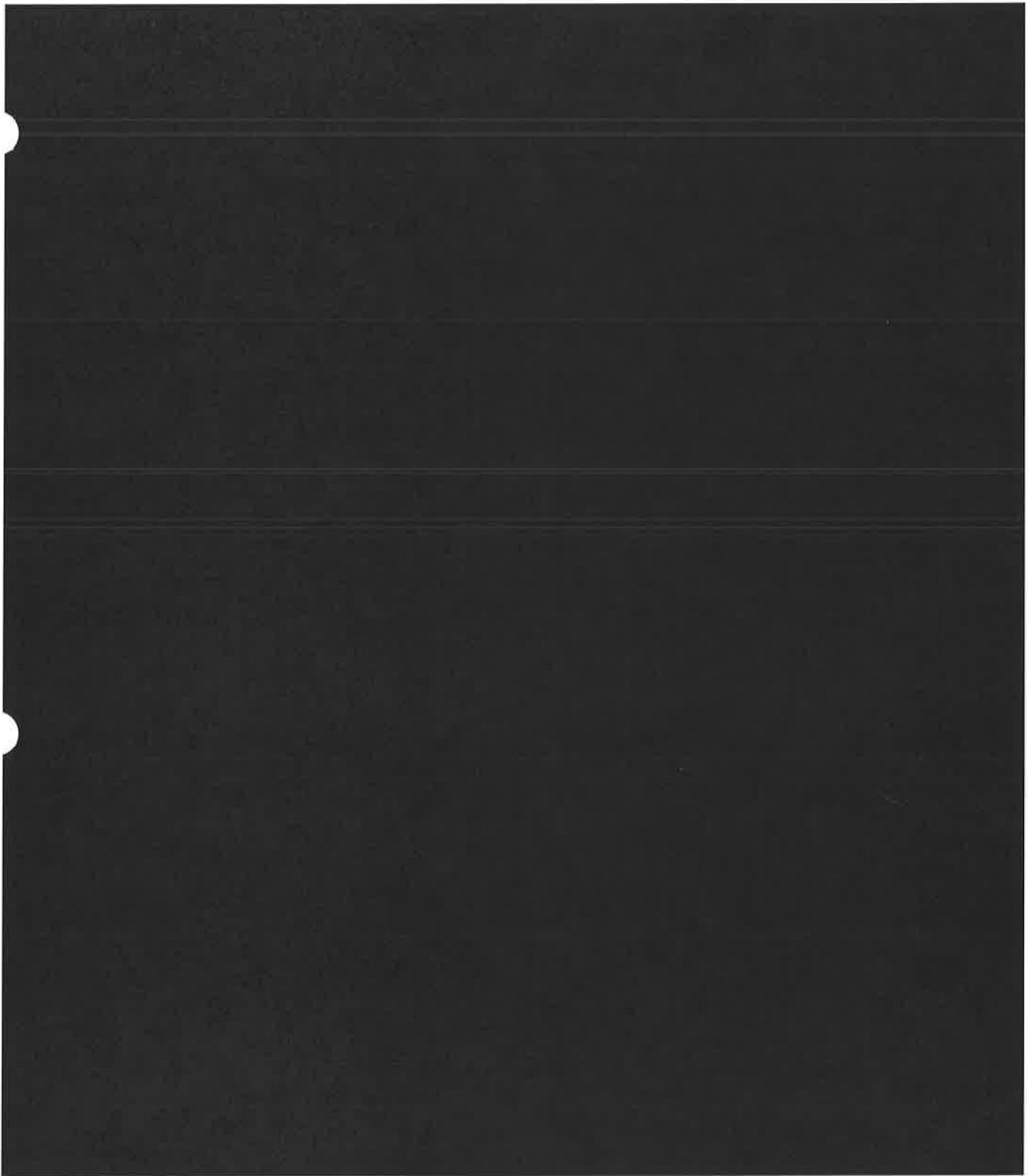


Fr. Robert Blumeyer OSB

Born - 1922

Ordained - 1956

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BLUMEYER, ROBERT, O.S.B.

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Correspondence from Father
Robert Blumeyer O.S.B. previous
stay here.

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Persons
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Sons of St. Boniface Parish who have
become priests or religious:

The following is from the Hastings Conserver, Volume V,
#11, Tuesday, June 20, 1865, Page 1, Column 6:
"New Church"

The Roman Catholics of this place and vicinity are
proposing to erect a new church this season on Ramsey
Street a little bit east and near the present one. It is designed
to be one hundred feet in length, with corresponding width,
of solid stone masonry and cut front. It will probably cost
\$8,000 and will be a great ornament to that part of the city.
About \$2,200 is already subscribed and we notice Hon.
Ignatius Donnelly gives \$100. The old edifice will be removed
back and used for a parish school. The building committee
are Messrs. E. Dean, M. McHugh, John Whaley, John Meis,
F.G. Seffern, and S. Hawes. It is expected to break ground
next month."

The following is from the Hastings Conserver, Volume V,
#23, Tuesday, September 12, 1865, Column 6:
"Laying of Cornerstone"

The cornerstone of the Roman Catholic Church of this city
was laid on Sunday last with appropriate ceremonies by
Right Rev. Thomas L. Grace, bishop of the diocese, assisted
by Rev. Fathers Racou of St. Paul, Hurth of Hastings and
PISE of the German settlement of this county. Sundry
archives relative to the church were deposited therein. A
large number of spectators were in attendance. Work on the
church is progressing, and the walls are laid above the
windows."

Rev. Fidelis Lucking
Rev. John Blankert
Rev. John Meyers
Rev. Frank J. Rakowski
Rev. Michael Frommes
Rev. Charles Stark
Rev. Stephen Kranz
Rev. Donald J. Dummer
Rev. Bruce Wollmering
Rev. Donald Kreger (deacon)
Brother Anthony Lucking
Brother Robert Buchmeier
Francis X. Buchmeir, S.J.

Daughters of the parish who have become sisters:

Sr. Leonida Meyers
Sr. Fidelis Lucking
Sr. Monica Lucking
Sr. Alonza Birk
Sr. Madeline Heinen
Sr. Juliana Rosch
Sr. Bede Raetz
Sr. Beatina Schumacher
Sr. Demetrius Kalkes
Sr. Wilhelmina Metzger
Sr. Erwin Frey
Sr. Mary Grace Lucking
Sr. Ernesta Kranz
Sr. Wendelin Kranz
Sr. Mary Gertrude Milbauer
Sr. Phyllis Zuzek
Sr. Mary Anthony Wagner
Sr. Gretchen Yanz
Sr. Sharon Beissel
Sr. Georganne Burr
Sr. Issaias Reuter
Sr. Christina Biskupski
Sr. Rosalie Siebenaler
Sr. Petrann Sieben
Sr. Evangeline Reuter
Sr. Beverly Raway
Sr. Phyllis Langenfeld
Sr. Mary Caturia

PASTORS

Rev. George Scherer	1871-1880
Rev. Cornelius Wittman	1880-1890
Rev. Othmar Erren	1890-1904
Rev. Conrad Glatzmaier	1904-1909
Rev. William Eversman	1909-1916
Rev. Wm Sohneppenheim	1916-1921
Rev. Hugo Tell	1921-1925
Rev. Anthony Ronnellentitsch	1925-1932
Rev. Phillip Bahner	1932-1940
Rev. Demetrius Hagmann	1940-1949
Rev. Lambert Weckworth	1949-1961
Rev. Roderic Albers	1961-1966
Rev. Lancelot Atch	1966-1970
Rev. Harold Fuchs	1970-1973
Rev. Robert Blumeyer	1973-

ASSISTANTS

Rev. Richard Simmer	Rev. Olaf S. Skjolsvik
Rev. Othmar Hohmann	Rev. Terence Carroll
Rev. Robert Blumeyer	Rev. Alto Butkowski
Rev. Peregrin Berres	Rev. Cloud Meinberg
Rev. Austin Naughton	Rev. Peter St. Hilaire
Rev. Robert Wieber	Rev. Blane Wasnie
Rev. Julius Muggli	Rev. Stephen Beauclair
Rev. Francis Studer	

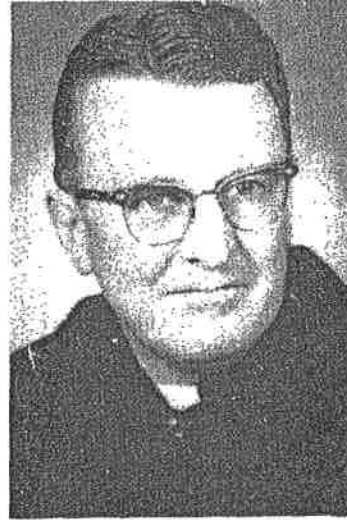


Rev. Lambert Weckworth, 1949-1961

Under Father Lambert, O.S.B., the convent was built in 1950 at a cost of \$108,000.

The new rectory was built at a cost of \$57,800 in 1955 and a new school in 1959 at a cost of \$500,000.

The old school was demolished and a black topped playground and parking area were made.



Rev. Roderick Albers, 1961-1966

Under Father Roderick, an addition to the school was built at a cost of \$81,898 in 1966



Rev. Lancelot Atch, 1966-1970

Under Father Lancelot, a membership book was printed along with pictures of the families.



Rev. Harold Fuchs, 1970-1973

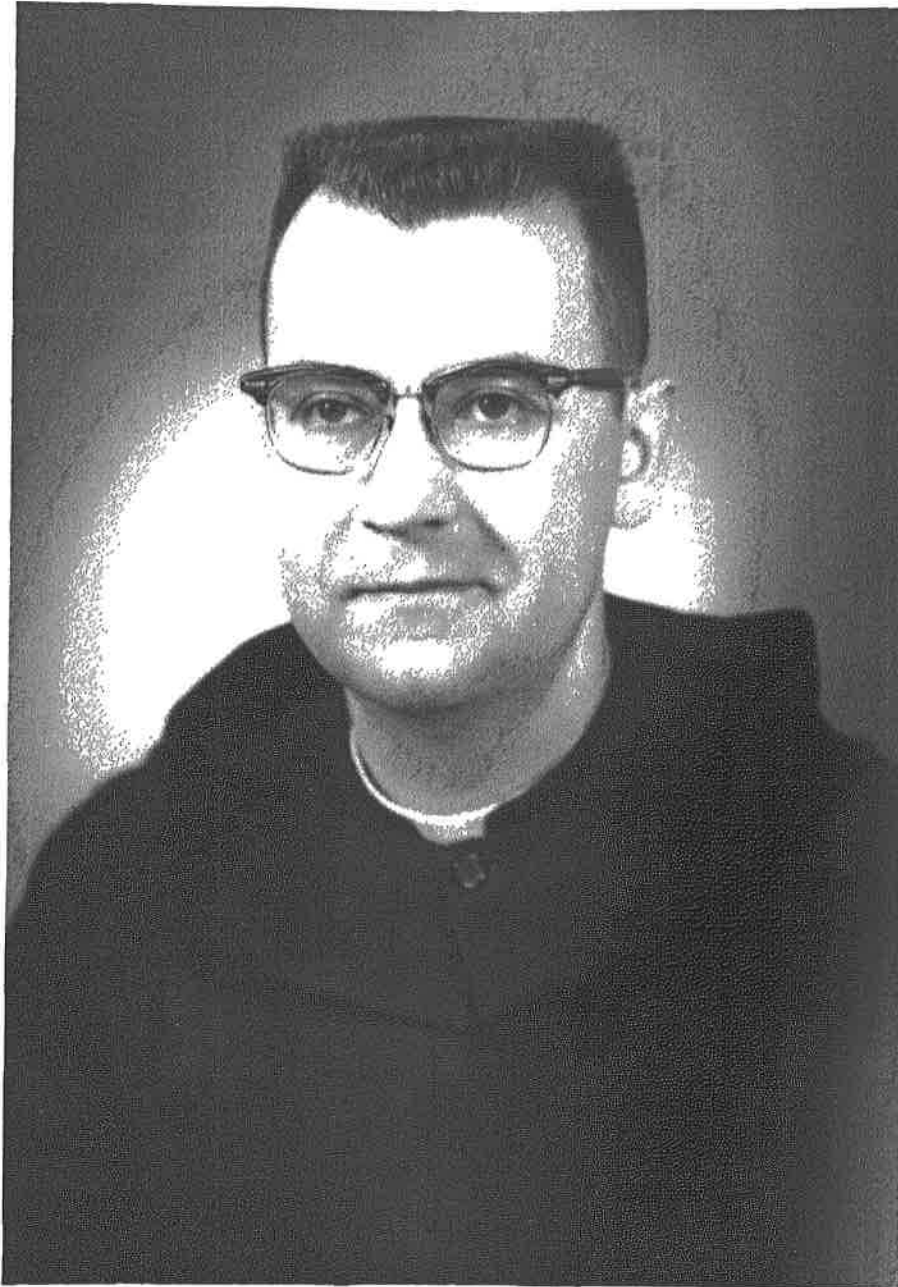
Under his administration, the rectory grounds were landscaped along with the front of the church and new steps.

The choir loft was remodeled, and he was instrumental in getting the new organ and the beginning of the guitar mass on Sunday mornings at the 11:30 a.m. mass.

#266 Rev. JN Robert D. Blumeyer P2

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September 17, 1959

The Reverend Robert Blumeyer, O.S.B.
Church of St. Boniface
Hastings, Minnesota

Dear Father Robert:

The Most Reverend Archbishop asks me to advise you that he has not forbidden any type of catechetical quiz such as you propose for the meetings of the Knights of Columbus. You are free to use this method of instruction if you so wish.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Rt. Rev. Monignor Gerald O'Keefe
Chancellor

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May 26, 1960.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gerald O'Keefe
244 Dayton Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Monsignor:

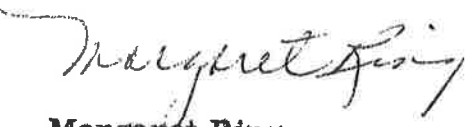
On March 13, 1958, Rev. Robert D. Blumeyer, of Saint Boniface Church, Hastings, Minnesota purchased one copy of the "Ritual for Holy Week" and the accompaniment edition. This charge amounted to \$2.65.

We have been billing Father Blumeyer since for this purchases. To date we have not received payment or a reply to any of our letters.

We would appreciate any help you could give us in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

McLAUGHLIN & REILLY CO.


Margaret Ring

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June 2, 1960

The Reverend Robert Blumeyer, O.S.B.
Church of St. Boniface
Hastings, Minnesota

Dear Father Robert:

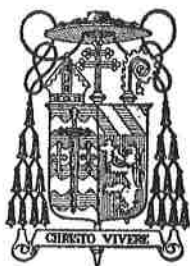
We have received the enclosed letter regarding your account with McLaughlin & Reilly Co.
May we ask if this amount is owed, and if so, that you are taking care of it.

Thank you for this courtesy and with kind regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Gerald O'Keefe
Chancellor

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LEO

**By the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See
Archbishop of Saint Paul**

To our beloved son in Christ The Reverend Robert Blumeyer, O.S.B.

Greetings and blessing in the Lord.

Since your priestly conduct, learning, prudence, and maturity make you well qualified for the hearing of the confessions of men and women religious, We, by these letters, in accordance with the prescriptions of Canons 518-530 of the Code of Canon Law, and by our authority as Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul, grant to you herewith the necessary and appropriate faculties required by Canon 876 of the Code of Canon Law for the hearing of the confessions of men and women religious; and We give specifically to you the office of

ORDINARY CONFESSOR

for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

who live in St. Thomas Convent, St. Paul Park

Further, We give to you the duty of Supplementary or Assistant Confessor, in accordance with the prescriptions of Canon 521 § 2, for all the religious houses of the Archdiocese, so that you may hear the confessions of all who may have recourse to you in particular cases in accordance with that Canon.

In connection with this appointment as Ordinary Confessor, in order to provide for the proper spiritual care of the Religious, you are requested to give semimonthly spiritual conferences, unless the religious superior of the house make other arrangements. Twice each month you will prepare and preach a twenty-minute conference on some phase of religious life. It will be best if it can be arranged that such conferences be given before the weekly confessions are heard.

This appointment as a confessor of men and women religious in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul is valid for the term of office ending August 31, 1967.

Given at the Archdiocesan Chancery in St. Paul, on the 31st day of August

1964.

✠ LEO BINZ
Archbishop of Saint Paul

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EXTRAORDINARY CONFESSOR

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for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Guardian Angels Convent, Hastings

who live in _____

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ST. JOHN'S ABBEY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

October 26, 1964

Dear Father Robert,

Thank you for your letter of the 24th, and for the check of \$1040 which you enclosed to cover the list of Mass intentions: High Masses, Low Masses with a three dollar stipend, Low Masses with a two dollar stipend, and Low Masses with a dollar stipend. All are welcome - we were getting a bit low -- and all will be taken care of promptly.

Father Roderic seems to be feeling much better; he is more cheerful, comes to lunch in the afternoon and mixes well, though the first days he was very shy and apparently self-conscious. He keeps his cane with him but doesn't seem to need it too much. After your recent visit here, Father Abbot mentioned that you had been appointed Administrator so as to care for the finances, and he indicated that this had been approved by the Chancery. I asked Father Abbot then if this was an appointment only as financial Administrator, or if it was a full Administrator, the Vicarius Oeconomus of which the Code speaks. He wasn't sure just what the Chancery had approved and suggested I mention it to you. The point is that if you are the full Administrator, you have full jurisdiction; if only a financial administrator, the jurisdiction for marriages would not be included, and there could be problems unless already as an assistant you had had general delegation for all marriages. I assume you are the Vicarius Oeconomus, but thought it best to mention the point. It must be nice to work with the people with the changes coming; I can only try to fire up the students. With every good wish, and also a memento,

Faternally yours,

My typing is really bad this morning; sorry.

*F. Thomas: Will you check my appointment
and let me know. Also what is my salary.
F. Robert*

November 2, 1964

The Rt. Rev. Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota

John

Dear Father Abbot:

I am writing concerning the personnel at Saint Boniface Parish in Hastings, Minnesota in view of the unfortunate illness of Father Roderic.

First of all, what is your wish with regard to the status of Father Roderic. Is it your intention that he remain on in the canonical office of pastor?

Secondly, as regards Father Robert, what type of authority do you wish him to have? The Archbishop will be happy to appoint Father Robert to whatever office you see fit to present him for. If Father Roderic remains pastor, Father Robert could not be a Vicarius Oeconomicus, but could be a Vicarius Ajuor. If Father Roderic is relieved of the pastorate, Father Robert could then be named a Vicarius Oeconomicus.

In the meantime, Father Roderick has general delegation, by his ordinary faculties, to witness marriages in the parish. (I mention this since Father John, in writing to Father Robert, expressed some concern about this point.)

With kind personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Msgr. Richard P. Moudry
Chancellor



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

November 3, 1964

Very Reverend Msgr. Richard P. Moudry, Chancellor
The Chancery
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Monsignor,

I am grateful to you for your letter of yesterday in reference to St. Boniface Parish at Hastings. I had not written earlier because I was hoping that it would soon be clear whether there was the possibility that Father Roderic would be able to resume his duties.

In these last days he has improved rather remarkably, though it is not yet certain that this improvement will be permanent. Father has an appointment with the doctor next week and perhaps the doctors will be able to give a clearer picture at that time.

For the present, therefore, I would like to have Father Roderic remain on in the canonical office of pastor of Saint Boniface's in Hastings.

In order that Father Robert have the necessary power to take care of the needs of the parish in the meantime, I would be grateful if His Excellency would appoint Father as the Vicarius Adiutor. I am confident that Father Robert will do well in this position and that the parish will not suffer. We are sending help to him for the weekends and other special occasions, and he assured me on his recent visit that the work was not too heavy for him.

If it becomes clear that Father Roderic will not be able to return to active duty in the parish, I will write to you, or to His Excellency, if he has returned from the Council by that time.

With every good wish, and also a prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Abbot

BD: je

Reverend Robert Blumeyer, O.S.B
Church of St. Boniface
520 Ramsey Street
Hastings, Minnesota

Dear Father Robert,

Here is a copy of the letter of your appointment as
Vicarious Adjutor.

The salary is that of a pastor, since you have the
same job, virtually.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

November 4, 1964

Very Rev. Msgr. Richard P. Moudry
Chancellor

The Rt. Rev. Baldwin Dworechak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota

Dear Father Abbot:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 3, 1964, in which you present the name of Father Robert Blumeyer for appointment as vicarious adjutor for the parish of St. Boniface in Hastings, Minnesota.

I hereby designate Father Robert Blumeyer as vicarious adjutor in accordance with Canon 475 of the Code of Canon Law. As vicarious adjutor he will enjoy full powers of administration of the spiritual and temporal affairs of St. Boniface parish, Hastings.

It seems proper to indicate specifically that as vicarious adjutor Father Robert will not have the obligation of the *missa pro populo*.

It is our understanding that if Father Roderic regains his health and is able to return to St. Boniface parish, you will inform our office.

There is no intention to make any official publication of Father Robert's appointment in the Catholic Bulletin or elsewhere.

I am grateful for your kind assistance in the appointment of Father Robert. I am in hopes that Father Roderic will continue to improve and will be well again.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

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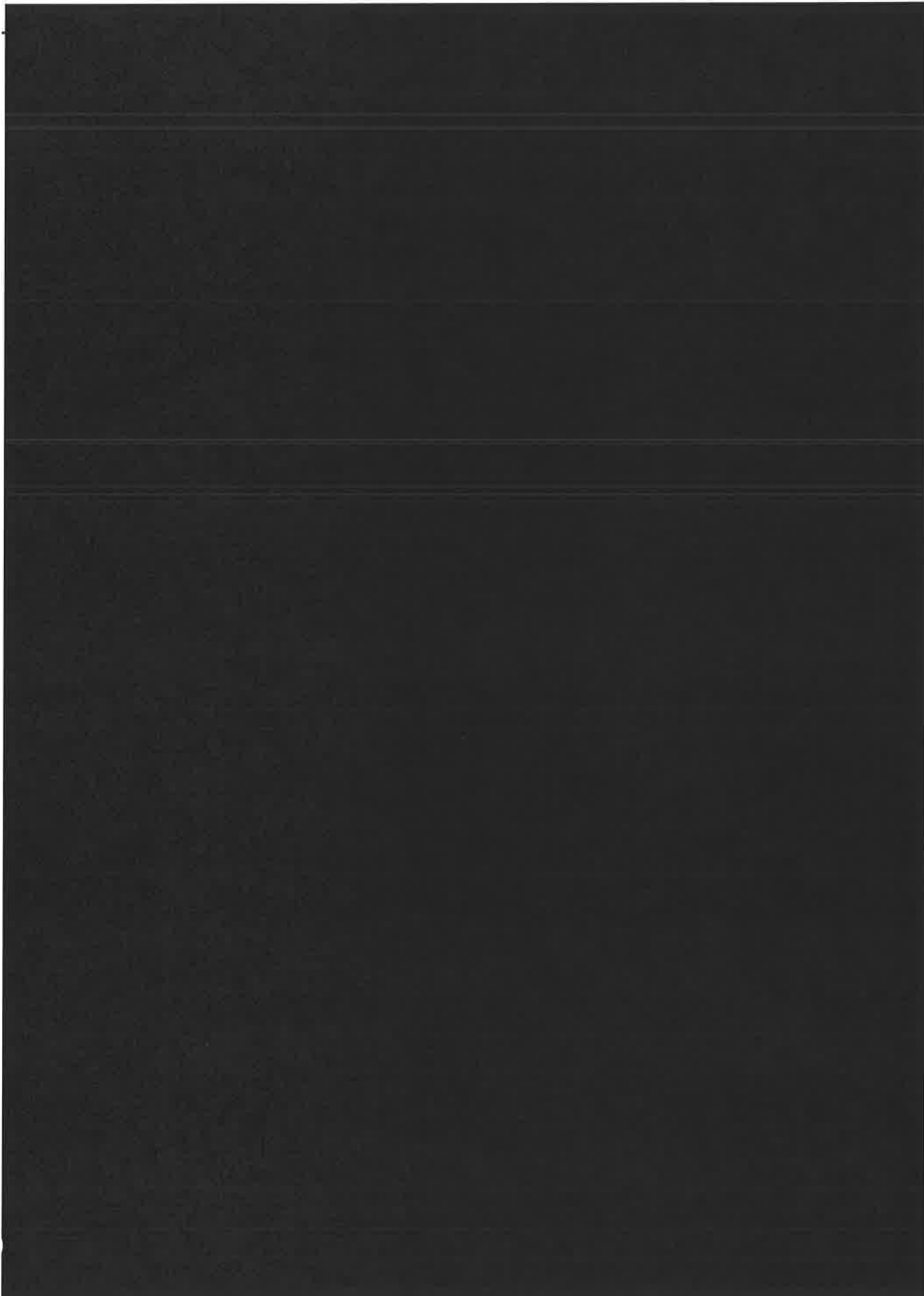
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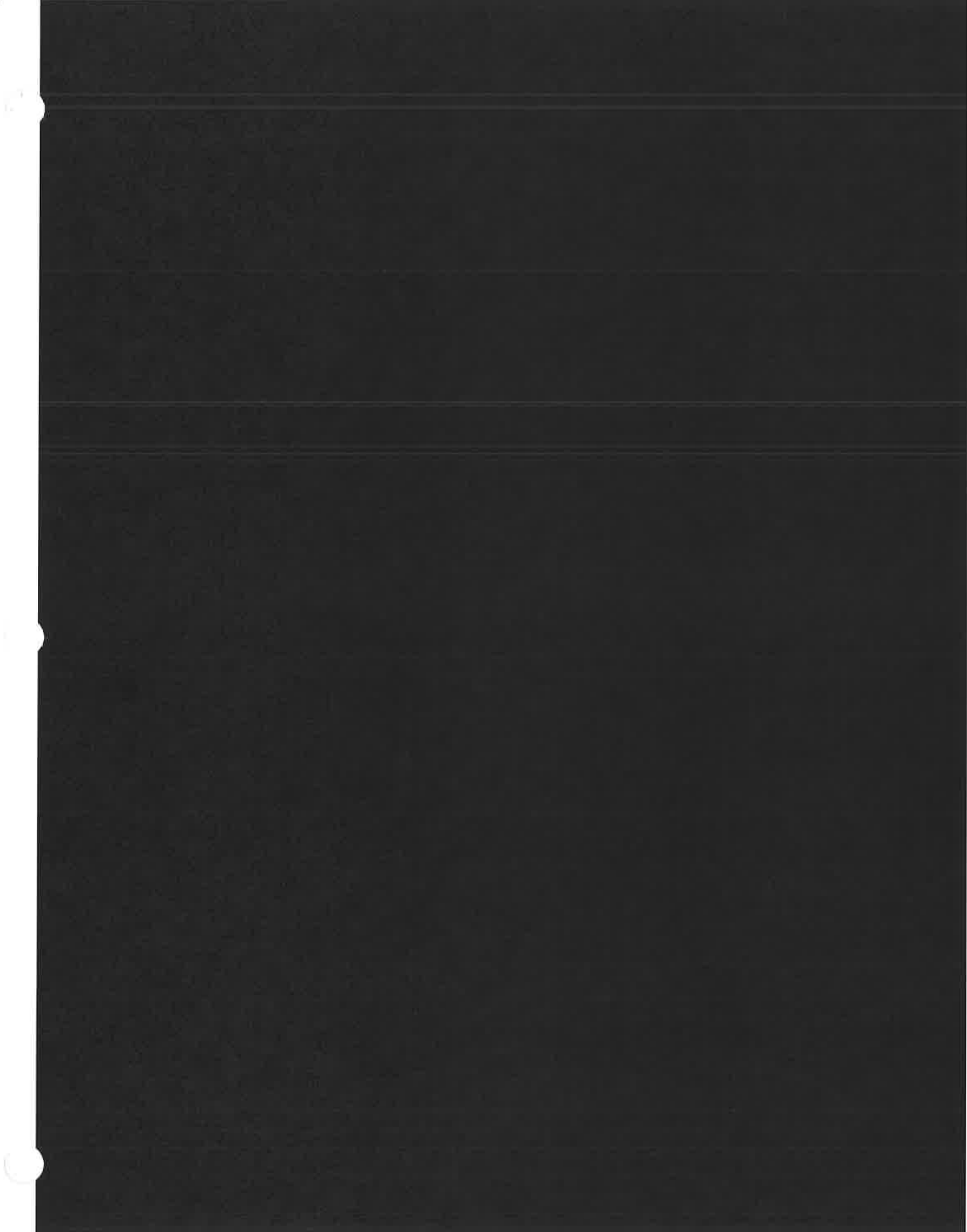
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Sincerely yours in Christ,

November 4, 1964

Very Rev. Msgr. Richard P. Moudry
Chancellor







SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY · COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

March 25, 1965

Most Reverend Leo Binz, D.D.
Archdiocese of St. Paul
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Most Reverend and dear Archbishop,

On my return from the blessing of the new abbot of St. Martin's Abbey I found on my desk the letter of March 19 from Monsignor Moudry in reference to the chaplaincy at the Cenacle Retreat House in Wayzata, where Father Francis Studer, O.S.B., has been substituting for Father Harold Fuchs, O.S.B., since the early part of this year because of the illness of the latter.

I have not written to Your Excellency before this because I was hopeful that Father Harold would be able to return to the chaplaincy, or that it would be possible for me to present someone to replace him definitely. I do not believe that Father Harold will be able to return to the Cenacle, and I do not have anyone available now for a definite appointment. It may be several months before I can present someone for such a definite appointment. May I, therefore, present Father Francis Studer, O.S.B., for the appointment as chaplain at the Cenacle Retreat House in Wayzata for an indefinite period, and request for him the grant of the faculties of the Archdiocese. I am happy to recommend Father Francis Studer for this appointment, for he is a good monk and priest and will do the work conscientiously.

Father Roderic Albers, O.S.B., has now been back at St. Boniface parish in Hastings for a sufficiently long time to justify the hope that he will be able to continue as pastor. During his illness Your Excellency very kindly appointed Father Robert Blumeyer as Vicarius Adjutor, until such time as Father Roderic would be able to take over active duty again or a new pastor would be appointed. Since Father Roderic is now able to do the work as pastor, I believe that Father Robert's appointment as Vicarius Adjutor has expired.

I am grateful to Monsignor Moudry for his letter of the 19th, and to Your Excellency for the kind consideration shown when members of the community have been ill.

With sentiments of sincere esteem and every good wish, I am

Sincerely and respectfully,

Abbot

BD: je



SANT JOHN'S ABBEY · COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA.
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

June 25, 1969

Most Reverend Leo C. Byrne, D.D.
225 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Your Excellency,

After taking into consideration the recommendations of the Personnel Committee here at the abbey, I would like to submit for your approval the following appointments in the Archdiocese of St. Paul - Minneapolis:

Reverend Boniface Arting, O.S.B. as pastor of St. Boniface Parish, Minneapolis, Minnesota, effective July 1, 1969. Father Pirmin Wandt, former pastor, will remain and will assist Father Boniface in the parochial work.

Reverend Vernon Miller, O.S.B., as pastor of St. Bernard's Parish, St. Paul, Minnesota, effective July 1, 1969. Father Vernon was ordained June 5, 1948, and was formerly the principal of St. Boniface High School, Cold Spring, Minnesota.

Father Terence Carroll, O.S.B. as assistant pastor at St. Boniface Parish, Hastings, Minnesota, effective July 1, 1969. Father Terence was formerly pastor of St. Anselm's Parish, New York City.

Bernard Robert Bismeyer, O.S.B. as assistant pastor at St. Bartholomew's Parish, Wauzata, Minnesota, effective July 1, 1969. Father Robert was formerly assistant at Hastings, Minnesota and St. Benedict's Parish, New York City.

I can vouch for the fact that each one I am presenting is capable and responsible and at the same time willing to accept the appointment being given him. I will be happy if you will extend the faculties of the archdiocese to Fathers Vernon, Terence and Robert, and if you will approve the appointments of all I am presenting.

I am sorry that I have not yet resolved the problem at Holy Name Parish, Madia, where the parishioners, perhaps one-half of them, would like a change of pastor. The present pastor, Reverend Emmanuel Kolsch, had a heart attack this winter, and the parishioners would like a more vigorous pastor appointed.

Respectfully yours,

Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B., abbot

Most Reverend Leo C. Byrne, D.D.
Coadjutor Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Cordially and sincerely yours,

I remain

I take this occasion to express my warm good wishes to you and

matter as Holy Name Parish in Medina.

I shall await to hear from you about how you may solve the other

in this arrangement, and I presume that there will be no change there.

I note that the thoughts you had about Hastings were not included

receiving of the faculties.

the last three men to come to our Chancery office for the official

recognition, but in keeping with our usual practice, I would ask

and Father Robert, O.S.B. I extend to them the faculties of the

Boniface, O.S.B., Father Vernon, O.S.B., Father Terence, O.S.B.,

I accept and approve the changes you have suggested for Father

Thank you very much for your letter of June 25.

Dear Father Abbot

Collegeville, Minnesota 56221

St. John's Abbey

Abbot

Rev. Fr. Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.

June 27, 1969



No
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St. Cloud

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I, Robert Blumeyer OSB with firm faith, believe and profess all and everything that is contained in the Symbol of Faith, that is:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. And of his kingdom there will be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets.

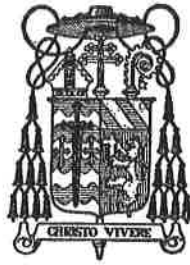
And one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

I firmly embrace and accept all and everything which has been either defined by the Church's solemn deliberation or affirmed and declared by its ordinary magisterium concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, accordingly as they are proposed by it, especially those things dealing with the mystery of the Holy Church of Christ, its sacraments and the sacrifice of the Mass, and the primacy of the Roman Pontiff,

Robert A. Blumeyer OSB
Signature

George J. Freeman
Signature of Witness

Given at St. Paul on this, the 20
of Aug, 1969.



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**By the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis**

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who live in St. Therese Home, 8000 Bass Lake Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Given at the Archdiocesan Chancery in St. Paul, on the 22nd day of August
1969.

✠ LEO BINZ
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Chancellor



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

December 29, 1971

Most Reverend Leo C. Byrne, D.D.
The Chancery Office
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Most Reverend and dear Archbishop,

This is a follow-up of my telephone call earlier this morning in reference to the changes which I find it necessary to make among the priests of the abbey working in the Archdiocese. I appreciate very much your approval of the changes which I proposed, as follows:

1) Father Ambrose Wittmann, O.S.B., to retire from his work as Chaplain at the Cenacle Retreat House in Wayzata, because of age and ill health.

2) Father Lancelot Atsch, O.S.B., as a temporary replacement for Father Ambrose at the Cenacle Retreat House until the summer, when other changes among our men working in different Dioceses will be made. I believe this should be only a temporary appointment both because Father Lancelot is capable of doing more work than is required at the Cenacle and because the Sisters are studying their need for a resident chaplain.

3) Father Philibert Harrer, O.S.B., asked to be relieved of his duties as pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church in Wayzata; I judged that his request should be granted. He will transfer to the Diocese of Crookston to become pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Moorhead. *not*

4) Father Robert Blumeyer, O.S.B., presently assistant at St. Bartholomew's in Wayzata, to become pastor of St. Bartholomew's. Father Robert was born in 1922 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1956. He has been assistant at St. Bartholomew's since 1969; before that he had served as assistant at several parishes, including St. Augustine's in St. Cloud, and St. Benedict's in New York City. Father Philibert judged him capable of serving as pastor of St. Bartholomew's, and I came to the same conclusion after discussing this with our Personnel Director and others of the staff. I am confident that he will cooperate fully with the programs of the Archdiocese, and I shall ask him to contact you for the grant of the faculties and any instructions you may wish to give him.

5) Father James Kelly, O.S.B., presently unassigned, to become assistant pastor at St. Bartholomew's in Wayzata. Father James was born in 1915, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1942. He has previously served in the Archdiocese as pastor in Stillwater, but was removed in 1968 at your request for reasons which are known to me. In late August of this year he was taken, at my request, to Hazelden Treatment Center for alcoholism. After two months there, he was released, and the authorities at the Hazelden Treatment Center felt that he had obtained a good insight into his problems and could be given a new assignment, provided that he keep in contact with the AA's. He asked for permission to live at St. Bartholomew's, without faculties; since this was agreeable to the pastor, I gave the permission, sending the pastor a check from here so that the parish would not be burdened with the cost of his room and board. I have spoken with Father James several times since his release from Hazelden, and it appears to me that he has

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Most Reverend Leo C. Byrne

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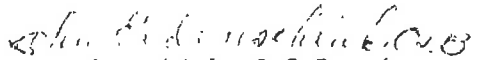
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made and is making a good adjustment; that was the judgment also of Father Philibert and Father Robert, and both felt that he would do well as assistant at St. Bartholomew's, since he is eager to return to pastoral work. He is appreciative of the confidence in him that this appointment shows, and I am hopeful that he will respond fully to that confidence. As indicated over the telephone, I will tell Father James that, should there be any recurrence of that which caused his removal from Stillwater, he will be removed without delay from St. Bartholomew's. I will also ask him to contact you for the grant of the faculties and any instructions you may wish to give him.

It would be most convenient for all concerned if these appointments were made effective as of the 5th of January, 1972.

Trusting that these changes will be for the good of all concerned, especially the people of the parish of St. Bartholomew, and looking forward to seeing you on the 1st of January, I am, with every good wish for the New Year,

Sincerely and respectfully,


John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
Abbot

December 30, 1971

Reverend Robert Blumeyer, OSB
Church of St. Bartholomew
636 E. Wayzata Boulevard
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

Dear Father Robert,

Archbishop Byrne has received notice of your presentation for appointment as pastor of the Church of St. Bartholomew in Wayzata, and the Archbishop has asked me to commend his approval of your presentation and of your pastor assignment to that parish.

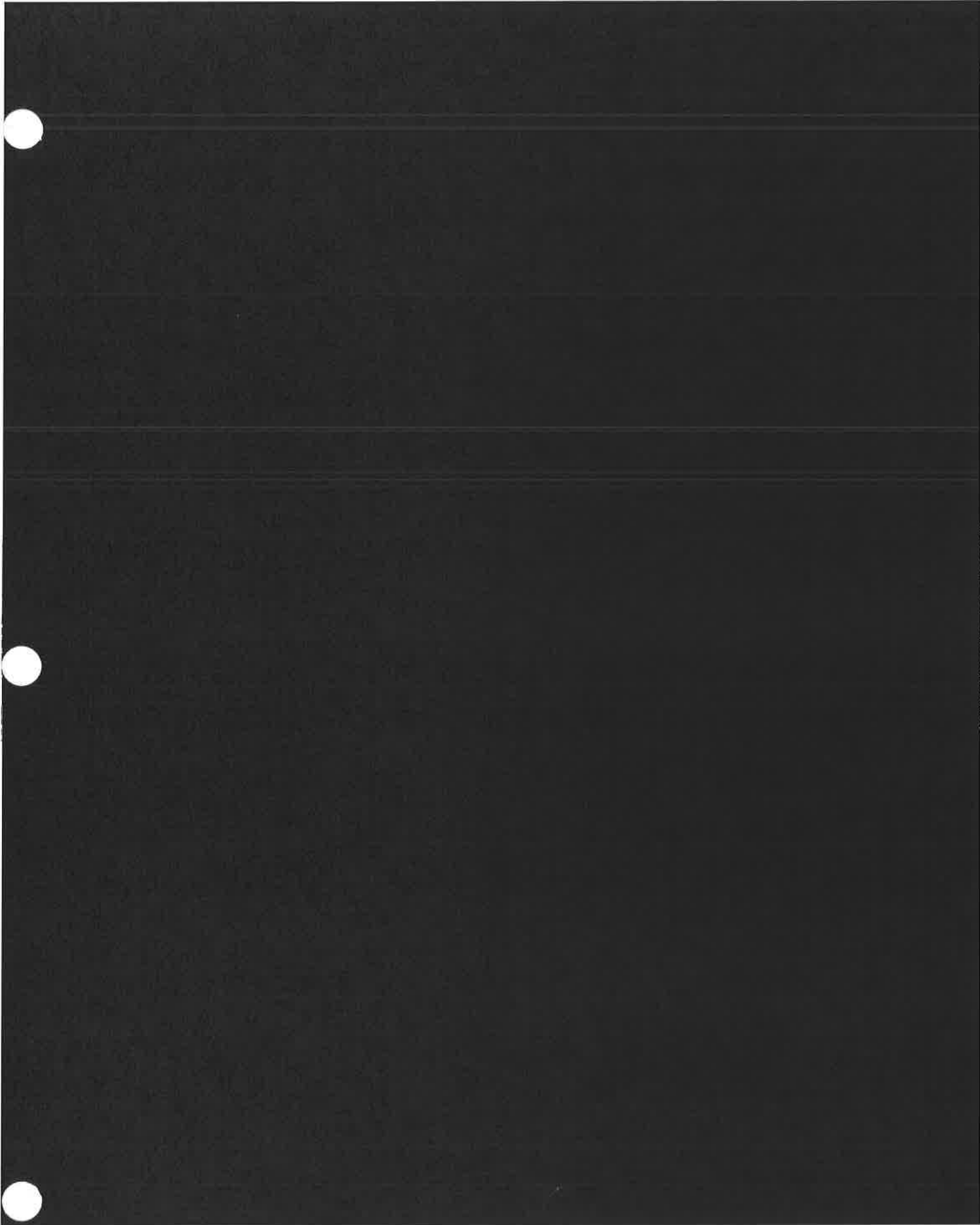
Since you already of the faculties of the Archdiocese we are only enclosing a formula of the Profession of Faith which any priest of the Archdiocese may witness, and when you have completed it would you kindly return it to me at the Chancery.

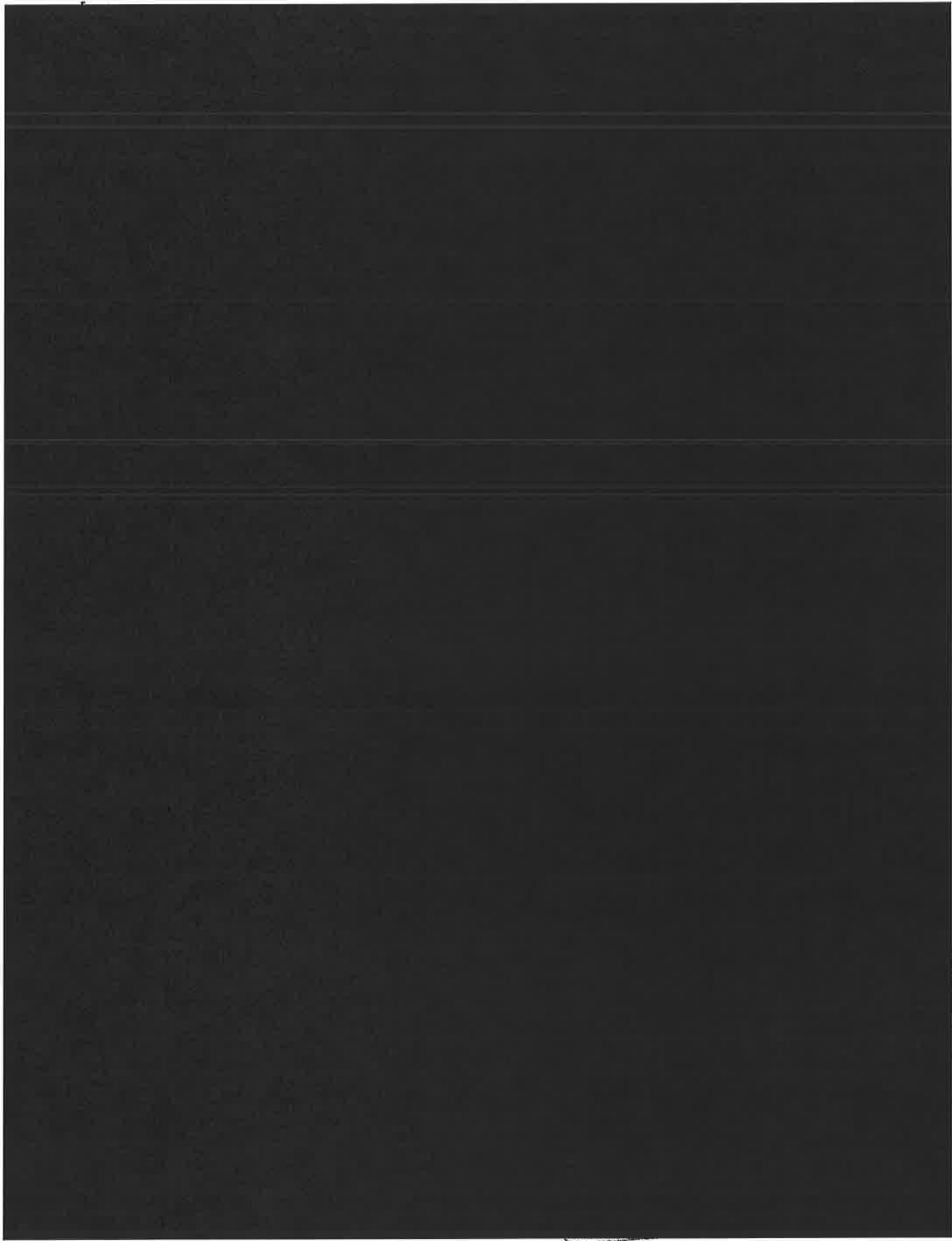
We are grateful for your work at St. Bartholomew, since your coming in 1969, and we are delighted to have you among our pastors.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor





December 30, 1971

Abbot John Eldenschink, OSB
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Dear Abbot John,

Archbishop Byrne has given me your letter of December 29 and I have written to each of the priests involved in the transfers to let them know that the Archbishop has received the presentation of these assignments and certainly has approved all of them. I am enclosing copies of the letters which we have sent to Father Lancelot, Father James and Father Robert.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

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Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I, ROBERT D. BLUMMEYER, OSB with firm faith, believe and profess all and everything that is contained in the Symbol of Faith, that is:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. And of his kingdom there will be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets.

And one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

I firmly embrace and accept all and everything which has been either defined by the Church's solemn deliberation or affirmed and declared by its ordinary magisterium concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, accordingly as they are proposed by it, especially those things dealing with the mystery of the Holy Church of Christ, its sacraments and the sacrifice of the Mass, and the primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

Robert D. Blumme, OSB
Signature

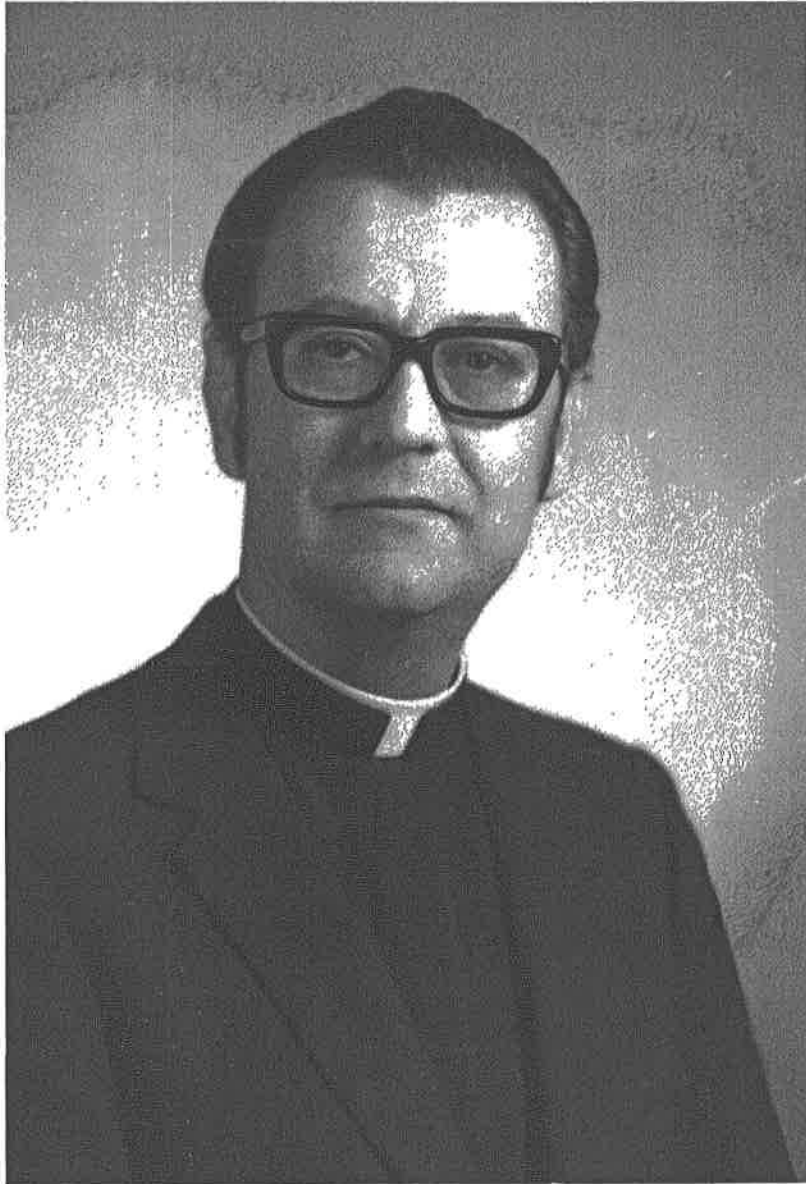
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Signature of Witness

Given at St. Therese Church on this, the 19th
of January, 1972.

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June 15, 1973

The Rt. Rev. John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
Abbot
Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Dear Father Abbot:

Archbishop Byrne has given me your letter of June 8 concerning personnel changes in the Archdiocese, along with his response of June 12 to you.

With this letter, Father Abbot, I would ask that you request those men coming into the Archdiocese to visit the Chancery at their earliest convenience to receive the faculties.

For the record, I note the following changes:

- ✓ Father Robert Blumeyer, O.S.B., Pastor of St. Boniface, Hastings;
- ✓ Father Francis Studer, O.S.B., Associate Pastor, St. Boniface, Hastings.

These men will replace Father Harold Fuchs, O.S.B., and Father Julius Muggli, O.S.B.

- ✓ Father Gregory Soukup, O.S.B., Pastor, St. Bartholomew, Wayzata;
- ✓ Father Don Tauscher, O.S.B., Associate Pastor, St. Bartholomew, Wayzata;
- ✓ Father Mathias Spier, O.S.B., Pastor of the Church of the Holy Name, Wayzata;
- ✓ Father Cosmas Dahlheimer, O.S.B., Associate Pastor, St. Bernard, St. Paul;
- ✓ Father Mel Taylor, O.S.B., Associate Pastor, St. Bernard, St. Paul.

Father Taylor will replace Father Cyprian Weaver.

- ✓ Father Harold Fuchs, O.S.B., Chaplain of St. Therese Home, to replace Father
- ✓ Lancelot Atsch.

Thank you for the information that you have supplied. I note these appointments will take effect June 19. They will be published in the Catholic Bulletin of June 22.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. John F. Kinney
Chancellor

*Approved
checked O.S.B.
Kinney*

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Signature


Signature of Witness

Given at St. Paul on this, the 9TH
of July, 1973.

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

HAZELWOOD

R 3 NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA 55057

June 2nd, 1976

His Excellency Archbishop John Roach
226 Summit Avenue
St Paul, Minnesota, 55102

Your Excellency:

On May 19th, 1976, [redacted] of Hastings, Minnesota, in company with her two sisters in law came to Hazelwood to consult me about a very painful matter. The [redacted] home [redacted] Church of St Boniface in Hastings of which Father Robert Blumeyer has been pastor for some eight or nine years. The [redacted] have a son of [redacted] years who is [redacted]

On Tuesday, May 11th Father Robert (as most people call him) invited this boy named [redacted] to go to Minneapolis with him for an Italian Dinner. [redacted] left home at about six P.M. and did not return until 2:30 the next morning.

During the forenoon of same morning [redacted] was talking with an older sister there at home and called Father Robert a son of a bitch. The mother happened to be in the next room and came storming out and berated her son for speaking in this way about a priest. He then told her all that happened the night before. At the restaurant they had had several beers and very leisurely enjoyed a very elaborate Italian dinner and gradually the time passed so that when they got back to the rectory in Hastings it was between 12:30 and 1:00 A.M.. Father urged [redacted] to come in and they went into Father's quarters. They visited and gradually the conversation drifted to the subject of a message, and Father suggested to [redacted] that he give him a message.

He finally persuaded [redacted] to remove his clothes and after a lot of rubbing etc it ended up in sexual excitement. The priest began to manipulate [redacted] penis which became extremely aroused and ended in pollution. [redacted] said that [redacted] got back home at 2:30 A.M.

When [redacted] came to see me on May 19th, she said that [redacted] felt so revolted, ashamed and hateful that he left home and went to stay with a married sister in [redacted]. All three ladies who came to tell me of this vouched for [redacted] veracity. I urged the mother to talk with [redacted] and tell him to come to see me and I would help him through this sad affair and help him make a good confession, and regain his peace of mind.

Finally, yesterday, on June 1st, [redacted] and his mother came to Hazelwood. I had a good, open conversation in detail with [redacted] alone. He admitted that after this happened he was so confused, so ashamed and disgusted with everything that he quit school, didn't bother to look for a job, began to bum around with a couple of

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no good acquaintances in St Paul and began to drink. Finally he said he returned home and accepted his mother's plea to come to see me and try to get it off his chest. I spoke with [redacted] freely and in detail and he answered frankly and openly about the whole thing. He told me all that had happened and his statements verified in every part what his mother had reported to me on the 19th.

[redacted] said that he was not drunk from the beer he drank at the restaurant but as he knew the priest so well he trusted him entirely, and so did not think of refusing to go into the rectory though the hour was already so late not even suspect what the priest had in mind when he persuaded him to let him give [redacted] a message, until he was aroused to the point of no return. He said that he crushed and beat in putting his clothes back on, and left the rectory burning with surprise, shame and disgust.

Personally, I am satisfied after sharp questioning that as far as [redacted] is concerned, the priest's actions were entirely unexpected and unforeseen until it was too late to resist.

I cannot help feel that this priest deliberately planned this whole thing and took advantage of this rather [redacted] boy.

Yesterday, before leaving me, [redacted] assured me that he would return to school [redacted] and I urged him not to be stamped with the name of a [redacted]. He will begin working with his father, who has a small [redacted] in Hastings. He will continue to live at home but go to Mass at some other parish till that priest is gone. Before leaving we made a visit to the church and [redacted] went to confession.

Your Excellency, I felt it to be a grave obligation on my part to report all this to you and to Father Robert's Superior.

Yours sincerely in the Hungers
of the Eucharistic Heart of Christ.

Msgr Arthur H. Durand



June 4, 1976

Right Reverend John Eidenschink, OSB
Abbot and Chancellor
Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Dear Father Abbot,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I received from Monsignor Arthur Durand, Pastor of the Church of the Annunciation at Hazelwood. Father Durand and I have some problems, ideologically, but I have absolutely no reason to doubt his credibility.

It seems to me that Father Robert really needs some help if the situation as outlined in that letter is true. I would be pleased to be of whatever assistance I can. In fact, I have a very high regard for Father Robert and his work.

These things are painful and I can only hope that things will go well for Father Robert.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Enc.

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

June 4, 1976

The Reverend Monsignor Arthur H. Durand
Church of the Annunciation
RFD 3
Northfield, Minnesota 55057

Dear Monsignor Durand,

Thank you very much for your letter of June 2. As with you, I am deeply saddened by what you have reported. I cannot tell you, however, how much I appreciate your informing me of this and, even more, of the pastoral care which you have given to this young man. You have given him good advice and I am satisfied that you may very well have healed the trauma which could have destroyed this young man.

Monsignor, I am not quite sure from your letter whether or not you have written to Abbot John Eidenschink about this. I know that you will give me permission to do that and it seems to me to be essential that Father Robert receive some treatment. It would be a shame to allow him to destroy himself.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

mailed by plane



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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

June 11, 1976

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
The Chancery Office
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Archbishop Roach,

Although I was saddened by it, I am grateful for your letter of the 4th of June, with which you sent along a copy of a letter you had received from Monsignor Arthur Duran^d of Hazelwood in reference to Father Robert Blumeyer. I regret the delay in replying, but we began our community retreat last Sunday evening to Wednesday evening; throughout yesterday we had a series of community discussions, ending with a lengthy chapter meeting last evening.

I did manage to speak with Father Robert twice on Monday and Tuesday and asked him to see me again yesterday, but he did not do so. This morning he returned to Hastings early, leaving word for me that he would call me on Monday, the 14th, and come up then if I wished him to do so. I would go down to Hastings to see him tomorrow, but I must leave for Mexico City in about a half hour; I will return Sunday night.

Father Robert has denied the charges made against him, but I regret to say that I cannot accept his denial. My present plan is to tell him on Monday that I am removing him from Hastings without delay; if he is willing to accept professional help, I may ask Bishop Speltz to assign him to one of our parishes in this diocese. This will mean some changes in the appointments which I proposed and which you have kindly approved. I am thinking of possibly leaving Father Florian at Stillwater, since the parish is rather upset about his leaving, and of presenting Father Virgil O'Neill as pastor of Hastings. But I will be in touch with you as soon as possible after I have spoken again with Father Robert on Monday. I appreciate your concern for Father Robert and the kindness of your letter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
Abbot

June 30, 1976

**The Right Reverend John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
Abbot
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I told him that I am prepared to accept whatever recommendation that you make. If you feel that Father Robert is correct in his assessment of what happened, and that he ought to remain at Hastings, I would approve that with no hesitation.

I think it is important that he understand the problem if these people should go public. He says he does understand that and has weighed that fact. He is satisfied that they will not go public, but is prepared to have them do so and feels that his own reputation will be sufficient to handle the problem.

The only other thing that I indicated to him was that if this should become public, and if there appears to be some scandal, I would feel that we would have to review the issue at that time.

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With every good wish, I am

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Abbot

cc: Father Robert Blumeyer, O.S.B.



*cc. Fr. Kerney
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July 20, 1976

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So far as I am concerned, I am going to assume that Father Robert has been effective in that parish and unless there is some further reason to question that that the issue now rests.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue
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Office of the Archbishop

July 20, 1976

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Saint John's Abbey
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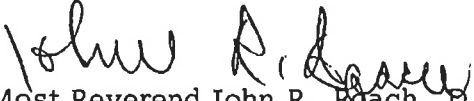
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December 12, 1977

Reverend Robert D. Blumeyer, O.S.B.
Church of Saint Boniface
520 Ramsey Street
Hastings, Minnesota 55033

Dear Father Robert,

With this letter I designate you as Administrator (Vicarius Oeconomus) of the Church of the Guardian Angels, Hastings, in accordance with Canon 475 of the Code of Canon Law.

This appointment will be effective at 12:00 noon on December 15, 1977.

This appointment will not be published in The Catholic Bulletin.

One of the specific responsibilities that you will have as Administrator will be to offer the "Mass of the People" on that designated days.

Finally, Father Robert, in naming you Administrator, I want to thank you for taking on this added responsibility. We appreciate your generosity.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John F. Kinney
Auxiliary Bishop
Chancellor

JFK:af

cc: Abbot John Eidenschink
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Robert Blumeyer

15 December 1977

The Most Reverend John F. Kinney
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
The Chancery
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Bishop Kinney:

This morning I received your letter of December 12th along with a copy of your letter, of the same date, to Father Robert Blumeyer, O.S.B., appointing him as Administrator of the Church of the Guardian Angels in Hastings, effective December 15th. I note that the appointment will not be published in The Catholic Bulletin, and that your letter does not set a time limit. I understand this in view of our telephone conversation, and I am happy that I was able to approve of this appointment on a temporary basis. I am confident that Father Robert will do well.

With kindest personal regards, and every best wish for a blessed and joyful Christmas, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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JE/ev

26 May 1978

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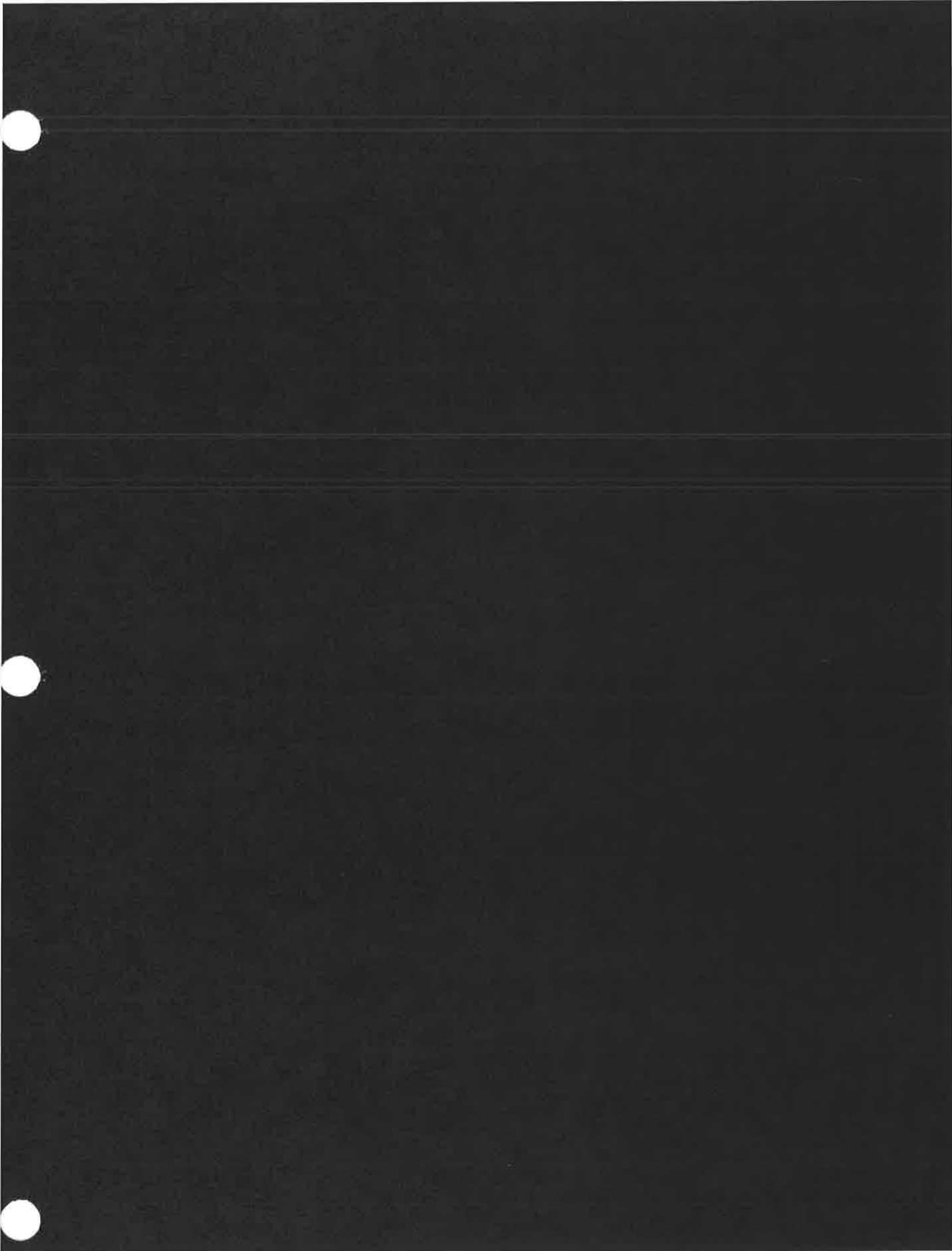
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7-30-97

I am writing this letter not knowing the outcome. I am uncertain and afraid. Like I have been for so many years, I had an alcoholic father. And I think when I first met Father Roberts, that I had found a father figure. He would listen to my problems and try to help. I trusted him. He would take me out to eat and around town to meet other people. One night he took me and a friend to this radio station and they put us on the air for a call in talk show. It was for parents to call in and ask what they should do with their kids. To see if they had drug problems, or just how to relate to them. And then after the show, he brought us to a Sauna to relax. That's when I found another side to Father Roberts. He just put his hand on my thigh and just said relax. Not much happened that night, I think because there were two of us.

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I was into pot and X.50. at this time in my life and I owed the drug dealer some money

so I turned to Father Roberts for help. That day when I went to see him and told him my problems, he asked if he could take some pictures of me. He showed me some pictures of naked boys and asked if I would pose nude. So I took of my clothes and he took ~~some~~ pictures. When he was done he told me to get dressed.

And he gave me the money I needed. I thought I was a normal kid at that point in my life I was ~~17~~ 14 years old. I had a girl, was doing OK in school. Since I had an ~~17~~ 14 year old girl that had to work alot to support ~~me~~ so we were on our own alot. The next time I seen Father Roberts I needed money again. So he asked me to get undressed again. And I did. But he wanted to do more than take pictures. He started teaching me on my private parts. And he did things to me that I now were wrong. But I trusted him not to hurt me. And I wanted the money.

From that point on I knew what he wanted and I knew what I had to do to get money from him. I started doing alot of drugs and Alcohol then. It made it easier for me if I was high. My grades dropped off. So I quit school at [redacted] and ran away and hitchhiked to [redacted]. When I was on the road I needed money. I called Father Roberts and he wired me some. I came back home after 4 month. I tried to go back to school. But by then I had no Self Esteem, By then I think I was already an Alcoholic. So I quit school again. And my Mom told me I could live there. But had to support myself if I wasn't going to go to school. So I started selling drugs. But I was using alot. And I always seemed to owe the Drug Dealer. So back to Father Roberts I went. So I would let him preform what ever acts on me that he wanted. Thats when he told me he new another Priest in.

St Louis Park. And asked if I would be willing to pose nude for some pictures for him. So I did. Now I knew how to make money, I started seeking out Older Gay Men. To make money, Places to stay. And there was always free Alcohol. I meet a girl by then at [REDACTED] I tried to have a relationship with this girl. It lasted for awhile. But the whole time I was seeking out Men to take care of my needs. For Rent, Alcohol, Drugs and spending money. I felt so ashamed and guilty that I ended the relationship. And went into my first treatment center in [REDACTED]. By then the town of [REDACTED] either kicked him out of town or he just left. And went to [REDACTED]. And when I needed money, I knew where to go still. Then he left [REDACTED] and went to [REDACTED] Mo. And I followed him up there also. That's when I robbed the safe in the Parish. And he told me that was it. He said he'd call the police if I showed up. So I joined the [REDACTED] also in [REDACTED]. By then I was a full blown alcoholic. The [REDACTED] ~~of~~ only lasted for 1 1/2 months. When I got out of the Army.

I started roaming the streets of Mpls. Doing alot of Drugs and Drinking every day. So I started to hit [REDACTED] where I knew about selling my body to take care of my needs. I could never hold down a job. I tried. But my Drug and Alcohol problem had its hook in me. So in [REDACTED] I went to [REDACTED] Hospital. To go Straight I really wanted to quit running from myself and to stop using. When I got out of Treatment I was sober for the 1st time in 20 yrs. This was in [REDACTED] I stayed sober for 1yr. But while I was sober I joined [REDACTED]. It was an Out Call service. Now I was a professional Hooker. So I started using again. Just to cope. To try to hide my guilt. I didnt know how to live I still dated girls. But it would never last. I was to ashamed to tell anyone. In [REDACTED] I got a P.W.I and went to a work release program in jail. So when I got a check. I took off To [REDACTED] Hoping for a new beginning.

After about 3 months there I met a nice

girl and started dating. I had a job

and everything seemed O.K. I was still

using and I got drunk and when I woke

I was in bed with a man. Then I realized

I was addicted to some drugs & alcohol

I was addicted to sex. I stayed with the

girl for 7 yrs. But the whole time I would

ask not self satisfaction from Men. Using them.

By now I felt dead inside. I hated myself. I

couldn't control anything. And ever since the days

with Father Roberts until March of

around 1967. I hated him, I couldn't trust

in God or the Church. Then I walked

out in front of a car in March. And

something happened. I believe it was a

divine intervention. I'm still in a lot and

All more than likely have to have more surgery.

But I am sober today. And I pray every

morning to give me strength and to pray every

night. And thank him for keeping me sober today.

I am going to H.A. twice a week and seeing

a counselor once a week or so. I have alot

of deep seated problems. But I believe I'm trying

I've Blamed Father Roberts for a long-
time. And it's time to let it go. I feel
grateful that my life was spared. And that I
get another chance. So I have my Health
my Sobriety and a willingness to believe
in God and that things will get better.
With A.A. and my Drs. and God I Finally
think I have a chance at a Normal productive
life. It's going to be a long hard road. The
Old me would ask for some finacial aid.
But if you would just keep me in your
prayers. That is all I ask.

To My New Beginning



Father McDonough
Chancellor
Archdiocese of St. Paul
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August 18, 1997

Rt. Reverend Timothy Kelly, OSB, Abbot
St. John's Abbey
P. O. Box 2015
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321-2015

Dear Father Abbot,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which, although dated July 30, we have just received at the Chancery. There is no return address and no last name, so I cannot contact the person who wrote.

The author of the letter claims to have been abused and exploited over a number of years by a "Father Roberts". I looked through our records and could find no one of that name in the time period described. I did, however, come across the name of Father Robert Blumeyer. He was in

[REDACTED]
This is the same set of assignments that the attached letter indicates.

I wanted you to be alerted to this story. I do not know if Father Blumeyer is still associated with the Abbey or not. Furthermore, the author of the letter asks to be remembered in prayer, and I want to ask your assistance in that regard. Finally, although he currently indicates no desire for any further, my guess is that we will be contacted again. I wanted you to be apprised of this.

Please let me know if there is anything that you would like me to do in regard to this situation. I wish you blessings in your service to the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

KMM:md

Encl.

cc: Archbishop Flynn
Bill Fallon

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Fr. Robert Blumeyer Obituary

Posted on [October 6, 1983](#)

Topics [Obituary](#), [Robert Blumeyer](#)

Fr. Robert Blumeyer, who entered our community in 1949, died on 5 October. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1956, the centenary year of our early monks' arrival in Minnesota. Shortly thereafter he was assigned to the parochial ministry, a work that he did not exactly anticipate, but which he fell in love with and continued to follow for the next twenty-seven years. He served as an associate or pastor in our parish in Hastings for fourteen years and for briefer periods in Saint Cloud, Wayzata, Avon, and Farming in Minnesota, and in the Bronx in New York. He particularly gained the respect and love of youth and teenagers.

He zealously prepared classes for first Holy Communion and confirmation and preserved the group photographs as cherished remembrances. He was ever filled with enthusiasm for parish life, and the people to whom he ministered found him cheerful and pleasant. He loved music and was a gifted pianist. He used this expertise in promoting congregational singing in the parishes where he ministered.

Afflicted with a serious heart ailment in recent years, he bore his cross with courage and patience until his final moment. He was alert and ready for the coming of the Lord. He regarded Christian life as an exodus, a pilgrimage, a traveling along the road that involves work and alertness. We thank God for Father Robert's life and service among us.

Topics [Obituary](#), [Robert Blumeyer](#)

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October 31, 2005

Abbot John Klassen, OSB
Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321-2015

Dear Father Abbot,

I met on Friday, October 28, with [REDACTED] believe that you have already received a phone call from [REDACTED] about him. Nonetheless, I am writing to provide some more information and to ask your help and guidance in dealing with him.

[REDACTED] years old. He told me that he had been abused by Father Robert, a monk of Saint John's Abbey, while Father Robert was associate pastor at Saint Bartholomew in Wayzata. This initial sexual abuse, which took place when [REDACTED] was about [REDACTED] eventually evolved into a mutually exploitive adult sexual relationship between the two of them that continued until 1979.

The allegation by [REDACTED] included a story that I have heard or read about from other places, but never encountered in the Twin Cities. He indicated that Father Robert got [REDACTED] involved sexually first by showing him a collection of photographs in Father Robert's possession. The photographs were of naked boys and young men. [REDACTED] told me that eventually Father Robert invited [REDACTED] to permit other priests, whose names or assignments he did not know, also to photograph him. Eventually, there was also genital sexual contact involved in [REDACTED] relationship with Father Robert and perhaps with the other, unnamed priests as well.

[REDACTED] told me that the relationship continued after Father Robert left Wayzata and moved to Hastings. He also saw Father Robert when he was in Avon. In fact, [REDACTED] told me that he robbed the safe at Avon as a way to break the relationship, knowing that Father Robert would not denounce him to the police but also hoping that Father Robert would distance himself. He claims that this is what in fact resulted.

I told [REDACTED] that I had never heard this of this particular priest or of there being a ring of priest involved in photographing and perhaps abusing teenagers. I told him that, since Father Robert was a priest of Saint John's, I would have to be in contact with you.

I have authorized the Archdiocese to pay counseling costs for [REDACTED]. He is forwarding some of those to us this week.

Abbot John Klassen, OSB

October 31, 2005

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██████████ told me that had spent a good part of his life using sex to con other people. It is not absolutely certain to me that his allegation is true. It certainly is explosive, and it surprises me that we would never have heard about this before. Nonetheless, I want to take him very seriously and to offer him counseling support.

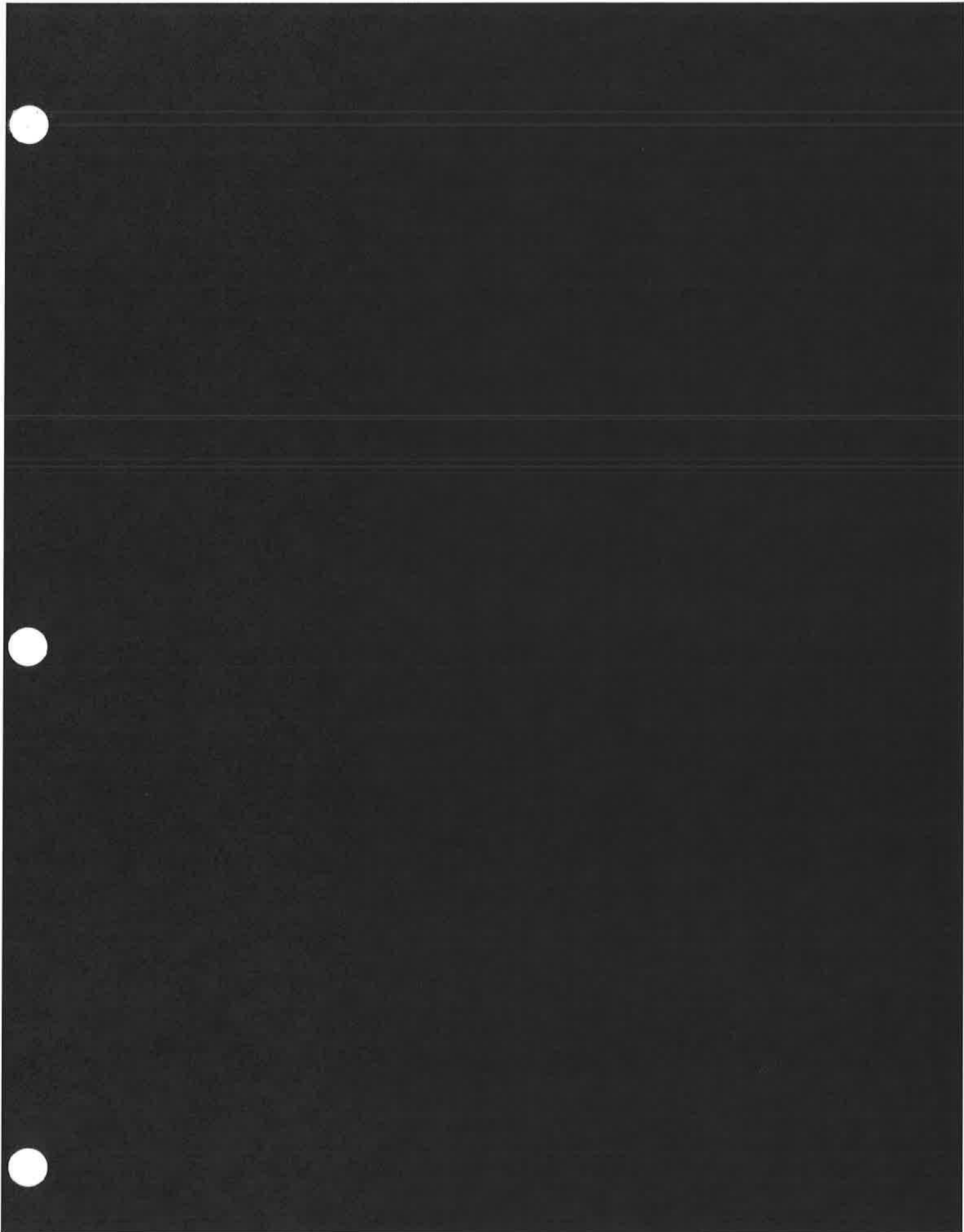
Father Abbot, I would like a chance to review this with you at your convenience. I would like to discuss with you what the next steps might be both in offering pastoral support to ██████████ and in investigating the veracity of his allegation.

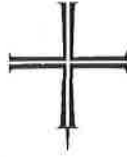
I am sorry to have to bring this kind of matter to you. Nevertheless, I am grateful for the opportunity to work with you again, and wish you well in your service to the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

cc: Archbishop Flynn
✓ Mr. Andrew Eisenzimmer





SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

Office of the Abbot

November 28, 2005

Father Kevin McDonough
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55102-2197

Dear Father Kevin:

Thank you for your letter of October 31, 2005 regarding an allegation of sexual abuse by [REDACTED] wish to briefly summarize what I have done in response to the letter and then pose some questions for future responsive action.

From the data that has been gathered at this time it is very possible that Father Robert Blumeyer, OSB (deceased October 5, 1983) did abuse [REDACTED] over a period of ten years.

I met with [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] (a survivor of sexual abuse who serves on the [REDACTED] External Review Board) on Wednesday, November 16 for about 45 minutes. During this meeting we included by telephone [REDACTED] who as Archdiocesan advocate was the first point of contact with [REDACTED] and the story of his meeting Father Robert Blumeyer and how this relationship became abusive and then exploitative over a period of ten years. Father Robert's photographs of nude boys and young men were claimed to be central to Father Robert's abuse in that Father Robert showed such photographs to [REDACTED] and cajoled [REDACTED] into posing for nude photographs in exchange for money. [REDACTED] mentioned only one priest at the location in either Hopkins or Saint Louis Park who also might have been involved in activity of this sort.

As you say in your letter, [REDACTED] noted that the relationship continued for ten years, from [REDACTED] spanning Father Blumeyer's service at Saint Bartholomew parish in Wayzata (three years as assistant 1969-1972 and one and one-half years as pastor 1972-1973), at Saint Boniface parish in Hastings (pastor 1973-1978), and Saint Benedict parish in Avon (pastor 1978 - 1982).

Some research questions

Could you have someone check the archives of the Archdiocese for material on the nature of the complaint that Archbishop Roach and Abbot John Eidenschink were dealing with at Saint Boniface parish in Hastings in the summer of 1976? I do not have any solid evidence regarding the nature of this complaint.

Could you have someone check the archives of the Archdiocese for the report of Dr. John Regan, which is referred to in the letter from Abbot John to Archbishop Roach, dated July 8, 1976? This report could provide important insights into the understanding of the situation in 1976.

Could you have someone check the archives of the Archdiocese for who was serving as pastor or associate pastor in Hopkins and Saint Louis Park from 1969-1979?

I would like to have an extended conversation with you, either in person or by telephone, to discuss the following issues:

- a. Agree on the payment of psychological counseling and refund for mileage for [REDACTED]
- b. Determine what if any compensation should be paid to him and how best to proceed with a settlement strategy;
- c. Determine the nature and scope of any joint, or separate, investigations of the allegations of [REDACTED] and
 - i. Whether this investigation will include all parishes that Fr. Blumeyer served in or only those parishes mentioned by [REDACTED]
 - ii. Whether the investigation will seek to determine the identity of other parish members that might have claims relating to Fr. Blumeyer;
 - iii. Whether the investigation will include lay members of the parishes as many of the clergy that served with Fr. Blumeyer, as well as Fr. Blumeyer himself, are deceased; and
- d. Determine whether the Archdiocese is willing to participate in a report to law enforcement that the Abbey believes should be made.

We also need to think through a communication plan to the parishes in which Father Blumeyer served: namely, Elizabeth Ann Seton (formerly Saint Boniface), Saint Bartholemew in Wayzata, and Saint Benedict in Avon. Furthermore, this communication plan should be coordinated with any criminal investigation that is done.

I will ask my secretary Brother Kelly Ryan to contact your office to set up either a phone call or a meeting to seek greater clarity on these issues. Thank you for your assistance in dealing with a difficult situation.

Sincerely,



Abbot John Klassen, OSB

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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

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Confidential —

*Father Kevin McDonough
for Judy or Patty*

Memorandum

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS

Andrew J. Eisenzimmer: 651-291-4405; Kathleen Owen: 651- 291-4424

DATE: January 30, 2006
TO: Reverend Kevin McDonough
FROM: Andrew J. Eisenzimmer
SUBJECT:

I spoke with _____, the attorney for Saint John's Abbey about the settlement with _____ They are going to proceed to settle for \$100,000. I reviewed the settlement release, suggested additions to it and they incorporated those in the agreement.

_____ wants to complete the details regarding our contribution to the settlement. The Abbot had suggested 50 percent and you apparently countered with 25 to 33-1/3 percent. They would like to agree at 33-1/3 percent if that would be agreeable.

I told them I'd ask you about that. I have no problem recommending that. I think we have to assume it is our money as I doubt whether any of the insurers will be willing to contribute. I am writing to them asking that they do so, however.

There is also a question about an aspect of your original letter to Abbot Klassen, dated October 31, 2005, I need to ask you about. When you have a moment, please talk to me about that.

I agree. Let's do this.

KMD

1/31/06

2/6/06 talked to

Regeneration about for \$33,000

Agreed \$33,000

we have about \$1,500 in costs

Memorandum

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Andrew J. Eisenzimmer: 651-291-4405; Kathleen Owen: 651- 291-4424

DATE: January 30, 2006
TO: Reverend Kevin McDonough
FROM: Andrew J. Eisenzimmer
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

I spoke with [REDACTED] the attorney for Saint John's Abbey about the settlement with [REDACTED]. They are going to proceed to settle for \$100,000. I reviewed the settlement release, suggested additions to it and they incorporated those in the agreement.

[REDACTED] wants to complete the details regarding our contribution to the settlement. The Abbot had suggested 50 percent and you apparently countered with 25 to 33-1/3 percent. They would like to agree at 33-1/3 percent if that would be agreeable.

I told them I'd ask you about that. I have no problem recommending that. I think we have to assume it is our money as I doubt whether any of the insurers will be willing to contribute. I am writing to them asking that they do so, however.

There is also a question about an aspect of your original letter to Abbot Klassen, dated October 31, 2005, I need to ask you about. When you have a moment, please talk to me about that.

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Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
And Saint John's Abbey
Statement Concerning Abuse Charges
Against Fr. Robert Blumeyer, O.S.B.

In September, 2005, a year-old man informed the Victim Advocate of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis that he was sexually abused as a young man by the late Fr Robert Blumeyer, O.S.B., a priest of the Saint John's monastic community. The report has been deemed credible.

The abuse began in 1969 when the victim was and Fr. Blumeyer was assistant pastor at St. Bartholomew parish in Wayzata and continued for approximately ten years while Fr. Blumeyer served in pastoral roles at Saint Boniface parish in Hastings and Saint Benedict parish in Avon, MN. Fr. Blumeyer died October 5, 1983.

The Archdiocese and Abbey have paid for therapy for the man and he has accepted a financial settlement from Saint John's Abbey and the Archdiocese.

Neither the Archdiocese nor the Abbey knows of other allegations of abuse against Fr. Blumeyer.

In making this statement, Archbishop Harry Flynn and Abbot John Klassen express deep regret and remorse and reaffirm a commitment to assist this victim and other victims in their process of recovery and healing.

The victim advocate for the St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocese is ~~Ms. Phyllis Willerscheidt~~ 651-291-4497

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The victim advocate for Saint John's Abbey is Gary Schoener at the Walk-In Counseling Center: 612 870-0565

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April 3, 2006

Reverend James Perkl
Church of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
2035 W. 15th Street
Hastings, MN 55033-9294

Reverend Michael Reding
Church of Saint Bartholomew
630 Wayzata Blvd. E.
Wayzata, MN 55391-1743

Dear Fathers Perkl and Reding,

Thank you for our recent conversation concerning abuse committed by a now deceased priest and monk of Saint John's, Robert Blumyer, during the 1970s. Permit me to summarize in this letter what I heard. I am providing this to you so you can share it with your leadership if you would like. I am also sending copies of this to Archbishop Flynn and to Abbot John Klassen at Saint John's.

Both of you told me that you had heard, in your conversations with parishioners, nothing about abuse committed by this man. He served as associate pastor of your parishes, and was at each for a fairly short time. There is relatively little memory of him in either parish.

Father Perkl, you indicated that you have had extensive public discussions in your parish about the issue of clergy abuse. In fact, I participated in one which included several hundred members of your parish. At that time, we welcomed not only any complaints about the particular priest we were addressing, but also any other issues that might come forward. There in fact has been nothing. As a result, you would simply like to share the information about Robert Blumyer with your Parish Council or other lay leadership body. While you believe that further publicity in the parish is unnecessary, given the history of very extensive public conversation in the past, you are going to check this out with your lay leadership. If that group thinks differently, you are certainly open to doing some form of public communication in your parish.

Father Reding, your assessment of the situation at Saint Bartholomew is somewhat different. You have also had meetings in the parish concerning child protection and clergy abuse, but none of those meetings was prompted by a specific complaint of abuse. Any discussion about Robert Blumyer would be the first such situation with which you had to deal with in Wayzata. Therefore, you think that a more broad-based

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communication in your parish would be useful. This is reinforced by the fact that Blumyer committed his abuse first while living at your parish. Shortly after Easter, you will take all of this information to your lay leadership group. You will seek from them their thoughts about communication with the parish, and will put together a plan of implementation.

To both of you, I indicated the willingness of Abbot John Klassen and my own willingness to provide written materials, to talk with your leadership group, or to be present for a community meeting or meetings. Please keep us in mind as resource people.

Father Reding, there are many pastors in our Archdiocese (including Father Perkl) who have experience with the kind of broad communication you are considering. If you would like to have some other names from whom to seek advice, please let me know.

Given that we are now so close to Holy Week and Easter, I do not anticipate from either of you that you will be acting on these things before the middle of April. On the other hand, my sense is that we will have done whatever your leadership advises before the summer begins. If I have an incorrect impression, please let me know.

Thank you for your willingness to address these matters straightforwardly. In particular, I appreciate the way both of you want to seek the advice of your parish lay leaders. In the meantime, I wish you a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

cc: Archbishop Flynn
Abbot John Klassen

BishopAccountability.org

Fr. Robert Blumeyer

Abbey: Please Report Abuse

By Frank Lee
St. Cloud Times (Minnesota)
May 25, 2006

St. John's Abbey is asking those who have been victimized by a former St. Cloud pastor to come forward after last year's revelations of sexual abuse in the St. Cloud diocese.

In September, a [redacted] year-old man claimed he was abused by the late Rev. Robert Blumeyer, a priest of the St. John's monastic community who died Oct. 5, 1983.

"The abbot (John Klassen) does not know, at this point, of any other allegations of abuse against Father Blumeyer," said the Rev. William Skudlarek, abbey spokesman.

The abuse began in [redacted] when the victim was [redacted] and Blumeyer was an assistant pastor at [redacted], according to a statement the abbey released.

The abuse continued for almost a decade while Blumeyer served in pastoral roles at parishes in Hastings and Avon, but it wasn't until last year that the victim came forward.

"I guess what's been observed in cases like this is that a victim will come forward when they are ready to come forward," Skudlarek said Wednesday.

Blumeyer also served as assistant pastor at the Church of St. Augustine in St. Cloud from 1965-68 before the Iowa native died of a heart attack at the age of 61.

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis have paid for the victim's therapy. He also accepted a financial settlement from St. John's Abbey and the archdiocese.

"I think his report was deemed credible simply because there was a correlation between the events he gave and the times and places where the father served," Skudlarek said.

"However, it's not to be taken as an admission of some 'dereliction of duty' by the abbey."

Klassen urges those who have been abused or know someone who has been abused to call Gary Schoener, victim advocate for St. John's Abbey, at (612) 870-0565.

"We are providing an opportunity for a victim to go to a neutral place a professional counselor who knows how to listen and respond properly," Skudlarek said.

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis was among the dioceses that did not meet child-protection guidelines, according to an audit by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that was released in March.

Work history

Robert Blumeyer was born June 11, 1922, in Boyden, Iowa, before he was ordained a priest May 19, 1956.

He spent 27 years in pastoral ministry and served at the following parishes before he died of a heart attack Oct. 5, 1983:

- St. Boniface Church, Hastings, 1956-65, assistant pastor.
- St. Augustine Church, St. Cloud, 1965-68, assistant pastor.

- St. Benedict Church, Bronx, N.Y., 1968-69, assistant pastor.
- St. Bartholomew's Church, Wayzata, 1969-72, assistant pastor and pastor, 1972-73.
- St. Boniface Church, Hastings, 1973-78, pastor.
- St. Benedict Church, Avon, 1978-82, pastor.
- St. Catherine Church, Farming, 1982-83, pastor.

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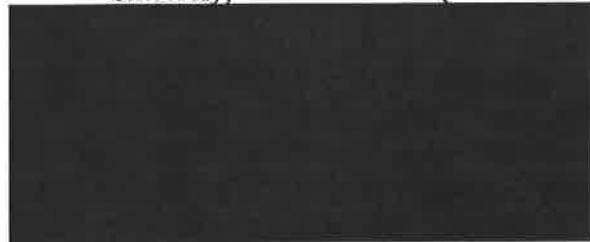
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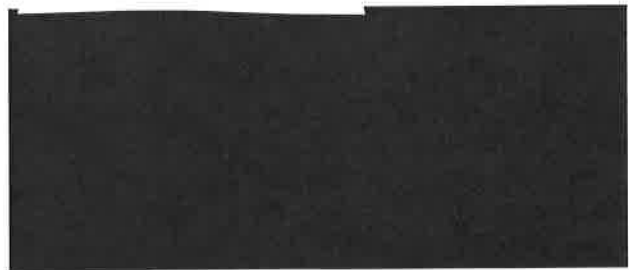
ten minutes he came down to where I was sitting put his hand on my shoulder and I jerked my shoulder away. He asked me are you mad because I touched you? I told him that I want to go home now. On the way home I was quite all the way. Upon arriving to my house he had asked me if I wanted to masturbate. I did not understand the word then. I asked him what's that? He replied jack off. So I left the car. I can't remember if I spent the night in the house or in the garage. In the morning I went in the kitchen where my younger sister was in the kitchen. I asked my sister if mom was around. She said she didn't know where mom was. So, I starting yelling obscenities about Fr Robert Blumyer. And then at that point my mom entered the kitchen. She pointed at me in a rage saying how dare you talk about a Father like that. So I left the house scared. I then drove to my sister in St Paul. I was scared and nervous so I felt I had to tell somebody what had happened. I explained it all to my sister. She was in total disbelief. She immediately contacted my mother and explained to her what had happened. After learning of this my mother felt really bad for chasing me out of the house. She just wanted to speak to me as soon as she could. I explained to her what happened. She was in total shock. She cried and told me was sorry. Then she said she didn't know why this happened. Then she said that she was going to set up a meeting with the monsignor a higher up. It was about a week to a week and a half that she took me down to Northfield Minnesota to meet with Monsignor Durand. I met with Monsignor Durand and he explained to me that it was a monstrous thing that Blumyer had done. That's all I remember about that meeting. It was later that Monsignor Durand contacted St John's Abby to talk to someone about Fr Blumyer. I found out later that it was the Abbot who contacted my mother in response to the call from Monsignor Durand. The Abbot asked my mother if she believed me. She answered, I have no reason not to believe him. I found out very recently that Fr Blumyer called my mother a couple of times on the phone denying such a thing happened. The first time my mom hung up on Fr Blumyer. He called right back and said that he just didn't know what to tell my mother. My mother told me that she had approached Fr Blumyer at a church gathering and she said that she confronted him about this briefly. She said that he was very nervous. She told him that he should say 3 Hail Marys a day. He replied yes [REDACTED] and more. After this we heard absolutely nothing from St John's Abbey or anybody else.

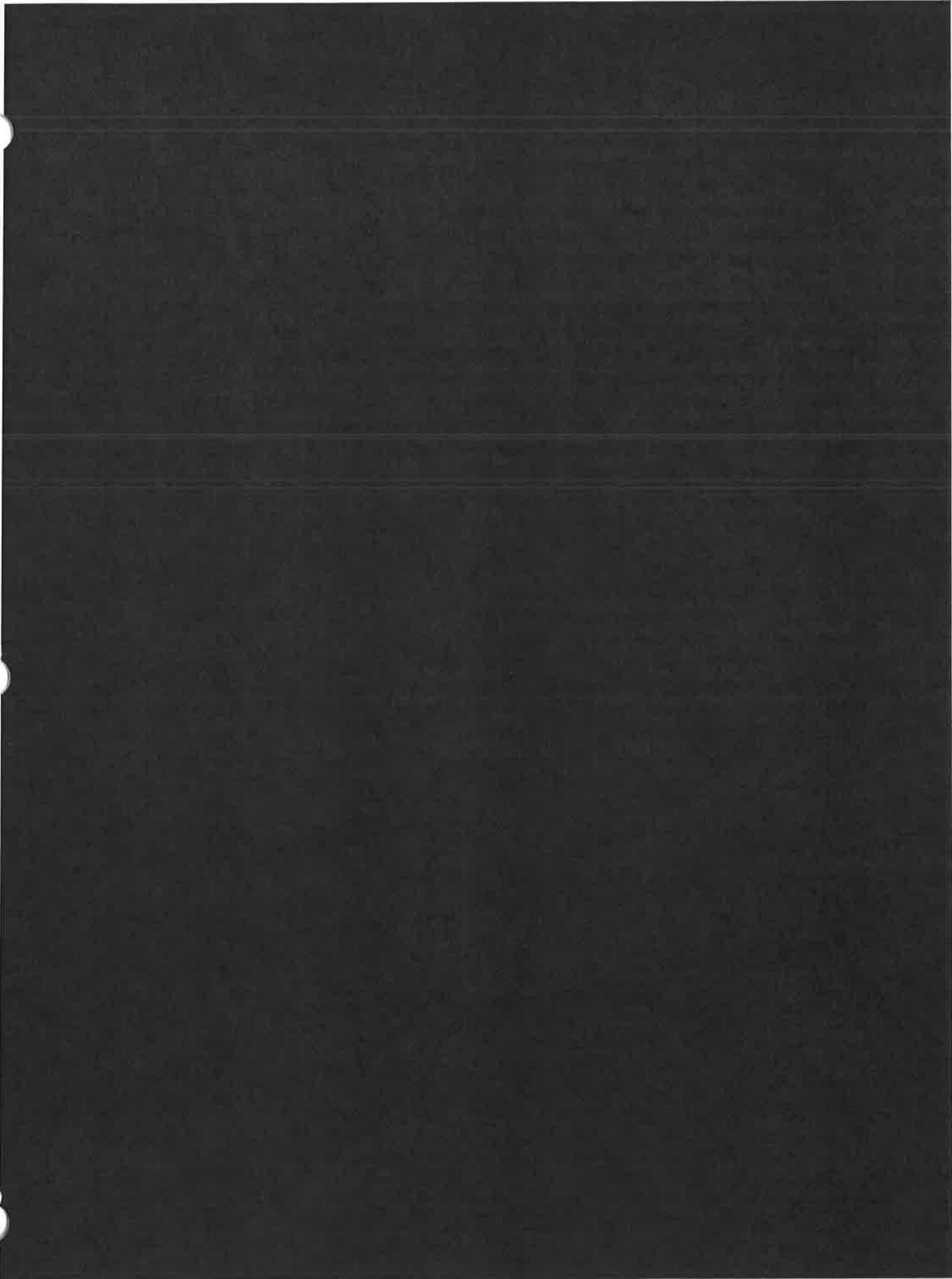
Most of my anguish and pain from what happened 30 years is feeling that no one would do anything or cared to do anything to set things right. I felt that the church condoned Fr Blumyer's actions and that I was not worth bothering with, or somehow I deserved this. I turned away from the church although my faith in the Lord has not changed. I was very pleased to hear Pope John Paul II announce several years ago that the Archdiocese was not going to harbor these men who did these evil deeds and that they were not above the law. But I was angry too because it was too late for Fr Blumyer. He lived his life out without consequences for his wrong doings. I went on with my life always feeling dirty and worthless and could not talk to anyone about it. I felt ashamed and disgusted. When this was reported to Fr Durand 30 years ago nothing was done about it. They just swept it, and me, under the carpet. I think what has effected me the worst out of all of this is not being able to trust anybody. My feelings of being ashamed led to heavy drinking years after that. I am also very nervous around other men. It is very hard to face people who knew about this. I just wanted to leave and hide away from other people. I felt

shame knowing other family members knew about this. I also stopped going to church. I have experienced a lot of depression. This led to even heavier drinking. I am always feeling very different from the rest of my family, especially my brothers

I am coming forward now because of seeing the flyer talking about a victim of Fr Blumyer who had come forward. If I had not seen this flyer I most likely would not have come forward. This has always been in the back of my mind, but I had never done anything about it. I had stopped by my mom's house to visit. She had this strange look on her face. She approached me and said that she had something to show me. We stepped outside and she showed me this flyer that she had gotten from her best friend who received this flyer from the church. I read it and I was shocked at what I was reading. When my mom read the letter she was angry at the part that said, at this time no other victims had come forward. In the letter a meeting was scheduled for people to come and talk about this. My mom told me that I should go to this meeting or if I couldn't go to the meeting I should call the numbers listed. I decided to call the number for the Archdiocese. After reading this letter I felt angry. What had happened 30 years ago flashed in my mind. I felt ashamed and disgusted of having to re-live all of this again. I felt bad for my mother having to show this to me. All the bad memories had come back to her too.

This incident has had a huge affect on me and my family, especially my mother. It has caused me much pain, suffering and mental anguish. I am still learning, dealing with and trying to come to terms with how this incident has helped shape my life. In thinking about a settlement, I came to a settlement figure from consulting other people and from news items of other cases. Therefore, I feel a fair settlement would be 1.5 million dollars.

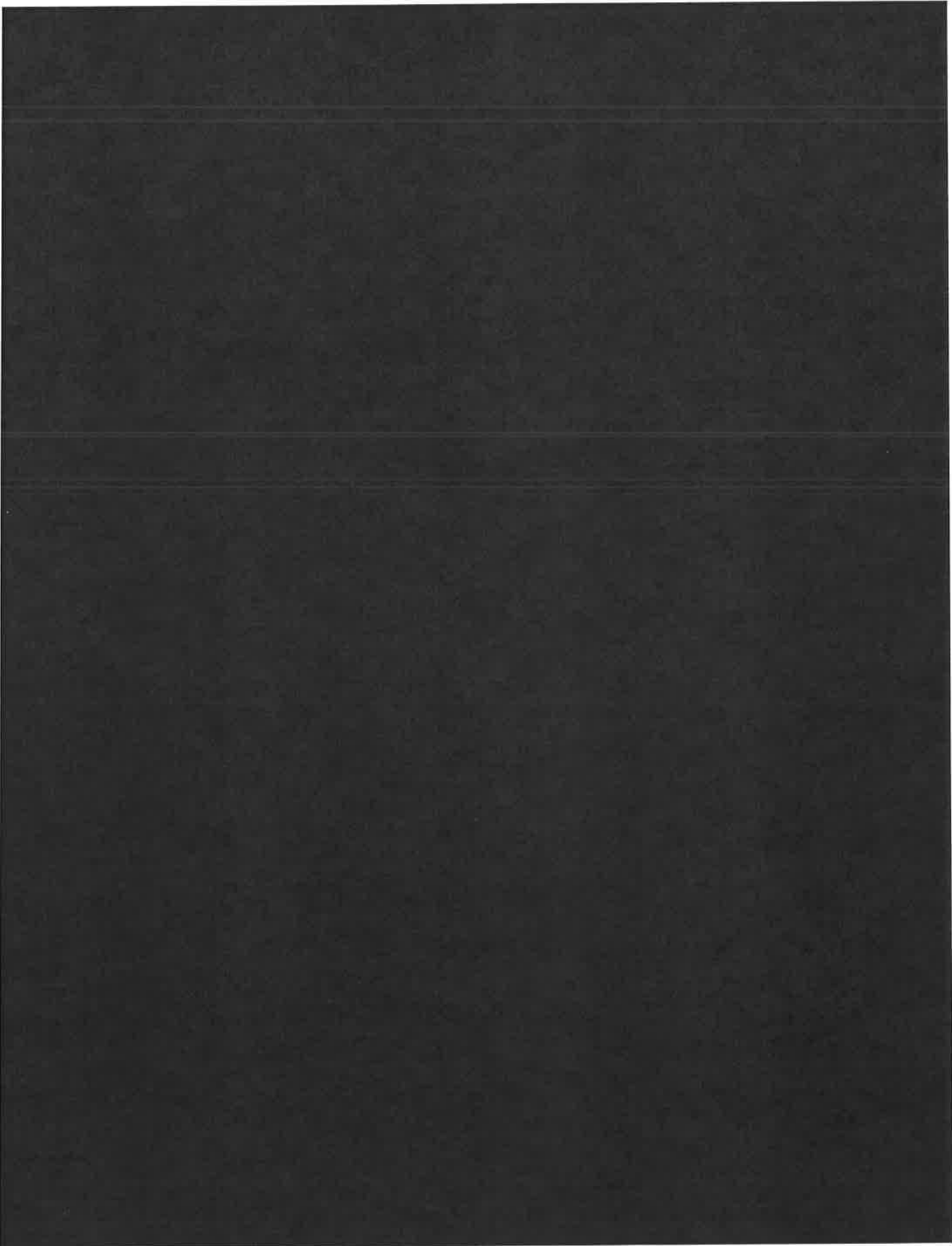


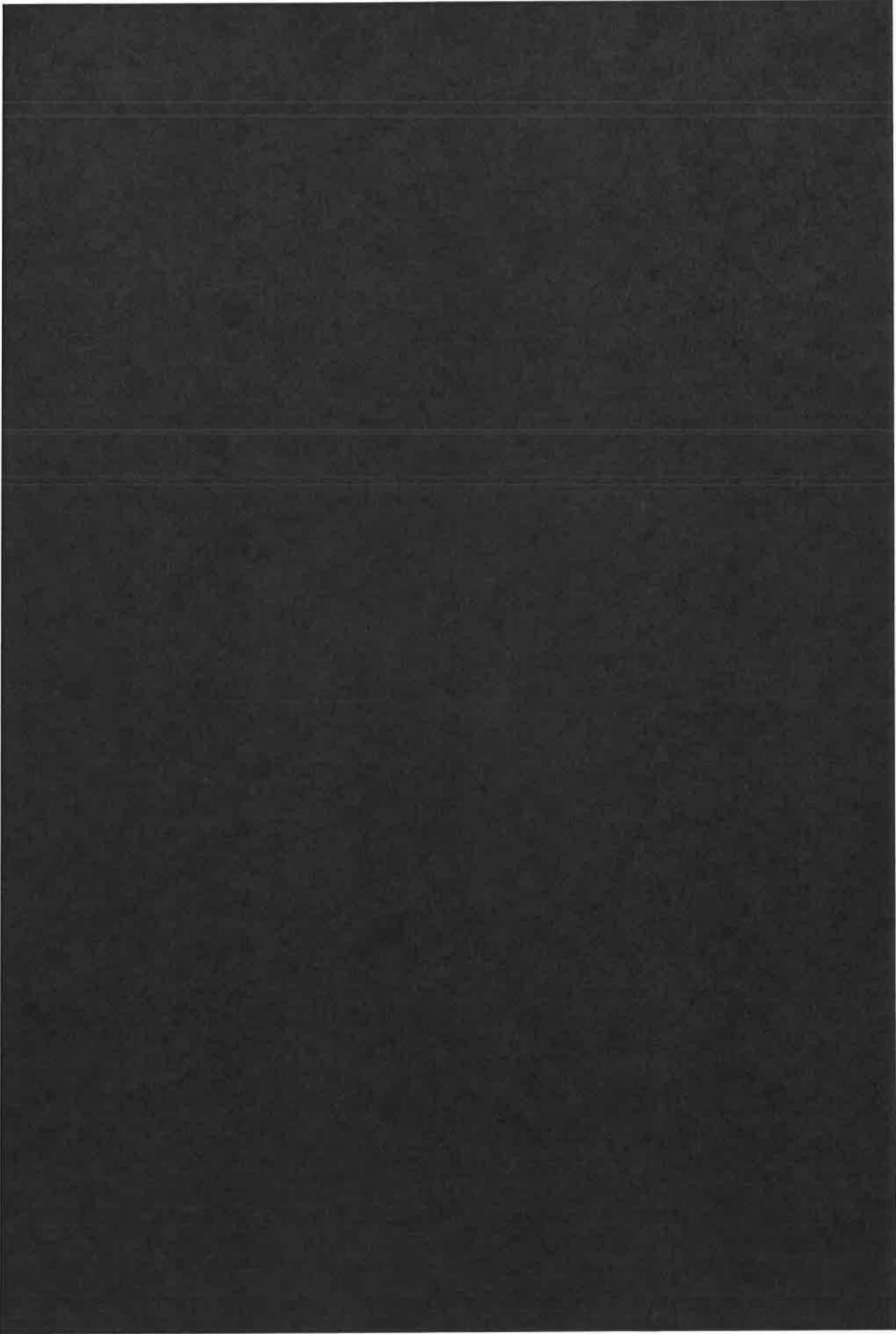


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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

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Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
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Dear Kevin,

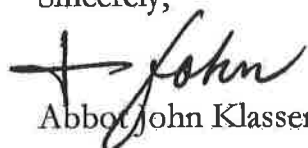
As per our phone conversation in June, here is [REDACTED] narrative account of Father Robert Blumeyer's behavior towards him. It is dated July 17, but I only received it on July 28.

In my conversation with him, I was careful to ask when this behavior took place, and he said without hesitation that it was in June, 1976.

I am sending copies of his letter to our legal team and to the chair of our External Review Board.

Sometime in the middle of August I would like to speak with you to determine how best to proceed.

Sincerely,


Abbot John Klassen, OSB

Encl: Copy of [REDACTED] letter dated July 17