

842. Knotek, John  
The sisters at the nursing home he serves are asking to be relieved of paying for his continuing education. They have done this for the past ten years or so and he has never utilized any of the funds. They now find it a financial hardship to continue and increase the payment to \$300 per year. Father Last said that he would check with Knotek to see if Knotek agrees with this.

9/12/83

616. Knotek, John  
He came to see me and explained that at age 72 he is very happy at St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Kenosha where he is chaplain. He is an artist who paints reproductions of Renaissance paintings and also does some silver craft work. The sisters have built a little studio for him for this purpose. Everything is fine except for the attitude of the superior toward him. He feels that she is jealous of his popularity among the patients and the staff. She has forbidden him to take communion to the rooms of those who are able to ambulate to the chapel. He fears that she might want her brother, a religious order priest in the Philippines now retiring, to come to Kenosha and become their chaplain. In that event he has no where to go and right now he would like to stay there as long as possible. I told him I would put him on our list of applicants for the Cousins Center, and he liked that idea. Also, since he mentioned that, the superior was very concerned about economizing, I suggested that he give some thought to the idea of taking his pension one of these years and relieving the sisters of the burden of his salary. He will give that some consideration. He seemed to feel better knowing that he got this off his chest. I told him that if a crisis ever developed, I would certainly help in any way I could.

5/15/85

449. Knotek, John  
On Saturday, September 6, 1986 I met with John for an extended discussion of his health and general attitude. He expressed a considerable unhappiness with the fact that perpetual adoration had been introduced at St. Joseph's without his approval. He said he had taken an extended vacation this summer in order to think about his own future and requested that he be allowed to remain on at St. Joseph's on a year-by-year basis which Bishop Brust had orally approved early this year. I concurred and said I would share the information with the personnel board.

RJS

382. Knotek, John  
On Tuesday, April 26, 1988 I discovered that John had turned 75 on September 13, 1987. I wrote him a delicate letter suggesting that he submit the letter of resignation required by the Code.

RJS

468. Knotek, John  
On Monday, May 16, 1988 I had a very fine conversation with John [redacted] who called to make arrangements for his impending retirement. He reported that he has the approval of the pastor of St. Anthony's Parish to move into the convent building there. We agreed upon the date of June 30, 1988 with the understanding that an additional month may be necessary for John's removal of personal effects, artistic supplies, etc., to his new location. John said a formal letter would be sent to the Archbishop within a few days and is currently very much at peace with this decision. I informed the personnel board immediately.

RJS

657. Knotek, John  
On Thursday, July 7, 1988 John called to inform the office of the fact that he has moved to the convent of St. Anthony Parish at [redacted] Kenosha, WI 53140 [redacted] and to report that he has a dog by the name of Toby who provides good companionship. John sounds very happy at this time.

RJS

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858. Knotek, John

On Monday, August 5, 1991 I learned that John was not doing well and reportedly had moved to St. Joseph's Home in Kenosha for special nursing care.

RJS

608. Knotek, John

On August 28, 1992 John Knotek called because he received forms to fill out for WPS and it had the Cousins Center address on it. He said he never lived here. I told him this is the billing address. He told me how hard it was living alone. I promised to come for a visit.

RTV

660. Knotek, John

On September 18, 1992 I visited with John Knotek at his residence at St. Anthony's Convent in Kenosha. John is having difficulty with his eyesight, so he can't do his painting or jewelry making with stones. He is working with his doctor in hopes he will regain his full eyesight. He is happy that he is allowed to have Sunday Masses at the Parish. He is lonely but has a nurse friend who is retiring soon, and he hopes will be his housekeeper.

RTV

✓91. John Knotek

On February 26, 1994 I received a cover letter from [REDACTED] including a letter expressing concern as a result of memories from approximately 1970 when [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED] grader at St. James School under the pastorate of Fr. Knotek. I immediately spoke with Ralph Gross at the Chancery to request a review of any existing files for further information. I also left word on the Answering Devices of both Fr. Doda and [REDACTED] to the effect that I was taking the letter seriously, that I had no knowledge of any allegations from the past, and would make further contact as soon as a review of Archdiocesan files had been completed.

RJS

✓106. John Knotek

On March 2, 1994 I received a memo from Fr. Ralph Gross indicating that the file had no reference to misconduct, but did note a sudden request from Fr. Knotek to Archbishop Cousins asking to resign from St. James Parish in Menomonee Falls within a month, namely effective March 7, 1992, because of circumstances known to the Archbishop. The formal response from Archbishop Cousins accepted the resignation and stated that he would try to find a position which was in fact Chaplaincy at St. Joseph's Home in Kenosha, effective March 7, 1992. No other records seem existent on the matter.

RJS

✓127. John Knotek

On March 11, 1994 in the context of a meeting with the Archbishop I agreed to meet with John in order to discuss the issue raised by [REDACTED]

RJS

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740. Knotek, John

On June 21, 1994, I received a call from John Knotek. He was having so difficulty with doctor and hospital bills and said his WPS things came here. I checked with Sr. Kathleen and WPS has his Kenosha address. John didn't seem clear on these payments he was making, but said he had sufficient funds.

RTV

✓ 227. John Knotek

On April 2, 1995 I visited John at his residence in the Convent of St. Anthony's Parish where he seems to be in good health on the edge of his 83rd birthday. He is assisted in basic domestic needs by a [REDACTED] and John's outlook seems to be very positive.

RJS

✓ 675. John Knotek

On September 18, 1998 in the context of a conversation with Fr. Roger Savage I learned that Fr. Knotek's name was mentioned by the woman in the Church in connection with some mysterious event from years ago. I brought the matter to the attention of Fr. Joseph Hornacek for further investigation and action as needed.

RJS

✓ 699. John Knotek

On September 24, 1998 I took the occasion of the meeting with Fr. Raymond Wawiorka of St. Anthony Parish in Kenosha to report the recent mention of Fr. Knotek's name in connection with the incident at Eldorado on September 17, 1998. Fr. Wawiorka indicated that he had never heard any expressions of concern regarding Fr. Knotek's ministry, past or present.

RJS

349. Knotek, John

On October 23, 1998 John was visited by Vicar. John was profusely grateful. He had experienced fever, tightness of chest and loss of appetite over past few weeks, but now feels stronger and is determined to return to helpout ministry at St. Anthony's, Kenosha.

JFH

✓ 364. John Knotek

On June 26, 1999 in a telephone conversation with Fr. Paul Raczynski, I learned of Fr. Knotek's declining health and forthcoming appointment (July 22, 1999) for an endoscopy because of chronic intestinal problems. Because of these difficulties, Fr. Knotek has requested freedom from all public celebrations of the Eucharist and therefore will not be presiding at any of the scheduled Masses at St. Anthony of Padua parish in Kenosha.

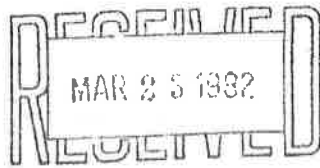
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BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME John Thomas Knotek ADDRESS Kenosha, Wis 53140 PLACE OF WORK St. Joseph Home for the Elderly - (same as above) TELEPHONE (Office) (Personal)

I. TRAINING

Did you attend a minor seminary? Yes If so, which? St. Francis Dates attended: September 1928 to June 1938

Were you graduated? No Was your course of studies accelerated or lengthened for any reason?

Was there any interruption of your minor seminary stay? No If so, please comment below:

Did you attend a seminary college? Yes If so, which? St. Francis Dates attended: to

Were you graduated? all incorporated in the Minor to Major Seminary - the classes to include Philosophy

Was there any interruption of your seminary college stay? No If so, please comment below:

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

Where did you study theology? St. Francis Major Seminary  
Was there any interruption of your theological studies? No.

What was the date of your ordination? June 11 1938  
Month Date Year

Have you received formal graduate training since ordination? No. If so, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Who sponsored you in this graduate work? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any advanced degrees granted: \_\_\_\_\_

Continuing Education: Please list continuing education classes/workshops, e.g. A.C.M.I., in which you have participated in the last three years:

DATE	PLACE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR

What professional journals do you read regularly? \_\_\_\_\_

How many professionally relevant books do you read a year? Please list some examples: \_\_\_\_\_

II. FAMILY

FATHER Cyril Knotek Living? No. Health \_\_\_\_\_ Age 91 <sup>dead at</sup>  
Name (If deceased, state age as if he were living.)  
 Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth Vlčkov, Moravia  
 Religion Catholic If Catholic, is he a convert? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last full-time occupation if retired--Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ --or deceased.)

MOTHER Josephine Mostel Living? Yes - Health age Age 93  
Maiden Name (If deceased, state age as if she were living.)  
 Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth Vlčkov, Moravia  
 Religion Catholic If Catholic, is she a convert? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last full-time occupation if retired--Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ --or deceased.)



BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

Have you had any serious illness? No. If yes, describe briefly: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical handicaps? If yes, describe briefly: \_\_\_\_\_

None

What medications are you taking, for what? None at present

Do you have a personal physician? Yes Have you had a complete physical within the last three years? Yes

Have you had a dental check-up within the last year? Yes

Can you describe the role that alcohol plays in your life? Are you concerned that you've been drinking more of late? Have you "cut down" on purpose recently? I enjoy a drink once a day - maybe a second from time to time - have no need for more.

If you are a recovering alcoholic, do you attend AA meetings? How often per week? \_\_\_\_\_

How about tranquilizers, energizers, pain pills or sleeping pills? None

What kinds of exercise do you engage in, and how often? Walking ✓

Are you overweight or do you experience fluctuations in weight? How is your diet related to your weight? normal weight for my age

IV. ASSIGNMENTS IN MINISTRY

Please list your assignments since ordination:

From/To	Ministry	City	Pastor/Supervisor	X
1. 1938-41	St. John the Baptist	Jefferson, Wis	assistant	
2. 1941-47	St. John Evangelist (St. Catherine)	Mcwaukee	"	1
3. 1947-50	State leave with various assignments in Arizona			
4. 1950-52	St. John de Neponse	Mcwaukee	assistant	
5. 1952-68	St. John the Baptist	St. Mary - Woodlark	pastor	2
6. 1968-72	St. James	Menasha Falls	pastor	
7. 1972 -	St. Joseph Home for the Elderly	Kenosha	chaplain	3
8.				
9.				
10.				

In the column marked "X", please place a "1" beside the assignment you consider to have been the most growthful and enriching for you; place a "2" next to the second, a "3" next to the third, and continue down the line.

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

V. THE PARISH WHERE YOU WORK (excluding the school)

NOTE: If you are in special ministry and do not work in a parish, omit this section.

Excluding the school personnel, how large is the Parish staff?

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor(s)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook(s)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Organist(s)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor(s)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Housekeeper(s)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Director(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Deacon(s)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Custodian(s)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Secretary(ies) | <input type="checkbox"/> DRE and Assistant DRE(s) |  |

How do the other priests of the parish relate to the lay leadership of the parish? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do lay people of parish importance tend to be hand-picked by the pastor, or does the leadership emerge from the pews? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you in general agreement with the concept of the parish council, or do you see the delegation of power to laity as an erosion of pastoral prerogatives? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

With these many people, it would be unlikely that all relationships would proceed with perfect peace and harmony. Given this, do you think there are dynamics harmful to you personally or to the harmonious governance of the parish? Please comment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How do you think you, specifically, relate to the lay leadership of the parish? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How would you change the parish to which you are assigned if you could? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

VI. THE SCHOOL

NOTE: If you are in special ministry and do not work in a parish, please omit this section.

As you know, there are a variety of opinions about parochial schools at this time, and some priests and educators are especially concerned over the role of the priest in the parish school.

If you presently have a parish school, do you think it should remain open? \_\_\_\_\_



BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

Do you think it should be enlarged? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you satisfied with the cost distribution between parishioners not having children in the school versus those with children in the school? \_\_\_\_\_

How large is the school staff? \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|-----------------------------|
| _____ Principal(s)                                | _____ Custodian(s)          |
| _____ Classroom Teachers                          | _____ Cafeteria Worker(s)   |
| _____ Teacher's Aide(s)                           | _____ Secretary(ies)        |
| _____ Speciality Teacher(s)<br>(i.e., gym, music) | _____ Substitute Teacher(s) |

Is there agreement between your school administrators and you as to your role as a visible presence in the school halls and on the playground, as a teacher in the classroom and as a children's liturgist? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the present principal been in office? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the rate of teacher turnover last year? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you say that cooperation between you and the school is:

Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Above Average \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_ Below Average \_\_\_\_\_ Terrible \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments? \_\_\_\_\_

VII. SPECIAL MINISTRY

Please indicate the type of work(s) in which you are MAINLY engaged. Do not indicate anything as one of your main jobs unless you spend approximately one working day at it over a period of a week. Note the part of each week you spend on each ministry.

Ministry	Percent of Time	Size of Staff
Chaplain: St. Joseph Home for the Elderly		?
Weekend help at St. Anthony - Kenosha		
Auxiliary member of Religious at St. Marks - Kenosha		

How large is the staff with which you work on each job? Please list at the end of each line above.

In your main ministry, how do you and other priests on the staff relate to laypeople on the staff?

well accepted by all involved in supervision and students.

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

If you have some supervision in your ministry, please describe the quality of the supervision:

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It is unlikely that all your work relationships would proceed with perfect peace and harmony. Given this, do you think that there are dynamics harmful to you personally or to the harmonious operation of your work? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you change the ministry to which you are assigned, if you could? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you help in a parish, please describe your relationships with the pastor, associate(s), and the laity: \_\_\_\_\_

*We relate quite well*

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VIII. OTHER MINISTRY

Please describe your involvement in the local civic community: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe your involvement in any clubs or fraternal organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe your involvement in any archdiocesan, state, or national organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe your involvement in any ecumenical efforts or movements: \_\_\_\_\_

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BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

Please describe your commitments to justice and peace efforts:

*on a spiritual basis*

*Purely on*

IX. SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Please describe your satisfaction with how you plan, prepare and preside at the eucharistic liturgy (including weddings, funerals, and children's or special liturgies).

*After so many years in a variety of assignments I find myself quite comfortable and secure in all facets of my priesthood.*

How do you involve other ministers in the liturgy?

*At the home of the Elderly - both the sisters and residents join in the liturgy.*

How satisfied are you with how you celebrate other sacraments (baptism, reconciliation, anointing of the sick)? Please comment:

How satisfied are you with your preparation and personal involvement in preaching of the Gospel and the relevance of your preaching it to the people?

How satisfied are you with providing communal prayer (e.g. stations, bible services, devotions) and spiritual growth programs (e.g. prayer groups, days of recollection, etc.)?

How satisfied are you with providing religious education outside the parochial school (e.g. convert instructions, sacramental preparation programs, premarital work)?

*comfortable*

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

How satisfied are you with ministering to the poor and to the sick (e.g. food programs, hospital visits, communion calls)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How satisfied are you with your pastoral counseling work (marriage counseling, teenagers, the aged, alcoholics)? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

X. LIFESTYLE:

1. The Fraternity: Are you still what you would consider a close friend of people you knew:

\_\_\_\_\_ in high school? \_\_\_\_\_ in theology?  
\_\_\_\_\_ in college? \_\_\_\_\_ in your various assignments?

Have you had close and dear friends who have left the active ministry? \_\_\_\_\_ In your own mind, how did you respond to their leaving?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many priests live in your rectory or living situation? \_\_\_\_\_ (If you are the only priest where you live, please disregard the next three questions).

Are the men generally compatible, or have you had other assignments where there was significantly better fraternity? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Can you reach a consensus vision of Church and of ministry with the men with whom you now live and work? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you socialized recently with any of the men with whom you live in a non-parochial setting? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are the only priest where you live, please describe your current living situation:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*No longer relevant to my present assignment.*

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

How did you come to live there, and how satisfied are you with the arrangement? \_\_\_\_\_

If you live with people other than priests, please describe your relationship(s) with same:

Please describe your relationships with other priests:

*friendly -*

Did you play in--or at least attend--the "PGA" last summer? *No*

Did you attend the St. Francis Day celebration at the Seminary? *No*

How about the last Alumni Day? *No.*

2. Spiritual Development?

Can you describe your own spiritual odyssey from your early notions of priesthood to where you are now? How have you grown and matured since then? Do you find yourself becoming spiritually wiser and having better judgment as time goes on?

*Hopefully after 44 years in a priesthood I have - I have also matured.*

*Reading, Writing*

In the face of the seemingly endless ministerial duties, administrative tasks, convert and marriage instructions and various counseling sessions, are you able to find time in your own life for daily prayer and spiritual rejuvenation? Could you describe what form this takes?

*Visits to Church*

*the St. Francis Society*

Were you able to make a retreat last year? *Yes* Group or private directed?

*private*

Did you find it refreshing of body and spirit?

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

Any ideas on priests' retreats? None at present -

Do you have a spiritual director? Please comment: No.

3. Tomorrow: (mostly for those over 55, but to some degree for everyone).

The day to start facing the psychological, social, and financial implications of retirement is on ordination day. Have you an established plan for your retirement years? Please comment:

I hope to remain in my present assignment - particularly since it is a new ministry - and one in which I can relate well to all concerned.

Have you thought about the physical place of retirement? Do you own or plan to own such a place? Do you plan to live alone, or are there other commitments?

No thoughts of retirement at present

All men return to dust. Have you brought your last will and testament up to date? Yes Have you made your funeral and burial arrangements? Please comment:

No further arrangements: -

XI. THE OTHER YOU

What is the source of your greatest happiness?

Knowing my assets as well as limitations - having learned to depend on God.

What is the source of your greatest unhappiness?

None

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

What are your principal personal strengths?

Not aware of any

What are your principal personal shortcomings?

impatience with my self.

— have my share of

When you think about your priesthood, what is your greatest delight?

and counseling

teaching

When you think about your priesthood, what is your greatest fear? What disturbs you the most?

Nothing traumatic

Please list five adjectives that describe you best:

October 6, 1982

Rev. John T. Knotek  
St. Joseph Home  
████████████████████  
Kenosha, WI 53140

Dear John:

Your periodic review resume reached me on April 23 at which time I studied it in detail, and then unfortunately, set it aside but with the firm intention of calling you or dropping you a line to let you know that I received it and that I was impressed with it.

Time has passed so rapidly, and now I ask your forgiveness for not having contacted you sooner. As I say, your resume is indeed impressive because it shows dedication to ministry and happiness. It is unfortunate, however, that some of your assignments in the past have damaged your health to a degree. I know you are taking care of your health, and I hope your present situation provides a minimum of stress.

Keep up the good work you are doing, and even though we don't see very much of each other, we still are part of the team.

Thanks, again, for being a part of periodic review. With warm personal regards, I am

Fraternally,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki  
Vicar for Priest Personnel

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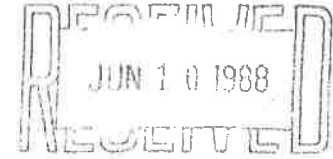
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June 3, 1988

The Reverend John T. Knotek  
St. Joseph's Home  
[REDACTED]  
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140

Dear John,

It was so good of you to write me that recent letter submitting your resignation from active ministry. I was especially pleased to see that you have found a good residency and will be able to move there in the first weeks of July. It is perfectly agreeable with me that the date of your retirement be officially June 30th.

Let me take this occasion to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the good work that you have done in these many years of active ministry. I know it is impossible for anyone to calculate the number of lives that were touched by your ministry and I know you will leave all of that in the hands of the Good Lord.

Since one never really retires from priesthood, I know you will remain as active as you can be in helping the priests in the Kenosha area.

Thank you for your letter, John.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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*Co-Vicar*

REV. JOHN T. KNOTEK

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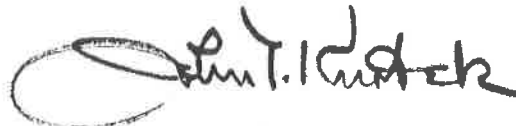
The Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.B.S.  
3501 S. Lake Drive  
P.O. Box 2018  
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Archbishop:

No precedent has been established to my knowledge which makes it easy for an elderly man who has loved his priesthood to submit his resignation from the active ministry. Due to the friendly and fatherly relationships of the Archbishops under whose authority I gladly accepted the assignments of my past fifty years of service, I tender my resignation to the active ministry.

Father Florian Mac and his parish council have offered me the former convent at St. Anthony's in Kenosha as my future home. Because the residence needs some extensive cleaning and refurbishing the Rosary Society has graciously volunteered its services in the hope that I will be able to move in the first week of July - before which I would like to take a two week vacation. On the advice of Bishop Richard Sklba and with your permission I would like to make the date of my retirement official as of June 30th.

With your blessing and with thanks for your understanding of the limitations of health and age, I remain in the service of the Lord and in your good will,



(Father) John T. Knotek

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March 25, 1994

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Fr. John Knotek

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Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140

Dear Fr. John:

I write to express my appreciation for your hospitality and for the candor of our discussion on March 15, 1994. The issues raised by the communication I received are obviously serious and I am grateful for your willingness to assist in the Church's attempt to sort them out for the good of all concerned. If you recall any further information, please feel free to contact me. I shared the basic summary of our conversation with the person who wrote the letter as she continues her efforts to deal with some apparently painful episodes from the past.

I think that it would be best for all parties concerned if you would refrain from any unsupervised contact with minors pending the final conclusion of our investigation. I suspect that this will not be any type of limitation on your ministry given your current health and the limited Sacramental work which you are currently able to accept. Please know of my prayers and best wishes for the graces of Holy Week and Easter.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba  
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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July 2, 2002



Dear 

It must have taken a great deal of courage for you to write your letter of June 6, 2002 in which you report that you were a victim of sexual abuse by Fr. John Knotek when you were a child in the early '50s.

I am pleased to learn that you were able to receive some helpful counseling about a year ago. Understandably the coverage of news media in recent years of these sexual scandals prompted you to pursue this issue further. I assure you that Fr. Knotek's name remains on record as one of the perpetrators of our Milwaukee Archdiocese. You are not the first victim survivor to report this kind of abuse from Fr. John Knotek.

I pray for your continued healing and peace, and join you in praising God that you have not abandoned the Catholic faith in spite of the horrible victimization which you have experienced. God continue to bless you and care for you as only God can.

Sincerely Yours in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

JFH/ks

July 17, 2004

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

As he was leaving for a month-long immersion program in Spanish, Archbishop Dolan asked that I look into the apparently mixed communication you have been provided.

I have thoroughly reviewed all of the files regarding Father Knotek. There is no explanation that I can find for Barbara Reinke's report to you in December 2002 that no other reports had been received about Father Knotek. In July 2002 someone did report an incident from the early 1950's. Perhaps the volume of contacts during that particular time led to the misinformation. Since Dr. Reinke is no longer in the employ of the Archdiocese I can only surmise that this was the case.

It was on the basis of these two reports that the decision was made to include Father Knotek on the list. Since our dual objective was to protect children and to encourage others to come forward, we chose to err on the side of inclusion rather than exclusion.

I am sorry this mistaken report has caused you even more upset. Again, if you would find it helpful to meet with someone and try to bring resolution, you may contact our Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response line (414-769-3436) which is staffed by three people who will call back on any message left at that line. If you would prefer contact with an independent mediation system, please feel free to contact 866-302-9215.

Archbishop Dolan has also expressed his willingness to meet with those who make such a request. He will return to Milwaukee in mid-August. Please let me know if you would find such a meeting helpful. I will pray that you find the road to whatever healing is needed in your life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Barbara Anne Cusack  
Chancellor

ADOM014693

July 12, 2004

Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
Office of the Archbishop  
3501 South Lake Drive  
P.O. Box 070912  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

*Richard  
Can you  
draft a reply?  
+T*

Dear Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan,

I have been corresponding with the Catholic Church for the past 10 years regarding Father John Knotek. He was a priest at St. James Catholic Church/School in Menomonee Falls back in the 70's. I have written twice, concerning any abuse allegations against him. Back in 1994, Richard Sklba called me and told me that they keep Fr. John away from children.

I have some horrible memories of him painting a portrait of me when I was eight years old. Although I cannot recall specific events, I do remember "bits and pieces" of him drawing my portrait and of the events that happened after. I have attached my most recent letter dated December 9, 2002.

Barbara Reinke responded back to me on December 16, 2002, which was greatly appreciated. I have attached a copy of that letter also. Her response was that you have not received any other complaints about Fr. John Knotek. Barbara welcomed me to call her to discuss the matter further, but I have a hard time discussing this issue, so I left the issue unresolved in my mind, hoping to move on.

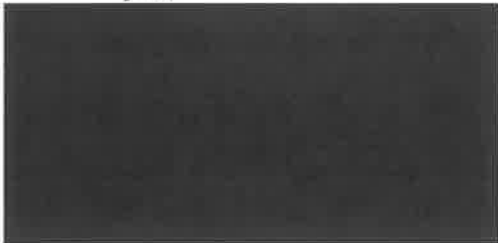
This past week I received a letter from you regarding the release of the names of priests who are restricted from all priestly ministries. I felt confident that Fr. John's name would NOT appear because of your letter saying no other complaints were filed, and because of my lack of specifics. To my great surprise and total utter shock, Fr. John's name appeared on the list that was published Sunday, July 10, 2004 in the Journal/Sentinel.

So, just within the past two years, enough complaints were filed against this man to put his name on the list? Or were you just lying to me! [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] My question is: How many complaints are filed against him. I cannot be the only one. PLEASE, please, give me an answer.

I do appreciate the correspondence you continue to send me. Please feel free to write, call or e-mail me with your response. I cannot stress how important this is to me.

Thank you,



ADOM014694

December 9, 2002

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee  
P.O. Box 070912  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan,

I am writing you today in order for me to find some resolution to the past. I am currently a member of [REDACTED] have lived in this area most of my life and attended St. James School [REDACTED]

Catholic school was not a pleasant experience for me. I saw abuse in the second grade when my teacher hit a classmate so hard in the face that his nose bled all over the floor. Another child tried to jump out our second story classroom window, with some of us kids trying to talk him back into the classroom. I also remember hearing children scream as our principal hit them, with I assume was a ruler. [REDACTED] Children would go into the confessionals before mass and the priest would yell at some of them. What humiliation to walk out of the confessional with the entire school looking at you.

Although these experiences are unpleasant, I have a much deeper and life changing experience I need to tell you. In third grade, the Pastor, John Knotek, drew a portrait of me and some of the other girls in my class, each separately. My parents did not commission the pastor, nor did they know about the portrait until I brought it home (I have enclosed a copy of the picture). While I was getting this portrait done, I remember some horrible things. Paint brushes, closing the blinds, and not wanting to go back. I could not understand why I could not go outside for recess and why I had to go to this room with the pastor. [REDACTED] so I would not have to go and so that my mother would have to pick me up. My parents took me to the doctor and he could not find any physical reason why [REDACTED] I was told not [REDACTED] or I would be put away. Nice for a child to hear! I remember Father John finally "dotting my eye" on the portrait with white paint and I knew it was over.

I am writing you to get the truth. I had written to the church about this matter in 1994. I wrote to Pastor Doda, who in turn sent my letter to Bishop Sklba. Bishop Sklba told me that they keep Father John "away from children" and that he was old and did not remember me. I did not get any further answers to my questions. I know this man is very old or dead, but I would like the truth. Why did St. James school close so abruptly? Why did Father John leave so quickly in 1970? Was I the only child? Is there a file on him and what is in that file concerning abuse? AM I THE ONLY CHILD!

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I saw you on the television when you came to Milwaukee. I saw something in your face that gave me a sense of peace and that you are a fair and honest person. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but I have always wanted the truth. I feel like a puzzle with pieces missing or out of place. Help me to complete this puzzle and move on.

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]




  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

December 16, 2002



Dear 


Archbishop Dolan asked me to respond to your recent letter, as I manage the program to assist persons with situations of sexual abuse. You would also be welcome to call me (414-769-3436) to discuss this further.

I am truly sorry you had so many bad experiences while attending grade school.  what do you recollect happening in that room where Fr. Knotek was painting your portrait? Why did he want to paint you? Did he paint other children too to your knowledge? If you would be willing, I would like for you and I to talk over your memories.

The file of correspondence pertaining to your contacts with Pastor Doda and Bishop Sklba in 1994 is in my office. To date we have not received any other complaints about Fr. John Knotek. Fr. Knotek is still alive, but has been retired since 1988. I have done some research to try to answer your other questions. On March 31, 1970, the parish council recommended closing the school because 80% of the church's income was being spent on the education of relatively few children, as 85% of the children affiliated with the parish attended public schools. It seems that the closing of the school led to upheaval with faculty and various factions in the church, such that Fr. Knotek requested to resign his position on February 7, 1972 and his resignation was accepted.

Please feel free to contact me so that we can discuss what would help you move toward peace on this matter. I'm sorry it has been so troubling for you.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Reinke, Ph.D.  
Director, Project Benjamin

BR:saz

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139.

John Knotek

On March 15, 1994 I visited John with the allegation received from [REDACTED] John was very forthright and credible in explaining the circumstances surrounding his abrupt departure from St. James Parish in Menomonee Falls in March of 1972 as due to difficulties with the Associate, Fr. Jim Ernster, together with the fact that he was himself forced to fire the janitor and needed the assistance of the Archdiocesan lawyer in order to handle that particular matter. These events coupled with his own bad health led him to seek another assignment and Archbishop Cousins suggested St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Kenosha out of respect for John's poor health. He also explained that some of his library of art works had been left behind for packing by someone else. He could only surmise that community conversation shifted the nature of those books from reproductions of classical art works towards something less positive. He asserted that he had been guilty of absolutely no improper contact with any children. I subsequently called Fr. Gene Doda the following day to report the substance of my conversation so that he might be of help to his parishioner. I reported the matter to Dr. Piasecki and Fr. Venne. I met with Dr Piasecki on March 17, 1994 to share the letter from [REDACTED] and promised to contact [REDACTED] with the results of my investigation. I asked Dr. Piasecki to follow up with a phone call later to see if she could be of any help, and to contact Fr. Les Darnieder to see if there was any verification from records of about half the third grade leaving St. James school in 1972. My research indicated that Fr. Knotek was assigned at St. James Parish in Menomonee Falls from November 26, 1968 through March 7, 1972.

On March 17, 1994 a conversation with Fr. Ed Eschweiler disclosed that he had also heard some gossip from within the Menomonee Falls community regarding Fr. Knotek's possession of inappropriate materials and interest in children.

Subsequent to my visit I wrote a letter asking that he not have unsupervised with children until the matter could be investigated more thoroughly.

RJS

161.

John Knotek

On March 18, 1994 I contacted [REDACTED] to report on the results of my investigation of files and my meeting with Fr. Knotek. I indicated that there was no evidence of allegations of any sort in the files of the Archdiocese and that Fr. John had explained the major issues to which [REDACTED] letter alluded, namely the abrupt departure and reference to inappropriate printed materials. I promised to continue my investigation and also stated that Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki would be contacting her in order to see if further assistance could be provided during this time. [REDACTED] admitted being exceptionally nervous during our telephone conversation and stated that during the past year of therapy she has been exploring why she is so uncomfortable in the presence of a Roman collar, even that of the Lutheran pastor of the congregation [REDACTED] She was grateful for my phone call and my expression of concern.

RJS

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351. John Knotek  
November 6, 2004 Vicar visited with Fr. John. He looked okay. He is living prayer and penance. We discussed funeral plans. Vicar informed him of the request for a closed casket. He seemed to understand. He was appreciative of the visit. CJF
224. John Knotek  
April 20, 2005 Vicar is informed by Ken Metz that Ken was called to Kenosha Hospital to minister to John Knotek who is in the hospital. Fr. Metz wonders if he won't be going to some sort of assisted living arrangement. CJF
233. John Knotek  
April 22, 2005 Vicar learns that Fr. Knotek remains in the hospital in Kenosha. The report is that he is not doing so well. Plans are still being made to transfer him to a skilled health care facility. CJF
260. John Knotek  
May 4, 2005 Vicar learns that Fr. Knotek is currently residing at Washington Manor in Kenosha. It is unclear whether any contact from the archdiocese is welcome at this moment. Fr. Knotek is a "prayer and Penance" priest, of whom 2 sisters are SSSFs. CJF
660. John Knotek  
October 5, 2005 Fr. Paul Raczynski was phoned to ask his view about the appropriateness of John Knotek moving to ACCC. Paul thinks it would be good for John to be at ACCC and would encourage the idea. According to Paul Raczynski he uses a walker since his dehydration episode, which sent him to hospital and nursing home when he lost weight and strength, and he has since gained 12 pounds back. He doesn't need a lot of meds. He would probably benefit from the food service and from some companionship if desired. CJF

October 12th, 1938.

My dear Reverend Father:

You are hereby appointed Assistant Pastor to the Rev. John Haeusler, Pastor of St. John's Church, Jefferson, Wisconsin. This appointment is immediately effective and you are directed to take up your duties at St. John's Parish not later than Monday, October 17th, 1938.

Wishing you every blessing,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Roman R. Atkielski, Chancellor.

De speciali mandato  
Reverendissime D. Archiepiscopi.

P. S. Please call for Faculties at the Chancery Office on Monday, October 17th, at 3:00 P. M.

The Rev. John T. Knotek,  
[REDACTED]  
Racine, Wisconsin.

March 1, 1941

The Rev. John T. Knotek

Jefferson, Wisconsin

My dear Father Knotek:

I hereby appoint you to assist the Reverend Michael J. Kallek, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Cudahy, Wisconsin, transferring you from St. John the Baptist's Church, Jefferson, Wisconsin. You will please to report to Father Kallek on Wednesday, March 5, 1941.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

September 3, 1941

The Rev. John T. Knotek  
[REDACTED]  
Cudahy, Wisconsin

My dear Father Knotek:

I hereby appoint you Chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital, West Bend, Wisconsin. You will please to go to the hospital to take the place of the Reverend Joseph Gulczynski, on Thursday, September 4, 1941. Father Gulczynski will have to return to St. Francis Minor Seminary for the opening of classes on Friday, September 5th. It will be necessary for you to be in West Bend on Thursday in order to say Mass for the Sisters on Friday.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

ADOM042917

Dec. 18, 1947

Most Reverend MOSES E. Riley

Your Excellency:

May I take this occasion to express my gratitude to you and the personnel of the St. Michael's Priest Fund for making it possible for me to regain my health.

Bishop Daniel Gercke has been more than solicitous about my health and well-being; and the pastor of Sts Peter & Paul - Rev. Francis Green, has allowed me to make his parish my unofficial headquarters.

I've looked forward towards my return to Milwaukee for some months now, but the doctors' latest report on my bronchial condition seems to indicate the necessity of my remaining in a dry climate during the winter months.

This last report has been forwarded to Magr. George  
Meyer.

May God reward your gracious  
solicitude for your priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Rev. Jolaw Knotek



December 22, 1947

The Reverend John T. Knotek

Touson, Arizona

My dear Father Knotek:

I was pleased to receive your letter and to learn that you were gradually regaining your health. Personally, I do not think it would be advisable for you to return to Milwaukee during the winter months, in view of the fact that there is so much moisture and dampness from the lake. You would probably counteract all the progress that you have made, and in that case "the second condition would be worse than the first".

Wishing you every grace and blessing you desire, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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ADOM042920

May 21 1948

The Most Reverend Moses E. Kiley, D.D.  
[REDACTED]

Milwaukee, Wis.

Your Excellency:

My health has improved sufficiently  
to warrant my return to Milwaukee. This  
is the decision of my physician, Dr. [REDACTED]  
who will send his report on my physical  
condition under separate cover.

I plan to leave Arizona on the 21st  
of June by which date I shall have finished

June 1, 1948

The Reverend John T. Knotek

Tucson, Arizona

My dear Father Knotek:

I was indeed very pleased to receive your letter of May 27 informing me that your health has improved sufficiently to warrant your return to Milwaukee. Thus far I have not received a report from Dr. [REDACTED] but I presume that in due time it will come. What pleased me most is that you have regained your health and that shortly you will return to work here in the Archdiocese.

Wishing you every grace and blessing you desire, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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ADOM042923

[REDACTED] M. D.

[REDACTED]  
TUCSON, ARIZONA

June 1, 1948

INTERNAL MEDICINE

The Most Reverend Moses E. Kiley, D.D.  
2000 W. Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin.

Your Excellency:

As you know, I have been the medical adviser to Reverend John T. Knotek while he has been residing in Tucson. I feel he has progressed to a point where it is reasonable for him to return to his diocese and to undertake whatever duties he is assigned. This is probably the most optimum season of the year for him to make the change. It is my opinion that this return should be on a trial basis. It may be that the severe winter weather of the Great Lakes region may prove to be unsuitable for him. In that event, it would seem to me that consideration be given to the advisability of transferring him to a southwestern or Southern California diocese.

Most respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ADOM042924

August 20, 1948

The Most Reverend Daniel J. Gercke, D.D.

Tucson, Arizona

Dear Bishop Gercke:

The Reverend John T. Knotek who returned from Arizona last July, thinking that he was sufficiently cured to take up his work in the Archdiocese, finds that he must return to Arizona. The doctors tell him that he should return to a dry climate at the earliest possible day.

Father Knotek feels that he could do some pastoral work. If there is any place where he might help out in your diocese I am sure he would be grateful. However, you understand that I am not asking you to provide him with some work unless it would be advantageous to you or that his services of whatsoever nature he is able to render might be helpful.

Thanking you for your kindness on so many occasions to the priests from Milwaukee who have been obliged to spend some time in Arizona, and also thanking you for your kindness to me on a number of occasions when you were Rector of the Cathedral in Philadelphia, and with best wishes and kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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Bishop's Residence  
Tucson, Arizona

September 6, 1948.

His Excellency  
The Mt. Rev. Moses E. Kiley, D.D.,  
[REDACTED],  
Milwaukee 3,  
Wis.,

Dear Archbishop:-

This is in reply to your letter of August 20 regarding the Rev. Father Knotek. I am sorry to learn that he has to return here. He is one of the finest priests whom I have met. Probably he would say that about Tucsonensis speaking of bishops. I am really very fond of him. Sometimes for pontifical masses we have to rely on outsiders to give us a hand. Father was always ready to help out.

I shall be looking around. It is not easy in a Diocese like this to find a place, for there are many seekers and our chaplaincies are limited and pastors want strong able-bodied curates. Father is well known here and our priests are fond of him.

Recently I was able to find a place for a padre from Chicago and for several others. I don't know of any opening just now, but I shall look about. A priest would be better in a rectory if he is able to do any parish work.

With sentiments of esteem in the union of prayer, I am

Devotedly yours in Christ

*Daniel J. Keefe*  
Bishop of Tucson.

ADOM042926

September 1, 1950

The Reverend John T. Knotek  
[REDACTED]  
Racine, Wisconsin

My dear Father Knotek:

I hereby appoint you to assist the Reverend Joseph T. McQuestion, pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Greenfield, Wisconsin. You will please to report for duty to Father McQuestion on Tuesday, September 5th, 1950.

Wishing you every grace and blessing you desire, and hoping that your good health may continue, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

[REDACTED]

C O P Y

ADOM042927

September 23, 1950

The Reverend John T. Knotek

Hales Corners, Wisconsin

My dear Father Knotek:

I hereby appoint you to assist the Reverend Charles J. Koudelka, J.C.D., pastor of St. John De Nepomuc's Parish, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, transferring you from St. Mary's Parish, Greenfield, Wisconsin. You will please to report for duty to Father Koudelka on Thursday, September 28, 1950.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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Archdiocese of Milwaukee

The Chancery

2000 W. WISCONSIN AVENUE

Milwaukee 3, Wis.

February 22, 1954

The Reverend John Knotek,

[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee 10, Wisconsin

Dear Father Knotek:

This letter is to inform you that I am herewith appointing you Pastor of St. John Baptist Parish in Woodhull, with attached mission of St. Mary's, Eldorado.

This appointment is to become effective on Monday, March 1, on which date you will kindly report at your new assignment.

A copy of this letter is being sent to your present pastor, Father Koudelka, and a substitute will be provided for your place at St. John Nepomuc in due time.

Canon 1406 provides for the profession of faith by a newly appointed pastor, and this may be made by you before Father Koudelka, as my delegate, some time before you leave St. John Nepomuc.

Wishing you every blessing, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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St. John the Baptist Congregation  
WOODHULL,  
R. R. 1, ELDORADO, WIS.

See

Aug. 9, 1959

Your Excellency

I write this letter because I have become too tense and nervous to be entirely coherent in speaking with you before first acquainting you with certain matters that have been much on my mind for a long time.

Over a year and a half ago my health began to take down- quite evidently as a result of imprudent over-work and some anxiety in my work with the Parish and the Mission. I won't go into details regarding this except to state that five and a half years ago I accepted the pastorate here with much happiness, energy and eagerness to create good will between the parishioners and myself. However, it seems that I overdid in working with the parishioners in restoring the interior of the Church, the rectory and especially the Mission Church, the interior of which is now entirely renovated. It was then that I noticed that my voice began to fail me and rest at night no longer dispelled my tiredness. We have actually installed public address system in both small churches in order that my sermons could be heard. Since then my eyesight became perceptibly weaker also.

A year ago my doctor insisted that I get away for a rest. I went to Arizona for my month's vacation and felt much better after three weeks' stay. (His Excellency, the late Archbishop Kiley sent me there on extended sick-leave some twelve years ago because of a chronic-bronchial condition) However, soon after I had returned last summer the feeling of exhaustion soon returned, and I took permission to go to Sacred Heart Sanitarium for a while, but within two weeks I became increasingly more tense and somewhat depressed - I just couldn't get back to the parish fast enough. (I had spent eight weeks at the Sanitarium) Under doctor care since, I have reduced my work to saying Mass, taking care of the few calls associated with a country parish, and my Sunday Masses and sermons. - I was able, finally, to get

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St. John the Baptist Congregation  
WOODHULL,  
R. R. 1, ELDORADO, WIS.

sisters to teach the over one hundred children on Saturdays.

Because I have been taking tranquillizing capsules and other drugs, including a nightly dose of sleeping tablets for over a year now without any real or lasting gain in strength and energy or ability to really relax, I asked my doctor to recommend a Catholic psychiatrist who might help me regarding my tensions which become severe and painful if I speak with anyone for any length of time. He concurred with my doctor that I must leave for a complete rest temporarily and assured me that within six months I should be well enough to return to parish work.

Your Excellency, would you grant me an interview at your convenience in the near future to discuss further the matter of my health and the recommendation of my doctor for temporary sick leave. My health and strength were restored to me once before during my stay in Southern Arizona. Private lodging would not be at problem and possibly a return to a hobby, my painting - would relax me again sufficiently to go thru the day without tranquilizers and to sleep again without drugs. I want so much to return to parish work - it's my very life - and I promise I won't go 'overboard' again on parish projects.

Most Sincerely in Christ

Father John Kuttek

St. James Congregation

W220 N6588 TOWN LINE ROAD  
MENOMONEE FALLS, WIS. 53051

Feb. 7 1972

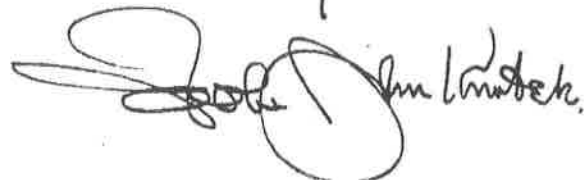
The Most Rev. William C. Cousins D.D.  
2000. West Wisconsin Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Archbishop,

Due to circumstances at St. James which are at present and for several months beyond my ability to control - all of which, thru our most understanding discussions, you are well aware of, I hereby tender my resignation as pastor of St. James, effective as of March 27th 1972.

With expressions of gratitude beyond words for your concern and understanding I remain with full loyalty to you -

most sincerely



ADOM042937

M E M O

August 1, 1988

To: Wayne A. Schneider  
Department for Finance and Administrative Services

Re: Priests' Pension Plan  
Retirement of Rev. John T. Knotek

Father John T. Knotek, Chaplain at St. Joseph's Home, Kenosha, officially retired as of June 30, 1988. He is to be included as a beneficiary of the Priests' Pension Plan. Payments are to commence with the date of retirement in accord with Article V, Section 5.1, of the Priests' Pension Plan.

His address is:

████████████████████  
Kenosha, WI 53140

(Rev.) Ralph C. Gross  
Chancellor

RCG/mk  
Atsach.

cc: Rev. Herbert B. Schubert  
Chairman, Priests' Pension Plan

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J. KNOTEK

3/16/70 - telephone from R. Walsh complaint re decorum.

6/8/71 - telephone - anonymous complaint vs. decorum.

7/12/71 - telephone- parishioner complaint vs. decorum.

11/3/71 - telephone from J. Ernsterr- to inform Board of instability of J. Knotek, troublesome situation at St. James.

11/5/71 - telephone from J. Knotek - may take Neosho but wants to think it over.

10/26/71 - interview with J. Knotek, wants 1 man place after 1st of year not too far from Milwaukee.

12/10/71 - telephone - request St. Joseph Home, Kenosha, with added duties at St. Therese.

1/7/72 - telephone (per Archbishop) wants to leave St. James, Lannon, soon.

1/21/72 - telephone - wants to know about appointment. He must be out soon, 2 or 3 weeks; pressures too great.

2/4/72 - telephone (per Archbishop) urgency of move.

2/28/72 - telephone - parishioner, asks about wages for J. Knotek.

3/10/72 - telephone from Sr. Carmen, thanks for J. Knotek.

10/3/83 - corresp. - C. Last forwards correspondence from ACMI to: Sr. Mary Therese, St. Joseph Home for Aged, re. payment into ed. fund for J. Knotek; payment not necessary since John does not use it; St. Joe's will fund him if he seeks cont. ed.

4/25/88 - B. Sklba phoned to relate that J. Knotek was 75 on September 13, 1987. Upon his resignation his position will be open listed - perhaps J. Doheny who expressed interest in position.

6/10/88 - corresp - Letter from Archbishop to J. Knotek, Chaplain, St. Joseph Nursing Home Kenosha, regarding retirement date effective June 30, 1988.

7/27/88 - corresp - J. Knotek, Chaplain St. Joseph Home, Kenosha, retires effective June 30, 1988.

6/4/90 - F. Mac was reushed to the hospital with bleeding at the base of the brain. No prognosis at this time is made. J. Knotek will cover daily mass for this week.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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February 4, 2003

Reverend John Knotek  
[REDACTED]  
Kenosha, WI 53140

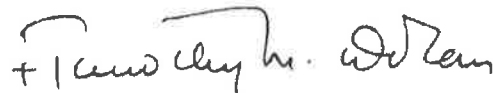
Dear John,

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. I have asked Father Joe Hornacek to contact you for a personal meeting to discuss this situation with you on my behalf and to deliver this letter to you for me. 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. 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

February 28, 1972

The Reverend John T. Knotek

Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

Dear Father Knotek:

For the sake of our records and to permit your appointment as Chaplain to St. Joseph Home for the Aged in Kenosha, please look upon this letter as an acceptance of your resignation as Pastor of St. James Parish, Menomonee Falls, effective as of March 7, 1972.

Your assignment to St. Joseph Home for the Aged is one that should be quite acceptable and reflects a respect for your own choice of priestly service. Though your predecessor rubbed some people the wrong way, there has never been a complaint about his zeal. He was available for visits from the various residents, he made it a point to bring Communion to those who were unable to attend a morning Mass, provided opportunities for the common recitation of the Rosary, Lenten Devotions, etc., and, generally speaking, provided services which were deeply appreciated. Your own temperament will in all likelihood carry on in the same tradition.

With warm personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Personnel Board

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February 17, 1972

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Reverend John T. Knotek  
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216

Dear Father Knotek:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Pastor at St. James Parish, Lannon, and appoint you Chaplain at St. Joseph Home for the Aged, Kenosha, effective March 7, 1972. You will kindly report on that date to the Administrator, Sister Mary Carmen.

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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February 8, 1972

Reverend John T. Knotek  
St. James Parish  
████████████████████  
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

Dear Father Knotek:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I hereby accept your resignation from the pastorate of St. James Parish, Lannon, effective March 7, 1972. The Personnel Board has informed me that they are now in the process of arranging another assignment for you, hopefully for March 7, 1972.

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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November 18, 1968

The Reverend John T. Knotek  
Pastor, St. John Parish  
██████████  
Eldorado, Wisconsin 54932

Dear Father Knotek:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from the pastorate of St. John Parish, Woodhull, with the mission of St. Mary at Eldorado, and I officially appoint you pastor of St. James Parish, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, effective Tuesday, November 26, 1968, on which date you are asked to report to your new assignment.

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.

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

Faternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE FORM BEFORE MAKING ANY ENTRIES

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name Rev. John T. Knotek

Birth Date September 13, 1912

Title (Pastor, Assoc. Pastor, Etc.) Pastor

Present Assignment St. John the Baptist - Woodhull (St. Mary's-Eldorado)

Location Lamartine Township and Eldorado, Wisconsin

Time in this Assignment 14 (yrs.) 6 (mos.)

Home Parish at Time of Ordination St. John Nepomuk - Racine Wisconsin

Prior Assignments:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Years in Position</u>
St. John the Baptist	Jefferson	assistant pastor	3+
St. Joseph	Cudahy	" "	6 months
St. John the Evangelist -	Milwaukee	" "	6 yrs.†
Sts. Peter & Paul -	Tucson, Arizona	" "	1 yr.
Villa Carondolet	" "	Chaplain-instructor	2 yrs
St. John de Nepomuc	Milwaukee	assistant pastor	3 yrs
St. John the Baptist	Woodhull	Pastor	14 yrs†

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Select Knotek Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

6/20/02 Survivor letter to Hornacek writing to report that they were a victim of sexual abuse by Knotek in the early 1950s between the ages of six to twelve years old at St. John the Baptist Church. The abuse consisted of fondling through clothing.