

## **TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING FRANKLYN BECKER<sup>1</sup>**

### 5/30/64 – Ordination

6/22/64 Cousins letter to Becker appointing him Curate at Holy Assumption Parish in West Allis, effective July 1, 1964. Indicates Becker is always welcome to discuss any problems with Cousins. (25642)

### 7/1/64 – Curate, Holy Assumption Parish, West Allis, WI

### 9/9/68 – Associate Pastor, St. John de Nepomuc Parish, Milwaukee, WI (26302)

10/29/70 Donald Reiff (Executive Secretary) letter to Becker indicating the principal of Messmer High School let the Personnel Board know of Becker teaching religion part-time at the school. (26757)

2/21/72 Cousins letter to Becker appointing him Associate Pastor at Holy Family Parish in Milwaukee, effective February 25, 1972. (25644)

### 2/25/72 – Associate Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Milwaukee, WI

6/14/72 Cousins letter to Becker appointing him Associate Pastor at St. William Parish in Waukesha, effective June 18, 1974. (25647)

### 6/18/74 – Associate Pastor, St. William Parish, Waukesha, WI (26302)

8/15/74 Becker letter to Sampon indicating his assignment at Holy Family was not the most desirable assignment and he doubts whether too many priests were fighting to go there in view of the newspaper publicity. (25652-25653)

11/14/74 Nun writes letter to Cousins discussing Becker's recent sermons about living conditions at the rectory and his feelings about the parish pastor. Nun asks if Becker has personal problem and indicates that if he does, he cannot take his frustrations out on the parish. (25950)

12/11/74 Becker letter to Sampon stating that he will leave his assignment at St. William's with the permission of Cousins and the Personnel Board and assume his new assignment as Catholic Chaplain at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. (25656)

12/12/74 News Release indicating Becker will join the Roman Catholic Pastorate at Marshall on January 1 and will be associated with the ministry of the Campus Christian Center at the University. (26754)

### 1/16/75 – Campus Minister, Marshall University, Wheeling – Charleston Diocese (26302)

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

- 6/23/76 Handwritten note indicates someone came to the Chancery in the fall of 1970 to tell of an undefined problem regarding her son and Becker. (25955)
- 7/16/76 Cousins letter to John Joseph Cardinal Carberry stating that Becker is a priest in good standing in the Archdiocese and has been given permission to accept a position at St. Louis University subject to Carberry's approval. (25663)
- 8/1/76 – Campus Minister, St. Louis University – Archdiocese of St. Louis (26302)
- 10/3/76 – Awaiting Assignment (26302)
- 10/28/76 Neal McDermott (Director, St. Louis University) letter to Cousins stating that he has asked for Becker's resignation because Becker ministers to homosexuals and encourages them to attend church services, Becker has been a difficult person to work with. He does not accept authority, prefers to go on his own way, and is not responsive in his reporting on a weekly basis. (25672)
- 2/1/77 Rev. John Raden (Archdiocese of Los Angeles) letter to Sampon indicating Becker has expressed a desire to work in Los Angeles and asking for a letter regarding Becker's priestly character. (25678)
- 2/9/77 Rev. John Waldbauer (Executive Secretary, Priests' Personnel Board) letter to Raden (Archdiocese of Los Angeles) indicating Rawden should contact Becker's other employers regarding his performance as a campus minister because he has never worked in that capacity in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Should Rawden's investigation continue his interest in Becker being released, he could almost presume permission to be granted to facilitate Becker's move to Los Angeles. (25676-77)
- 2/22/77 Rawden letter to Becker declining the offer of his priestly services in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. (25683)
- 3/1/77 Becker letter to Sampon asking for letter of recommendation to be sent to St. Brigid's Parish in San Diego, CA. (25684)
- 5/27/77 Cousins letter to Becker releasing him to work outside the Diocese, effective June 14, 1977. (25682)
- 5/27/77 – Permission to Accept Assignment in Diocese of San Diego (26302)
- 6/24/77 – Associate Pastor, St. Brigid Parish, Diocese of San Diego (26302)
- 2/16/78 Becker letter to Weakland congratulating Weakland on his appointment as Archbishop, indicating he is working outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and seeking permission to extend his stay in California with a possible view to incardination in the Diocese of San Diego. (25692-25693)
- 2/24/78 Weakland letter to Becker indicating he has no objections if Becker wishes to be incardinated into the San Diego Diocese. (25689)

- 4/25/78 Becker letter to Weakland indicating his circumstances in California have changed and he has decided to return to Milwaukee. (25694)
- 1/30/79 Weakland letter to Bishop Maher (San Diego) asking if there is anything Weakland should know as Becker returns to Milwaukee, indicating it would be helpful to get an idea of Becker's conduct when he was in San Diego and if there is a reason he is returning to Milwaukee. (25697)
- 2/5/79 Maher letter to Weakland indicating the reason for Becker leaving San Diego was due to a conflict in the rectory with another associate. The associate that was transferred asked that no other associate be placed on assignment at St. Brigid's Parish as long as Becker was appointed there. States, "No doubt there are psychological problems in [Becker's] life that he must solve." (25982)

03/79 – Return to Milwaukee (26302)

- 5/10/79 Weakland letter to Military Ordinariate formally giving approval for Becker's admission to the Navy as a Catholic Chaplain. (25701)
- 7/2/79 Becker letter to Janicki indicating the military assignment did not come through as he had hoped. (25707)
- 7/13/79 Weakland letter to Becker appointing him Associate Pastor at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Milwaukee, effective August 1, 1979. (25703)

8/1/79 – Associate Pastor, St. Margaret Parish, Milwaukee, WI

- 2/11/80 Becker letter to Weakland indicating he became involved with a boy while at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Becker says he has spoken to the boy's mother, who is sympathetic and does not wish to press charges. (25986-88)
- 2/16/80 Becker letter to Sampon indicating he is in consultation with a doctor at the advice of Personnel Board and the Archbishop. (27070)
- 2/22/80 Parishioner letter to Rev. Vint indicating they are impressed with Becker and describing an incident involving Becker and a teenage boy as "an incident which perhaps was not so much an inappropriate act but a concern for a teenage boy who might be struggling with his own identity." (25983-84)
- 4/11/80 Weakland letter to Becker apologizing for not responding to Becker's February letter and expressing his concern. (26317)
- 4/14/80 Becker letter to Weakland indicating he had five sessions with a doctor who does not see a need for further treatment at present. The situation has worked itself out and that he would hate to leave. (25709)
- 6/23/80 Sampon letter to Becker appointing him Temporary Administrator of St. Joseph's Parish in Lyon, with the Mission of St. Kilian, Lyons Township until a new pastor is appointed, effective July 1, 1980. (26740)

7/1/80 – Temporary Administrator, St. Joseph’s Parish, Lyons with the Mission of St. Kilian,  
Lyons Township, WI

8/8/80 Janicki letter to Becker appointing him Temporary Associate Pastor at St. Eugene Parish in Fox Point, effective August 12, 1980. (25711)

8/12/80 – Temporary Associate Pastor, St. Eugene Parish, Fox Point, WI

8/21/80 Vicar Log No. 747. Becker is told he is not eligible for a parish as a pastor and long leaves of absence for studies are out of the question. (25913)

9/27/80 Vicar Log No. 929. Pastor wants Becker to leave the parish but does not want to give the impression that there is something wrong with Becker. (25914)

10/3/80 Vicar Log No. 944. Another pastor is contacted who confirms that he does not want Becker as an associate. He is afraid that if Becker’s problem manifests itself in the small community, the damage will be irreparable. Vicar’s office offers to help work out a job description for Becker, and pastor says that his biggest worry is that if he leaves things up to Becker’s initiative, nothing will get done. (25914)

10/17/80 Becker letter to Weakland recognizing that he is a “persona non grata” when it comes to placement and asking for the recommendation of a benevolent bishop outside the Archdiocese who might allow him to serve as a priest. (25712)

12/5/80 Janicki letter to Becker appointing him Associate Pastor at St. John Parish in South Milwaukee, effective December 9, 1980. (25713)

12/9/80 – Associate Pastor, St. John Parish, South Milwaukee, WI

1/10/81 Vicar Log No. 32. Becker was associating rather intimately with a woman’s son. The son claimed Becker held his hand in a movie and touched him rather improperly in a swimming session. Vicar’s office moves immediately to arrange a meeting, at which Becker denies anything but good intentions and parents apologize for the accusation. Writer notes that “[t]here is little that I could do at this stage but knowing Becker’s background I am sure that his judgment was very poor. Becker is asked to talk his therapist. (25912)

8/2/81 Becker letter to Weakland complying with the request for a written letter of commitment to the priestly ideal of celibacy. Indicates that therapy has helped him deal with his sexual orientation. (25992)

4/26/82 Selected excerpts of Becker biographical questionnaire and interview. Becker acknowledges problems with some co-workers, denies any mental health issues, and indicates he has no direct supervision. (25994; 26000)

6/21/82 Interview with Becker indicates that he had nine assignments prior to his current assignment. Becker says that the reasons for the different positions are hard to pin down. (26006-07)

- 8/17/82 Vicar Log Entry No. 740. Someone reports that his brother and sister-in-law who live in St. John's parish are worried about the relationship that exists between Becker and a teenage boy. The person calling is told that it would be helpful if the parents of the boy went directly to Becker and informed him they wanted it to stop. (25911)
- 12/1/82 Vicar Log Entry No. 1060. Becker accepted a chaplaincy on a one-week Caribbean cruise and brought a seventh grade boy along with his mother's approval. The Archdiocese did not know of this until it was reported on this date. Becker will be put on sick leave and will go back into therapy. (25910)
- 12/7/82 Vicar Log Entry No. 1085. Becker assured that he had no physical contact with the boy on the cruise, but that they shared the same bed. Told to see his therapist immediately, and he agreed to do so. (25910)
- 12/10/82 Vicar Log Entry No. 1104. Says Becker has told people in the parish that he is a homosexual, but one of those he told have "never seen him make overtures to others, especially children." Discusses a number of disagreements Becker is having with various adult members of the parish, who feel they cannot trust him and do not want to work with him. Indicates Becker is receiving psychological help. (25909)
- 12/22/82 Vicar Log Entry No. 1142. Becker is ready to undergo the psychiatric evaluation at St. Luke Institute in Washington. (25908)
- 1/11/83 Vicar Log Entry No. 33. Becker tentatively scheduled for evaluation at the Wausau Clinic, which he is willing to do. (25907)
- 1/25/83 – Sick Leave (26302)
- 1/26/83 Letter to Janicki regarding Becker. Letter indicates that Becker is undergoing psychological testing and the writer's perception of Becker's behavior. (26394-26395)
- 1/29/83 Vicar Log Entry No 112. According to a report from his "confidant," Becker continues to associate with the boy he took on the cruise and with another boy from St. Eugene's Parish in violation of the wishes of that boy's mother. Wants Becker to get psychiatric or psychological help. (25907)
- 2/14/83 Vicar Log Entry No. 176. Becker's psychological assessment shows that he is normal in every way. His gay orientation and gay activity are also clearly indicated. Unless Becker is willing to control himself, there is a definite likelihood that the conduct of the past will be repeated. The recommendation is that Becker be assigned to a desk job where the temptations that would result from association with young boys would not be present. It was decided that the report will be studied and discussed with the Archbishop before they could proceed and see what kind of appointment could be made for Becker. Notes that Becker may have to meet with the entire Personnel Board. (25906)

- 3/1/83 Becker letter to Janicki indicating he does not wish to be placed on the list of “sick priests” for personal reasons, including that he feels privileged information is being used against him. (26032)
- 3/15/83 Vicar Log Entry No. 318. Becker’s situation was described to E. Michael McCann, the Milwaukee County District Attorney. His reaction was that Becker had been given adequate warnings and he should not be assigned anywhere he could come in contact with youngsters. McCann suggested putting restriction in place for 5 years and then, provided no complaints came forth in that time period, perhaps giving the priest a second chance. (25905)
- 3/23/83 Becker signed authorization for Vicar for Priest Personnel to release his resume, autobiographical questionnaire, and 14-page medical and psychological evaluation to his therapist. (26033)
- 3/29/83 Letter to Janicki regarding Becker’s continued correspondence with a boy at Marquette High. (27092)
- 4/6/83 Vicar Log Entry No. 410. Fr. Metz observed Becker coming out of the transitional residence for priests with the young boy Becker took on the Caribbean vacation last year. (25905)
- 4/20/83 Weakland letter to Becker confirming that Janicki is working with Becker to determine what is best for Becker and the Church. (26037)
- 5/10/83 Vicar Log Entry No. 468. Becker’s psychiatrist reports his diagnosis as an ego-centric, pedophile and homosexual. He has no mechanism to stop once he develops the urge to act out these characteristics. Such actions usually result from stress. He says parish ministry is out of the question. The best assignment would be an all girl’s college, a geriatric nursing home, a hospital setting, or campus ministry. Psychiatrist is not pessimistic, but continued therapy is needed. (25904)
- 6/10/83 Vicar Log Entry No. 543. Becker told that there is quite likely a position for him at St. Mary’s Hospital. Working hard on his personal problems and plans to see a therapist on a weekly basis for psychotherapy.. (25903)
- 6/22/83 Fr. Robert Kerr (St. Mary’s Student Chapel, University of Michigan) letter to Newman indicating Becker responded to a search for a priest to be a member of the Pastoral Team in campus ministry at the University of Michigan. Asks for a letter of recommendation. (25716)
- 8/5/83 Vicar Log Entry No. 698. Becker accepted to St. Luke Hospital for CPE, and may be offered the same option at St. Joseph’s Hospital, as well as some part-time work as a chaplain. (25902)
- 8/13/83 Weakland letter to Becker assigning him to continuing education in Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee, effective September 1, 1983. Becker will also function as a part-time hospital chaplain. (25725)

8/13/83 Separate letter from Weakland to Becker stating that because of past personal problems, if further occurrences of the same nature arise, Weakland will take canonical steps to bar him from any ministry. Wants Becker to keep his weekly psychotherapy appointments. (26051)

9/1/83 – Continuing Education, Clinical Pastoral Education, St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee, WI

11/23/83 Vicar Log Entry No. 1110. Indicates that Vicar's office feels that Becker should not go back to parish ministry at this time, despite his own desire to do and his therapist's belief that health chaplaincy may be too stressful for Becker. The risks of personnel involvement and attachment to young men who are constantly around the parish is emphasized. Becker and his therapist both agree to reconsider hospital work. (25901)

11/29/83 Response to letter from "Fr. M," which indicated that he thought Becker's listing in the Catholic Herald directory should indicate Becker is on study leave instead of sick leave, but recognizing that he may be wrong. (25731)

1/1/84 – Awaiting Assignment (26302)

1/17/84 Vicar Log Entry No. 54. Becker was offered a help-out position for February at St. Joseph Hospital. Per his therapist, Becker must continue his psychotherapy, which is the highest priority in his situation. (25900)

4/17/84 Becker letter to Newman indicating he has accepted a position as Chaplain at the Winnebago Mental Health Center subject to the approval of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Diocese of Green Bay. (25805)

4/17/84 Vicar Log Entry No. 522. Indicates a call with Bishop Maida of Green Bay and discussion of Becker without mentioning Becker's name. Maida was given full disclosure and asked if he would give faculties. Maida was assured that Becker would continue his psychotherapy and that if anything were to go wrong, Becker would be out of the Green Bay Diocese within 24 hours. (25898)

4/23/84 Vicar Log Entry No. 544. Bishops Maida and Morneau from Green Bay apparently gave Weakland the impression that they did not approve of Becker becoming chaplain at the Winnebago Mental Health Hospital. No reasons are stated. (25897)

6/20/84 Letter to Janicki from Becker's therapist indicating that he feels that Becker "has been doing very well in treatment" and "proving himself for quite some time now." Therapist feels that an ideal spot for Becker would be in a small to medium sized community as an associate priest. (26397)

7/18/84 Janicki letter to doctor stating that a chaplaincy might be available soon at West Allis Memorial for Becker and indicating that it would be impossible to assign Becker to parish ministry at this time based on legal advice. Notes that Becker has been cooperative and hard-working over the last 2 years. (26089; 26091)

- 7/18/84 Vicar Log Entry No. 841. Becker told that “he definitely would not be assigned to a parish at this time.” Also asked not to apply for positions outside the Diocese without first allowing the Archdiocese’s to approach the local bishop. (25895)
- 10/17/84 Weakland letter to Becker appointing him Chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital in West Allis, effective November 6, 1984. (26094)
- 10/25/84 Vicar Log Entry No. 994. Esser expressed concern over Becker’s assignment at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Esser was on the personnel board when Becker was having problems in California. He is relieved to hear that Becker has had a couple years of psychiatric care and is approved by his psychiatrist to be back in ministry in this type of setting. (25894)

11/6/84 – Chaplain, West Allis Memorial Hospital, West Allis, WI (26302)

- 4/19/85 Vicar Log Entry No. 37. Becker acted as a sponsor for a young man being confirmed. (25894)
- 6/10/85 Weakland letter to National Association of Catholic Chaplains indicating Becker is a priest in good standing in the Archdiocese. (26108)
- 7/26/90 “Ralph” letter to “Dick” indicating that a concerned mother reports that Becker took a liking to her son, a teenage patient at West Allis Hospital, and has been calling the boy and driving by his home. (26154)
- 7/26/90 Vicar Log Entry No. 600. Sklba received a phone call from Gross indicating concern regarding seemingly intensive pastoral care devoted to someone’s son at West Allis Hospital. Becker denied riding through the neighborhood of the family, provided a logical explanation, and said he had already discussed the entire matter with his supervisor at the hospital. (25893)
- 9/19/90 Trepanier letter to Becker extending his position as Chaplain of West Allis Memorial Hospital for six years. (26175)

10/1/90 – Awaiting Assignment (26302)

- 8/21/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 896. Recommendation is that Becker no longer work at West Allis Memorial. Last day will be 9/15/91 and then he we will to “awaiting assignment” status. Sklba explained his hesitation to Becker regarding a parish assignment in view of historical circumstances. (25892)
- 8/26/91 Trepanier letter to Becker stating that for Becker’s benefit and for that of all concerned , Becker will leave his position as Chaplain of West Allis Memorial Hospital effective September 15, 1991. (26183)
- 10/21/91 Becker letter to Trepanier apologizing for the embarrassment caused by a recently resurfaced interview about homosexuality. (26188)
- 8/28/92 Vicar log Entry No. 483. Sklba gave tentative approval to Trepanier to utilize Becker as a weekend help out at Cascade. (25891)



- 9/11/92 Becker letter to Weakland indicating he is tending the flock at St. Mary's and St. Michael's and has been well received. (26687)
- 9/25/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 691. Weakland and Sklba met with Becker to discuss his future assignment. Becker was frank about certain issues in his past and was aware of the implications for future assignments. (25891) Vicar Log Entry No. 559. Sklba "noted the many reasons which counseled against Becker's assignment to parish ministry at this time."
- 12/7/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 931. Received multiple calls from St. Mary's in Cascade in support of Becker. Becker is getting people back to church, including young people, and they wish he could stay. (25890)
- 2/24/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 107. Venne received a call from a man reporting inappropriate sexual behavior on the part of Becker while he was assigned to St. Margaret Mary parish. The caller claims that the abuse occurred in 1977 after he graduated high school. Also admits that the FBI interviewed him in the past when he threatened to kill Becker. (25890)
- 3/7/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 152. Becker denies ever having any inappropriate sexual behavior with his accuser who called Venne on 2/24 and describes him as "very disturbed." (25889)
- 3/16/93 Venne letter to 2/24 caller indicating his concern and expressing his hope that they can get together to discuss concerns regarding Becker. (26209)
- 7/1/93 – Unassigned with restricted ministry (26302)
- 1/14/94 Cusack letter to Weakland indicating Becker has requested a celebret and she is uncertain about Becker's status. Weakland indicates "ok for celebret." (25842)
- 10/6/94 Vicar Log Entry No. 658. Sklba sees item in Vicar's log that Becker is helping out in Neosho and Rubicon and is initiating a conversation to help out at St. Kilian's too. Sklba believes this matter should be reviewed. (27057)
- 10/17/94 Note indicates that someone called to say that the Archbishop indicates it is ok to write a letter of good standing concerning Becker. (25845)
- 12/1/94 Survivor's mother letter to Weakland indicating her son was abused by an unnamed priest in the 1970s and she later found out that the priest had a record in his previous parish and continued on from parish to parish. She states that he is still a priest in the Archdiocese. Notes that the priest was removed from parish work and "abruptly terminated" from hospital ministry several years ago. The priest has since "prematurely" retired, taking care of his mother and helping out on parishes on weekends. (26406-07)
- 5/10/95 Becker letter to Janette indicating he is helping out at Woodland, Neosho, and Rubicon. (26221)

- 9/1/95 Weakland release authorizing Piasecki and her clinical team to review the personnel and vicar files on Becker for the purpose of evaluating and investigating allegations. (26408)
- 11/15/95 Statement of Rights and Obligations – Investigations into Allegations of Misconduct signed by Becker. (26308)
- 11/15/95 Handwritten notes regarding Becker and his relationships. (26321-29)
- 1/19/96 Becker authorizing to release his information to the St. Louis Consultation Center for the purpose of a psychological evaluation. (26411)
- 2/8/96 Vicar Log Entry No. 57. A therapist recommended that Becker consider long term therapy at St. Luke's in Washington or New Mexico, or extensive outpatient care where his living is monitored. Becker says he is willing to undergo treatment, but not as long as his mom needs care. (25887)
- 3/19/96 Becker letter to Straub indicating he is in therapy twice a week for as long as his therapist deems it appropriate. (26231)
- 6/5/96 Straub letter to Becker indicating that a Monitor for the Archdiocese will be in touch. (26236)
- 6/5/96 Letter from Monitor, Deacon Tom McGuine advising of Becker's restrictions and asking recipient to call immediately if violated. (26633)
- 6/11/96 Restrictions and Conditions of ministry signed by both Becker and McGuine, including that he will continue in individual therapy, no contact with minors whatsoever, no overnight guests, no retaliatory behavior against those who have reported on prior behavior, and cooperation with all directives, oversight, and compliance efforts. (26631-32)
- 6/12/96 Based on conversation with Becker's Monitor, permission given to Becker to assist at funerals when requested, to assist at Liturgy when youth are serving as acolytes, and to go on a cruise and not serve as Chaplain in July. Two priests designated as Becker's on-site supervisors. (26626)
- 6/14/96 Tom McGuine (Monitor for Becker) letter to Straub indicating Becker's on-site supervisors are in place and he has scheduled meetings with Becker through the end of the year and monthly contacts with the on-site priests. Everyone is very supportive and the program should continue to be successful. (26630) Also enclosing a log of his contacts with Becker. (26634-36)
- 1/29/97 Vicar Log Entry No. 25. The Archbishop explained to Becker why he continues to be a risk for the Archdiocese. It was agreed Becker can continue to do help-out ministry with Fr. Wenig provided he continues to see his doctor, Tom McGuine continues to monitor his conditions for ministry, and continues to make progress. (25886)

- 1/30/97 Straub letter to Becker indicating the Archbishop pointed out the insurance risk for Becker's conduct is an Archdiocesan responsibility and suggesting that the only time that risk is worth taking is if "a person develops a certain amount of self knowledge together with the recognition that amending one's ways is absolutely essential." It was agreed upon that Becker may continue to do help-out work in the Rubicon area and he is required to see his therapist weekly and report to his Monitor monthly and should eventually participate in "group." (25849)
- 9/4/97 Becker letter to Trepanier indicating he is treating weekly with his therapist, is looking for a new on-site monitor, and has been in contact with his Monitor. Says he has recently helped out at St. Malachy's and St. Mary's and he continues to assist at St. Matthew, St. John and St. Mary in Woodland. (26247)
- 12/2/97 Vicar Log Entry No. 94. Becker's psychologist indicates Becker has had "relapses, but no children." (25885)
- 12/28/98 Restrictions and Conditions of Becker's ministry. Appears to be identical to those from 6/11/96. (26627-28)
- 3/17/99 Handwritten notes about Becker's treatment indicate that the author is not concerned young guys but about those over 16 years of age to whom Becker likes to reveal too much about himself. (26583)
- 7/28/99 Handwritten notes from meeting about Becker. Indicates no money paid out for lawsuit and discusses reviewing Becker's restrictions. (26573-74)
- 8/3/99 Hornacek letter to Becker enclosing Bates revised restrictions and conditions on Becker's ministry. (26253) Restrictions and conditions are similar to those Becker signed on 6/11/96. (26254) (Reviewed and reaffirmed 10/10/00)
- 3/16/00 Vicar Log Entry No. 501. Sklba gave Becker permission to join a commercial tour to Oberammergau. (25883).
- 7/19/01 Vicar Log Entry No. 580. Indicates sexual abuse survivor who came forward on 7/13/01 reporting abuse by Becker in 1980 or 1981. Because of the age of the incident, a decision is made to wait for Sklba's return the following week to discuss whether or not any action needs to be taken. (25883)
- 9/17/01 Vicar Log Entry No. 714. Vicar meets with Becker to review goals and challenge his recent behavior which would be interpreted as flirting with occasions of temptation. (25882)
- 1/3/02 Becker letter to Hornacek indicating he has been doing regular help-out work at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho, and Woodland. (26270)
- 1/18/02 Hornacek letter to Becker indicating Becker is correct to assume he would not be eligible for the position of Pastor at this time. (26269)

4/3/02 Hornacek letter to Becker informing him that his is one of six cases that will be reviewed by the Special Commission appointed by the Archbishop and enclosing a release for his signature. (26271)

04/02 – Restricted From All Public Ministry (26302)

4/4/02 Reinke entry for file indicates she informed a survivor who has been following the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel stories online that Becker is currently not on assignment and has not been for several years. Told caller that Becker is in extensive counseling and monitoring and lives with his mother.(26451)

4/6/02 Becker letter to Hornacek indicating he is still in the dark about an anonymous allegation to which he cannot respond. (26273) Letter encloses consent for release of information and records to the Special Commission signed by Becker after he removed some language from the release. (26272)

4/8/02 Vicar Log Entry. Sklba concluded that Becker should be directed not to accept any more regular weekend help outs, even though his monitoring program is in place both at St. Jerome Parish in Oconomowoc and St. Mary Parish in Mayville. (25881)

4/10/02 Weakland precept imposing restrictions on Becker, including that he refrain from all contact with minors, cease all public ministry, end all pastoral counseling relationships, and avoid all situations that have been occasions of serious temptations in the area of sexual morality based on past experience. (25855)

4/12/02 Callahan (Diocese of San Diego) e-mail to Cusack inquiring about Becker's status due to a recent report that Becker had sexual encounters with a teenager while in residence at St. Brigid Parish in the late 1970s. (25850)

4/25/02 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Becker when survivor was 12 years old at Becker's parents' home in 1966. (123906)

5/14/02 Reinke letter to survivor who reported on 4/25/02 indicating the Archdiocese has decided to turn over all complaints of sexual abuse to the District Attorney's office, no matter how old, for review by a prosecutor. (30690)

6/18/02 Cusack letter to McCann enclosing intake report regarding Becker and advising that he is under full restrictions and not authorized for any active ministry. No charges have ever been pressed despite multiple complaints. (25854)

7/26/02 Hornacek letter to Becker stating that he has not been given a formal assignment in several years because of confusion and doubt over past allegations of sexual abuse. Had the Archdiocese previously known about all the allegations reported in recent months, Becker would never have been allowed to serve even as a help-out priest. Advises that Becker's name will soon be published in the Catholic Herald

as one of six priests being reviewed by the Special Commission Archbishop Weakland has established. (25859)

- 8/12/02 Vicar Log Entry No. 566. Sklba notes that the College of Consultors has unanimously recommended that a statement be published regarding removal of Becker from ministry due to allegations. (25880)
- 12/26/02 Notes from meeting with Hornacek outlining timeline of allegations against Becker. (26330-31)
- 2/3/03 Dolan letter to Becker confirming restrictions in place against Becker. (25863)
- 5/9/03 Vicar Log Entry No. 332. Becker arrested today. The California Attorney General has details. (25879)
- 5/27/03 Dolan letter to Cardinal Ratzinger submitting Becker's case for consideration based on multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors. (26300-26306). Encloses a summary of Becker's assignments and history, as well as the Archdiocese's investigation and response. An internal investigation by the Archdiocese was established in 1995 to investigate allegations against Becker. In order of when the abuse was reported, his history includes: Becker's admission in February 1980 that he had sexual contact with an adult male in May 1979 in the parish where he was associate pastor; a report made 1/1/81 reporting that Becker had abused a boy in Fall 1980 in the parish where he was associate pastor; a report made 8/17/82 reporting that Becker had abused a boy in 1982 in the parish where he was associate pastor; a report made 12/1/82 reporting that Becker had abused a teenager from the parish where he was associate pastor that he brought with him to serve as altar boy on a cruise in November 1982; a report made 12/20/94 reporting that Becker had abused an altar boy in 1970 in the parish where he was associate pastor; a report made 5/16/02 reporting that Becker had abused an altar boy in 1966-1967 in the parish where he was associate pastor; a report made 6/17/02 reporting that Becker had abused a boy he brought on a cruise to serve as altar boy when he volunteered as Chaplain; a report made 7/1/02 reporting Becker had abused teenager 1977-1979 in the California parish where he was associate pastor; and a report made 12/4/02 reporting Becker had abused a teenager in 1982 whom he had met while acting as Administrator in the boy's family's parish.
- 5/30/03 Pension/Annuity Verification for Becker. (26312-13)
- 5/31/03 Cusack letter to Rev. Gabriel Montalvo indicating Dolan asked that the enclosed correspondence be sent to Cardinal Ratzinger for transmission by diplomatic pouch to the proper authorities. (26299)
- 6/17/03 Sklba letter to Becker indicating he continues to share Becker's concerns with other in the Archdiocese about his basic financial needs being met while awaiting further action with the District Attorney. (26309)

- 6/20/03 Cusack letter to Rev. Gabriel Montalvo enclosing a small token of appreciation for his assistance in transmitting the materials to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. (39385).
- 9/24/03 Becker status report indicates his concern about the legislature exploring a law similar to that enacted in California granting a 1 year period for anyone abused by a priest to come forward. (26486-87)
- 10/20/03 Angela Amato (Titular Archbishop of Sila) letter to Dolan asking Dolan whether Becker would be willing to voluntarily seek laicization as a sign of his contrition and for the good of the Church. (39356)
- 10/29/03 Status report on Becker indicates that Becker reports that his friend who is a canon lawyer talked to Fr. Pat Lagges, Becker's advocate, who explained that Becker's case is held up because Milwaukee was not sending all the documents that Lagges had requested. (26485)
- 11/19/03 Status report on Becker indicates Becker will not seek voluntary laicization. (26482-83)
- 11/24/03 Dolan letter to Ratzinger re-submitting Becker's case for reconsideration based on accusations against Becker of multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors after Becker refuses voluntary laicization. (26660)
- 12/1/03 Cusack letter to Rev. Gabriel Montalvo indicating that Dolan asked that the enclosed correspondence go to Archbishop Amato for transmission by diplomatic pouch. (39357)
- 12/6/03 Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo (Apostolic Nuncio) letter to Cusack acknowledging the Archdiocese's letter of December 1 with its enclosure to Ratzinger and assuring its transmittal to him. (39358)
- 1/1/04 Dolan letter to survivor indicating dispute resolution services will be available mid-January, Catholic Charities is offering a new support group, financial assistance with psychotherapy remains available, and he is continuing to meet with victim-survivors. (30052-53)
- 1/21/04 Becker status report indicates everyone is waiting on Rome to make the next move on Becker's case. (26477-78)
- 2/19/04 Reinke letter to survivor indicating the John Jay study results will soon be released. Encourages participation in psychotherapy paid for by the Archdiocese and the upcoming mediation program. (30050-51)
- 3/31/04 Becker status report indicates nothing has been returned from Rome regarding Becker. (26473-75)
- 4/28/04 Becker status report indicates he received a packet of legal materials from California. Many of the survivors of clergy abuse joined together to file a class

- action suit against the Diocese of San Diego, and they have asked him to send his personnel files. (26470-72)
- 6/2/04 Status report on Becker indicates Becker is concerned about laicization and nothing has come back from Rome. At the advice of his criminal attorney, Becker has refused to produce his personnel files in the California action. (26467-69)
- 7/8/04 Dolan letter to survivor indicating he has authorized the release of names of priests who are now or would have been restricted from all priestly ministries. Offers continued support from the Archdiocese and apologizes in the name of the Church for something that should never have happened. (30048)
- 10/15/04 Vicar Log Entry No. 536. Notes that Decree of Laicization was granted in an audience with the Holy Father on this date. (27160)
- 10/28/04 Angela Amato (Titular Archbishop of Sila) letter to Dolan stating that the Dicastery had supported Dolan's request that Becker be dismissed *ex officio et in poenam* from the clerical state, which was granted by the Supreme Pontiff in an audience on October 15, 2004. (39359)
- 12/7/04 Frederick letter to Sheriff Nehls (Dodge County) informing him that Becker has been laicized and has substantiated cases of sexual misconduct involving children. Frederick wanted to alert Nehls of Becker's status and presence in the community. (39365)
- 12/10/04 Dolan letter to Angelo Amato enclosing the signed and executed decree of dismissal from the clerical state for Becker. (39368) Signed decree dismissing Becker from the clerical state. (39361-62) English translation. (39363-64)
- 12/14/04 Rothstein (Quarles and Brady) letter to Becker (39369-70) enclosing check for \$10,000. (27182)
- 12/17/04 Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo (Apostolic Nuncio) letter to Cusack ensuring her that the executed decree of dismissal from the clerical state for Becker will be forwarded through diplomatic pouch to Angelo Amato. (39373)
- 12/29/04 Dolan letter to Fr. Lagges indicating a monetary award was provided to Becker as a charity to assist him in transition expenses, but the Archdiocese will offer nothing further to help pay for his insurance or supplemental income. (39375-76)
- 1/10/05 Cusack e-mail to Frederick and Zimprich translating recent correspondence Dolan sent to Lagges, who believes the Archdiocese has an additional financial obligation to Becker. Cusack says that Canon 1350.2, which Lagges cites, was the basis for paying him the lump sum they have already paid. She also believes that the Archdiocese's "due diligence" was exercised in informing the sheriff of Becker's presence in the community. (26648)

- 1/21/05 Becker letter to “David” indicating he is in a state of depression and that he felt all was going well from 1992 to 2002 when he was allowed to perform ministry. (26645-46)
- 1/24/05 Dolan letter to Lagges indicating he made the decision to request Becker’s dismissal from the clerical state in order to “exercise pastoral solicitude for the people entrusted to [his] care and to do what could be done to repair the grave scandal [Becker’s] actions caused.” The Archdiocese has taken steps to ensure that no harm will come to minors by notifying civil law enforcement and listing Becker publicly as an offender. After consulting with civil and canonical counsel within and outside the Archdiocese, Dolan has concluded that the Archdiocese does not have a continuing responsibility to support Becker. (39393)
- 2/2/05 Status report on Becker indicates he is looking for work but worried about his prospects because of his background and laicization. Zimprich indicates that the Archdiocese was not advertising that he had been laicized. (27154-55)
- 2/8/05 Status report on Becker indicating the \$10,000 check given to him was income and that he would have to pay taxes. (27151)
- 2/24/05 Schweihs letter to Becker enclosing a pension application. (27170)
- 3/1/05 Application for pension benefits signed by Becker. (27167)
- 3/19/05 Cusack letter to survivor enclosing a copy of the settlement agreement and check for \$50,000 and expressing that Dolan still welcomes the opportunity to meet with him. (56635-39)
- 7/9/05 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Becker when survivor was 8-9 years old in 1965-1966 while a member at Holy Family Parish in Whitefish Bay, WI. Uncertain how many times the abuse occurred. (123906)
- 1/12/06 Frederick letter to St. Mary Parish indicating that because of laicization, the Archdiocese no longer has authority to monitor Becker or his actions. Asking that if Becker is seen doing anything that would appear to be “ministry,” to advise Frederick so that the Archdiocese can report the matter to local civil officials. (26808) The same letter was sent to various parishes.
- 10/18/07 Topczewski letter to Dolan enclosing a first draft of “newsletter” communication to be sent to Catholic households in the Archdiocese regarding Becker. (26779) Drafts of newsletter regarding Becker and including Becker’s history are included. (26780-95) (26811-27) (26862-79) (26847-26861)
- 3/23/08 Survivor letter to Kathleen Hohl at the Archdiocese indicating he was abused by Becker in 1963 at Holy Assumption Parish in West Allis for three years. He thinks that his parents attempted to talk to the Bishop or Archbishop, but his secretary would not grant them an audience, “ knowing why they were there.”. (30627)



- 4/30/08 Dolan letter to survivor who emailed Kohl on 3/23/08 thanking him for his courage in coming forward and giving the name of the Archdiocese's survivor assistance coordinator, Amy Peterson. (35717)
- 5/14/08 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Becker when survivor was 10-11 years old in 1967-1968 at Holy Assumption Parish in West Allis, WI and at Becker's mother's residence. Abuse occurred at least 3 to 4 times. (123906)
- 7/25/08 Letter to Dolan from man who emailed Kohl on 3/23/08 indicates he was abused by Becker when he was 13 years old in 1963 at Holy Assumption. The abuse lasted for three years, including both verbal and physical abuse. (30624-25)
- 4/22/10 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Becker when survivor was at Holy Family grade school in Whitefish Bay in 1972-1973. (123906)
- Undated Hornacek's notes from review of vicar files, including dates of Becker's abuse. (26332-37)
- Undated Restrictions on Becker's ministry, including no contact with minors. (26415)
- Undated Weakland note to Piasecki indicating "[t]here is no doubt that counseling him out of ministry would be the best solution." (26437)
- Undated Becker chronology updated to reflect his laicization. (29815)
- Undated Archdiocesan statement regarding Becker indicating Becker was laicized in 2004 and that the Archdiocese has been candid about Becker and remains committed to resolving issues of sexual abuse of minors by diocesan clergy. (039390)