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April 4, 2007

Mr. James C. Hagan  
C/o Patrick Reardon  
2200 W. Lawrence Ave., Suite 201  
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Dear Mr. Hagan,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on March 17, 2007 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that in light of the information presented, additional investigation is warranted. Meaning, the Board determined that based upon the information presented for their review, there is cause to continue to investigate this matter. Further, if you have any additional information at this time you wish to share and have presented to the Board, please forward it to my attention. Any additional information obtained and/or received will be presented to the Board at a Review for Cause of this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

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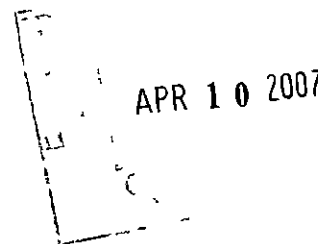
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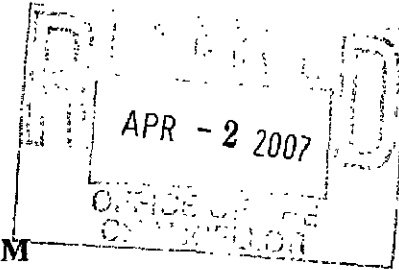
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR - 11

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: Hagan, Rev. James [Resigned], 

Date: March 27, 2007

In attempts to follow up on information provided by  in his allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. James Hagan, I called and spoke with Sr. Elizabeth Lynch, OP on March 22, 2007. Sr. Elizabeth was principal of St. Denis at the time of the alleged abuse by Fr. Hagan. When asked, Sr. Elizabeth informed me that Ms. Ellen Murphy was a former school secretary at St. Denis. Sr. Elizabeth provided Ms. Murphy's contact information of 

I called and spoke with Ms. Murphy via phone today. After introducing myself, I informed Ms. Murphy that Sr. Elizabeth had provided me with her name and contact information. I then provided Ms. Murphy with a brief verbal description of my office and reason for the phone call. When asked, Ms. Murphy stated that she would be willing to speak with me. Prior to continuing, I informed Ms. Murphy that this was a confidential matter.

I asked Ms. Murphy if and when she was a school secretary at St. Denis. Ms. Murphy stated that she was a school secretary there for seven years and that she left in October 1992. I informed Ms. Murphy that the allegation that I was investigating was made against the former Rev. James Hagan. I then asked Ms. Murphy if there was ever a practice where she would call students out of the classrooms either through the PA system or in a different matter to come to the school office. Ms. Murphy stated that it would have been "unlikely" for her to call for a student to come to the office via the PA system. She stated that there were occasions when she would have gone to a classroom to get a child if the child's parent had called the office in an emergency type situation. I then asked Ms. Murphy if Fr. Hagan or any other priest ever asked her to call a child out of a classroom to come to meet with him. Ms. Murphy stated that Fr. Hagan never asked

her to call a child out of class for him. She also stated that it would have stood out in her mind if that did happen [Fr. Hagan ask her to call a child out of class] or if she observed something like that.

I thanked Ms. Murphy for her assistance. When asked, Ms. Murphy stated that she did not need my name or contact information.

Cc Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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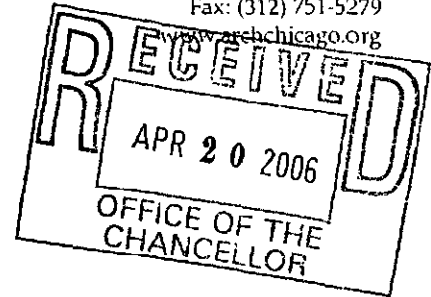
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MEMORANDUM



TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
✓ Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Patricia Zacharias, Office of Professional Responsibility

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: April 19, 2006

RE: [PFR-11] Hagan, Rev. James (Resigned)/ [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 4/13/06. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Hagan, Rev. James/[REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

Cc: Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Dennis Lyle, Rector, Mundelein Seminary  
Very Rev. James Presta, Vicar, St. Joseph Seminary

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Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
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## D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board that information at least seems to be true that **James Hagan**, prior to his resignation from priestly ministry, engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED] a minor at the time of the alleged incident, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **James Hagan**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

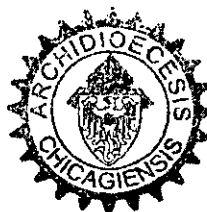
In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm James Hagan's name or to violate his right to protect his privacy.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written and oral report to the Professional Responsibility Review Board, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense.

Given on October 6, 2004 at Chicago, Illinois.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



*Rev. Richard Sanders*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

AOC 002376

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Office of the Archbishop



155 E Superior St  
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23 October, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
676 N. St. Clair St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of 8 October, 2003 in response to your letter of September 23, 2003, regarding the matter of **James Hagan**, a priest ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago who resigned from ministry many years ago, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. I understand that a Review for Cause was conducted by the Review Board on 20 September, 2003.

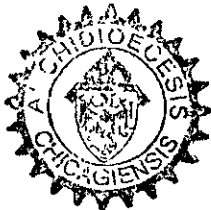
I accept the Review Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that James Hagan engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor. Since he is no longer engaged in priestly ministry, there is no ministerial behavior to be monitored.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

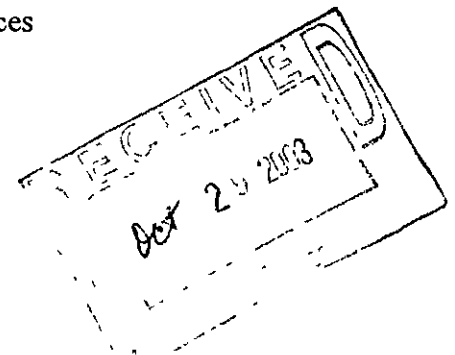
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



*Rev. Richard Lacroix*

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend Thomas A. Tivy, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services



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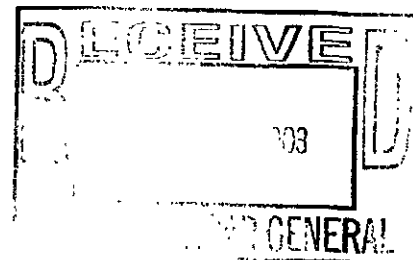
## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
✓ Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
✓ Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: October 14, 2003

RE: [PFR-11]Hagan, James (Resigned) [REDACTED]



Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 10/13/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Hagan, James [REDACTED].

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

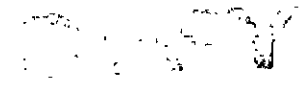
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cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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July 30, 2003

Mr. James Hagan



Dear Mr. Hagan,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on July 19, 2003 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that Rev. Thomas Tivy continues to be available to you. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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## D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Review Board that there is "reasonable cause to suspect" that **James Hagan** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor while he was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **James Hagan**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

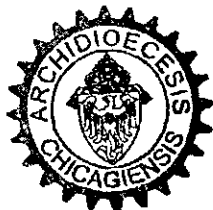
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After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written and oral report to the Professional Responsibility Review Board, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense.

Given on July 23, 2003 at Chicago, Illinois.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



*Rev. Richard Lueder*  
Ecclesiastical Notary


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## MEMORANDUM

To: PFR-11

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: **ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT BY JAMES HAGAN  
[RESIGNED]**

Date: May 15, 2003

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**Date of Interview: May 14, 2003      Time of Interview: 2:00pm**

**Present at Interview**

Mr. James Hagan  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

**Phone Interview**

Mr. James Hagan contacted Fr. Tivy at the Vicar for Priests Office via phone at 2:00pm for the scheduled interview. The interview was conducted entirely via speakerphone.

After introductions were made, PFRA described the responsibilities of the Office of Professional Fitness Review as well as those of PFRA. PFRA also explained the Review Board process to Mr. Hagan. As PFRA prepared to read the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] Mr. Hagan agreed to interrupt PFRA if he was unclear with any information that was being read to him.

Mr. Hagan did not speak as PFRA read [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct to him. Upon the conclusion of PFRA reading the allegation, Fr. Tivy asked Mr. Hagan if he chose to respond. Mr. Hagan's response was, "He [REDACTED] is somebody that I knew and I have no comment to make."

Fr. Tivy agreed to contact Mr. Hagan when this matter will be presented to the Review Board.

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim AY's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on March 14, 2003, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. James Hagan. The alleged abuse consisted of fondling and oral sex. The alleged abuse occurred from approximately 1982 to 1986, occurring roughly once a month between the time Victim AY was 14 and 18 years old. The alleged abuse occurred at St. Richard's parish, St. Gertrude's parish, at a movie theater, and once during an out-of-state trip to an amusement park where he was forced to share a bed with Hagan. Victim AY also recalls Hagan having groups of kids watch R-rated movies in the rectory. Victim AY reported that Hagan invited him to go on outings and then back to the rectory approximately once per month.

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## MEMORANDUM

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Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
✓ Bishop-Elect Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant<sup>LNP</sup>  
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: March 3, 2003

RE: [PFR-11] Hagan, James (Resigned) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 3/3/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Hagan, James [REDACTED].

Thank you.

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cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

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February 3, 2003

[REDACTED]  
C/o Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson  
Reinhardt & Anderson  
E-1000 First National Bank Building  
332 Minnesota Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on November 16, 2002 and conducted a First Stage Review pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the information presented to the Board regarding your allegation against James Hagan, Cardinal George has accepted the Board's unanimous 6-0 vote that there is reasonable cause to suspect that James Hagan engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

If at any time you would like to submit additional information regarding this matter to this office, please contact me at 312.751.5206. Also, please know that our Assistance Ministry Office continues to be available to you. You can reach them at 312.751.8267 or by e-mail at [assistmin@archdiocese-chgo.org](mailto:assistmin@archdiocese-chgo.org).

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
John O'Malley, Legal Services

3/19/03  
File: 712  
Hagan

January 13, 2003

Dear Cardinal George

As you recall I informed you in April last year that Father James Hagan molested me when I was a youngster at St. Catherine/St. Lucy parish. Just last month Leah McCluskey from the Archdiocese told me that the review board determined that my allegation is true. It was extremely consoling for me to hear that the Church believed me

I am asking you to go with me to every parish where Father James Hagan served to invite other victims to come forward to get healing. Other victims of Father Hagan may never come forward if they do not hear from you. Your joining me and speaking at those parishes may empower other victims of Father Hagan to come forward for support and comfort and to begin a journey of healing in their lives.

I am also asking that you immediately release the names of all priests who have been found by the archdiocesan review board to have been perpetrators of sexual abuse. It is important for two reasons: 1) So that all those abused will know they are not alone and that they may come forward to get healing and 2) So that no more children are abused by these men. The adults surrounding the perpetrators need to be put on notice so that children will not be allowed around these perpetrators. Children are at risk and won't be if you, Cardinal George, make their names public.

Despite the disclosures that occurred about the clergy abuse crisis in 2002, many people in the church still have not seen enough action on the part of church leaders to protect children and to search for other victims of priest abuse.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely



*I am told by Patryk J. O'Malley  
that all parishes were informed.  
JK*

13 March 2002

Archbishop Cardinal George  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
PO Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Archbishop Cardinal George;

[REDACTED]

The Church was an integral part of my childhood, and I remained active into my teen years. My education began at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Catherine of Siena in Oak Park.

[REDACTED] I soon became an altar boy and helped serve at Masses and funerals.

[REDACTED]

One day, [REDACTED] were invited to the rectory to see Father Hagan. We were sitting in the rectory as he put on some music. He had a Marantz stereo and we were impressed. I got up to get something; [REDACTED] As I sat down [REDACTED] I felt a large hand forcing its way under my behind. [REDACTED] Father Hagan sat there, a smile on his round, bearded face. He began to move his fingers, fondling me, still smiling. [REDACTED]

This event, the sexual abuse perpetrated upon me by a priest of the Catholic Church, has had a profound and long-reaching effect upon my life. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I need for you, for the Church, to respond to this, and to recognize your part in this situation, and to rectify the wrongs that have been done. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Please contact me at [REDACTED] so that we can schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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**MEMORANDUM**

To: File – PFR-11  
From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator   
Re: Rev. James Hagan (Resigned) Response to Allegation of Sexual Misconduct of a Minor  
Date: October 21, 2002

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**Date of Interview**    October 17, 2002                      **Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Present at Interview**

James Hagan [JH], accused [present via phone]  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Fr. Tom Tivy, Vicar for Priests [VP]

**Phone Interview**

James Hagan [JH] contacted Fr. Tivy [VP] via phone at 10:00am from the Vicar for Priests Office for the scheduled appointment. PFRA apologized for arriving for the appointment approximately 20 minutes late. After introductions were made, PFRA described the responsibilities of the Office of Professional Fitness Review as well as those of PFRA.

PPFA then continued by reading the allegations of sexual misconduct made by [redacted] against JH. JH stated that, "The name [redacted] doesn't ring a bell" and has not become any more familiar to him throughout the past five weeks [since being notified by VP of the allegation].

JH stated that he has "absolutely no memory of this incident or of having [redacted] eighth graders in my room." He again clarified that "I definitely don't remember him [redacted] or the incident that he described." JH described the rectory of St. Catherine/St. Lucy as "an open place" where there was "much interaction." However, "[having [redacted] boys in his room] during school time doesn't click at all." JH then stated, "I believe that I would remember this [details of [redacted] allegation]... I think that I'd remember what he's describing."

JH stated that it is a ‘ great possibility’ that [REDACTED] was in his room due to the fact that [REDACTED] knew that JH had a [REDACTED] “in his [JH’s] possession ” JH then described his room as including a love seat and two chairs JH “questioned” having [REDACTED] people in his room [besides himself] As per JH, if there were [REDACTED] other people in his room, “I would be sitting next to one ”

PFRA then explained to JH the Review Board process JH is aware that VP will notify him when this allegation and response will be presented to the Board JH was extremely cooperative during the mentioned phone conversation

Cc Review Board Members  
Rev Thomas J Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
John O’Malley, Legal Services

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor



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April 15, 1997

Dear Liz,

In filing Jim Hagan's letter of resignation from active ministry, I came across your card apologizing for your behavior last summer and promising to be a positive influence in the healing process of your faculty and parish.

I do accept your apology and I am grateful for all you have done to bring healing to a painful and difficult situation. I hope that the future will be much brighter for all of you and for Jim.

God bless you,

Tom Paprocki



August 30, 1996

I am at peace and will be  
a better influence on the  
healing process of our  
family and parish.

Love Father Paprocki,

Please accept my apologies  
for my need and ill-  
mannered behavior. I  
continue to grieve for Gene  
and will always defend  
and love him.

God bless you and give  
work for the Church of  
America (Be good to Jim!)

Sincerely,

Fig (SR. ELIZABETH LYNCH, S.P.)

The tragedy is important  
and is shared and touched  
in many ways.

My Father met with you  
and regretted it.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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September 9, 1996

Reverend William J. Tkachuk  
Administrator  
St. Denis Parish  
8301 S. St. Louis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60652

Dear Bill:

I am very grateful for your gracious letter thanking me for my presence and assistance to the pastoral staff and Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish on Wednesday, August 28. It is good to know that I was able to help the leadership of the parish to deal with a difficult situation.

I am also pleased to know that you found the information on Mass offerings useful in changing the daily Mass schedule. It is encouraging to see canonical norms applied with such pastoral sensitivity.

As you conclude your ministry at St. Denis Parish and begin your new assignment as Pastor of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Schaumburg, please know of my gratitude for your capable leadership under trying circumstances. Since past experience is always the best indicator of future performance, I am confident that you will do well in your new parish.

I will remember you in prayer as you have so kindly offered to keep me in yours.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Thomas J. Paprocki*

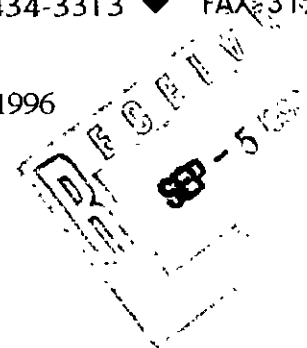
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor



the community of  
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2 September, 1996



Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your presence and assistance to the pastoral staff and Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish last Wednesday. You made yourself available in what could have been a very explosive situation. Your openness and honesty with both groups greatly helped the leadership of this parish to deal with the difficult news that was being presented and to begin to move forward. The information you provided was also useful on the weekend, since parish leadership was able to respond to most of the questions being asked by parishioners and therefore resolve many of their concerns.

I am also grateful for your assistance in helping us deal with the issue of reducing our daily Mass schedule. You offered useful information and pastoral options, allowing parish leadership to make the best decision for this parish. I could not have asked for a more appropriate and useful response. I have enclosed a copy of the announcement of our decision to parishioners, which has appeared in the bulletin for several weeks. To the best of my knowledge, we have received no complaints, and no one has asked to have an intention moved to another date.

I offer my prayers and gratitude to you as you continue in your ministry.

In the peace of Christ,

*Bill Tkachuk*

Rev. William J. Tkachuk  
Administrator  
St. Denis Parish

cc: Cardinal Joseph Bernardin

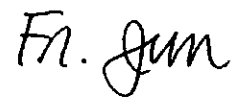
August 26, 1996

Dear Parishioners,

At this time I wish to thank you for the hundreds of letters and notes, the prayers and kindnesses you have sent my way. Never doubt the powerful effect they have had and the deep affection and regard I hold for all of you. Your faith and love have been a sustaining and positive force through these many months. However, after much prayer and reflection I have asked Cardinal Bernardin to allow me to step down as your pastor. He has agreed to my request. These are important moments in your history and as long as part of your focus remains on me, it prevents you from dealing with the issues and possibilities you face. Painful as the letting go is, it's important for both of us to move on. You are in good hands. God has abundantly blessed this parish with the right people to lead you through the coming transition.

It has been a high privilege to serve you. These have been years of grace and growth. Being at St. Denis and the vision we forged together will have lasting effect in all our lives. I so deeply believe that this parish has and will continue to be a welcoming light and a sign of hope for all who are looking for a community to call home. The levels of your talent, your generous spirits, the quality of your faith and leadership made pastoring with you a joy. I ask for your continued prayers for all involved that good, healing, and new life will emerge. I bid you peace and hold you forever close in my prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Jim".

Rev. James C. Hagan



August 26, 1996

Reverend Lawrence P. McBrady  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

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Dear Father McBrady:

In anticipation of your meetings with the parish staff and the pastoral council at St. Denis Parish, I am writing to provide you with information regarding the matter of Father James Hagan.

The Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review on Wednesday, August 21, 1996. This was in keeping with Archdiocesan policies and procedures which provide that such a review shall ordinarily be initiated and scheduled to occur no earlier than 30 and no later than 120 days after completion of the First Stage Review. Father Hagan's First Stage Review was completed on April 22, 1996.

In light of all the information gathered and reported by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator at the Second Stage Review, the Board determined that it is not reasonable to return Father Hagan to ministry and recommended that his withdrawal from ministry continue. Cardinal Bernardin has accepted this determination and recommendation. The people of St. Denis Parish should be informed of this decision. They should also be informed that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted Father Hagan's resignation as pastor of St. Denis Parish.

The Cardinal has expressed his concern for Father Hagan, for those who brought the allegations, and for all the people of St. Denis Parish. He acknowledged that this is a time of grief in many respects. Mindful of the pain and hurt being felt at this time, the Cardinal expressed his hope that true healing may come to Father Hagan and to all involved in this process.

With every good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Ms. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services  
Mr. Robert Quakenbush, Director of Communications

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Memorandum

To: Cardinal Bernardin

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor and  
Archbishop's Delegate to the Professional  
Fitness Review Board *TOP*

Date: August 26, 1996

Re: Reverend James Hagan

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In order for you to be more fully informed about the Review Board's recommendations concerning Father Jim Hagan, I am providing you with copies of the [REDACTED] provided to the Review Board.

If you have any questions, or would like any additional information, please let me know.

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WRITTEN REPORT/SUMMARY FOR SECOND STAGE REVIEW

REVIEW DATE: 8/21/96

1. NAME: REV. JAMES HAGAN AGE/D.O.B.: 3/26/48

2. ORDAINED: 5/8/74

3. PRESENT ASSIGNMENT OR RESIDENCE:

KOENIG HALL - MUNDELEIN Since: April, 1996

4. ALLEGATIONS/INFORMATION:

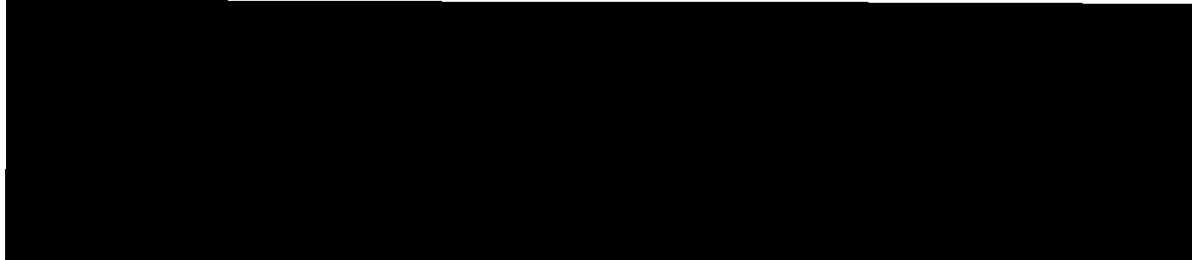
<u>Date of Offense</u>	<u>Sex/Age of Child</u>	<u>Credibility</u>
Approx. 1981-86	M 12 - 13	Yes
Approx. 1981-85	M 16	Yes
Approx. 1981-85	M 14	Yes
Approx. 1982	M 15	Yes

5. GENERAL NATURE OF OFFENSE(S):

Each minor states that James Hagan would touch them on their thighs and proceed with grabbing of the penis. Incidents occurred with each minor 40-50x. Also, one minor indicated James Hagan also touched his penis under his clothes at least 20-30x. Indications with one minor of smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol.

6. OTHER PROBLEMS DURING MINISTRY: None Noted

7.



8. SPECIAL CONCERNS OR PROBLEMS (if any):

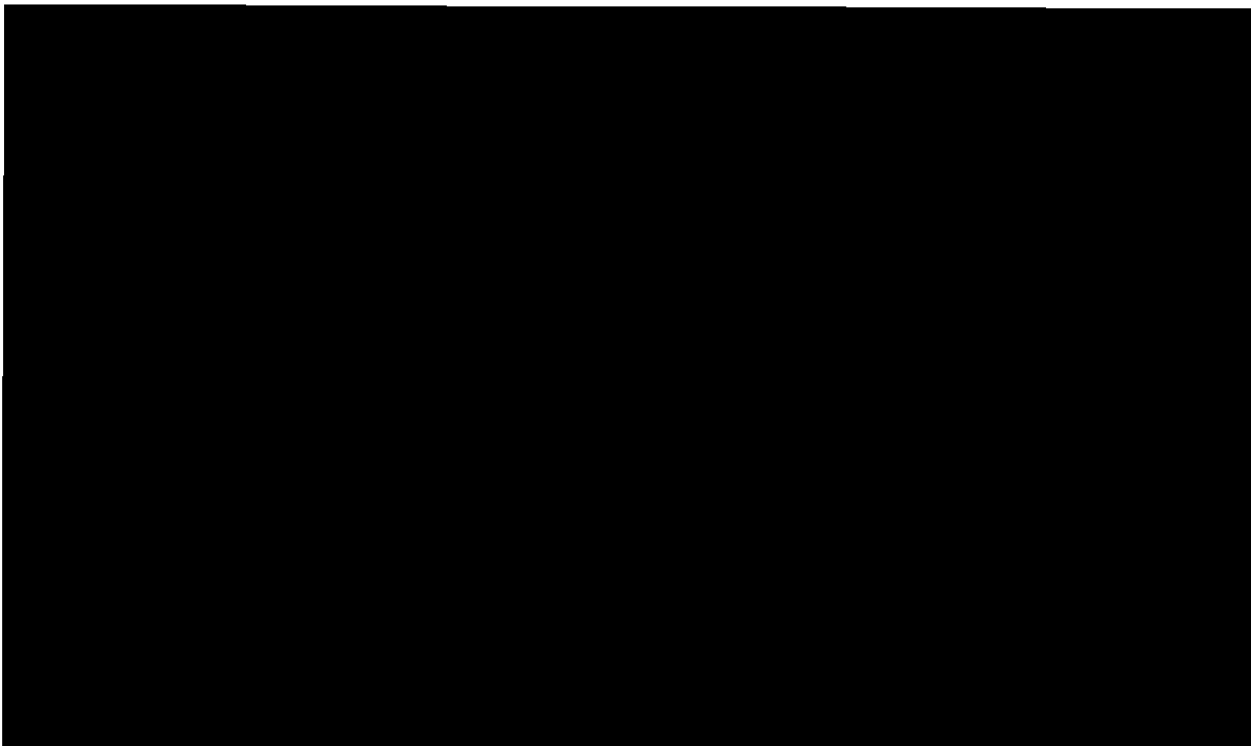


9. DATE OF FIRST STAGE REVIEW COMPLETION: 4/23/96

10. REVIEW BOARD'S DETERMINATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ARCHBISHOP/ARCHBISHOP'S DECISION:

Reasonable cause to suspect that James Hagan engaged in sexual misconduct with minors. Recommended that he be withdrawn from ministry. Not to be alone with minors. Reside at Koenig Hall.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS



Based on the [REDACTED] and the behavioral patterns of the abuse, I recommend to the Board the following:

- that it is not reasonable to return JH to ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances;
- that JH's withdrawal from ministry continue;
- no access to minors;
- [REDACTED]
- that the PFRA & Vicar for Priests meet with JH to discuss protocol restrictions;
- that JH meet with the Vicar for Priests [REDACTED]
- to abstain from illegal substances.

Reason(s) for Review Board's Determination(s) and/or Recommendation(s) .

[REDACTED] Allegations, Reports from the PFRA.

St. Denis School  
8300 S. St. Louis Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60652

August 9, 1996

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago  
P. O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

Having contemplated this letter for months and repeatedly changing my mind on its contents, I am writing to express my strong conviction that Father Jim Hagan should return to parish ministry as soon as possible.

Today a recurring recollection refers back to the Pastor Evaluation a few years ago. I recall the question, "What do you like about your pastor?" My response then and now is *everything*. Father Jim is spiritual, diligent, caring, generous, friendly, daring and fun-loving.

Throughout 31 years of school administration in the Archdiocese, I have been privileged to work with tremendous pastors. I have enjoyed and learned from each but none can surpass Father Jim's devotion to his priesthood and achievements in engendering creative and dynamic parish life. He is an exceptionally talented man who constantly challenges himself, those with whom he works, the parishioners and children he serves. He gladdens liturgies and all diverse pursuits.

Please know of my continued support and appreciation for all you do for the Church of Chicago. I pray for your health and intentions. I pray, too, for all involved in the resolution of Father Jim's situation and that a process would never override the fact that we are dealing with a decent and loving individual.

Sincerely,

*Sister Elizabeth Lynch, O.P.*

ccMost Reverend Raymond Goedert, D.D.  
✓ Reverend Thomas Paprocki  
Reverend Daniel Coughlin  
Dr. Carol Fowler  
Ms. Bernadette Connelly

**St. Denis Convent  
8332 South St. Louis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60652**

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August 8, 1996

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

On April 23, shock and disbelief shook St Denis Parish. We were told that a decision should be forthcoming in four months. It is our heartfelt hope that Fr. Jim Hagan can return for the reopening of school. Here we will strive to heal, care for and love a priest that gave us so much leadership, joy and laughter.

We, too, are victims and no one seems to care. The elderly weep openly at the sound of his name. The young are saddened and confused at his absence.

May I ask one more time why a 10 year old wound is so important and our needs as a parish so unnoticed? We know Father Jim is human, he is honest and he is suffering; we're not afraid or ashamed to welcome him back with the love and forgiveness of Jesus. Neither do we want to wait 10 years. Let us get on with celebrating our lost pastor.

Sincerely,

*Sister Nara Brady, O.P.*

cc Most Reverend Raymond Goedert, D.D.

✓ Reverend Thomas Paprocki  
Reverend Daniel Coughlin  
Dr. Carol Fowler  
Ms. Bernadette Connelly

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**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS CONCERNING  
ALLEGATIONS RE: REV. JAMES C. HAGAN**

- Q When did the Archdiocese first learn of these allegations?
- A The allegations were first made to an archdiocesan priest on April 19. He immediately contacted the Archdiocese of Chicago's Vicar for Priests Office, which immediately contacted the Office of the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.
- Q Was the allegation made by calling the toll-free 800 number?
- A No, not in this instance.
- Q What is the nature of the allegations?
- A More than one adult male has alleged that Father Hagan engaged in inappropriate sexual behavior with him while he was a minor.
- Q When did the alleged incidents occur?
- A According to the allegations, the incidents occurred during the early to mid-1980s while Father Hagan was an associate pastor at St. Richard Parish.
- Q Has the Archdiocese informed the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and/or the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services?
- A Yes. Archdiocesan officials notified both the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and DCFS of the allegations on April 24.
- Q Did the Archdiocese offer help of any kind to the individuals making the allegations?
- A Yes. Archdiocesan Assistance Ministers have met with them. It is the policy of the Archdiocese to offer appropriate help.
- Q What is Father Hagan's status with the Archdiocese?
- A He has been withdrawn from his assignment at St. Denis and been placed on

administrative leave

Q Where is Father Hagan now?

A He is in a monitored setting

Q How long has Father Hagan been a priest?

A He was ordained in 1974 He has served as pastor at St Denis Parish since June, 1988 His other assignments include

1974-81	Associate Pastor, St Catherine of Siena, Oak Park
1981-86	Associate Pastor, St Richard
1986-88	Associate Pastor, St Gertrude

Q How would I send a letter to Father Hagan? Where should I send it?

A Send it to Rev James Hagan c/o Vicar for Priests Office, Archdiocese of Chicago, 645 N Michigan Ave , Suite #543, Chicago IL 60611

Q Were the alleged victims parishioners at St Richard or St Denis?

A At their request and for reasons of confidentiality, we have identified the individuals as adult males, period

Q Has Father Hagan's case been reviewed by the Review Board?

A Yes A First Stage Review meeting was held by telephone conference call on April 22 The Review Board concurred with the actions taken by the Archdiocese and the recommendation to withdraw Father Hagan from parish ministry pending further inquiry according to archdiocesan policies and procedures

Q Has the Archdiocese alerted parish leadership at other parishes where Father Hagan was assigned?

A Yes



Q: Will parishioners be notified of these allegations? How and when will parishioners be notified?

A: Parish leaders and parishioners have been notified in various ways.

Q: Have there ever been prior allegations involving Father Hagan?

A: Yes. One allegation in 1988 was determined to be unfounded by DCFS and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

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April 23, 1996

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**His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611**

**Dear Cardinal Bernardin:**

Please be advised that the Review Board met on April 22, 1996. The Board considered my verbal and written reports in the matter of the Reverend James Hagan. The Board assumed responsibility for the matter by conducting a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect Fr. Hagan engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

As a result, the Board recommends Fr. Hagan be immediately withdrawn from his ministerial assignment. [REDACTED]

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernadette Connolly".

**Bernadette Connolly  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator**

cc: **Members of the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Paprocki  
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board**

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### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, of Victim AZ's statement, given to Bernadette Connolly on April 21, 1996, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. James Hagan. The alleged abuse consisted of multiple incidents of fondling over Victim AZ's clothing, which took place in the early 1980s throughout the time Victim AZ was in high school. The alleged abuse took place at St. Richard's parish rectory and at a movie theatre. Victim AZ reported that he was fondled in the rectory 40-50 times between 1981 and 1985. Victim AZ also reported that Hagan took him on outings such as movies where further fondling would occur. Victim AZ also reported that he stayed overnight at the rectory, and that Hagan had given him drugs and alcohol.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, of Victim BA's statement, given to Bernadette Connolly on April 20, 1996, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. James Hagan. The alleged abuse consisted of multiple incidents of fondling over Victim BA's clothing, which began in 1982 and continued throughout the time Victim BA was in high school, as well as his first few years of college. The last incident of abuse occurred in 1993. The alleged abuse took place at in Rev. Hagan's car and at St. Richard's parish rectory. Victim BA reported that he was fondled over the clothing more than 50 times, usually in Hagan's car on outings or in the rectory.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, of Victim BB's statement, given to Bernadette Connolly on April 20, 1996, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. James Hagan. The alleged abuse consisted of multiple incidents of fondling both over and under Victim BB's clothing, which took place in the early 1980s, throughout the time Victim BB was in high school. The alleged abuse took place at St. Richard's parish, St. Gertrude's parish, at a movie theatre and on several out-of-state trips. Victim BB reported that he was fondled over the clothing 20-40 times, and fondled under the clothing 20-30 times. Victim BB also reported that he was abused during an out of state trip and during overnight stays at the rectory, and that Hagan provided him drugs and alcohol.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, of Victim BC's statement, given to Ms. Connolly on April 20, 1996, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. James Hagan. The alleged abuse consisted of one incident of fondling over Victim BC's clothing in 1982 when Victim BC was a sophomore in high school. The alleged abuse took place at in Fr.. Hagan's car.

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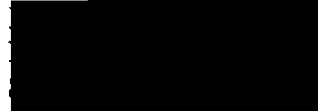
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**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting, Saturday, September 21, 1996  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Office of Professional Review**

**M I N U T E S**

**Board Members Present:**



**Others Present:**

**Rev. Thomas Paprocki**

**Bernadette Connolly**

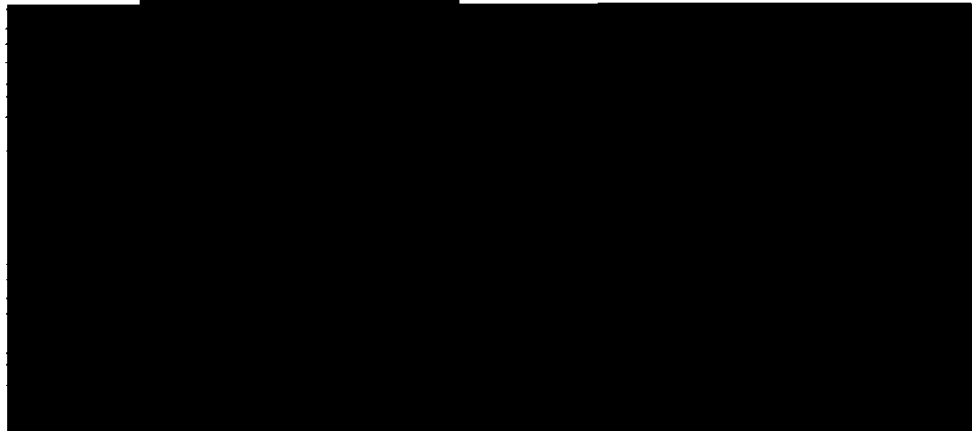
**I. Approval of Minutes  
The Review Board approved the Minutes of the July 12, 1996 and August 21, 1996 meetings.**

**II. Review Board Matters**

**A. Matter of PFR-11, James Hagan**

**The Review Board approved James Hagan's Individual Protocol.**

**B. Matter of**





C. Matter of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

D. Matter of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

E. Matter of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

F. Matter of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

The Administrator informed the Board that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will not be renewing their terms of office.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting, August 21, 1996**

**M I N U T E S**

**Board Members Present**



**Others Present**

**Reverend Thomas Paprocki**

**Bernadette Connolly**

**I. Review Board Matters**

**A. Matter of PFR-11, REV. JAMES HAGAN**

The Board conducted a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process For The Continuation Of Ministry. The Board determined it is not reasonable to return Fr. Hagan to ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances. As a result, the Board recommended Fr. Hagan's withdrawal from ministry continue.

Moreover, the Board recommends that the protocol for supervision and restriction undertaken as a result of Fr. Hagan's withdrawal should be modified. Therefore, the Board recommends Fr. Hagan not be alone with persons under eighteen (18) years of age without the presence of another responsible adult, and that Fr. Hagan abstain from illegal substance.

Also, the Board recommends Fr. Hagan receive individual and group therapy at Isaac Ray Center and that Fr. Hagan meet with the Vicar for Priests to obtain spiritual direction. The Board requested that the Administrator communicate its recommendations to the Cardinal.

**Our next scheduled Board Meeting is September 21, 1996.**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting of May 18, 1996  
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
Office of Professional Fitness Review**

**M I N U T E S**

Board Members Present:



Others Present:

Rev. Thomas Paprocki

Rev. Daniel Coughlin

**I. Approval of minutes**

The Review Board approved the Minutes of the meeting of March 17, 1996.

**II. Review Board Matters**

**A. Matter of PFR-11, James Hagan**

The Board reviewed materials pertinent to this case. Due to Bernadette's absence, discussion was initially tabled. When Fr. Coughlin arrived, the Board pursued discussion about treatment options. The Board recommended that all treatment could take place in St. Louis, or optionally, if held in Chicago, individual treatment could occur at Isaac Ray Center, and group therapy at Trinity House.

**B. Matter of [REDACTED]**



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C. Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

III. [REDACTED]

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IV. [REDACTED]

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board**  
**Saturday, July 19, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Members absent:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members present:**

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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**I. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2003**

**II.**

[REDACTED]

**III. Update of FEG's decisions based upon Review Board recommendations from June 21, 2003**

**IV. Case Reviews**

**Initial Review**

**A. In the Matter of James Hagan [Resigned] – PFR-11**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]  
The claim is as follows: fondling over and under clothing; oral sex.

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Review Board recommended that the information seems to be true of an offense.

**B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

Second Stage Reviews

**C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

**In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

**D. In the Matter of James Hagan [Resigned] – PFR-11**

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: fondling of buttocks and genitals through clothing.

In a unanimous 8-0 vote, the Board recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board also recommended that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

**E. In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Review for Cause**

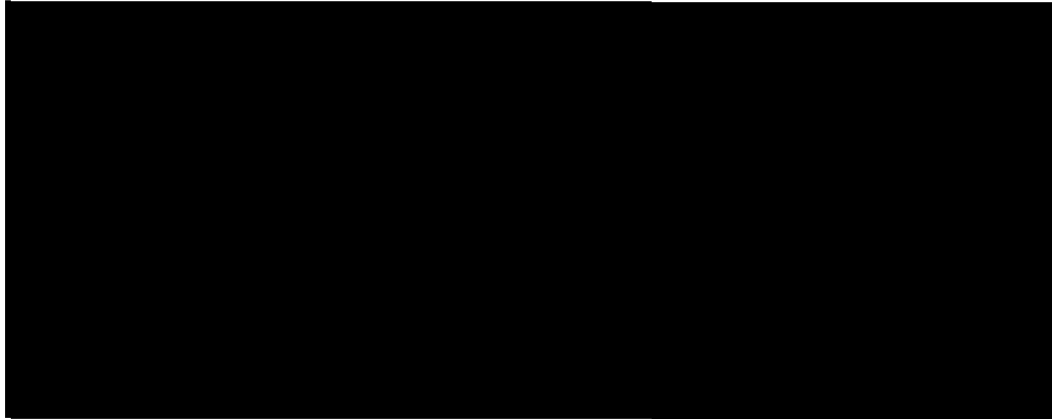
**F. In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**V. Other Matters**



**Next scheduled meeting is August 16, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests



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## Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, November 16, 2002

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Michael C. Just, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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#### **I. Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2002**

#### **II. Case Reviews**

##### **First Stage Reviews**

#### **A. In the Matter of James Hagan [JH](Resigned) – PFR-11**

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED] The claim is as follows: fondling of genitals.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

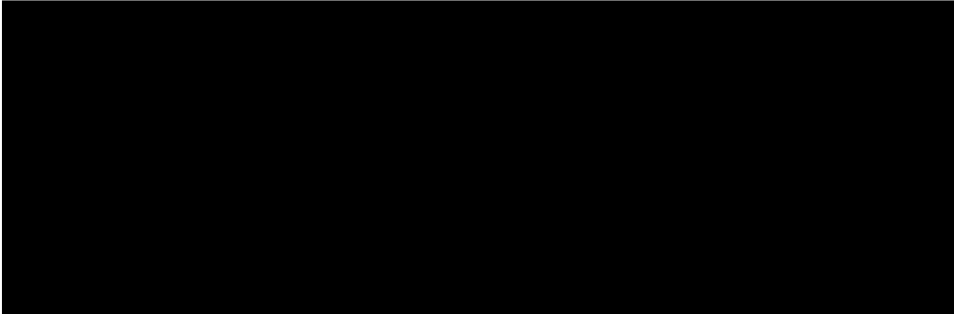
The Board further recommends: unanimous 6-0 decision reasonable cause to suspect.

#### **B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]



C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

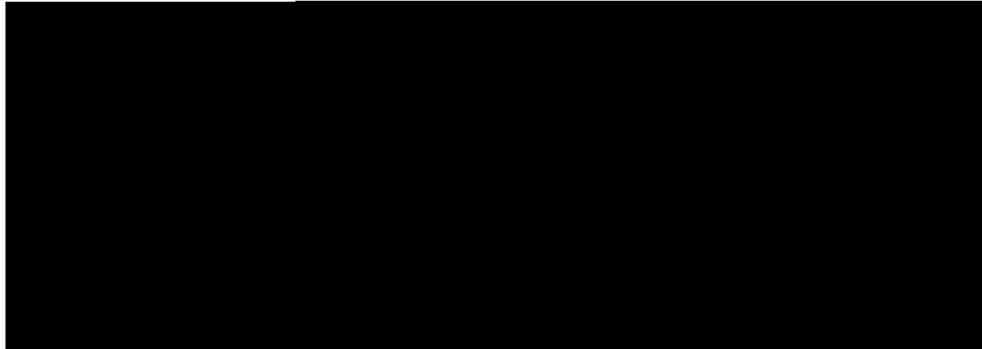


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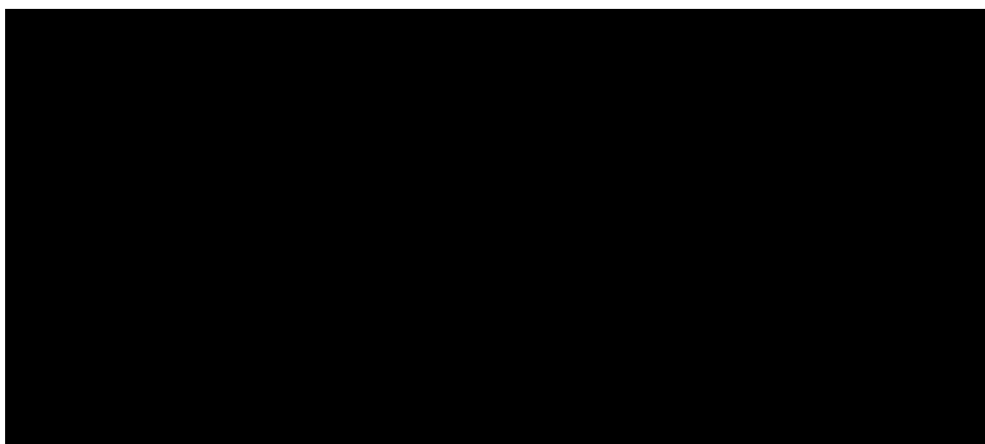
D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]



E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]



F. In the matter of [REDACTED]



**Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 21, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board**  
**Saturday, September 18, 2004 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

Corrected

### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

### Members absent:

None

### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]   
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes - July 17, 2004

II. Case Reviews

#### Initial Review

##### A. In the Matter of James Craig Hagan [Resigned 1996] - PFR - 11

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation made by [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: fondling over clothing and masturbation.

In a 9-0 vote, in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also made the following recommendations:

- That PRA speak with Archdiocesan attorneys regarding the issue of victims/survivors [represented by attorneys] not fully cooperating with the process of one formalizing his/her allegation. Specifically, PRA is to discuss with Archdiocesan attorneys the growing issue with victims/survivors not signing the final report of their formalized allegation.
- That PRA attempt to obtain a signature from [REDACTED] on his final report.
- That PRA write a letter to Mr. Hagan encouraging that he provide a signature and/or comments on the draft report written [by PRA] summarizing his response to [REDACTED] allegation against him.
- That PRA attempt to obtain personal information on [REDACTED] including how long he has been in [REDACTED] current family situation [i.e. married?, children?], etc.
- That PRA determine if [REDACTED] plans to travel to the United States at any time in the future, when PRA could meet with him face to face.
- That PRA ask [REDACTED] if he can be more specific with the dates/time frames that he stayed in the rectory with the former Fr. Hagan.

- That PRA ask [REDACTED] to provide a description of the rectory where he stayed with Fr. Hagan, as well as for [REDACTED] to state where in the rectory he stayed, what types of activities Fr. Hagan engaged him in, and what types of movies Fr. Hagan had for them to watch.
- That PRA ask [REDACTED] the circumstances as to how he was able to come forward with his allegation at this time.
- That PRA determine if any of the other priests assigned with Mr. Hagan during the time of the alleged abuse of [REDACTED] are still alive. If so, for PRA to speak with those priests regarding Fr. Hagan.

**B. In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

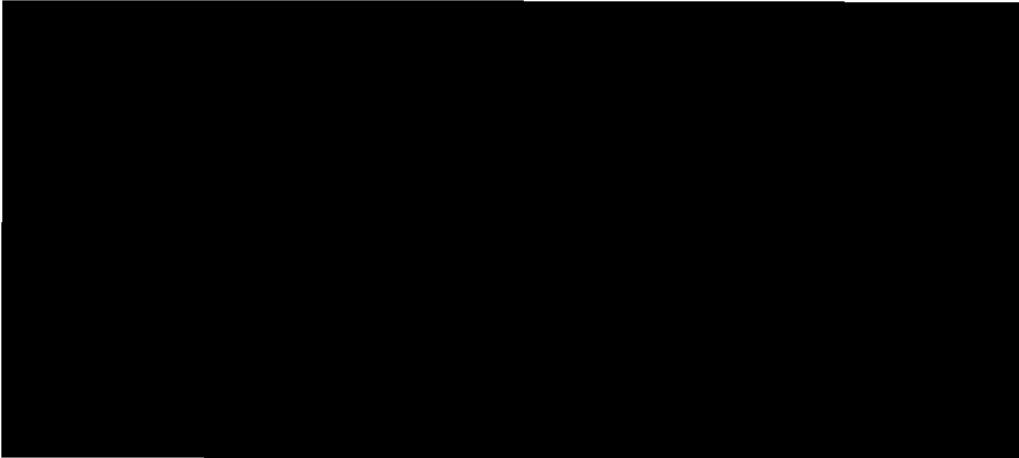
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**Review for Cause**

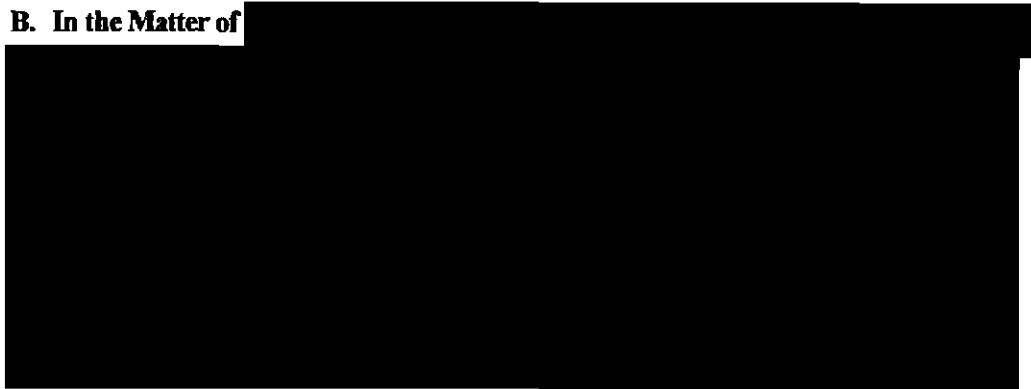
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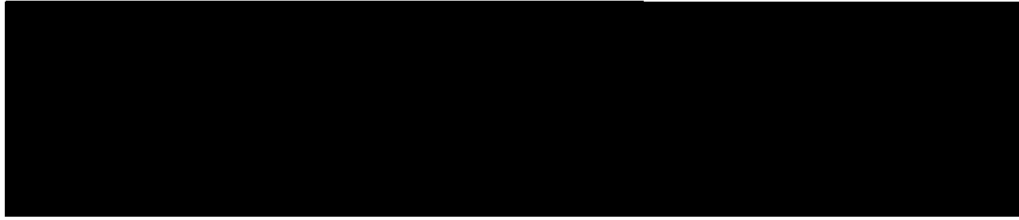


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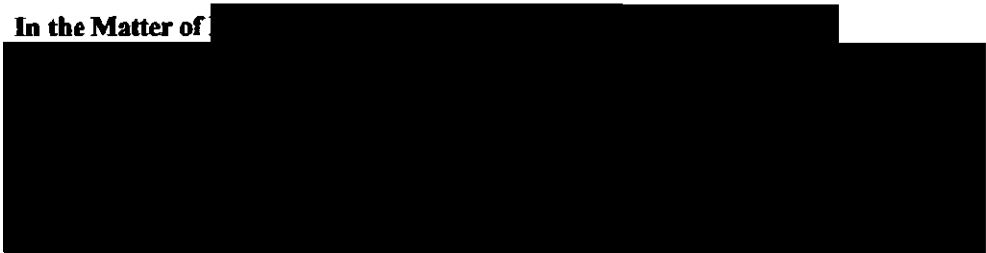


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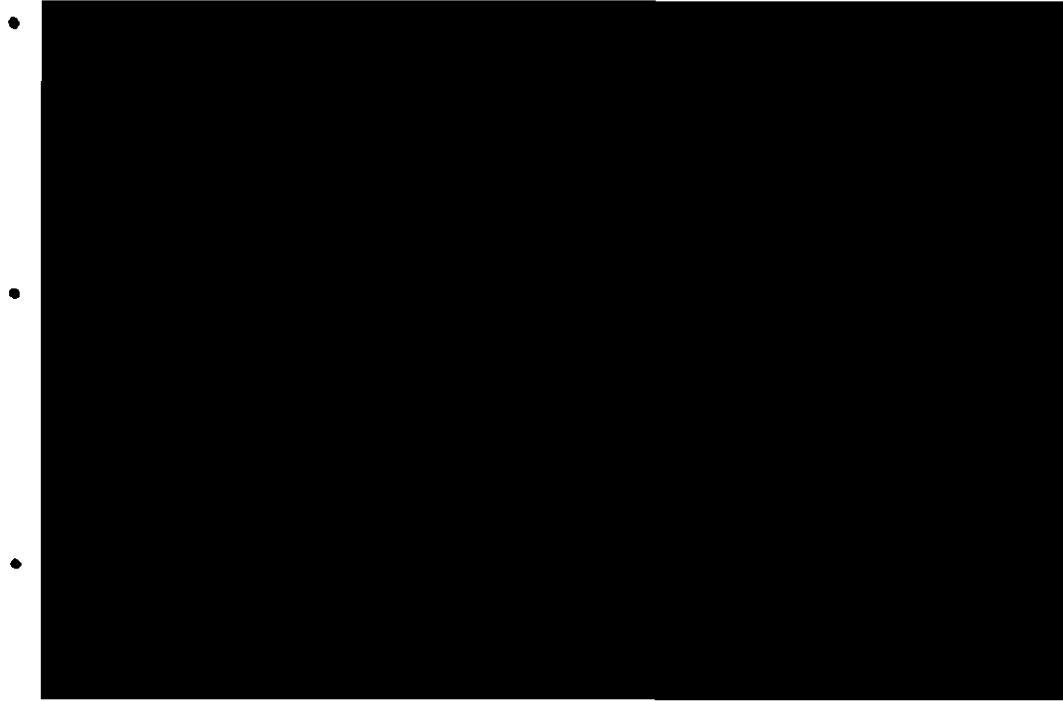




**C. In the Matter of**



**III. Other Matters**



*Next scheduled meeting is October 16, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.*

- Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
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**Professional Responsibility Review Board**  
**Saturday, March 19, 2005 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

**CORRECTED**

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]   
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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- I. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2005
- Unanimously approved [8-0]

II. Case Reviews

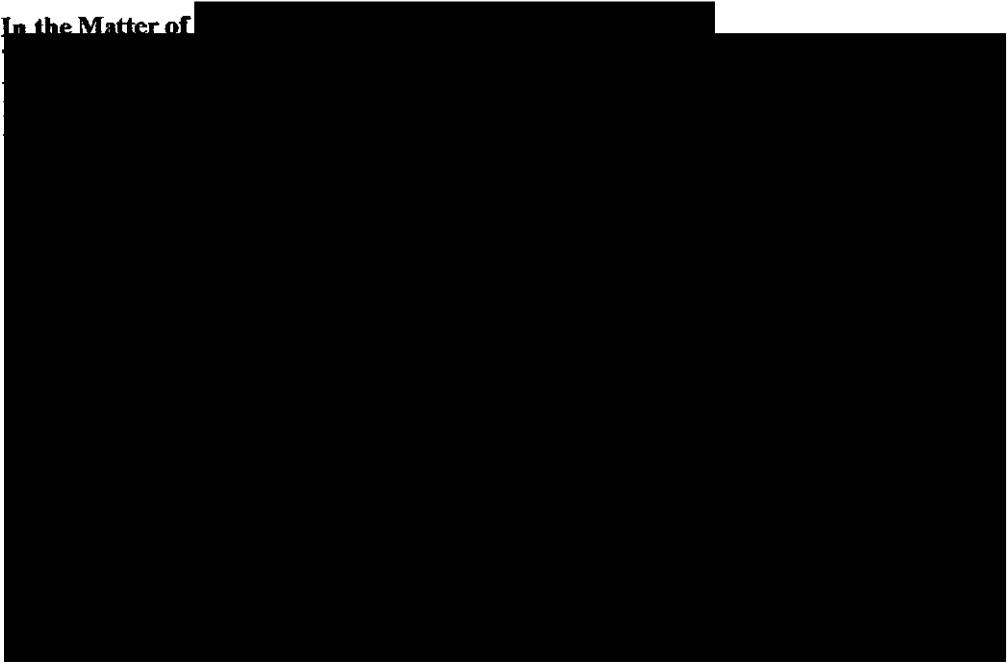
Initial Review

A. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]



B. In the Matter of



Review for Cause

C. In the Matter of



**D. In the Matter of James C. Hagan [Resigned 1996] – PFR – 11**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause regarding the allegation made by [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: fondling over clothing, masturbation.

In a 8-0 vote, in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board also recommended that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

**E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

**Supplementary Review**

**F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

**III. Other Matters**

- When asked by [REDACTED] the Board voted 8-0 in favor of when necessary, beginning future meetings at 8:00 am and ending at 2:00 pm when there are additional cases to present for their review.
- The Board made the recommendation that it is imperative that the Vicar for Priests provide a written response of their file review of individuals who have been accused of the sexual abuse of minors. This written documentation would be in response to an original memorandum sent from the Office of Professional Responsibility notifying the appropriate offices of a new allegation.

*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, April 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board

Saturday, June 16, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:



#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board



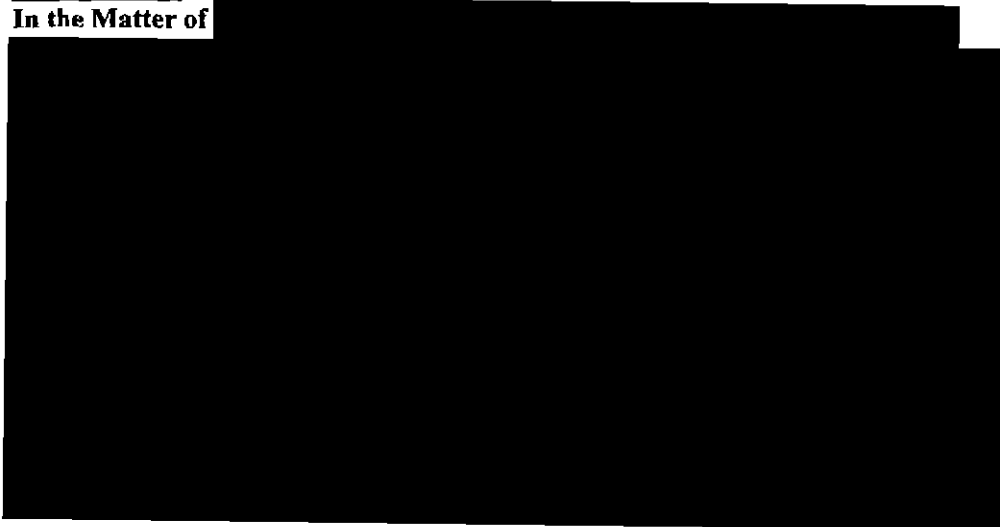
#### I. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2007 [Revised], April 14, 2007, and May 30, 2007

- Each set of minutes approved 8-0

#### II. Case Reviews

##### Initial Review

##### A. In the Matter of



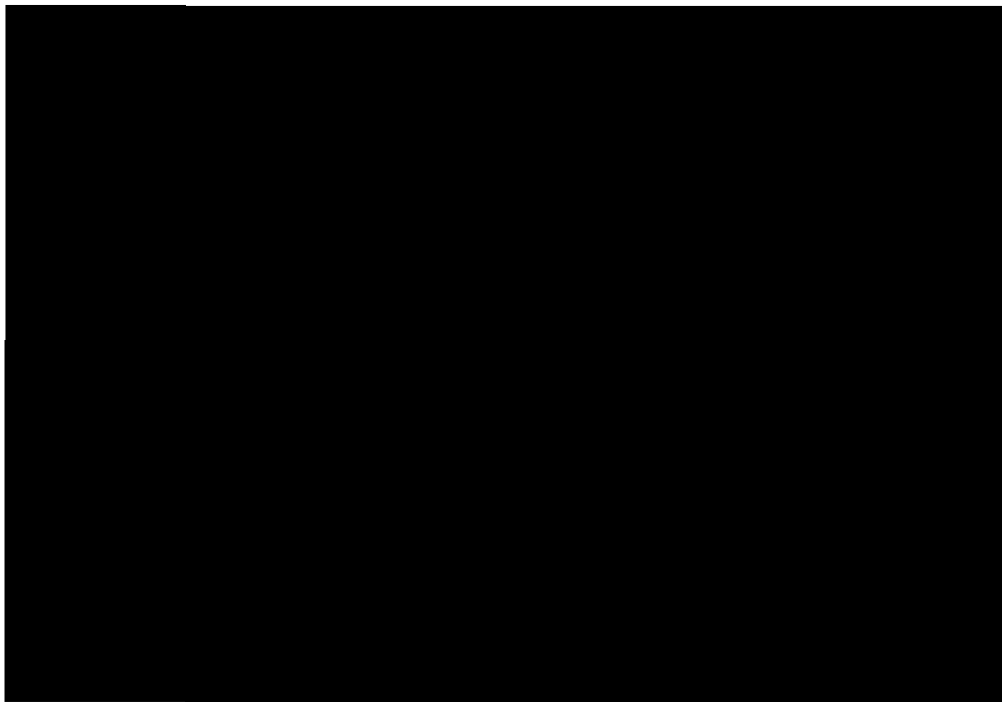
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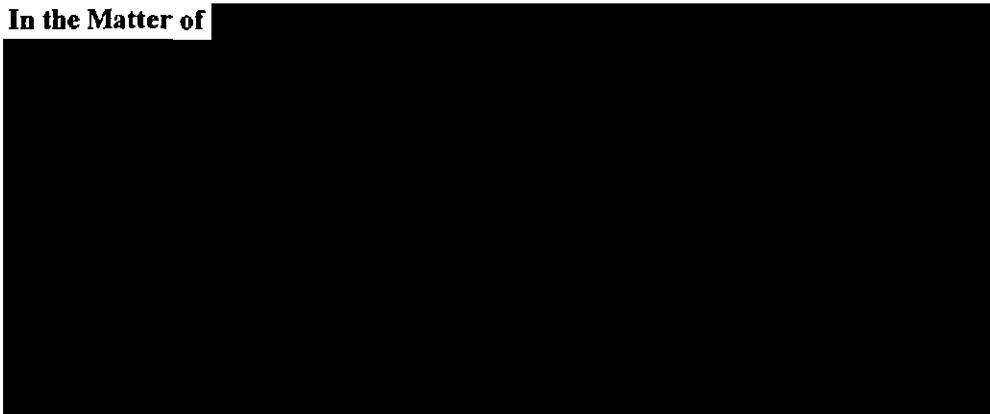
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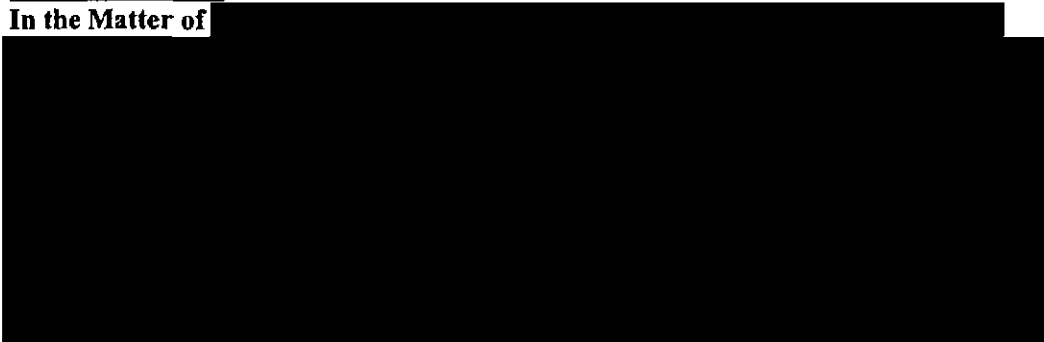


**C. In the Matter of**



Review for Cause

**D. In the Matter of**





**E. In the Matter of**



**F. In the Matter of Rev. James Hagan [Resigned 1991] – PFR - 11**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [redacted] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan. A summary of the allegation is as follows: First incident in church, [redacted] was in 6th or 7th grade and had fallen asleep prior to serving early mass. [redacted] woke up to Fr. Hagan rubbing his knee in-between his [redacted] legs on his penis. Second incident took place in 8th grade in bathroom at school. Fr. Hagan choking and yelling at [redacted] Fr. Hagan took his penis out of his pants and [redacted]

During the discussion of this matter, [redacted] shared with the other Review Board members a memory from around April 2006 when some of the allegations against Fr. Hagan were in the media. In relation to the aforementioned media coverage of Fr. Hagan, Sr. Elizabeth remarked to [redacted] something to the effect of, "I wonder if it [the alleged victim] was [redacted]"

In an 8-1 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged abuse occurred.

**In the Matter of Rev. James Hagan [Resigned 1991] – PFR - 11**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [redacted] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan. A summary of the allegation is as follows: 10 total incidents; fondling under clothing and masturbation; Fr. Hagan forced [redacted] to perform oral sex on him.

During the discussion of this matter, [redacted] shared with the other Review Board members that [redacted] description of the rectory and the rooms where the alleged abuse took place was that of Fr. Hagan's quarters.

In a 9-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged abuse occurred.

**G. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**H. In the Matter of**

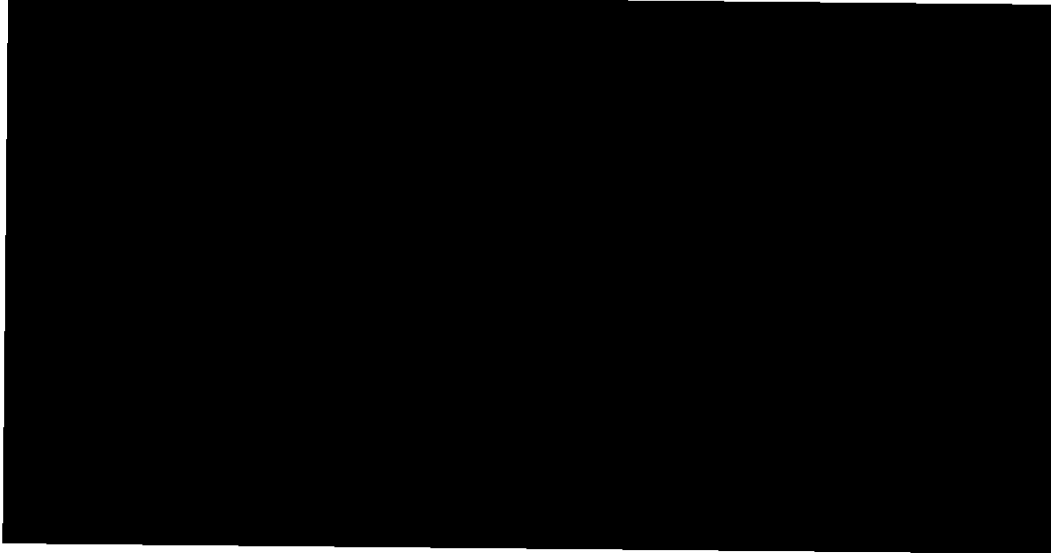
[REDACTED]

**I. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]



**III. Other Matters**



*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, July 21, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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**REVISED**

**Review Board**  
**Saturday, March 17, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Review Board Members Present Via Phone:**

[REDACTED]

**Review Board Members Absent:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members present:**

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. McCluskey'.

**I. Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2007**

- Minutes approved

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

**II. Case Reviews**

**Initial Review**

**A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

**B. In the Matter of Rev. James C. Hagan [Resigned 1996] – PFR 11**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. James Hagan. A summary of the allegation is as follows: first incident in church, [REDACTED] was in 6th or 7th grade and had fallen asleep prior to serving early mass; [REDACTED] woke up to Fr. Hagan rubbing his knee in-between his [REDACTED] legs on his penis. Second incident took place in 8th grade in bathroom at school. Fr. Hagan choking and yelling at [REDACTED] Fr. Hagan took his penis out of his pants and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] confirmed that [REDACTED] did graduate from St. Denis the year before he was assigned pastor there. He also stated that he does know the [REDACTED] Family, but does not know [REDACTED] well. When asked, [REDACTED] stated that he did know the janitor that [REDACTED] referred to in his allegation. [REDACTED] added that he had to terminate the janitor's employment at the school. As per [REDACTED], [REDACTED] description of the location of the bathroom in relation to the principal's office and the library is accurate. [REDACTED] stated that Sr. Elizabeth was the principal of St. Denis at the time of the alleged abuse and that she is currently the part-time director of religious education there.

In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that the matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also directed Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

- Ask Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests to check his files in attempts to determine the date when Fr. Hagan resigned and if the former cleric was ever sent for treatment in the 1980s
- Contact Sr. Elizabeth and ask her recollection of the incident described by [REDACTED] of drinking and being picked up from school by his father

**In the Matter of Rev. James C. Hagan [Resigned 1996] – PFR 11**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. James Hagan. A summary of the allegation is as follows: 10 total incidents; fondling under clothing and masturbation; Fr. Hagan forced [REDACTED] to perform oral sex on him.

When asked, [REDACTED] stated that he does not know [REDACTED] or his family from St. Denis. Also when asked, [REDACTED] stated that the receptionist referred to by [REDACTED] in his allegation would have been a woman who passed away three months ago. [REDACTED] also provided the information that [REDACTED] [referred to in allegation] passed away two years ago. When asked if there would have been a secretary in the St. Denis school office at the time of the alleged abuse, [REDACTED] stated that there was and her name is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that Sr. Elizabeth [former principal of St. Denis] would know how to reach [REDACTED].

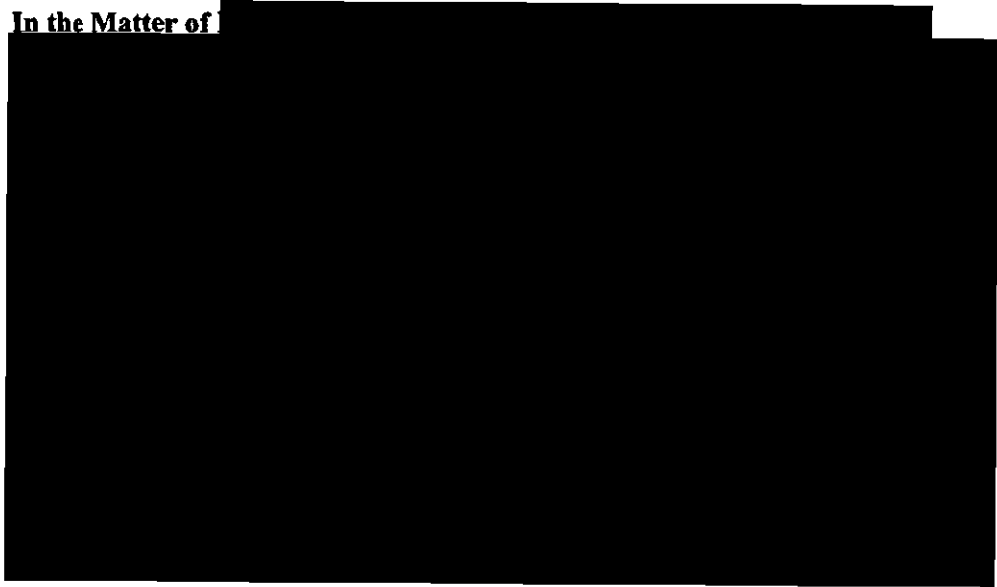
In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that the matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also directed Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

- Attempt to contact [REDACTED] and ask if it was a practice for her as the school secretary to call kids out of class for Fr. *Hagan*

**C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

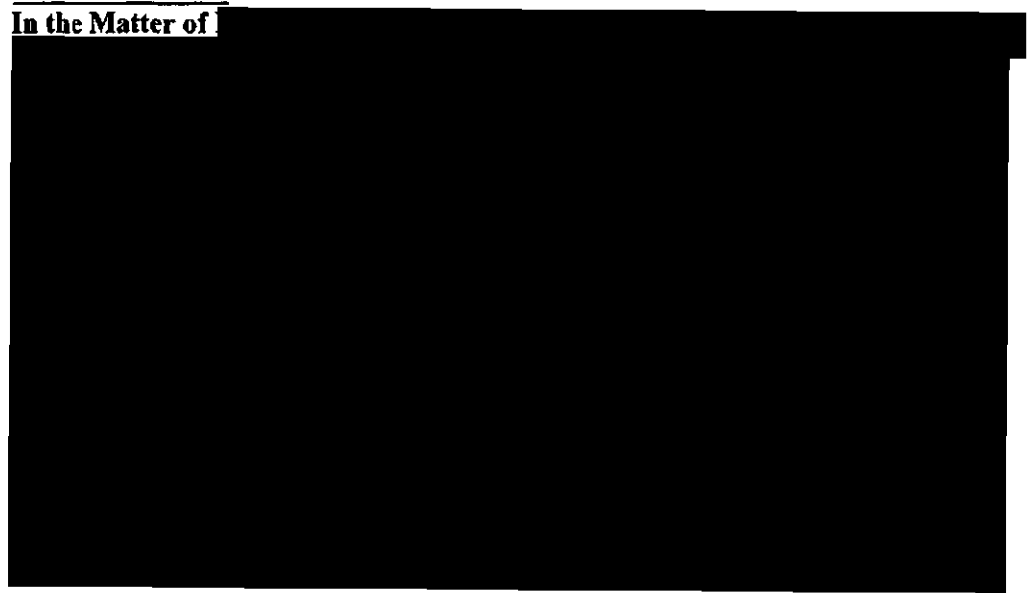
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**D. In the Matter of**



Review for Cause

**E. In the Matter of**



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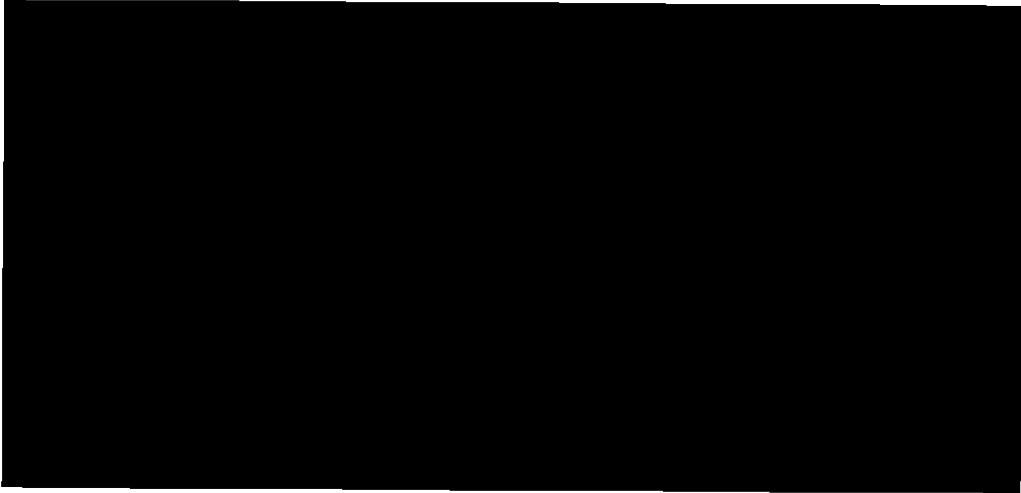
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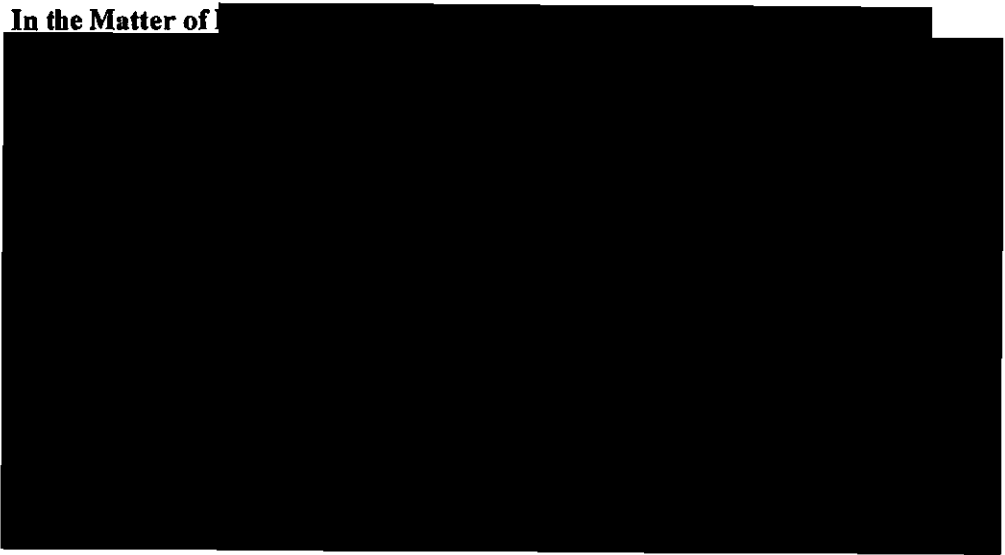
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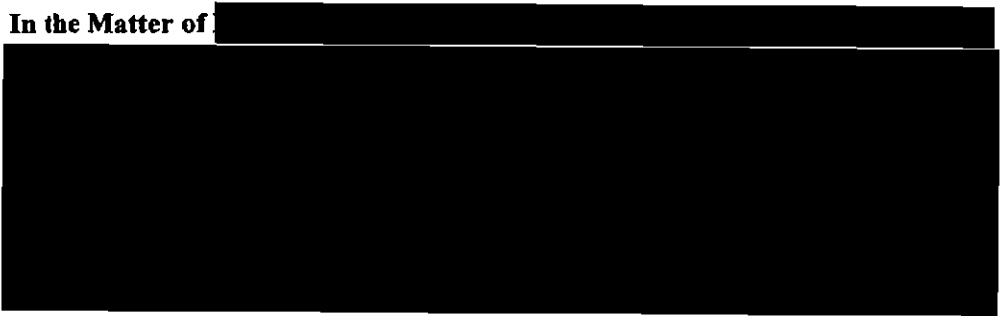
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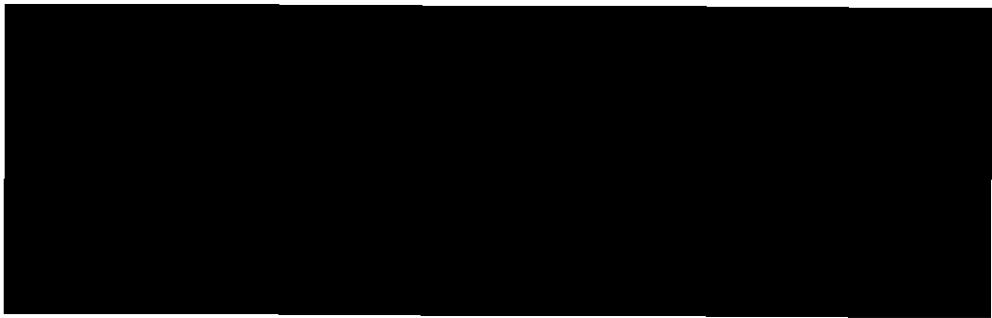
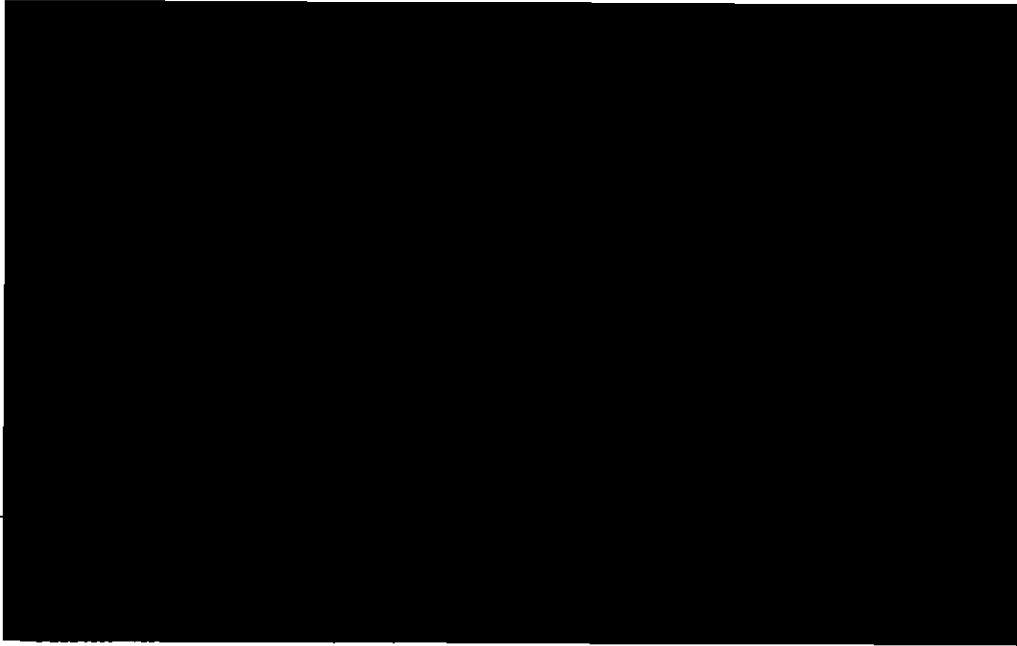


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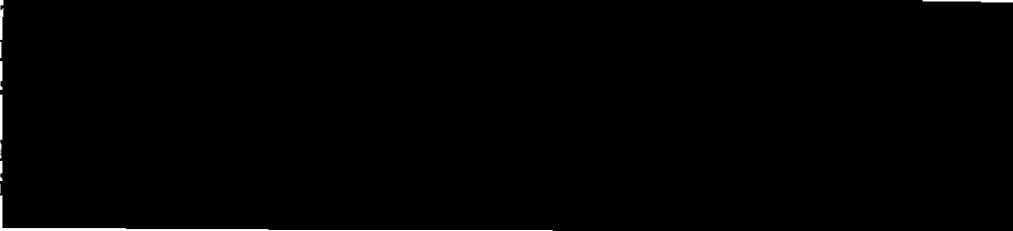
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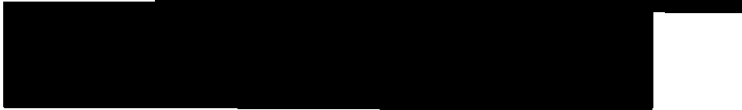
**Request for Supplementary Review**

**I. In the Matter of**



**III. Updates**

**> In the Matter of**







**IV. For Discussion**



- **In the Matter of**
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**Attendance at Future Review Board Meetings**

- will not be present at the April 14, 2007 meeting
- will not be present at the July 21, 2007 meeting

*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General

**Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review**  
**Review Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Review Board Members Present Via Phone:**

[REDACTED]

**Review Board Members Not Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members Present:**

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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- I. **Approval of Minutes**
- December 6, 2008 - Minutes approved pending correction to page two, bullet point number three
  - December 19, 2008 – Minutes approved
  - January 20, 2009 – Minutes approved

II. **Case Reviews**

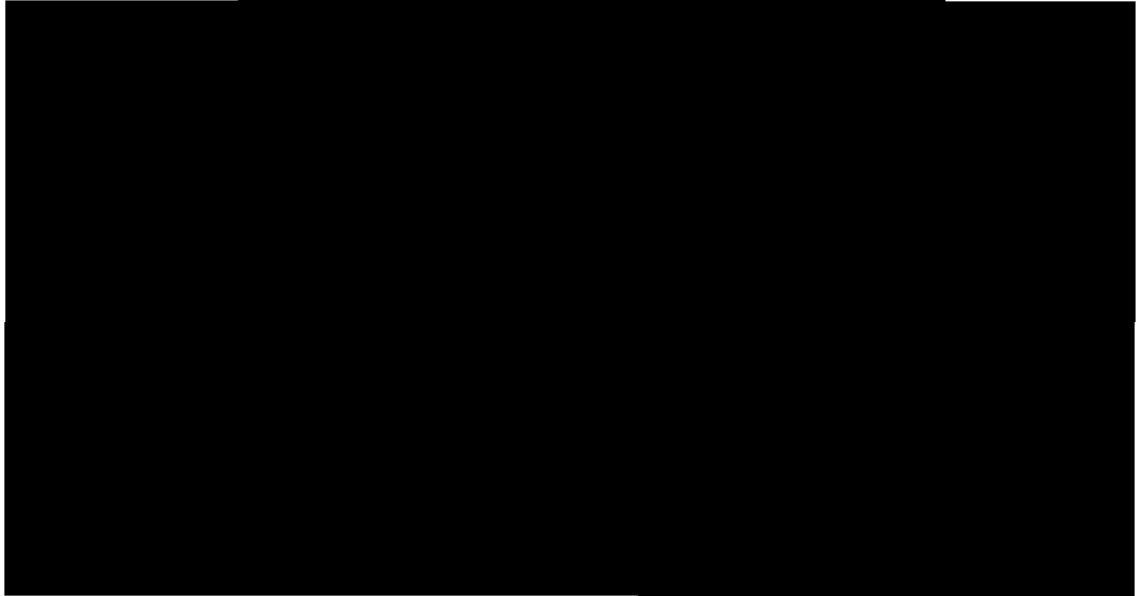
**Initial Review**

A. **In the Matter of**

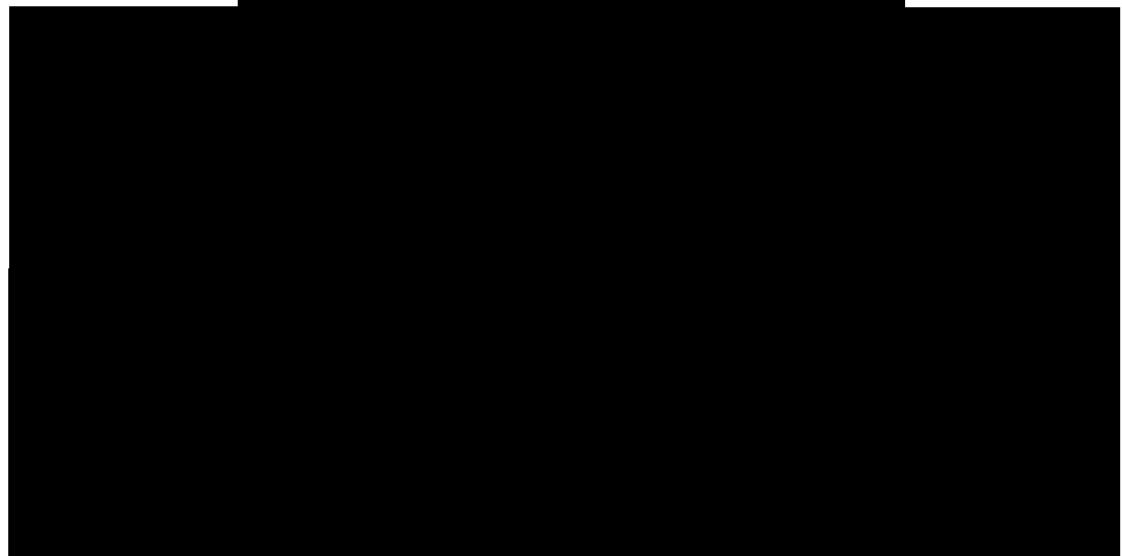
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**B. In the Matter of**



**C. In the Matter of**



**D. In the Matter of Rev. James C. Hagan (Resigned 1996) – PFR - 11**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan. A summary of the allegation is as follows: as per [REDACTED] attorney, molestation began when [REDACTED] was in eighth grade and continued into high school; [REDACTED] described fondling over and under clothing, at least 30 incidents in the different locations [rectories and Fr. Hagan's car].

Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview of this matter.

In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter does warrant additional investigation. The Board also asked Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

- Review Fr. Hagan's files [Seminary, Chancellor, Vicar for Priests]

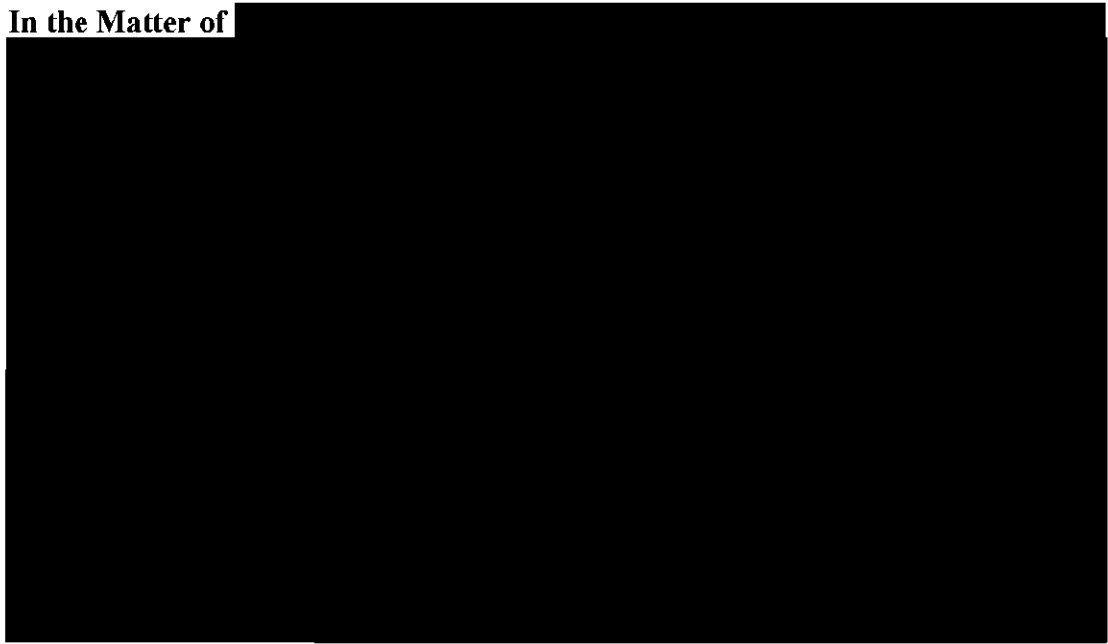
**E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

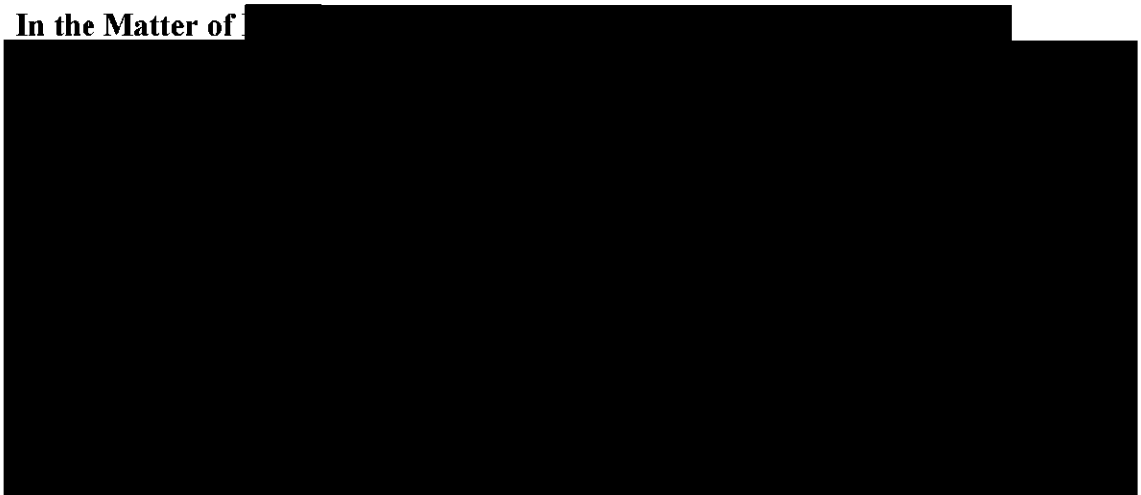
**F. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

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**G. In the Matter of**

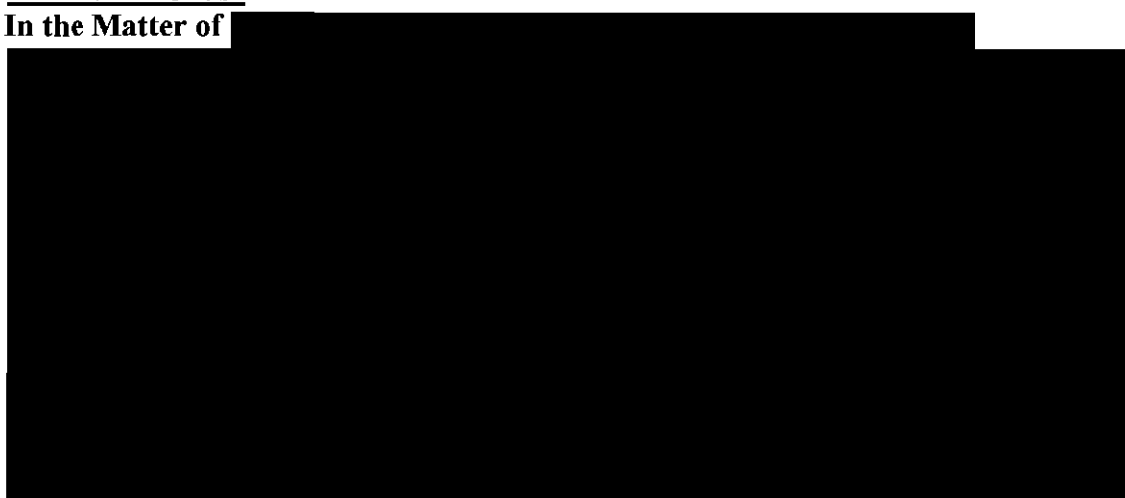


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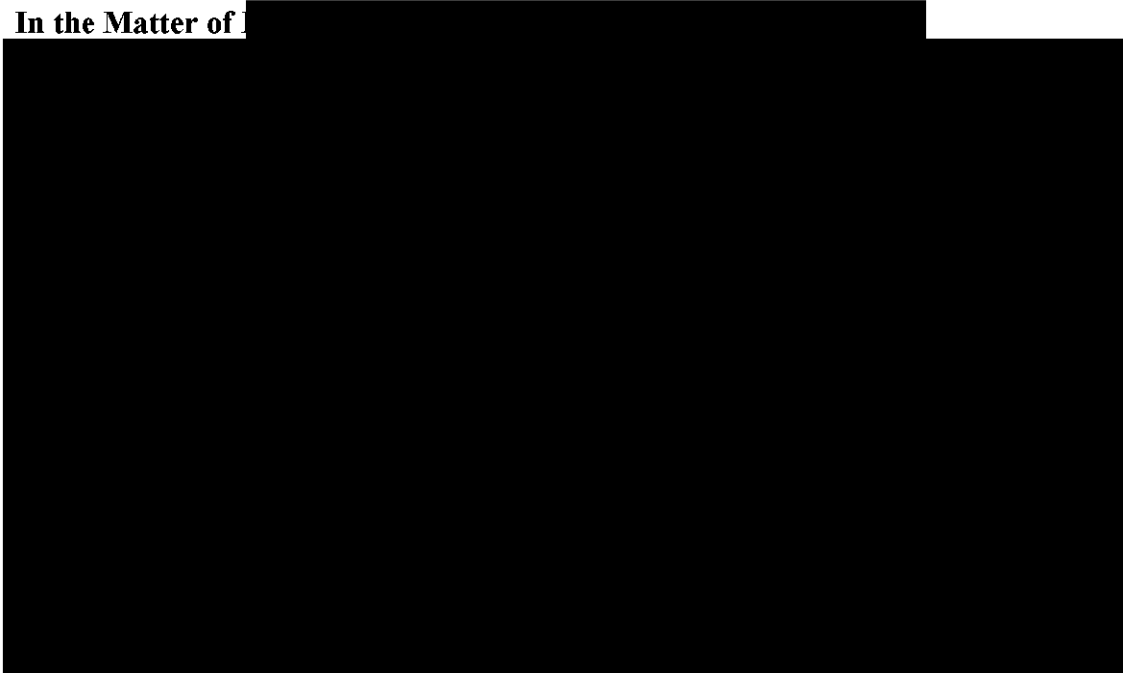


Review for Cause

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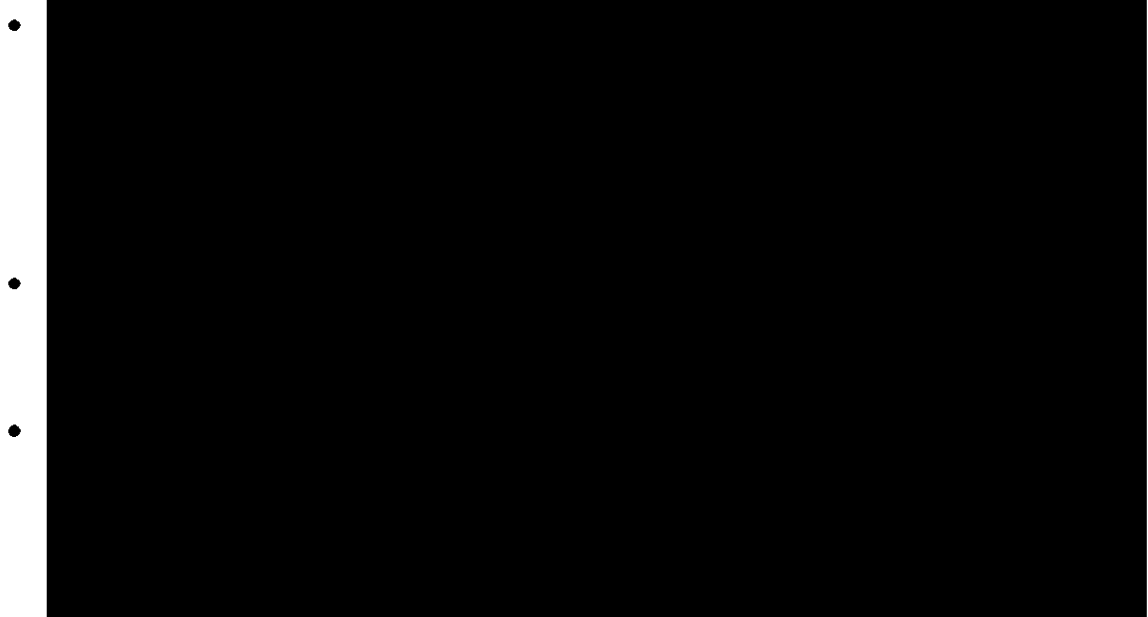


**J. In the Matter of**



**III. Other Matters**

- Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General, came to introduce himself to the Board



*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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- I. **Approval of Minutes**
    - March 21, 2008 – Minutes approved

- II. **Case Reviews**
  - Initial Review**

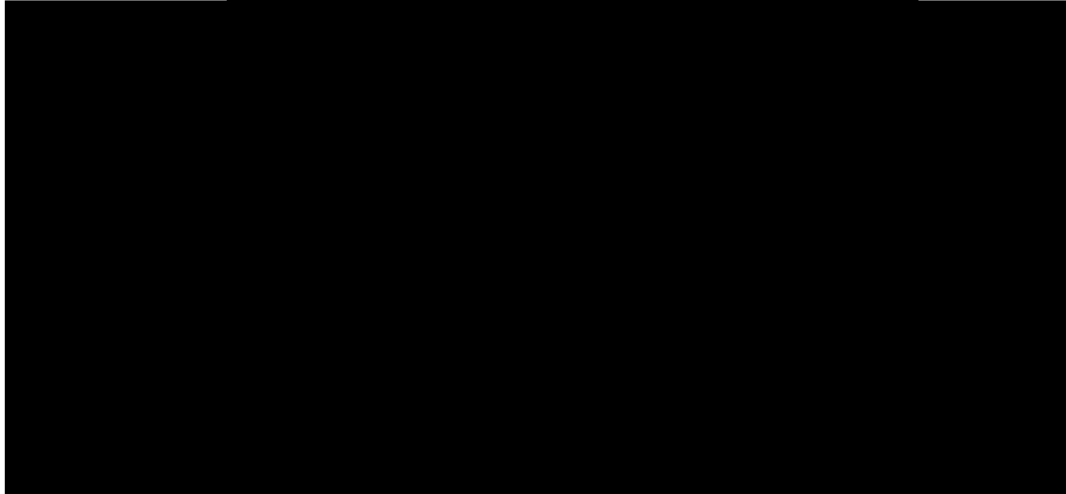
- A. **In the Matter of**

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**In the Matter of** [REDACTED]



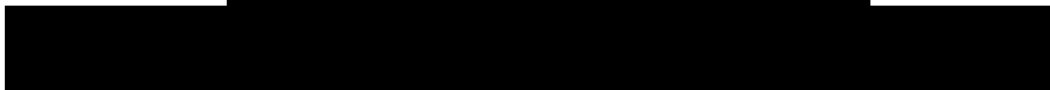
**B. In the Matter of Rev. James Hagan (Resigned 1996) – PFR - 11**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan. A summary of the allegation is as follows: several incidents, but [REDACTED] could only verbalize one as it was too difficult for him to talk about others; spoke of one incident at St. Denis where Fr. Hagan rubbed and grabbed [REDACTED] chest and nipples [over and under clothing] prior to Fr. Hagan forcing his hands down [REDACTED] pants and fondling his genitals; [REDACTED] mentioned other incidents of masturbation by Fr. Hagan, but could not speak of them specifically; incidents of Fr. Hagan rubbing [REDACTED] back and other body parts both at St. Richard and at [REDACTED] home.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview of this matter, including page five of the report of [REDACTED] allegation due to the fact that it was missing from all of the Review Board packets

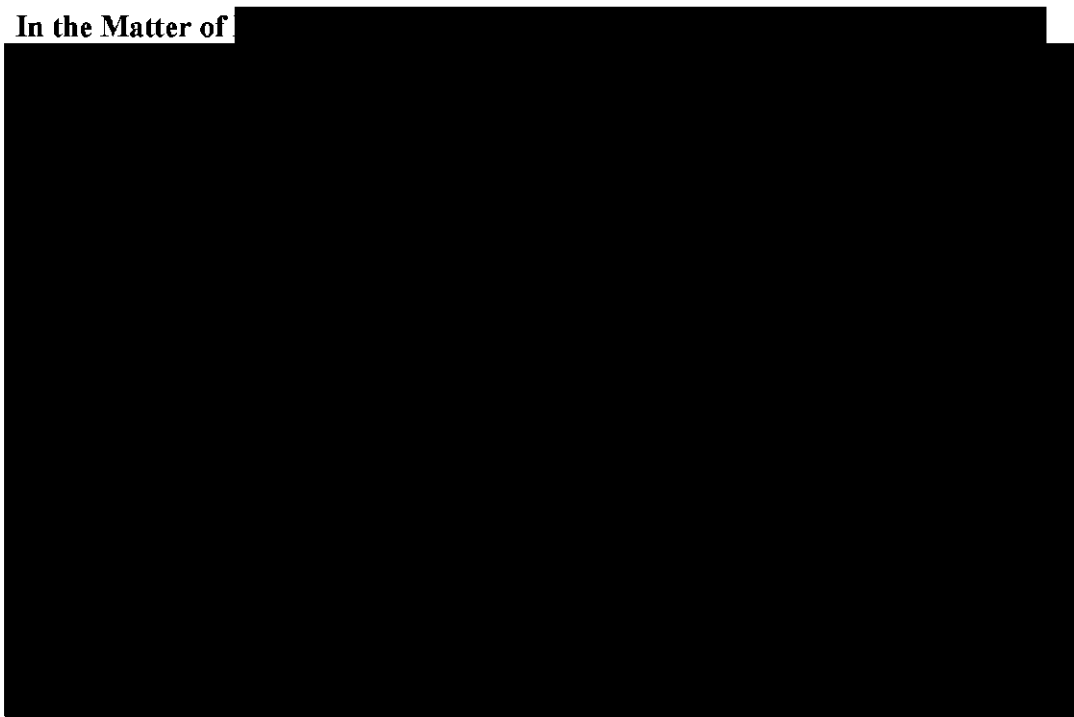
In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter does warrant additional investigation.

**C. In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

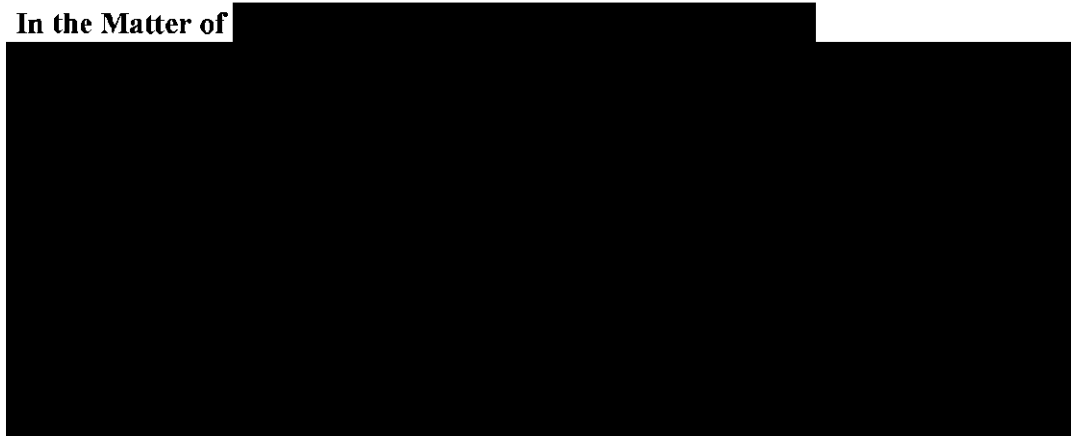


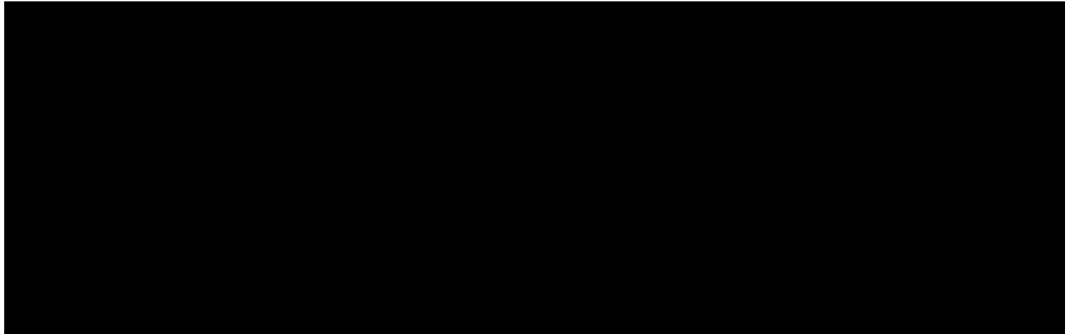


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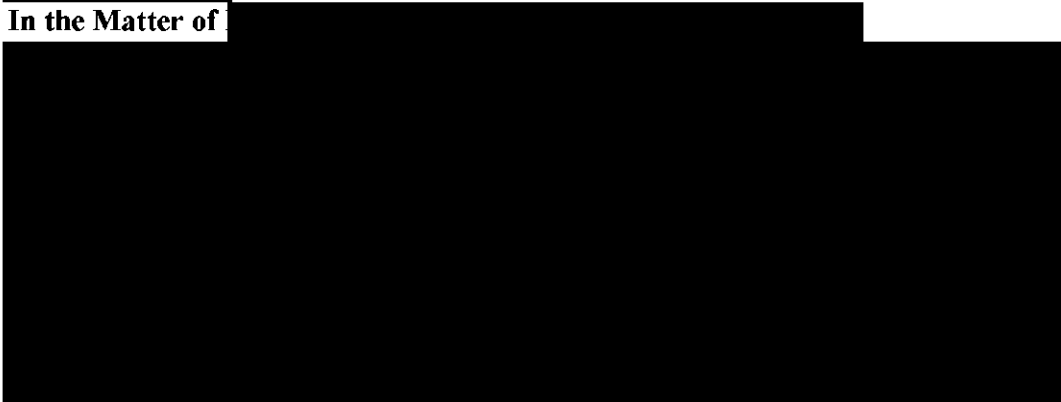
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Review for Cause

E. In the Matter of



[REDACTED]

**F. In the Matter of Rev. James Hagan (Resigned 1996) - PFR- 11**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan. A summary of the allegation is as follows: Fr. Hagan fondling [REDACTED] over and under his clothing, at least 30 incidents in the different locations [rectories and Fr. Hagan's car].

Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview of this matter.

In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that Fr. Hagan did sexually abuse [REDACTED]

**G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

**H. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

**III. Other Matters**

- **Conducting interviews:** The Review Board was asked for its reactions/suggestions to audio taping interviews of accusers and accused. It was agreed that due to time constraints, the discussion of this matter would continue at the scheduled May 16, 2009 Review Board meeting.
- **Review of functions of the Review Board:** It was agreed that due to time constraints, the discussion of this matter would continue at the scheduled May 16, 2009 Review Board meeting.
- **Suggestions from Review Board members on future educational presentations for the Board:** Discussion of a possible retreat for the Review Board later in the year.

*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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**Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review**  
**Review Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 19, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

### **Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

### **Review Board Members Present via Phone:**

[REDACTED]

### **Non-members Present:**

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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- I. **Approval of Minutes** – May 15, 2010
- Minutes approved

II. **Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

A. **In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Review for Cause**

**B. In the Matter of Rev. James Hagan (Resigned) – PFR- 11**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan. A summary of the allegation is as follows: Incident of Fr. Hagan tickling [REDACTED] at his family's home, which made [REDACTED] uncomfortable, Fr. Hagan put his hand on [REDACTED] inner thigh countless times in the car while Fr. Hagan was driving, Fr. Hagan fondled [REDACTED] over his clothing until [REDACTED] ejaculated, at least four and possibly as many as 12 incidents of Fr. Hagan fondling [REDACTED] under his clothing, [REDACTED] remembers Fr. Hagan kissing his hand and sucking on his finger, Fr. Hagan also had [REDACTED] touch Fr. Hagan's penis through his over clothing.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Review Board with a verbal overview and update of the investigation of this matter.

In light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that the former Fr. Hagan sexually abused [REDACTED] when he was a minor.

**C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

**D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Supplementary Review**

**E. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**III. Other Matters**

➤ [REDACTED] addressed the Review Board and was accompanied by his friend

➤ [REDACTED]

➤ [REDACTED]

*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*



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**Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review**  
**Review Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Review Board Members Not Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members Present:**

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

- I. **Approval of Minutes** – February 20, 2010 and March 15, 2010
- Minutes approved

II. **Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

A. **In the Matter of Rev. James Hagan (Resigned) - PFR- 11**

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan. A summary of the allegation is as follows: tickling at [REDACTED] home; Fr. Hagan putting his hand on [REDACTED] inner thigh countless times in the car; Fr. Hagan fondling [REDACTED] over his clothing until [REDACTED] ejaculated; Fr. Hagan fondled [REDACTED] under his clothing; four distinct incidents, possibly more than one dozen occurred; [REDACTED] recalls Fr. Hagan kissing [REDACTED] hand and sucking on his finger; Fr. Hagan had [REDACTED] touch Fr. Hagan's penis over his clothing.

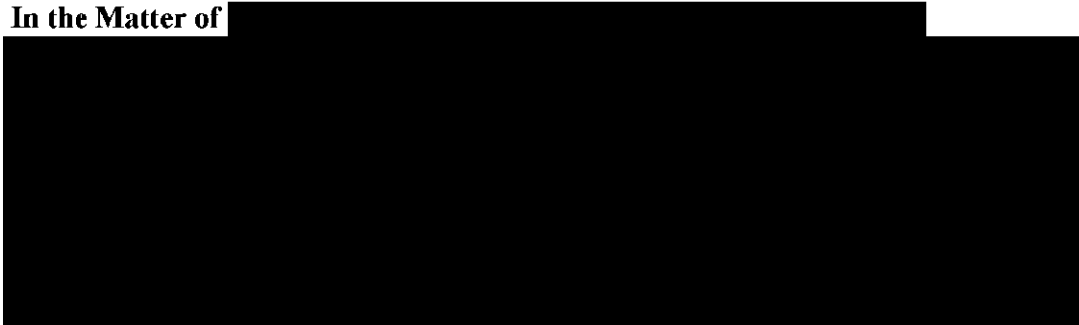
Ms. McCluskey provided the Review Board with a verbal overview and update of the investigation of this matter.

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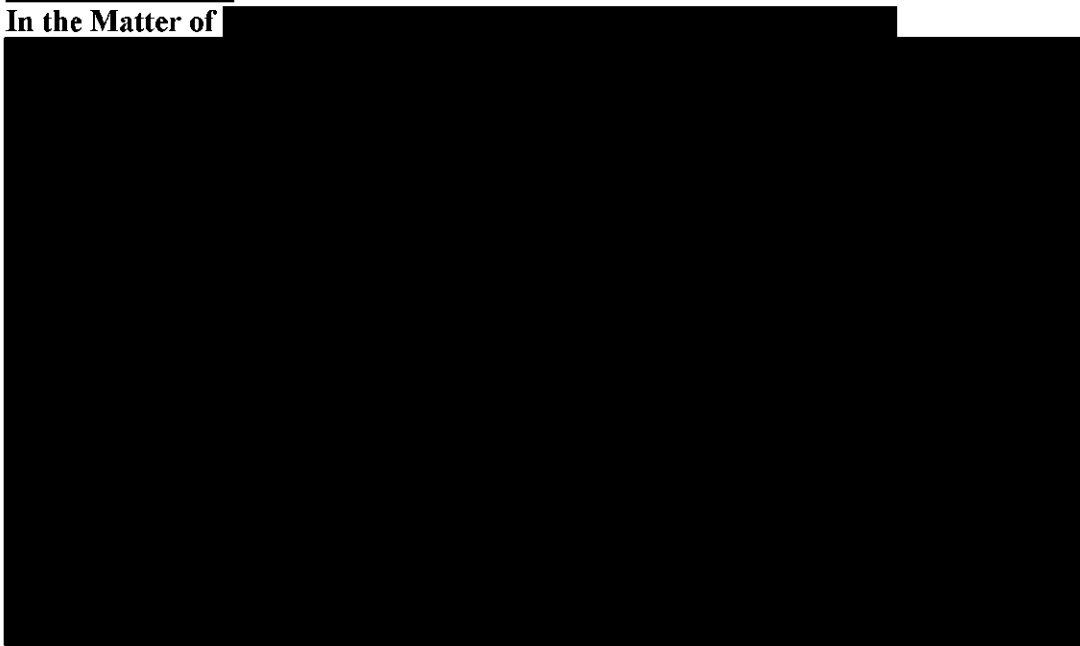
In light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation.

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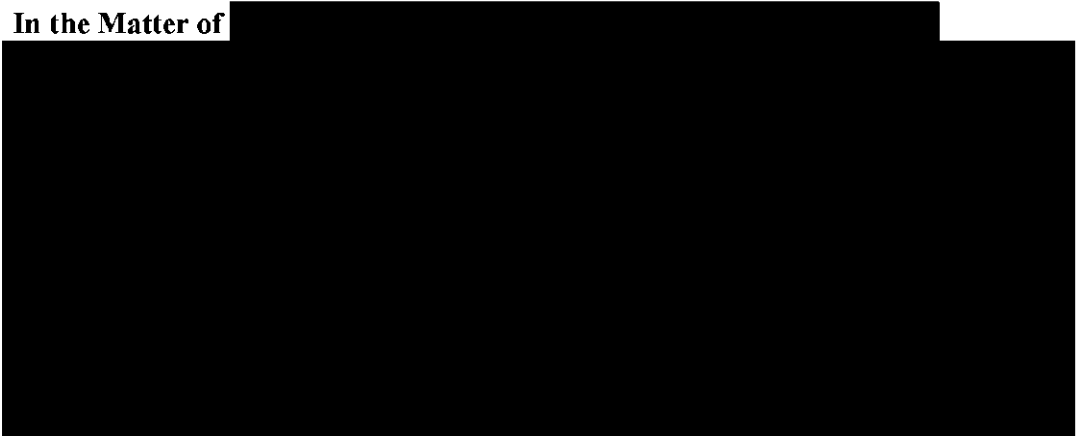


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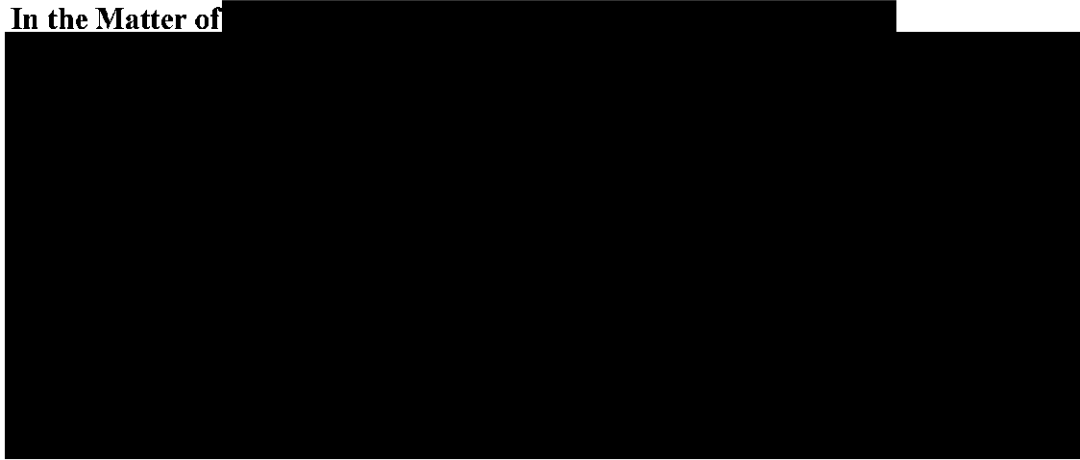
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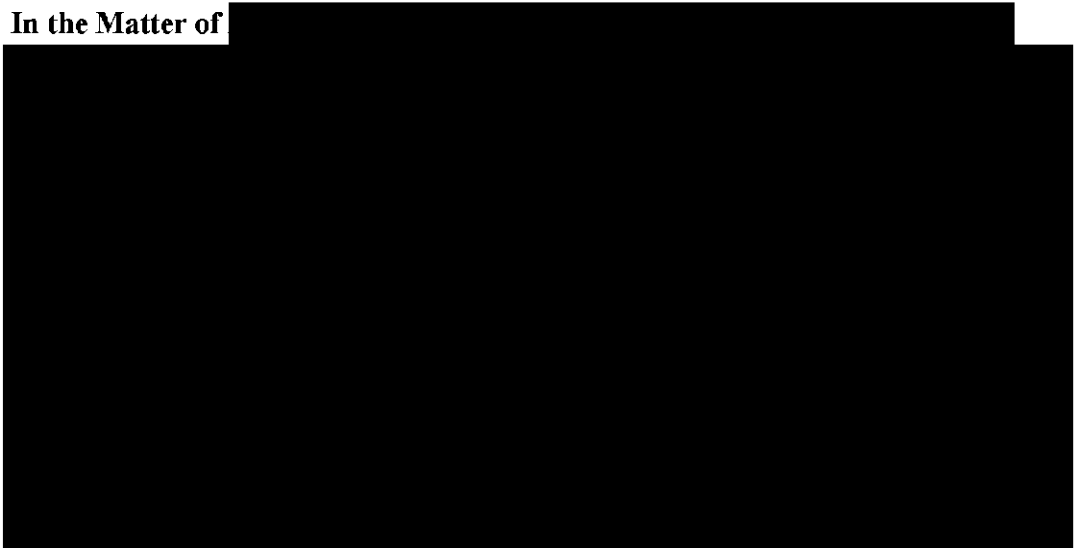
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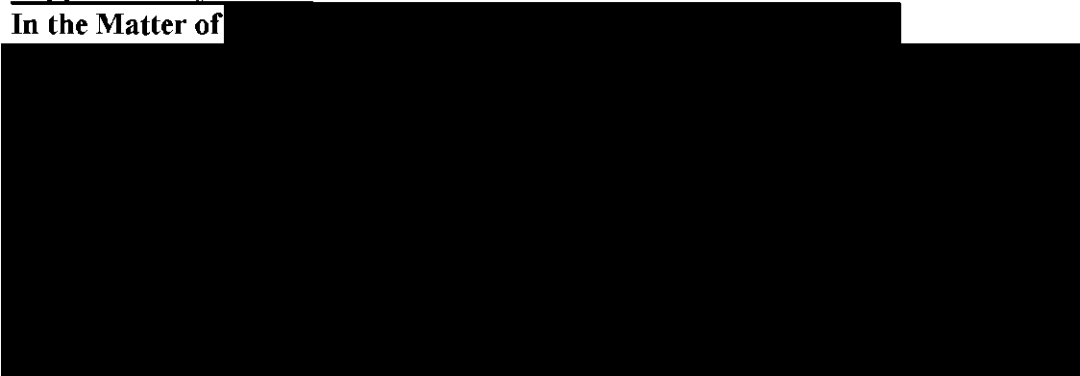


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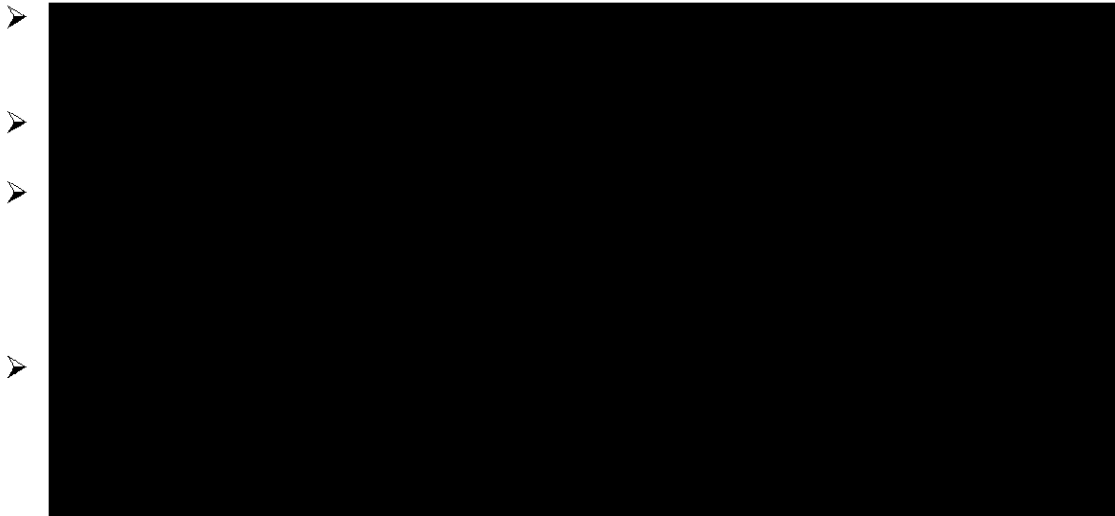
III. Supplementary Review

G. In the Matter of



**IV.**

**Other Matters**



*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Participating Via Phone:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

(C)

- I. **Approval of Minutes**
  - May 16, 2009 – Minutes approved
  - June 5, 2009 – Minutes approved

- II. **Case Reviews**
  - Initial Review**

- A. **In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

B. In the Matter of

[Redacted]

Review for Cause

C. In the Matter of

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In the Matter of

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[REDACTED]

**D. In the Matter of Rev. James Hagan (Resigned 1997) - PFR- 11**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan. A summary of the allegation is as follows: several incidents, but [REDACTED] could only verbalize one (too difficult for him to talk about others); [REDACTED] spoke of one incident that took place at St. Denis where Fr. Hagan rubbed and grabbed [REDACTED] chest and nipples (over and under clothing) prior to Fr. Hagan forcing his hands down [REDACTED] pants and fondling [REDACTED] genitals; [REDACTED] mentioned other incidents of masturbation by Fr. Hagan, but could not speak of them specifically; incidents of Fr. Hagan rubbing [REDACTED] back and other body parts both at St. Richard and at [REDACTED] home.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Review Board with a verbal overview of this matter.

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that the former Fr. Hagan did sexually abuse [REDACTED] when he was a minor.

**E. In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**F. In the Matter of** [REDACTED]

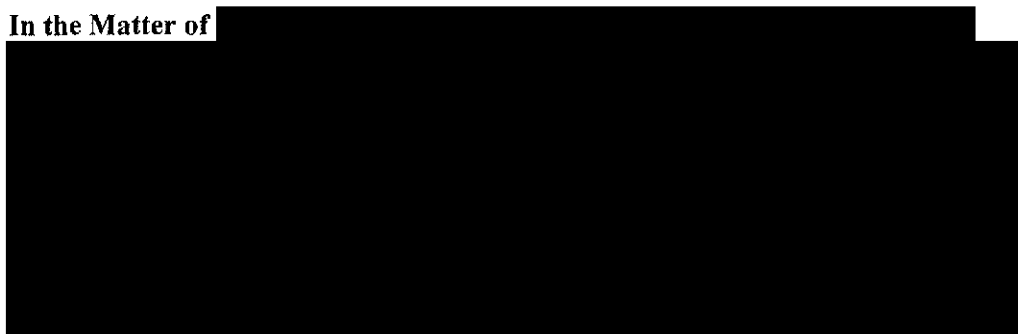
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**H. In the Matter of**





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**III. Request for Supplementary Review**

**I. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

**J. In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]



IV. Other Matters

- **Conducting interviews:** not enough time to discuss; continued to next Review Board meeting scheduled for August 15, 2009
- **Continued discussion of deceased priest cases:** not enough time to discuss; continued to next Review Board meeting scheduled for August 15, 2009
- **Discussion of question of increasing number of Review Board members:** suggestions discussed included having a “member at large” and/or increasing Board membership from nine to 10 members; due to time constraints, agreed that the discussion of this matter would be continued to the next Review Board meeting scheduled for August 15, 2009

*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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## MEMORANDUM

**DRAFT**

NO RESPONSE  
3/12/07 (P)

To: File – PFR-11

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator (P)

Re: **RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST  
REV. JAMES HAGAN [RESIGNED] MADE BY [REDACTED]**

Date: January 23, 2007

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**Date of Conference Call: January 16, 2007**

**Time of Conference Call: 2:30 pm**

**Participants in Conference Call**

Mr. James Hagan  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

**Conference Call**

PRA arrived at the Vicar for Priests Office just prior to the 2:30 pm scheduled meeting time. Rev. Edward Grace began the meeting by calling civil attorney Patrick Reardon's office, where the former Rev. James Hagan had joined him.

PRA began by asking Mr. Hagan and Mr. Reardon if they had any questions prior to continuing. Mr. Reardon asked if a copy of [REDACTED] allegation against Fr. Hagan had been sent to his office. PRA confirmed for Mr. Reardon that it had been sent. When asked by PRA, Mr. Hagan stated that he did not need a separate copy of [REDACTED] allegation sent to him. Mr. Reardon then stated that due to pending litigation, Mr. Hagan would not offer a response to [REDACTED] allegation.

PRA proceeded to read the allegation against Mr. Hagan in its entirety.

After PRA read the entire allegation, Mr. Reardon stated that there would be no response given at this point in time. Mr. Reardon added that if there would be any further response, that would be given at a later date.


Mr. Reardon then asked PRA if "...anyone had talked to these others [substitute teacher, librarian, principal, or janitor referred to by [REDACTED] in his allegation]." PRA responded that none of the individuals had been talked to at this point in time.

PRA and Fr. Grace thanked Mr. Hagan and Mr. Reardon for their time. Mr. Hagan was informed that a draft report of the January 16<sup>th</sup> conference call would be sent to him in care of Mr. Reardon.


Prior to ending the phone call, Mr. Reardon remarked that the only true statement [in [REDACTED] allegation] was the reference to Fr. Hagan "...cracking backs..."

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Mr. James Hagan

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Date

  
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Leah McCluskey, Administrator

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Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Patricia Zacharias, Office of Professional Responsibility

**FROM:** Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant  
Office of Professional Responsibility

**DATE:** July 6, 2006

**RE:** [PFR-11] Hagan, Rev. James (Resigned), [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 7/6/06.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Hagan, Rev. James [REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

### Attachment

**Cc:** Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Dennis Lyle, Rector, Mundelein Seminary  
Very Rev. James Presta, Vicar, St. Joseph Seminary

AOC 002471

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim BD's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on May 27, 2004, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. James Hagan. The alleged abuse consisted of fondling, masturbation, and one incident of oral sex. The alleged abuse occurred at St. Catherine's parish, St. Richard's parish rectory, and in Fr. Hagan's car. The alleged abuse began when Victim BD was in sixth or seventh grade and continued until he was approximately 18 years old between approximately 1975 and 1980, and occurred during counseling sessions with Fr. Hagan. Victim BD also reported that he stayed overnight in the rectory numerous times over a period of several years, and that other priests at St. Catherine would see Victim BD entering and leaving Hagan's room. Victim BD also reported that he smoked marijuana in St. Catherine's rectory when other priests may have been in the building.

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April 12, 2005

Mr. James Hagan  
(Address unknown)

Dear Mr. Hagan,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on March 19, 2005 and conducted a Review for Cause regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that based on the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Edward Grace continues to be available to you. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

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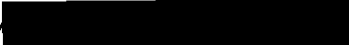
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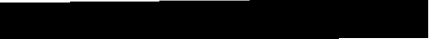
To: File – PFR-11

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Hagan, Rev. James [Resigned] 

Date: February 8, 2005

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PRA spoke with Rev. John J. Carolan via phone today in connection with the investigation of  allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. James Hagan. Fr. Carolan was assigned to St. Catherine of Siena/St. Lucy in Oak Park with Fr. Hagan from 1977 through 1981. Fr. Carolan was ordained in 1951 and is currently retired, residing at St. Catherine of Siena/St. Lucy.

PRA began by briefly informing Fr. Carolan of the purpose and function of the Office of Professional Responsibility. When he was told that the phone call was in connection with an investigation of an allegation against a priest who was assigned with him at St. Catherine of Siena/St. Lucy, Fr. Carolan immediately indicated that he knew it was about Fr. Hagan. When asked if he had a few minutes to talk this morning, Fr. Carolan indicated that he did.

When asked, Fr. Carolan stated that he never observed an inappropriate behavior on the part of Fr. Hagan while they were assigned together. He added that is the reason why it was such a complete surprise to him when the allegations against Fr. Hagan first surfaced. When asked, Fr. Carolan stated that he never saw Fr. Hagan with any minor boys in his room at all and/or any inappropriate behavior with minors. Fr. Carolan shared that Fr. Hagan was a good photographer and used to take pictures of "...the kids playing..." and that he was artistic. However, Fr. Carolan never saw Fr. Hagan behave inappropriately with and/or around minors. When asked by PRA, Fr. Carolan stated that he never knew of/saw Fr. Hagan spend one on one time with minors in a therapeutic or mentoring capacity.

PRA then asked Fr. Carolan if he ever knew of Fr. Hagan abusing any substances such as alcohol or marijuana. Fr. Carolan stated that Fr. Hagan never drank alcohol and that he was opposed to drinking. He stated that Fr. Hagan was not even a cigarette smoker and was unaware of any suggested substance abuse [smoking marijuana].

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Reminding Fr. Carolan that this investigation was confidential, PRA asked if he would feel comfortable being told the name of Fr. Hagan's accuser [to determine if he remembered the boy and/or his family]. Fr. Carolan agreed to have PRA reveal the identity of the alleged victim. When PRA shared [REDACTED] name with Fr. Carolan, he immediately indicated that he knew him and his family. Fr. Carolan stated that the [REDACTED] Family was a part of St. Catherine of Siena/St. Lucy parish and that Fr. Hagan was "...very close to the family." [REDACTED]

PRA thanked Fr. Carolan for his time, assistance, and cooperation this morning. Fr. Carolan was asked to call PRA at any time with any questions or concerns.

Fr. Carolan may be reached at St. Catherine of Siena/St. Lucy rectory at [708] 386-8077.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: File – PFR-11  
From: Review Board Meeting Minutes  
Re: Hagan, James Craig (Resigned) [REDACTED]  
Date: October 18, 2004

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on September 18, 2004:

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation made by [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: fondling over clothing and masturbation.

In a 9-0 vote, in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also made the following recommendations:

- That PRA speak with Archdiocesan attorneys regarding the issue of victims/survivors [represented by attorneys] not fully cooperating with the process of one formalizing his/her allegation. Specifically, PRA is to discuss with Archdiocesan attorneys the growing issue with victims/survivors not signing the final report of their formalized allegation.
- That PRA attempt to obtain a signature from [REDACTED] on his final report.
- That PRA write a letter to Mr. Hagan encouraging that he provide a signature and/or comments on the draft report written [by PRA] summarizing his response to [REDACTED] allegation against him.
- That PRA attempt to obtain personal information on [REDACTED] including how long he has been in Hong Kong, current family situation [i.e. married?, children?], etc.
- That PRA determine if [REDACTED] at any time in the future, when PRA could meet with him face to face.
- That PRA ask [REDACTED] if he can be more specific with the dates/time frames that he stayed in the rectory with the former Fr. Hagan.
- That PRA ask [REDACTED] to provide a description of the rectory where he stayed with Fr. Hagan, as well as for [REDACTED] to state where in the rectory he stayed, what types of activities Fr. Hagan engaged him in, and what types of movies Fr. Hagan had for them to watch.
- That PRA ask [REDACTED] the circumstances as to how he was able to come forward with his allegation at this time.
- That PRA determine if any of the other priests assigned with Mr. Hagan during the time of the alleged abuse of [REDACTED] are still alive. If so, for PRA to speak with those priests regarding Fr. Hagan.

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To: File – PFR-11  
From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator  
Re: **JAMES HAGAN'S (RESIGNED) RESPONSE ALLEGATION  
MADE BY [REDACTED]**  
Date: August 18, 2004

**Date of Meeting: August 18, 2004 Time of Meeting: 2:30pm**

**Present at Meeting**

Mr. James Hagan  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

**Phone Meeting**

Mr. James Hagan contacted Rev. Edward Grace at the Vicar for Priests Office via phone at 2:30pm for the scheduled meeting. The meeting was conducted entirely via speakerphone.

After introductions were made, PRA offered to explain to and/or answer any questions for Mr. Hagan in regards to the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED]. Mr. Hagan indicated that he did not have any initial questions and/or concerns.

As PRA prepared to read the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] Mr. Hagan agreed to interrupt PRA if he was unclear with any information that was being read to him.

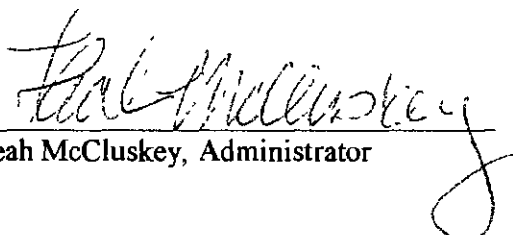
Mr. Hagan did not speak as PRA read [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct to him. Upon the conclusion of PRA reading the allegation, Mr. Hagan stated that he did not have any comment. PRA then offered to forward a copy of [REDACTED] allegation to him, to which Mr. Hagan stated that it was difficult enough for him to hear. He did not wish to have a copy of the allegation sent to him.

Mr Hagan then asked general questions in regards to the Review Board's involvement with this matter. PRA did confirm for Mr Hagan that this matter would be presented to the Review Board and that Cardinal George would make the final decision based upon the Board's recommendations. PRA then informed Mr Hagan that [REDACTED] does have an attorney and is seeking a financial settlement as a result of the alleged abuse.

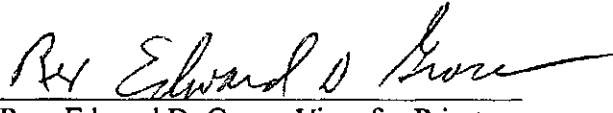
Fr Grace and PRA thanked Mr Hagan for calling and for his time. Mr Hagan in turn thanked Fr Grace and PRA for the same.

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James Hagan

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Date

  
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Leah McCluskey, Administrator

9/15/04  
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Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

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Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

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March 8, 2004

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson  
Jeff Anderson & Associates  
E-1000 First National Bank Building  
332 Minnesota Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. James Hagan

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Per our discussion, I am following up on your letter of October 15, 2003 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she has been in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8293), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for therapy from a licensed therapist selected by your client at the Archdiocese's expense while this matter is being processed.

We would also note that, on September 19, 1996, [REDACTED] notified the Archdiocese that he had been abused by an Archdiocesan priest. He said that [REDACTED] Although [REDACTED] did not name the priest who was the perpetrator, he said that he wanted to make sure that the priest was receiving help with his problem and that he was in a place where he could not harm anyone else. He described the priest as "more than my molester, he was a good teacher and another soul struggling to come to terms with life, and a friend (albeit dysfunctional)" and said that he wanted to "share my feelings and thoughts [with the perpetrator] (I think we can help each other heal ... at least somewhat." When [REDACTED] came forward again in October 2003, we learned that the priest was Father Hagan, who resigned from the priesthood on March 31, 1997.

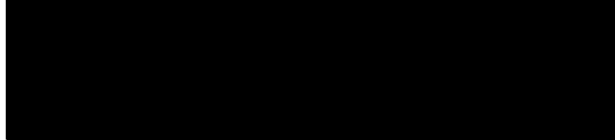
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Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson  
March 8, 2004  
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Please direct any correspondence about the claim you are pursuing to me.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Leah McCluskey  
Ralph Bonaccorsi

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bcc: Reverend James Kaczorowski  
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: File -PFR-11

From: Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting

Re: **James Hagan (Resigned)**

Date: July 19, 2003

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on July 19, 2003:

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]  
The claim is as follows: fondling over and under clothing; oral sex.

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Review Board recommended that the information seems to be true of an offense.

**AOC 002482**



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MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-11  
From: Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting  
Re: **James Hagan (Resigned)**  
Date: July 19, 2003

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on July 19, 2003:

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The claim is as follows: fondling of buttocks and genitals through clothing.

In a unanimous 8-0 vote, the Board recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board also recommended that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.


April 22, 1997

James Hagan  


Dear Jim,

I hope things are going well for you. The new Archbishop has made some good first impressions on everyone around here. So, we are all into some new forms of life this Easter season.

Enclosed in the reimbursement check for the Loyola tuition. I trust classes are at least involving if not demanding. I hope they provide you with stimulating ideas for the future and even the occasion to meet many new people.



Not many people know that you have left as far as I can tell. I have heard no conversation about this. In fact both Bernadette and Ed Siedlecki were "a little miffed" with me when it was discovered by each of them that you were no longer around.

I did pass on this address to Bernadette. I trust you may have left the same forwarding address at the Retreat House.

I am hoping we can set a dinner or luncheon date sometime at the end of May.

Peace,

AOC 002484

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of Diocesan Priests' Personnel  
Rev. Jeremiah M. Boland/Executive Sec.  
312-751-5270

Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690  
FAX 312-751-5281

December 13, 1996

Dear Father,

In accordance with Archdiocesan policy the Diocesan Priests' Placement Board wishes to inform you of the pastorates now being open listed. Please write or call the Placement Board office to request the proper profile. For the Board to consider a priest for a pastorate, they need to have his General Pastor Application on file. If you do not have one on file in our office, please call (312/751-5270) and one will be sent to you immediately. Take this as an opportunity to review your own situation. If appropriate, feel free to apply to be a pastor at this time.

<b>PASTORATES:</b>	<b>Profile Ready</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>
St. Alexander/Palos	12/17/96	01/07/97
Prince of Peace/Lake Villa	01/15/97	02/03/97
St. Gabriel	01/16/97	02/04/97
Mary, Queen of Heaven/Cicero	01/22/97	02/11/97
St. James/Highwood	02/03/97	02/24/97
St. Francis of Assisi/OLA	02/05/97	02/26/97

The following positions have been open listed

Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary for 1 fulltime faculty position. For further information please contact Rev. Michael Foley [Rector] at (312) 787-9343 by December 27, 1996.

St. Joseph Seminary/Loyola University for 1 fulltime faculty position, Director of Liturgy, and 1 fulltime faculty position, Director of Recruitment For further information please contact Rev. James Presta [Rector] at (773) 973-9700 by December 27, 1996

The Metropolitan Tribunal for 1 full time position. For further information please contact Rev. Michael Hack [Judical Vicar] (312) 751-8250 by December 27, 1996

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The pastorates below were previously listed and again are noted for further consideration. The Board is aggressively pursuing candidates but will consider your personal call to serve in Christ's name. Apply yourself or encourage another to apply.

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Maternity BVM	03/19	O L of Charity/Cicero	12/05/96

Thank you for considering these pastorates as possible ministry sites. The members of the Board appreciate your prayers for those presently in transition and for your prayers to guide the placement process.

Sincerely,

**The Diocesan Priests' Placement Board**

Rev. Robert E. McLaughlin '66  
[Chairman]

Rev. Jeremiah M. Boland '81  
[Executive Secretary]

Rev. John M. Collins '79  
Rev. Kevin J. Feeney '77  
Rev. Joseph J. Kinane '52  
Rev. Steven W. Patte '69  
Rev. John S. Siemianowski '89  
Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo '73

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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October 18, 1996

Sister Nora Brady, O.P.  
St. Denis Convent  
8332 S. St. Louis Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60652

Dear Sister Nora:

I am in receipt of the copy which you sent me of your letter of October 11, 1996 to Cardinal Bernardin, regarding Fr. James Hagan. As the Cardinal's Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board, which recommended Father Hagan's withdrawal from St. Denis Parish, I must express my objection to your letter.

It is simply wrong for you to assert that Cardinal Bernardin has "destroyed" Father Hagan. It is Father Hagan, not the Cardinal, who is responsible for the consequences of his own actions. Yes, we are a Church of love and forgiveness, but it is not revenge to protect children from the risk of abuse. The legal system did not prosecute because of the statute of limitations. The protection of children is a present concern, however. It would have been irresponsible for the Cardinal and the Church to have acted otherwise.

I commend you for your 48 years of dedicated religious life as an Adrian Dominican Sister. I can appreciate the great sense of loss and emptiness that you must feel with what has happened at St. Denis Parish. But that does not justify the type of letter which you sent to the Cardinal. Given the Cardinal's terminal illness, your letter was, at least, insensitive. Moreover, for you to say that the Cardinal "destroyed" Father Hagan is insulting and offensive.

I believe you owe Cardinal Bernardin an apology.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Paprocki".

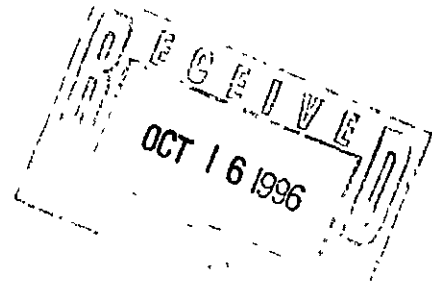
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Chancellor

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Most Rev. John R. Gorman, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate V  
Rev. Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

bc: Sr. Mary Brian Costello, R.S.M., Chief of Staff  
Ms. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

AOC 002487

St. Denis Convent  
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October 11, 1996

Dear Cardinal Bernardin,

Father Jim Hagan's resignation and the Process Team's untimely verdict has caused severe grief and pain to the people of St. Denis.

I have always loved the Church but now I'm not so sure. In my 71st year of life and now having a distrust of church authority is frightening. As an Adrian Dominican Sister of 48 years, I have loved and labored with joy for a Church I believed was just, kind and merciful.

If you would take a moment to visualize the great loss of pastor, associate pastor, changing neighborhood and the emptiness of life, maybe you would be patient with me and answer my questions.

How can the destruction of a human spirit reward a 10 year allegation? Do 2 wrongs make a right? Isn't love and forgiveness more of the Church's teaching than revenge? Since the judicial system wouldn't be bothered with the allegations, why did the Process Team get so vehement in punishment? How can you ask a retired priest to baby-sit us and then uproot another man's life to fulfill a legal mentality.

If you would stop for a moment to humanly visualize inside St. Denis Rectory and see Fr. Jim's office stripped bare (like his life) and Fr. Bill's office empty. It feels colder than the morgue.

It doesn't help to tell me you are going to give us the "best you can muster up." We had the very best and you have destroyed him.

Bewildered and saddened,

*Sister Nora Brady, O.P.*  
Sister Nora Brady, O.P.

c.c. Most Reverend Raymond Goedert, D.D.

Most Reverend John Gorman, D.D.

— Reverend Thomas Paprocki

Reverend Daniel Coughlin

AOC 002488

**MONSIGNOR KOENIG HALL  
INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL  
for  
REVEREND JAMES HAGAN**

**I have reviewed, understood, and agreed to all requirements of this Protocol:**

- 1) **Unaccompanied, out-of-house activities include the following:**
  - a) **Archdiocese of Chicago (Pastoral Center) - as needed.**
  - b) **[REDACTED]**
  - c) **Neighborhood Housing Services -  
Mon, Wed, & Fri, 10:00 - 2:00 pm**
  - d) **[REDACTED]**  
**(Arranged through the Vicar for Priests.)**
- 2) **Resident is not to be alone with persons under eighteen (18) years of age without another responsible adult present.**
- 3) **Attendance at all activities and the specific names, addresses, times, telephone numbers regarding resident's whereabouts must be entered on the individual's itinerary. If for some reason, a change in an individual's schedule has been made, the resident is obliged to call in and update a staff member ASAP.**
- 4) **Resident is required to call in two times each day, Monday through Friday in the AM TO [REDACTED]; Monday through Friday evenings at Koenig Hall, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] On Thursday evenings, Resident is to call in at [REDACTED]**
- 5) **The Resident is not to take overnights, or be absent from the program unless prior approval is obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.**
- 6) **Resident is allowed to celebrate Mass privately and with the residents of Koenig Hall. All other ministry remains restricted.**
- 7) **Resident is to abstain from all illegal substances.**
- 8) **Any deviation and/or non-compliance with requirements of this Protocol will be addressed by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator. Any such deviation may be grounds for modification of currently existing arrangements regarding**

resident's stay at residence. Such modification will be collectively determined by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator in conjunction with the Vicar for Priests. In case of emergencies, any staff member can modify this Protocol until an administrative decision can be made by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.

- 9) In order to change this Protocol, prior approval must be obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Administrator.
- 10) This is a working document which can be changed, altered, or superseded when there is an indicated need to do so. A copy of this Protocol will remain on file at the Offices of Professional Fitness Review and the Vicar for Priests.
- 11) This Protocol will be reviewed no sooner than March 1, 1997. It will be reviewed again in September, 1997.
- 12) Resident has requested the following to be included in his Protocol:  
"At this time, I am signing this Protocol in a spirit of cooperation with the Archdiocese and because of the expectation of my compliance. I do not wish my signature to imply that I believe I pose a risk to minors, the community, or myself." James Hagan.

Signed: James C. Hagan

Date: 9/25/96

Printed Name: JAMES C. HAGAN

[Signature]  
(Professional Fitness Review Administrator)

Date: 9/27/96

cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Daniel Coughlin  
Rev. Lawrence McBrady  
File



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

August 24, 1996

Dear Jim:

I have received your letter of August 23, 1996 in which you offered your resignation from the pastorate of St. Denis Parish. In light of your letter, and the reasons you mentioned, I hereby accept your resignation, effective immediately.

Through a copy of this letter, I will inform the Vicar, the Dean and also Father Tkachuk, who has faithfully and capably served the parish through this interim period.

Jim, I know this was a very difficult decision for you and I can appreciate the respect and love you have for the people of Saint Denis. I know, too, that your decision was motivated by your deep love for your parishioners so that they can move on to more permanent pastoral leadership. Be assured of my gratitude for all you did for the people of Saint Denis during your eight years there.

I know, Jim, that this is a time of grief for you in many respects. Mindful of the pain and hurt being felt by yourself and others at this time, I will pray that true healing may come to you and to all involved in this process.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Thomas G. Poprocki*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend James C. Hagan  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
Koenig Hall  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

cc: Most Reverend John R. Gorman, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate V  
Reverend Patrick M. Lyons, Dean, Deanery V-C  
Reverend William J. Tkaczuk, Administrator  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Reverend Jeremiah M. Boland, Priests' Placement Board

AOC 002491

Memo

From: Rev. Dan Coughlin  
To: Bernadette Connolly  
Date: 7/29/96  
Re: Jim Hagan

During the wake and the funeral, I gave permission for Jim Hagan to stay at the motel in Broadview. At the time he had given me the phone number. I have it written down somewhere but I cannot locate it right now. I just wanted to pass this information of my approving a change in his protocol

Also, he had mentioned at the wake that when the funeral was over he intends to go away for a while with his brother. I hope he has been in touch with you for this change in protocol. In the past few days I have not been able to make contact with him. I hope this is not interpreted as any break of his protocol on his part or any mettling on my part. It seemed practical and pastoral at the time. If this behavior on my part seems problematic please let me know.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO


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Vicar General



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MEMO

TO: Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi  
FROM: Bishop Raymond Goedert   
DATE: July 16, 1996  
RE: Reverend James Hagan

(1) I received a phone call from Pat Reardon [redacted], who is representing Jim. Pat said that Jim is suppose to be coming up for a second stage review and Jim is not really anxious to go through this at this time. But Jim does want to be cooperative. He realizes that a decision will have to be made fairly soon as to whether or not he will be returning to the parish.

(2) [redacted]

(3) I mention this, Ralph, because of the discussion [redacted]. In the event of Mrs. Hagan's death, you may want to talk to Pat Reardon to see if something can be worked out to the satisfaction of both the victims and Jim.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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July 1, 1996

Dear [REDACTED],

I have received your letter of June 21, 1996 in which you ask me to reach out to you as I have to the homeless, those dying of cancer, those torn by the tragedy of abortion or violence in the home. I will write to you as I do to them, with candor.

Let me begin by apologizing for any hurt, affront, injustice or disrespect you have experienced because of those of us you name "Catholic Church administrators." In their names, I ask your forgiveness. Forgive from your heart, [REDACTED], and now put the difficulty of the past behind you and move on. I hope you can explain to your children that you have taken the Lord's teaching very seriously: "I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all I have injured." Your example will help your children now and for their difficult times in years ahead.

When I write to cancer victims like myself, I try to encourage them not to question the Lord's action in their lives but to place themselves in God's care. The tendency to ask "Why me?" is strong in all of us. The mystery of suffering demands very strong faith as response.

This letter is not going to try to explain or comment on every point you make in your letter. I do not have the facts to enable me to do that. I must say, however, that the allegations you reference about Father James Hagan must, by policy, be forwarded to the Vicar for Priests Office and to Bishop Conway, as you suggest.

Please put the past behind you by refusing to think of the injuries. I will pray for you and your family that peace of heart and mind may be yours.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago



AOC 002494

Memo to File (hagan08)  
From: Rev. Daniel Coughlin  
Date: 6/2/96  
Re: James Hagan

On May 28 I had a long phone conversation with Fr. Bill Tkachuk. On that evening they were planning an evening service designed to deal with some of the needed healing of the parishioners and to commend the parish, Jim Hagan and others to the Lord in prayer.

In the course of conversation, Bill expressed a great deal of concern and described his personal determinations on how to respond to the pastoral concerns which were surfacing from the people. Many in the community have great affection for Jim Hagan and want to know more about him, his well-being and the procedures with which he is being handled.

Most recently a Lutheran minister spoke to some people about what he knew, which was not very much, and Bill in turn called the Lutheran minister and expressed his concerns that although there needs to be consideration for Jim Hagan there also needs to be concern for the victims.

In the course of conversation Bill mentioned that he had designed an item for the Parish Bulletin in which he wanted to acknowledge and thank people for their prayers and cards, which were being sent to Jim Hagan. This would appear in next week's bulletin. Bill agreed to FAX a copy of the article to us here. Pat O'Malley and I looked at the article and the first few paragraphs were very good and were right on the mark but we had some objections to the third paragraph because it used the word "rumors" and we thought that the whole last paragraph did not quite fit with the others and if rumors were going to be addressed it was better to use the language of questions and concerns.

Late on Tuesday, May 28, I got in touch with Bill Tkachuk again and told him of our concerns. It was his judgement that it was best to address the article as written and perhaps it was too late for any revision.

In turn I asked him how the evening of prayer was received. Bill described it as a service of evening prayer with the rosary,

about 200 persons attended.

In the structure of the rosary each decade was announced for a specific intention. The first was for Jim Hagan himself, the second was for young people who may have been victims, the third was for the parish, the fourth was for abuse in everyone's own lives and the fifth was for all the professionals who are involved in such matters. Bill described a reception afterwards where people talked to each other and talked very freely. Everyone was of the mind that such public prayer was very helpful. It calmed everyone. It had a deep and personal effect. The public prayer was a way of focussing individuals' personal prayer. In the course of conversation Bill found himself commenting not only on the public prayer but also stating that there was no intention of manipulating or re-directing anyone's individual or personal prayer. In the end, people were stating that perhaps they should meet monthly for such a prayer service. Bill said that he would wait to see whether this was an invitation that came from a number of people or just from one or two.



On Sunday, June 2, I tried to reach Jim Hagan at Koenig Hall to express my concern about him. He had just left to visit his mother. I asked that he call me the following day.

On Monday June 3, I spoke with Hagan. He in turn informed me that he has been in touch with [REDACTED] After some delay and another contact with [REDACTED] office the raw data was finally forwarded.

On Monday June 10, Jim Hagan informed me that his mother suffered a rather serious stroke. They do not know yet the extent of the

damages. [REDACTED]

Later today I spoke with [REDACTED] ( her pager is: [REDACTED] ) As they prepare a substantial program for JH, she asked if I thought that they might interview any alledged victims. I told her that I have not met them nor do I know them. I had been told however that they were close friends and desired to remain anonymous. But I said I would confer with Ralph B and get back to her.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The protocol and the task for Ralph [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were reaffirmed with Ralph B on the phone on Wed. June 12.

At the convocation Tom Dore talked to DC again about another possible victim. DC again encouraged Tom to urge the man to come forward so that the church could help this person. This would not necessarily change JH's situation with the FRD. Ralph was also informed that this may all happen. I encouraged that Ralph and Bernadette meet with the man. The Vicar's office would say out of this and there was no reason to put the man thru this more than once before help could be offerd to him.

On June 17 we were informed that the family was not disposed to allow JH to celbrate any public service for his mother. If she were to die they can only imagine a "private ceremony".

Ralph was told of [REDACTED] request. After some discussion he

and I decided that the timing was not good for the Archdiocese to give [REDACTED] their names or draw them into anything not of their design for our sake or for JH's sake.

I contacted [REDACTED] and told her this. She still hopes that in the future there might be the opportunity to interview even anonymously. I encouraged her to speak to Bernadette since BC asks about force in her interviews.



Memo to File (hagan07)  
From: Rev. Daniel Coughlin  
Date: 5/16/96  
Re: Jim Hagan

At the Cardinal's anniversary celebration on May 8, Fr. Tom Dore approached me with a matter he had hinted at over the phone. Over the phone he did not feel free to talk about the matter.

Tom told me that he had been contacted by a parishioner who he knew from years ago at St. Catherine of Siena parish. Tom knew that this person was also a friend of Jim Hagan. This man, now [REDACTED], said to Tom that he could understand what had recently been in the media regarding Jim Hagan. On a single instance, he had had to fight off Jim Hagan himself.

In the course of describing the conversation, Tom mentioned that this young man [REDACTED]

I suggested to Tom that he contact the young man again and tell him that the Archdiocese is concerned about him. It is obvious that Fr. Hagan is already being taken care of, but if he were to come forward and make himself known to the Archdiocese, we could afford him every help, pastoral or psychological, to heal any wounds inflicted in the past. I told Tom he could give him my name and phone number or that of Bernadette Connolly or of Ralph Bonaccorsi. Tom seemed to understand our commitment to helping victims. Tom said that he was also concerned and would do his best to convince the man to seek help.

On May 14 I again had a conversation with Tom Dore. He assured me that he had contacted the man in question and had encouraged him to talk to Bernadette Connolly or me. Tom thought that at present he would not come forward because he did not want to bring more of the past into the present. I encouraged Tom to wait a while, perhaps a couple weeks, and then again reach out to the man personally to see if he could be of any pastoral assistance to him and to again assure him of our concern and our desire to assist him in any way we can.

Memo to File (Hagan05)  
From: Rev. Daniel Coughlin  
Date: 5/6/96  
Re: Jim Hagan

On April 24, [REDACTED], it was learned that Mary Ann Ahearn was asking questions as to why Fr. Hagan was no longer at St. Denis parish. Within minutes the two-minute drill went into effect and all proper persons were notified and the time table that had first been enunciated out of care for the victims had to be ammended as we pressed ahead, targeting basic parish information for Sunday, April 28.

On Thursday, April 25, I met with Jim Hagan at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. We had a very open and cordial conversation. He seemed well disposed toward making his first step [REDACTED].

On Sunday, April 28, I was in touch by phone with Fr. Bill Tkachuk, presently the administrator of St. Denis parish. Bill told me that Jim Hagan had told him the names of the two families involved. Bill in turn informed Ralph Bonaccorsi that he knew of these two families and assured Ralph that it would go no further. Also, he wanted Ralph to tell the families that he knew from Jim Hagan that they were involved so that he could be of pastoral help to them if and when they needed it.

Bill assured me that he would be receiving and sending all messages to Jim Hagan himself.

Jim Hagan has called him and talked to him. They seem to have a strong relationship. This is helpful for the parish at this time. The Sisters from the parish have visited Jim Hagan's mother.

The people of the parish seem curious as to the circumstances in which Jim Hagan now finds himself. Their concern is for him. Many people will not accept the fact that he has done wrong.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Jim Hagan was invited to return to Chicago and to again live in his monitored situation following his strict protocol.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We agreed to have a further conversation about his things and finances, especially as these impact on his mother and St. Denis parish. We agreed to have this conversation after he returns to Chicago.

On Saturday, May 4, I called Bill Tkachuk. Pat O'Malley and I helped him address some of his pastoral and personal questions. These had to do with people's questions in the parish, with Jim's belongings and with future possibilities. Bill seemed satisfied with our answers. He also will be seeking the help he needs as he responds to this challenging pastoral situation.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Diocesan Administrator



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April 9, 1997

James C. Hagan  
Koenig Hall  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Jim:

I have received your letter of March 31, 1997, and hereby regretfully accept your resignation from active ministry as a priest, effective immediately. I know, Jim, that this time has been very painful and difficult. Thank you for discussing this decision with Father Dan Coughlin and for your gracious letter to me. It is my hope that the inner peace you have found will remain with you in the months and years ahead.

The official process to change one's canonical status from cleric to layperson involves seeking dispensation from the obligations of priesthood through laicization. In order to initiate such a process, you should speak with Father Emmett Gavin, O.Carm. He can be reached at 312-751-8211. I am sure you will find him most helpful.

Be assured of my deep appreciation, Jim, for having given over twenty-two years of service in the Archdiocese. No doubt, your ministry and presence were of significant help to many people.

Know of my encouragement and prayers.

With best wishes, Jim, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond E. Goedert".

Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Diocesan Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Paprocki".  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Reverend Emmett J. Gavin, O.Carm., Vice-Chancellor  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Delegate for Priests  
Reverend Jeremiah M. Boland, Priests' Placement Board

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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April 23, 1996

Reverend James C. Hagan, Pastor  
St. Denis Parish  
8301 S. St. Louis Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60652

Dear Father Hagan:

As you were informed yesterday by Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, allegations of clerical sexual misconduct with minors have been brought against you. After she met with you and your attorney, the Professional Fitness Review Board met last evening. The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in sexual misconduct with minors. Cardinal Bernardin accepted this determination and the Review Board's recommendations, as follows:

Out of concern for your own welfare and that of the Church, you are hereby placed on administrative leave of absence from ministry. During the period of this leave, you are required to absent yourself from St. Denis Parish.

You are to go immediately to stay at Koenig Hall of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, Illinois. [REDACTED]

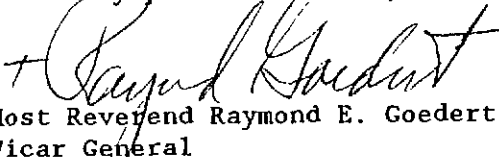
During this period of administrative leave, it is understood that you are not to exercise public ministry nor represent yourself publicly as a priest. You are not authorized to act as an agent or representative of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

You are not to be alone with any minor without the presence of another responsible adult. Moreover, you are not to have any contact with the [REDACTED]

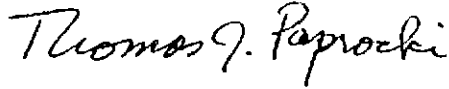
Jim, I know that this is a difficult time for you and for all the concerned parties. Please be assured of a special place in my prayers. I encourage your full cooperation with these actions.

With best wishes, Jim, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Vicar General

Given at the Chancery

  
Chancellor

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Reverend James C. Hagan  
April 23, 1996  
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cc: Most Reverend John R. Gorman, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate V  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Bernadette M. Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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4/23/96

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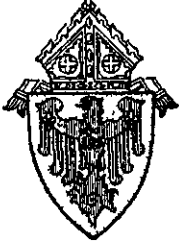
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## TIMETABLE REGARDING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FR. JAMES HAGAN

- 1) Father Paprocki calls Fr. Hagan and informs him of decision regarding administrative leave and to come to meet w/Bp. Goedert and TJP @ 3:30 PM today.
- 2) Father Paprocki calls Fr. Tkachuk + Fr. Pollard and notifies them of these actions; one of them is appointed temporary parochial administrator.
- 2) Bernadette Connolly calls alleged victims tonight to apprise them.
- 3) Ralph Bonaccorsi and Bernadette meet with alleged victims on Thursday or Friday: describe scenario to take place;
- 4) Bernadette calls DCFS on Friday;
- 5) John O'Malley calls State's Attorney on Friday (Mark Cavens);
- 6) John O'Malley alerts Gallagher Bassett in writing (Matt Kaminsky in our office has already been notified re regarding insurance).
- 7) Ralph sets up St. Denis parish meeting w/leadership Friday or Saturday;
- 8) Bishop Raymond Goedert calls Bishop Jack Gorman regarding parish meeting;
- 9) Possible announcement at Parish Masses on Sunday by parish administrator;
- 10) Announcement at St. Richard & St. Gertrude a week later. Vicar for Priests will inform two pastors/administrators; Ralph meets w/ leadership at these parishes no more than one week later;
- 11) TJP talks to Bob Quakenbush re. communications & statement (not news release) and previous allegation unfounded in 1988: handled and deemed unfounded by State's Attorney and DCFS; teenage boys in 1980's (now adults); no mention of parish names until parish communities are informed.

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4/22/96

**REV. JAMES HAGAN, ORDAINED 1974, ABOUT 47 YEARS OF AGE**

PASTOR OF ST. DENIS FROM 1988 TO PRESENT.  
ST. GERTRUDE (NORTH SIDE) FROM 86-88,  
ST. RICHARDS FROM 81-86,  
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA FROM 74-81,  
ST. JUSTIN MARTYR AS DEACON BEFORE ORDINATION.

- . 5/9/88 - named pastor of St. Denis.
- . 5/13/88 - [REDACTED] social worker reports that:
  - Fr. Hagan's sex instruction to jr. high people are far too explicit. Some parents were upset.
  - Social worker reports that her daughter said Hagan sat young boys and girls on his lap during confession.
- . 5/14/88 - Full inquiry followed. DCFS notified. States Attorney office informed. The girl said, in an interview with Fr. Goedert, that she had not been on his lap. She knew he sometimes had little children on his lap during the Children's Mass. That was all.

In face-to-face confessions with children, Hagan would reach out as they sat before him, hold their hands, and sometimes the back of his hands would be on their knees. This was his only contact.

- . 5/26/88 - States Attorney meets with Hagan and finds no cause.
- . 5/31/88 - States Attorney signs off on case.
- . 6/6/88 - DCFS is said to have reported "unfounded".
- . 12/91 - Cardinal's Commission reviews particulars of this case and agreed with the way the case was handled and felt there was no need for further action. Hagan was notified.

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Memo by Fax (751-5279) (Hagan01)  
To: Bernadette Connolly  
From: Rev. P. O'Malley  
Re: Allegations of sexual misconduct vs. Fr. James Hagan  
4/20/96

1. Bishop Goedert called today asking me to call Fr. Jim Kaczorowski re: allegations against Fr. Hagan

2. Fr. Jim told me he had met with two families [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She told him about their long-standing relationship with Hagan since he was an associate at St. Richard's parish. He had touched and sexually abused three boys from one family, and one boy from another.

. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] have three sons, all saying they were abused by Hagan.

. [REDACTED] who have one son.

. There may be other [REDACTED] involved.

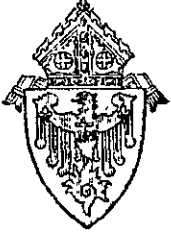
. I talked to the [REDACTED] on Sat. to assure them we are taking it seriously. I tried calling the [REDACTED] and was unable to contact them. They have an answering machine, I believe, but I did not leave a message.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
. I called Ralph Bonaccorsi's office and left a message that a situation was arising that would need his help.

. I called Fr. Kaczorowski back and assured him we are moving. Also I will ask him to keep us alert as to what the two families need in the way of help and support.

. Bishop Goedert has been notified that the process is moving. The Cardinal will be told when he returns home.

. As of now, we will not make contact with Fr. Hagan until we hear from Bernadette. I can be reached at St. Mary of the Lake parish at 871-1854.



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December 4, 1991

Rev. James Hagan  
St. Denis Parish  
8301 South St. Louis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60652

Dear Jim,

I am writing this letter rather than phoning you because it is so difficult at times to make connections by phone. I call, you're not there; you call back, I'm not there! And so it goes.

I want to set your mind at ease a bit. You undoubtedly know that the Cardinal recently appointed a commission to review all cases of alleged or real child abuse in our archdiocesan records. We presented to the commission every case that has come to our attention in the past thirty years.

One of those cases was the situation in which you were involved in May of 1988. When we presented the facts, the commission agreed with our assessment and our handling of the incident. They also agreed that there was no need for action at this time. As far as they were concerned, the incident is closed.

While it is always painful to bring that incident up again, I felt you might well be worried as to whether it had been considered by the commission.

Not to worry. We can put it away for good now. If you want to pursue this matter any further, don't hesitate to call. But, as I said, I'm now going to place the file on the inactive list.

I hope things are going well with you, Jim, and I hope this Advent season will be a fruitful and expectant one for you and your people.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat".

Rev. Patrick O'Malley  
Vicar for Priests



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TO: File

DATE: May 20, 1988

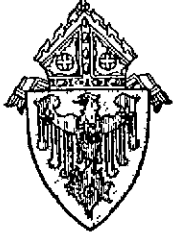
RE: [REDACTED]

*Vicar for Priests*  
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311  
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Off: (312) 642-1837

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

3. In the course of her comments, she mentioned that some of the parents are disturbed now about the associate pastor who is accused of fondeling the children. [REDACTED] said she didn't know anything about that and she dropped the subject immediately. Nor did she refer to it any more in our conversation. Her real complaint seems to be against [REDACTED]



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*Vicar for Priests*  
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TO: File  
DATE: May 17, 1988  
RE: James Hagan

1. [REDACTED]

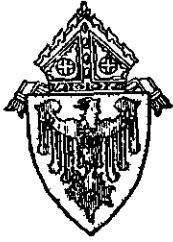
2. While Jim and I were discussing, Jim Hagan called quite upset about a turn of events. He said that one of the parishioners, a [REDACTED], who is the mother of one of the children in school, called him about another parishioner, [REDACTED] who had received a call from a Marlin Daniels, who said that he was from Catholic Charities, the Department of Children and Family Services.

3. I asked Jim to clarify that, as either Daniels worked for Catholic Charities or he worked for DCFS, but he wouldn't be employed by both. Jim Hagan really didn't know who he worked for, but the impression he got was that he was employed by Catholic Charities. [REDACTED] was very upset because Daniels was asking her about possible child abuse and she did not feel that either she or her child was a victim or that Hagan was a perpetrator. But the whole conversation upset Jim Hagan very much.

4. I told Jim to stand by and I immediately called Ed Conway at Catholic Charities. Ed checked their computer and said that there is no such employee by that name nor has there ever been. Ed then checked it out further and found out that [REDACTED] was called by DCFS this morning around 10:00. Apparently Daniels works for DCFS and Ed will check this out. Ed subsequently told me that [REDACTED], who is one of [REDACTED] superiors, did indicate that she knew Marlin Daniels and said that he was a pretty good case worker.

5. [REDACTED]

6. I called Jim Hagan back just to pass along this information and to re-assure him. He was quite distraught and very appreciative of all the help he was being given. I told him to sit tight until we have an answer from DCFS.



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TO: File  
DATE: May 15, 1988  
RE: James Hagan

Jim Hagan called today. He and Bill Kenneally have talked over all of this and Jim came up with something that may be of help. He said that ordinarily they would use a screen in the reconciliation room so that the children would have the option of going behind the screen or face to face. Jim recalled that the screen broke during the last series of confessions and so the last three grades would have had to go face to face with no option. Jim mentioned this, because when he was here to see me he did state that the screen would have been there. Jim also feels sure that he said something to the children that if they wished to go anonymously, they should go to Fr. Kenneally in the regular reconciliation room.

Jim was obviously disturbed at all of this and said that he had a very rough weekend. Although I was going to wait until he had finished his meeting with Jim Serritella, I thought I should put him at ease and let him know that my interview with the girl and her mother on Saturday morning convinced me that there was nothing to the charge of child abuse. I told him that he will probably have to modify his style of offering the sacrament of reconciliation, but that there was no evidence to point to any sexual intent on his part. I also told him that neither the daughter nor the mother intend to pursue this, as the child's mother seems satisfied that all the necessary steps have been taken and that there was not, in fact, any sexual exploitation or child abuse involved. I will call Jim again after I hear from Jim Serritella.

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SEX INFORMATION VOCABULARY LIST

(MATCH THE CORRECT DEFINITION WITH THE WORD THAT DEFINES IT)

- |                       |                  |                   |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. penis              | 9. masturbation  | 17. rape          |
| 2. impotence          | 10. intercourse  | 18. semen         |
| 3. gonads             | 11. sperm        | 19. sex act       |
| 4. fertilization      | 12. circumcision | 20. copulation    |
| 5. promiscuity        | 13. incest       | 21. adultery      |
| 6. erection           | 14. testicles    | 22. conception    |
| 7. scrotum            | 15. condom       | 23. sterilization |
| 8. nocturnal emission | 16. prostate     | 24. puberty       |

\_\_\_\_\_ male sex gland which produces the male sex hormone and sperm

\_\_\_\_\_ the enlarged and firm condition of the male sex organ

\_\_\_\_\_ fluid containing the male sex cells

\_\_\_\_\_ gland that produces the fluid that contain the male sex cells

\_\_\_\_\_ a plastic covering which may be drawn over the male sex organ as a contraceptive or as a safeguard against V.D.

\_\_\_\_\_ the male organ for sexual intercourse and also organ used to eliminate urine from the body

\_\_\_\_\_ relations of a married person with someone other than their spouse

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (two answers) the joining of the male and female reproductive cells

\_\_\_\_\_ an involuntary ejaculation of semen during sleep

\_\_\_\_\_ a muscular skin sac containing the testicles

\_\_\_\_\_ the reproductive cells of the male

\_\_\_\_\_ lack of ability to have sex relations (esp. in men)

\_\_\_\_\_ being sexually active with more than one person during a relatively short time

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (three answers) union of the male and female genitals

\_\_\_\_\_ removal of the loose skin at the end of the male sex organ

\_\_\_\_\_ self stimulation of one's sex organs

\_\_\_\_\_ sex relations forced upon another person

\_\_\_\_\_ a surgical operation which prevents a person from becoming a parent

\_\_\_\_\_ a stage of physical growth during which the reproductive organs of boys and girls begin to operate

\_\_\_\_\_ sex relations with a blood relative to the second degree

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|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. fetus        | 9. climax             | 17. hymen       |
| 2. mammary      | 10. homosexual        | 18. frigidity   |
| 3. menstruation | 11. menopause         | 19. douche      |
| 4. genitals     | 12. fornication       | 20. contraction |
| 5. ovaries      | 13. lesbian           | 21. abortion    |
| 6. vagina       | 14. cervix            | 22. miscarriage |
| 7. clitoris     | 15. organism          | 23. diaphragm   |
| 8. ovulation    | 16. caesarean section | 24. labor       |

the milk producing glands in the female

the end of the possibility of child bearing in women

the shedding of a lining of blood cells by the womb/uterus

the neck of the uterus which opens into the vagina

a rim of soft tissue which partially covers the entrance to the vagina

the physical process of giving birth to a child

the birth of a baby through the abdomen by a surgical operation

flushing the vagina with a liquid for hygienic or birth control purposes

a lack of, or very low sexual response in women

deliberate termination of a pregnancy

a female homosexual

a plastic, disc-like contraceptive device placed inside women which covers the cervix

the passage in the female leading to the uterus which receives the penis during intercourse (the birth canal)

the release of the female egg cell from the gland where it is formed

the spontaneous expulsion of a fetus before it can survive.

a person who has a sexual preference for a member of the same sex

female sex organ that stores female sex cells (eggs)

sex relations between two unmarried people

small, highly sensitive female sex organ located in the vulva above the vaginal entrance

male and female reproductive organs

(two answers) the highest point of sexual excitement in the male and female



SEX INFORMATION VOCABULARY LIST

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| ___ the removal of the loose skin at the end of the male sex organ by surgery                                       | 1. gonads        |
| ___ union of the male and female genitals   | 2. impotence     |
| ___ (three answers)   | 3. fertilization |
| ___   | 4. condom        |
| ___ flushing the vagina with a liquid for hygienic or birth control purposes  | 5. testicles     |
| ___ male and female sex glands  | 6. chromosome    |
| ___ the physical process of giving birth to a child   | 7. circumcision  |
| ___ being sexually active with more than one person during the same period  | 8. intercourse   |
| ___ fluid containing the male sex cells   | 9. menopause     |
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| ___ small highly sensitive female sex organ located in the vulva above the vaginal entrance                         | 18. semen        |
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|   | 23. promiscuity  |
|   | 24. ovaries      |
|   | 25. anomaly      |

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  - \_\_\_
  - \_\_\_ a rim of soft tissue which partially covers the entrance to the vagina
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  - \_\_\_ a surgical operation which prevents a person from becoming a parent
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  19. vagina
  20. sterilization
  21. genitals
  22. menstruation
  23. mammary
  24. fetus
  25. matriculation
  26. glottis

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
**Bob Quakenbush or Mary McDonough**  
[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF THE  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
RE: Rev. James Hagan  
August 28, 1996**

After further inquiry into the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against Father James Hagan, Pastor of St. Denis Parish, 8301 South St. Louis Ave., the Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review on Wednesday, August 21, 1996. The Board recommended that Father Hagan's withdrawal from ministry continue. Cardinal Bernardin has accepted this recommendation. Following this decision, Cardinal Bernardin has accepted Father Hagan's resignation as pastor of St. Denis Parish.

This Second Stage Review was conducted in keeping with Archdiocesan policies and procedures, which provide that such a review shall ordinarily be initiated and scheduled to occur no earlier than 30 and no later than 120 days after completion of the First Stage Review. Father Hagan's First Stage Review was completed on April 22, 1996. Father Hagan has been on administrative leave since that time.

Cardinal Bernardin has expressed his concern for Father Hagan, for those who brought the allegations, and for all the people of St. Denis Parish. He acknowledged that this is a time of grief in many respects. Mindful of the pain and hurt being felt at this time, the Cardinal expressed his hope that true peace and healing may come to all involved in this process.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE  
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

February 8, 2008

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This short note is just to assure you that the letter to me that you sent to Mayra and Leah has been forwarded. Thank you for writing.

I am grateful that you followed up on the allegation you first made before I came to Chicago and that the Archdiocese has, at least in some fashion, reached out to support you. I would suggest that the information you have about promotions and other internal movements of the Archdiocese is inadequate, and I would also suggest that you consult our website to see what happened in the Daniel McCormack case as analyzed by Daniel Defenbaugh.

I look forward to our meeting in the summer and to any information you might want to send before that. In the meantime, you are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours,

*Francis Cardinal George*

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE  
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# Memo

To: Fr. John Canary, Fr. John Collins, Fr. Ken Budzikowski; Colleen Dolan; Carol Fowler, Jimmy Lago, Leah McCluskey, John O'Malley, Jan Slattery, Matthew Hunnicutt.

CC: Maryann Fox, Jan Leonatti.

From: Fr. Dan Smilanic.

Date: August 9, 2010.

Re: Hagan laicization (Prot. No. 176/08).

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According to the Postal Service documentation that we received, on Saturday, July 10, 2010, James C. Hagan received the canonical notification of his return to the lay state, that is his laicization. The letter informing him of his laicization also asked that by July 29, 2010 he contact either me or Deacon Dan Welter to sign the decree of laicization; he never contacted us.

Pursuant to that:

1. Both original copies of the Decree will be signed by Cardinal George and notarized by Jimmy Lago.
2. One original will be returned to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the other original will be filed in James C. Hagan's Chancery file.
3. Access to the signed original of the Rescript in his Chancery file should be done through the Chancellor.
4. The effective date of the laicization is April 23, 2010, the date that the Holy Father decreed his laicization.
5. In accord with Canons 535, §2 and 1054, a request has been sent to the parish of his baptism asking that the entry that records his baptism now also note his return to the lay state and his release from all the corresponding obligations, including that of celibacy. The parish has been instructed that whenever a certificate attesting to his baptism is issued, there is not to be any mention of his ordination as a Deacon and a Priest, not should there be any mention of the obligation of celibacy.
6. Any inquiries about his return to the lay state should be referred to the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In the letter to his parish of Baptism, it was requested that this also should be noted in his baptismal entry.

**SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION**

	<b>ACCUSED</b>	<b>ACCUSER</b>
<b>Name:</b>	James Hagan	[REDACTED]
<b>Address:</b>	unknown	[REDACTED]
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Current age:</b>	62	43
<b>Name of civil attorney:</b>	N/A	N/A

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**Date of Ordination (of accused):** 5/8/74  
**Location:** Mundelein  
**Age at ordination:** 25  
**Assignment location of accused:** N/A  
**Status of accused:** Resigned  
**Name of canonical advocate:** N/A

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**Date allegation received:** 12/29/09  
**Date allegation formalized:** 2/16/10  
**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1981  
**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1984  
**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** several

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** tickling at [REDACTED] home; Fr. Hagan putting his hand on [REDACTED] inner thigh countless times in the car; fondling over clothing until

██████████ ejaculated; fondling under clothing; four distinct incidents, possibly more than one dozen occurred; Fr. Hagan kissing ██████████ hand and sucking on his finger; Fr. Hagan had ██████████ touch Fr. Hagan's penis over clothing

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 3/29/10; Mr. Hagan listened to the entire allegation including ██████████ letter of forgiveness to him (read to him over the phone); Mr. Hagan stated that it was "a lot" for him to "take in" and that he had no response

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** Initial Review

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 49

**Name of civil attorney:** Jeff Anderson

**Date allegation received:** 4/4/02

**Date allegation formalized:** 10/17/02

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1972

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1972

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondling buttocks and genitals through clothing

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 10/17/02

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 7/03; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 42

**Name of civil attorney:** Jeff Anderson

**Date allegation received:** 2/27/03

**Date allegation formalized:** 3/14/03

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1982

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1986

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** numerous

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondling over and under clothing; oral sex

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 5/14/03

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 10/03; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:**

**Current age:**

**Name of civil attorney:** N/A

**Date allegation received:** 4/20/96

**Date allegation formalized:**

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1981

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1985

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** more than one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondled penis over clothing; sexual touching under clothes of [REDACTED]

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:**

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 8/96; substantiated by the Review Board

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:**

**Current age:**

**Name of civil attorney:**

**Date allegation received:** 4/20/96

**Date allegation formalized:**

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1982

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1987

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** more than one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondling penis over clothing

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:**

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** substantiated by the Review Board

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:**

**Current age:**

**Name of civil attorney:**

**Date allegation received:** 4/20/96

**Date allegation formalized:**

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1982

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:**

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:**

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondling penis over clothing

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:**

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** substantiated by the Review Board

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:**

**Current age:**

**Name of civil attorney:**

**Date allegation received:** 4/20/96

**Date allegation formalized:**

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1981

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1985

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** more than one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondling penis over and under clothing

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:**

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** substantiated by the Review Board

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED] Female

**Date of Birth:**

**Current age:**

**Name of civil attorney:**

**Date allegation received:** 4/25/96

**Date allegation formalized:**

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1988

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1988

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** [REDACTED] alleges that Fr. Hagan pressed his genitals against her son's back; [REDACTED] also alleged that "In 1988 several mothers (17) called Fr. William Kenneally at St. Gertrude's to complain about Father Hagan rubbing their daughter's legs in face to face confession and putting his hands very high upon their legs under their skirts."

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:**

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** N/A; matter is inactive

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 45

**Name of civil attorney:** Jeff Anderson

**Date allegation received:** 9/20/96

**Date allegation formalized:** 5/27/04

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1977

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1983

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** numerous

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondling over clothing, masturbation

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 8/18/04; Mr. Hagan stated that he did not wish to make any comment

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 4/05; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 28

**Name of civil attorney:** Jeff Anderson

**Date allegation received:** 4/13/06

**Date allegation formalized:** 8/24/06

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** early to mid 1990s

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** mid 1990s

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** two

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** First incident in church. [REDACTED] was in 6th or 7th grade and had fallen asleep prior to serving early mass. [REDACTED] woke up to Fr. Hagan rubbing his knee in-between his [REDACTED] legs on his penis. Second incident took place in 8th grade in bathroom at school. Fr. Hagan choking and yelling at [REDACTED]. Fr. Hagan took his penis out of his pants and [REDACTED] "tricked" the cleric by "sucking and biting" Fr. Hagan's penis.

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 1/16/07; Mr. Reardon stated that there would be no response given at this point in time; Mr. Reardon added that if there would be any further response, that would be given at a later date

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** concluded 6/07; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 32

**Name of civil attorney:** Jeff Anderson

**Date allegation received:** 7/6/06

**Date allegation formalized:** 9/12/06

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1990

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1990

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** 10

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** fondling under clothing and masturbation; Fr. Hagan forced [REDACTED] to perform oral sex on him

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 1/16/07; Mr. Reardon then stated that due to pending litigation, Mr. Hagan would not offer a response to [REDACTED] allegation

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** concluded 6/07; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED] Male

**Date of Birth:**

**Current age:**

**Name of civil attorney:**

**Date allegation received:** 4/25/96

**Date allegation formalized:**

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1988

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1988

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** [REDACTED] alleges that Fr. Hagan pressed his genitals against her son's back

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:**

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** N/A; matter is inactive

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** Other girls

**Date of Birth:**

**Current age:**

**Name of civil attorney:**

**Date allegation received:** 4/25/96

**Date allegation formalized:**

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1988

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1988

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** Third party allegation by [REDACTED], mother of [REDACTED] Male and [REDACTED] Female; Rubbing legs, high up under skirts during face to face confession

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:**

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** N/A; matter is inactive

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 38

**Name of civil attorney:** [REDACTED]

**Date allegation received:** 10/30/08

**Date allegation formalized:** 12/10/08

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** mid 1980s

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** late 1980s

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** at least 30

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** as per [REDACTED] attorney, molestation began when [REDACTED] was in eighth grade and continued into high school; [REDACTED] is 37 years old [at time allegation received by AOC]; fondling over and under clothing, at least 30 incidents in the different locations (rectories and Hagan's car)

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 1/20/09; Mr. Hagan listened to the entire allegation (read to him over the phone) and stated that he had no response

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** concluded 4/09; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 34

**Name of civil attorney:** [REDACTED]

**Date allegation received:** 10/29/08

**Date allegation formalized:** 1/22/09

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1986

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:**

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** [REDACTED] could not talk about all incidents of abuse while at 1/22/089 meeting

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** spoke of one specific incident when Fr. Hagan fondled [REDACTED] under his clothing—grabbing [REDACTED] nipples, chest, and genitals; all incidents took place when Fr. Hagan was alone with [REDACTED]


**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 4/1/09; Mr. Hagan allowed allegation to be read to him over the phone and did not offer any response

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** concluded 7/09; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**Signature of Director:** 

**Date:** 4/5/10

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April 5, 2010  
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**SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION/RESPONSE/INVESTIGATION**

**Name of Alleged Victim**

[REDACTED]

**Name of Accused**

Rev. James Hagan [Resigned]

**Summary of Allegation**

The Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review [CAIR] was first made known of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan on October 29, 2008 when [REDACTED] wife [REDACTED] called and spoke with Ms. Mayra Flores in the Office of Assistance Ministry.

The January 22, 2009 meeting with [REDACTED] took place in [REDACTED]. Throughout the meeting, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When all were present and the meeting was to begin, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

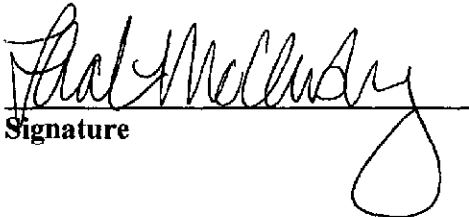
[REDACTED] referenced several incidents of abuse by Fr. Hagan, but could only speak specifically of one. He described one incident that took place at St. Denis where Fr. Hagan rubbed and grabbed [REDACTED] chest and nipples [over and under clothing]. Fr. Hagan then forced his hands down [REDACTED] pants and fondled his genitals. [REDACTED] mentioned other incidents of masturbation by Fr. Hagan, but could not speak of them specifically. He also referenced incidents of Fr. Hagan rubbing his back and other body parts both at St. Richard and at [REDACTED] home.

**Summary of Response**

I read the entire report of [REDACTED] allegation against Mr. Hagan via phone on April 1, 2009 with Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests present. Mr. Hagan stated that he did not wish to respond to the allegation. He also stated that he did not want to have a copy of [REDACTED] allegation sent to him and he did not want any Review Board related letters sent to inform him of Cardinal George's decisions concerning this matter.

**Summary of Investigation**

The initial suggestions/recommendations/requests for information made by the Review Board at the Initial Review will determine the need to request additional investigative services from Hillard Heintze on this matter.

  
Signature

4/8/09  
Date

**From:** Julie Satzik  
**To:** McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 2/19/2010 11:56 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Information Request

Hi,

The priests at St. Gertrude, on Granville, were:

1986  
William G. Kenneally  
Thomas J. Hastings  
Michael P. Jacobsen

1987-1988  
William G. Kenneally  
James C. Hagan  
Robert C. Becker

Julie

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>>> Leah McCluskey 2/16/2010 3:47 PM >>>  
Hi Julie,

When you have a chance, could you please send me a list of those priests assigned to St. Gertrude from 1986 through 1988?

Thank you.

Leah

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## SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION/RESPONSE/INVESTIGATION

### Name of Alleged Victim

[REDACTED]

### Name of Accused

Rev. James Hagan [Resigned]

### Summary of Allegation

The Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review [CAIR] was first made known of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan on October 30, 2008 through his civil attorney [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] met Fr. Hagan the summer between sixth and seventh grades at St. Richard. He was a part of the carnival clean up crew and met Fr. Hagan there. [REDACTED] explained that the crew cleaned up three or four days after the carnival.

[REDACTED] said that it was in seventh grade when Fr. Hagan would have movie nights in the rectory. He spoke of the movie nights in Fr. Hagan's room including [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that Fr. Hagan would fondle whoever he was sitting next to at the movie nights. He continued by saying that Fr. Hagan would feel him up over his clothing and fondle his genitals. When asked, [REDACTED] said that "the gang" included a specific group of kids [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated that Fr. Hagan also took him and the other boys to the movie theater. He remembers no one wanting to ride in Fr. Hagan's car. When asked, [REDACTED] said that Fr. Hagan also abused him in the car in the same manner as already described, fondling his genitals over and under clothing. [REDACTED] estimated that there were between five and 10 incidents of fondling by Fr. Hagan in the cleric's car.

As per [REDACTED] Fr. Hagan fondled him in the same manner while at [REDACTED] while he, Fr. Hagan, and the other participants sat in a circle.

When asked, [REDACTED] was eventually able to say that there were at least 10 or 15 incidents of Fr. Hagan fondling him at St. Denis during movie nights as previously described. When asked, [REDACTED] said that also at St. Denis there were always other kids in the room when Fr. Hagan abused him, just as at St. Richard. [REDACTED]



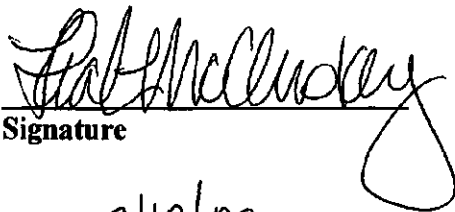
said that the room was always dark and that it [the room] was always full of kids. When asked, [REDACTED] said that he does not remember the last time he saw Fr. Hagan.

**Summary of Response**

Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests, arranged for a phone call with Mr. Hagan that took place on January 20, 2009. After reading the entire report of [REDACTED] allegation, Mr. Hagan was asked if he wished to respond, to which he stated, "No. No comment."

**Summary of Investigation**

The initial suggestions/recommendations/requests for information made by the Review Board at the Initial Review will determine the need to request additional investigative services from Hillard Heintze on this matter.



Signature

2/10/09

Date

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Satzik, Julie  
**Date:** 11/5/2008 4:37 33 PM  
**Subject:** Re. Request for Information

Julie,

Thank you so much

Leah

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>>> Julie Satzik 11/5/2008 4:27 PM >>>

Hi,

The priests were:

1980-1981  
William D Fisher  
Raymond J. Gerrity

1982-1985  
Jerome S. Siwek  
James C. Hagan  
William D. Fisher

1986  
James S. Siwek  
James C. Hagan

1987  
Jerome S. Siwek  
Robert J. Kyfes

1988  
Jerome S. Siwek  
Robert J. Kyfes  
Deacon Albert Schroettlin

1989  
Jerome S. Siwek  
Casimir Wronka  
Deacon Albert Schroetlin

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>>> Leah McCluskey 10/30/2008 10:44 AM >>>  
Hi Julie,

When you have the time, could you please send me a list of priests assigned to St. Richard [on South Kostner] during the 1980s?

Thank you.

Leah

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### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim E's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on December 10, 2008, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. James Hagan. The alleged abuse consisted of numerous incidents of fondling, both under and over Victim E's clothing. The alleged abuse began when Victim E was in seventh grade and ended when Victim E was in high school, in the late 1980's. The incidents occurred at St. Richard's rectory, St. Denis' rectory, in a movie theater, in Fr. Hagan's car, and once during a retreat at another parish.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR- 11

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: **RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST  
REV. JAMES HAGAN [RESIGNED] MADE BY [REDACTED]**

Date: January 22, 2009

**Date of Conference Call: January 20, 2009**

**Time of Conference Call: 1:45 pm**

### **Participants in Conference Call**

James Hagan  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### **Conference Call**

Rev. Edward Grace made arrangements for Mr. James Hagan to call the Vicar for Priests' Office at 1:30 pm on January 20, 2009. Mr. Hagan did call promptly at 1:30 pm, but due to the fact that I was late, Fr. Grace asked Mr. Hagan to call back in 15 minutes, which he did.

When Mr. Hagan called the office for the second time, I apologized for being late and thanked him for his time. I asked Mr. Hagan if he had any questions prior to me reading [REDACTED] allegation against him. Mr. Hagan said that he had no questions.

I proceeded by reading the report of [REDACTED] allegations against Fr. Hagan in its entirety. When I concluded, I asked Mr. Hagan if he wished to respond. Mr. Hagan replied, "No. No comment." I then asked Mr. Hagan if he would like a copy of the report of [REDACTED] allegation mailed to him. Mr. Hagan said that he did not.

I informed Mr. Hagan that this matter would go before the Review Board for its considerations and recommendations to Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. I asked Mr. Hagan if he would like for me to send the related letters informing him of Cardinal George's decisions at the two different stages this matter might be before the Board. Mr. Hagan said that he would like copies of such letters sent to him. When I asked Mr. Hagan for his mailing address, he stated that Fr. Grace had it. However, when Fr. Grace informed Mr. Hagan of the mailing address that he had on file [a P.O. Box in Forest Park, Illinois] Mr. Hagan said that he has not used that address in 10


years. I asked Mr. Hagan if he could provide me with his current address. Mr. Hagan would not give me his address and stated that he would give it to Fr. Grace when they talked. Fr. Grace and I again thanked Mr. Hagan for his time. We asked Mr. Hagan to call either of us if he had any questions or concerns.

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James Hagan

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Leah McCluskey

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April 20, 2009

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on April 18, 2009 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. James Hagan pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. Hagan is a resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is reason to suspect that the accused did sexually abuse [REDACTED]

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the determination.  
Mr. Hagan should be notified.  
F. Joyce  
Apr 23 2009*

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Grace, Edward  
**Date:** 1/16/2009 11:11 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Jim Hagan  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Fr. Grace,

Thank you--and sorry for making this a bit more difficult than necessary.

Leah

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>>> Edward Grace 1/16/2009 11:08 AM >>>

Leah,

Just to be safe, I will try to have Jim call at 1:30 rather than at 1:00. Unfortunately, he is hard to contact quickly. If I do not get in touch with him beforehand and he calls before you get here on Tuesday, I'll ask him to call back in a few minutes. It should be fine.

Ed

>>> Leah McCluskey 1/16/2009 11:02 AM >>>

My call with the Board? --is only scheduled to go until 1pm at the latest.

Leah

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>>> Edward Grace 1/16/2009 10:57 AM >>>

Leah,

Yes, I think so. Do you have an idea of how long your call will go?



Ed

>>> Leah McCluskey 1/16/2009 10:53 AM >>>  
Fr. Grace,

That is great. I do have a conference call with the Review Board from 12-1p that day...but I will be at your office as soon as I am finished with the meeting. Do you think that will work?

Leah

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>>> Edward Grace 1/16/2009 10:44 AM >>>  
Leah,

Hagan called me back. He will call this office Tuesday, Jan 20 at 1:00 P.M. to hear his allegation.

I did tell him the accuser's name was [REDACTED]

I hope that day and time is still good for you.

Ed

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Lago, Jimmy  
**Date:** 2/25/2009 8:54 AM  
**Subject:** Request for files  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Jimmy,

The Review Board has asked that I review the files of the former Rev. James Hagan. Could you please gather the Seminary, Vicar for Priests, and Chancellor files so I may read through them?

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
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### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the transcript of an interview of Victim F, conducted by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility on February 19, 2008, in which Victim F formalized his allegation of abuse against Rev. James Hagan. The alleged abuse consisted of fondling over Victim F's clothing. The alleged incidents occurred from the time Victim F was 15 years old until he was approximately 18 years old. The incidents occurred at St. Richard's parish, at another parish, and in Fr. Hagan's car.

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**VIA MESSENGER**

April 5, 2010

Mr. Harvey Radney  
Senior Vice President, Hillard Heintze  
30 S. Wacker Drive  
Suite 1730  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Mr. Radney,

Please find enclosed with this letter documentation concerning File – PFR – 11, the matter of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan.

Please note the following pertinent information:

- Date allegation received: 12/29/09
- Date of interview with [REDACTED] 2/16/10
- Date allegation presented to the former Fr. Hagan: 3/29/10
- Date Initial Review scheduled: 4/17/10
- The former Fr. Hagan is a resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and has 11 substantiated allegations of the sexual abuse of a minor against him

Due to the fact that this matter has yet to be presented to the Review Board, I ask that you please attempt to obtain the following information:

- Background check on [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] (I made initial request to you on 3/29/10)

Once you have had the opportunity to review the enclosed information, I ask that you please write a one-page evaluation of how you propose proceeding with the investigation of this matter. Please contact me once you have completed your evaluation of this case, so that we may discuss going forward. As you know, you may reach me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org).

PFR – 11  
Hagan [REDACTED]  
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**AOC 002550**

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the letter sent by Victim F to the Archdiocese of Chicago on or about May 18, 2010, supplementing his allegation of abuse against Rev. James Hagan. The alleged abuse consisted on one incident of fondling and anal penetration. The alleged abuse occurred in an empty classroom at a school. According to Victim F's statement, Fr. Hagan continued to fondle him through his clothes at other times after the incident of abuse at the school.

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OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE  
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To: OAM File #  
CC: Leah McCluskey, John O'Malley  
From: Matt Hunnicutt  
Re: Referral for Services  
Date: December 29, 2009

Today, at about 1:30 p.m. I received a telephone call from a woman who identified herself as [REDACTED]. She stated that she had been trying earlier today to contact the CAIR office, but the phone numbers she found on the website proved to be disconnected. [REDACTED] stated that she then called the main OPCY number, at which point Carolyn Perz connected her to me.

[REDACTED] stated that she had a friend who recently disclosed that he was sexually abused as a child by Fr. James Hagan at St. Richard's. She estimated that the alleged abuse took place some time between 1980 and 1983. [REDACTED] stated that her friend is a 43-year-old male. I explained to [REDACTED] how the Assistance Ministry process and the CAIR process work. She thanked me and told me that her friend would be calling me directly later this afternoon.

At about 3:00 p.m., [REDACTED] called back and stated, "Matt, it's [REDACTED]. Here he is." A man then began speaking, identifying himself as [REDACTED]. He stated that he was sexually abused as a minor by Fr. James Hagan. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I also provided him with Leah McCluskey's name and title, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I informed [REDACTED] that, if and when the time comes that he feels he is ready to formalize his allegation, he could contact our office for the appropriate information.

AOC 002553

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OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE  
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
835 N. Rush Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on June 19, 2010 and conducted a Review for Cause of [redacted] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. James Hagan pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. Hagan is a resigned priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Review Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is reason to suspect that the accused did sexually abuse [redacted] when he was a minor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the determination.*  
FD.  
25/06/10



Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, of Victim G's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey on January 22, 2009, formalizing his allegation of abuse against Rev. James Hagan. The alleged abuse consisted of several incidents of fondling and masturbation that occurred in 1986 at St. Richard's parish and St. Denis parish.

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## MEMORANDUM

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE  
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

To: File – PFR- 11

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: **RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST  
REV. JAMES HAGAN [RESIGNED] MADE BY [REDACTED]**

Date: April 3, 2009

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**Date of Conference Call: April 1, 2009**

**Time of Conference Call: 1:30 pm**

### **Participants in Conference Call**

James Hagan  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### **Conference Call**

Rev. Edward Grace made arrangements for Mr. James Hagan to call the Vicar for Priests' Office at 1:30 pm on April 1, 2009. Mr. Hagan called the office promptly at 1:30 pm.

Fr. Grace and I began by thanking Mr. Hagan for his time and for agreeing to participate in the phone call. I asked Mr. Hagan if he had any questions prior to me reading [REDACTED] allegation against him. Mr. Hagan said that he had no questions.

I proceeded by reading the report of [REDACTED] allegations against Fr. Hagan in its entirety. When I concluded, I asked Mr. Hagan if he wished to respond. Mr. Hagan replied, "I have no comment." I then asked Mr. Hagan if he would like a copy of the report of [REDACTED] allegation mailed to him. Mr. Hagan said that he did not.

I informed Mr. Hagan that this matter would go before the Review Board for its considerations and recommendations to Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. I asked Mr. Hagan if he would like for me to send the related letters informing him of Cardinal George's decisions at the two different stages this matter might be before the Board. Mr. Hagan said that he did not want any such letters sent to him.

Fr. Grace and I again thanked Mr. Hagan for his time. When asked, Mr. Hagan said that he did know how to reach Fr. Grace if he had any future questions for me.

James Hagan

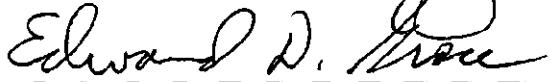
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4/3/09

Leah McCluskey

Date



4/8/09

Rev. Edward Grace

Date

**From:** Matthew Hunnicutt  
**To:** Flores, Mayra; McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 10/29/2008 5:17:26 PM  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called this afternoon. I will write a detailed memo tomorrow. She said [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was sexually abused by a Father Jim at St. Richard's on South Kostner in about 1986. I gave her each of your phone numbers, since she said [REDACTED]. She is going to encourage [REDACTED] to call tomorrow.

### Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the memorandum from Matt Hunnicutt, Director of the Office of Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago, to Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, summarizing Mr. Hunnicutt's telephone conversation with the wife of Victim CV. Victim CV's wife reported that she believed her husband had been abused as a child by a priest named Jim at St. Richard's parish on South Kostner. According to Victim CV's wife, the abuse happened in the mid-1980's and was not a one-time incident.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File - V0789  
Cc: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations & Review  
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry  
FROM: Mayra Flores, Office of Assistance Ministry *mf*  
RE: [REDACTED] [v. Rev. James Hagan, resigned]  
DATE: November 3, 2008

On October 30, 2008, I spoke to [REDACTED] regarding the Archdiocesan process for formalizing his allegation against "Fr. James" [Hagan]. Note: [REDACTED] did not identify the priest in this telephone conversation. During the call:

- I clarified that supportive services from the Office of Assistance Ministry are available to him and his wife, [REDACTED] even before he formalizes his allegation with the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.
- I briefly described the intake process, and informed him that he could bring someone of support with him to the meeting, if he so wished.
- [REDACTED] was concerned that he would not be able to remember all he wanted to report. I assured him that he would have an opportunity to add his own notations to the written report once he receives it.
- When asked, I informed [REDACTED] that his report would be shared with specific internal archdiocesan personnel (e.g., the Cardinal, the Vicar for Priests Office, etc.) as well as with the State's Attorney. He said he understood.
- [REDACTED] shared his anxiety about not fully understanding the Review Board Process. I encouraged him to call Leah McCluskey so that she could speak more specifically about the process. I provided him with her contact information.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] shared his appreciation for the information received, and for the availability to him and his wife during this stressful time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Office of the Archbishop



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## DECLARATION

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. AMEN

- (1) Whereas James C. Hagan, born on [REDACTED] was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 8, 1974 at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois, and
- (2) Whereas he submitted a letter of resignation from the active ministry in 1997, and contrary to Canons 273 and 274, §2, has shown no inclination whatsoever to return to the active ministry,

I, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., by the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See, Archbishop of Chicago, do hereby declare:

- a) That James C. Hagan has no authorization whatsoever to act as an agent of this Archdiocese;
- b) that he is no longer affiliated as a priest in any way with the Archdiocese of Chicago;
- c) that he is not to represent himself as a Roman Catholic priest with canonical faculties, nor is he to present himself as a 'Catholic priest in good standing';
- d) that the Archdiocese does not consider itself in any way responsible for the activities of James C. Hagan, and
- e) that the Archdiocese is not to be held liable for any scandal or harm to souls for which he has been or is responsible.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert  
Ecclesiastical Notary

May 23, 2005

AOC 002561

Date: April 25, 1996

Subject: Father James Hagan

From: [REDACTED]

To: Whoever is looking into the allegations of misconduct. Is it still Mr. Bonacoursi?

I was very upset to hear the allegations re. Father James Hagan. In 1988 several mothers from St. Gertrude's (17) called [REDACTED] at St. Gertrude's to complain about Father Hagan rubbing their daughter's legs in face to face confession and putting his hands very high up on their legs under their skirts. The girls were especially upset when Fr. Hagan then was selected to teach them sex education in a room with just the girls and with the door closed. There were complaints made to the principal who was not cooperative. As I was not the parent of a girl I heard that when the moms planned a meeting to discuss this the pastor broke up the meeting and said it would look bad for the parish. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] My son agreed to tell his story to DCFS and the police as did one brave young woman. The other girls took back their stories after the pastor approached their mothers. I called to complain to [REDACTED] who said he would believe [REDACTED] over me any day as [REDACTED] was his friend.

I was very upset to hear Hagan was reassigned to St. Denis especially after that school had experienced molestation by a science teacher that same year. I talked to [REDACTED] and voiced my dismay.

I know that the Archdiocese must be aware of this. Why did you allow him to go to St. Denis? I had better hear soon that you are acknowledging this or I will have to go to the media. This is incestuous and very very sad. In 1988 I told the Archdiocese they had better watch him and if anything else happened I would go public. I will or ask the students to do so. If even one St. Denis student comes forward let it be on your conscience. I pray you will make the correct decision.

[REDACTED]



March 31, 1997

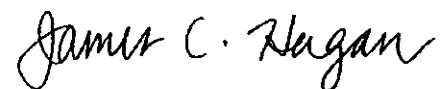
Dear Bishop Goedert,

After much thought and prayer and with inner peace regarding this decision, I wish to submit my resignation from the priesthood. I ask you to accept this resignation and to know that even as I move on to a new life, I take with me twenty-two plus years of ministry that I will treasure and remember with pride.

At this time I would also like to personally thank you for the care, support, and concern you have shown me over the years. Your goodness will not be forgotten.

During this time of transition I ask for your continued prayers and assure you of mine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Hagan".

James C. Hagan

**MINUTES**

**Meeting:** #68th - Fifteenth Board

**Date:** April 11, 1997

**Place:** Priests' Placement Board/Pastoral Center

**Present:**

**Reverends:** Jeremiah M. Boland, John M. Collins, Kevin J. Feeney,  
Joseph J. Kinane, Robert E. McLaughlin,  
Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo (arriv. 10:30).

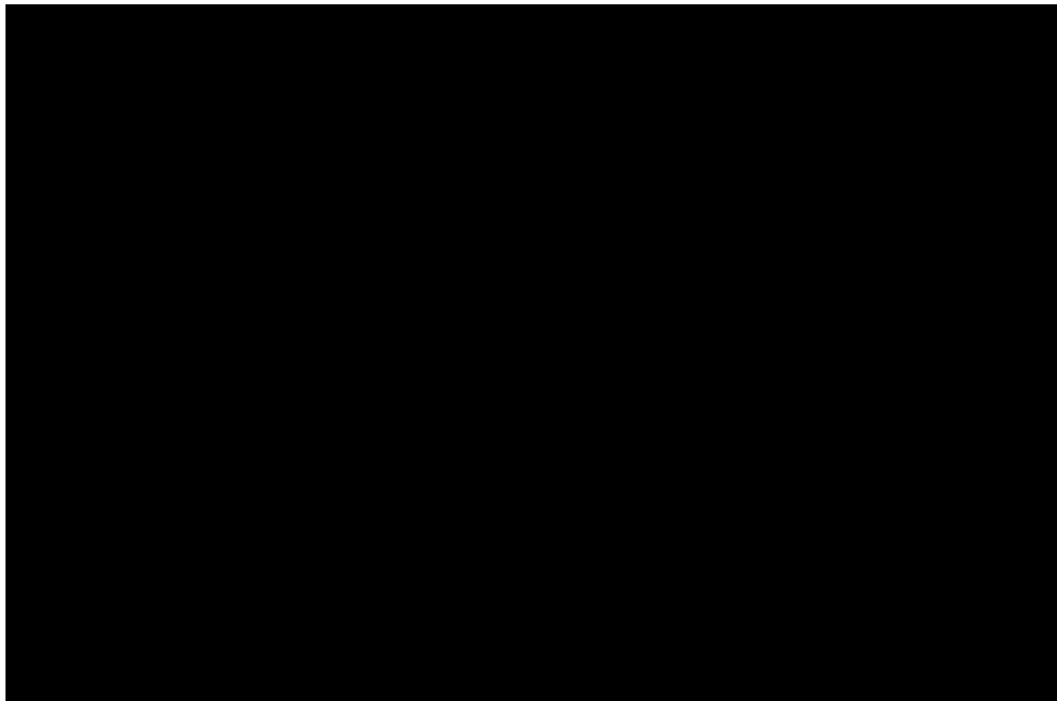
**Absent:** Revs. Steven W. Patte, John S. Siemianowski

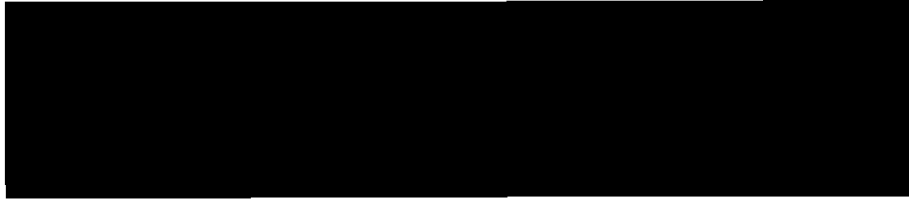
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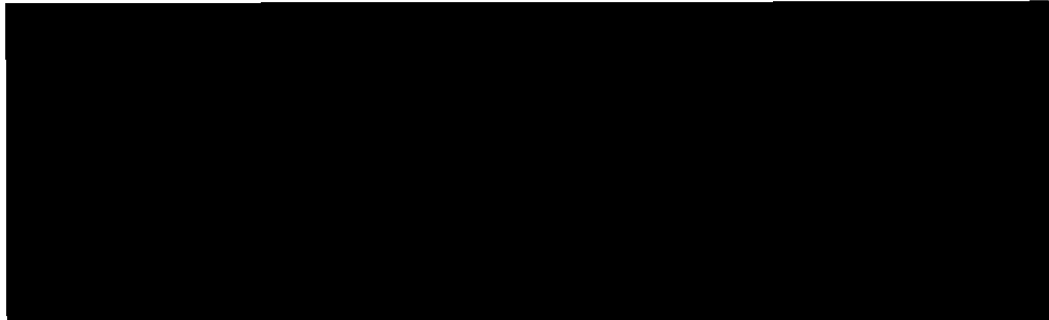
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2. **James Hagan '74:** Thomas Paprocki [Chancellor] has written to Jim informing him what his change in status (resigned from active ministry) means. His faculties to minister as a priest are withdrawn, he is no longer authorized to exercise priestly ministry, to present yourself as a priest or as an official representative of the Archdiocese of Chicago or any component of it, or to wear clerical garb. There are certain restrictions about Church employment and ministry for resigned priests. Any ministerial celebration of the Sacraments or sacramentals is excluded. Jim is asked to consult with the Office of the Vicar for Priests or the Office of the Chancellor regarding the appropriateness of any other ministries in the Church. And that he can contact Fr. Emmett Gavin if he wishes to pursue laicization.

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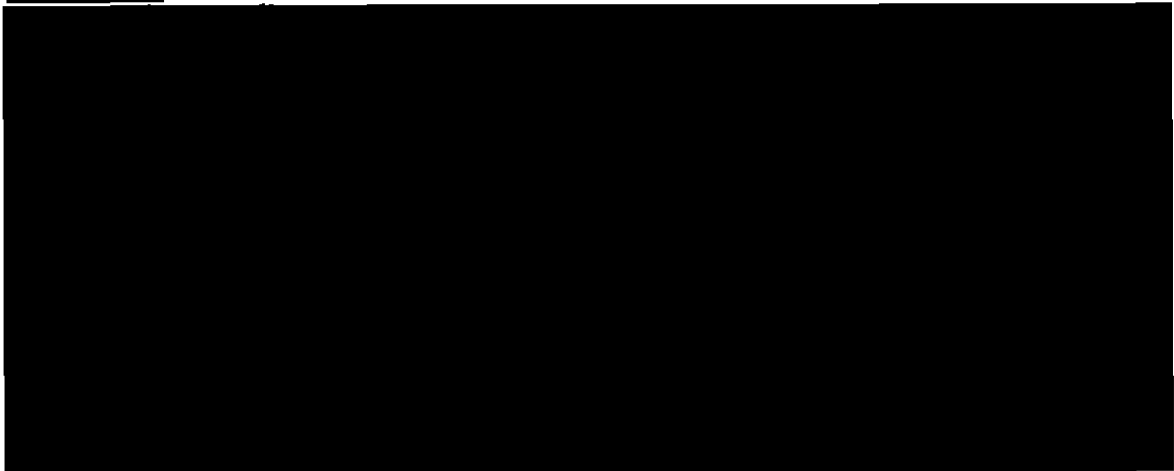


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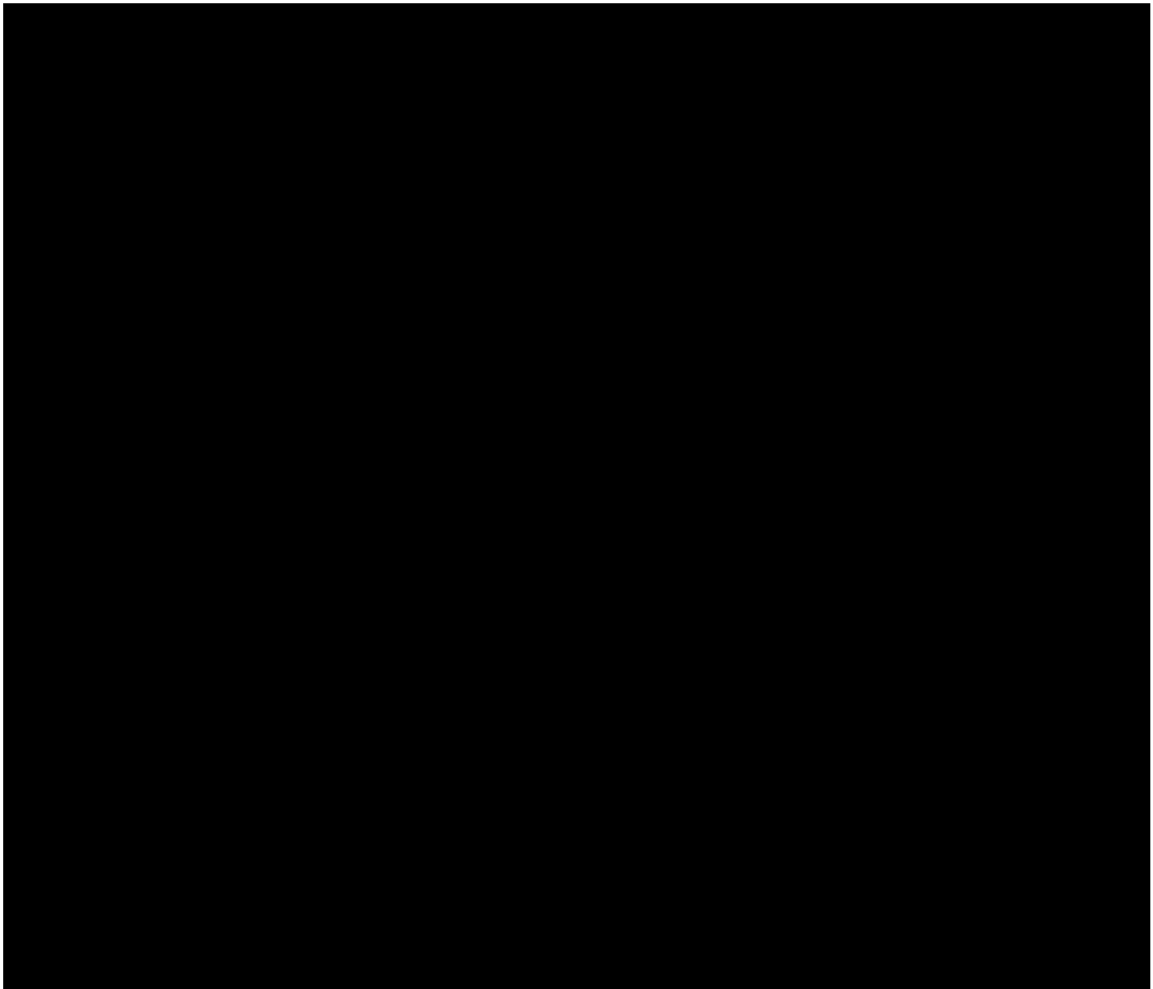
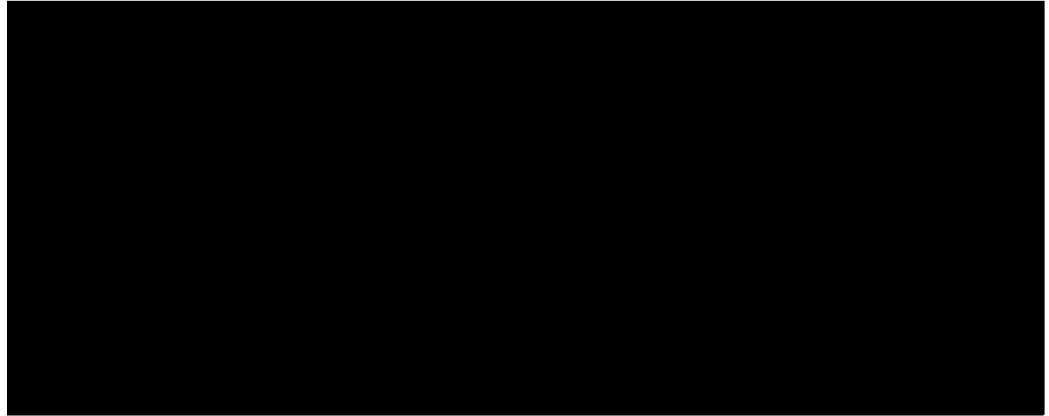
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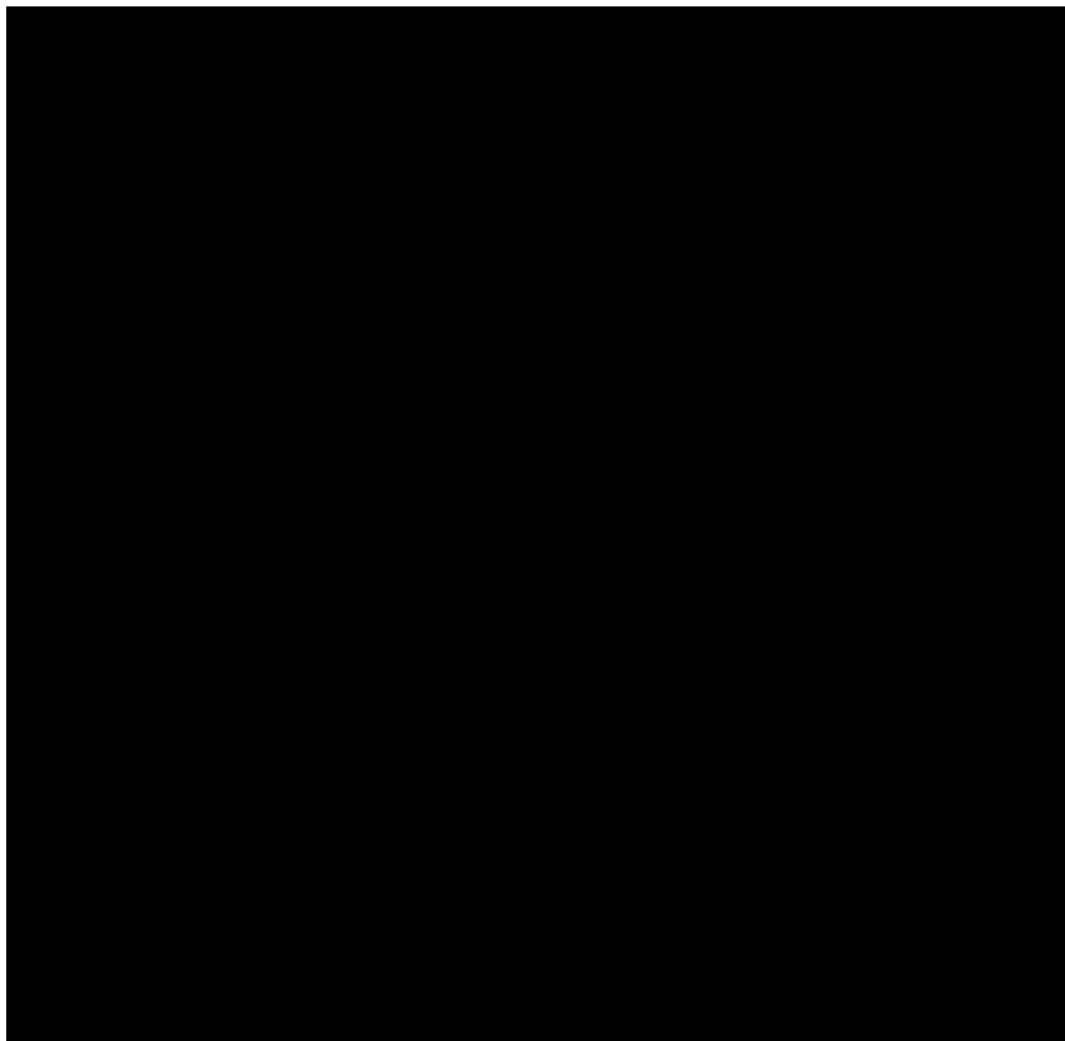
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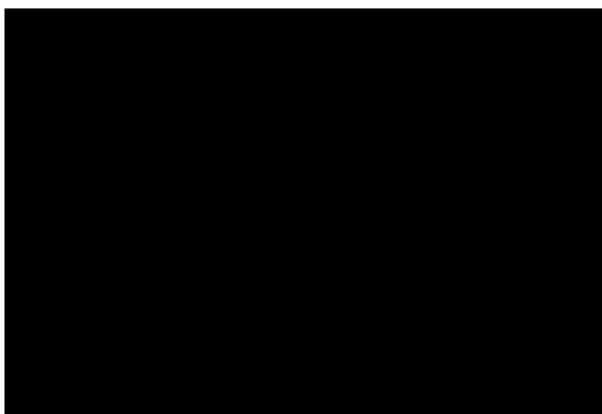


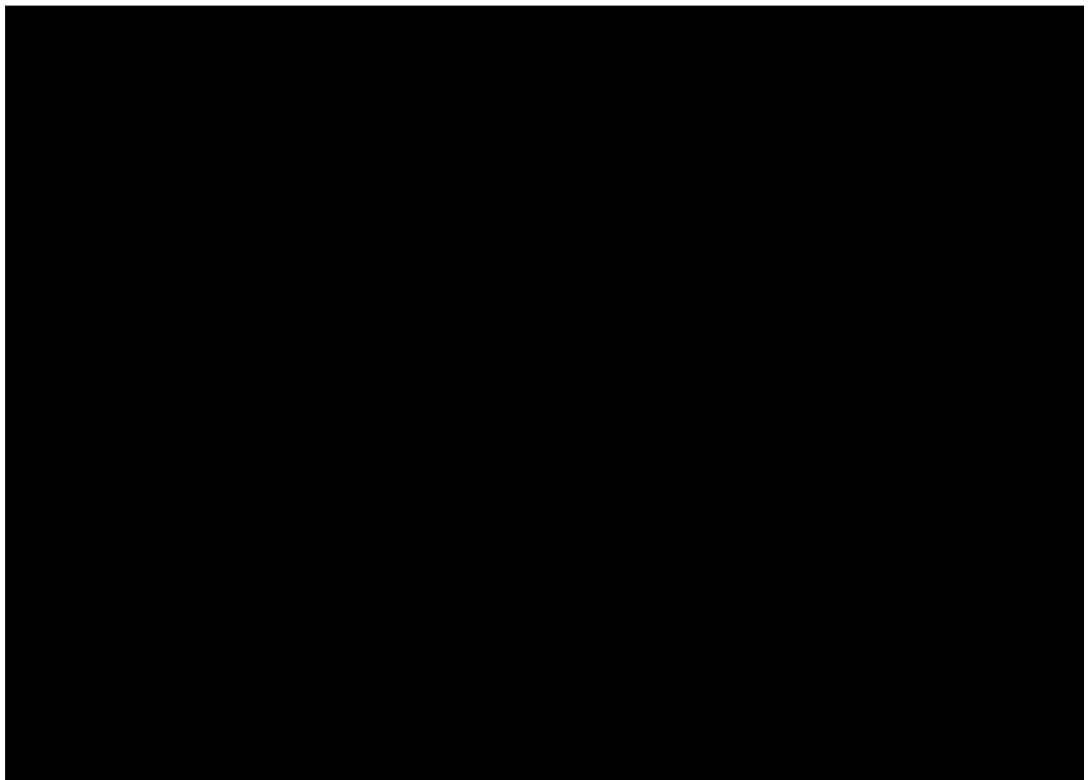
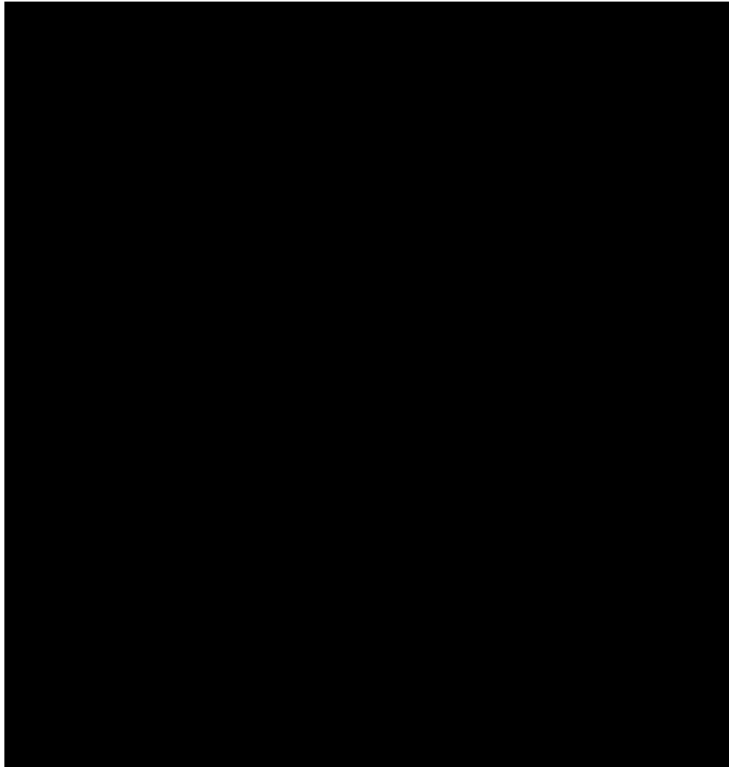


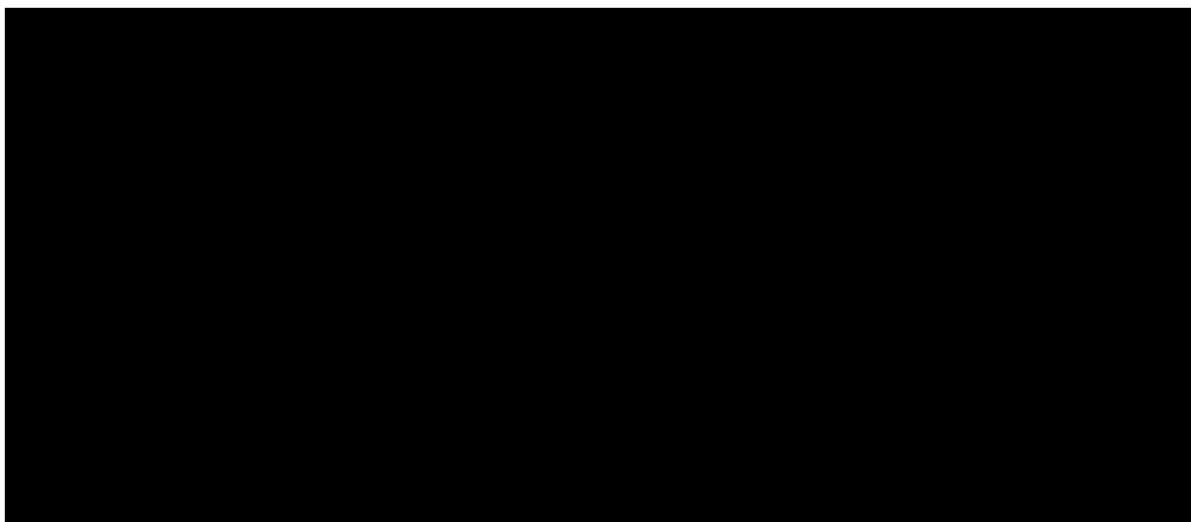
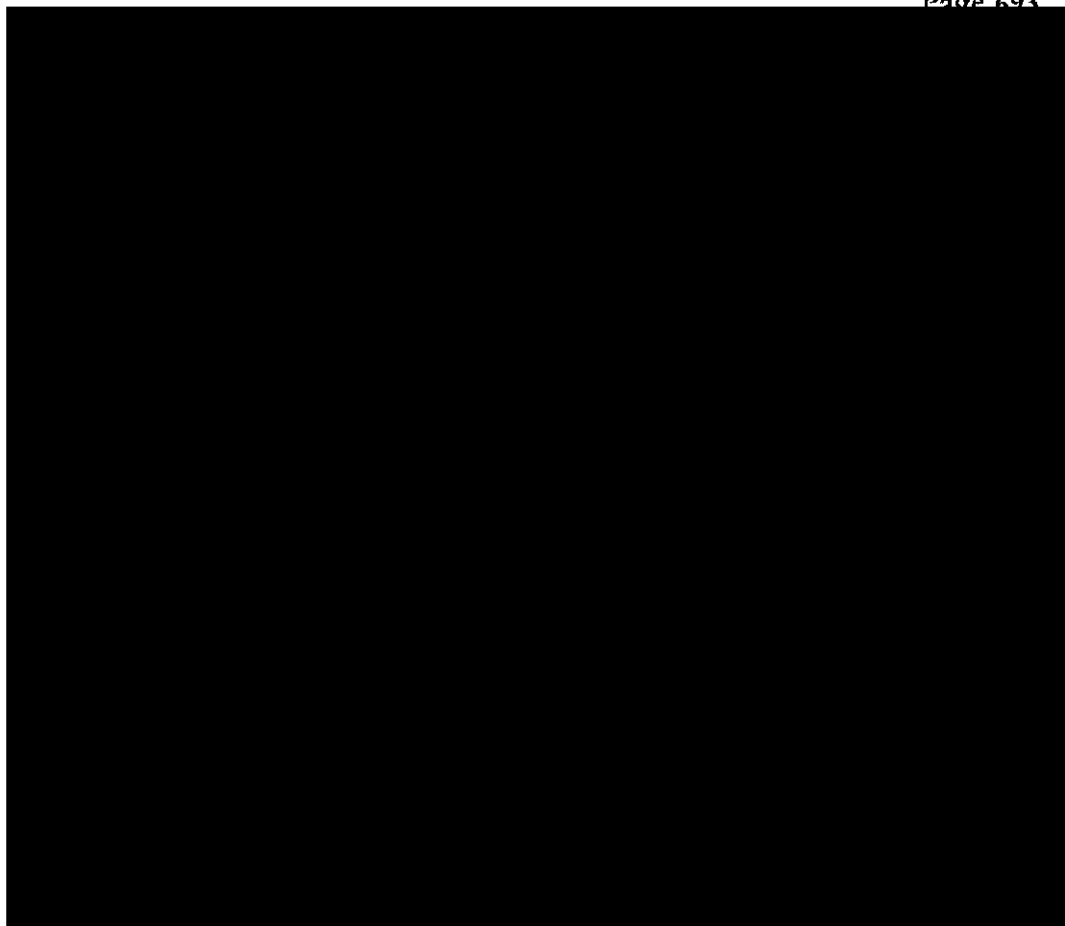
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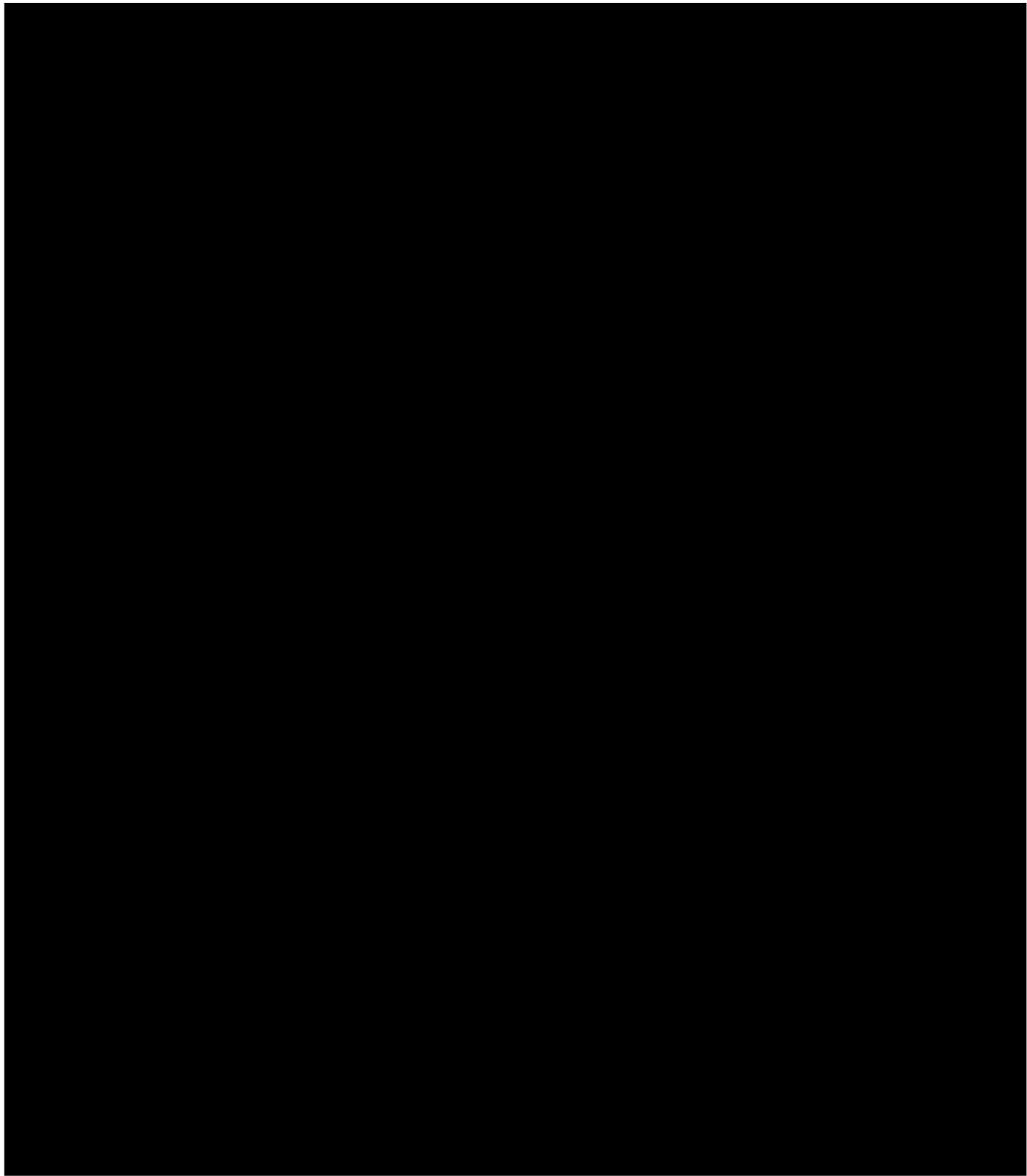
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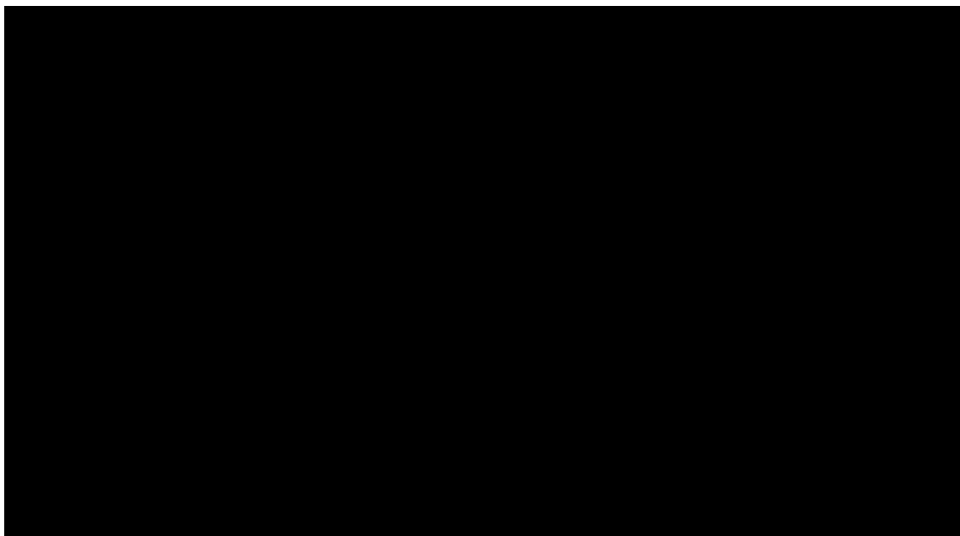
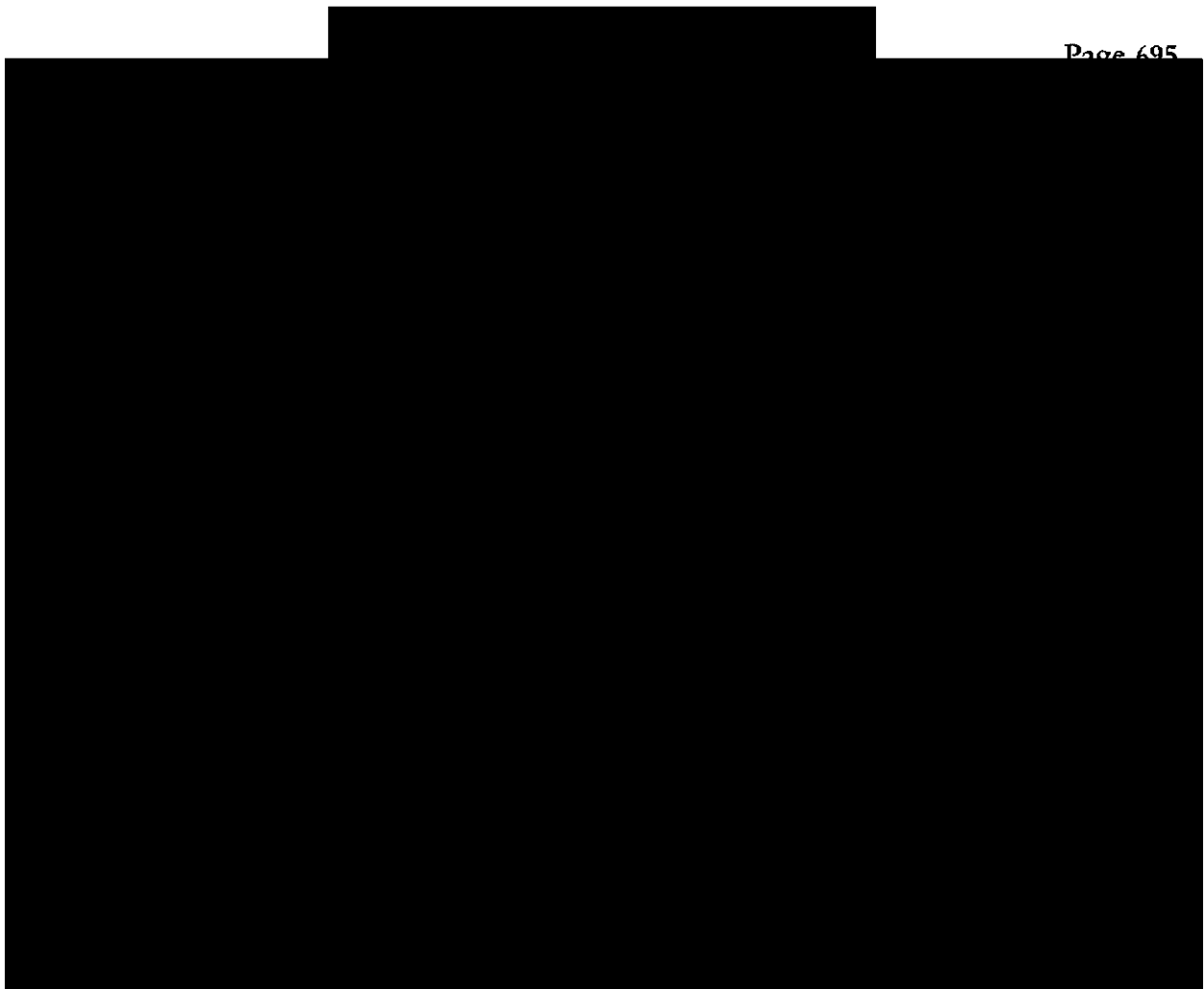


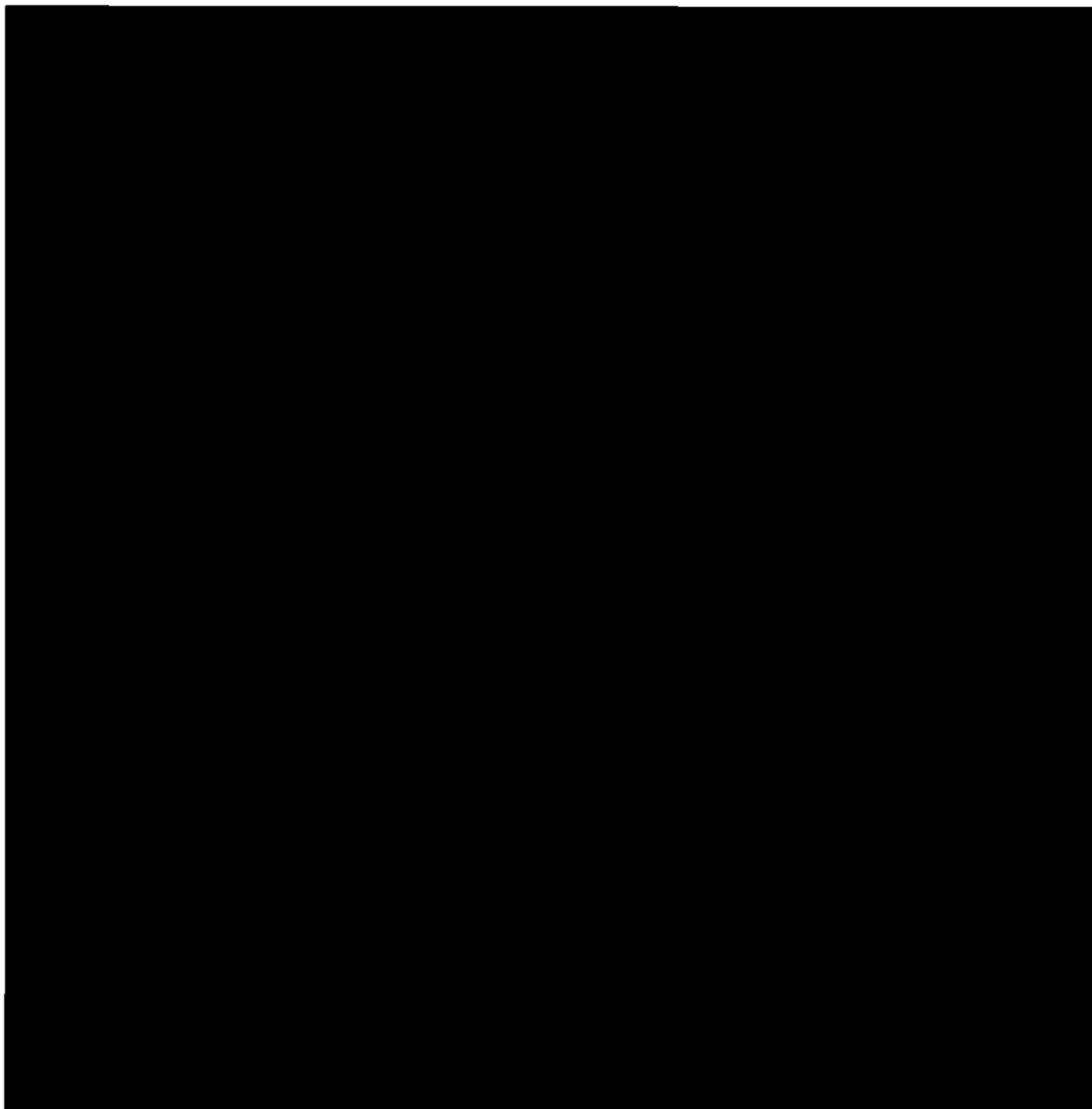
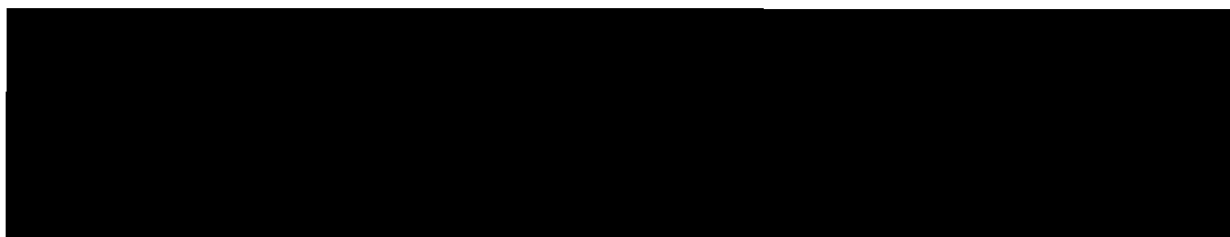


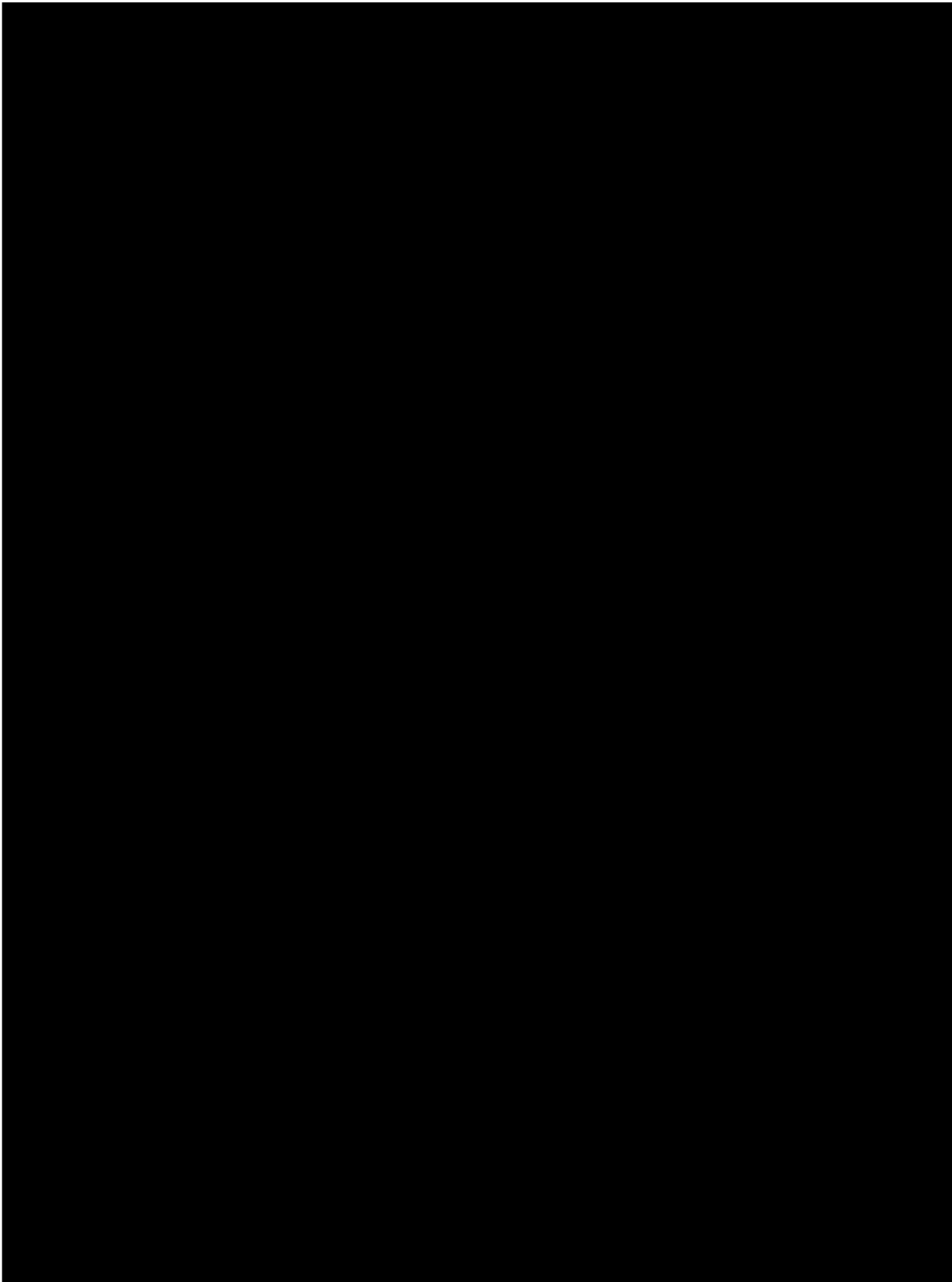
**VI Old Business:** None discussed.

**VII New Business:** None discussed.

**VIII Adjournment:**     TIME: 2:30     MOTION: 6 - 0 - 0







**MINUTES**

**Meeting:** #42nd - Fifteenth Board

**Date:** August 9, 1996

**Place:** Priests' Placement Board/Pastoral Center

**Present:**

**Reverends:** Jeremiah M. Boland, John M. Collins, Robert E. McLaughlin,  
Steven W. Patte, John S. Siemianowski, Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo.

**Absent:** Revs. Kevin J. Feeney, Joseph J. Kinane.

**I Opening Prayer:** Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo 11:00 A.M.

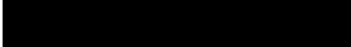
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**IV Acceptance of Agenda:** Accepted 6 - 0 - 0

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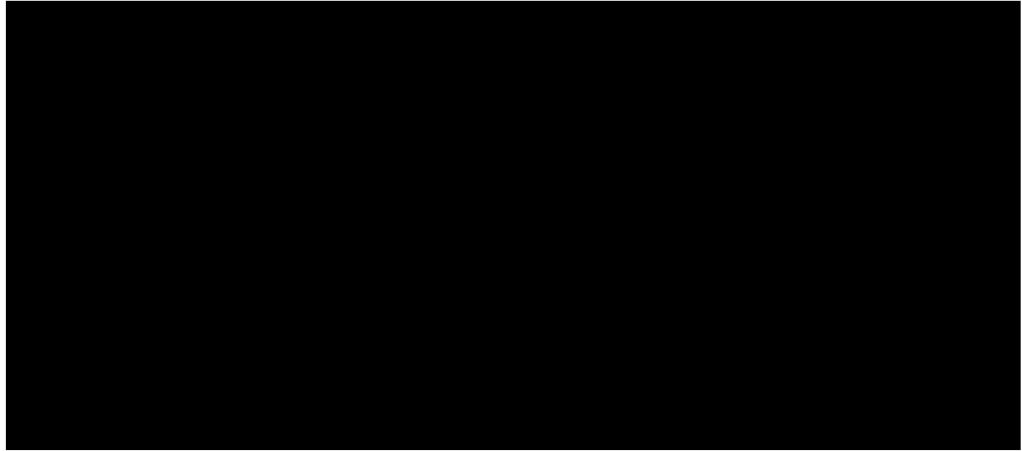
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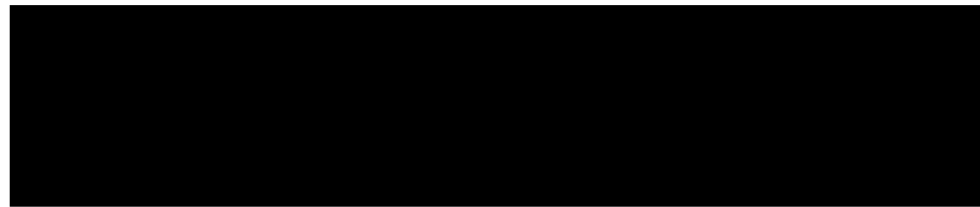
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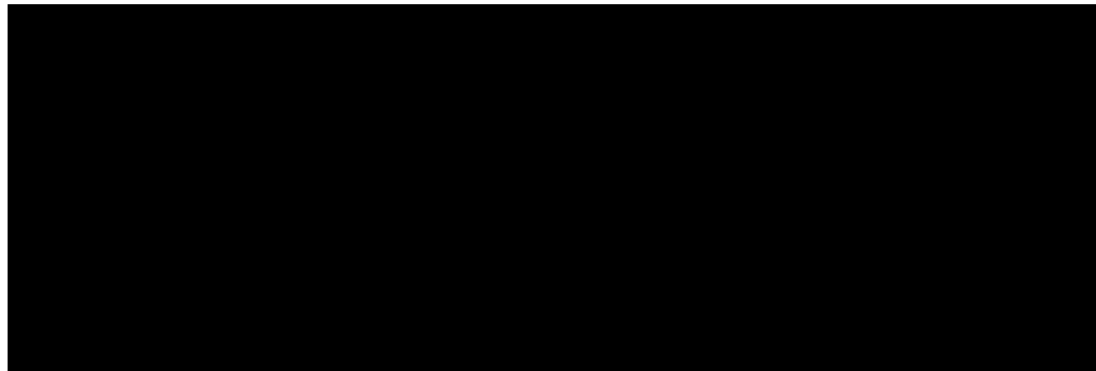


5. **Church of the Holy Spirit:** The Board will send a 'strategy' to the Cardinal because of the implications of the appointment of William Tkachuk '81 who is serving at St. Denis as Administrator. The diocese hopes that Jim Hagan will resign the pastorate soon. Upon this event an effort will be undertaken to facilitate the appointment of a new temporary administrator at St. Denis.

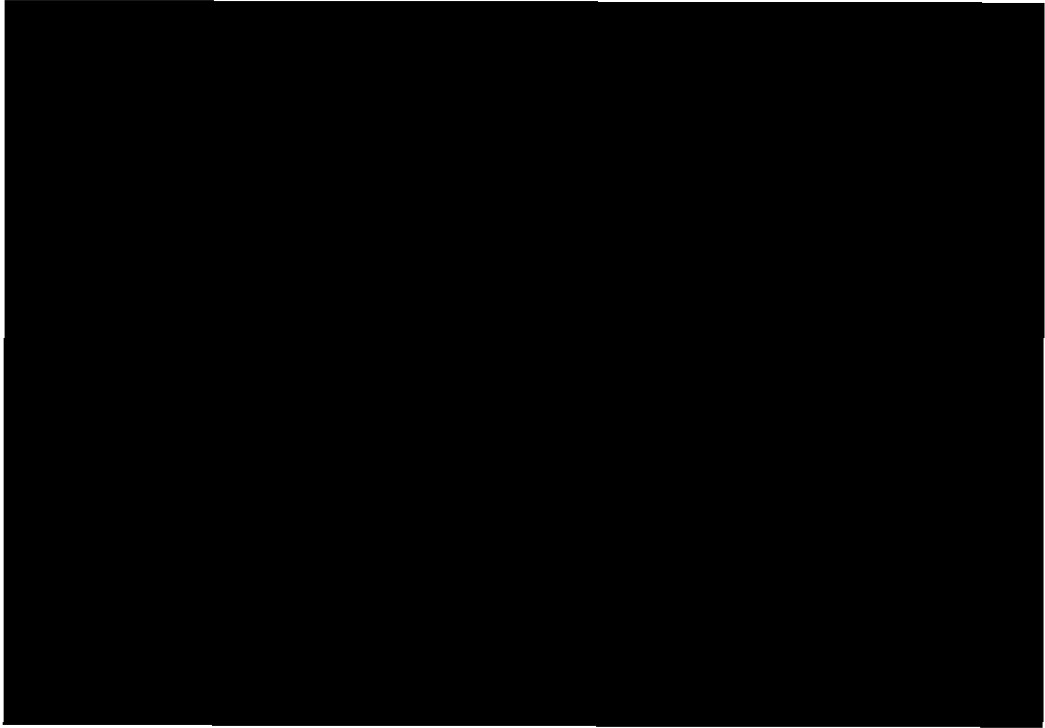
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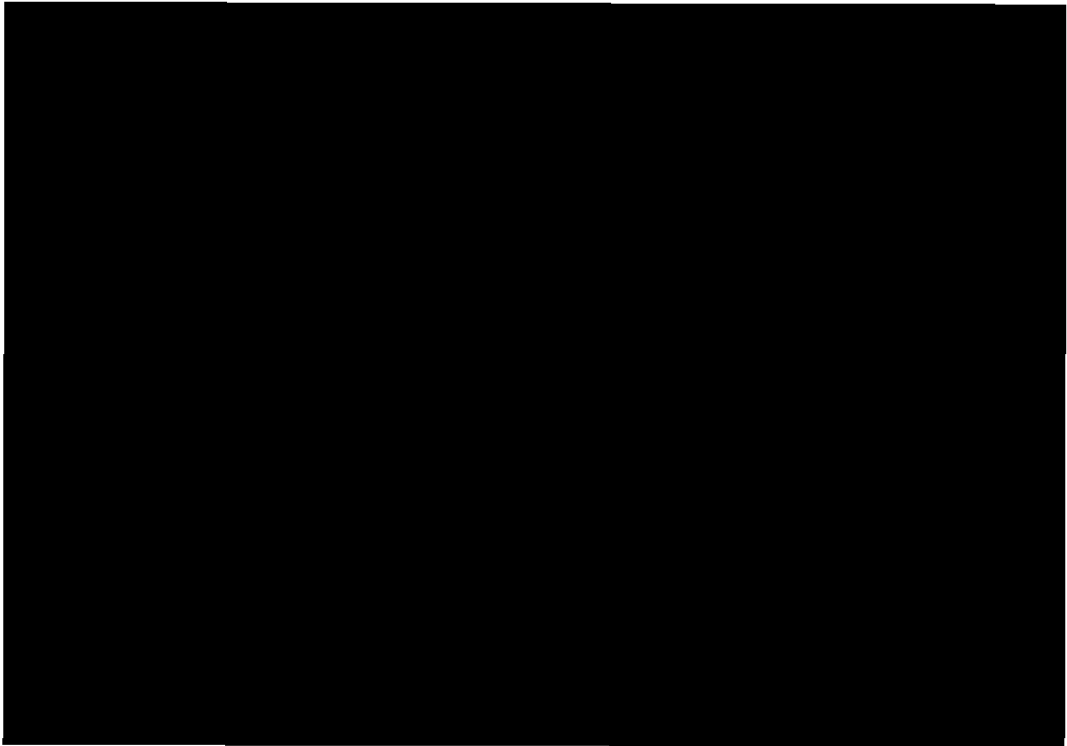
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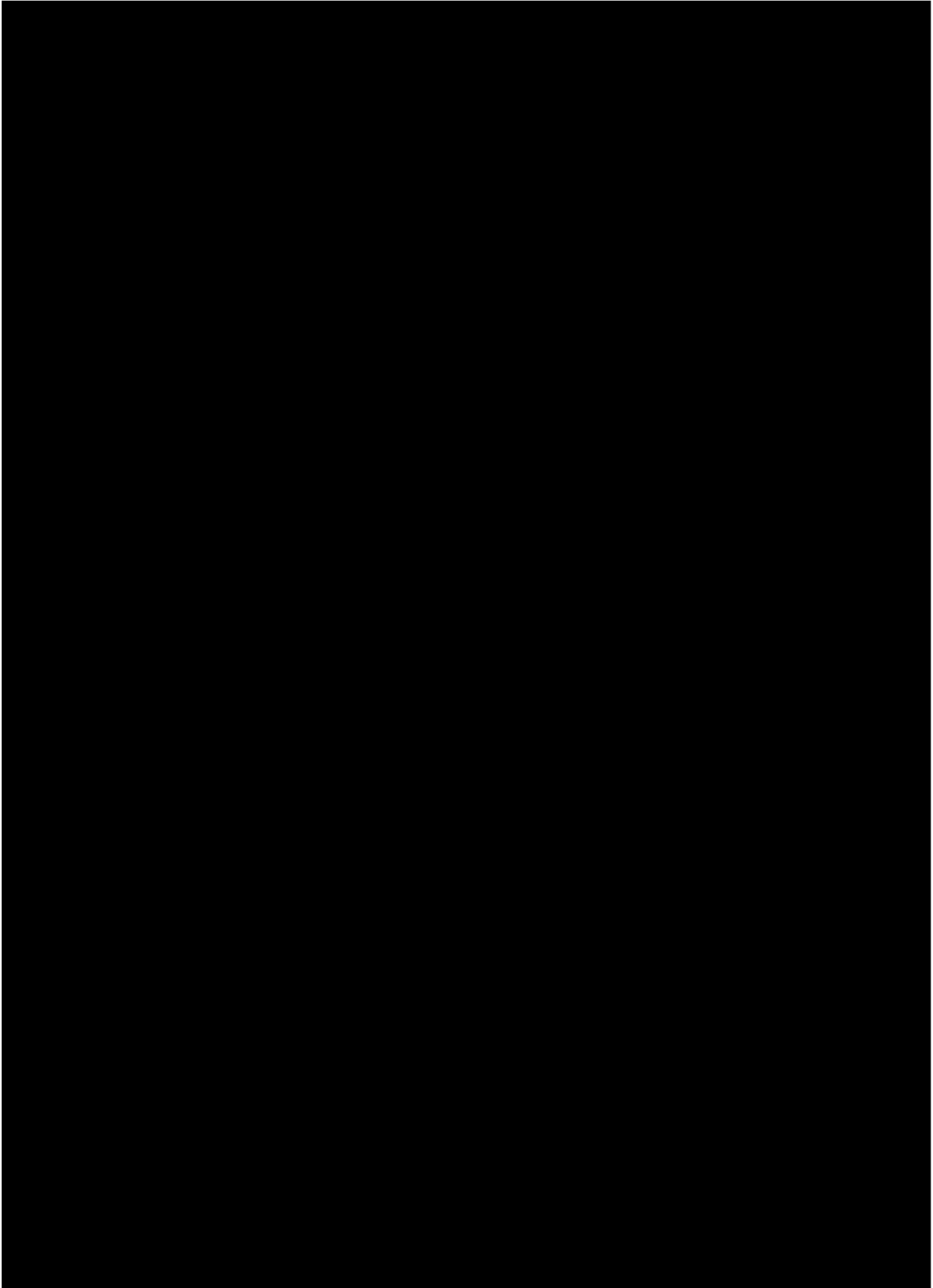
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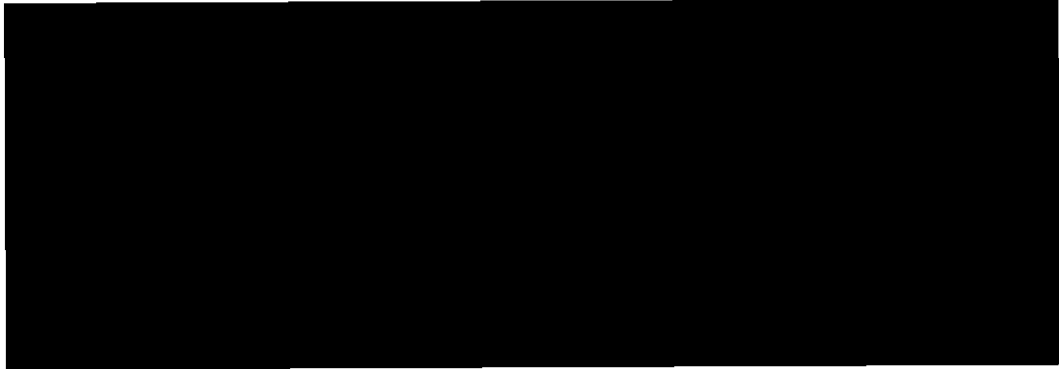
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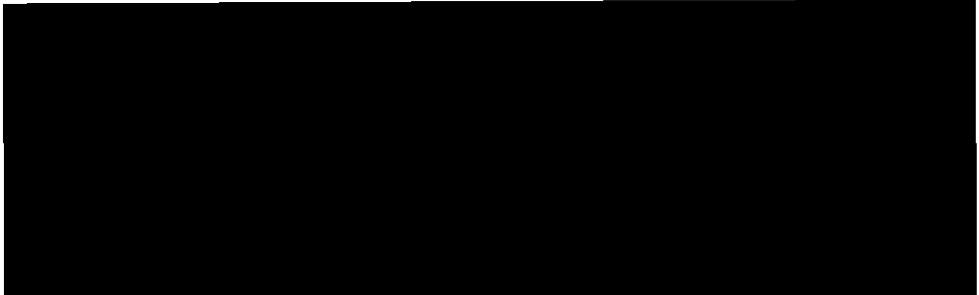
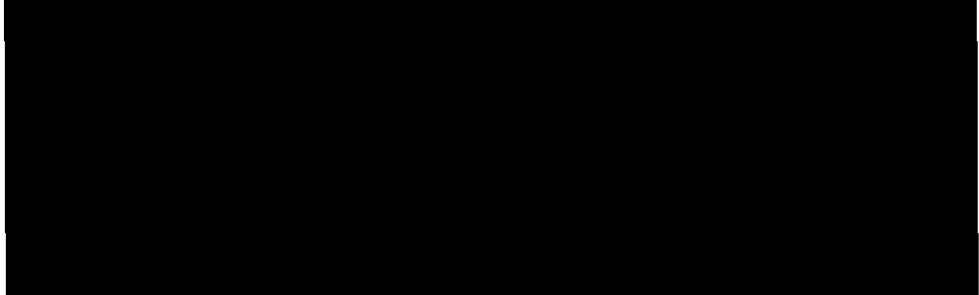

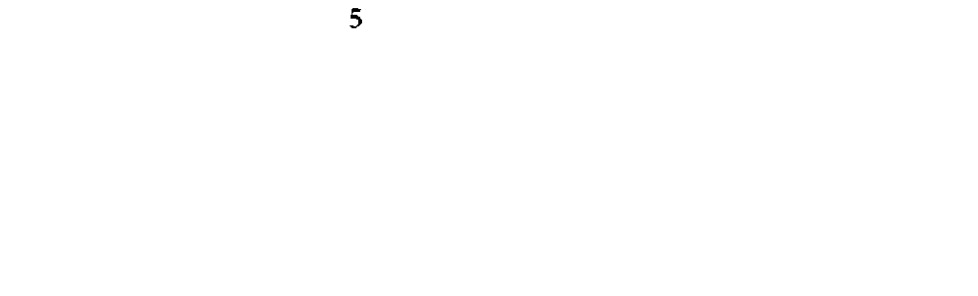




I. Vicar For Priests Agenda:

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J. Bishop Gorman [Vicar] & Joseph Bennett [Dean]:

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5. **St. Denis:** James Hagan '74 [Pastor] will most likely resign the pastorate. Bill Tkachuk will not be staying at the parish. Bishop John Gorman was open to the possibility of Patrick Pollard '72 as Administrator and assistance provided by Med Laz.

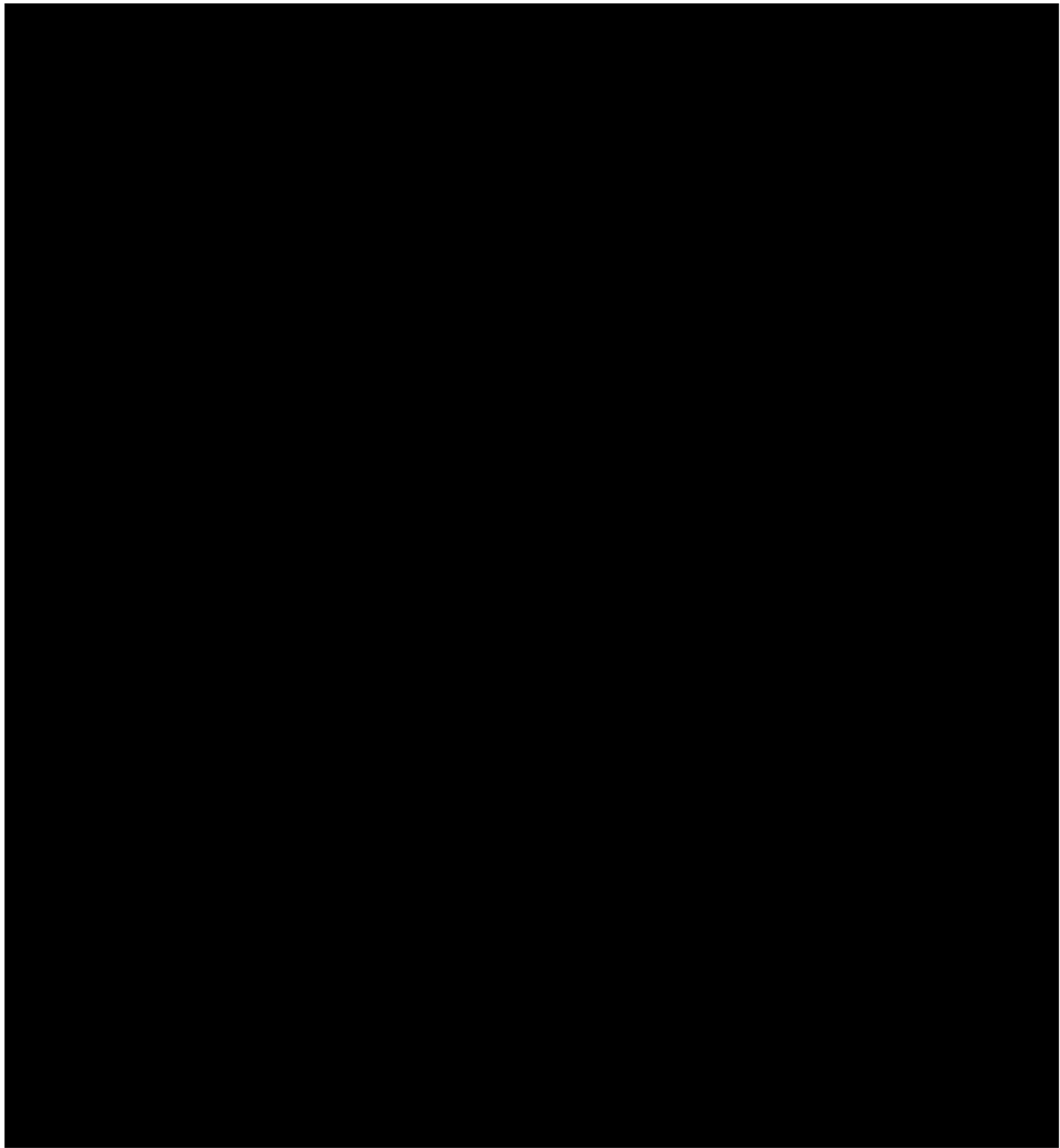
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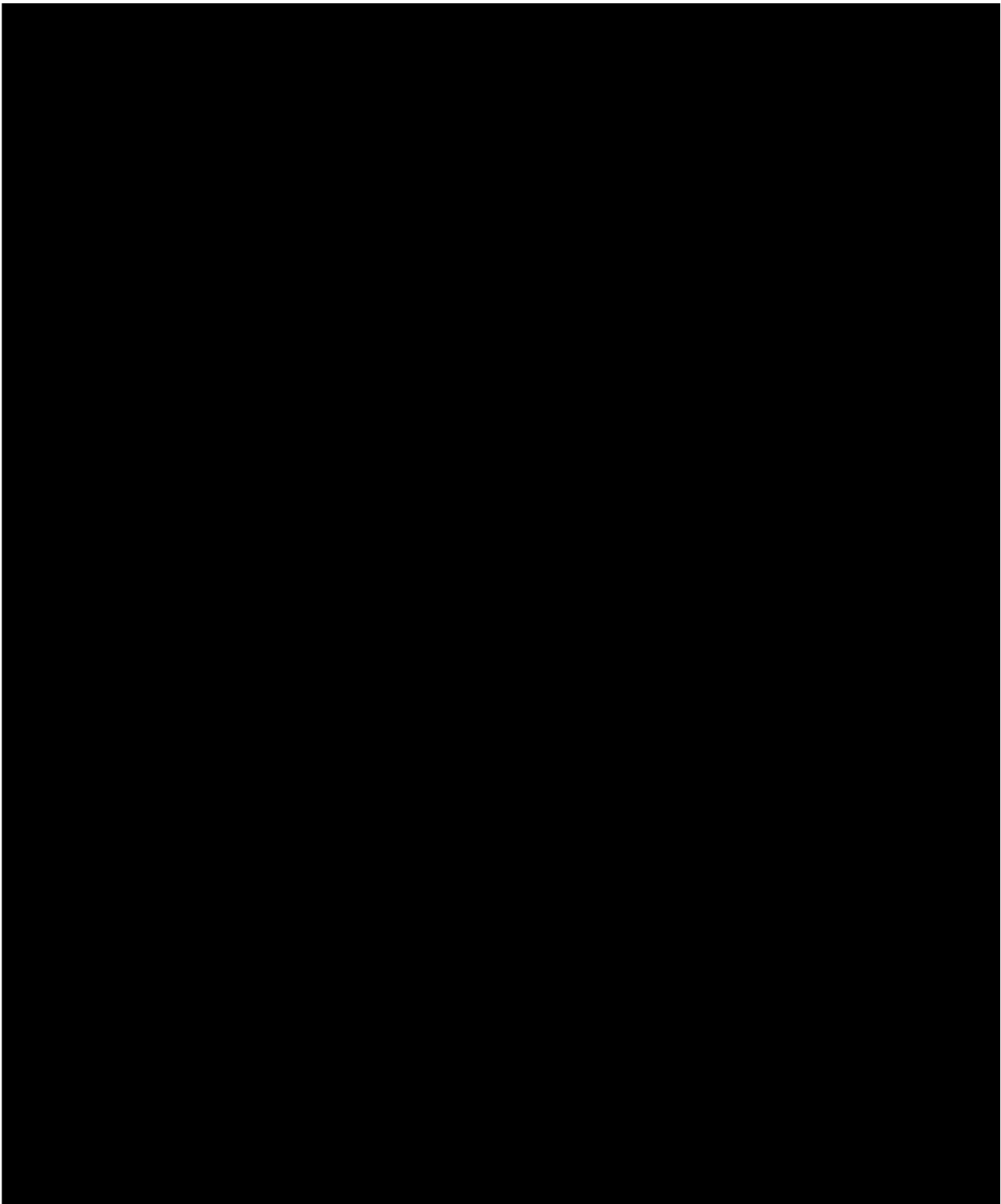
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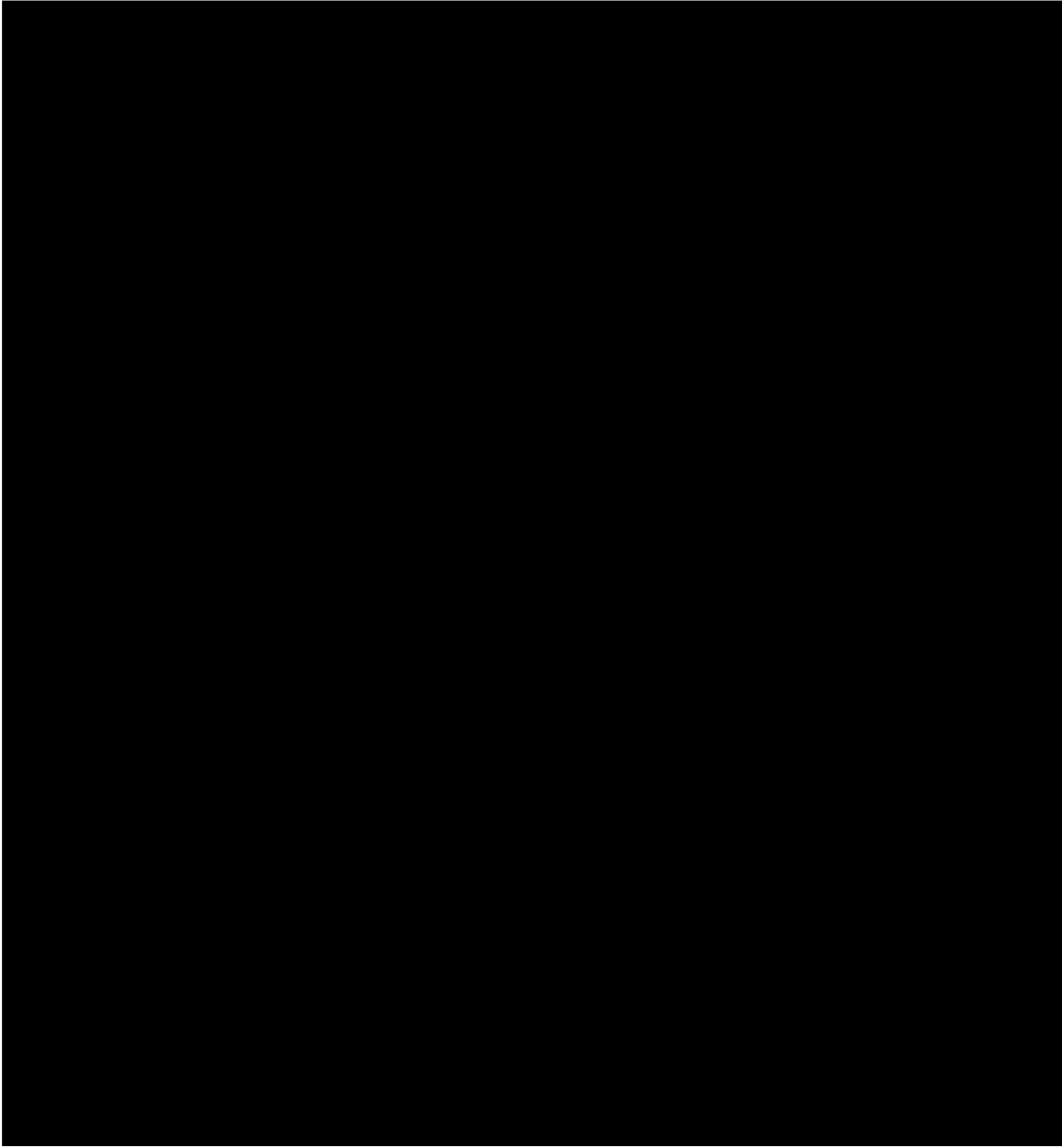
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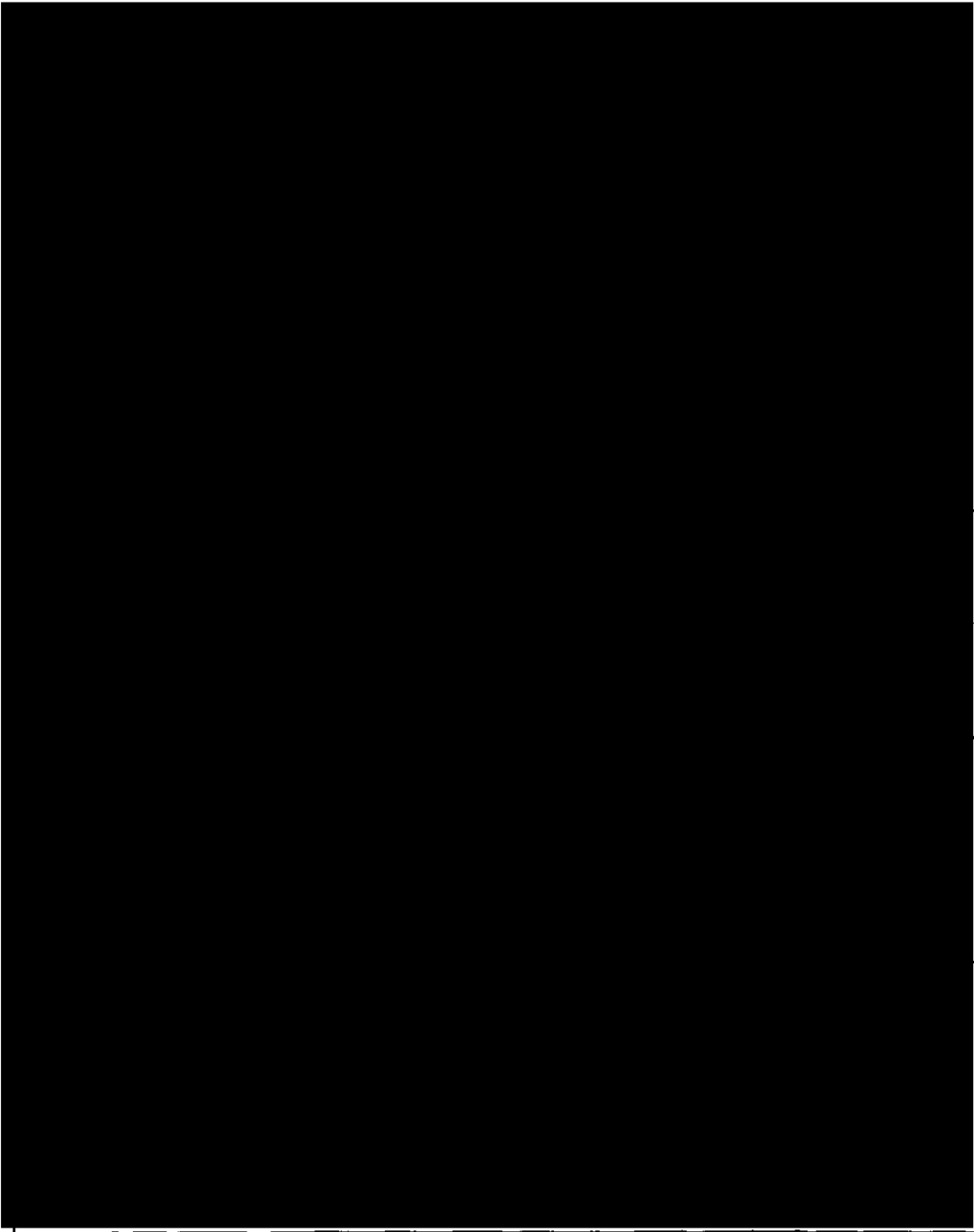
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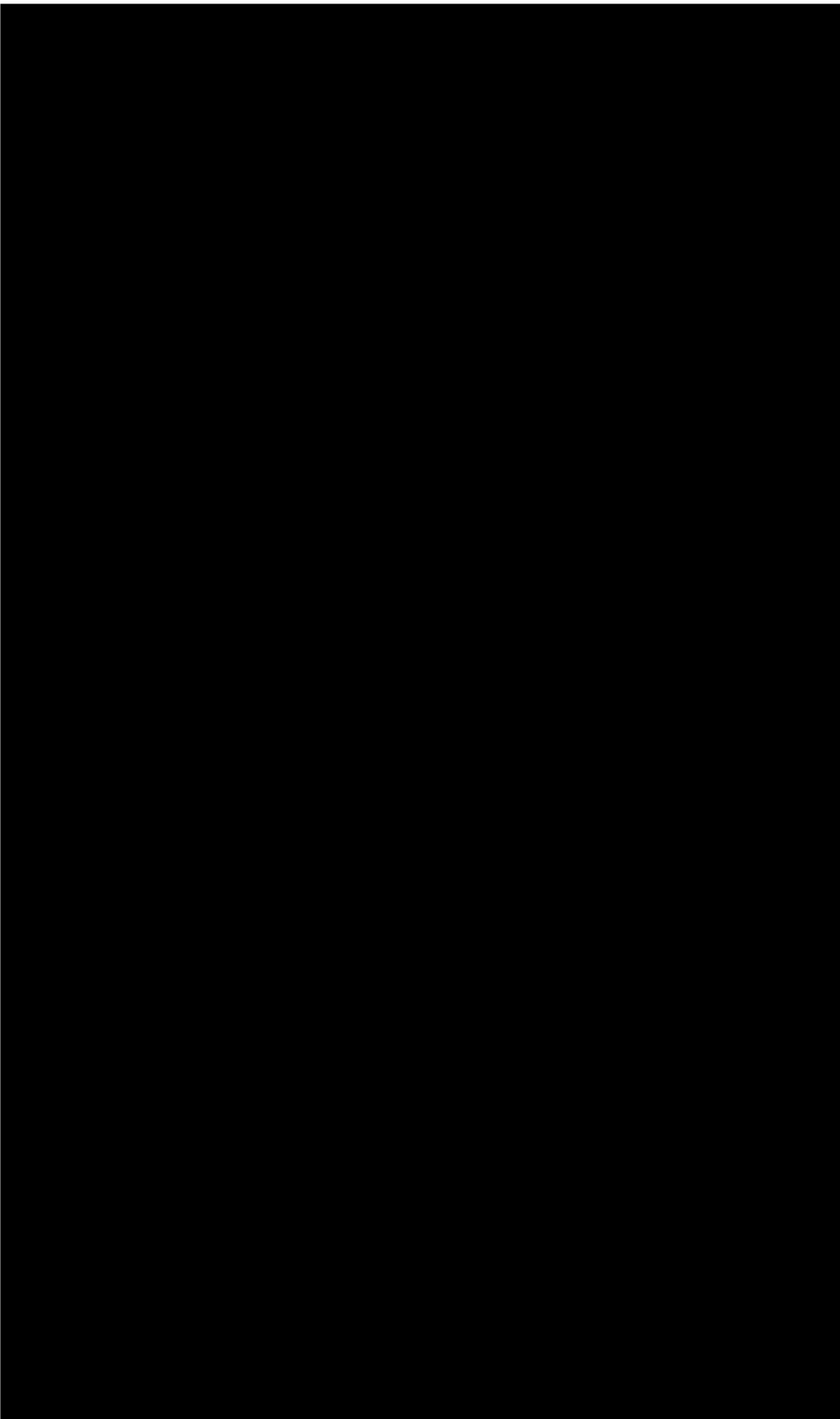


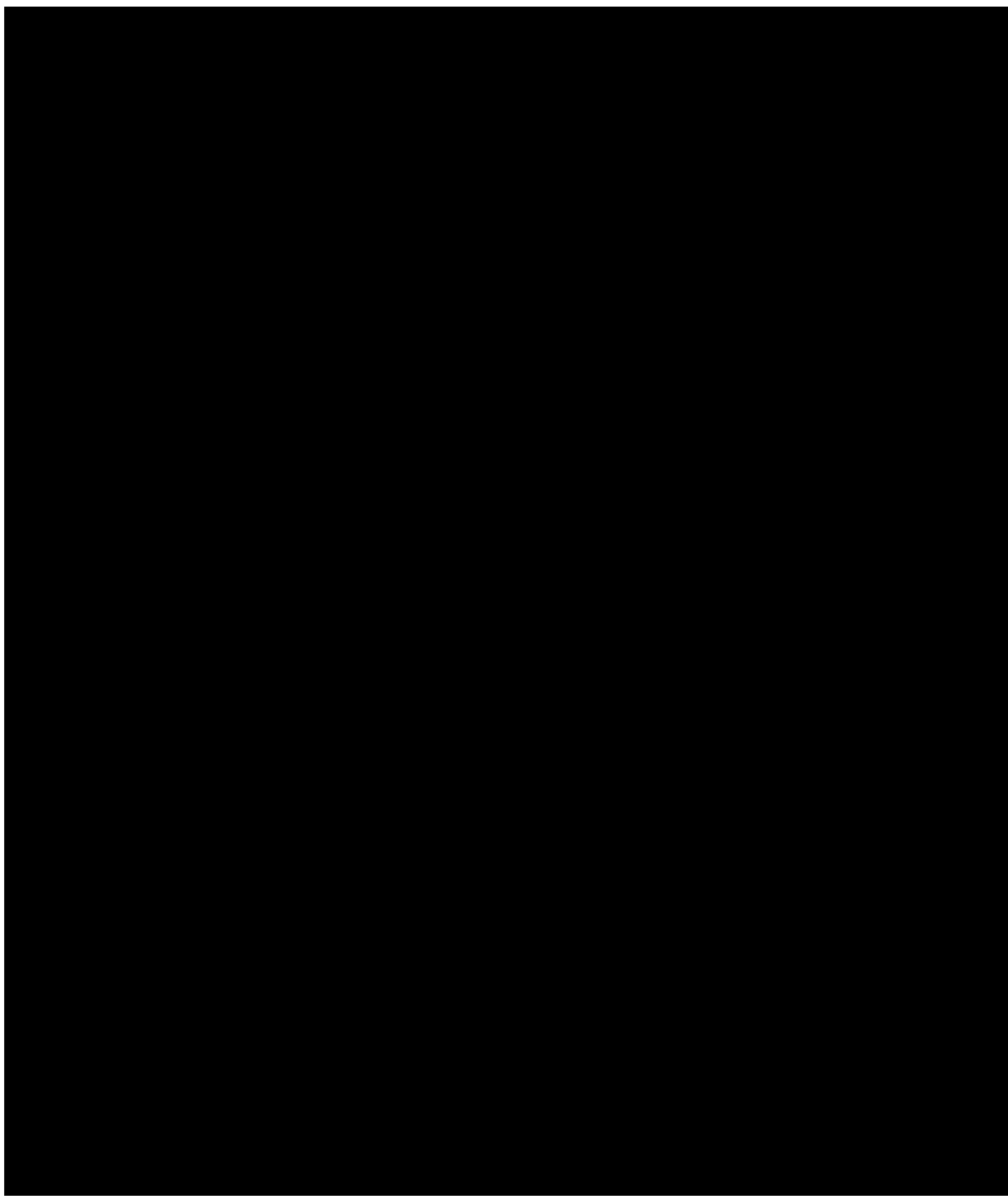












Bishop Gorman - August 8, 1996



**MINUTES**

Meeting: #43rd - Fifteenth Board

Date: August 16, 1996

Place: Priests' Placement Board/Pastoral Center

**Present:**

Reverends: Jeremiah M. Boland, Kevin J. Feeney, John M. Collins,  
Joseph J. Kinane, Robert E. McLaughlin, Steven W. Patte  
John S. Siemianowski, Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo.

**I Opening Prayer:** Rev. Jeremiah M. Boland 10:00 A.M.

**II Acceptance of Minutes:** Accepted 6 - 0 - 6

**III Reports:**

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3. **St. Denis:** Cardinal Bernardin supports the strategy of the Placement Board regarding the announcement of the pastorates of St. Raymond and Church of the Holy Spirit pending the resignation of James Hagan '74 as pastor of St. Denis. The Cardinal asks that no action be taken on these pastorates until the resignation is public.

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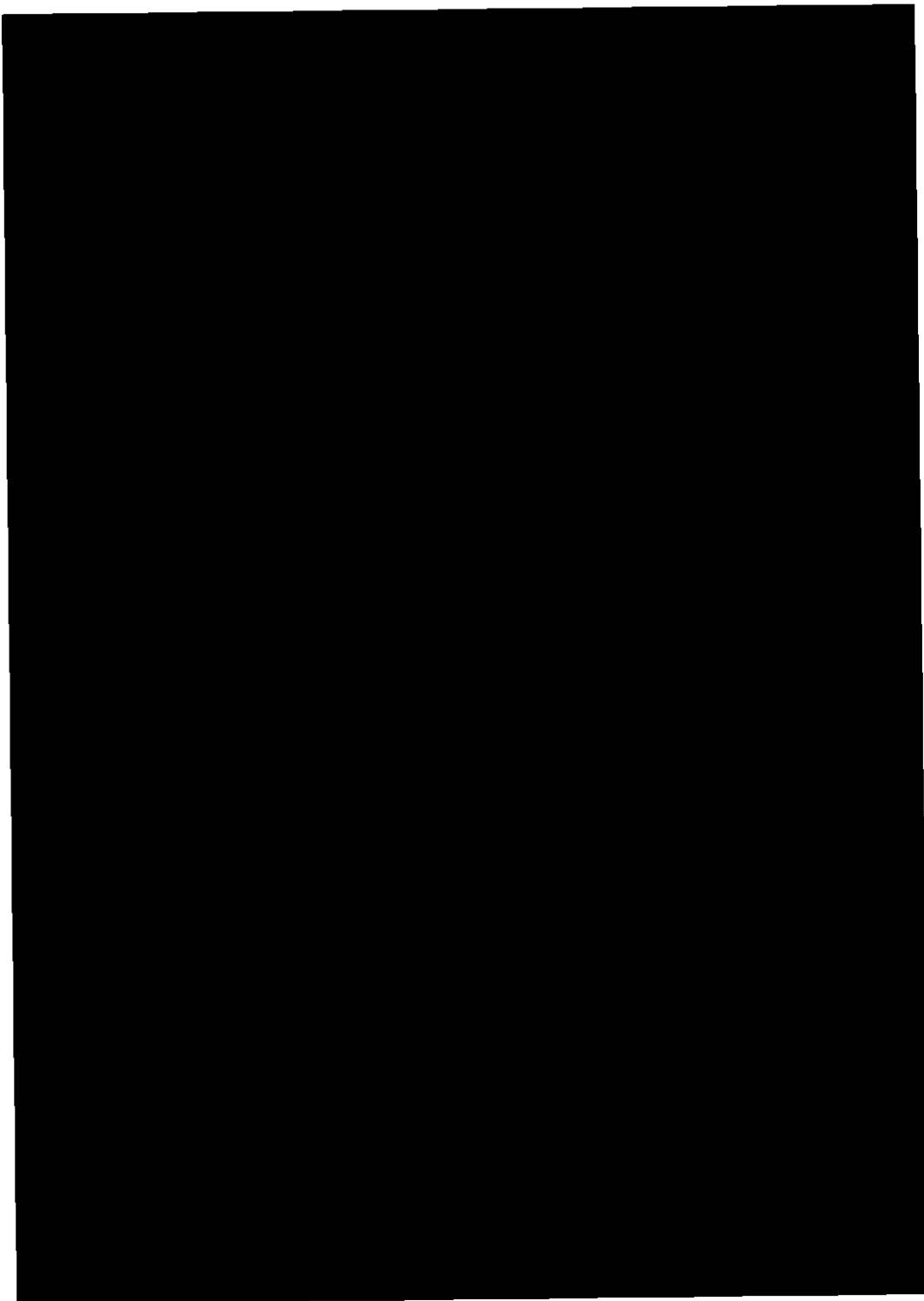
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IV Acceptance of Agenda: Accepted 8 - 0 - 0

V Business:

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D. Priests:

1. **James Hagan '74:** Jim will resign the pastorate of St. Denis. The resignation will be announced the weekend of August 31/September 1st.

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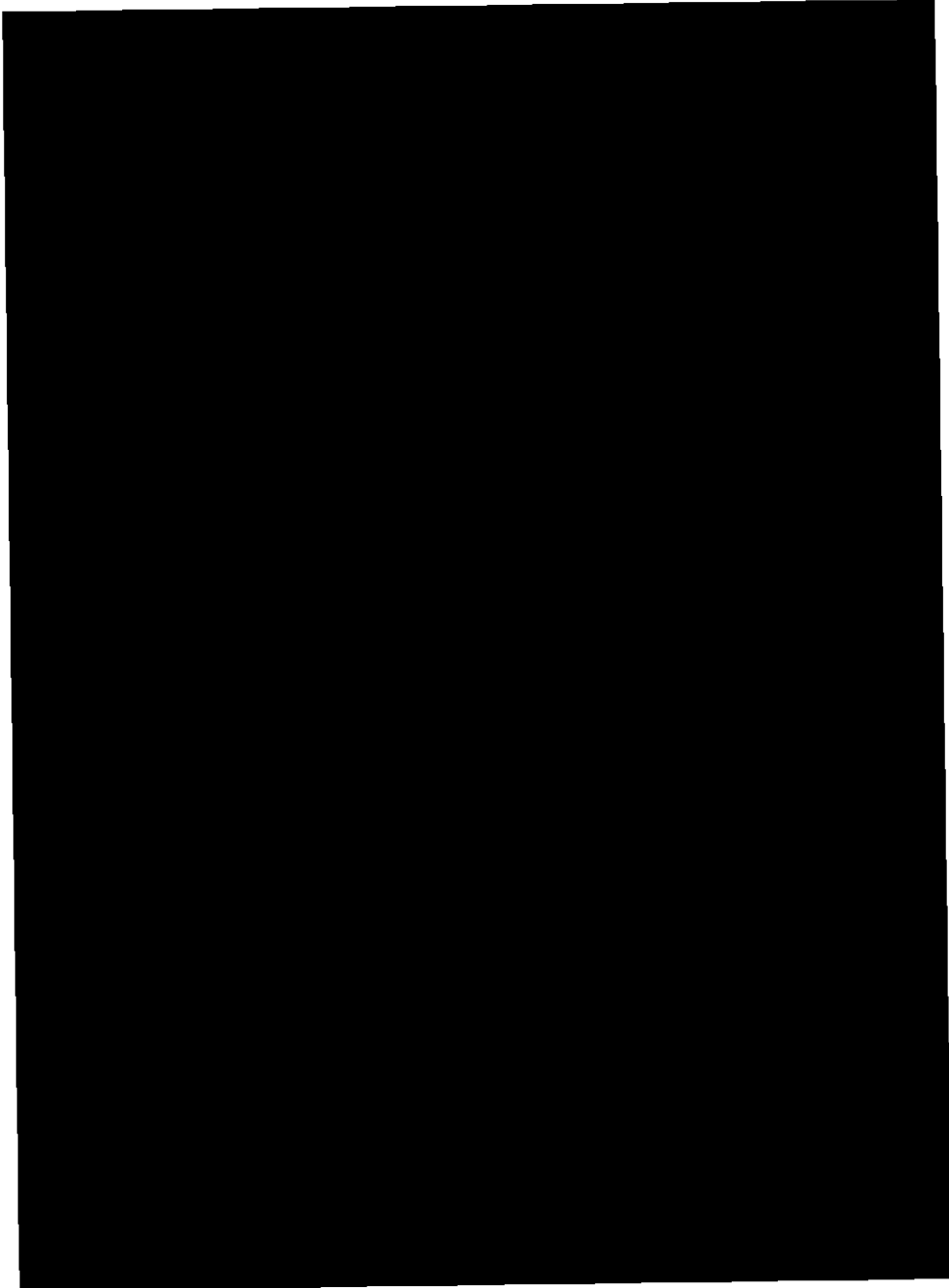
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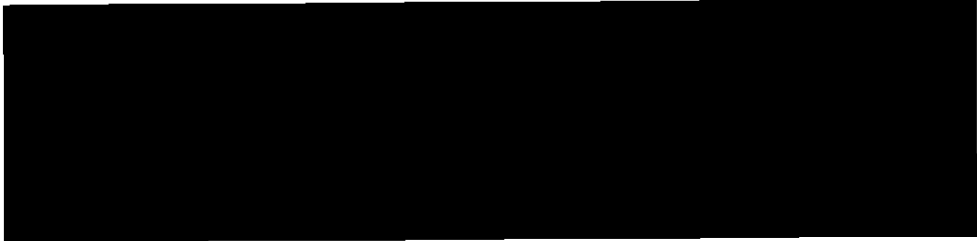
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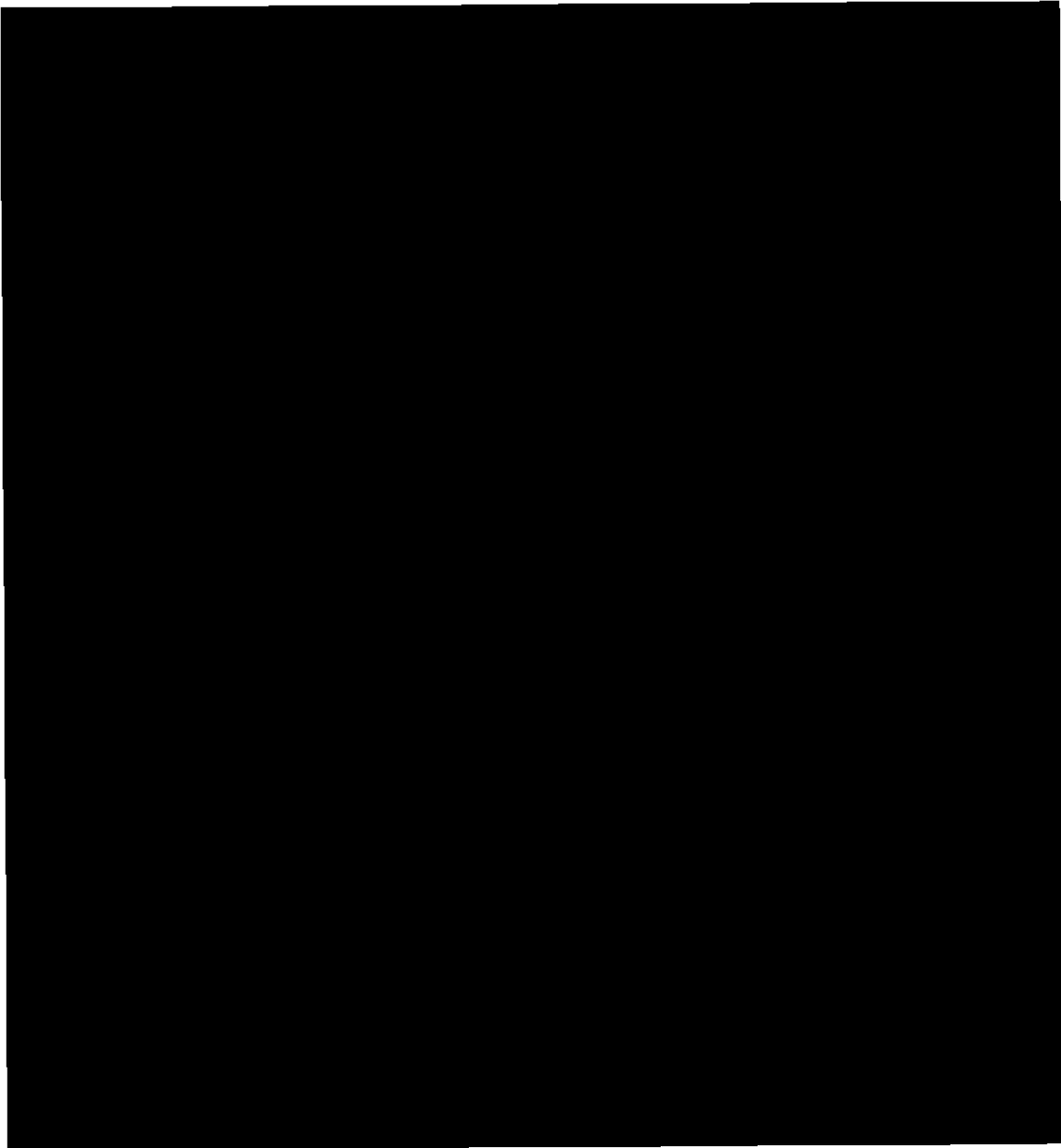
1. **St. Denis:** The announcement of Jim Hagan's resignation will be made the weekend of August 31/September 1st. A meeting will take place with the staff on August 26th.

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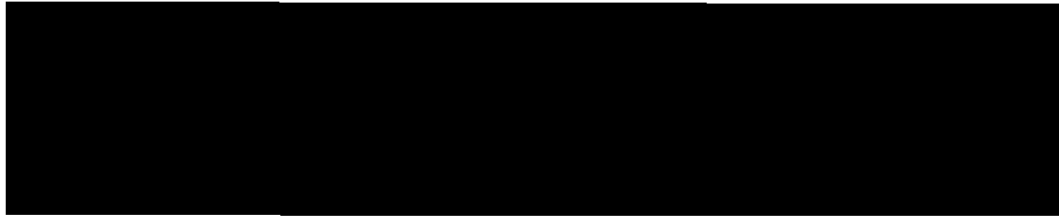


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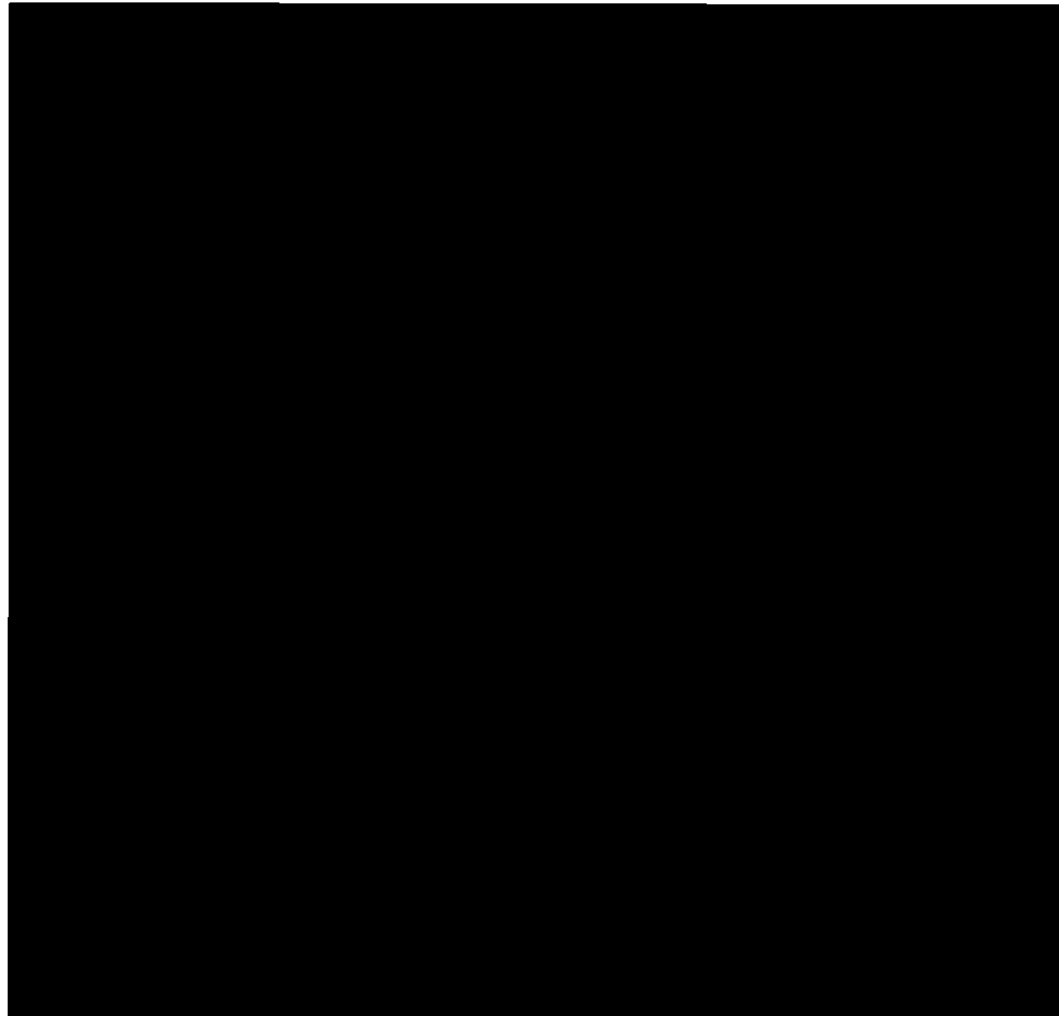
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James Hagan '74



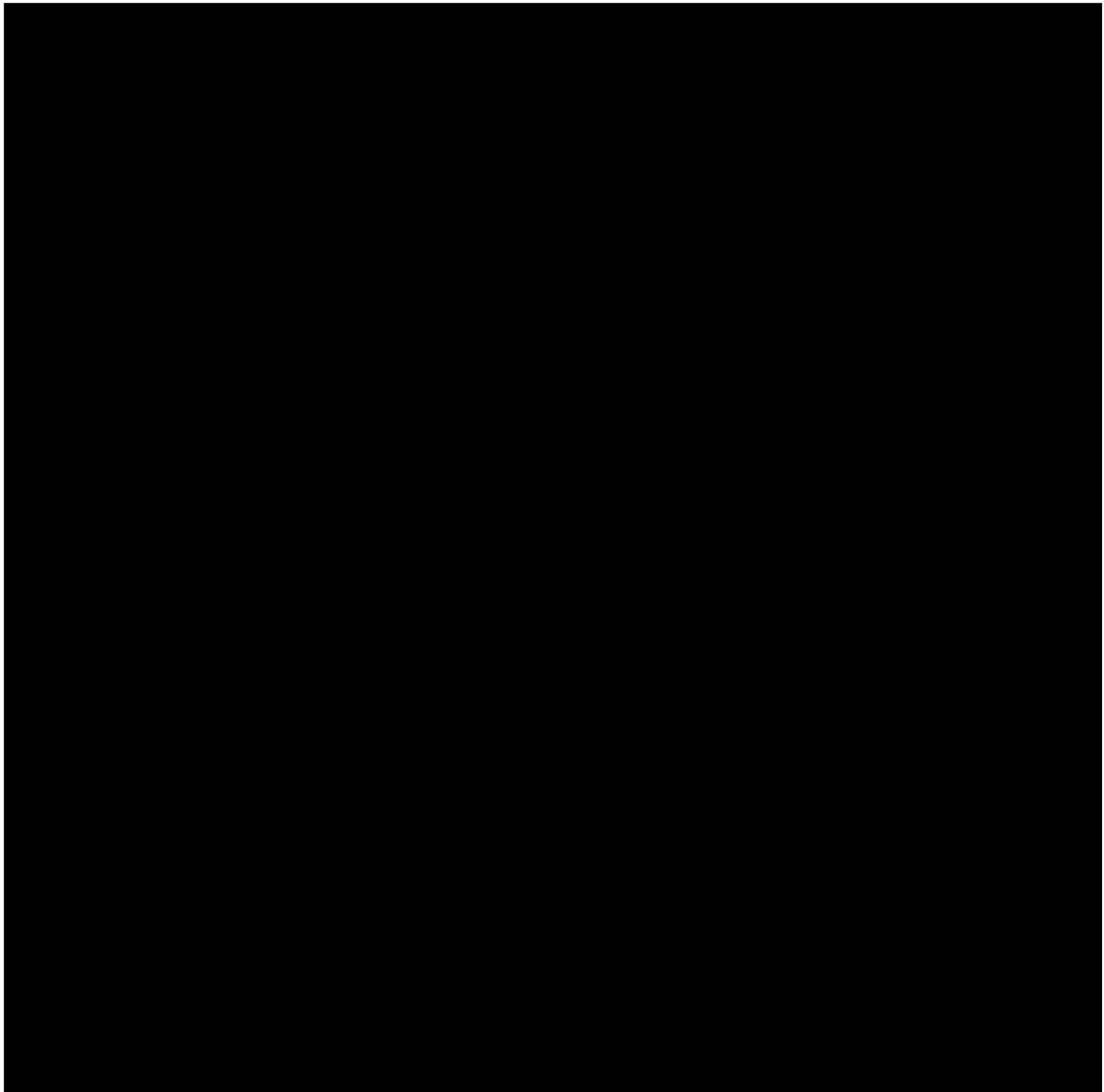
VI Old Business: None discussed.

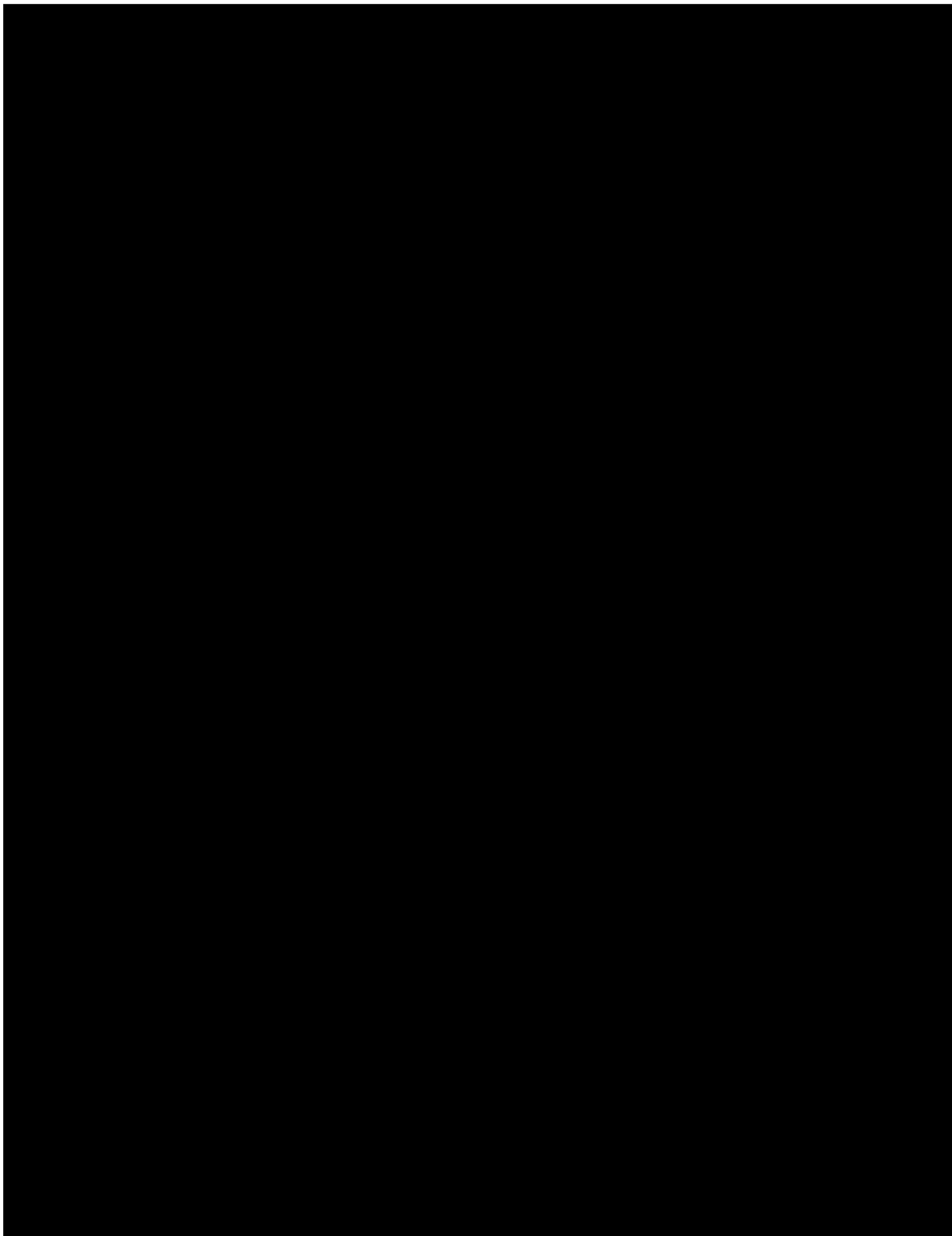
VII New Business: None discussed.

VIII Adjournment: TIME: 12:00

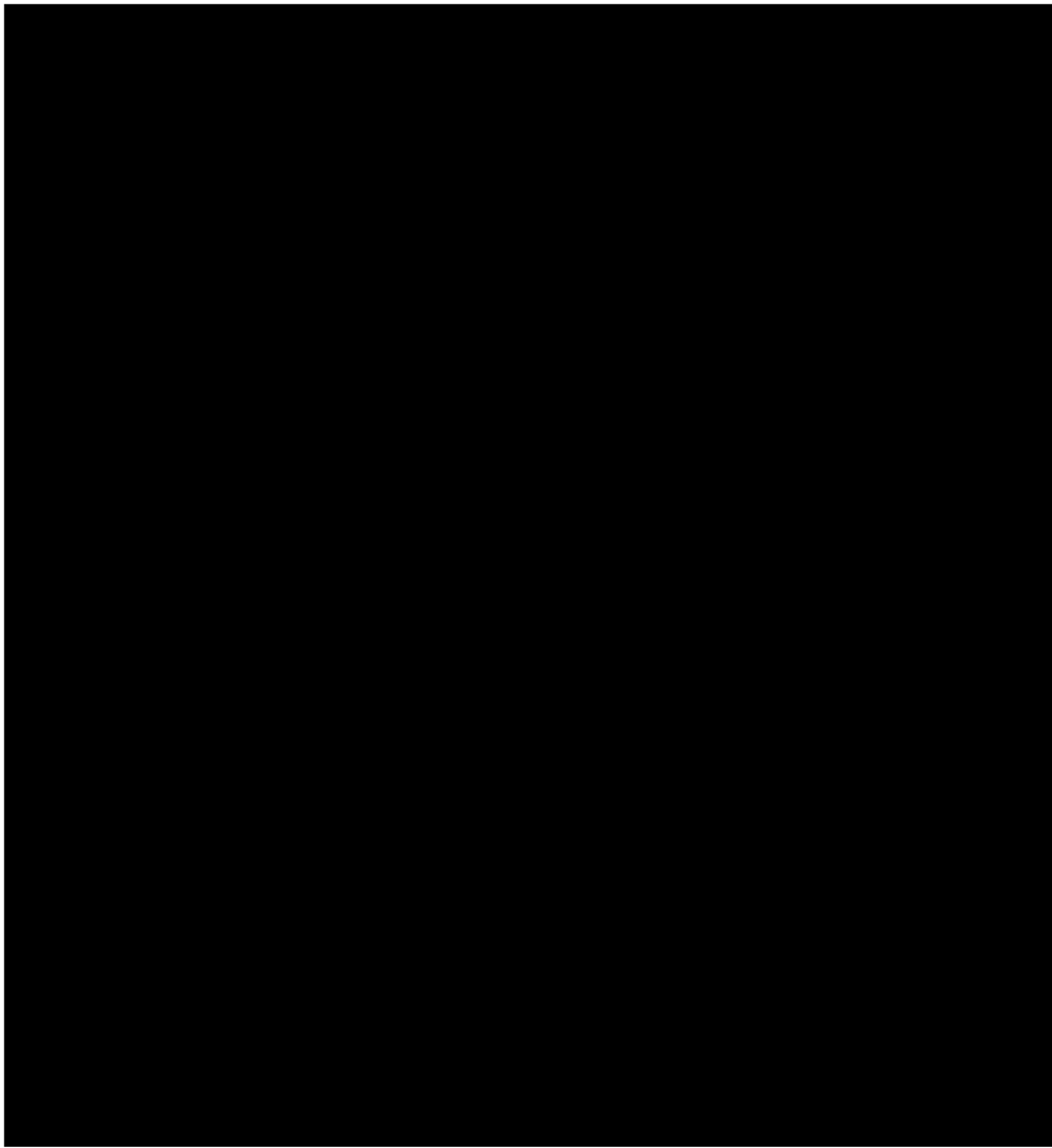
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AGENDA

Meeting: #47th - Fifteenth Board  
Date: September 27, 1996  
Place: Priests' Placement Board

**Present:**

Rev.: Jeremiah M. Boland, John M. Collins, Kevin J. Feeney,  
Joseph J. Kinane, Robert E. McLaughlin, Steven W. Patte,

**Absent:** Rev. John S. Siemianowski, Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo.

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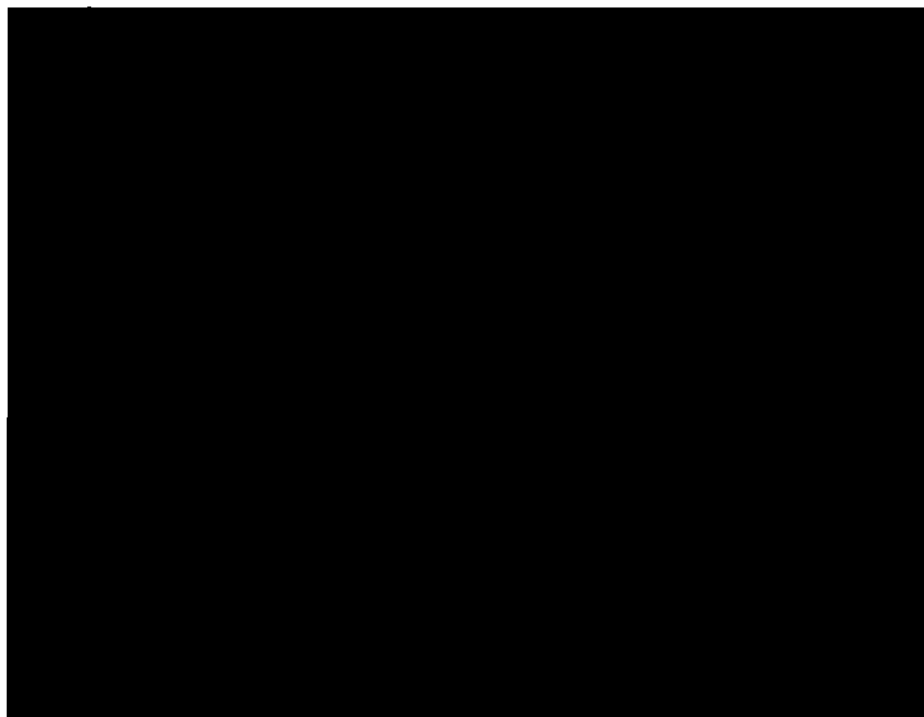
I Opening Prayer: Rev. Steven W. Patte TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

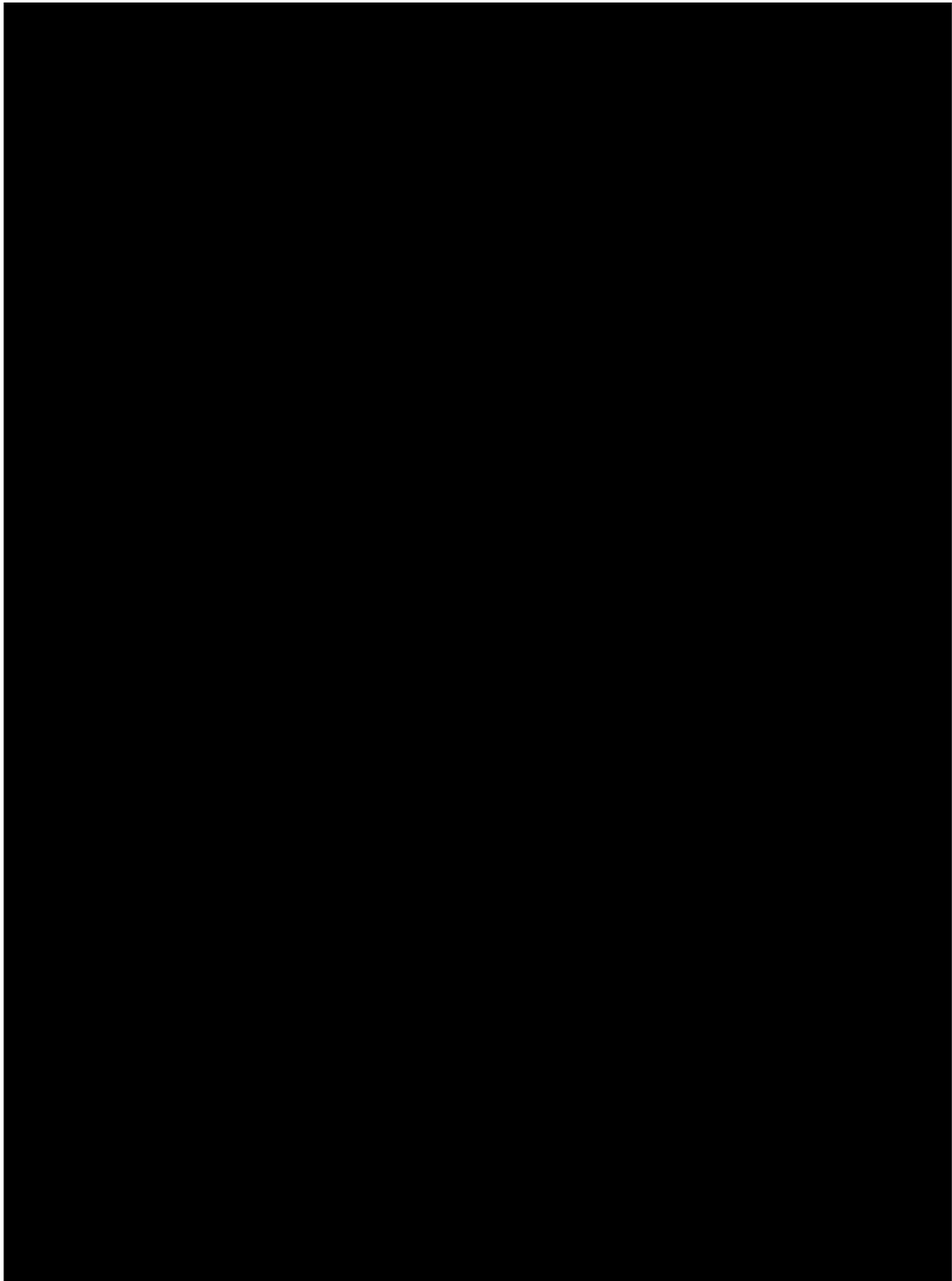
II Acceptance of Minutes: VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

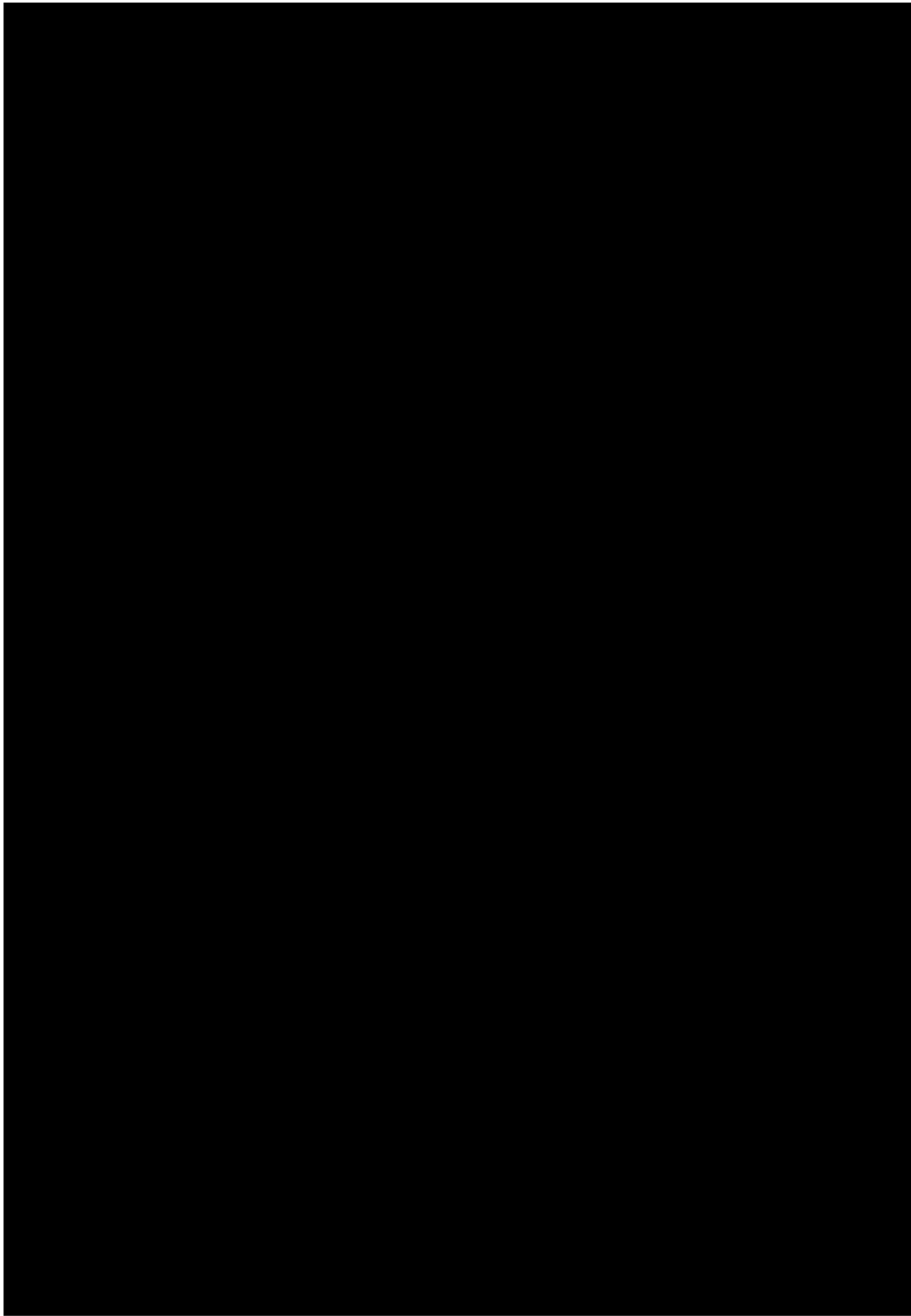
III Reports: (See Attached Sheet)

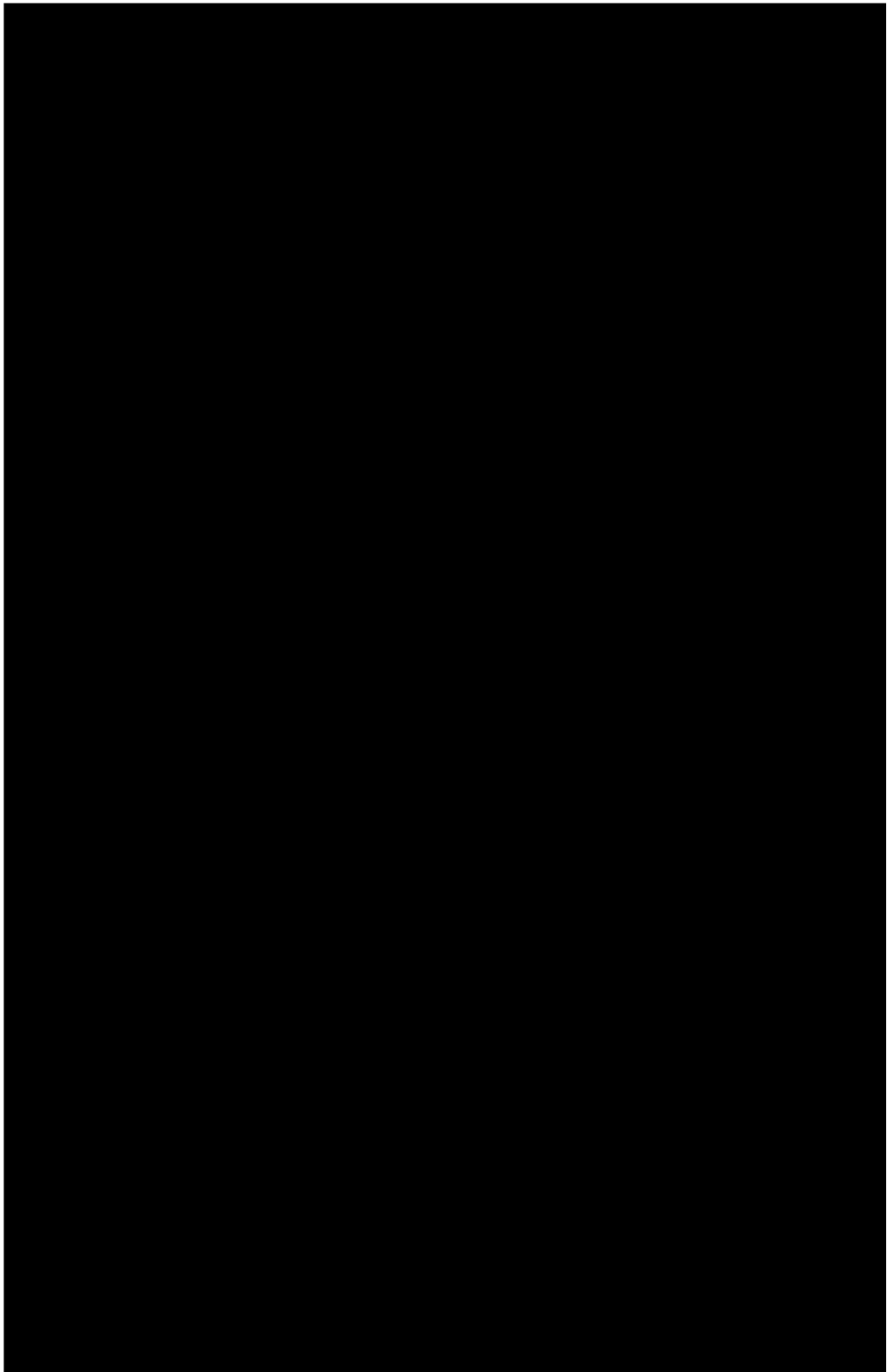
IV Acceptance of Agenda: VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

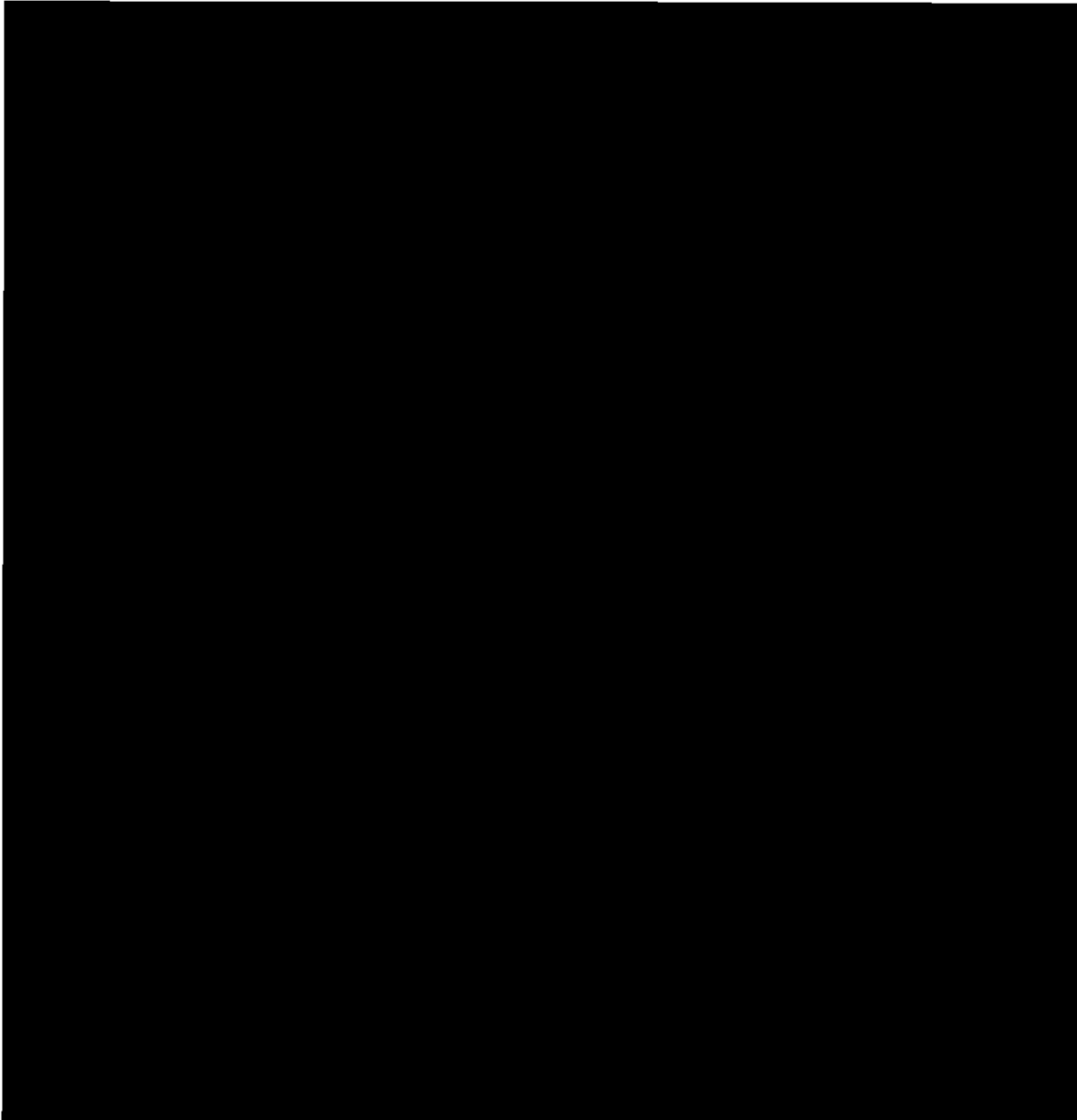
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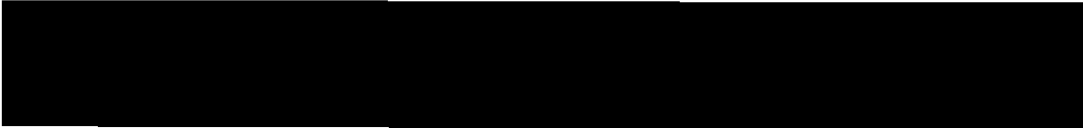






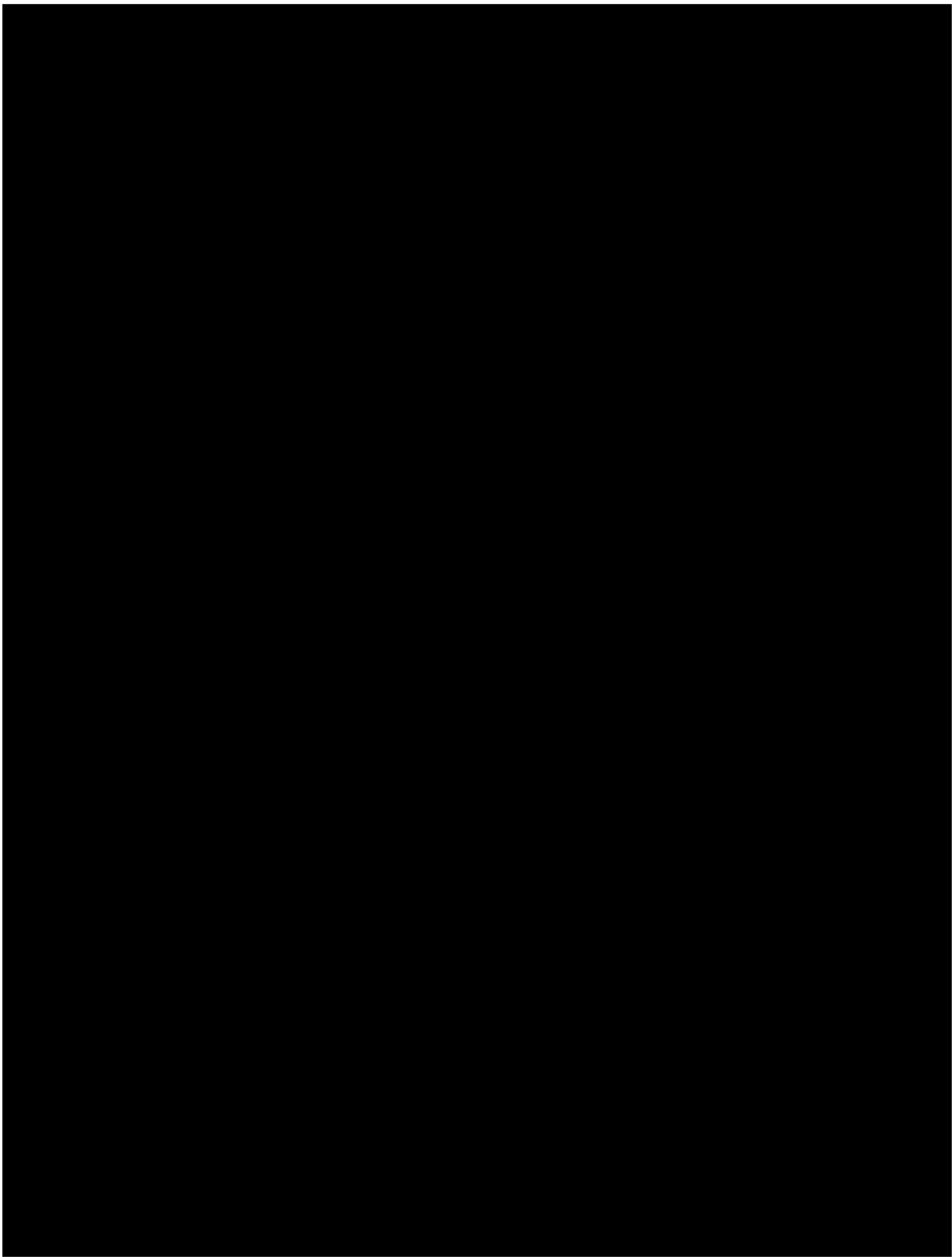


**VI Old Business:**

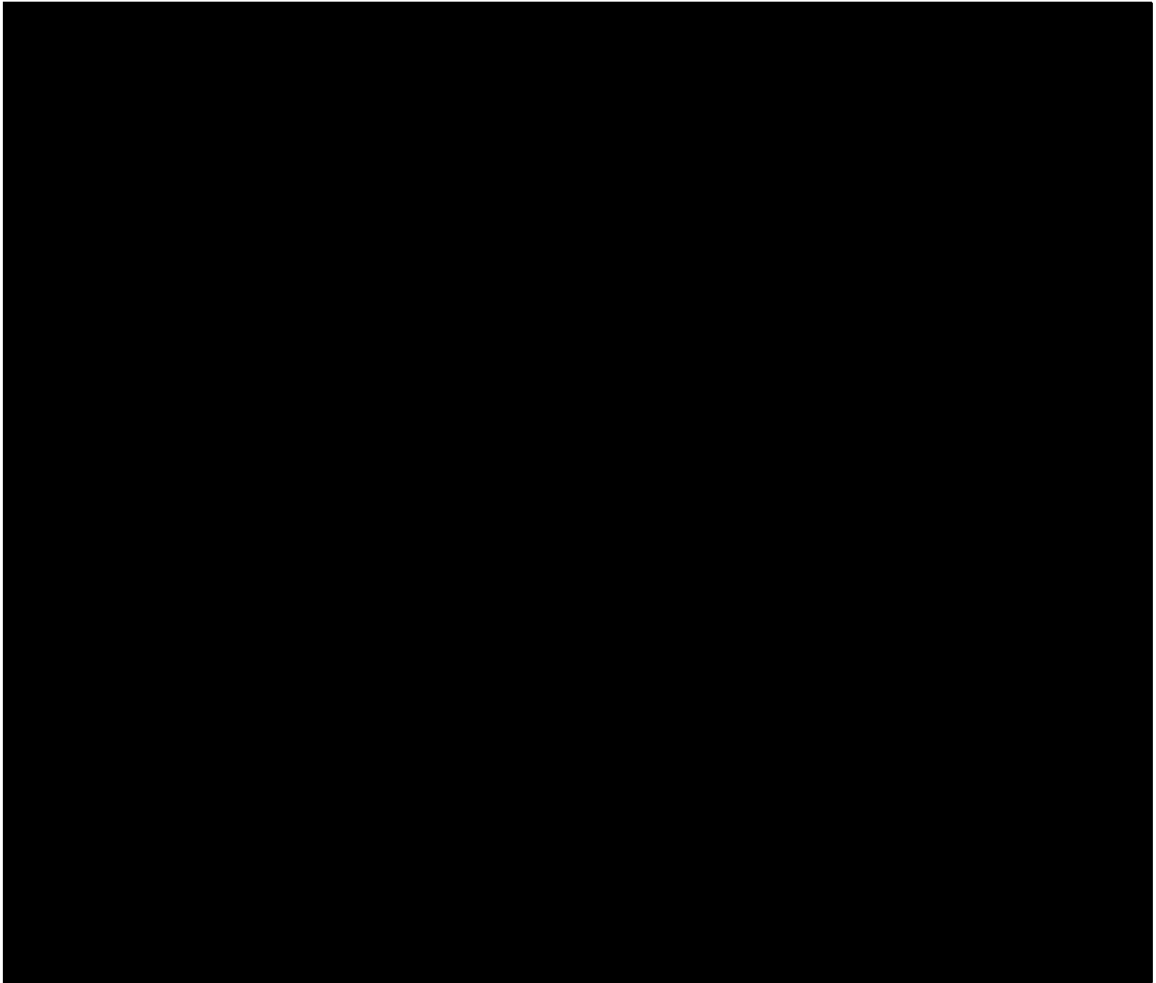


**VII New Business:**

**VIII Adjournment: TIME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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REPORTS: (09/27/96)





JERRY BOLAND MET WITH THE COMMUNITY OF ST. DENIS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

**Staff Meeting:** At the meeting conducted with the parish staff, the staff described St. Denis as a parish that is still grieving the loss of their pastor James Hagan. There are also a fair amount of feelings regarding the process that led to this decision. The staff and parish leadership have been dealing very deliberately with this. People are in a better place than where they were at. A number of positive things have surfaced out of this experience. In addition to a sense of loss regarding the pastor, some people are disappointed that Fr. Bill Tkachuk is also leaving. In the larger community there is a fair amount of ethnic and racial change going on. A number of parishioners feel a sense of abandonment. The parish has been blessed with a strong and credible lay leadership presence, and prides itself on the spirit of hospitality. The parish council has been very effective. It hopes to become a more active agent in welcoming new members into the community. Evangelization is critical. In terms of a new pastor, people hope that it is someone who is sensitive ... a people person ... someone able to delegate ... someone who values liturgy and is a good preacher. The new pastor must take on an attitude of assisting the community in moving forward. They want someone who will be happy to be here ... someone who will be willing to be present to the community ... someone who is supportive of the parish's outreach in terms of community organization.

Jerry Boland and Bishop John Gorman conducted the town hall with the parishioners in the evening. (About 150 people were present.) The meeting was positive and honest. The people have felt the pain of a lot of change, they want to take a more positive approach to new members moving into the community. In addition to African-Americans, there are a growing number of Hispanics and a growing number of Filipinos. The Board was presented with about 100 petitions from Spanish speaking parishioners expressing their hope that the new pastor encourage and foster efforts to reach out to the Hispanic community. Many of the Hispanics are going to other parishes because not much is going on at St. Denis for them. Parishioners spoke about the importance of the school, the importance of liturgy. They want: a pastor who will work in partnership with them, someone who is able to delegate ... to see a pastor who will really assume the mantle of spiritual leadership ... they want and hope for a pastor who is willing to invest in the community and call St. Denis home.