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Dec. 29, 1993

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Dear Father Murphy,

First of all, thank you for coming down to Milwaukee and for being so cooperative with us. I received the letter that Bishop Fliss sent to you dated December 17, 1993, and I am also in possession of the letter that Bishop Sklba had written you dated December 1, 1993. In the light of the conversation I had this week with members of the deaf community here in Milwaukee, especially with those bringing accusations against you of a serious nature, I thought it best to write to you personally to confirm what Bishops Sklba and Fliss wrote in their letters.

The following obligations are meant to include your ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and not just in the diocese of Superior:

1. To refrain from all unsupervised contact with minors; 2. To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist in other than a private setting with only another priest and/or your housekeeper in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require my explicit permission in each case; until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked;

3. To avoid all persons, places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;

 4. To cease all interpreting for the deaf/hard of hearing in a public setting.

These obligations will remain in effect until further review of yoursituation indicates any change.

Thanks for your kind collaboration. I know that this is not an easy moment for you, but we all must do what is best for you, for the Church, and, of course, for the Catholic deaf community.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., Archbishop

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

December 11, 1995

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Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy Box 110 Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512

Dear Father Murphy,

You are aware of our ongoing concerns about allegations of your past misconduct. I am not certain that you are convinced of the serious nature of these accusations. Fast efforts on our part to limit your public functioning as a priest or as a representative of the Church within the deaf community have not always met with your cooperation. Therefore, I find it necessary to reiterate once again the restrictions placed on your ministry, to add an additional element, and to try again to impress upon you the seriousness of these matters.

In response to the pastoral needs of the Christian community, and in virtue of my authority as diocesan bishop (c. 381, \$1), in accord with the norms of canon 49, I formally place upon you the following obligations:

1) To refrain from all unsupervised contact with minors;

2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of sacraments; you may celebrate Eucharist only in a private setting either alone or with only with only another priest and/or your housekeeper present; the celebration of any other sacraments will require my explicit permission in each case; until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked;

3) To avoid all persons, places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;

4) To cease all interpreting for the deaf/hard of hearing in a public setting;

5) To cease your public use of clerical attire.

The effects of this decree take effect immediately upon your receipt of this communication. They will remain in effect until further review of your situation indicates otherwise and until specifically rescinded. The issuance of this precept is intended to protect the rights and reputations of all involved. Failure to comply with the prescriptions of this precept could result in the application of canonical penalties.

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I remind you of the importance of seeking canonical counsel should you have any concerns or questions about the content or meaning of this precept.

Thank you for your respectful obedience to your bishop's directives.

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Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland Archbishop of Milwaukee

Byclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Ralph M. Fliss Bishop of Superior P.O. Box 969 Superior, Wisconsin 54880

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Follow-up to the meeting regarding Fr. Lawrence Murphy, July 22, 1998

To. Archbishop Weakland Bishop Sklba Barbara Anne Cusack Cyndi Deehr Liz Plasecki Patrick Lagges Jean Mullolly

From: Tom Brundage

Here are my recollections of the decisions made and tasks assigned from our recent meeting. Please let me know if something is incorrect or incomplete.

- Decision: Proceed with administrative process for a Declaration of Irregularity, c. 1044.2,2.: Barbara Anne Cusack using material provided by Tom Brundage
- 2. Decision: Updating Bishop Fliss: Tom Brundage
- 3. Decision: Issuance of precepts:

(Joe Hornacek will work with Fr. Murphy to agree to the precepts. Pat Lagges will assist Fr. Murphy in these negotiations. Should Fr. Murphy not agree, the Archbishop may directly approach the Pope to have him laicized)

- A. Restate and tighten prior precepts: Barbara Anne Cusack
- B. Possible financial precepts: Tom Brundage, Matt Flynn
- C. Letter of acknowledgement and apology to individual victims: Cyndi Deehr, Liz Piasecki, Jean Mullolly
- D. Burial instructions:
 - Private funeral with closed casket: Barbara Anne Cusack writes instructions Tom Brundage calls local parish and funeral director Bishop Sklba attends funeral
- 4. Decision: Pastoral care for the deaf community
 - A. Careful acknowledgement of abuse in <u>Hand in Hand</u>: Cyndi Deehr, Liz Piasecki, Jean Mullolly
 - B Continue paying for counseling for victims: Bishop Sklba, Liz Piasceki
 - C. Prepare press release in event of media coverage: Jean Mullolly

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August 19, 1998

Re: Murphy, Prot. N. 111/96

His Excellency Most Reverend Tarcisio Bertone, S.D.B. Secretary, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith Piazza del S. Uffizio 11 00193 Rome ITALY

Your Excellency,

Thank you for the summary of the meeting that I, Bishop Fliss, and Bishop Sklba had with you in Rome on May 30, 1998, regarding Father Lawrence C. Murphy, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese accused of solicitation in the confessional. I found the document an excellent summary of our conversation.

After I returned home from the *ad limina* visit, I met with my advisors to put together a pastoral plan that would address the needs of Father Murphy, the victims of the abuse, and the wider Catholic deaf community in Milwaukee. I wish to briefly inform you of the decisions I have made in this regard.

First, I have instructed my Judicial Vicar to formally abate the judicial process that had begun against Father Murphy.

Secondly, I have instructed our canonists to immediately begin an administrative process to have Father Murphy declared Irregular for Ministry (C. 1044.2, 2). Following your suggestion, I certainly will have Father Murphy assessed by psychological experts as part of this process. Ample care will be provided so that all of Father Murphy's rights are respected throughout the process. I should note also that Father Murphy has an advocate in these matters, Father Patrick Lagges, J.C.D., of the Chicago Archdiocese.

Thirdly, I plan on strengthening the precepts that have already been placed upon Father Murphy. I need to do this to assure that Father Murphy does not continue to seek contact with members of the deaf community, which often in the past has resulted in considerable dismay in the deaf community.

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

August 19, 1998

His Excellency Most Reverend Tarcisio Bertone, S.D.B. Secretary, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Working with my Vicar for Clergy, I will strongly urge Father Murphy to write letters of apology to the persons whom we know he has sexually abused. I assure you that there will be no reference in any form concerning the sacrament of penance in these letters.

Also, seeing that Father Murphy is in poor health, I have also drawn up plans for his funeral that will be pastorally sensitive to the needs of Father Murphy's family as well as the needs of the deaf community.

Finally, we will continue to pay for the counseling for any of the victims of the sexual abuse.

Again, I wish to express my appreciation for your concern about this grave pastoral situation in my Archdiocese.

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Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Sept. 10, 1998

Dear Carl Pere! In the name of the Church, I want to tell you how sorry I am about the abuse you suffered because of the murghy. I know this has caused great Forment in your life. Prior to Fr. hughy's death, the archdiocess had been actively pursuing a legal Church case against him. When Bishop Selba and I we in Kome this gast may, her spole very strongly and at great length about it with Vatican Officials. His recent death, however, put a end to this case. It is important for you to know that

I had issued specific orders regarding the

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fungal arriangements for him, some of which the muppy family chose to ignore at the fine of his death. I know that particular restrictions were very injortant Ao you, and I apologize if any of the Circumstances surrounding his death and fund have caused any further fain. as a Church, we have learned So much about abuse in the last the years. This does not take away the fain you have suffered, but I want you to know that we are now doing engiting possible to protect children and all who have been treated injustly. Peace to you and many blassings. Arready, Arlbing Kenr G. Welle Archbihog of milwandee ARCH_MARSHALL 00458