to look into the idea of work in this setting outside the diocese. He told me he was getting a little too old to be out there too far away from his family.

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528. Budzynski, Daniel

Dr. [REDACTED] from DSHA, called to ask my opinion about them hiring Budzynski. I told her that I felt he could be recommended because he had done satisfactory work in campus ministry in his past assignments. She told me that she had asked a couple of priests on the Archdiocesan level what they thought and she was getting some very negative vibes about him particularly his poor performance of duties and personal problems. I told her that we had worked extensively with him and that there had been a problem of alcoholism that accounted for a number of the other personal problems that he had. This was well in check. I told her I would talk to his therapist and get back to her on Friday with more information. I then called [REDACTED] who has Budzynski's permission to talk to me about his situation. [REDACTED] had mixed feelings. On the one hand he hates to see Dan hurt by being rejected from an assignment. On the other hand he does not know if DSHA would really be a good assignment for him because he would be with young children and this is not good whether they are boys or girls. [REDACTED] said he would really prefer to have Budzynski in a parish and he sees that things could be handled better there. He told me that whenever Budzynski feels his problem coming on he is immediately in touch with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said that we can feel safe in assigning him to parish work. He probably would do well at Christ King under the supervision of Msgr. Beres, but I feel it is too close to St. Joseph Parish where he had some problems in the past. I am going to explore the possibility of Budzynski becoming an associate at St. Vincent's Parish with Father Herkowski.

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when he and I met, I told him we were worried about him. I explained that it had to do with his dissatisfaction with his assignment, the effects of the recent deaths of his parents, and his drinking and psycho-sexual problems. He admitted that he was in bad shape in all these matters. He was not surprised when I confronted him about what had gone on at the [redacted] residence over the weekend. He is ashamed, deeply regrets it, and asked me to convey his apologies and regrets. He then agreed to undergo treatment for his problem. We are going to start at Guest House in Rochester on January 21. Hopefully, this will be the key to his problem. Following that we can assess whether he needs more intensive treatment such as the Albuquerque Villa would have to offer. Albuquerque Villa would not be starting another group session until July 15. It is also possible that we can do better here on the local scene. He is going to tell the people in Stevens Point that he is coming back to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to work but that because of his health he is going to take an extended vacation. He asked me to speak to Bishop Paul about this, but when I called and found out that Paul was on vacation until the 21st so I spoke to Bishop Freking and explained the problem and proposed solution. He was sorry to hear about Budzynski and agrees that he needs treatment right now. He knows that Budzynski will not be returning to the LaCrosse Diocese.

1/12/82

51. Budzynski, Daniel

I called Father Zinthefer to let him know that Father Dan Budzynski was beginning treatment for personal problems that were known to Zinthefer. He was satisfied and glad that I called.

1/15/82

82. Budzynski, Daniel

Contact address and phone number for his sister in Milwaukee:  
[redacted] Milwaukee 53215,

1/22/82

259. Budzynski, Daniel

Father Newman told me that there has been a problem with the payment for Budzynski's dental insurance since last September. I asked him to write to Budzynski to find out what that was all about. I think Budzynski was responsible for that payment rather than the Diocese of La Crosse.

3/25/82

279. Budzynski, Daniel

I visited him at Guest House in Rochester. His counselors feel that he has made great strides in self-understanding and rehabilitation. They feel that his personal problems will be able to be controlled as long as he maintains sobriety. When I spoke to him, he evidenced great relief that his problem was coming under control. When we discussed a future assignment, he was very open to the idea of working in Whitewater as part-time parish priest and part-time campus minister. At Eastertime he will be going on a therapeutic leave and I asked him to contact [redacted] to discuss the possibilities further.

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1178. Budzynski, Daniel  
When I attended his father's funeral, I recalled that when his mother died he told me he was interested in returning to work in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I did not have a chance to speak to him personally on this occasion but expect that we will be hearing from him soon.

9/1/81

1339. Budzynski, Daniel  
When I received a letter from him which stated that he would like to be considered for campus ministry work here in the Archdiocese, I called Bishop John Paul to see if Budzynski's desire to come back stemmed in any way from personal problems he was having in his present assignment. Bishop Paul told me that since Budzynski moved to his present assignment a year ago last spring there have been difficulties in working with the other priests at the same place. Paul acknowledged that the other priest was a difficult personality to get along with. He assured me that he had heard nothing about any personal problems that Budzynski was having and said that in general they were pleased with him and he knew that Budzynski was interested in returning to work in Milwaukee. He said that Budzynski's skills in liturgy are good but that he is not known for counseling skills and many of the students do not seek him out for this purpose.

10/30/81

29. Budzynski, Daniel  
The Archbishop informed me that Zinthefer had called to report that the (Waukesha) confided in him that Father Dan Budzynski, who has been an extremely close friend of the family for a period of time dating back to his days at St. Bernadette's, had visited the family last Friday night and Saturday. He had dinner with them, stayed over night, and left about the middle of the next day. In the course of the visit there was a lot of drinking and Budzynski made homosexual advances at two of the children. When I told the Archbishop that Budzynski was scheduled to see me the next day, he thought I ought to confront him with this and get him the appropriate help needed. I then phoned the ( ) to get the story firsthand and to inform them that I was going to confront Budzynski of these facts. They were most cooperative, ( ), and related the events of the entire weekend. They are angry, frustrated, confused, but mostly they feel betrayed by one of their best friends. They related the drinking first of all and knew that Budzynski was quite a heavy drinker. He had three martinis, 2 oz. of gin each before dinner, about three glasses of wine at dinner, and then three bourbon and waters after dinner each amounting to 2 or more ounces. The ( ) could not keep up with him and so they went to bed. The next day after Budzynski had left their 13 and 18 year old sons approached them to discuss what had happened during the night. Budzynski had first approached the 13 year old with fondling and caressing which the boy rejected. Later as he was preparing for bed he did the same thing with the 18 year old who ran out of the room, went downstairs and told his 19 year old sister all about it. The boy was shaken, remained awake all night talking to his sister and not knowing what to do. The ( ) are glad that something is going to be done about this because they were considering seeking an attorney. There were also two young children in a bedroom adjacent to Budzynski's room and there is a suspicion that he might have entered that room in the early hours of the morning. One of the children there was a 4 year old for whom the ( ) were babysitting. They have not said anything to the boy's parents but will do so if there is anything said by the youngster. They realize Budzynski is sick and really want to see him get the help he needs. They do not want to confront him personally, however, because of the hurt they feel.

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FINAL VERSION

Sexual Contacts/Rev. Daniel Budzynski

- 1987: ✓ 1. , minor (eighth grader)  
Pallotine Retreat House, Elkhorn  
Report to Bishop Sklba  
St. Louis, Caledonia
- 1983 ✓ 2. minor (13 or 14)  
✓ 3. " minor (age 10)  
Awaiting assignment: Budzynski living in same building
- 1982 ✓ 4. [REDACTED] Waukesha minor (17 or 18)  
Family reported to Archbishop/ sent to treatment  
On leave to Diocese of LaCrosse  
Campus Ministry, Stevens Point

1976-1980

5. Male: "young adult" from Oxford Wisconsin (took Polaroid pictures of this male, nude, on bed after sexual activity) Confronted by this male's friend.  
6. "19 or 20"  
7. "young adult": reported to Fr. John Kelly  
8. age 13  
Campus Ministry: Eau Claire  
Diocese of LaCrosse

1974-1976

- ✓ 9. , minor, age 13 or 14 -- Reported to Archbishop Cousins, Budzynski sent to therapy.  
10. Minor male, friend of :  
11. , minor (17 or 18)  
12.  
St. Joseph, Wauwatosa

1972-1974

13.  
14.  
15. Guitar players  
16. (minor): reported to pastor  
17. (minor)  
Archbishop Cousins relieves him of duties : on leave-11/73-3/74  
St. Peter Claver, Sheboygan

Summers 1972-73: U. Of San Francisco

18. "several minor kids": Parents report to parish priest  
19. in San Francisco who tells him not to have contact with their sons any more.

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1971-72

✓ 20. : told best friend and report "circulated among the kids". Removed by Bishop Brust/Archbishop Cousins, placed on leave for several months before Sheboygan.  
St. Bernadette, Milwaukee

1969-1971

- 21.
- 22. age 13 or 14,
- 23. Unknown minor male 13 or 14
- 24. Unknown minor male age 13 or 14  
(Both on camping trip with .)
- 25. (runaway), age "14 or 15"
- 26.
- ✓ 27. : "11 or 12"
- ✓ 28. age 13

Took pictures of  boys in the nude. They told their mother who reported to Fr. Ken Metz. Budzynski goes to psychiatrist on his own without telling the Archdiocese. "I am losing my mind."

29. J (adult seminarian)  
St. Casimir, Milwaukee

1966-1969

- 30. "13 or 14"
- 31. "13 or 14"
- 32. "13 or 14"
- 33. "15 or 16"
- 34. "15 or 16"
- 35. "13 or 14"
- 36. "13 or 14"
- 37. "15 or 16"
- 38. "15 or 16"
- ✓ 39. 7th or eighth grader)
- 40. ( mother, adult)
- 41. friend
- 42. : 7th grader
- 43. "11 or 12"
- 44. "Older brother of and "
- 45. I , Cousin of \_\_\_\_\_ minor
- 46. Friend of (#45): minor  
St. Paul, Milwaukee

1965-1966

- 47. "13 or 14"
- 48. : 13 or 14
- 49. Minor male, name unknown  
St. Joseph, West Allis

1962-1965

Picnics with boys, St. Helen's Milwaukee

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1961 -1962

??? St. Mary's, Menomonee Falls

1956-1961

Picnics with boys, St. Hedwig's. Milwaukee

1956: Ordained

1947 - 1956 Attracted to friends in the seminary. Denies sexual contact

Worked several summers as a camp assistant (Camp Plogans) in Watersmeet, MI as a seminarian : attracted to some of the boys (ages 8-15) Denies sexual contact

1945: Older brother sexually abused Budzynski on one occasion

1941: 50. Budzynski sexually molested younger sister on one occasion; He was 13, she was "7 or 8"

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHANCERY  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

**Intake Call:**

**Date:** 3/18/04      **Time:** 9:00 a.m.      **By:** BR  
**Director**      **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **In Person** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact**      **x** **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **In Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person Reporting:**

**Phone Number:**

**Current Address:**

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

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Date of Birth** [REDACTED]

**Age at time of**

**Allegations** 18 years old

**Allegations Against:**

Fr. Dan Budzynski

**Time Period:**

early to mid 1970s

**Where:**

St. Joseph in Wauwatosa

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

reported this to his family as an adult.

**Alleged Abuse:**

and his [REDACTED] brothers were all altar boys, which meant serving at the early weekday Mass. "From 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades Fr. Budzynski molested me 5 or 6 times. While I was putting on my cassock he would come from behind and slip his hand down the front of my pants. I didn't understand what he was doing, but I knew it was wrong. He fondled me and made inappropriate remarks. I didn't discuss it because of the shame. Then he was abruptly removed."

**History:**

See other intake concerning [REDACTED]

**Current Therapist:**

None

**Next Steps:**

I explained that Dan Budzynski has been removed from ministry, but I need to get back to him with specifics about when that occurred and so forth.

**Report given to:**

Archbishop Timothy Dolan

Bishop Richard Sklba

Fr. Joe Hornacek (Clergy)

Fr. Al Veik (Religious)

Rick Tank (Non-Cleric)

Barbara Anne Cusack

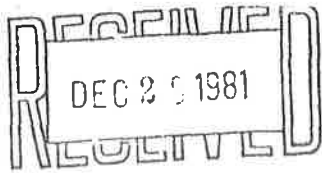
District Attorney

Typed 3/18/04

Intake form

saz/Revised 12/5/02

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Periodic Review - Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski  
November 28, 1981  
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
St. John Cathedral Rectory  
Interviewer: Rev. Jerome M. Hudziak

(By way of preface it should be noted that the interview with Dan was originally scheduled to be on June 23, but because of family circumstances and other reasons, the interview was given in November. The biographical questionnaire and surveys reflect Dan's situation earlier in the year. Dan was able to provide an update during the interview.)

Dan is 53, and a priest ordained for work in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Presently, however, he is on loan to the diocese of La Crosse where he is engaged in campus ministry work.

In terms of his training, Dan received his primary education at St. Hyacinth Parish. He attended Notre Dame High School and went to what is now UWM to pursue studies in music. After having gone there briefly, he decided to take time off. He got a job at the Heil Co., where his father worked in a managerial position. Dan said that even though his father was instrumental in getting him the job, he did not want it to appear as nepotism. So his dad had him work in another department and told Dan that he had to do it on his own.

Dan had been thinking about priesthood on and off for a number of years and mentioned it to Father Ray Kurkiewicz who "spirited" him off to the seminary college. In reflecting on it, Dan said that Ray never spoke about other alternatives like more time off or completion of Dan's college work at another college. He simply took him to the seminary and had him admitted. In retrospect Dan feels that a college education elsewhere may have been the better route.

Dan has no regrets about the years at the seminary. Instead he says they proved to be a very positive experience. Like so many who came in without having had the classical languages, he struggled with them. He has always considered himself an average student. He shared some of the creative projects he initiated while at the college. Among them was the formation of an orchestra and the production of a minstrel show. He also enjoyed teaching music to some of the fellows. The situation at the major seminary was found to be to his liking. He tried to be the "ideal" seminarian. [REDACTED], who was older than Dan was Dan's roommate and Dan felt that he learned a lot from [REDACTED] including good study habits. There is a closeness between the two men that has existed to the present day. Dan continued to pursue his interests in music while at the major. His impression of those years is generally positive. Dan was ordained on May 26, 1956.

Continuing education has always been highly valued by Dan. In reviewing his record one discovers that Dan has taken advantages of a good number of opportunities in a variety of areas. He had gone to the University of San Francisco two summers for studies in religious education. Because the idea of a parish priest going for several weeks of study was very novel at the time, Dan had to fight to get it. Part of it meant finding a parish that would allow it and his own willingness to finance it. He has taken courses and workshops in other areas such as liturgy and campus ministry and young adult ministry along with a course in pastoral counselling from Marty Pable. There seems to be a lack in certain areas such as sacred scripture. Dan said that he is presently taking a course at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point in scripture, but admits that he must do more. He said he would welcome any advise or counselling in this matter from the director of continuing education at the A,C,M,I, Subscribing

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to a number of periodicals, which reflect a variety of interests, Dan says that he is able to pursue them at least.

In discussing details concerning family background, Dan indicated that his father came from Detroit originally. He came to Milwaukee in connection with his work at the time, which was connected with the building trades. It was also because of this that he met Dan's mom. Her father was also in the building trades. Dan says that they saw each other on only three occasions and that their romance was carried on for the most part by correspondence. Both parents died this year - his father at age 85; his mother at age 82. Having seven children (one died at an early age) forced them to live frugally. Dan has three sisters and three brothers. One of his brothers, and two sisters have never married. The oldest is 61, the youngest 39, with Dan in the middle. [REDACTED], the 61 year old, has lived at home with the folks for many years because of a complete nervous breakdown about 30 years ago. Not having fully recovered, she has not been able to work. (Dan offers more details in the biographical questionnaire) Back in spring when Dan filled out the form, he described the family relationships as "very close." Since the death of the parents, however, as often enough happens the fabric of the family is beginning to tear. Dan described the recent pain he and his sister [REDACTED] (54) had experienced at Thanksgiving time. For the first time they can remember, they did not celebrate the holiday at the family home. It seems that the others have literally locked them out. Upon reflection, Dan saw this coming. He and his sister [REDACTED] have always been very close, while he and his brothers [REDACTED] (58), and [REDACTED] (51) have very different points of view on most matters including church. [REDACTED] remains at home with the possibility of her moving into a nursing home. When that happens, the others will most probably sell the home. It was the folks who looked after [REDACTED]; and [REDACTED] who looked after the folks. Now all that has changed.

Dan was very candid in discussing the circumstances which lead up to his need for psychiatric and psychological counselling. He also discussed his bout with alcoholism. As a result of this counselling while there is no complete "cure," Dan feels that he has gained some very important insights into himself. He recognizes the pressure points in his life that led to problems in the past and can lead to problems in the future if they are ignored. In connection with the above, we discussed his physical condition. Dan must watch his blood pressure which has risen significantly as the result of a serious case of blood poisoning. Dan sees the need for daily exercise, proper diet and taking the suggested medications. Recently he has been able to lose weight - something Dan feels very good about.

Something that is at present an overriding concern for him and seems to be having an effect on his physical and emotional well being is the situation he finds himself in at Stevens Point. Dan came from work in campus ministry in Eau Claire, where he was very satisfied, to the present situation in Stevens Point. Although the work remains the same the situations are quite diverse. At Eau Claire where he worked with Father Bob Cook for four years from August 1976 until September 1980. Dan describes it as a kind of free-wheeling ministry among the students. The students were made to feel welcome and Dan's door was always open to receive them. The only reason he is no longer there is due to a rather complex set of circumstances in personnel shifts in which he was caught. He now works with Father Leo Krynski, whose approach to campus ministry is quite different. He sees students usually by appointment only. As Dan describes it, the students do not linger around the center as they did in Eau Claire because there is no lounge and they don't get the same sense of welcome. Besides Leo sees his work as mainly with the faculty. Besides the working arrangements, the two men have lifestyles that vary greatly - something that is not conducive to



living together amicably. It seems that Leo likes to acquire expensive items - furniture, clothing, etc., while Dan is not so inclined. Leo has his friends among the more prosperous and influential, while Dan sees associating with the students as something of greater importance. They share little in common. It should be noted that Leo has been in the present situation for a considerable amount of time. It seems that he may be reaching the end of his stay. In the estimation of those who know Dan from Stevens Point or Eau Claire, there is concern that something be done because of the discontent he has registered. The effects of this stressful situation are very much in evidence in the minds of these people as one reads their evaluations. They see the deaths of Dan's parents and the latest family situation as adding a whole other burden. They generally feel that it is too much for Dan to handle. When asked about what he planned to do, Dan said that he had already made inquiries into campus ministry possibilities in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Dan is quite certain that campus ministry is for him, although he is open to other possibilities.

A saving feature for Dan has been the close associations he has had with a number of priests, including Ed Eschweiler, who has been very supportive of Dan over the years. He has had Ed as a spiritual director while he was here in Milwaukee. Dan's being away from Milwaukee has made these associations more difficult to cultivate.

There is a thoroughness with which Dan has approached his work, be it baptismal catechesis, inquiry classes, lay ministry preparation or any other program. At present he is called upon to give a number of presentations or talks, which he frets over but does in any case. His suspicion is that he does well in spite of the worry.

He has shown a consistent concern for the poor and an interest in social concern issues, even if his present work does not bring him into close contact with the socially disadvantaged.

Dan takes seriously the role of prayer in his life and is faithful to daily prayer. He does this in the morning - a time best suited for him. One does not associate campus ministry life with an organized existence, but Dan manages to find regular times for prayer, reading and study.

Dan is not one to think in terms of retirement. Instead he projects many more years of service to the church. Yet he does contribute to the Social Security fund and to a plan he calls "Endowment Insurance" (\$20.00) a month. In terms of retirement, he envisions it as a time when he will be able to live alone and pursue those things he is most interested in such as music, and possible writing.

Overall, Dan sees his struggle to maintain a positive self image as his greatest struggle. When one reviews the assignments Dan has had over the years beginning with a very unfortunate first assignment, it is not difficult to understand how he received little affirmation. Now part of the struggle is to accept the positive things he hears about and the appreciation people have for him and his many talents. He seems to be growing in his ability to accept it and integrate into his own appreciation of who he is as a person and a priest.

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VICAR FOR PRIEST PERSONNEL

January 19, 1982

Mr. [REDACTED] CAC

[REDACTED]  
Rochester, MN 55903

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I am forwarding the information you have requested concerning ✓ Father Daniel A. Buszynski who is to be admitted to Guest House on January 21, 1982.

1. To my knowledge he has not had any medical attention or hospitalization during the past three years.
2. Previously, he has not had treatment for alcoholism or other drugs. Several years ago he received extensive psychological counseling from Dr. [REDACTED] Milwaukee, WI 53216 for psycho-sexual problems. It is my understanding that recently he has continued to receive psychological counseling from a doctor in Stevens Point whose name I do not know.
3. From outside sources, which I consider reliable, I am led to believe that from at least the early 1970's Father Budzynski has been a heavy drinker on occasions. People have told me that he always seemed to be able to contain his liquor. He never had a car accident nor did he appear inebriated. However, the incidents of psycho-sexual problems invariably occurred after he had been drinking. These problems had serious consequences leading to transfers from parishes as well as his last transfer to another diocese.
4. Both of his parents died this past year and this has led to a lot of loneliness in his life. Added to that is the fact that his brothers and sisters have some problems among themselves which leads to further loneliness. However, I do not know of any alcoholism in the family.
5. The most recent incident which led to his referral to Guest House concerns his solicitation of two young boys who are members of a family Budzynski has been very close to for many years. This followed quite heavy drinking before, during, and after dinner on the same day these incidents occurred. Obviously, there has been alienation of these people, and I decided that we would recall him to service in the Archdiocese following his treatment so that we can help him more effectively conquer his problem. As I see it, the maintenance of his sobriety will be critical in the elimination of the psycho-sexual problems.

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Mr. [REDACTED] CAC

January 19, 1982

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I am enclosing a release statement and would suggest that you have him sign it so that I can send you his periodic review which I think could be indispensable to your gaining a good insight into this priest. I hesitate to send it without his consent.

Thanks for all that I know you will do for Father Dan. You will find him to be a wonderful person and very cooperative. I am confident that his problem can be controlled.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki  
Vicar for Priest Personnel

[REDACTED]  
Enclosure

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# GUEST HOUSE



January 12, 1982

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki  
Milwaukee Catholic Home  
2462 North Prospect Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

[REDACTED]  
Rochester, Minnesota 55903  
Phone: [REDACTED]

Confidential Admission Information

Dear Fr. Janicki,

Re: Rev. Daniel A Budzynski  
Admitted: January 21, 1982

Your response to this questionnaire will be most helpful to us in understanding your referred priest or religious. We suggest the information be as complete as possible. If there are any questions you are unable to answer, please refer us to a source that might be able to do so.

1. Has he had medical attention or hospitalization any time during the past three years? If so, please have medical history forwarded to my personal attention, Guest House, [REDACTED] Rochester, Minnesota 55903.
2. Has he had previous specific treatment for alcoholism, drugs or ever been under the care of a psychiatrist or psychologist? If so, when and where?
3. Please summarize his drinking history as you know it, using the enclosed chart (left side) as a guide. Especially comment on any observed deterioration in his personality, vocational performance and/or behavior.
4. Are there any significant relations with relatives that seem to have an effect on patient's lifestyle (e. g., invalid parents, alcoholic siblings, etc.). Please narrate.
5. Please comment on the most recent incident(s) which led to his referral to Guest House. If there is, or has been, disciplinary action involved, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]  
Director

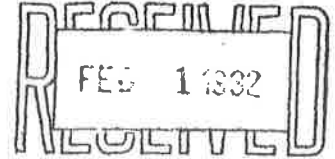
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Enclosure - Valley Chart

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Diocese of La Crosse

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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January 27, 1982

Rev. Joseph A. Janicki  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
345 No. 95th Street - Box 2018  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Re: Rev. Daniel Budzynski ✓

Reverend and dear Father:

I am grateful for your telephone call and your letter of January 26 with the information about Father Budzynski. May I commend you also for the action which you have taken in his regard.

I certainly regret to lose Father Budzynski from our diocese. I do believe he was given a fair chance and also was doing reasonably well. He did object to his transfer from Eau Claire to Stevens Point but there was not too much I could do about that in trying to "cover all the spots". I thought he was doing reasonably well, although there were one or two suspicious episodes.

He did call me a few days after his interview with you and told me he would be reporting to Guest House in Rochester. We arranged for him to stop on his way to Rochester, but he did not come. It must be said that it was terrible weather on that day so perhaps he was anxious to get to Rochester before it got worse. I shall plan to write to him.

From our conversation I judge that the Archdiocese will be responsible for his care at Guest House. He had been insured in our diocesan health and accident insurance program for priests but it is my understanding that Guest House in Rochester does not qualify under this policy. If you have ways of taking care of him, we would surely be grateful. If you think it proper that we should share in the expense, please let me know.

With sentiments of esteem and gratitude and with prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. M. Dreking".

Bishop of La Crosse

FWF:lr

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January 26, 1982

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The Most Rev. Frederick W. Freking, D.D.  
Bishop of La Crosse  
3720 East Avenue  
Box 69  
La Crosse, WI 54601-0004

Dear Bishop Freking:

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As I indicated to you in our recent phone conversation, ✓ Father Daniel Budzynski has agreed to embark upon the regular treatment program at Guest House in Rochester, Minnesota. In the past month he has experienced personal difficulties that warrant this. I was glad to see that he was astute enough to recognize his need for treatment and to accept it voluntarily.

I regret the unfortunate bind the Newman Apostolate in Stevens Point faces because of this situation. On the other hand, I guess we both know that Dan was not happy there and sooner or later would have been seeking a change of assignment. I believe he discussed this to some degree with Bishop John Paul in recent months. In all likelihood following his treatment he will be returning to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for an assignment. He and I both appreciate your personal kindness extended to him as well as that of Bishop Paul during his ministry in the La Crosse Diocese. I know it was a profitable stay for him despite the recent problems which he experienced. I am confident that with treatment and prayers and a good recovery program he will be able to function once again as the priest he knows he should be.

With thanks once again for your understanding and graciousness in this awkward transition, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki  
Vicar for Priest Personnel

JAJ/srs

cc The Most Rev. John Paul

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# GUEST HOUSE

State Licensed; Certified Professional Staff  
Ecclesiastically Endorsed

ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA 55901

PHONE: [REDACTED]

April 6, 1982

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., D.D.  
Archbishop of Milwaukee  
345 North 95th Street  
P.O. Box 2018  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

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Re: Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski

Your Excellency,

I'm pleased to inform you that Fr. Dan Budzynski, admitted to Guest House, Rochester on 1/21/82, is responding to our program in a most satisfactory manner. His openness, honesty and enthusiasm are evident and our prognosis at this point is good. A positive contribution to his well being was Fr. Joe Janicki's visit and assignment proposal.

A comprehensive physical examination indicated no evidence of impairment. There was some evidence of alcohol abuse which was substantiated by a candid drinking history but this is completely reversible with continuing abstinence. Fr. Dan will unconditionally be physically qualified for any priestly duties upon discharge. He sleeps and eats well, exercises with regularity and really looks great.

Psychological testing and interview describe Fr. Dan as a bright intellectually intact priest with no significant psychopathology that could not be construed as resulting from progressive alcoholism, but which is completely reversible in continuing sobriety. Individual and group counseling sessions have enabled him to gain new useful insights into his emotional self, identifying areas that warrant change and the recognition of his ability to accomplish same.

Fr. Dan appears to have adequate social skills and uses them appropriately. His musical talents have contributed significantly to our liturgies. His election to the Steering Committee by his peers is indicative of the high regard in which they hold him. Fr. Dan's spiritual renewal is evident and exemplary. He accepts weekend assignments gladly and we believe his vocation is substantially intact.

Fr. Dan admits his alcoholism and accepts the disease concept of it. He realizes this is a life-long disability which has been most successfully managed by an active commitment to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. He appears to relate well to this fellowship.

We are recommending a therapeutic leave of about ten days, effective April 7th, to affirm his new life style in the more realistic environment of his home location. During this time he should contact you as well as

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Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland  
April 6, 1982

Re: Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski

visiting with family and friends. He should investigate local A.A. options and attend meetings while home and visit his new assignment. Upon his return, we will examine his reactions and make any therapeutic adjustments necessary before final discharge.

We take this opportunity to express gratitude for your continued support of our special apostolate. We respectfully request remembrance in your prayers and assure you of ours. Please keep in your intentions the alcoholic who still suffers. Wishing you all the joy and blessings of this Easter Season, I remain

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CAC  
[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. Joseph Janicki  
Rev. Daniel Budzynski  
[REDACTED] CAC, Director



# GUEST HOUSE



## AFTERCARE PLAN

for

Reverend Daniel A. Bidzynski

While at Guest House, Rochester, Minnesota, you were diagnosed and received treatment for alcoholism. You are being discharged with a favorable prognosis because of the progress you have made. This After-care Plan is designed for you that you might continue the recovery process initiated here. Following are our recommendations:

1. Total abstinence from alcohol. You are aware of the option available to you of using unfermented species (grape juice) when celebrating the Eucharist. We recommend you continue to exercise this privilege.
2. Abstain from all other mood-altering chemicals, unless and only as prescribed while under the care of a physician knowledgeable of alcoholism and your history. If in doubt, contact Guest House.
3. Active participation in the fellowship and meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. As a matter of discipline and insurance, we recommend a minimum of two meetings a week.
4. Seek out a sponsor, preferably someone you can talk to as well as from whom you will accept constructive criticism.
5. Read from the 24-Hour Book each day and reflect on your own alcoholism. Read from the "Big Book" Alcoholics Anonymous on a regular basis. Subscribe to the "Grapevine" and maintain memberships in the National Clergy Council on Alcoholism and the Guest House Alumni Association.
6. Use Rational Emotive Therapy to diminish the intensity, duration and frequency of uncomfortable feelings. Don't catastrophize. Also avoid getting over-Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired.
7. Schedule time each day for your personal spiritual, physical and recreational exercises. Take a day off work each week; allow time to vacation each year.
8. Communicate with your immediate Superiors your feelings, problems and progress you have made with assignment and recovery program.
9. Maintain contact with Guest House. Your sobriety and serenity are important to us.

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10. Return to Guest House for therapeutic visits every three months during the first year, and annually thereafter. Your first visit should be on or before the date entered below. Please visit more often if you have the opportunity or feel the need to do so.

This Aftercare Plan is intended to complement your efforts at personal application of the 12 Steps of A.A. Combined, they will insure quality sobriety. Recovery is your responsibility. Let us know if we can be of help.

*Daniel A. Budzynski*

Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski

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Director

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Date of Discharge:

May 12, 1982

Date of First Aftercare Visit:

August 1982

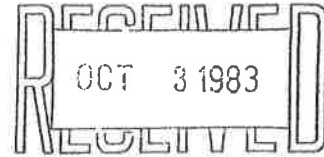


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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53207

(414) 481-3131



September 28, 1983

Rev. Daniel Budzynski

[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Dan,

I am writing as a follow-up to our recent telephone conversation to confirm your approval to engage in a sabbatical at Vatican II Institute, Menlo Park, California effective for the Spring of 1984. May I ask that you make application directly to Fr. Konkell at Vatican II. Please send copies of your correspondence to me as well.

The Fund for Continuing Education will provide tuition, room and board for you while you are on sabbatical. Additionally, your net salary, hospitalization and pension will be provided by the fund as well.

I look forward to working with you more closely as your sabbatical time approaches. For now, you have my personal best wishes.

Sincerely,

Rev. Carl A. Last  
Director

cc: ✓ Rev. Joseph Janicki, Vicar  
Rev. Eugene Neuman, Personnel Board  
Rev. Eugene Konkell, Vatican II

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CONTINUING EDUCATION



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# St. Louis Congregation

CALEDONIA, WIS. 53108

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June 4, 1985

Most Rev. Richard J. Sklba  
Dept. of Clergy Personnel  
3501 S. Lake Dr.  
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Bishop Sklba,

I thought it would be wise to write to you semi-formally regarding the understanding that I had with Fr. Janicki regarding my continuing "after-care" treatment.

I assume you are aware of my medical treatment/recovery programs, or have some kind of access to the file. However, if you would like me to review it for you I would be more than willing to oblige.

At present I am in a period of my life which is as satisfying as it has been for many years. The arrangement with Fr. Len Novotny seems to be working out to the mutual benefit of both of us, I had been able to address the problems of a new change of administration at St. Louis with some anxiety but strong confidence that I can really make it. You are aware that some people are suspicious of my new style of administration and feel that I expect too much of people. My approach is to return the leadership to the parish and make them more responsible for the more temporal decisions. I have told them that my mission is to prepare them for the Church of 1985 (10 yrs.) when they may not even have a resident pastor but will be able to keep their parish alive.

As to my after-care, I am following the A A program to sustain my sobriety at least to the point of daily prayer and review. I have more difficulty finding a group and the time necessary for weekly meetings.

I have continued to seek therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] and we have been having monthly sessions. I have enclosed the latest statement for his services. The group insurance covers most of it, and Fr. Janicki arranged to have me send him any other bills I may receive. The cost isn't as great as it was when I was counseling several times a week, but nevertheless there is some. I wonder if you will consider to honor the past arrangement?

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. I remain,

In Christ,

*Jan*

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FILE COPY

October 30, 1987

The Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski  
Sister of St. Francis of Assisi  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Dan:

Just a word of welcome as you begin your new work as a neighbor and priestly colleague. I trust that your welcome has been as warm and enthusiastic as anticipated. I have already heard many good things regarding your initial presence and impact. I look forward to sharing any goals and information regarding new projects which you may develop as you work with your team members in building upon the foundations established by Dean Marek.

I also hope that we will be able to cross paths so that the healing of any pain associated with your departure might be accompanied by ongoing support for your ministry and spiritual growth. Please let Leo and I know if we can be of any special assistance during this time of transition. You might explore some informal network of chaplains to motherhouse communities in the Archdiocese. Such would be a new venture to my knowledge and might represent a novel approach to integrated and shared concerns in behalf of the sisters who are moving toward their fullness in Christ.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba  
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/srs

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April 3, 1992

Dear Bishop Sklba,

It seems it was quite a while since I wrote you last. I wanted to at least tell you that I am happy at your new position. I am sure the Archdiocese will continue to benefit much from your talent and ability. I have such a high regard for both you and Arch. Weakland, that I am sure the work you do together will help maintain the high standards that we are used to in this Archdiocese.

I am sending you a statement for Dr. [REDACTED]. There had not been many such for quite a while, and I paid some that were less than ten dollars. However, I have had the arrangement whereby I sent you the statements periodically and they were paid from your office. Is the same arrangement in order, does Fr. Venne now do this, or do you suggest I take up the payments at my own expense? When we started this many years ago, you suggested they send the bill to you, personally, but they rather choose to send it to me, and let my handle it. It perhaps was best for their bookkeeping.

As you can see I continue to have a session about once a month. I consider it as an important ingredient in my sobriety as well as helping me to control my behavior. Things have leveled out to a very comfortable position. I know I still have my vulnerable areas but am able to work tensions and frustration out through these sessions.

We have been operating in a new way at the Convent for almost a year. Sr. Anne Mary Rischard has been assigned to new work, involving the building of more apartments, besides Cantical Court, and Sr. Rita Kosednar is now Administrator at the Motherhouse. The Community is now settled in the remodeled rooms and no one is at St. Ann's at all. That is being developed, as I said, into a new housing facility.

When I started here, about four-half years ago, I was part of a eight person

the Sisters  
of St. Francis  
of Assisi

Pastoral Ministry team. We no longer have eight, and we no longer function as a team. Two other sisters are called 'pastoral ministers' but and they do a lot of driving of the sisters to medical appointments, or companion sisters in hospitals for operations. So that leaves me on the scene most of each day, six days a week.

Besides guiding the Liturgy and directing the Music I do give conferences, especially in Advent and Lent, or any time there is something that needs attention. I have learned to study the Scriptures and draw out some very important applications to the life of the sisters. The most challenging thing about teaching, or homilies, is that I have to address the more 'narrow avenue' of the retired sister's life. I have a lot of trouble with "Holy Family" Sunday, for instance.

Sister Rita Kosednar has brought a calmness and spirit that was lacking in the last several years. The morale of the staff and lay employees is much improved. Many of them feel free to come to me---as sort of the Pastor here. I have kept Sr. Rita informed about the New Priestly Compensation plan, and I went to the Workshop at Lourdes parish. Next week we will get together to plan the new system. I have discovered that the Sisters (Anne Mary R.) had been paying me according to the scale for a "pastoral Minister". Although I rank on the highest of that scale, which was also made for lay people, I have not been payed according to the Archdiocesan Scale, which is considerably higher. I also have been given rent and living expenses, which were less than other priests in my situation, and I also have not had them raised in almost five years. I hope the New plan will be greeted favorably and these things can be worked out.

I have had the periodic review and wrote that I want to do some "pre-retirement" planning---in the area of Music and Liturgy. If my health is good, I hope there will be a way for me to help a local parish which is experiencing difficulty in this area. Dr. [REDACTED] thinks I should really speak to Archbishop Weakland first, and I have been looking for an opportunity to do so. I did some preliminary search into programs that exist, at Rensselaer Indiana, and I talked to Sr. Theophane and Sr. Mary H. But it is an idea that may help me in four or five years when I face the possibility of retirement.

You continue to remain a very important person in my life, not only as my Bishop, but as a friend.

Sincerely,



Fr. Daniel A. Budzynski



Villa Clement, Inc.

Greenfield, Wisconsin 53228

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August 9, 1993

Rev. R. Thomas Venne,  
Vicar of Clergy Personnel  
3501 S. Lake Dr.  
P.O. Box 07912  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Tom:

It has been ten months since I last wrote to you, Hard to believe, but I am now firmly established as Chaplain of Villa Clement. I want to take this opportunity to share with you "how I am doing". Enclosed is a Statement from Dr. [REDACTED] Ph.D. It has been the policy for me to send this to your office from time to time, where I am sure it will be taken care of.

As you can see, I am in consultation regularly with Dr. [REDACTED], about once a month. I came a long way since the inception of the program, and I feel it has been a life preserver through the years. I had been in Guest House in 1982---and since that time I had never returned to drinking. I still follow the twelve-step program of A.A. but only occasionally go to a meeting. My needs are taken care of in a program I established through the years: a) psychological counseling b) strict spiritual discipline or prayer, reading/guidance of AA principles c) satisfactory work experinecé d) support of Priestly friends. God has been very generous with his graces.

My "new" assignment is very satisfactory. From the very beginning I was accepted as someone who was very needed and very important to the program at Villa Clement. As the head of Pastoral Care at Villa Clement, I am under the supervision of Sr. Alphonsa Huls, SSSF, who is at Villa Clement. There are regular meetings for support, spiritual reflection and assessment of quality care. The Residents are my "parishioners" and I dearly love them. These people, for the most part, have lost everything, including their dignity. Victims of age, stroke, heart or brain diseases, they are the 'children of God' and I try to look beyond their brokenness to the real graced person inside



I am still living in the town house at [REDACTED] and the arrangement couldn't be more ideal. The landladies are two retired sisters who are very caring and solicitous about my comfort. They love their yard and garden and insist that I "pick the flower". I have out-lastred three other tenants ( it is a two unit town-house) and the landladies really appreciate the stability I provide them. The rent is very reasonable. I surprised them by raising my own rent last year. Villa Clement was not prepared to follow the new Compensation program, but were able to meet my needs quite adequately. So, I thought I should "share the wealth" and proposed to raise my rent from \$400/mo to \$415/. I am not sure I can do that again this year.

In past years I had to deal with tremendous family problems. Since my parents died in 1982, there was a break-up of family unity. Due in part to "jealousy" tht my parents "always treated me better then they." I don't ever hear from one brother, another won't visit me since I am so close to another sister. My sister [REDACTED] has suffered through a lot of alienation and so we depend on each other to fill the gap left for lack of "family". We share dinner about twice a week. I am in touch with another brother and his family, but events like Thanksgiving, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, etc. we are alone.

I am in constant touch with my priest friends. The class of 1956 is unique in that we are still friends and get together often. I am very close to Fr. Ken Derfus, Ed Eschweiler and Joe Frederick; I see a lot of Paul Wittemann and Don Hmircik. Part of my 'recovery' is to stay in touch with my priest-friends.

I don't have a lot of "extra-care facility" involvement. I am as active as I can be with A.L.M.A. Someone again put in my name for board of director I serve one term a few years ago. I had been involved witha committe of the Ecumenical Commission, which has been dormant for the last year. I do an occasional wedding prepration, and I have had a few people that I counseled in the recovery program. One of them is a former Theological student who is married but wants to discuss theology and spirituality.

I hope you accept my review as an effort on my part to be responsible to someone. I did similarly with Bishop Skiba. I just feel its important for me to do it this way. I know I can count on your support and prayers.

As Ever,



(Rev. Daniel A. Budzynski)

ARCHDIOCESE  OF MILWAUKEE

OFFICE OF AUXILIARY BISHOP

May 14, 1997

Rev. Daniel Budzynski  
Meyer Hall - [REDACTED]

Dear Dan:

Last week I had the opportunity to discuss your letter of April 20, 1997 with Archbishop Weakland and he concurred with the recommendation that you be granted permission to preside and preach at the 50th Anniversary of your cousin in Centerline, Michigan next August.

It is understood that this permission is for one time only and falls within the parameters of the other stipulations currently in place. Thank you for your attentiveness to these issues and for the spirit of cooperation which you have consistently exhibited in these matters.

May the graces of Pentecost be yours in abundance.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba  
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/rt  
Copy to:  
Vicar for Clergy

Dear Bp. Sklba

*Bendzynski* July 14, 1998

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I am back from my trip to LaCrosse and Eau Claire for the Ordination of one of my students, and wanted to respond to your recent letter to me. It had been a disappointment not to celebrate but as usual I obeyed your orders.

I am enclosing a copy of the front page of the local paper, The Chippewa Herald, of Sunday, June 28, 1998. It carried the story of their new Priest on the front page as a local hero.

I was happy to be at the beginning of that journey of Father Farley. He was involved in the Newman Community at Eau Claire while I was campus Minister with Fr. Bob Cook. It occurred to me that Fr. Dan was the fourth Priest to be ordained from my four years at the Eau Claire Campus. I had a wonderful reunion with the first one. Father Bill Felix, who is now Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Chippewa Falls. He was also very proud of a Priest from his years at U.W. Eau Claire. And now he is Pastor of Fr. Dan Farley's home parish.

The other Priests from that period were Fr. Ross Shecterle, and Fr. Bob Wells. Thus my return to the LaCrosse Diocese was filled with nostalgia and good remembrances. I have an album of three hundred pictures which we reviewed.

I had a chat with Bishop Raymond Burke and he was effusive in his gratitude to me for what I did for the La Crosse Church. He was in the Chancery during those years and we were well acquainted with Fr. Cook and Me. Bp. Burke also thanked me for taking the effort to come to the Ordination and First Mass, the support to the new Priest.

I must admit that it was a bit embarrassing for me not to celebrate. I can still recall the look on Fr. Farley's face when I declined his invitation--again--saying "This day is for you!".

I want you to know that I appreciate your kindness to me in these years and I am trying to understand the legal and political reasons for my complete restriction from Ministerial Service.

You were right in stating that this "response may be disappointing" because of some of the circumstances associated with my move from Eau Claire. In this case the record seems to be somewhat blurred.

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Please recall that:

- 1) I was sent to the La Crosse Diocese in 1976 because of the lack of Priests for that work at that time. I spent a summer at U.C.L.A. in intensive preparation for that Ministry.
- 2) I was transferred to U W Stevens Point in 1980. The Priest at that time was to be transferred in a year and it was hoped that I would take over that post alone.
- 3) I left Stevens Point in 1992. Fr. Joseph Janicki had me recalled to Milwaukee because of an incident in Waukesha. I was sent to Guest House, Rochester, inn. for treatment for Alcoholism.

In my exit interview with Bishop Frederick Freking he praised me for my work and encouraged me in the program, assuring me that I could overcome my drinking problem. As far as the La Crosse Church was concerned there were no other allegations.

I feel I wanted to review this history and set the record straight because there seems to be some confusion of the facts. I am aware that I had previously sometimes been judged on the basis of mis-information.

To continue my 'history' : After successful treatment at Guest House (16 years of sobriety) I had that terrible experience in Whitewater Campus Ministry, where everyone admitted that I did an exemplary work but the Personal Board transferred me in favor of Father John Wagner.

After a Sabbatical at Vatican II Institute, Menlo Park CA, I became Pastor of St. Louise in Caledonia. You yourself asserted that I did an excellent job and I still meet people from St. Louis Parish who attribute the renewal of the Parish and becoming more in tune with Vatican II to my efforts.

It was a foolish and unfortunate incident at the Student Retreat which I call "horsing around" that led to my transfer, after word began to spread by certain people.

I am forever grateful to you for recommending me to Ministry to the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi. My contract ran out after five years and was not renewed because of financial reasons. But many Sisters speak of me fondly and are sad that I never say Mass for them. I still do counsel some of the and visit the Motherhouse

*and Marcellus House*

  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 18, 2003

Daniel Budzynski  
Meyer Hall  
[REDACTED]  
St. Francis, WI 53235

Dear Daniel,

The situation compels me to be very blunt and forthright.

I was shocked and angry that you went on the Pallium Pilgrimage as a member of the Archdiocesan Choir. Your presence compromised the pilgrimage, the choir, and the Archdiocese. Your presence would add further pain to that already suffered by the victims of the past abuse you have admitted.

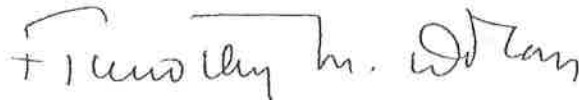
While it is true that you did not participate in the pilgrimage "as a priest," and that you did not publicly exercise your ministry, the fact remains that, in the eyes of many in that group, you are still a priest.

You have admitted to a litany of past offenses. You have been placed under the most rigorous of restrictions, allowing you no contact with minors, no priestly ministry, no clerical apparel, no right to present yourself as a priest. However, it is clear to me that you have yet to realize the gravity of your past offenses, and the harm you did to minors. Your major concern seems to be your own prerogatives.

Not only do I renew the restrictions already placed upon you, but I direct you to sever all ties with the choir, both at the seminary and in the Archdiocese. You are no longer to serve as a member of the Priest Pension Review Board. I have also asked the Chancellor to proceed with the presentation of your case to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, with the recommendation that you be dismissed ex officio from the clerical state.

Still with a promise of prayer, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

January 12, 2006

Reverend Ronald Gramza  
Divine Mercy Parish  
1304 S. Manitoba Avenue  
South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Dear Ronald,

As you were previously informed by Archbishop Dolan, Dan Budzinski has been dismissed from the clerical state and can no longer exercise any ministry, public or private. These are always difficult cases and are not attended to lightly. It is only after extensive discussion, and in the most serious cases, that this action is taken.

Dan resides in a geographical locale that is reasonably near you, so I wanted to reiterate to you his status. Because of the laicization, we no longer have any authority to monitor him and his actions. Local civil officials have been notified of his presence in the community as well. If you receive any information that he is presenting himself in clerical garb or with clerical titles or doing anything that would appear to be "ministry" or that there are questions about his behavior, please advise me immediately so that a report can be made to local civil officials. You, also, are free and encouraged to make any such reports.

Let us continue to support one another in prayer. I pray daily for you and for all our brother priests, those that struggle as well as those who go quietly about the work in the Lord's vineyard.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Curt Frederick  
Vicar for Clergy

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January 12, 2006

Reverend Phil Reifenberg  
Nativity of the Lord Parish  
4611 S. Kirkwood Avenue  
Cudahy, WI 53110

Dear Phil,

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Fraternally yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Curt Frederick  
Vicar for Clergy

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January 12, 2006

Reverend Robert Surges  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
3635 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue  
St. Francis, WI 53235

Dear Robert,

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Very Reverend Curt Frederick  
Vicar for Clergy

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OFFICE OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

Date Report Taken: January 26, 2006

Time: 5:30 p.m. Phone  In Person

Received By: Amy Peterson  
Victim Assistance Coordinator

Person Reporting:  
Phone Number:  
Address:

Allegations made by:  
(if not same as above)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age at time of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Allegations: 8 through 10 years old

Time Period: 1966 to 1968  
Where: At the childhood home of \_\_\_\_\_ ; while they were members of St. Paul Parish  
in St. Francis

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)  
\_\_\_\_\_ informed her brother \_\_\_\_\_ parents and boyfriend. She also told her adult children. She has never reported it  
outside of the family.

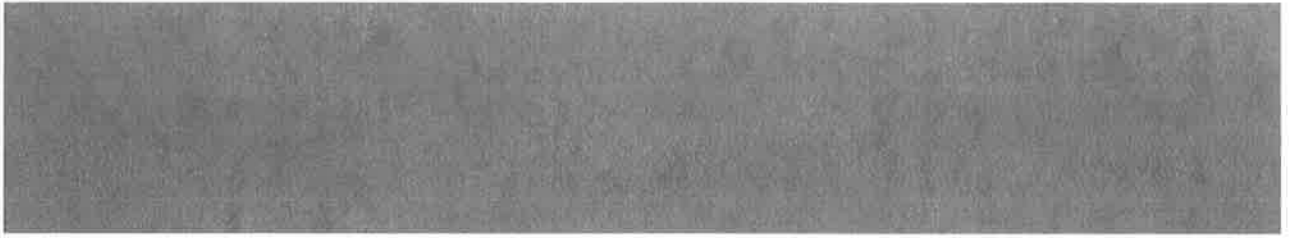
**Alleged Abuse:**

Daniel Budzynski \_\_\_\_\_ was over at \_\_\_\_\_ home several times a week. He would come over for dinner, take the kids on hikes and to the beach. He often would spend time tucking the children into their beds at night. He would tell the parents that he was going to go up and give the children a good night blessing. During these times, Daniel would put his hand under her nightgown and rub her chest and genital area. She recalls him saying phrases like "God loves you, I love you, you are special to me". At other times, he would go out into the backyard while \_\_\_\_\_ was out there. While sitting together on the picnic table, she recalls he would put his hand under her shirt and rub her chest. On some occasions, she would stand in front of him into his front legs with hers tight between his and he would rub up and down her legs into her pants. When \_\_\_\_\_ was eight or nine, she had a small tent in the backyard that her father would let her put up and sleep in. Her father told her that on one occasion he went out into the backyard to say goodnight and found Daniel bending into her tent appearing to have his hand inside of \_\_\_\_\_ pajamas. On another occasion, \_\_\_\_\_ recalls taking the city bus with her brother. \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel's new residence after he was transferred from St. Paul Parish. She remembers Daniel taking \_\_\_\_\_ into another room. She was left alone. She discovered a "Playboy Magazine." Out of curiosity, she took it into the bathroom and closed the door. She heard them coming out of the other room and she quickly put the magazine in between two towels. She was recalling this event to \_\_\_\_\_ and he said he had no memory of it. \_\_\_\_\_ also recalled another occasion when she, her older sister \_\_\_\_\_ and her older brother \_\_\_\_\_ were in the car with Daniel. He was taking them on an outing and she recalls that while he was driving, Daniel put his hands up \_\_\_\_\_ shorts. She didn't say anything, because she didn't want to get anyone into trouble. When \_\_\_\_\_ was confirmed, she said her mother forced her to have \_\_\_\_\_ even though she had already identified someone else.


**History:**

\_\_\_\_\_ is one of \_\_\_\_\_ children. She is the youngest of \_\_\_\_\_ girls. \_\_\_\_\_ They had him over often. At one point, her brother reported being sexually abused by Daniel. After that, she said her mother stated that Daniel went for treatment and was better and so they continued to allow contact between him and their children. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is struggling with all of the secrecy surrounding \_\_\_\_\_ abuse.



Next Steps:

 I gave her referral information and she will call if she needs more information. She was given information about the Farm and the Mediation System. She will consider those options.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan

Bishop Richard Sklba

Fr. Curt Frederick (Clergy)

Fr. Al Veik (Religious)

Rick Tank (Non-Cleric)

Barbara Anne Cusack

District Attorney

Diane Knight

**Archdiocese of Milwaukee**  
**Sexual Abuse Intake Report**

**Intake Call:**                      **Date:** August 8, 2002                      **By Phone**    **By:** Fr. Joe Hornacek

**Person Reporting:**  
**Phone:**  
**Current address:**

**Allegations made by:** same

**Allegations made against:**

Rev. Daniel Budzynski  
Assistant, St. Paul's Parish, Milwaukee

**Time Period:**                      1967-1973

**Where:**                              At the Parish

**History:**                      This is the first time [redacted] has spoken of his experience of sexual abuse by Fr. Dan Budzynski with anyone at length. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] I talked to my parents and told my wife the whole story which occurred over 30 years ago. I knew Fr. Dan's entire family. I was an altar boy for him after second grade when the Church was changing from Latin to English. He was a great priest. He got involved with families including ours. He played the guitar and sang. We called him "Papa Dan". There are [redacted] of us in our family and he [redacted] There are so many good memories and I don't want to mess this up for them."

**Allegation:**    "When I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade it began to happen and continued through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He did things with us such as taking us fishing and boating and on weeklong summer camp trips – things that my father never did with me. However the problem was that Fr. Dan had an ulterior motive. He also had a drinking problem at the time and that made him a different person; that had a lot to do with his behaviors I'm sure. Even now I can't go into the details of what he did to me and several of my friends."

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“What I want from Dan is an apology either in writing or on the phone. I want him to say that he’s sorry for what he put us kids through. What set this off for me now was the picture of him in the paper when he was entering Cousins Center to attend a meeting of all the priests with their bishops about planning for the future. I was so very angry at that. How could he justify his going to such a meeting?”

“He was a good priest and a bad priest and he caught us at a vulnerable age. I feel sad for him. When I hear discussions at work about the crisis in the Church today or see articles in the paper I get disturbed. I think “If only they knew.” If I received a phone call or a letter I’d be able to forgive him [REDACTED] If only I knew that he was truly sorry. I want him to know how many lives he affected.”

[REDACTED] asked whether Fr. Dan’s name would be published. I responded yes, that his name together with other known perpetrators with clear credible allegations would be published sometime this fall. [REDACTED] then asked what I do as a Vicar and how it was that his mother called me when she did during this past May. [REDACTED]

There is no current need for a therapist for

**Next step:** Vicar will contact Fr. Dan Budzynski and request some form of a sincere apology to

### Report given to:

Bishop Sklba  
Barbara Reinke  
Matt Flynn (Legal)

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 15, 2003

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

Your Eminence:

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

Over the years, efforts were made to provide spiritual and psychological interventions that would rehabilitate Father Budzynski. Although he was in therapy for decades, he continued to re-offend. There was some concern that his abusive behavior may have been triggered by alcoholism. However, even after achieving sobriety through a residential treatment program, he abused again. When it became clear that he could not be entrusted with a parochial assignment, it was thought that a non-parochial assignment might be possible. With our current understanding of the nature of his condition, it is clear that he will never be able to assume any public ministry.

As we have reviewed the various files, it is clear that he consistently abused his office both to gain access to vulnerable boys and to elicit the trust of their parents. Both in his parochial assignments and in his campus ministry positions, he found opportunities to abuse his office in a flagrant and repetitive fashion. In at least one instance, he was simultaneously engaged in sexual activity with a young boy and his mother and her female friend. He has exhibited no remorse for these serious offences. His only remorse seems to be that he cannot do everything he wants to do because of the restrictions placed on him.

The impact on his various victims has been significant. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has yet to even locate all of the potential victims that could come forward for assistance. Our new found awareness of the severity of damage caused by sexual abuse at the hands of clergy makes it impossible for us to ignore this situation.

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

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As victims organize and become more public, the potential for true scandal is very real.


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

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

I look forward to your further instructions in this matter.

With sentiments of deepest esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Dolan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'D'.

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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NAME: Daniel Aloysius Budzynski

AGE: 71

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

St. Francis, WI 53235

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY: Presbyteral Orders – May 26, 1956

Assistant – St. Helen Parish (Milwaukee) – June 26, 1956

Assistant – St. Mary Parish (Menomonee Falls, WI) – September 21, 1961

Assistant – St. Hedwig Parish (Milwaukee) – July 12, 1962

Assistant – St. Joseph Parish (West Allis) – July 7, 1965

Assistant – St. Paul Parish (Milwaukee) – July 6, 1966

Associate Pastor – St. Casimir Parish (Milwaukee) – June 17, 1969

Associate Pastor – St. Bernadette Parish (Milwaukee) – September 28, 1971

Associate Pastor – St. Peter Claver Parish (Sheboygan, WI) – November 14, 1972

Leave of Absence – September 14, 1973

Associate Pastor – St. Joseph (Wauwatosa, WI) – March 4, 1974

Leave of Absence – May 1, 1976

Campus Ministry – Diocese of La Crosse – August 1, 1976

Sick Leave – January 21, 1982

Pastoral Team – St. Patrick (Whitewater, WI) – September 1, 1982

Awaiting Assignment – June 28, 1983

Associate Pastor – St. Louis Parish (Caledonia, WI) – June 19, 1984

Pastor – St. Louis Parish (Caledonia, WI) – September 4, 1984

Chaplain – St. Francis of Assisi Convent (Milwaukee) – October 19, 1987

Chaplain – Villa Clement Health Center (West Allis, WI) – October 15, 1992

Retired – May 31, 1994

#### DECREES ISSUED:

May 25, 1995 – Precept issued with the following restrictions:

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

May 7, 2001 – Above precept renewed

February 3, 2003 – Additional restrictions added to precept as follows:

- 1) No public presentation of self as a priest by garb or designation
- 2) No access to Seminary buildings

#### INVESTIGATION PROCESS:

In the past, several reports of sexual abuse of minors were admitted to by Budzynski. He was told to seek counseling. In 1982 he was sent to a residential treatment facility for alcohol abuse. His psycho-sexual problems were also addressed in that context.

In February 1994, a three-person team of psychological and criminal experts was established to explore a new allegation that had arisen. In the interviews with this investigative team, the accused admitted not only some of the alleged incidents but also factually described and admitted to multiple others. These admissions were supported by various letters and entries in his personnel file. Of the following alleged delicts, the majority are based on the accused's own admission.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED DELICT(S):

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
    KIND: Genital fondling  
    NUMBER: Several times  
    SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski served as assistant pastor and was able to use his office to gain access to the alleged victim's trust; took him on a camping trip

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (Last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
    KIND: Improper touching  
    NUMBER: One  
    SURROUNDING EVENTS: Incident occurred on same camping trip noted above

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
    KIND: Genital fondling, mutual masturbation, sharing pornography  
    NUMBER: Several times  
    SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; he had parents' permission to take him on camping trips



DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; he had parents' permission to take him on camping trips;

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (brother of above)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (brother of above)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 49-52  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling; mutual masturbation  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 48-51  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (brother of above)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 45-48  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling; mutual masturbation  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 48-51  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY (Last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (Last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 48-51  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; he took special care of the boy's invalid mother; took him on camping trips; on one occasion said Mass with the boy the following morning after sexual contact

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (Last name not recalled)

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 48-51

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital fondling

NUMBER: Several times

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; took him on camping trips; on one occasion said Mass with the boy the following morning after sexual contact

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 46-49

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital fondling; oral sex

NUMBER: Several times

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; took him on camping trips; also had sexual relations with the boy's mother and her friend; boy [REDACTED]; August 2002 [REDACTED] came forward to report incident and ask for apology

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1969-71 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 48-49  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital fondling; mutual masturbation  
NUMBER: 5 or 6 times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; took the boy on a camping trip; frequently had him come to the rectory; supplied him with pornography

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1969-71 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (Last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-48  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; took him on camping trips

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1969-71 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: ■■■  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 45-46  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Took nude photographs of the boy in a sexually compromised position with his brother  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1969-71 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (brother of above)

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Took nude photographs of the boy in a sexually compromised position with his brother

NUMBER: Once

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1971-72 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PART

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 49

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Mutual genital fondling

NUMBER: Once

SURROUNDING EVENTS: came to Daniel Budzynski after [REDACTED] was taken into the rectory to spend the night

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1971-72 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 45

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital fondling

NUMBER: Once

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; allowed boy to stay overnight at the rectory when the other priest was gone; event was circulated among parents at the parish; Archbishop Cousins placed him on a leave of absence

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1972-73 (Exact dates not recalled but the events occurred during summer studies in San Francisco so an approximation is possible)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: Not recalled (admitted as "several minor kids")  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: unclear  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Unclear  
NUMBER: Unclear  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynksi was at the University of San Francisco for summer studies; parents reported actions to parish priest where he resided

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1972-74 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Twice  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynksi was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; boy played music for parish Mass

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1972-74 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Twice  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynksi was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; boy played music for parish Mass

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1974-76 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Not certain  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Mutual genital fondling and masturbation  
NUMBER: Unclear but more than once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynksi was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1974-76 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 42-43  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Nude massage; genital fondling  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynksi was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; actions took place in the presence of another minor; placed on leave of absence

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1976-80 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 41  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Sodomy  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynksi was campus minister



DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1976-80 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 41  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Sodomy  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was campus minister

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1976-80 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name possibly)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 36  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was campus minister and the boy was the younger brother of a student; the fondling occurred under the table at a restaurant where Budzynski was the guest of the parents

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF INITIAL REPORT: January 11, 1982  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): January 1982  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 34  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was a guest in the family home and had been a long-time friend of the family from his days as their associate pastor; he also attempted to fondle the older brother and possibly a child from another family who was staying overnight; placed on leave of absence and sent for alcohol treatment

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF INITIAL REPORT: June 1987  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): Spring 1987  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: \_ \_  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 29  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
    KIND: Genital fondling  
    NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was pastor at the boy's parish;  
                            the incident occurred during a class retreat; resigned  
                            from office

DATE OF INITIAL REPORT: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1971  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 39  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Female  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
    KIND: Genital fondling, intercourse  
    NUMBER: Four  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the girl's  
                            parish; he denies this allegation; it does not fit the  
                            pattern of other reported or admitted incidents; it  
                            was this report that led to the investigation

DATE OF INITIAL REPORT: April 2002  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1981  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 35  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
    KIND: Genital fondling; attempted sodomy  
    NUMBER: Several  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski [REDACTED] lived in the same  
                            building as the boy's family and he  
                            frequently visited her there; allegations that  
                            there was also abuse of two other minors on  
                            the same occasions; notes from the 1994  
                            investigation show an admission of the  
                            abuse of [REDACTED] but denial of any contact with  
                            his younger brother or another neighbor; he

DATE OF INITIAL REPORT: April 2002  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1967 (approximately)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 49  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
    KIND: Fondling the chest  
    NUMBER: Several  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the parish

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED PERPETRATOR:

CURRENT RISK: The greatest risk posed is Daniel Budzynski's failure to recognize or accept the seriousness of his offenses. He portrays himself as the "victim" and even makes assertions that these encounters were helpful to the children and they wanted them to take place. He admits that his celebration of Eucharist with some of them he saw as sacrilegious. Given the number of known victims, to say nothing of those who may not yet be admitted or reported, the risk of serious scandal is extremely high.

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION: Daniel Budzynski was in therapy for most of the years these alleged or admitted events took place. Initially, there was some assessment that the alleged or admitted abuse was caused by alcoholism. However, in 1987, after attaining sobriety, he offended again.

CIVIL AUTHORITY'S ACTION: So far there are no cases that fall within the criminal statute of limitations. The District Attorney for Milwaukee County has reviewed the chronology and arrived at this conclusion. Unless there are more recent victims not yet known, the hands of civil authorities are tied.

CURRENT STATUS: Daniel Budzynski has not been in a parochial assignment since 1997. He was permitted to serve as a chaplain at a convent and a nursing home but was ordered to have no contact with minors. When the 1994 allegation was brought forth he was encouraged to and did submit a letter requesting retirement. The request was granted and he moved into a diocesan facility for retired priests. He was initially permitted to provide weekend assistance at parishes under the supervision of the pastor but that was terminated in 1995. He was also monitored by archdiocesan officials. He has been indefinitely restricted from all ministry since 1995. In 2003, he was ordered not to appear in public in clerical attire. He was also restricted from access to the Seminary on whose grounds his residence is located.

RESIDENCE: Meyer Hall, a diocesan supported residence for retired priests.

SUSTENANCE: He receives his monthly pension and lives in diocesan subsidized housing with all meals provided.

October 28, 2003

Most Reverend Angelo Amato, SDB  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
Palazzo del Uffizio  
Vatican City 00120

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your helpful response in the matter referred to the Congregation regarding Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski. The ages listed in the original report submitted were the ages of the alleged victims in 2003. A revised summary report is enclosed. It lists each alleged victim along with the age at the time of the reported sexual abuse. The current, 2003, age is also listed. This list should correspond to the names in the original report.

I hope this material is helpful to you in resolving this case. If there is any further assistance we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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DANIEL ALOYSIUS BUDZYNSKI  
 REVISED REPORT

NAME OF ALLEGED VICTIM	AGE AT TIME OF ALLEGED ACTS	CURRENT (2003) AGE
	13	50
	13	50
	10-13	47-50
	10-13	47-50
	10-13	47-50
	12-15	49-52
	11-14	48-51
	8-11	45-48
	11-14	48-51
	10-13	47-50
	10-13	47-50
	11-14	48-51
	11-14	48-51
	9-12	46-49
	14-16	48-49 (?)
	13-15	47-48 (?)
	11-13	45-46
	13	47
	15	49
	11	45
	16	47
	16	47
	Unclear (below 16)	
	14	42
	14	41
	14	41
	12 (?)	36
	13	34
	13	29
	7	39
	13	35
	13	49

**LAICIZATION RESCRIPT - UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION**  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Prot. N.: 266/03

Milwaukee

Father Daniel A. BUDZINSKI

October 29, 2004

The Supreme Pontiff Pope John Paul, II

having heard the opinion of his Eminence the Cardinal Prefect of this Congregation concerning the serious actions of the above named presbyter of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (Milwaukee, USA), with the proper documentation having been sent and finding this final decision to be beyond appeal and not subject to recourse,

has decreed

that the penalty of dismissal from the presbyterate be imposed.

This same presbyter is also granted a dispensation from all of the obligations connected with sacred Orders in accord with the following consideration:

1. The dismissal and dispensation take effect at the very moment of the decision of the Roman Pontiff.
2. The decree of dismissal and dispensation are to be communicated to the presbyter by the competent Ordinary and no one has the right to separate those two elements. Indeed, further, it carries with it, insofar as it is necessary, absolution from censures.
3. Notice of the granting of the dismissal and dispensation is to be inscribed in the baptismal register of the aforementioned presbyter's parish.
4. With regard to the celebration of a canonical marriage, the norms set down in The Code of Canon Law must be applied. The Ordinary, however, should take care that the matter be discreetly handled without pomp or external display.
5. The ecclesiastical authority, to whom it belongs to notify the priest, should earnestly exhort him to take part in the life of the People of God, in a manner consonant with his new mode of living, to give edification, and thus to show himself a most loving son of the Church. At the same time, however, he should be informed of the following points:
  - a) the dismissed presbyter automatically loses the rights proper to the clerical state, as well as ecclesiastical dignities and offices; he is no longer bound by the other obligations connected with the clerical state;
  - b) he remains excluded from the exercise of the sacred ministry, with the exception of those functions mentioned in canons 976 and 986, §2, and, as a result, he may not give a homily nor is he able to hold a directive office in the pastoral field nor to exercise the function of parochial administrator;

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- c) similarly, he may not discharge any function in seminaries and in equivalent institutions. In other institutions of higher studies, which are in any way whatever dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not exercise a directive function;
  - d) in those institutions of higher studies which are not dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not teach any discipline which is properly theological or closely connected with the same;
  - e) in institutions of lower studies, which are dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not exercise the function of teaching a discipline which is properly theological. A dismissed and dispensed presbyter is held by the same rule in teaching Religion in an institution of the same kind not dependent upon ecclesiastical authority.
6. The Ordinary is to take care lest the dismissed presbyter, due to a lack of due prudence, exhibits scandal to the faithful. This pastoral care seriously urges the Ordinary with the greatest if any danger of abuse of minors, however remote, is present.
  7. Notification of the dismissal and dispensation can be made either personally or through an ecclesiastical notary or through registered mail. The dismissed priest ought to retain a copy properly signed attesting to his reception and acceptance of this dismissal and dispensation and also its precepts, but if he does not it does not impede the effect of this decree.
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All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Offices of the Congregation, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

/s/ Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger  
Prefect

/s/ Angelus Amato, S.D.B.  
Titular Archbishop of Silens  
Secretary

Date of notification: \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of presbyter as sign of acceptance

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Ordinary

DANIEL BUDZYNSKI

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Is Daniel Budzynski (DB) being monitored?

Yes. There are strict restrictions placed upon him and he has been monitored to ensure that these are observed. The monitor is a retired police officer. He is authorized to do scheduled and unscheduled visits to ensure that the restrictions are observed. We can only continue such monitoring while an individual remains in the clergy. When he is no longer in the clergy, we will inform law enforcement officials of his location.

Is law enforcement aware of him?

The Milwaukee District Attorney has been given full access to his personnel files and has carefully reviewed them to look for prosecutable offenses and is aware of his present residence. Local law enforcement officials are notified when a known offender moves to their location.

How many other victims are there? Before [redacted] and after?

In 1994, when confronted by the Archdiocese with allegations of a history of sexual abuse, he admitted that there were more than a dozen such victims. He did not recall or provide all names or dates so it is difficult to estimate how many were before and after [redacted]. On the basis of those admissions, all public ministry was withdrawn. There have been three more reports of abuse from twenty and thirty years ago since the 1994 admissions.

Is he being "laicized" involuntarily or voluntarily?

His case was submitted to the Vatican for involuntary laicization. He is now laicized and was informed of that fact.

Entry for Sexual Abuse Log  
By Amy Peterson

Date: September 12, 2006

[REDACTED]

I met with [REDACTED] reported that when he was 18 years old at the University of [REDACTED] Wisconsin, he was sexually propositioned by Daniel Budzinski. He stated that he was from a very Catholic family and he had always attended mass and took his faith very seriously. He stated that he befriended Budzinski while at [REDACTED]. He said that Budzinski was like a father figure to him. He felt very close to him. [REDACTED] said that he performed music for the masses held on Campus. One day, Budzinski invited [REDACTED] to his residence. They were drinking gin and tonics. [REDACTED] reported that Budzinski approached [REDACTED] put his hands underneath [REDACTED] shirt and began rubbing his chest. He told [REDACTED] that he wanted to take him to bed. [REDACTED] said that Budzinski said "don't worry, I don't want to fuck you."

[REDACTED] stated that after that incident, he stopped assisting or attending mass. He said he avoided Budzinski. He also said that this incident took his faith away. He didn't know what to do. He reported it to an english teacher. [REDACTED] stated that after this incident he also had difficulty studying. The english teacher told [REDACTED] it might be a good idea to take a break from school. He thought the English teacher may have reported the incident, but wasn't sure.

[REDACTED] says he has tried to fill the void that incident left. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was connected to Catholic Charities, but has not been able to maintain the connection. He said that he does not feel the psychiatrist is helping him. He feels degraded by the psychiatrist [REDACTED]

At this time, VAC agrees to assist financially with spiritual direction and with payment for medication for a period of 4 months. VAC also referred [REDACTED] parents to therapist and will provide financial support for up to 8 sessions.

update: Sept 25 2006

parents will see [REDACTED]

sessions begining Oct 3 2006

costs will be provided for [REDACTED]

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**OFFICE OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT**

Date Report Taken: March 15, 2011

Time: 10:00 am

Phone  In Person

Received By:

Person Reporting: [REDACTED]

Phone Number:

Address: [REDACTED]

Allegations made by:

(if not same as above)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Age at time of

Allegations: Eleven/Twelve

Allegations Against: Father Daniel Budzynski

Time Period: 1966-1967

Where: [REDACTED]

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)

Alleged Abuse:

[REDACTED] reported that during a summer, when she was eleven or twelve, she was sitting in the family's car with Fr. Budzynski. They were waiting for her mother to come out. While they were waiting, she stated that Fr. Budzynski reached over and rubbed his hands up her thighs and up under her shorts and touched her genitals. She stated that on another occasion Fr. Budzynski touched her breasts in the family dining room stating "I just love twelve year olds when they are blossoming". She said he did this out in the open while others were in the house for a holiday dinner. [REDACTED] also remembers that Fr. Budzynski would reach behind from the front seat of the car and rub her legs while she sat in the backseat of the car.

History:

[REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. She stated that [REDACTED] was also abused but over a longer period of time. Fr. Budzynski [REDACTED] and was over at the house regularly. She stated that she believes there were more incidents of abuse directed at her but she does not remember them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She thought that Fr. Budzynski became a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported that Fr. Budzynski would go on outings to the park, Lake Nagawicka, and other places. Sometimes he would take her and her siblings without her mother present. Fr. Budzynski would also babysit and her mother would say make sure to keep [REDACTED] away from Fr. Dan. When [REDACTED]'s dad wasn't around and they went somewhere with Fr. Budzynski, and he didn't have his collar on, they would call him "Papa Dan".

[REDACTED] has so many memories of being uncomfortable as a child in the presence of Fr. Budzynski. She stated that she was always uncomfortable and had heightened anxiety around him. She also stated that her brother [REDACTED]'s abuse was much more severe than hers but that Fr. Budzynski abused most of her siblings at some point in time.

[REDACTED] recently went into therapy to address issues with her children and in the course of therapy revealed what had happened to her. Her therapist encouraged her to report it.

Next Steps:

[REDACTED] is currently in therapy and would like assistance with that if the bankruptcy allows for that in the future. VAC will remain available for support as needed.

Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi

Rev. William Kohler (Curia)

Rev. Patrick Heppe (Clergy)

Rick Tank (Non-Cleric)

Barbara Anne Cusack

District Attorney

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DEPARTMENT OF THE CHANCERY  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

Intake Call:

Date: 12/18/03 Time: By: BR  
 Phone  In Person

Director Date: 12/22/03 Time: 10:30 a.m. By: BR  
Contact  Phone  In Person

Person Reporting:  
Phone Number:  
Current Address:



Allegations made by:  
(if not same as above)

Name:  
Address:  
Phone:

Date of Birth: [Redacted]  
Age at time of  
Allegations about 7 years old

Allegations Against: Fr. Dan Budzynski

Time Period: 1971-72

Where: St. Bernadette  
76<sup>th</sup> and Denver

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)

"These memories were repressed, but I have had nightmares/night terrors since age seven or eight." In 1992, in therapy with [Redacted] she dug out these memories and the nightmares immediately ended. At that time, [Redacted] worked for [Redacted] though it has since closed.

Since uncovering it in therapy, she has told her family and close friends. She reports her father advised her to come forth now. She has also been in contact with SNAP, and [Redacted] told her to contact me. [Redacted] indicated that she has already been in contact with the office of the District Attorney.

[Redacted] reports that she contacted Liz Piasecki on January 25, 1994. However, her perception is that she elected not to make a report at that time, because Liz reportedly told her that any attempt at legal action on her part would be met with all of the Archdiocese's legal resources. She indicated that Liz offered financial assistance with therapy, which she declined.

Alleged Abuse:

Having entered therapy because of her nightmares, [Redacted] started doing some "body work" and memories came forward of four events. "I sense that I was six, seven, or eight." When I asked how she has pinned down the year, she reported she got school pictures and found Fr. Budzynski in the 1971-72 picture. "I think maybe he left after that." The four events are as follows:

"It was summer, I was going to my brother's baseball game. The priest led me to the back where there was a creek and sewers for a fun game of hide-and-seek. As he gets closer to me he gets very angry, starts name-calling ('you dirty little bitch'). When he finds me, he says "get out. Don't tell anyone. God is watching." I ran out of there."

"I was in a CCD class. There was an older woman who ran the rectory. She came and took me out of class and took me to the rectory." Wandering inside the rectory, she saw Fr. Budzynski "lying on the bed without pants on. He had on a blue shirt with a white collar and he was sleeping. I ran out of there."

"The same woman took me out of CCD again to church. It was hide and seek again, and I was supposed to hide. As he gets closer, he gets very angry, vulgar language and how awful I am. This time he makes me perform oral sex on him. He said if I tell he's going to hurt me and 'God is watching.' That was his buzzword."

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"I'm at a church picnic with my family and I see him staring at me repeatedly. Somehow I'm walking with him - he walks me to woods at the edge of the property. I'm afraid. He gets more and more angry, tells me how dirty I am, how I deserve this. Then he's on top of me pinning me down, and he's really angry in my face (she described how he was spitting at her as he yelled at her). His eyes were wild. Then, I know it's not very scientific, but I see three dark figures, shadow figures making him do this and I go out of my body and I see an angel." After that she does not remember any more, including how she got back to her family.

**History:**

\_\_\_\_\_ feels she has been a more fortunate victim, in that she has been able to work consistently. \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Therapist:** None.

**Next Steps:**

I explained to \_\_\_\_\_ that this report needs to go the District Attorney, even though she reports she has been notified by the office the District Attorney of inability to take action. I told her she would then proceed to independent investigation. After talking to Barbara Anne Cusack, I was able to inform \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ would contact her in January for independent investigation. \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in proceeding to mediation.

**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 12/23/03  
Intake form  
saz/Revised 12/5/02





## AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

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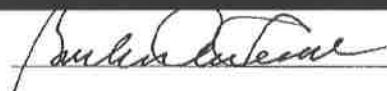
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by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

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2. In addition, if support services are needed, e.g., The Farm or counseling, [REDACTED] will contact the Archdiocesan Assistance Minister. The Archdiocese agrees to make available to [REDACTED] payment for such programs at reasonable costs, billed at the provider's usual and customary rate. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Archdiocese's therapy payments owed under this provision shall be based upon treatment plans submitted by [REDACTED] and his counselor. This payment and reimbursement is limited to medication and therapy expenses relating to injuries suffered as a result of the sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Budzynski.
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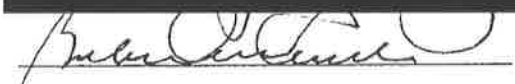
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Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

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INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

On Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at 12:00pm at I interviewed [REDACTED] date-of-birth of [REDACTED] at his residence, [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED] is married to [REDACTED] and has [REDACTED] children; [REDACTED] He's been employed at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] initially reported this incident to the Mediation System about 2 or 3 weeks ago, after reading an ad in the paper about the agency. He said Father Daniel Budzynski sexually abused him while a student at St. Hedwig's on Brady and Humbolt Ave. He was there from 1958 to 1966. He thinks he was 10 or 11 years-of-age. The first person he told was Father Thomas Wittliff of St. Augustine parish. He remembers date being August 20, 2004. He has known Father Wittliff since he was [REDACTED] Father was an associate at St. Hedwig's. [REDACTED] has kept in contact with Father Wittliff since graduating from St. Hedwig, [REDACTED] Father Wittliff volunteered to counsel him, but [REDACTED] never followed through on this offer.

[REDACTED] said he attended a class reunion about 15 years ago at St. Hedwig. He was having a conversation with former classmates when the subject came up about Father Budzynski. One of the classmates said "do you remember when Father Budzynski grabbed us in the groin over our shorts and asked, do you have enough ball room up there"? The classmates agreed that this occurred to all of them.

[REDACTED] said this got him thinking, that what Father did to him wasn't right. At the time it happened, he was young and thought nothing of it.

Regards to the specific incidents that occurred to him, he said it started when he was approximately 10 years-of-age. On one occasion Father Budzynski, with permission from his parents, took him and the [REDACTED] boys to a lake in northern Wisconsin. Also accompanying them was a friend of Father Budzynski, a [REDACTED] (deceased). They drove there in [REDACTED] driven by Father Budzynski. He was in the front seat and the [REDACTED] boys and [REDACTED] were in the back. En route, Father asked him to sit on his lap, so he could learn how to drive the car. While seated on his lap, Father would shift him from one side of his lap to the other side. Father never touched him indecently while in the [REDACTED]

When they arrived at the lake they all went swimming. After awhile he and Father were alone near the beach area. He's not sure where the [REDACTED] boys and [REDACTED] were. At one point Father Budzynski was sitting in a chair, and he [REDACTED] was lying on his back across Father's lap. He vividly remembers Father taking off his [REDACTED] swimsuit, and then Father began to rub his penis and move it from side to side. He's not sure how long this went on for. They did spend the night at the lake, but he's not sure if he slept in the [REDACTED] or in a tent.

[REDACTED] said he was an altar boy, and several times after the above incident, he served Mass with Father Budzynski. He would be in the sacristy assisting Father with his

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## INTERVIEW OF FATHER DANIEL BUDZYNSKI

Saturday, October 16, 2004

On Saturday, October 16, 2004 I interviewed Father Daniel Budzynski at his residence, [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED] I informed him of the allegations made by [REDACTED] that he grabbed and also fondled [REDACTED] penis, under and over his clothing. This occurred while he was assigned at St. Hedwigs' from July 12, 1962 to July 6, 1965.

Father Budzynski was ordained in 1956 and retired in 1994. He said he's had a drinking and sexual problem over the years. Several sexual allegations were made against him that were reported to the Archdiocese. Father summarizes these incidents: About 1970-1971 while assigned to St. Bernadette in Milwaukee, a 13 or 14 year-old boy spent the night at the Rectory and they slept in separate bedrooms. Sometime during the evening they were together on the couch. He was fondling the boys' penis, being affectionate with him. He wasn't hurting the boy, he never told him to stop; another incident was in 1976 when he was assigned to St. Joseph's in Wauwatosa. A 14 year-old boy had come to visit him at the Rectory. They were in his room when he fondled the boys' genital area. If there was any resistance, he would have stopped; the last incident occurred when he was a houseguest, and spent the night at friends home in Waukesha. He said he consumed four martinis before dinner, and one after. He said he was really out-of-it. The family had him sleep in their 17 year-old son's bedroom on the second floor. He apparently got overly friendly with boy by fondling him. When they reported this to the Archdiocese, he was placed on leave.

Father said he had a sexual and drinking problem before being assigned to St. Hedwig. He said the way things were in the 60's near Brady Street, and him being young, his drinking became more intense. He remembers cocktail parties that the Pastor would have at the Rectory. Him being new, he was required to make the drinks for everyone. It got to the point that he got good at it, and was consuming more than he should have. He said one day he went to a walk-in clinic on Brady Street, and informed them that he had a drinking problem. He's not sure if he told them about his sexual problems. He didn't tell them he was a priest. They suggested counseling from him.

For three years from 1970 to 1973 he saw a Psychiatrist about the problems he was having. He did this on his own, and didn't tell his family or the Archdiocese.

From 1975 to 1995 he was seeing Psychologist [REDACTED] for his problems. He originally was paying for this on his own, and then the Archdiocese continued the payments.

In 1982 he received four months of inpatient treatment at the "Guest House" in Rochester MN. This is a rehabilitation home for priest addicted to alcohol and drugs.

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Father Budzynski has been sober for the past fifteen years. Archbishop Dolan has stripped him of his Ministry duties.

Regards to the incident that occurred at St. Hedwig's, he was given the responsibility to fit the boys with gym shorts. This usually occurred once during the school year. He recalls doing this in a classroom. To make sure that they fitted properly, he would have to pull them around the waistline and leg area. He might have grabbed some of the boys by the crotch area asking if they had enough room in there, but he was just frolicking with them. They should not have given him that responsibility.

Father recalls going to Nicolet National Forest with his friend [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was a teacher at the Layton School of the Arts, and was very active in the church. He remembers taking the [REDACTED] boys' but he's not sure of their first names. He said they came from a large troubled family. Another boy that came along might have been Mr. [REDACTED] but he's not sure. He thought there might have been four boys' that were there. They drove there in [REDACTED] hearse. He recalls driving, but not where everyone was seated. He has no recollection of anyone sitting on his lap while he was driving. They arrived at lake "Quates" in Nicolet National Forest. He remembers going to the lake with [REDACTED] and the boys'. They had a canoe and showed the boys' how to survive when tipped over. They were doing other things with them, similar to how the Boy Scouts earn their badges. In the evening he slept outside under the stars with one of the [REDACTED] boy's. They made a bonfire; it was a gorgeous evening. He thinks one of the boys, possibly Mr. [REDACTED] slept in a tent. The others might have slept in the hearse. Father Budzynski doesn't recall fondling a boy who was lying on his lap.

Father Budzynski wanted to add that he has great pity and sorrow for the suffering Mr. [REDACTED] has gone through all these years, because of his actions. If he had the opportunity, he would like to apologize to Mr. [REDACTED]

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]

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April 29, 2005

I would like to read a statement that I prepared in advance of this meeting this morning. I would also like to thank you all for being here today.

While this is a very trying time in my life, and these last 3 years have been most troublesome, I am glad that it is finally coming to a close.

I was born [REDACTED] and baptized in the Catholic church the following month, [REDACTED] 1956. I was raised in a strong Catholic family with 2 wonderful parents and [REDACTED] brothers and sisters.

After a wonderful childhood, full of wonder and imagination, I started at St Paul's Catholic grade school at the age of six. In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, I studied Latin with Sister Mary Domatil for 2 yrs and became an altar boy. This was a very sacred time in my life, and once again I was very impressionable. Also during this period, I became involved with the cub scouts that was also part of St Paul's Catholic church. It was a very disciplined upbringing, and I was taught right from wrong. At this point in my life I had a personality and my morals were in tact. Without getting into too many details, it was at this point in time that I was molested.

Father Daniel Budzinski was our new priest and he was so cool. He played the guitar and related to all of us kids so

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well. I worshiped the ground he walked on. I was so excited when the schedule came up for me to serve his mass as an alter boy. And he always made sure to bless us after every mass. He took advantage of this and I didn't know it at the time. In fact it took a very long time to realize that. As it turned out, he changed these early years of my life and deprived me of the childhood I should have had. And I am very angry about this. I trusted him so much. So much. The molestation continued for a number of years, well into boy scouts and my graduation from grade school. It involved a [REDACTED] and a childhood best friend and 20 other individuals that I grew up with. At some point, I am not even sure when, I realized that something was not right with this whole situation. I confided in my mother and she called the Archdiocese.

As I continued on to [REDACTED] I had hoped that all of these troubles were behind me. However, prior to my graduation from high school, the dealings I had with Father Dan Budzynski brought me [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I  
was that miserable

After high school, I decide [REDACTED] It was a very rewarding experience for me. It was truly a great time in my life. In my travels, I had an audience with the pope in St Peter's square, Christmas in 1976.

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I married in [REDACTED] and was blessed with [REDACTED] sons. I made a good life for myself and I tried to do all the right things. Then through no fault of my own my wife of [REDACTED] yrs asked me for a divorce. This turned out to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> most devastating period of my life.

I remarried in [REDACTED] to my wife [REDACTED] and I felt I had the church's blessing. After we were married, [REDACTED] decided to go through classes and was confirmed as a Roman Catholic.

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Throughout a combined period of both of my marriages this topic never came up and I felt I had suppressed these ugly memories adequately.

Suddenly, the news broke that there were many victims like myself that had experienced being molested by a Catholic priest. As the truth unraveled, the painful memories came flooding back to me with vivid recall. I could no longer hold in my feelings. I had to let those around me know what had happened to me and how I was affected. It changed my life once again.

In the last 3 yrs I have had many nightmares. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am hoping and praying that one day this will all go away.

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I was contacted by Father Joe Hornacek, the Vicar of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2003. He made reference to a file of a registered complaint made by parents in the mid 1960's regarding sexual abuse by Father Dan Budzynski. After subsequent communications with Father Hornacek, I received a letter from Daniel A. Budzynski on July 27<sup>th</sup> 2003 apologizing for all of his shortcomings and misdeeds during this period. In this letter he states that he didn't know what he was doing. This is an untruth. Every act that took place during this time was well thought out and calculated in advance, which is why I do not believe this part of his letter.

In this letter, he apologized for events that had such a devastating effect on me. He went on to say that he was not the ideal priest that I had the right to expect. He also went on to state that he was not proud of his behavior and that he admired me for coming to terms with my feelings.

I continued to receive numerous letters from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, namely Archbishop Dolan. What brought me into this process was an invitation from Archbishop Dolan to restore my wholeness as best that he can. This is why I am here today.

After many hours of careful thought, I decided to meet with all of you in an attempt to move forward with my life and at the same time put this ugly mess behind me. I came to realize that this meeting was necessary for me to do just that. I am hoping to gain some type of closure with these events. Thank you all for your time in helping me achieve this.

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When someone you love is hurt, the hurt goes deep inside you and you get as close to their pain as you can so that maybe you can help take some of it away. You certainly want to do the right thing, say the right words and be there at the right time...when they need you to be. You can hope that the intense pain lessons for them soon, over time. But you want them to feel better not just cover it up and pretend to be on the mend. You constantly look for the signs that take them to the dark place of despair where the burden of the painful memories lie and hope that they come back to you and a much happier place.

These are thoughts of mine in the last few years over my husband's ordeal. My heart has actually sagged under the weight of the deep sadness and regret of the pain I know he has had to face....again. This time as an adult with adult meanings and understanding....not with the childhood innocence and confusion.....confusion about the behavior of a man he had believed to be "godlike" because of his specific stature in the church that his family and friends were part of. He was an innocent child of any wrong doing...only "guilty" of total trust and awe of a man that led his life as a servant of our Lord. He was brave to finally recognize that something was not right and he should tell someone and when he did he was told "This was taken care of". But really ...Who was taken care of? Certainly not the innocent child. And not even the man who violated the sacred trust of so many and that is a tragedy in itself. .

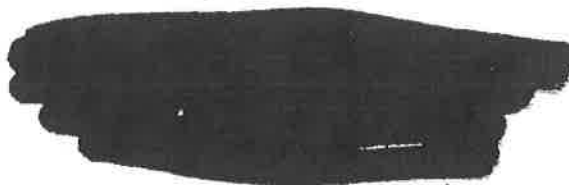
My husband was forced to bring this all back into his memory because someone else far, far away told their story. Time had past to the point that all of this was behind him and deep inside where he kept it.....with no plans to bring it back to the surface. But as the stories unraveled, so did the memories. They couldn't be pushed back into the deep hole. They came rushing out and engulfed him like a huge tidal wave. He is frantically "swimming toward the shore", wanting to get on shore where he can breathe

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and can walk with confidence that he is safe. So many victims....not even thinking about those people that are outside of my husband's circle of family or friends. Please remember all of us have been affected by this too, because he has.



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Daniel A. Budzynski

St. Francis, WI 53235

July 27, 2003

Dear [REDACTED]

I have recently been informed by Fr. Joseph F. Hornacek, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that you had contacted him with an allegation against me. He had spoken to me about a year ago but at that time he was not ready to release your name. Had he told me it was you I would have written to you long ago.

[REDACTED] I was moved to sorrow and pity that after so many years you were still feeling the effects of what happened so long ago. I regret that it had such a devastating effect on you. I know that I was not the kind of ideal Priest you had a right to expect. I was very troubled at that time and I didn't realize what I was doing. I'm afraid that I selfishly exploited innocent activities and turned them into misery for you. For this I am sorry.

I think you should know that I did enter a facility to deal with my addiction and compulsions. I had not only stopped drinking but had continued in therapy and psychological counseling for over twenty years.

Although I had pushed many things beyond my memory I want you to know that I am not proud of my behavior. I admire you for coming to terms with your feelings.

I assure you that you have been in my daily prayers for many years. My sorrow comes from a heavy heart and I leave it to God to forgive me. I hope you can do the same.

Respectfully

Fr. Dan Budzynski

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Select Budzynski Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

4/15/02      Sexual abuse intake report alleging abuse by Budzynski of a 13 year old boy in approximately 1981. Budzynski fondled the survivor and tried to force the survivor to perform oral sex on Budzynski. Budzynski also tried to have anal sex with the survivor.