

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING CLARENCE SCHOUTEN¹

2/2/29 – Ordained

2/13/29 – Assistant, St. Bernard Parish, Wauwatosa, WI (46008; 46024)

9/8/32 – Assistant, St. Raphael Parish, Madison, WI (46008; 46024)

10/12/38 Atkielski (Chancellor) letter to Schouten appointing him pastor at St. Mary in Cascade and St. Michael's Mission in Mitchell, effective October 17, 1938. (17628)

10/17/38 – Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Cascade, and St. Michael's Mission, Mitchell, WI

11/30/50 Archbishop letter to Schouten appointing him pastor at St. Patrick in Ripon, effective December 6, 1950. (17629)

12/6/50 – Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Ripon, WI

1/27/52 Schouten letter to the Archbishop indicating that a girl is telling a lie and Schouten attempted to confront the family about it. (17633-17634)

5/21/55 Archbishop letter to Schouten appointing him Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Milwaukee, effective June 1, 1955. (17636)

6/1/55 – Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Milwaukee, WI

8/5/68 Schouten letter to the Archbishop indicating that if there is a vacancy at Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Hospital, he would like to be considered. (17650-17651)

9/7/69 Schouten letter to Archbishop states that he would like to retire and take up residence on the West Coast where he has relatives. Also thanks the Archbishop for his kindness in the past and states, "In the future all reports shall be good." (17652-17653)

9/19/69 Cousins letter to Schouten indicating that his resignation will be accepted and stating "whatever has developed in the interval in no way affects my overall evaluation of the priestly service you have rendered me and the Archdiocese." (17654)

6/23/70 Sampon (Chancellor) letter to Schouten indicating that he understands Schouten is working in the diocese where he lives and must have insurance coverage there. (17656)

6/26/70 Schouten letter to "Dear Father." Letterhead is from St. Mel's Church in Norco, CA. Letter states that Schouten is not taking a salary because he is not taking full responsibility of an assistant but says Mass daily, does confession and Sunday Masses, and works four hours a week in a school. (17657-17658)

¹ This timeline was principally prepared by Anderson & Associates, P.C.; Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. provided limited corrections to certain entries and assisted with redactions of abuse survivor information that could potentially have identified individual abuse survivors.

- 06/74 Schouten working at St. Mel's Church in Norco, California and is listed in the parish bulletin as one of the priests at St. Mel's. (46061-46064)
- 7/6/78 Schouten letter to Archbishop. Indicates he did not send money to pension fund because he is working in California at St. Margaret's in Chino, California and receives a stipend, room and board, and social security there. (46068)
- 8/1/78 – Retired (46071)
- 9/15/78 Sampon letter to Fr. Erickson (St. Margaret Mary Parish, Chino, CA) indicating that September 1, 1978 is suggested for a retirement date and Schouten is more than welcome to continue with whatever priestly ministry he feels inclined to do after retiring. (17672)
- 1/14/79 – Deceased
- 4/29/02 Reinke entry for file. Reinke received a call from Fr. Kurt Frederick who was letting her know that he was putting an individual in contact with Project Benjamin who reports she was abused by Schouten when she was in 7th grade. (55437)
- 5/20/92 Attorney Pledl letter to Weakland indicating he represents a woman that was sexually abused as a child by Schouten at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in approximately 1964-1967. Indicates that complaints of similar conduct made by the parents of neighborhood children led to his removal from the parish. (17693-17694)
- 5/26/92 Vicar Log Entry No.275. Sklba spoke with Bishop Brust who recalled meeting with Schouten on August 22, 1969 in order to request his immediate resignation from the pastorate of St. Joseph's Parish. (17792)
- 5/27/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 413. In response to Pledl letter dated May 20, 1992, Ralph Gross checked the Chancery files and found there were no other such allegations. (17792)
- 5/29/92 Matt Flynn (attorney) response to Attorney Pledl indicating that Schouten is deceased and the Archdiocese has no independent verification of the events described. (46096)
- 1992 Legal claims filed against the Archdiocese in relation to sexual abuse of minors by Schouten. (46025)
- 1/21/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 24. Sklba met with individuals abused by Schouten. He reviewed Schouten's file and found little information to share. Told them the Archdiocese was in the process of developing a plan for providing help to survivors. Survivors wanted him to reach out to California dioceses where Schouten was to see if there were any other abuse survivors there and to sponsor a support group. (17792)

- 1/29/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 64. Sklba reviewed the letters which he has intended to send to parishes in California. (58679)
- 2/24/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 116. Sklba would speak to psychologist to describe some of the developing structures for abuse survivor support being developed by the Archdiocese. (17790)
- 3/10/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 150. Sklba and Piasecki approved treatment plans for counseling and medical sessions for two abuse survivors. (17789)
- 4/14/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 307. Schouten abused 4 daughters and their father reported the abuse to Bishop Brust. Mother is upset that Schouten wasn't sent to his sisters in CA as they were promised, but to another parish there. (17789)
- 9/2/93 Sexual Abuse Contact Report documenting report of abuse by Schouten when individual was a minor at St. Joseph's in 1969, the individual's mother states that she reported to Archdiocese or confronted Schouten and Schouten left the next day. Individual is unclear on this, but knows her mother did something. (17867)
- 9/8/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 541. A man called and reported to the Archdiocese that Schouten had sexually abused him as a child and his two sisters. (46010)
- 10/27/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 641. The Professional Mental Health Review Board met and authorized marital and personal therapy for an individual who contacted the Archdiocese on 9/8/93. Also reviewed the therapy situations of one other individual. (17787)
- 12/7/93 Robert Elliot letter to Matt Flynn indicating he is prepared to file a Summons and Complaint unless they reach resolution of the case. (17714)
- 1/31/94 Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release between individual represented by Robert Elliott and the Archdiocese regarding Schouten for \$105,000 plus psychotherapy expenses for five years. (17740-44)
- 4/12/94 Settlement Agreement and Release between [redacted], St. Joseph's, and the Archdiocese for \$32,000 and in-patient psychotherapy expenses with a cap of \$30,000. (17747-51)
- 1/4/00 Piasecki letter to [redacted] thanking them for their courage in telling their story to Sklba and enclosing the funeral card for Schouten. (34614)
- 5/31/02 Reinke entry for file of Schouten. Encouraged efforts of Fr. Ken Metz in referring people to Project Benjamin. Confirmed that Schouten was a notorious abuser of young girls and the Archdiocese encourages the individuals to come forward. (17627)
- 10/12/02 Sklba e-mail to Reinke. Email states that Leo Brust handled the matter of Schouten's removal from St. Joseph's and his move to California. There is an indication in the Chancery file of a complaint and request from parents regarding

the abuse. Reinke requested this information for purposes of answering questions from those abused by Schouten. (31696)

- 10/15/02 Cusack e-mail to Reinke indicating Reinke can review the Chancery file on Schouten. There is only the Chancery file because there was not a vicar at the time. In 1969 he left St. Joseph's for California. There is nothing "concrete" about abuse dated from that time. There is a strange letter, however, and indicates that if you read between the lines it seems that someone made an allegation and Schouten denied it. Reinke requested this information for purposes of answering questions from those abused by Schouten. (31695)
- 10/21/02 Reinke entry for file of [redacted] indicating she conveyed the contents of the messages she received from Cusack and Sklba regarding Schouten and they attempted to piece together what transpired acknowledging the limitations in the records. (31694)
- 11/14/02 Reinke letter following up with an individual who previously contacted her office. Reinke indicates that they can contact her for healing, therapy, or assistance. (36623)
- 1/1/04 Dolan letter to [redacted] indicating dispute resolution services will be available in January, Catholic Charities is offering a support group, financial assistance with psychotherapy remains available, and he is continuing to meet with victim-survivors. (35919-35920)
- 2/19/04 Reinke letter to [redacted] indicating the John Jay Study will be released in February. (36624-25)
- 3/22/04 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Schouten when the individual was 10 years old at St. Joseph's in 1968, the individual told her mother "the whole story" and she saw her parents take action immediately. (123895)
- 5/4/04 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Schouten when the individual was 7-8 years old at St. Joseph's in the mid-1950s, the individual's mother went to the Archdiocese and reported it around the time it occurred. (17783)
- 7/8/04 Dolan letter to [redacted] indicating that in line with the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People, he has authorized the release of names of priests who are now or would have been restricted from all priestly ministries. (17866)
- 8/2/04 Agreement and Mutual Release between [redacted], the Archdiocese, and St. Joseph's for \$50,000 and agreement to provide payment not covered by insurance for counseling. (56921-56923)
- 8/7/04 Agreement and Mutual Release between [redacted], the Archdiocese, and St. Joseph's for \$50,000 and agreement to provide payment not covered by insurance for counseling. (56335-56338)

- 8/11/04 Agreement and Mutual Release between [redacted], the Archdiocese, and St. Joseph's for \$50,000 and agreement to provide payment not covered by insurance for counseling. (56913-56916)
- 8/12/04 Agreement and Mutual Release between [redacted], the Archdiocese, and St. Joseph's for \$50,000 and in lieu of therapy costs, an additional payment of \$50,000 to be used for future therapy costs. (56671-56674)
- 8/14/04 Agreement and Mutual Release between [redacted], the Archdiocese, and St. Joseph's for \$50,000 and agreement to provide payment not covered by insurance for counseling. (56666-56668)
- 8/16/04 Agreement and Mutual Release between [redacted], the Archdiocese, and St. Joseph's for \$50,000, an additional \$50,000 for therapy, and \$5,000 per year for five years. (56660-63)
- 1/18/05 Agreement and Mutual release between [redacted], the Archdiocese for \$50,000 and payment for therapy. (56897-56899)
- 4/19/05 Agreement and Mutual Release between [redacted], the Archdiocese, and St. Joseph's for \$50,000 and payment for therapy. (56609-56611)
- 4/27/05 Agreement and Mutual Release between [redacted], the Archdiocese, and St. Joseph's for \$50,000. (56602-056604)
- 7/15/05 Dolan memo to Peterson indicating he had a good meeting with a Schouten survivor and asking her to provide information about Schouten. (17766)
- Information on Schouten (prepared in connection with abuse survivor who met with Dolan on 7/15/02) stating that they know of at least 19 others and that he was indiscriminate in his choice of those he abused. In one case, parents held a meeting and went to see Bishop Brust. Schouten was asked for his resignation immediately. Although Schouten resigned, he went to live with his sister in California and ended up living and working at two different parishes. Archdiocese has no reports of abuse in California but survivors and families are upset that he was able to continue working as a priest after he was reported. (17767)
- Undated Schouten inventory of files. Indicates letter from Schouten to Kiley reporting on follow up to some unnamed events involving an 8th grade girl. In 1969, Cousins accepted Schouten's resignation and approved his plan to move to the West Coast. He was helping out at a parish in California. There is no indication in the file that any authorities in California were notified of his presence. Indicates 19 individuals who reported being abuse by Schouten. (46020-25)
- Undated Notes indicate the individual told her mother about Schouten after it happened. There was a meeting in her living room to get support and because they wanted the priest to leave. A lot of the parents would not cooperate. Her parents spoke to Bishop Brust and were begged not to go to press. (46103)

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Notes indicate woman's husband went to the Chancery and spoke with Bishop Brust, nothing was done or said to help them, Schouten went to another parish instead of going to live with his sister like they were told. It took either two weeks or the whole summer for Schouten to leave. (46104)