

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING JAMES FLYNT¹

5/17/85 – Ordained

6/11/85 Appointed Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Good Hope in Milwaukee. (9453)

6/11/85 – Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Good Hope, Milwaukee, WI

1986 Vicar Log Entry No. 207. Sklba received a call regarding concerns about the mixed messages Flynt gives to young people about his sexuality and a special concern about the way Flynt deals with young men in the parish. (9504)

7/21/86 Letter from Marie Hern to Sklba wanting to meet to discuss her concerns about Flynt. (9522)

7/23/86 Notes regarding meetings with Sklba discussing concerns about Flynt and his relationship with a young man and his concept of ministry. Told that the matter would be discussed with Weakland. At the meeting parishioners emphasized concern for young people and the danger of scandal. (9523)

7/23/86 Vicar Log Entry No. 364. Sklba met with parishioners who were concerned about Flynt's comments about sexuality, manipulation of parish counsel, distrust of him, inappropriate expressions of affection for young men, and fear scandal. (9504)

8/20/86 Notes regarding rumors about young assistant being transferred for blatant homosexual relationship, and that the writer had been told by someone that the transfer "would involve a study leave to avoid scandal." (9523)

11/10/86 Note regarding a meeting with Fr. Gene Newman of the Priest Personnel Board to urge that Flynt not just be reassigned, but given professional help before another parish is destroyed. (9523)

11/28/86 Weakland met with Flynt about Flynt leaving Good Hope; promised to remove earring before next assignment. (9504)

1/1/87 Appointed as Chaplain of St. Nicholas Hospital in Sheboygan, WI. (9234)

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7/1/87 Appointed as Associate Pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Brookfield, WI. (9234)

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7/1/87 – Associate Pastor, St. Dominic Parish, Brookfield, WI

- 7/1/87 Vicar Log Entry. Sklba met with Flynt and his counselor to discuss concerns about issues including selective ministry, abiding anger, and issues of sexuality. (9503)
- 1/9/89 Vicar Log Entry No. 32. Sklba met with Flynt regarding his desire to work in high school ministry. Sklba says they should discuss this more thoroughly and that there are concerned parents. (9503)
- 2/7/89 Vicar Log Entry No. 113. Sklba would have no problem with Flynt doing high school work, despite the allegation brought to office two years ago regarding flippant remarks or casual attitudes toward Catholic morality and sexual behavior. (9503)
- 6/1/89 Appointed Teacher/Chaplain at Divine Savior-Holy Angels High School in Milwaukee. (9270)

6/1/89 – Teacher/Chaplain at Divine Savior–Holy Angels High School, Milwaukee, WI

- 9/5/89 Vicar Log Entry indicates there was some reference by Fr. Silvestri that Flynt had been accused of being a pedophile at Good Hope. (9297)
- 9/26/89 Vicar Log Entry No. 832. Sklba met with individuals about Flynt's report that a Fr. Vince asked him to bed down with him, that Rembert told him to go to the parish and clean up the queer image. (9297)
- 10/24/89 Vicar Log Entry No. 872. Sklba spoke with Flynt and alerted him about allegations in an anonymous letter he received on October 18, 1989. (9503)
- 12/26/89 Vicar Log Entry No. 1060. Sklba received a formal request from the pastoral staff at St. Dominic's that Flynt be suspended for 6 months and go to treatment to deal with causes and motives behind damage done to parish over past 6 months. (9503)
- 6/25/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 352. Sklba received a call from a priest concerned that Flynt had a foster child living with him at St. Casimir's rectory with intention of adopting the boy. (9502)
- 9/8/92 Vicar Log indicates RTV visited with Flynt at his residence and met a 6th grade boy who lives with Flynt. Flynt is the boy's legal guardian. Flynt said he met with Weakland and discussed the situation. (9502)

- 1/3/94 Memo about an incident in 9/94 involving Flynt, also includes a message from a woman asking that a priest be pulled pending an abuse investigation. (9348)
- 11/12/94 Letter to Weakland from a woman regarding incidents with Flynt that occurred on her wedding day. Flynt displayed socially inappropriate and unacceptable behavior including swearing, lewd dancing, and treating people harshly during rehearsal and reception. (9461)
- 12/20/94 Letter to Weakland from wedding couple regarding what they believe needs to be done with Flynt to keep others safe, including no assignments with children or where acting as a counselor. (9356-9357)
- 2/6/95 Letter from wedding groom to Liz Piasecki detailing Flynt's behavior before his wedding. Flynt asked the man if he was "messed with" by a former priest and asked if he ever had a relationship with a man. (9432-9434)
- 2/16/95 Memo to Weakland from Piasecki regarding meeting with Flynt about his behavior at the wedding and team recommendations. States that Flynt has major confusion and difficulty with role clarity; his behavior was sexual but Flynt denies that it was; Flynt is willing to pay hotel bill if the couple signs off on any other claims. Flynt is referred to outpatient therapy for evaluation of his sexual history, curious as to whether there are others. Recommends that Flynt leave Divine Savior Holy Angels and do outpatient locally – he can help out and apply for pastoral assignments in June. (9430-9431)
- 2/18/95 Piasecki spoke to Weakland, who agreed to pull Flynt out of Divine Savior Holy Angels. She arranged outpatient therapy for Flynt. The Archbishop thought Flynt should be assigned to a parish without a school. (9429)
- 3/1/95 Letter from Flynt to sophomores at DSHA indicating he was leaving due to physical ailments coupled with family issues. (48898)
- 4/5/95 Handwritten notes of discussion with woman of wedding couple. She is angry that Flynt said he left DSHA due to physical injuries and will no longer sign a settlement agreement. (9411)
- 4/21/95 Meeting with McCann, Sklba, and others regarding Flynt and the incidents of the wedding and Flynt's relationship and "anything we were worried about in 1986." Sklba indicated that Flynt had been considered for position in campus ministry at St. Catherine's and that Sklba blocked that appointment. Flynt underwent counseling in 1986 and worked through his conduct. Author of memo believed that Project Benjamin was not an effective response to cases of sexual misconduct if records of any meetings involving such concerns are not available. (9494-9495)
- 6/20/95 Appointed Administrator at St. Casimir Parish in Milwaukee. (9270)

6/20/95 – St. Casimir Parish, Milwaukee, WI

7/5/95 Notes of discussions regarding concerns with Flynt's relationship with a boy who Flynt has been seen holding hands with and kissing. Notes also reference nude sunbathing. (9498-9499)

7/25/95 Memo from Liz Piasecki to Weakland summarizing complaints about Flynt including Flynt holding a young man's hand and kissing him, saying "I think it is time to fall in love again," taking the young man to San Francisco on a high school graduation trip (when individual was 18), being physically affectionate toward the young man, and sleeping in the same bed as the young man while in San Francisco. Flynt's housekeeper reported that she saw a young man coming from Flynt's room one morning. Flynt and the young man went on other trips including another trip to California and a yearly deer hunting trip with others where they shared a bedroom. (9478-9480)

6/18/96 Appointed Administrator at St. Mary Czestochowa in Milwaukee. (9234)

6/18/96 – St. Mary Czestochowa, Milwaukee, WI

6/17/01 Assigned as a team member at La Sagrada Familia in the Dominican Republic. (9270)

6/1/01 – Team Member, La Sagrada Familia, Dominican Republic

1/1/02 Appointed Temporary Administrator at St. Peter Catholic Church in Slinger, WI. (9270)

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1/31/02 Letter from kindergarten teacher about how wonderful Flynt is with children at St. Peter Parish and School. (9302-9303)

6/18/02 Appointed Pastor at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in West Bend, WI. (9270)

6/18/02 – Pastor, St. Francis Cabrini, West Bend, WI

8/13/02 Investigator report from County of Milwaukee regarding interview of individual abused by Flynt when he was 11 years old at St. Casimir's rectory in about 1991. (49068-49070)

2/21/03 Letter from Joseph Hornacek to Flynt telling Flynt that he cannot continue priestly ministry and outlining options including voluntary laicization with a

- \$20,000 payout from the Archdiocese, or for the Archdiocese to begin a penal process against him. (49064-49065)
- 3/2003 Letter from Dolan to Peterson, Associate Pastor at St. Francis Cabrini, enclosing a statement that should be read to parishioners about Flynt's departure due to an allegation of sexual abuse. (9274-9275)
- 3/3/03 Letter from Flynt to Hornacek saying Flynt will seek voluntary laicization. (49063)
- 4/8/03 Transcript of conversation between Flynt and Jim Connell summarizing Flynt's assignment history and reason for resignation. (9257-9260)
- 4/17/03 Letter from Sklba to Flynt discussing Flynt's situation and Sklba's frustration over his inability to contact Flynt. The day Weakland resigned (Weakland resigned in May of 2002) he was contacted by the District Attorney because a case was opened investigating Flynt. Sklba was told not to contact Flynt at that time. (48930)
- 5/12/03 Letter from Hornacek to Flynt enclosing a \$10,000 check and noting that the Archdiocese will pay Flynt \$1250/month for expenses plus insurance. A handwritten note says Flynt will receive another \$10,000 at the end of the laicization process. (49051-49052)
- 8/7/03 Letter from James Connell to Dolan regarding Flynt seeking dispensation, acknowledges one allegation of sex abuse with minor but says that this is not the first allegation of sexual misconduct (other allegation did not involve a minor). (9255)
- 9/9/03 Letter from Dolan to Ratzinger at the Congregation for Doctrine of Faith regarding Flynt and an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor. Says that the first allegation of sexual misconduct with a child came out in May 2002 but there was prior adult misconduct in 1994. The Archdiocesan Review board concluded and recommended that Flynt be considered permanently unfit for priestly ministry. Includes May 17 letter from Flynt saying that he desires laicization. (9240-9242)
- 2/7/04 Letter from Dolan to the Congregation for Doctrine of Faith providing additional information on allegations against Flynt including his assignment history, allegations against him, and measures adopted by the Archdiocese. (9231-9234)
- 6/24/04 Laicization rescript granting Flynt's laicization request and including a statement saying that scandal should not be given to the faithful. (9227-9228)
- Undated Vicar report on Flynt summarizing the investigation into Flynt based on a report of abuse that occurred between 1991 and 1999. The report describes the abuse, the police investigation, and the Archdiocese's involvement with the police

investigation and with its own internal investigation. The case is to be given to Judge Fiorenza for review, but Flynt will either resign voluntarily or he will be removed through a canonical process. (32319-32320)