July 5, 1947

The Rev. William James Farrell c/o Rev. A. C. Biwer St. Matthew's Church Campbellsport, Wisconsin

My dear Father Farrell:

I hereby appoint you to assist the Rev. George N. Orth, pastor of St. Frederick's Parish, Cudahy, Wis., You will please to report for duty to Father Orth on Thursday, July 10th, 1947.

Wishing you every blessing and success in your new field of labor, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.



The Rev. William J. Farrell

Cudahy, Wisconsin

Dear Father Farrell

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as assistant at St. Frederick's Parish, Cudahy, and appoint you assistant at St. Dominic's Parish, Sheboygan, effective Thursday, July 6th. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Volz.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ.



The Rev. William J. Farrell

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Dear Father Farrell:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as assistant at St. Dominic's Parish. Sheboygan, and appoint you assistant at St. Cecilia's Parish. Thiensville, effective Thursday, February 8th. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Schuster.

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,



The Rev. William J. Farrell

Thiensville, Wisconsin

Dear Father Farrell:

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

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

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



# ST. ALPHONSUS HOSPITAL 749 N. MONTGOMERY STREET PORT WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN

November 2, 1963

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Brust Chancellor 2000 West Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Monsignor:

As your Office was notified by my pastor, Father Schuster, on October 10th I was stricken with an attack at the conclusion of Forty Hours Devotion at St. Albert's, and have been confined at St. Alphonsus Hospital, Port Washington, Wisconsin, since then with what the Doctor has termed as angina pectoris.

According to my attending physician, Dr. of Thiensville, I expect to be released from the Hospital around the 10th of this month and he has advised that I convalesce away from the parish until at least December 1st. The Doctor assures me that after my return, with certain precautions, I should be able to do the necessary work again.

I plan to spend the following weeks at the home of my brother in Campbellsport, Wisconsin. If any further information is needed, you can contact Dr. at 143 Green Bay Road, Thiensville, Wisconsin. Until my return to the parish, Father Schuster has told me that he informed Msgr. Beres that he is able to get along with weekend help.

At my Doctor's recommendation, I am also asking to be relieved of my duties as a part time religious instructor at Dominican High School in Whitefish Bay for the balance of this school term, 1963-64.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Father William J. Farrell

Rev.WJF:smt

# Campbellsport, Wisconsin

June 15, 1966

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Leo Brust P.A. 2000 W. Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Monsignor Leo:

I left the hospital this afternoon at Port Washington and am up at my home in Campbellpport for the time being. The doctor says that I have made good progress.

I spoke to him about the request that I made of you and he is in full accord. He too says that I should be where there is no tension and pressure.

I hope that my request will be re concsidered. If you wish to reach me, my address is just Campbellsport, Wisconsin by phone

Thanking you for what you can do for me, I am.

Gratefully yours,

(Rev.) William J. Farrell

# St. Cerilia's Congregation

105 South Orchard Street Thiensville. Wisconsin

Telephone CHestnut 2-0533

Rev. V. P. Schuster, Pastor

September 19, 1966

Most Reverend William E. Cousins 2000 W. Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee. "isconsim.

Your Excellency:

On Sunday, June 5th, I coplapsed at the end of my second mass as a result of my heart condition. After being hospitalized I called Monsignor Brust informing him that I was going to my home in Campbellsport to rest by orders of the doctor. Upon the recomendation of my physician I asked him if it were possible that he ask you if I could be assigned to a chaplaincy.

Upon my return to the parish I contacted Monsingor Brust again and he told me that he had discussed my health with you and that you had agreed. As each week goes by I find it more diffucult especially with week end work, confessions, the two masses and sermons on Sundays etc.

May I ask your Excellency at this time for consideration of my problem. If there is no chaplaincy available for me at the present then may I ask for sick leave thatil such time that you would find a place for me in a small hospital or some where that the pressures and tensions would not be too great.

Assuring you my continued obedience, I am.

Sincerely,

Nullmon J. Farrell

(Rev.) Villiam J. Farrell

October 14, 1966

The Reverend William J. Farrell Assistant, St. Cecilia Parish

Thiensville, Wisconsin 53092

Dear Father Farrell:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as curate at St. Cecilia Parish, Thiensville, and appoint you curate at Holy Family Parish, Reeseville, Wisconsin, effective Tuesday, October 25, 1966. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Adrian J. Race.

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,



October 14, 1966

The Reverend William J. Farrell Assistant, St Cecilia Parish Thiensville, Wisconsin 53092

Dear Father Farrell:

I realize that your state of health will not permit you to accept the full responsibilities of a new appointment. I know also that you had thought in terms of more definite retirement, until conditions of health improve.

My present recommendation is that you live with Father Race at Reeseville, because nothing more would be asked of you than weekend help. In the meantime, St. Michael Priest Fund would provide you with the compensation usually given to priests on sick leave. I am fervently hopeful that this will help solve a problem for us and will not impose upon you a burden beyond your strength.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Reverend William Farrell St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

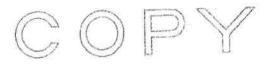
Waterford, Wisconsin 53185

Dear Father Ferrell;

I am enclosing a copy of a latter just written to Father Schaefer. I think it is self-explanatory and our recent conversation is reflected in its content.

With warm personal regards and with thanks for assisting us in this emergency, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,



The Reverend William J. Farrell St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Waterford, Wisconsin 53185

Dear Father Farrell:

By this letter ? herewith transfer you from your position as curate at Holy Family Parish, Reeseville, and appoint you temporary curate at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Waterford, effective Friday, April 21, 1967. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Leo Skalitzky.

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,



# September 18, 1967

The Reverend William J. Farrell

Campbellsport, Wisconsin 53010

Dear Father Farrell:

By this letter I herewith appoint you Chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hartford, with the care of the mission at Erin, Wisconsin (St. Patrick's), effective Wednesday, September 27, 1967, on which date you are asked to report to your new assignment.

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

Fraternally yours in Christ,



December 20, 1968

The Reverend William J. Farrell Administrator, St. Patrick Parish

Hartford, Wisconsin 53027

Dear Father Farrell;

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as Administrator at St. Patrick (Mission) Parish, Erin, and Chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital, Hartford, Wisconsin, and I officially appoint you Pastor at Presentation of the BVM Parish, North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, effective Tuesday, January 21, 1969, on which date you are asked to report to your new assignment.

Permit me to advise you that you are required to make the Profession of Faith in the Chancery Office before January 21st.

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

Fraternally yours in Christ,

January 21, 1969

The Reverend William Farrell

North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937

Dear Father Farrell:

Many thanks for your letter of January 14th. Father Bob Sampon had already acquainted me with some of the details, but I was more than happy to get your more extended account.

Assuring you again of my gratitude for your priestly charity to Jack and for your continuing interest in his welfare, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

## February 19, 1969

The Reverend William Farrell Presentation Parish

North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937

Dear Father Farrell:

District Moderators in our Council of Catholic Women are among the most important factors in the Council's success. Confident of your interest, I am asking you to serve as Moderator in District 8. This appointment becomes effective immediately.

An outline of your duties is enclosed.

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

Fraternally yours in Christ,

### August 6, 1973

Reverend William J. Farrell / Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

Dear Father Farrell:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Pastor of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish. North Fond du Lac, and officially appoint you Pastor of St. Gerard parish, Milwaukee, effective August 28, 1973.

Permit me to advise you that you are dispensed from making the Profession of Faith as is required by Canon Law for newly appointed pastors.

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

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

# Church of St. Gerard

3027 SOUTH 16TH STREET MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53215 PHONE 645-8928

May 16, 1990

Most Reverend Rembert Weakland 3501 So. Lake Drive Milwaukee, WI 53207 - 0912

Dear Archbishop,

I am writing to you to request retirement because of my ill health. I have set a date of Jyly 30, 1990. As you know, I have been suffering with diabetes for over niie years. I am not able to control my blood sugar. Much of this the doctor tells me, is due to stress and pressure, as you can read from his letter. For over a year, the doctor and I have been discussing retirement. Enclosed is a letter from him explaining my health problems in his recommendation that I be able to retire.

Looking over the 43 years of my priesthood, I have tried to give the best of myself to the church and to the people of God. Poor health has played a large part in the last 25 years of my life. In 1963 and in 1965, I suffered two severe attacks of angina. After being released from the hospital, Archbishop Cousins granted me a year of sick leave so I would be able to rest and regain my health. During this time my Father and my only Brother dropped dead of heart attacks within a period of six months. I am asking you to be relieved of my d uties in the active ministry as of July 30, 1990, so that I will be able to give better care to my diabetes and heart problems. I will reside in my condominium in Greenfield, which you visited one evening.

My s incerest thanks for your concern of my health. I will be looking forward to your reply so I can announce my leaving Saint Gerard's to the parish council and the people who have been so understanding and so supportive when I am not feeling well.

Sincerely,

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Bill Farrell

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# St. Charles Congregation

539 RENSON ROAD HARTLAND, WISCONSIN

Your Excellency,

Pursuant to our conversation at St. Anthony's on Sunday, April 12, I would like to ask that Father William A. Farrell be retained as Assistant Paster at St. Thomas Congregation in Kenosha. The reason is that Father Farrell has involved himself so deeply and successfully in the CCD Program that it would seem a shame to remove him now.

Yours in Christ.

### Fr. William J. Farrell

CAMPBELLSPORT — Fr. William J. Farrell, longtime pastor of St. Gerard Parish, Milwaukee, died Saturday, Sept. 18, at age 76.

Farrell was a native of Camp-

bellsport who attended St. Lawrence Seminary, Mount Calvary, and Saint Francis Seminary. He was ordained June 7, 1947, by Archbishop



Farrell

Moses E. Kiley at St. John Cathedral. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Frederick Parish, Cudahy, where he served until 1961.

In 1961-62, Farrell was assistant pastor at St. Dominic Parish, Sheboygan, then at St. Cecilia Parish, Thiensville, from 1962 to 1966; at Holy Family Parish, Reeseville, in 1966-67; and at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Waterford, in 1967. He was then appointed a chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital, Hartford; and administrator of St. Patrick Parish, Thompson.

Farrell was appointed pastor of Presentation Parish, North Fond du Lac, on Jan. 21, 1969. He served there until he was appointed St. Gerard pastor Aug. 28, 1973. He retired July 30, 1990.

Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland presided at a Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 21 in Mater Christi Chapel at Cousins Center, St. Francis. Burial was at St. Matthew Cemetery here. 

# Nine priests celebrate 50-year anniversaries

Nine priests of the archdiocese. are celebrating their 50th anniversary of ordination.

One priest, Fr. George H. Wollet, is observing his 65th anniversary of ordination. Wollet was ordained May 21, 1932 by Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch at St. John Cathedral.

He has served St. Robert, Redemer, Madison; Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Franklin; St. John de Nepomuc, Milwaukee; St. Aloy-Eagle; and was founding pastor of sius, West Allis; St. Theresa, Holy Family, Whitefish Bay, retir-Shorewood; Holy ing Feb. 25, 1972.

The golden jubilarians are:



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at Holy Family, Cudahy; St. Joseph, West Allis; Stanislaus, Racine; St. Wenceslaus, Ripon; and St. Clare, Wind Lake, retiring Jan. 12, 1996.

kee; St. Joseph and its St. Kilian Mission, Lyons; St. Gregory the

Great, Milwaukee; and as arch-

diocesan director of Boy Scouts.

He has served at St. Augustine, Milwaukee; St. Michael, Milwau-



Fr. William J. Farrell

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Milwaukee; St. Mary, Port Washington; St. Peter, Beaver Dam; St. He has served at St. Michael. Theresa, retiring March 30, 1992. Cathedral, Cudahy; St. Dominic, Sheboygan; St. Cecilia, Thiensville; Holy Family, Reeseville; St. Thomas He has served at St. Frederick, Aquinas, Waterford; St. Joseph



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Fr. John W. Rausch

North Fond du Lac; and St. Ger-

ard, Milwaukee, retiring July 30,

Thompson (Erin); Presentation,

Hospital, Hartford; St. Patrick,

He will celebrate June 8.

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June 7, 1947 by

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Cathedral.

High School, Whitefish Bay; Matthias, Milwaukee; St. John the Baptist, Plymouth; St. Thomas Aquinas, Waterford; Dominican Hartford; Visitation of the Blessed Divine Savior Prep School, Milat St. Anne, Milwaukee; St. Mary, Mayville; St. waukee; St. Joseph Hospital, Virgin Mary, Marytown;

Patrick, Thompson (Erin), retiring. Sept. 30, 1994. Fr. Charles D.



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He has served

Fr. Fred A. Smith

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Smith

He has served at St. Mary, Elm Grove; St. Mark, Kenosha; Christ King, Wauwatosa; St. Mary Help of Christians, West Allis, retiring July 31, 1988.

Fr. Charles J.

Verhalen

ordained June 7. 1947 by Arch-Verhalen, administrator of St. Theresa, was

bishop Moses E. Kiley at St. John Cathedral.

He has served at St. Mark, Kenosha; St. Catherine, Milwaukee; Holy Cross, Holy Cross; Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Franklin; St. James, Menomonee Falls; St. Mary, Mayville; and St. Theresa since June 1993



Fr. Donald N.

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ordained June 7, 1947 by Archbishop Moses E. Kiley at St. John Mary, Racine; as director of the Catholic Joseph Convent, Milwaukee; as Family Life Program; at St. diocese; as director of the archdiocesan Office for Pastoral Planombudsman to priests of the arch-He has served Cathedral. St. at

He will celebrate June 7.

ning; and at St. Jude, Wauwatosa,

retiring Sept. 30, 1995.



### MEMO TO THE FILE

Having once again reviewed the situation of priests who have had allegations of misconduct placed against them and having taken appropriate counsel, I must make a determination in the case of Reverend William Farrell. 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 Father Farrell's status and exercise of ministry. Bearing in mind both my responsibility toward the good of the whole community and respect for the priest's individual individual rights, I have come to the following conclusions:

Given Father William Farrell's present physical and mental incapacity, and determining that no good purpose would be served in informing him of restrictions in ministry since he is presently incapable of performing any ministry, no restrictions will be presented to him. Should there be any change in his condition in the future whereby he would be able to perform priestly ministry and/or could place persons at risk, the following restrictions will be imposed upon him in the form of penal precepts:

- 1) To refrain from all contact with minors;
- 2) To cease 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) The faculty to hear confession revoked.

Given this 25 day of May, 1995.

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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

CC: Chancery

√Co-Vicars for Priest Personnel Priests' Personnel Board Priests' Pension Board St. Michael's Priest Fund

May 31, 1990



The Reverend William Farrell St. Gerard Parish

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Bill,

I received your letter requesting retirement as of July 30, 1990. I readily understand your physical concerns and the need that you express for less tension in your life. Thank you for including the letter from Dr.

With this letter I grant you permission to retire and would ask you to work out all of the pension questions with Bishop Skiba. I personally have no problem with a July 30th date but feel that Father Trepanier and the Personnel Office may wish to negotiate that date with you if need be.

I hope, Bill, that you continue to be active in the priesthood in the diocese even though you will be without administrative responsibilities. Many thanks for the fine pastoral ministry you have always shown and for your concern for your people at St. Gerard's. I am sure God will bless you for these many years of service. May God be good to you.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

or with



3501 S. Lake Drive P.O. Box 2018 Milwaukee Wis 53201 414/769-3300 Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center

# ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE Priests' Personnel Board

April 9, 1986

The Reverend William J. Farrell St. Gerard Parish

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Father Farrell,

Many thanks for the cooperation and patience you have shown the Board as it worked with you to evaluate your current term of office.

We are pleased to inform you that Archbishop Weakland concurs with our recommendation to extend your term of office at St. Gerard Parish in Milwaukee, for a period of up to six years. At that time, your term will be considered complete, and you will be asked to accept transfer and reassignment.

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to guide you in your priestly service.

Sincerely yours,

THE PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

Reverend Eugene C. Neuman Executive Secretary



August 7, 2004



Please excuse the delay in responding to your inquiry. I was out of the office at a conference earlier this week and am just beginning to get caught up. I add my own apology to that of Archbishop Dolan that you found the news about your uncle in the unfortunate way you did. Let me attempt to respond to your questions as best I can.

The list of assignments is as follows:

Ordination - June 7, 1947

St. Frederick (Cudahy) - 1947-1961

St. Dominic (Sheboygan) – 1961-1962

St. Cecilia (Thiensville) - 1962-1966

Holy Family (Reeseville) - 1966-1967

St. Thomas Aquinas (Waterford) - 1967

St. Joseph Hospital (Hartford) and St. Patrick (Erin) - 1967-1969

Presentation (Fond du Lac) - 1969-1973

St. Gerard (Milwaukee) - 1973-1990

Retired - 1990

There is no indication that any transfers or changes in assignment were out of the ordinary with the exception of those that were made to provide relief of easier assignments (such as Reeseville) after illnesses. There are no records of any reports against him that resulted in any moves.

There are no medical records in the files but from correspondence the following information on health and hospitalizations can be gleaned:





Regarding the reports of abuse, I can tell you that there were three reports made from three different people between 1993 and 1995. Two reported incidents in the late 1950's and early 1960's and one from the 1970's. The Archbishop issued a full restriction from public ministry in 1995. By that time, due to physical decline, any such ministry would not have been feasible but the decree was to take effect if there were any recovery of physical and mental capacity. There was a financial settlement paid by the Archdiocese in one case and it was signed off on by even though there is no indication he was required to make any financial contribution.

In his declining health, was cared for at St. Camillus. The Archdiocese had entered into a financial arrangement with that facility by contributing to the cost of expansion. On their part, the management of the facility would see that our priests would have rooms available at a reasonable cost. received his pension monthly from the Archdiocese until the time of his death.

There is nothing on file to indicate how Father Talaska and came to be friends. placed funeral arrangements in his file in 1985, 1988, 1991, 1993, and 1994. In the first two he listed Father Donald Weber as his personal representative. In all of the others, he listed Father Talaska. In the section where the names of family members are to be listed, he consistently left that section blank or wrote that all family members were deceased. In order to verify this information before the release of names, the Vicar contacted Father Talaska who confirmed there was no family. I do not have any explanation for either the funeral listings or Father Talaska's report about family.

I do not find anything in the files about a change in a will. An attorney, is listed in the funeral arrangements. Perhaps he would have that information but I am not sure if it would be considered privileged due to the attorney-client relationship.

was given a full Christian burial as any other priest would have received. There was no effort to "hide" him away and deny him that privilege.

I hope I have given you some information that may help you and your family in the healing process. If there is anything else I can do, please let me know. These are difficult times for all and we can only pray that we will all find strength in the assurance of God's loving care for each of us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Barbara Anne Cusack Chancellor





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKER Elizabeth PIASECK i 3501 South LAKE DR. MILWAUKER, Wis. 53207

DEAR MS. PIASECKI:

I AM RESPONDING TO YOUR LEHER DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998.

FIRST, YOUR SUGGESTION, ALThough IT MAY
BE WELL ENTENDED, TO SPEAK WITH THE PRISON
CHAPIAIN ABOUT MY SEXUAL ABUSE, IS SOMETHING
THAT I DO NOT NOW NOR WILL I EVER HAVE THE
DESIRE TO DO. TRYING TO FIND COMFORT OR ADVICE
FROM ANY CLERGY MEMBER TO DAY WOULD BE
DIFFICULT FOR ME. BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPEN TO
ME AT A VERY EARL AGE, BECAUSE OF, AT ONE
TIME I DID PUT TRUST IN A CLERGY MEMBER AND
WAS BETRAYED! MOLESTED. A PRIEST FROM St.
FREDGRICKS IN CODAHY, WISCONSIN. TODAY I AM
VERY Reluctant To DRINK FROM THAT WELL AGAIN.

THE RESPONSE I HAVE RECEIVED FROM PAST
LEHERS FROM THE ARCHOIOCESE WAS A BASIC
THANK YOU FOR WRITING ABOUT YOUR PROBLEM, GOOD LUCK!
ALMOST IN THE SAME BREATH, I AM TOLD THAT
SEXUAL ABUSE MAHERS ARE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY
AND THAT THERE WOULD BE AN INVESTIGATION, THAT
I WOULD BE ASSURED TREATMENT. HOWEVER,
THERE HAS BEEN NO INVESTIGATION, NOTREATMENT

FOR MY SEXUAL ABUSE PROBLEM. I hAD OFFERED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ASKED IF SOMEONE Would SPEAK TO THE. THIS WENT UNANSWERED.

YOU STATED THAT IN CHECKING YOUR RECORD,

YOU do NOT HAVE DETAILED IN FORMATION ABOUT

This OCCURENCE. IN A LETTER, I CAN RECALL

BEING VERY EXPLICIT AS TO THE WHO, WHAT,

WHERE, WHEN IN 1995 WHEN A LETTER WAS SENT

TO THE ARCHDIOCESE. Thomas Schnieder Wrote

BACK STATING THEY WILL INVESTIGATE AND ASSUMED

ME I WOULD BE PROVIDED THE THERAPY AND

COUNEELING THAT I NEEDED. NOTHING CAME OF

THIS. I WAS PROVIDED

NOTHING WITH REFERENCE TO MY SEXUAL ABUSE

PROBLEM.

YOUR LETTER TO ME APPEARS LIKE YOU WANT

SOME KIND OF PROOF AS TO WHAT HAD HAPPEN TO

ME. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WITNESSES ARE USUAllY

AROUND WHEN SEXUAL ABUSE TAKES PLACE. YOU ASK

FOR SOMETHING TO SUBSHANTIATE WHAT HAPPEN TO ME.

I SUPPOSE THE ONLY WAY I CAN DO THIS, OUTSIDE MY

RECITAL., Would BE CONTACT ALL THE THEN BE

Children THAT ATTENDED ST. FREDRICKS BACK IN THE

MID FIFTIES TO DETERMINE IF ANY OTHER HAD

ANY ENCOUNTERS WITH THIS PRIEST OR ANY OTHER PRIBLEMS.

I DO KNOW FROM WHAT IS TOLD BY MY MOTHER THAT

THIS PRIEST WAS SENT TO ANOTHER Church. THAT

THIS PRIEST TRIED TO MILEST

DO YOU REALLY WANT THE DETAILS OF WHAT

HAPPEN TO ME? ARE YOU NOT MORE CONCERNED.

OF THE AFTERMATH? I WAS AND AM STILL

WILLING TO TAKE ANY TYPE OF TEST. POLYGRAPH,

DRUG ADMINISTEN, WHATEUER TO HELP SOBSHANTIATE

MY CLAIM. This HAPPENSON, This WAS REAL, There

15 NO DOUBT IN MY MINDS.

I NEVER SOUSH TOUT AN ATTORNEY, I

NEVER demanded Anything. I DO NOT BLAME This

PREIST FOR my CRIME, ALThough I BELIEVE This

Molestation played A MAJOR Role of MEBECOMING

I Simply was Reaching out For,

LITTE Compassion and A way to help me Deal

WITH WHAT HAPPEN TO ME.

By Something That Could NOT BE

UPROOTED. YOU SEE This PRIEST Told ME THAT IF I EVER TOLD ANYONE WHAT HE DID, I Would Go TO HELL. SOIF YOU WANT DETRILS, Why NOT ASK Him. ASK Him How IS ThAT HE Could hold HIMSELF OUT TO BE SOMFONE Highly TRUSTED, SOMEONE Who REPRESENTED MORALES, SOMEONE Who WAS TO help others, ONLY TO DESTROY The DEUELOPE MENT OF AChild OR ChildREN, ASK Him FOR THE DETAILS. ASK Him How hE Could Hold A BIBLE IN ONE HAND, PUT IN Down, MOTEST A Child And PICT IT BACK UP. I SURE Would LIKE TO Know. How is it That The howest, sich, PERUSATED human being like This PRIEST is not asked about this? This Derson who hide behing a WHITE Collon TO GAIN ACCESS TO ChildREN That Could NOT REASON Why This was happening.

YOU TELL ME HOW I Could EVEN ACCEPT This, Whene To go Fon help. I CAN ASSURE YOU IT WON'T BE A PRISON EMPloyEE ON STATE ASSNCY WITH THEIR OWN INTEREST AT HEART. WHAT ABOUT MINE?

When This PRIEST Told ME That TElling ANYONE OF WHAT HE HAD DONE TO ME Would KESUlts IN ETERNAL DAMATION, I WAS ThEN IMPRISONED, BUT I did TELL SOMEONE, I AM STILL HEAR, BUT THAT DOES NOT MAKER Eugny Thins FINE. IS That Too Hand To Undenstoond. So How ABOUT ANOTHER Thank You writing and good Luck LEtter, AFTER All I AM NOT WORTH The TIME AND EFFORT, RISHT! I CAN ONLY DO THE BEST I CAN WITH WHAT I HAUE. I AM NOT A FILE NUMBER, A PRISON NUMBER, A CASE NUMBER OR ANOTHER STATISTIC. DOES NO ONE SEE THAT? SO What ElsE Do you WANT From METO SATISFY THE PROFF ISSUE? SINCERELY Yours,



September 30, 1998



Dear Mr.

Thank you for your letter of September 10, 1998. Tom Schneider has passed it along to me. The first and largest question I have is this. In checking our records, we do not have detailed information on who it is that you allege sexually abused you. Could you provide us with a written and detailed account of what it is that you believed happened? Who was specifically involved and what specifically happened? I would appreciate that as each situation must be taken individually and substantiated in some fashion before further help can be extended.

I do recall that in 1995, you were being provided with some psychiatric care in the prison system. I hope that is continuing particularly as you note you require medication

You may also speak with the prison chaplain regarding your complaint of abuse. The prison chaplain may be in touch with the Archdiocese to report your situation also.

God's peace.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Piasecki, PsyD.

Director

Archdiocesan Response to Sexual Abuse

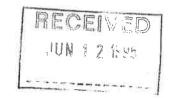
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Tom Schneider Catholic Charities OSHKOSH CORRECTIONAL INST. P.O. BOX 3310 OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN 54903

JUNE 9, 1995

THOMAS R. SCHNEIDER, ACSW CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE, INC. 3501 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE P.O. BOX 07912 MILWAUKEE, WISCONWSIN 53207-0912



DEAR TOMM

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I AM RESPONDING TO YOUR JUNE 6, 1995 LETTER. I AM A LITTLE CONFUSED IN THAT I DO NOT KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOUR FUNCTION IS WITH THE CHURCH AND THE LETTERS ACSW, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I AM A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED IN THE FACT THAT THE ACHDIOCESE DID NOT WRITE ME BACK AND I HOPE THAT HE HAD AT LEAST READ MY LETTER.

YOU MENTION THAT MY SEXUAL ABUSE ALLEGATION WILL BE INVESTIGATED BUT YOU MAKE NO REFERENCE TO HOW I MIGHT HELP OR IF SOME ONE WILL BE CONTACTING ME, I THOUGHT THAT TO BE A LITTLE STRANGE.AS I HAVE INDICATED IN MY LETTER TO THE ACHDIOCESE, I AM TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO THE TO THE ACHDIOCESE, I AM TRYING TO EXPLAIN AND I BELEVE THAT THEX SEXUAL ABUSE IS AT THE BOTTOM OF ALL MY PROBLEMS BUT YOU MAKE NO MENTION AS TO HOW IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ASSIST ME IN TRYING TO GIVE THEXX SOME TYPE OF UNDERSTANDING BEHIND IN THE PRISON WITH REFERENCE TO THERAPY NOR DO I THINK THAT SOME ONE WILL, I WAS HOPING THAT SOME ONE FROM YOURER ORGANIZATION WOULD COME UP TO SEE ME.

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PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW LONG YOUR INVESTIGATION WILL TAKE AND IF
THERE WILL BE SOME ONE WHO WILL BE CONTACTING ME. I DO HAVE OTHER
INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PRIEST FROM MY MOTHER WHO CLAIMS THAT THIS
PRIEST WAS SENT AWAY FROM ST. FREDRICKS AND THAT HE MADE A PASS AT
BACK IN 58 OR 59. IS THIS PRIEST STILL LIVING AND
IF SO, I WOULD LIKE TO MEET HIM OR WRITE HIM, COULD YOU PLEASE FORWARD
A LETTER TO HIM IF I SEND ONE?

- I WILL AWAIT YOUR RESPONSE.
- I SINCERELY HOPE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO COME TO PEACE WITH THIS.

SINCERELY



June 6, 1995



Dear Mr.

I am writing in response to your letter that was addressed to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. We take all allegations of sexual abuse very seriously, and will investigate your allegations.

In the meantime, we have contacted the appropriate authorities in the correctional system to insure that you are provided the therapy and counseling that you need. Thank you for contacting us.

Very truly yours,

Thomas R. Schneider, ACSW

Tom Schneider

TRS:bk

3501 South Lake Drive P.O. Box 07912 Milwaukee. WI 53207-0912 414/769-3400 FAX 414/769-3408



Dear Bishop Skilber In June of 1995 I received a settlement and signed a contract in regards to my sexual abuse perpetrated by Father William J. Farrell. I am requesting a futher settlement. I was under medication and felt pressured into signing the Contract in June of 1995, I asked for a settlement not a contract. Presently I am no longer taking medications for and I am able to think and make better judgements . Sin Plasecke had me believe that my sittlement would be the last settlement the archdiverse was going to pay, therfore I segned the Contract thinking I might not get anything. I feel my Contract of Juna, 1995 is mull and void because of these two vasons. I ask that you prayenfully reconsider what I ask. Through my of Three or more years I have lost well over 20,000 in Wages. I was not able to work full time and I needed to take other days off without gay. I have had many other losses in which can not be

accounted for in dollar amounts. I asked for 50,000 at the time of my settlement and received only 10,000. This feel was minimal and not enough Compensation for what I suffered. I am asking for 30,000 more. I have not religed frow much my life has faller apart because of the clergy sexual abuse until I am now precing my life back together. you can review my case with Ling Prasoche and your can read my file for futher information. It aim up my sexual abuse perpetrated by Farrell it lasted three to four years; age mine to Twelve 0 1957-1961. The sexual abuse started with indecent exposure to inappropreate touch, to sexual games to digital peretration to full entercourse I be took advantage of an already V relenerable Child. He desecrated the Euchans boy alusing his Power to alone a child of Lad. as a survivor, my battle is not over.

I am also requesting on going therapy in December and continue with spiritural direction to heal the spiritural wounds. The archdiorase will be ending payment in December. I want renaurance that therapy will be said for if therapy is needed after December I believe a time limit can not be set on a persons healing process. I know it is costing the archdiocese money set it is costing a servinor years of pair cens struggles to heal. and not a sheep of the flock in need of care by the Steapards?





July 8, 2004

#### PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL



Dear Ms.

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

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

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

Faithfully in Christ,

The Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan

Archbishop of Milwaukee

Jan 6, 1994 Dear Ling home in the first of the year lutting told me you when I wan I hope you had an enjoyable Vacation. The reason I wanted to talk to you was to ask you if there were any other alegations reported aforal Futarrell', I would like to know for my own Validation. I've come to grips with the fact that ever if no one else brought alegations against him I'm O.K. and I need to lielien ir my own self o memorias. It just Would help me to know of some one else Ras Drought alegation because there feel so alone also my theirest to see from my regular Dr (over)

for mowherance of couldn't get into see with Jan 17. So d'el ve goiry to for or going therapy. So favel mon 100 mgn. I've been on So favel mon 100 mgn. I be been on It poport 9/9 who now. I thenk its helpeny some at least its taking some of the edge off my I ve come to grips with more memories but at this teme they are harto believe Incaused can't seen toppathom a Priest Could be that way you can other give me a call p leave a message or my onoweier machen since I'm the orty one who hears the message or you can respond by wettern me a letter Hope to hear from you soon. Obalso I thought of a couple of fewards I can write to that I want to school with the man beable to at least tell me than perspected of Fr Faull if I get the council to write. Do take come

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### SEXUAL ABUSE LOG - DECEMBER 1993

12/13/93 by Liz Piasecki

Received a call today from therapist had received our therapist letter and she was concerned that we might not approve her therapist. I told her that the situation was fine at the moment. It would be subject to our Professional Review Committee reviewing her treatment plan and that would happen on January 31st. Her therapist, is a referral from Fr. Kevin McDonough, who is the Vicar General in the Diocese of also was curious to know if Father Farrell had been confronted yet by Archdiocesan officials and I told her that Father Venne was out of commission until after the new year so that had not happened as of yet.

#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release This (hereafter "agreement") is made by and between (hereafter sometimes referred to as "claimant"), and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee (hereafter "Archdiocese"), William Farrell, and St. Frederick's Congregation of Cudahy, Wisconsin (hereafter Frederick's"), hereafter sometimes collectively referred to as "respondents".

WHEREAS, the claimant has alleged certain claims for damages against the respondents, based on certain allegations that William Farrell sexually abused in or around 1959, and continuing for a period of time thereafter; and

WHEREAS, further alleges that the Archdiocese and St. Frederick's may be liable for the actions of William Farrell that give rise to the alleged claims; and WHEREAS, the respondents deny the liability alleged and there is a dispute between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement wish to settle and compromise all claims of against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, William Farrell, and St. Frederick's, and against all of the Archdiocese's and St. Frederick's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, all Roman Catholic schools, all religious orders, all parishes, including without limitation

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St. Frederick's and any persons or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, including, without limitation, all insurers of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee and its affiliated entities, arising from the assaults and other conduct of William Farrell alleged by claimant, without the necessity and expense of formal litigation, and wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of the agreement, including, but not limited to, any sexual abuse, assault, negligent supervision, or other claim by against the Archdiocese and St. Frederick's, and against any other persons or entities listed above who may allegedly be responsible for the actions alleged;

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

jointly the total sum of \$10,635, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. All parties will bear their own costs and attorneys' fees associated with this settlement. In addition to the payment above, the respondents jointly agree to pay for one year of psychotherapy for commencing May 1, 1995 and ending May 1, 1996, with a cap on those expenses of \$5,000. The respondents shall have no liability for any psychotherapy expenses for after

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May 1, 1996, and shall have no liability for psychotherapy expenses for in excess of \$5,000. Therapy bills are to be submitted directly to the Archdiocese from a licensed therapist and will be paid upon receipt of those bills. The parties further agree that the Archdiocese shall make payment to the therapist for reasonable bills, charged at the customary normal rate charged by that therapist to his or her patients generally, for therapy services actually provided to for up to a capped amount of \$5,000 commencing on May 1, 1995, and ending on May 1, 1996.

2. In return for the payments above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby hereby releases and forever acknowledged, discharges St. Frederick's, William Farrell, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all the Archdiocese's and St. Frederick's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, all Roman Catholic schools, all religious orders, all parishes, including without limitation St. Frederick's and all of its employees, agents, officers, directors, and assigns, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, from and covenants not to sue them for, all claims, causes of action, charges, and demands of any nature, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise including but not limited to negligent supervision, respondeat

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superior, conspiracy, and punitive damages, that she may have had at any time up to and including the date of the signing of this agreement, including but not limited to any claims arising from any assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity of William Farrell, including any claim for loss of companionship or other damages.

- 3. William Farrell, St. Frederick's, and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee hereby release and forever discharge the claimant from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature that they may have had up to and including the date of the signing of this agreement.
- 4. The claimant agrees that she will not reveal to anyone, other than as may be mutually agreed to in writing, any of the specific terms of this agreement or any of the amounts, numbers or terms and conditions of any sums payable to the claimant hereunder. Claimant hereby understands and agrees that this confidentiality section of the agreement is of paramount importance and that observance of this confidentiality section is of the essence to the agreement achieved between the parties. She agrees to abide by the terms of this confidentiality section as consideration for and as an integral part of the agreement.
- 5. As a condition precedent to the payment of the sums set out in paragraph 1, hereby agrees not to disclose to any third-party, including, without limitation, any newspaper, any electronic media, any reporters, and any other individual, or to release for

publicity any of the allegations which have been made against St. Frederick's, William Farrell, and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, or the terms of this agreement. The terms of this agreement relating to confidentiality do not apply to any disclosures made to therapist, attorney, support person (as that term is used in AODA treatment) or close friends or relatives. Understands and agrees that the confidentiality and secrecy required in this agreement are material considerations for the payments to be made pursuant to this agreement.

- 6. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as an admission of liability on the part of any party.
- foregoing agreement, and fully understands its terms.

  further declares that she has obtained professional counseling for the injuries and assaults alleged and understands their impact on her, and understands that her condition could worsen in the future; and declares that she voluntarily accepts the terms and sum of money under this agreement for the purpose of making a full and final compromise, adjustment and settlement of all claims of any nature that she may have against the respondents.
- 8. In witness of this agreement, we have hereunto set our hands on the dates respectively indicated.

| * | Bate: June 21, 1995                               |
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|   | In the presence of:                               |
|   | Janes C. Pardier, M. Di                           |
|   | WILLIAM FARRELL                                   |
|   | William Farrell                                   |
|   | Date: June 26, 1995                               |
|   | In the presence of:                               |
|   | Carrol C Straub                                   |
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|   | ST. FREDERICK'S CONGREGATION OF CUDAHY, WISCONSIN |
|   | By: Jan M. Kelinguchi Title Pastis                |
|   | Title fastis                                      |
|   | Date: 30 fee 1995                                 |
|   | In the presence of:                               |
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|   | ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE                          |
|   | By: / Malumlumle                                  |
|   | Title: SECRETARY                                  |
|   | Date: 6-23-95                                     |
|   | In the presence of:                               |

#### Select Farrell Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

Piasecki notes indicate survivor called reporting abuse by "Farrow" at St. Gerard's when he was 12 or 13 years old. The survivor states that "Farrow" instructed him to pull his pants down to reveal his penis and then "Farrow" asked him about masturbation and fondled his testicles and penis. This happened at least four times.