

Certificate of Baptism

I Herely Certify, that

Son
Daughter } of

born at

on the

at

William Raymond Gillespie
Gillespie

on the day of *July 24th* 19*37*, was baptized

at the Church of *St. Albert the Great*

by Rev. *William R. Warren, D.D.*

Extract from Baptismal Register, page *119*

Sponsors, *Nathaniel M. Burke, D.D.*

June 6th 19*44* Pastor.

Seal

20M 6-41 MPCe.

Certificate of Marriage



Holy Rosary Church
Minneapolis, Minn.

This is to Certify, That Gillespie
and _____ were lawfully Married
on the fourth day of June 1935

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church
and in conformity with the laws of the State of Minnesota,

Rev. W. D. Marrin, C. P. officiating,

in the presence of

Witnesses

as appears from the Marriage Register of this Church.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 4, 1935

J. G. Foley, P.
Rector.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
CITY HALL

F. E. HARRINGTON, M. D.
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH
LOCAL REGISTRAR

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify, that there has been recorded in the office of the Division of Public Health of the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the report of the following birth:

Name of Parents _____ Gillespie _____
Sex of Child Male Date of Birth July 24, 1937

William Raymond Gillespie



Local Registrar

9/1/37 AEB

OSB GILLESPIE 00003

RECORD OF CONFIRMATION

Name William Gillespie
Address _____
Date of Birth _____
Confirmation Name Charles
Confirmation Date November 19, 1950
Sponsor _____
Church St. Ignace
City St. Ignace, Mich. State Mich.
Bishop John Gregory Murray
Pastor Joseph James Horgan

No. 50

The Lakeside Co. Inc., Chicago
RE

Questionnaire for Candidates for the Novitiate

Date March 28 1956

1. Full Name Gillespie William Raymond
Family Name First Name Middle Name
 2. Full Address 3844 Pleasant Lived here for about 15 years
Minneapolis 9, Minnesota
Postoffice and State
 3. Name of Father..... Living or dead? Living
 4. Name of Mother..... Living or dead? Living
 5. Is your father a Catholic? Yes Is your mother a Catholic? Yes
 6. Date of birth July 24, 1937 Place of birth Minneapolis
 7. Where was your father's domicile or quasi-domicile? Minneapolis, St. Albert's Parish
 8. Baptism— a) Time: Aug 15, 1937 b) Parish: St. Albert's Church
c) City: Mpls. d) State: Minn e) Diocese: St. Paul
(If the place was a mission at the time of your baptism, state from where it was then attended.)
 9. Confirmation— a) Time: Nov 19, 1950 b) Parish: Incarnation
c) City: Mpls. d) State: Minn e) Minister: Bishop Burns
 10. Student at St. John's: From 1953, Sept to the present
 11. Give the name of the colleges and seminaries in which you pursued your studies and the date of your sojourn at each
2 years of high school at De La Salle 1951-53
 12. Mention the dioceses in which you have spent more than six months (one year) after the completion of your fourteenth year; give for each the name of the city, state, parish, and date of sojourn:
none except St. Cloud while a student at St. John's.
- Note: If you have been at more places than three, for which space is provided here, please give the information on the back of this.
13. If you have been a postulant, novice, or professed religious elsewhere, state where, in what capacity, and how long: no
 14. Have you the required age for the novitiate (15 years completed)? yes
 15. Is this choice of religious state your free and deliberate act? yes
 16. Did you ever fall away from the Church and join some sect? no If so,
a) What sect?..... b) Date of Apostasy.....
c) Time of membership in sect:..... d) Date of Conversion.....
 17. Were you ever married? no Is wife still living?.....
 18. Did you ever commit a grievous crime which is or may be laid to your charge? no
 19. Have you a debt which you can not pay? no
 20. Have you any accountability or business entanglements that may cause annoyances? no
 21. Are your parents or grandparents in need of your support? no have one brother & two sisters
 22. Were you ever epileptic? no Insane? no
 23. Are any members of your family afflicted with epilepsy or insanity?.....



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

May 6, 1957.

Most Reverend William O. Brady, S.T.D.
The Chancery Office
244 Dayton Avenue
St. Paul 2, Minnesota

Most Reverend and dear Archbishop,

May I beg Your Excellency kindly to grant the Testimonial
Letters required by law for

William Raymond Gillespie,

who has applied for admission to our clerical novitiate.

William Raymond Gillespie was born on July 24, 1937, the
son of _____ and _____, both of whom
are Catholics and both of whom are still living. The present address
of the family is 3844 Pleasant, Minneapolis 9, Minnesota -- the family
has lived at this address for about the last fifteen years.

He was baptized in St. Albert's Parish in Minneapolis on
August 15, 1937, and received the sacrament of Confirmation in the
Church of the Incarnation in Minneapolis on November 19, 1950.

After spending two years of high school at De La Salle
(1951-1953), Gillespie came to St. John's in the fall of 1953, and has
been a student here since that time. During these last four years,
he has given sufficient evidence that he is a worthy candidate both
for the religious life and for the priesthood. As far as I can deter-
mine, there are no canonical impediments.

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

Your Excellency's humble servant,

BD:je

Abbot

OSB GILLESPIE 00006

ARCHDIOECESSE OF SAINT PAUL
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244 DAYTON AVENUE
SAINT PAUL 2, MINNESOTA

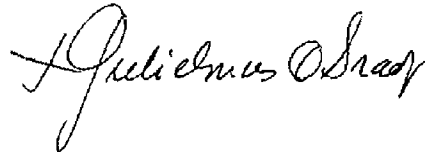
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Dei et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia

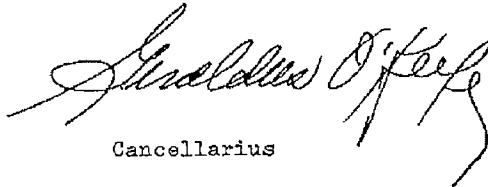
Archiepiscopus Sancti Pauli

Cum dilectus in Christo Filius Gulielmus R. Gillespie
ad habitum religiosum admitti cupiat, attento canone Codicis
Iuris Canonici # 544, ac praevia facta diligenti inquisitione,
praesentibus litteris fidem facimus atque testamur laudatum
Gulielmum R. Gillespie in quantum Nobis constat, nullo
impedimento irretiri quominus ad regulam religiosam profit-
endam admitti possit.

Datum Sancti Pauli ex Cancellaria, die 3a mensis Junii,
A.D. 1957.



Archiepiscopus Sancti Pauli



Cancellarius

OSB GILLESPIE_00007

Litterae Testimoniales



Praesentes Inspecturis Salutem in Domino!

Cum ex praemissa diligenti investigatione Nobis constiterit Dilectum Nobis in Christo
.....Gulielmum Raymundum Gillespie....., qui per quattuor ann. OS
in hac Nostra Dioecesi moratus esse noscitur, moribus bonis ingenioque praestanti ornatum, honesta vita ac
fama conditioneque integra commendatum, neque inquisitum aut aliqua censura, irregularitate aliove canonico
impedimento, quod sciamus, irretitum esse, neque opitulandi parentibus necessitudine gravatum existere: Nos
per praesentes litteras indubiam fidem facimus et testamur nihil, quantum cognoscere potuimus, ex hac parte
obstare quominus praefatum D. Gulielmum Raymundum Gillespie..... ut ad
statum religiosum admittatur commendemus.

In quorum fidem has Testimoniales litteras manu Nostra subscriptas sigilloque Nostro et Secretarii Nostri
subscriptione munitas expediri iussimus.

Datum S. Chiodolli....., ex aedibus Nostris Episcopalibus.

Die 10^a Junii....., A. D. 1952

+ Petrus S. Bartholomaeus
Episcopus.
J. S. Ziolkowski
Secretarius.

Family Name Gillespie

Baptismal Name William Raymond

Entered as Postulant _____

Entered the Novitiate [?] July 14, 1957

Name in Religion Fr. Geo. Thomas

Date of Departure _____

Reason for Departure _____

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Fr. Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.

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My entrance to this world came on a bright and sultry July in 1937 at about eight in the morning. The place was St. Mary's Hospital and the city was Minneapolis, which I have called home for the past twenty years. I have one sister who is one year older than I. I also have a younger sister and brother.

At five I was the only kid on the block to have five black eyes in two years and at that, two of them were at the same time. My older sister was a terror which accounted for three of them. I received the other two (both at the same time) standing too close to a playmate on a swing. After surviving these blows I managed to keep my eyes their normal blue.

Speaking of black there is another impression of black which remains in my memory. The black clothes of a priest, in fact of three priests in particular. I have two uncles and one cousin who are priests. One of my uncles, a missionary in China, is now dead. Having priests in the family, I suppose I was luckier than most kids who don't come into such close contact with them. However, I never thought about the priesthood, or at least I don't think I did, until I was in the eighth grade at Incarnation grade school in Minneapolis.

In the middle of my eighth grade year in school a Salesian priest came to stir up vocations. I was interested in his talk. He was a tall man of six feet or more. He had a crop of curly hair and a smile that would melt anyone. I had a private talk with him and he gave me a lot to think over. However, he advised me to go on to De La Salle and decide after I had finished high school.

I registered for De La Salle and spent my first two years of high school there. My marks weren't good during my sophomore year.

because I didn't have enough sense to study. I thought it was more fun to go out every night and have a good time with the gang.

I had a cousin who went to St. John's. He was a good Irishman like myself by the name of . He left for the Dominicans several years ago. He asked me if I would like to go to St. John's. I can't say I wanted to come here, but I started to think about it. The undercurrent of my thoughts told me that if I didn't go some place where the gang wasn't around, I would probably flunk out of De La Salle. This thought scared me. I liked it at home, but I thought I better get some studying done.

My parents brought me up to look at St. John's. I loved it the first time I saw it. I had a talk with Fr. Stanley. I guess I must have told him that I was thinking of the priesthood. My original intention was to enter St. Gregory's hall as a non-priesthood student. That wasn't the way it turned out. Fr. Stanley put me in Bede Hall.

For the first couple of days it didn't make much difference, for I didn't know which hall was which. Finally I found out accidentally that I was studying for the priesthood. I don't know why I didn't go down and see Fr. Stanley and get changed. The more I thought about it the better I liked it, so I stayed in Bede Hall for two years.

Graduation came and passed and I moved over to the other side of the building and took up residence in St. Anselm Hall. By this time I had decided to be a Dominican, since that seemed the only order to join. I had been slightly influenced by the two Dominican priests and one Dominican nun in the family.

It was during my second year in Anselm Hall that I decided to join the Benedictines. I can't give any definite reason for it. I suppose that for one thing I had gotten used to the place and had many friends whom I didn't want to say good-bye to. Some of the monks also had some influence on me. I admired one priest in particular, having had quite a bit of contact with him during my two years in college.

Beside these few helps there have been no great inspirations or revelations which account for my entering the Benedictine Novitiate. I guess the idea of becoming a priest has always been in the back of my mind. I can recall no big things which drew me towards this life, except the grace of God and prayer.

Testimonium Magistri Novitiorum

De Fratere Novitio Thoma Gulielmo Gillespie Age: 20 yrs 9 mos

Fr. Thomas sailed through several rough storms this year in which he almost lost his rudder. These tempests, without doubt, have been a most salutary experience for him. At least he understands now that he must navigate not by the drifting clouds of sentimentality, but by the stable star of duty. He springs from a family and relationship that expresses its affection by bestowing many and large material presents, and by paying compliments to each other. These past affectionate attentions, which in many instances catered too much to his desires, have made Fr. Thomas somewhat soft. Basically, he has a wholesome character, motivated with a desire for successful communal living. Therefore, he is happy when he succeeds in pleasing others, but becomes unduly sad when he senses a temporary misunderstanding with another. At such times, however, he does not become resentful or peevish, but rather suffers much within his own heart. A word of encouragement and a reemphasis on the realities of life have helped Fr. Thomas to see how he must strive to live in community. He has two very fine character traits. One, a deep reverence and respect for his superiors and elders; and, secondly, a fine sense of gratitude, which quickly expresses itself in a gracious 'thank you' for the smallest help or favor extended to him. From all that I know his spiritual attitudes are good. He has several uncles who are priests.

Die 22 mensis Aprilis anni 1958. Sig. Thomas Gillespie, OSB
Magister Novitiorum

Petitio Ante Expletum Novitiatum Manu Propria
A Novitio Subsignanda et Superiori Porrigenda



Ego infrascriptus novitius Ordinis S. Benedicti, Abbatiae S. Joannis Bapt.
anno novitiatu mei ad finem vergente, cum matura deliberatione ac sincero animo me esse ad statum
monastico-clericalem vocatum existimem, ad vota religiosa et, tempore suo, ad ordines accedere cupio atque
hisc praesentibus a Revmo Domino, Domino Baldovino Dvorsthak, Abbate
hodierno praedicti monasterii S. Joannis Bapt., admissionem ad professionem
monasticam et ad militiam clericalem in statu regulari, tempore debito, humillime exopto.

Fateor et declaro, me cuncta, quae ad naturam et obligationes status religioso-sacerdotalis, ac prae-
sertim ad legem caelibatus votis solemnibus ordinibusque sacris adnexam, pertineant, plane perspecta
habere; volo pariter et constituo omnia et singula ejusdem duplicis status onera suscipere eaque etiam
propono ac spondeo, ope divinae gratiae, integre constanterque servare toto tempore vitae meae.

Testificor, me propositum habere ascendendi ad omnes ordines nec vero importunis aliorum precibus,
suasionibus, obtestationibus vel pollicitationibus pressum aut allectum ad vitam religiosam aut sacram
militiam clericalem impelli, sed libera prorsus ac spontanea voluntate, senotus minis, metu, vi vel coac-
tione, nuncupationem votorum et sacram ordinationem expetere.

Quibus precibus ut ii, ad quos id pertinet, benigne annuere velint, reverenti atque obsequenti animo
supplico.

Datum die 27 mensis Aprilis anni 1958

Thomas Gulielmus Gillespie
Novitius

Praecedentem petitionem mihi tempore et loco, uti supra, fuisse oblatam testor.

Baldovinus Dvorsthak
Abbas—Delegatus Abbatis


In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi. Amen.
Ego Frater Thomas Gulielmus Gillespie ex urbe
Minneapolis, Archidioecesis Sancti Pauli ad honorem
Omnipotentis Dei, Beatissimae Virginis Mariae,
ac Beati Patris nostri Benedicti, et omnium
sanctorum, tenore praesentium per vota
temporaria ad triennium valitura, promitto
stabilitatem et conversationem meam me-
orum, ac obedientiam secundum Regulam
ejuadem Sancti Patris Benedicti, et Statuta
nostrae Congregationis coram Deo et Sanctis
quorum Reliquiae hic in praesenti ecclesia
sunt, simulque in praesentia Reverendissimi
in Christo Patris ac Domini, Domini Balduini
Dvorochak, hujus monasterii Abbatis et
coram Reverendis Patribus et Venerabilibus
Fratribus hic praesentibus: In nomine Patris,
et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

In cujus rei testimonium praesentem
Schedulam manu propria scripsi in hoc
venerabili loco Abbaciae Sancti Joannis Baptistae,
Collegeville, Minnesota, anno ab Incarnatione Domini
millesimo nongentesimo quinquagesimo octavo
die undecimi mensis Julii, in festo Solem-
nitatis Sancti Patris nostri Benedicti.

Baldwin
Dvorochak. + Thomas Gulielmus Gillespie
OSB

In Nomine + Domini nostri Jesu Christi. Amen.
Ego Frater Thomas Gulielmus Gillespie, ex urbe
Minneapolis, Archidioecesis S. Pauli, ad honorem
Omnipotentis Dei, Beatissimae Virginis Mariae,
ac Beati Patris nostri Benedicti, et omnium San-
ctorum, tenore praesentium per vota solemnia
promitto stabilitatem et conversationem morum
meorum, ac obedientiam secundum Regulam ejus-
dem Sancti Patris Benedicti, et Statuta nostrae
Congregationis, coram Deo et Sanctis ejus quorum
Reliquiae hic in praesenti ecclesia sunt, simul-
que in praesentia Reverendissimi in Christo Patris
ac Domini, Domini Baldwini Dworschak, hujus
monasterii Abbatis, et coram Reverendis Pa-
tribus et Venerabilibus Fratribus hic praesentibus:
In Nomine Patris et Filii, + et Spiritus
Sancti. Amen.

In cujus rei testimonium praesentem
schedulam manu propria scripsi in hoc
venerabili loco Abbatiae Sancti Joannis Bap-
tistae, anno ab Incarnatione Domini
millesimo nongentesimo sexagesimo primo die
undecimo mensis Julii in festo Solemnitatis
Sancti Patris nostri Benedicti.

+ Thomas Gulielmus Gillespie
+ Baldwini Dworschak 

SENTENTIA MAGISTRI SPIRITUALIS CLERICATUS

De Fratere Clerico Fr. Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.


Fr. Thomas has about him a controlled bouyance and an attractive optimism. He is a steady striver for improvement, including spiritual advancement. Clericate life has not been difficult for him. Fr. Thomas is a steady worker, and is now the cleric in charge of Lay Retreats under the Director.

After spending two years in DeLasalle, ^{he} spent his last two years of high school in St. John's Prep, thus taking the Benedictine rather than the alternative Dominican approach to the religious life which family associations tended to suggest. His college academic work has shown steady improvement, his yearly average being 1.81, 1.97, 2.16 and 2.28. His first semester in theology brought all B's and A's.

The Gillespie family are very close in the family ties. In this

Die 27 mensis April anni 1961

Sig.


Magister Spiritualis Clericatus

context the word "family" included uncles and aunts and cousins. Fr. Thomas suffers some embarrassment because family attentions showered upon him. However, he handles the situation with awareness of the problems and seemingly avoids the possible ill effects.

Fr. Thomas is sincere, well-intentioned and obedient. He has been most regular. Socially he is very acceptable to his confreres. His piety and religious devotion seems normal.

Declaratio ante Professionem Votorum Solemnia Facienda

Petitionem et Testationem a me, infrascripto Fratre Thoma
alumno Abbatiae S. Joannis Baptistae, Ordinis S. Benedicti, die 25
mensis Aprilis anni 1958 ante votorum triennialium professionem factam, intuitu
instantis professionis votorum solemnia necnon susceptionis ordinum majorum mecum iterum re-
tractans, coram Deo denuo obtestor me adhuc in eadem mentis dispositione et voluntatis intentione
persistere et inde ad vota solemnia nuncupanda necnon ad subdiaconatum recipiendum moveri.

Datum ex abbatia S. Joannis Baptistae
Die 3 mensis Julii anni 1961

Sig. Thomas W Gillespie

Haec declaratio die, mense, anno ac loco suprascripto coram me facta est.

Sig. +Bedwini Dworschak OSB

Abbas _____ Delegatus Abbatis.

**Declaratio Manu Propria a Candidatis Ante Professionem
Votorum Solemnum Subscribenda, Juramento
Coram Superiore Emissa**

(Cf. Instr. S.C. de Relig., nn. 17, 18, 1. Dec. 1931, A.A.S., XXIV, p. 80)

Ego subsignatus Thomas W. Gillespie
alumnus Ordinis S. Benedicti, ex Abbacia Abbatia S. Joannis Baptistae
cum petitionem superioribus exhibuerim pro emissionem votorum solemnum et recipiendo subdiaconatus ordine, diligenter re perpensa coram Deo, juramento interposito, testifcor:

1. Nulla me coactione, seu vi, aut nullo impelli timore in emissionem votorum solemnum et in recipiendo eodem sacro ordine, sed ipsam sponte exoptare, ac plena liberaque voluntate eadem cum adnexis oneribus amplecti velle.
2. Fateor mihi plene esse cognita cuncta onera ex professione solemni et ex eodem sacro ordine dimanantia, quae sponte amplector, ac Deo opitulante propono me toto vitae curriculo diligenter servare.
3. Quae castitatis voto ac coelibatus lege praecipuntur, clare me percipere testor, eaque integre servare usque ad extremum vitae, Deo adjuvante, firmiter statuo.
4. Denique sincera fide spondeo jugiter me fore, ad normam sacrorum canonum, obsequentissime obtemperaturum iis omnibus quae mihi a Praepositis, juxta Ecclesiae disciplinam, praecipuntur, paratus virtutum exempla, tum opere, cum sermone, aliis praebere, adeo ut tanti officii susceptione retributionem a Deo promissam accipere merear.

Sic testor ac juro, super haec sancta Dei Evangelia, quae manu mea tango.

Datum ex Abbatia S. Joannis Baptistae, Collegeville, Minnesota.

Die 3 mensis Julii anni 1961.

Thomas W. Gillespie

Testor coram Domino, testationem praemissam cum adnexo juramento ante me, loco ac tempore indicato, rite fuisse elatam.

+ Baldernus Dorschke OSB

Abbas ~~Delegatus~~ Abbatie

PAX

Reverende Domine,

Ut praescripto canonis 470, §2, satisfacere possis ac insimul officium nobis
vi canonis 576, §2, impositum exsequar, hisce litteris certiore Te reddo Ven.

Fratrem Clericum Thomam Gillespie, O.S.B., cui
ad sacrum baptismi fontem nomen Gulielmus

inditum est, votis perpetuis solemnibus Deo sese obstrinxisse pro alma Abbatia
nostra, die 11 mensis iulii anno 1961

Quae dum pro proposito meo peragam Deum precor ut Te diutissime sos-
pitem servet.

Reverentiae tuae

Addictissimus,

+ Baldwin Durrahah Abbas

Ex Abbatia S. Joannis B., Collegeville, Minn.

Die 26 mensis iulii anno 1961

Baptizatus est die 15 augusti 1937

27 April 1962

Frater Thomas (William Raymond) Gillespie, O.S.B.

Family: Father: ' 1 . . . born in Mpls in 1900. Present address is

Mother: Maiden name-- . . . , born in Mpls in 1900.

Brothers and Sisters: (1) . . . at present unmarried and working for Honeywell Co. in Mpls.

(2) . . . , at present a senior at St. Benedict's College in St. Joseph, Minnesota. She plans to teach school and eventually get married.

(3) . . . , at present a student at St. John's College, sophomore. Plans are uncertain.

Education:

Elementary: attended Incarnation grade school in Mpls., conducted by the Dominican Sisters. Graduated in 1951 June.

High School: Freshman and sophomore at De La Salle in Mpls., conducted by the Christian brothers. Bro Mark Was principal at that time--1952-3.

Transferred to St. John's Prep in 1953, but undecided as to vocation. I was put in St. Bede Hall (pre-divinity) and didn't know it for the first week. Sort of felt it was God's way of letting me know I had a vocation. Fr. Stanley was dean in the prep school and Fr. Eric was head prefect in Bede Hall. I graduated (sine laude) in 1955.

I participated in sports, but never was much good. Also took an interest in acting and stage crew work. I was class treasurer in my senior year. Also headed a magazine drive we conducted.

College:

St. John's University 1955-7 were spent in St. Anselm Hall preparing for the priesthood. I had planned on entering the Dominicans after completing these two years. It was not until the spring of my sophomore year that I decided to enter the novitiate here at St. John's. Reasons: I liked it here, my uncle was head of one of the Dominican provinces in the East and I didn't want anyone to think I was joining them on account of this. His name is Very Rev.

Also I think that the good example of the monks helped me make my decision to enter St. John's. My prefect Fr. Odo (now in Mexico) and others had a great influence on me. During my two years I participated in the intramural sports and joined several campus clubs. I was in the Alpha Phi Omega, and spent a great deal of my time at KSJU, the campus radio station, where I did programs and later became its engineer.

At this time and now I enjoyed tennis, hiking in the woods and fishing.

Seminary: Entered novitiate in July of 1957, professed July 11, 1958 in presence of Rt. Rev. Abbot Baldwin, O.S.B.

Philosophy: 1958-60. Graduated in 1960. St. John's Seminary.

Parish: Incarnation Parish, Mpls., Minn. Msgr. James Moynahan was pastor when I left. Frs. Toney and Kenney were assistants. I was a member of the teenage club and an altar boy.

Clericate: Besides the regular studies I worked for the first year as clericate postman. Later I was put on the retreat staff and became assistant to Fr. Vitus (Director of Retreats) in 1960. I have also written a few articles for the Scriptorium.

Also busy in school.

OSB GILLESPIE_00022



Petrus Gulielmus Bartholome
Miseratione Divina et Sanctae Sedis Gratia
Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

Universis et singulis has litteras inspecturis fidem facimus et
testamur Nos die 2 mensis iunii anni 19.62

in Ecclesia Cathedrali Sanctae Mariae

Dilectum Nobis in Christo Thomam Gulielmum Gillespie, O.S.B.
ex Abbatia S. Ioannis Baptistae de Collegeville, Minn.

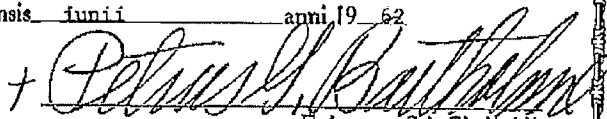
ad Subdiaconatum :

juxta Romani Pontificalis Rubricas et assistente Nobis in hac Sancti
Spiritus gratia promovisse et ordinasse.

In cujus rei fidem has testimoniales litteras sigillo Nostro majori
insignitas confici jussimus.

Apod Sanctum Clodoaldum,

die 2 mensis iunii anni 19.62

+ 
Episcopus Sti. Clodoaldi.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

I, Thomas William Gillespie

otherwise known as Thomas Gillespie, being of legal age,

of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament.

FIRST: I give, devise, and bequeath to

the Order of St. Benedict, St. John's Abbey, Scollageville, Minnesota

all property, real, personal, and mixed, which I now possess or which I may hereafter acquire;

SECOND: I hereby nominate and appoint

Baldwin Dwerschak or his successor as Abbot of St. John's Abbey

as the executor of this will, without bond or inventory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of March 1963

(Signature) Thomas William Gillespie

Signed, published, and declared by the above named Thomas William Gillespie

otherwise known as Thomas Gillespie, as his

last will and testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request, and in the

presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the day and year above written.

(Witnesses) Brennan Charles Maiers

Adam Gerald Costie

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

I, Thomas William Gillespie, OSB
otherwise known as William R Gillespie, being of legal age,
of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament.

FIRST: I give, devise, and bequeath to
the Order of St Benedict Inc., College-
mills, Minn.
all property, real, personal, and mixed, which I now possess or which I may hereafter acquire;

SECOND: I hereby nominate and appoint
Abbot Baldwin Dvorschak, & his successors
in the office of abbot of St John's Abbey, Collegeville.
as the executor of this will, without bond or inventory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 26 day of June 1961

(Signature) Fr. Thomas Gillespie, OSB

Signed, published, and declared by the above named Fr. Thomas Gillespie, OSB
otherwise known as William R. Gillespie, as his
last will and testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request, and in the
presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the day and year above written.

(Witnesses) Nathaniel E. Grundmeyer, OSB
Philip J. Libera, O.S.B.



Petrus Guilielmus Bartholome
Miseratione Divina et Sanctae Sedis Gratia
Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

Universis et singulis has litteras inspecturis fidem facimus et
testamur Nos die 1 mensis iunii anni 19 63

in Ecclesia Cathedrali Sanctae Mariae

Dilectum Nobis in Christo Thomam Guilielmum Gillespie, O.S.B.

Diocesis Abbatiae S Ioannis Baptistae, Collegewille,

Minnesota

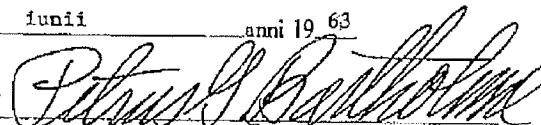
ad sacrum Diaconatum

juxta Romani Pontificalis Rubricas et assistente Nobis in hac Sancti
Spiritus gratia promovisse et ordinasse.

In cujus rei fidem has testimoniales litteras sigillo Nostro majori
insignitas confici jussimus.

Apud Sanctum Clodoaldum,

die 1 mensis iunii anni 19 63

+ 
Episcopus Sti. Clodoaldi.



Petrus Guilielmus Bartholome
Misericordiae Divinae et Sanctae Sedis Gratia
Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

Universis et singulis has litteras inspecturis fidem facimus et
testamur Nos die 30a mensis Maii anni 1964
in Ecclesia Cathedrali Sanctae Mariae

Dilectum Nobis in Christo Thomam Guilielmum Gillespie, OSB
Diocesis Abbatiae S. Joannis Baptistae

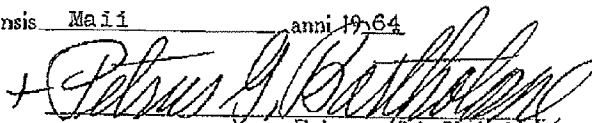
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juxta Romani Pontificalis Rubricas et assistente Nobis in hac Sancti
Spiritus gratia promovisse et ordinasse.

In cujus rei fidem has testimoniales litteras sigillo Nostro majori
insignitas confici jussimus.

Apud Sanctum Clodoaldum,

die 30a mensis Maii anni 1964


Episcopus Sti. Clodoaldi.

Diocese of St. Cloud
CHANCERY OFFICE
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

Date June 5, 1964

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on May 30 19 64
Rev. Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B. was ordained to the
priesthood of the Catholic Church, and that he is authorized under the
rules of said Catholic Church to solemnize marriages.

+ Peter W. Bartholme
Bishop of St. Cloud *per J.S.S.*

per

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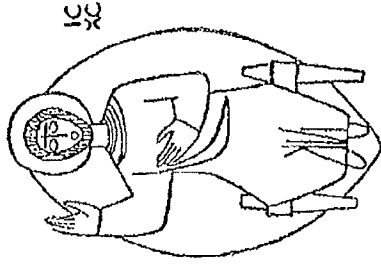
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Albert W. Schmitt

Clerk of District Court
Stearns County, Minn.

By Genevieve M. Sand
Deputy

OSB GILLESPIE_00028



a priest is a mediator
between god and the
people because he
bestows divine things
on them, offers to god
their prayers, and in
a certain way makes
satisfaction for them

saint thomas

THOMAS W. GILLESPIE, O.S.B.
Monk of St. John's Abbey

Ordained Priest

May 30, 1964

✓ INFORMATION FOR THE ARCHIVES OF SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY, COLLEGEVILLE

NAME: Thomas William Gillespie
 (Religious) (Baptismal) (Family)

BIRTH: Mpls. Hennepin Minnesota July 24 1937
 (City) (County) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year)

YOUR PATRON SAINT: Aquinas NAMEDAY: March 7

TRIENNIAL VOWS: Old Abbey Church July 11, 1958 Abbot Baldwin
 (Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

FINAL VOWS/OBLATION: Old Abbey Church July 11, 1961 Abbot Baldwin
 (Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

ORDINATION: St. Cloud Cathedral May 30, 1964 Peter W. Bartholome
 (Place) (Date) (Bishop)

FATHER'S FULL NAME: 1

FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Mpls.

FATHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: Irish

FATHER'S RELIGION: Catholic DATE OF DEATH: living

HIGHEST LEVEL OF FATHER'S EDUCATION: 2 yrs of high school

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: ^{worker} ~~Foreman~~ in machine shop Foreman in machine shop
 (Now) (When You Entered Monastery)

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:

MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Mpls.

MOTHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: Irish

MOTHER'S RELIGION: Catholic DATE OF DEATH: living

OSB GILLESPIE_00030

HIGHEST LEVEL OF MOTHER'S EDUCATION: finished high school

YOUR CAREER BEFORE ENTERING THE MONASTERY: entered monastery after two years of college.

EDUCATION	SCHOOL	FROM	TO	MAJOR	DEGREE	DATE
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ELEMENTARY:	<u>Incarnation</u>					
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SECONDARY:	<u>De La Salle (MPLs) & St. John's Prep</u>					<u>May 1955</u>
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UNDERGRADUATE:	<u>St. John's University</u>				<u>B.A. Phil</u>	<u>1960</u>
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THEOLOGY:	<u>St. John's Seminary</u>					<u>1964</u>
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GRADUATE:						
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POST-DOCTORAL:						
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OTHER:						
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[Over Please]

DATE FILLED OUT: June 4, 1964

Thomas Gillespie, OSB
(Signature)

LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY ALL THE MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS (lasting six months or more) YOU HAVE RECEIVED SINCE PROFESSION AND ORDINATION. Give (a) the type or nature of the work, e.g., assistant pastor or plumber or math teacher in Prep School, (b) the location, (c) the duration, (d) any special achievements or items of note, e.g., built parish hall in 1948.

Assistant Director of Retreats under Fr. Vitus for three years, 1961-63

Did some writing for the Scriptorium while in clericate.

GIVE YOUR PARENT'S PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING.

LIST YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE ORDER OF THEIR BIRTH. INCLUDE YOURSELF. For those still living give their present address; for those who have died write "deceased." Put an asterisk before those whom you want contacted immediately and directly by the Abbey when you die.

William R. Gillespie (me)

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(new Bro.

Dominican novice)

IN THE REMAINING SPACE AND ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY PUT DOWN ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOURS THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY RECORDED.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Record of Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.

Class V year theology

Term _____

Course No.	Descriptive Title	Mark	Sem. Hrs.
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Summer session 1964

Ho 131s	Homiletics	B	1
Ca 122s	Catechetics	B	1

CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD

197 W. Geranium Ave.
ST. PAUL, MINN. 551-17
19 August 1964

Dear Father Abbot,

I noticed in the Ordo that Friday is your nameday. Be assured that I will remember you in my Mass and prayers. God bless you and continue to grant you the grace needed to carry out the very difficult job of being abbot.

Believe me, it was very difficult for me to leave St. John's. But here I am now all settled at St. Bernard's and to tell you the truth I am too busy to be lonesome. The priest and the people are all very wonderful. I am sure I am going to love my work here, and knowing that I have a spiritual powerhouse behind me will make my task that much easier.

God bless you, Father Abbot.

Your son in Christ,

A Thomas Gillespie, OSB

1964

Please give names and addresses of your
nearest relatives

Name:

Street:

Town and State:

Name:

Street:

Town and State:

Name:

Street:

Town and State:

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

of

Fr. Thomas Gillespie

for the year

Aug 15, 1964 -
Jan 1, 1965

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

Of Thomas Gillespie OSB,

August 15
From January 1, 1964, to January 1, 1965

RECEIPTS:		EXPENSES:	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 19 (excl. Stipends)	157.00	Salary to Assistants,	
Mass Stipends on hand, Jan 1,		Wages for Servants,	
Salary for Pastor,		Kitchen, meals,	
Salary for Assistant,	35.00	Beverage,	
Stipends,		Cigars and Tobacco,	1.00
Stola,		Clothing,	
Sale of Devotionals,		Laundry,	3.00
Donations,	20.00	Books,	10.00
Auto Service,		Newspapers and Magazines,	5.00
House Maintenance,		Stationery and Postage,	3.00
Salary for Chaplain,		Devotionals,	
Honorarium for Confessor,		Barber and Toilet,	10.00
Missions and Retreats,		Telephone and Telegraph,	
Literary work,		Auto Maintenance,	
Other Sources,		New Auto,	
		Medical Attendance,	
		Medicine,	
		Travel (bus, air, rail)	
		Carfare and Taxi,	
		Fairs and Entertainments,	6.00
		Alms,	15.00
		Donations,	
		Sundry Expenses,	
		Stipends to Abbey,	
		Stipends to Others,	
		Stipends on Hand Jan. 1,	
		Surplus Income to Abbey,	
		Cash on hand Jan. 1, (excl. Stip.)	1.50
Total	77.00	Total	77.00
Salary Due Jan. 1,			

N.B. Please give information requested on last page

Please give names and addresses of your
nearest relatives

1965

Name:

Street:

Town and State:

Name:

Street:

Town and State:

Name:

Street:

Town and State:

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

of

Thomas F. Pappis, OSB

for the year

1965, ~~1964~~

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

Of Thomas Gillespie OSB

From January 1, 1965, to January 1, 1966.

RECEIPTS:		EXPENSES:	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 19 <u>66</u> (excl. Stipends)	10.00	Salary to Assistants,	
Mass Stipends on hand, Jan 1,		Wages for Servants,	
Salary for Pastor,		Kitchen, meals,	
Salary for Assistant,	294.75	Beverage,	
Stipends,		Cigars and Tobacco,	25.00
Stola,		Clothing,	20.00
Sale of Devotionals,		Laundry,	
Donations,	27.05	Books,	35.00
Auto Service,		Newspapers and Magazines,	10.00
House Maintenance,		Stationery and Postage,	10.00
Salary for Chaplain,		Devotionals,	
Honorarium for Confessor,		Barber and Toilet,	25.00
Missions and Retreats,		Telephone and Telegraph,	
Literary work,		Auto Maintenance,	
Other Sources,		New Auto,	
		Medical Attendance,	15.00
<i>Diffs received during year</i>		Medicine,	15.00
<i>Radio (transistor)</i>		Travel, (bus, air, rail) <i>Temp to Boston</i>	75.00
<i>Transistor tape recorder (price 30.00)</i>		Carfare and Taxi,	5.00
<i>Overnight car</i>		Fairs and Entertainments,	20.00
		Alms,	7.00
		Donations,	
<i>Journal 150.00 given as</i>		Sundry Expenses, <i>golf clubs (with list)</i>	75.00
<i>40 hour donation. Interest there</i>		Stipends to Abbey,	
<i>in to the pastor. He in turn</i>		Stipends to Others,	
<i>permitted me to use 25.00 for</i>		Stipends on Hand Jan. 1,	
<i>a set of golf clubs which will</i>		Surplus Income to Abbey,	
<i>be used for the printer's fee.</i>		Cash on hand Jan. 1, (excl. Stip.)	10.00
		Total	332.00
Total	332.00		
Salary Due Jan. 1,			

N.B. Please give information requested on last page

CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD

197 W. Geranium Ave.
ST. PAUL, MINN. 55117
April 14, 1966

Dear Father Abbot,

Father Romuald told me several months ago of your plan to put another full-time man in St. Bernard's High School. He informed me that you were considering me for this job. I am not sure what your feelings are on this subject at present. I am certainly willing to try my best at whatever work you assign me.

Spring is already here, and if you do want me to go into this work, it will mean that I will have to get busy on my education credits. Father Romuald runs a good school and it is his efforts that keep it going. I think it is a pretty tough job for one man to handle, and I marvel at his energy. I believe it is a school our community can well be proud of.

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas, OMB

CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD

197 W. Geranium Ave.
ST. PAUL, MINN. 55117
June 28, 1966

Dear Father Abbot,

I have been thinking over the idea of going into vocation work this past week. The more I think about it, the more I feel unqualified for such a job. As of yet I have little experience, nor do I have the educational background necessary for such work.

In talking to some of the people of our parish I found out that they feel that St. Bernard's is just a training ground for young priests. Most of the people don't like the idea of a priest coming for a year or two and then being pulled out. This has happened quite often here at St. Bernard's.

I felt that when I left your office I left you with the impression that I didn't like parish work. Believe me, Father Abbot, I do like it and I feel I have done something for the people. Father Ildephonse and I have worked very much as a team on many of our mutual efforts. I enjoy teaching and working with both the grade and high school students. I have started several organizations and belong to several neighborhood groups working for better education and for the improvement of the Rice Street Area.

I feel that Father Boniface mistrusts me (treats me like a baby, is what I told him), but I have learned to live with this. Believe me, it is not all his fault. I often provoke him when I spurt out with my ideas, but I have learned to keep my mouth shut until asked a question. In spite of my personal opinion, I know that Father Boniface has done a great deal of good for St. Bernard's. His health hasn't been too good this past year. I imagine that his ordeal during the 2nd World War has left a few scars, both physical and mental.

Father Boniface no doubt told you that we have no regular housekeeper. Catherine, who was here for ten years, retired last summer. Since then we have had a succession of women who in one way or another just didn't work out. I don't mind making breakfast and lunch, but a chicken dinner is a little out of my line. Mrs. Burnhardt, who cleans here, has taken over the evening meal now, but we really need a full-time woman to run the household.

If you would permit me to do so, I would like to finish my education credits and perhaps do more teaching in our high school here. I don't know if I could ever fill Father Romuald's shoes, but I'd certainly be willing to help him.

Father Abbot, I will do whatever you want me to do. However, I thought it best to express my feelings about the matter.

Sincerely in Christ and St. Benedict,

Thomas, OSB

OSB GILLESPIE_00040



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

June 29, 1966

Dear Father Thomas,

Father Abbot left on the 27th to attend the blessing of the new Abbot of St. Andrew's Abbey in Cleveland yesterday, and from there he will go to attend the meeting of the Major Religious Superiors of the country in Atchison. He will return only on the 6th of July.

I am writing you this so that you will not be concerned if you do not receive a reply from Father Abbot to your letter of yesterday. Although I am sure he will take this letter into consideration, I rather doubt if he will change the plans he has made for the coming year, for he has already written to the Archbishop, indicating that he would like to withdraw you from St. Bernard's Parish and asking the Archbishop to approve of the appointment of your successor. As I remember, the letter went out last Saturday, but so far confirmation has not come from the Archbishop of the persons presented to him by Father Abbot. At any rate, your letter will be on Father Abbot's desk when he returns on the 6th.

With every good wish and the prayer that God bless you in whatever work Father Abbot definitely decides to ask you to do, I am

Faternally yours,

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

August 3, 1966

Dear Father Thomas,

I am sorry that I have not written you before this in reference to your appointment for the coming year and to the date when you should return to the Abbey. But I was waiting for definite word from Father Prior as to when Father Austin would be available.

I now know that Father Austin will be available after the 15th of this month, and tomorrow I will write to the Archbishop, asking him to approve of Father Austin's appointment as assistant at St. Boniface's -- no -- at St. Bernard's in St. Paul, effective on August 19.

Father Cajetan will be at St. Bernard's on the 5th, but he will be replacing Father Sixtus.

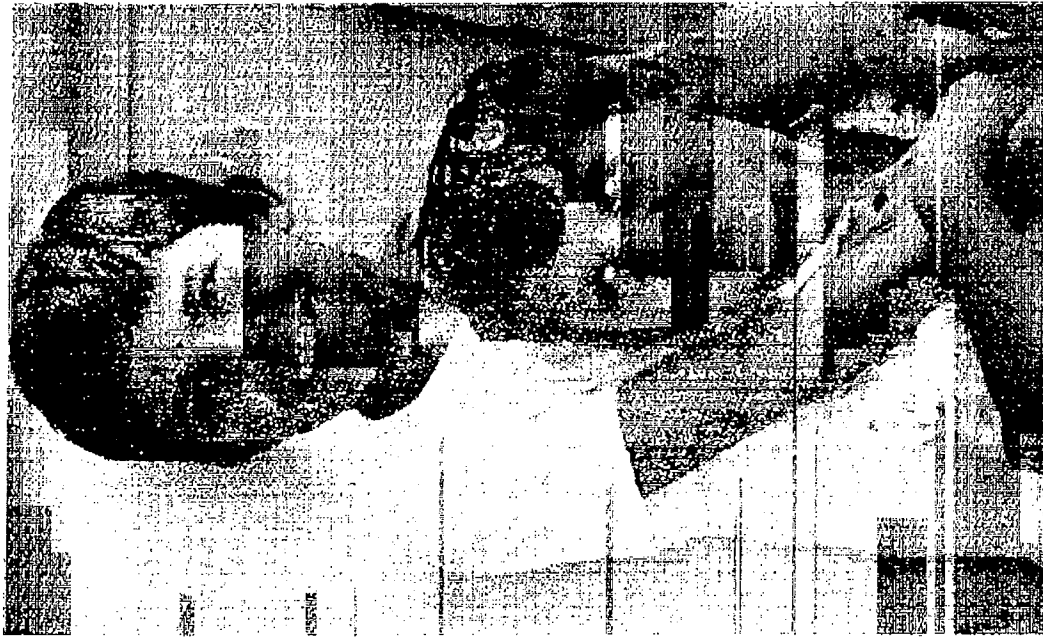
As for yourself, I now definitely ask you to return to the Abbey for the purpose of assisting Father Arnold in the vocation work. You may plan to return here on the 18th or 19th of August. I did read carefully the letter which you wrote me earlier and which arrived during one of my absences, and I appreciate your having written me so frankly. Taking all things into consideration, I thought it best to follow my original plan and to ask you to assist Father Arnold in the vocation work. I realize that you have not had too much experience, but I believe that you are well qualified for this work, and that, under the guidance of Father Arnold, you will soon have the experience. I am confident that you will do well in this type of work, and I pray that the new assignment will be a source of many blessings for you, for those with whom you will be working, and for the community.

With every good wish, and with greetings also to the Fathers there,
I am

Your devoted Abbot.

BD:je

P.S. I should have added above that you will assist Father Arnold full time; that is, there will be no other regular work assigned to you, though occasionally Father Prior may give you a special assignment, as he has done occasionally to Fathers Arnold and Jordan. He will have a room for you here when you return on the 18th or 19th.



Dear Father & Mother,

Best wishes to you for a wonderful
Christmas. Mine will be a little different
this year, but I'm sure I'll enjoy it.
My two sisters & my brother-in-law are
coming this Saturday.

I'm really very happy. Live in Puerto Rico &
my work seems to be coming along fine. Joe
never thought English before, now perfect.
However, in Boston & Erie seem to be satisfied.
Siendo rico

Se hizo pobre

para enriquecer

con Su pobreza

write my work. Donell is also a great
help in giving me tips on perfecting &
teaching English to Spanish speaking student.
Father's pull down of the Community Don't
know to better me much since I am usually
with the students except for a few hours of
the day.

I hope you're all well & that the
Presb. class of the H. Home Community can't
be weighing too heavily on your shoulders.
I am yourself a rest, come down to P.R.
You can teach my English class & give me
some tips on perfecting.

It's a bit & I should get to bed since tomorrow
promise to be a tough day. & I'm one in the
middle of semester tests.

I'm enclosing a copy of my letter, but
please don't put it on the bulletin board.

Merry Christmas, Fr. Abbot

Thomas Gillespie

Cristo viene

para enriquecernos

RETREAT DIRECTOR NAMED

Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B., has been named the new Director of Retreats and Coordinator of Summer Events for St. John's Abbey and University.

He succeeds Father Vitus Bucher, O.S.B., who held that position the past 20 years. Father Thomas was assistant director of retreats before his ordination in 1964. From 1964-66 he was an assistant at St. Bernard's parish, St. Paul. In 1966 he became assistant vocation director for St. John's.

Nine retreats were held this past summer. Tentative plans for next summer call for two retreats for men, two for older couples, and five for younger couples.



OSB Campus Record - Winter 1967

Health Record in general (past and present): good

Your preferences for future work: pastoral work in big city parish

Work you would like excluded: not full teaching or solely teaching

Other comments or suggestions: He was coordinator of activities at St John's for two years and also went out as assistant Vocation director with Fr Arnold Weber - speaking at grade schools and High Schools on vocations. Was assigned to Colegio San Antonio Abad in Puerto Rico to take Fr Stephen Beauclair's place, who went to Moorhead, where Fr Thomas Gillespie has first been assigned, but this was changed

Places you worked since your Profession:	Type of work:	From:	Dates To:
1. St Paul, St Bernard's	under Fr Boniface Axtman	1964	1966
2. St John's Abbey	Coordinator of Activities, Vocation work and retreat work	1966	1968
3.			
4. Puerto Rico, Humacao	teaching - SRA Reading and Prefect and in charge of some sports	1968	
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Comments:			

Full Name: Fr Thomas Gillespie

Code: G Y R P

1964 Visits: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ✓

CHRISTMAS

1968

SAN ANTONIO ABAO

MUNACAO PUERTO RICO

Dear Fr. Albert

This year I've decided to write a longer Christmas message than usual. The reason for this, of course, is that so many things have happened to me in the past year. And by far the biggest change in my life is being here in Puerto Rico, working as a prefect and English teacher at San Antonio Abao, a monastery and six year college preparatory school for boys.

As I look over the four and one-half years of my priesthood I realize how in many respects I am very fortunate. These years have brought me three different assignments, all of them concerned with slightly different apostolates. I'm grateful for my two previous assignments and very satisfied with my present one. As you probably remember I spent two years at St. Bernard's Parish and High School in St Paul and two years as Assistant Vocational Director and Retreat Director at St John's.

Interruptions will plague this letter since I have very little consecutive free time. I'm in the study hall now perfecting my 120 ninth and tenth graders. I also have some eighth graders. Generally they are a very normal group of youngsters and at various times they make quite a mess out of things. (I just kicked one kid out of the study hall for talking away while I am trying to write this letter.)

My first assignment, from 1964-1966 at St Bernard's, was a time of initiation and a sure way of getting "my feet wet and my ears dried." Here as third assistant I worked in the high school and grade school, taught and supervised C C D Classes, worked in various civic and church organizations and of course baptized, married and buried. St. Bernard's, for those of you who don't know it, is a rather large parish in the Rice Street Area of St Paul. It was with a great deal of sadness that I left St. Bernard's and the many friends I had there, to become Assistant Vocational Director in August of 1966--exactly two years from the date I had been assigned to the parish.

Returning to St John's after two years, I found it a little hard at first to adjust to monastic life again. But at the same time I enjoyed seeing all my old friends and classmates again and meeting the new members of the community.

Vocational work today is a very difficult job because so few young people seem to be thinking about the priesthood or religious life. Nevertheless, these two years were filled with many valuable experiences in dealing with young people, and, I hope, in helping them. Giving retreats, vocational talks, talks and discussions for adults, working on the Boys Camp at St John's and supervising an Adult Retreat Program, as well as the summer program of campus activities, were a few of the activities I was involved in during these two years.

During my two years as Assistant Vocational Director I travelled over 80,000 miles, mostly by car, without an accident or even a speeding ticket. I thank God for that. I suppose I really deserved a ticket or two since I'm not the world's slowest driver. Father Arnold, the Vocational Director, helped to make these two years pleasant, meaningful and enjoyable. I am grateful for all I learned from him--and for his patience.

OSB GILLESPIE_00048

Now I arrived here in Puerto Rico is a rather confusing story and I'm really not sure if I have all the facts straight yet. It started out with a little vacation-work trip and turned into a permanent assignment.

After a busy summer of directing campus events, giving and directing retreats, plus a few other activities, I asked Fr. Abbot for a trip to Puerto Rico to relax a little and visit our community down here. (Why I wanted to go to Puerto Rico, only God knows!) Reluctantly he granted this permission and on August 28th I left for the Caribbean, planning to attend a retreat convention in Cleveland on my way back.

While in Puerto Rico I received word that I was being transferred to a parish in Northern Minnesota, which in a way shocked me since I had heard nothing of this before leaving St. John's. I slept on it overnight and by morning I had convinced myself that this would be an interesting new adventure, another chapter in my short priesthood. Just about this time Fr. Eric, the superior here, came to my room and asked me if I would like to stay here in Puerto Rico. I'm not sure what my answer was, but shortly afterward a trans-Atlantic telephone call was made to the Abbot, and I was reassigned to Puerto Rico. I left several days later for Minnesota where I packed up and said good-bye to my family, relatives and friends. I had to be back in Puerto Rico, ready to teach, on September 14th. Yesterday marked the third month of my being here.

Working here in Puerto Rico has so far been a fascinating experience, so different in many ways from Minnesota. I'm junior varsity prefect here and I spend most of my day with the students, teaching English to eighth graders, perfecting a study hall and dorm, nursing colds and sore throats, and working as a part-time speech coach and intraschool moderator.

Two of the most fascinating things about Puerto Rico are its climate and its language. Being in the tropics the temperature seldom gets below 75°. (Today, December 15, I took a mini-bus load of students to one of the beaches on the Caribbean Sea which is about fifteen minutes away from our school.) There's sunshine most of the day, but we do get lots of rain, usually in the form of quick showers.

The Spanish language both fascinates and frustrates me. About 90% of the students here speak Spanish as their primary language. And of course the surrounding people also speak Spanish. I'm studying Spanish (even taking lessons) and I hope someday to be able to speak it fluently. Right now it is difficult for me to speak or understand it. During Christmas vacation I plan to intensify my efforts, especially on vocabulary. My students laugh at my efforts a little, but at the same time they help me with pronunciation and meaning.

Christmas this year will be quite different for me, especially since I'm so far away from my family and friends. I can imagine that I will be lonely for once and the usual Minnesota Christmas.

Be assured that I will be remembering you in my Masses and prayers during the Christmas Season. I want to wish you all a most Joyous and Merry Christmas, And much happiness in the coming year.

Thomas Gillespie

Mayor Cantero, 67
Ponce, P.R. 00371
June 7, 1969

Dear Father Abbot,

I'm here in Ponce at the Catholic University studying Spanish in a "crash program" for the summer. I have six hours of class a day & usually about four hours of homework each night. It's a little tough getting back into the swing of being a student, but at the same time it's quite a challenge & the classes are quite interesting.

I'm living in a parish with three Vincentians who are from Spain. They speak little English, so it's either learn Spanish or starve. They are very helpful & I think I'm learning quite a bit of Spanish. Fr. Mel will be joining the class next week.

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in preparation for his work at St.
Anselm's.

I'm wondering how to interpret the
latest word on vacations. I mentioned
in the Confere that each monk could
have two weeks, but it didn't mention
anything about those living at a
great distance. Perhaps this will be
spelled out more clearly in a later
issue.

I'm away I would like to go home for
a week or so after school is over. My
mother was quite sick this past
winter. I am naturally anxious to
see her & the rest of the family. They
have offered to pay half the ticket.

Fraternally,

Thomas Gillespie



COLEGIO SAN ANTONIO ABADE

December 9, 1971

BOX 729 - HUMACAO, PUERTO RICO 00661

Dear Abbot John,

Forgive me for being so late in writing you and congratulating you on your election as abbot. All of us here are very happy that you were elected.

We are hoping that you will pay us a visit this year, but we know that you must be mighty busy with all your new duties and responsibilities. The months of December and January, to my thinking, are the most beautiful here. The weather is cooler and there is not much rain.

So far we have had a good year. All the changes we made have not brought any great difficulties. We have a good student body, and a fairly good faculty. I really enjoy my work, although it can be rather hectic at times. I think our biggest problem right now is money. We still have our new building to pay off.

I am sorry that I could not be at St. John's for your blessing. From what I heard it was a wonderful day for all. I guess Puerto Rico was well represented by our Prior and Principal.

I have been in Puerto Rico for over three years now and I really can say they have been happy years. I came down here quite by accident, and it seems to have been God's will that I stay. I love the country, the people and the climate. I am still not very good in Spanish, but I keep struggling along, knowing someday I will master Spanish.

Really, we certainly would enjoy and be honored by a visit from you. We are off school from Dec. 17 until January 9. If you could come during this time it would be so much more enjoyable for all of us.

I hope you are well and that not too many problems are keeping you away from an occasional game of basketball or hockey game. I was going to say golf, but I guess the weather you have up there would not permit it.

Sincerely,

Thomas Gillespie

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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

December 18, 1971

Dear Father Thomas,

It was good to receive your letter of the 9th of December, and I appreciate your good wishes and congratulations. I wish that I might visit Puerto Rico during the time of your Christmas holidays, from the 17th of December to the 9th of January, but I don't think I will be able to make it during that period, though I still hope to be able to visit there during this first year. I did visit the two parishes in New York City during the week of the 5th, since at the end of that week I had to be at St. Vincent Archabbey for a meeting of the President's Council; so I saved one trip. The visit was taxing but enjoyable, and I think that I learned quite a bit about the work of these two parishes, information that will be helpful. And I am sure I would not only enjoy a visit to Puerto Rico but would also learn much. I was there some years ago, but there have been many changes since then.

It is encouraging to read that all is going well this year, and that the changes have caused no major problems. And it is also encouraging to read that your three years there have been happy years, and that you love the country, the people, and the climate. Since you have been there three years, I presume you will be coming up for a visit next summer -- it will be good to see you, if I do not get there before that, and I am sure the community would also appreciate a visit.

On Thanksgiving I did play paddle ball with one of the Juniors, and I managed to beat him. For a time I thought he might be letting me win, but as the games progressed I was sure he was doing his best to win. Some spots on the lake froze very nicely, but before it was safe the snow came, and we have almost a foot of it already; more came today. The novices tried to clear a rink on the lake some days ago, but I am afraid they are a bit discouraged. The college rink is not yet ready, but I hope it will be in a couple of days, and then maybe I can get in a bit of skating before the students return. Basketball has sort of petered out among the juniors, and I am not too keen on volleyball since I find it hard on the fingers -- I usually manage to get one in the way of the ball. Will have to wait for next spring for golf, which I enjoy and which may be more my speed now. I did play basketball a couple of times last year when I was over in the seminary, and I could still shoot as well as most of them, though I found it more difficult to keep up with them as they raced up and down the floor.

With all good wishes for a blessed and joyful Christmas, and with greetings also to all of the community,

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

OSB GILLESPIE_00053

Thomas Gillespie

September 19, 1972

Dear Father Thomas,

Thank you for the postcard which you sent me from Caraca, Venezuela, from the Benedictine abbey there. It was good to hear from you and good also to know that the monastery and the school sent you and Fr. Julio down to attend the first Mass of one of the former teachers at San Antonio. I am happy that you found Caracas such a beautiful place, with a climate even better than that of Puerto Rico, though I have always found Puerto Rico beautiful also and the climate delightful--maybe because I have only been there during the winter. Some years ago Father Burton was much interested in a foundation in South America, and we did look into one place, but, if I remember rightly, it was in Peru. Maybe some day we will be able to begin a new foundation, but at present we aren't able.

I am sorry I missed the celebration in Puerto Rico but rejoice that it went off very well, and that Brothers Stephen and Victor could enjoy it. Father Prior sent a long letter some days ago, and this morning Father Bernard stopped in for a visit. It is good to know that the schoolyear got off to a good start. It has done so here also and everything seems to be going smoothly. The Prepa don't seem to have much of a football team, having lost their first three games, but the college should do alright, having won their first two, non-conferences games with LaCrosse and St. Cloud State. We begin the conference games with Macalester this Saturday, and on the 30th St. Thomas will be here for Homecoming.

In the community also all is going well and all are well, though Fathers Matthew and Dominic have been in the hospital; the former should return to Jacobs Prairie today, and the latter should be home within a few days. He now has to take insulin and there seems to be some problem in getting the proper dosage adjusted. Weather lately has been delightful and all are hoping for a long and pleasant Fall, since the summer seemed to be so brief.

Greetings to all, and every good wish,

Devotedly yours,

Abbot
JE:fp
Rev. Thomas Gillespie, OSB
Monasterio San Antonio Abad
P O Box 729
Humacao, Puerto Rico 00661

OSB GILLESPIE_00054

Thomas W. Gillespie, OSB

1974 Jan 1975

Thomas W. Gillespie

PLEASE GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF YOUR NEAREST RELATIVES.

(Even if you filled this out last year, this might require updating.)

Mass Stipends to Abbey \$ _____

Mass Stipends to Others _____

Total \$ _____

Mass Intentions on Hand _____

Dollar value of Stipends on Hand \$ _____

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Please list items of value which are in your possession and belong to the Monastery, such as cameras, tape recorders, radios, stereos, television sets, chairs, and valuable objects of Art. (Do not list things which belong to the rectory or parish.)

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

Of _____, From _____ 19____ to _____ 19____

RECEIPTS:			EXPENDITURES:		
Cash on hand _____ 19____ (excluding Stipends)			Salary to Substitute		
Stipends received—for Masses offered			Wages for hired help		
Salary for Pastor			Food and Beverage		
Salary for Assistant			Tobacco		
Received from Abbey			Clothing and Laundry		
Withdrawn from Business Office			Room, Board, Tuition		
Donations			Books, Newspapers, Magazines		
Auto Allowance			Stationery and Postage		
House Maintenance			Dues and Subscriptions		
Salary for Chaplain			Barber and Toilet		
Honorarium			Telephone and Telegraph		
Missions and Retreats			Auto Maintenance		
Literary work			Medical Attendance and Medicine		
Other Sources			Travel (other than Vacation) (bus, air, rail, taxi)		
			Entertainment and Recreation		
			Alms and Donations		
			Vacation		
			Other Expenses		
			Surplus Income to Abbey		
			Cash on hand _____ 19____		
Total			Total		

N.B. Please give information requested over.

May 8, 1975

Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Monasterio San Antonio Abad
Apartado 729
Humacao, Puerto Rico 00661

Dear Father Thomas,

I am sorry that it has taken me this long to write you about your assignment for the coming year, but so many things kept coming up that I couldn't spend as much time as I wished in planning and discussing the changes that will be made.

But they are pretty well set now, and I am asking, in view of our discussion during my visit to San Antonio, you to accept an appointment to St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring as assistant (or associate) to Father Simon. He will welcome you with open arms since he has been alone after Father Cletus returned to the abbey as assistant prior. That is, he has been alone except for the help of a deacon and except for regular weekend help from Abbot Baldwin. St. Boniface is an active parish, and there is sufficient work for two men. But also on the personal level, Father Simon is very pleased that you will be coming to Cold Spring. I hope that the assignment will be as pleasing to you.

Father Simon will be happy to have you come as soon as possible. After my visit there, Father Prior Julio thought that your leaving there on the 23rd of May would be a bit early since he did not think it would be possible to finish up all the work of the school year by that date. I would not want you to leave any part of your work there unfinished, but I would be grateful if you could arrange to come as soon as that work is completed, and if you would let me know when you plan to come. Meantime, you can send your things ahead to

Saint Boniface Church
Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320

I told Father Simon that you might wish to do that, and he will take care of your things until your arrival.

All of the sick have returned from the hospital (Fathers Valerian, Theodore, Demetrius and Basil) and are doing well here. Bro. Placid broke his leg between the knee and the hip by falling off a horse last Sunday. I haven't had a chance to see him yet, but apparently it is a rather bad break. All others are well and spring is coming slowly.

With greetings to all, and the prayer that God bless you always, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

OSB GILLESPIE_00057



monasterio san antonio abad / apartado 729 / humacao, puerto rico 00661
May 14, 1975

Dear Father Abbot,

Thank you for your letter informing me of my new assignment. I am sure things will work out just fine. Fr. Simon and I have been friends since we worked together in the high school and on some retreats.

Fr. Julio has given me permission to leave here on May 22 and to go to Haiti for a few days. I would also like to spend a few days in Mpls before going to Cold Spring. I will arrive in Cold Spring on May 29. My mother's birthday is on the 28th and I would like to spend it with my family.

I will arrive in Mpls. on the 25th or 26th. If the above mentioned plans will not be satisfactory I can be reached at my parents' home, tel. 825-3917.

It has been a good years and in many ways I will miss San Antonio, Puerto Rico and its wonderful people. I hope I can keep up my Spanish. Maybe I can teach a class in Cold Spring.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Sincerely,

Thomas Gillespie

Handwritten scribble

May 23, 1975

Dear Father Thomas,

Thank you for your letter of the 14th of May, indicating that, after a visit to Haiti and a couple of days in Minneapolis with your parents, you will arrive in Cold Spring on May 29. I am happy to assure you that this arrangements is fully satisfactory, and that Father Simon is pleased that you will be with him on the 29th. I have also written to the Bishop, and he has approved of the assignment and has given you the faculties of the Diocese. My greetings to your parents, and especially to your mother on her birthday, the 28th.

After a few days of spring, we have slipped into summer, as you will note on your arrival in Minneapolis Sunday or Monday: temperatures have been in the 80's, with high humidity and severe thunder storms, but no damage here. Will be looking forward to seeing you shortly after your arrival in Cold Spring. With all good wishes,

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

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May 1, 1976

Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Church of St. Boniface
Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320

Dear Father Thomas,

The personnel staff and I have spent many hours in trying to work out the appointments for the coming year in a way that will best fit the needs of each person as well as the needs of the particular apostolate and the commitments of the community. Our final meeting, we hope, was held this week, on the 23th of April, and I am trying to write to each one involved before I leave tomorrow for Holy Cross for the election of the Abbot there; I will be back late Monday night, the 3rd of May.

Throughout most of our planning, it seemed that you would continue to serve at St. Boniface in Cold Spring. Now, however, I have decided to ask Father Brennan to serve as pastor of St. Boniface in Cold Spring, and both Fathers Cletus and Simon told me that you would prefer not to remain at Cold Spring, if Father Brennan became pastor. I assume that they were expressing your words accurately. On that assumption, I would like to ask you to consider serving at St. Bernard's in St. Paul as associate pastor, with Father Mel as pastor and Fathers Cosmas and Edwin as the other associate pastors. I know that you have been at St. Bernard's, and that you did very good work there. I am sure, too, that you would be welcomed again at St. Bernard's.

And so I hope that the proposed assignment will be fully agreeable to you, and I would appreciate your giving me your reaction as soon as possible. I would also appreciate your letting me know when it would be most convenient for you to make the proposed change. As far as I can tell now, the change at Cold Spring would take place about the middle of July, depending upon what happens in New York.

I know that we have promised you a period of time (three months or so) to up-date your theology. I am sure that this can still be worked out if you are at St. Bernard's. With all good wishes and the prayer that God bless you, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

OSB GILLESPIE_00060

May 13, 1976

Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Churchhof St. Boniface
Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320

Dear Father Thomas,

I am enclosing the first page of a letter which I received this morning from the Archbishop, approving the appointments which I had submitted in my letter of the 14th of May. You will note that the Archbishop has approved of your appointment to St. Bernard's, effective on August 3. The archdiocese requires the profession of faith of all new appointees, as indicated in the 5th paragraph of the enclosed letter.

I hope that the date August 3 will be convenient for you, as I hope also that you will be happy in returning to work at St. Bernard's. Had I known earlier of your desire to remain at Cold Spring, I would have done all possible to continue your appointment there. But after I learned of it, I found it impossible to re-do our list of assignments for the coming year. I think you are aware that the personnel staff and I spent many long hours in trying to work out assignments that would be for the best interests of all concerned. It is one of the most difficult parts of being the abbot, but I am happy to say that, as you have done, others have also accepted an assignment, even though it would not have been their first choice. So I pray that all will work out well.

With greetings to Father Peter, and every good wish,

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

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OSB GILLESPIE_00061

Dear Rev. Abbott John & Community:

Our deepest thanks to each of you for your kind words of sympathy at the time of Dad's death.

We are most grateful for all of the Masses that were said in his honor, and to all of you who attended the funeral and helped to make it such a beautiful ceremony. God bless you!

F.H. Thomasson

F.H. Thomasson

With sincere thanks for your kindness. It was appreciated more than words can say.

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Nov. 9, 1976

Dear Fr. Abbot,

I had meant to write you earlier, but somehow didn't get around to it. But perhaps waiting is better because I am in a better position to evaluate the program. There are only two weeks left of the program.

I really feel it has been beneficial for me. They are covering just about every aspect of the priestly ministry & I am finding much that will be helpful in my work. At present Jerry Walker (of Kilgoburn & Lecher) is speaking to us on Catechetics. I am a little disappointed in his presentation. But I really enjoyed Fr. McCoy on Canon Law & marriage.

As you know "a study break" was one of my goals & part of my mental health development program. I am grateful that you & the community gave me this opportunity. I feel that it has been very successful as far as my present needs are concerned. Perhaps I can talk to you personally about this when I

return.

Santa Barbara is a beautiful place with nice temperatures & climate. There is a golf course five minutes away & a tennis court & swimming pool right here.

Sincerely,

Thomas Gillespie

November 14, 1976

Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
The Franciscans
Old Mission
Santa Barbara, California 93105

Dear Father Thomas,

Your letter of the 9th arrived only yesterday morning, and it was good to hear that the program there has really been beneficial to you. I am happy it has been beneficial and that the stay there has also been pleasant. I have heard the same from Father Julian, and just a week ago today I had a short visit with Father Vernon, who is also enjoying his stay in Washington and the program there. I made a quick trip to Washington on the 6th in order to meet with the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy on the morning of the 7th to present our 'case' for the BOOK OF PRAYER. I haven't heard any results of my presentation of our 'case', though I did ask that all restrictions on the BOOK OF PRAYER be removed. The best part of the trip was that I did have a chance to visit at least briefly (I came home again Sunday evening) Fathers Golman, Zachary and Vernon; Fr. Godfrey was in California for some meeting.

From Wednesday to Friday evening of this week I was at St. Bede Abbey for the meeting of the President's Council, going over the financial statements of the various houses and making preliminary plans for the up-coming General Chapter next June. The last week in October I was at St. Vincent Seminary for the evaluation done by a team appointed by the NCCB Committee on Priestly Formation. And near the end of September I was at St. Benedict's Abbey for a week for their visitation. Now I hope to be able to stay home most of the time until after Christmas, catching up on some of the work here. I do have to go to St. Paul on Thursday for a meeting of the Board of Regents, and on the same day I will offer Mass at St. Bernard's High School for the students; they asked me last year, and I just couldn't get it in; they asked again this fall and I can make it this Thursday, since I have to go down anyway. I regret that you won't be back yet when I am at St. Bernard's, but I look forward to seeing you either there or here before too long.

In the hope that the last weeks in California will be as pleasant as the first ones have been (no snow here yet, but quite cold), and with greetings to Fr. Julian and every good wish,

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

OSB GILLESPIE_00066

CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD

197 W. Geranium Ave.

ST. PAUL, MINN. 55117

July 7, 1977

Dear Father Abbot,

I didn't make it for the retreat and haven't been at St. John's lately, but I have wanted to talk to you or at least tell you how things are going for me at this time.

I have been here at St. Bernard's now for nearly a year including the time I spent in California at Santa Barbara. I really think going back to a place you have been before is difficult. I think I have tried to adjust and adapt to St. Bernard's again (perhaps Mel would disagree), but find it very difficult. As you remember, I wasn't particularly happy about being sent here and felt sort of like I was being pushed out of Cold Spring because Brennan and Joel needed places.

The question I have sometimes is this: "Am I really needed here at St. Bernard's?" Mel does a good job of running things. I really believe he has made St. Bernard's financially sound. He and the secretary really run the place.

I guess I am saying that I would like to get out of here, but still have lots of fears as to where you might send me and what kind of a job you might ask me to do. At this point I do not wish to return to St. John's and work there. I would prefer parish work or chaplain work. Also I think it would be tough on me to go way up north. Last year Daniel talked to me about Red Lake and I went up there with Gordon. I didn't think I could take it then, and don't think I could now.

Joel Kelly and I are very good friends and I suppose this letter in some way was influenced by his leaving. It was a real shock to me, but we promised each other to keep in contact.

As you remember I was in the mental health unit of the St. Cloud Hospital for a month in October of 1975. I guess I was pretty sick at the time. It was a tough experience and painful, but at the same time a good experience as to finding out a few things about myself. I still have periods of depression, but who doesn't. I guess the big difference now is that I can handle them in much better ways.

Fr. Cosmas and Fr. Edwin are not difficult to live with, just a little strange. I don't find any of them to be much companionship for me since none are active in sports, although Cosmas gets plenty of exercise. Mel makes a lot of jokes about my interest in golf, tennis, bowling and other activities.

I hope this letter finds you in good health. I hope you are getting out and hitting a few golf balls now and then. My game isn't very good, but I do enjoy getting out there. Right now the weather is just too darn hot to do much of anything. I have been painting the halls in the rectory, but decided today was just not a day for painting.

Sincerely and with love,

Thomas Gillespie

OSB GILLESPIE_00067

12 July 1977

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Church of Saint Bernard
197 West Geranium Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117

Dear Father Thomas:

Thank you for your letter of July 7th which arrived a couple of days ago. Since we have not had the opportunity to sit down and talk together, I am grateful for your letting me know how things are going. I regret that it has been difficult to return to Saint Bernard's and to adapt to the life and work there. I am sure you have tried.

You indicated that you would like a change but that you are somewhat fearful as to where you might be assigned. At the moment all our needs are filled. However, I am meeting again with the Personnel Staff on Wednesday (tomorrow) evening and I will ask them to consider your request for a change. I am sure they will recommend that I ask Father Mel whether he could get along without your services. Before any change would be made I would, of course, be in touch with you to check whether the suggested assignment would be satisfactory. We had thought of assigning you to a parish as pastor but that did not work out. I am hopeful that I could name you to a parish next year.

Father Joel's asking to return to Chicago to work for a year came as a surprise since he was doing very well in Cold Spring. I am hopeful that he will be ready to return before the year is up. I did not move you from Cold Spring to make a place for Father Joel. I moved you because of your statement (I believe it was to Father Simon or Father Cletus) that you would prefer not to work with Father Brennan. After the assignments were pretty well settled it was too late to reverse the decision.

I am happy that you are getting exercise through golf, tennis, bowling, etc. I played some racketball during the winter and I have been able to get out for some golf. Some days I do pretty well, other days pretty lousy.

We had a beautiful feast here yesterday and I was happy that a number of the Fathers from the parishes were able to be here.

Should you wish to come up and talk about an assignment, you are welcome. It would be good, however, to call ahead of time to be sure that I would be here and would be free.

Meanwhile, with every good wish, and a prayer that God bless you, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

OSB GILLESPIE_00068

CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD

197 W. Geranium Ave.
ST. PAUL, MINN. 55117

February 8, 1978
Ash Wednesday

Dear Father Abbot,

About six months ago I wrote to you about the possibility of a change. In your reply you thought this might be possible, but certainly not at the time. You did indicate, however, that this might be possible this year.

I have still been thinking about that and hoping to assume the duties of a pastor. Believe me, it is not that I dislike St. Bernard's. On the contrary I am becoming very attached as I seem to do with every assignment I have had. But still looking to the future, I am hoping to move to a smaller place with a little more responsibility.

I really feel that my life is going well and that I am basically a happy and satisfied person. There was certainly a time in my life when I did not think this was true.

I am sincerely hoping--although there is a certain amount of fear too--that a new assignment will be possible this spring. I know you have many requests of this type. I am also kind of hoping that it will not be too far from the cities where my mother lives, and not too far from St. John's. Both are very important to me.

I heard you were recently sick with the flu. I certainly hope that you are feeling better now. I have really been fortunate in enjoying good health this year. I'm doing a little skiing and bowling this winter and looking forward to tennis and golf this spring.

With love and devotion,

Thomas Gillespie

OSB GILLESPIE_00069

9 February 1978

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Church of Saint Bernard
197 West Geranium Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117

Dear Father Thomas:

Just a brief note to send along with the enclosed circular letter which I prepared last evening. Your letter of the 8th arrived this morning, and I am grateful for your writing again about a possible change for this coming year. I appreciate, also, your expressing a preference for a small parish, even though you are becoming very attached at Saint Bernard's. At the moment I am not sure what smaller parish might be open, but I will keep your request in mind and will be in touch later.

Meanwhile, with every good wish for a blessed Lent, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

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OSB GILLESPIE_00070

4 May 1978

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Saint Bernard Church
197 West Geranium Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117

Dear Father Thomas:

You wrote me last February 8th asking if you might be considered for a change this spring, an appointment as a pastor. As you perhaps knew, I have met several times with the Personnel Staff. My present thinking is to appoint you as pastor of Saint Mary's in Stillwater, replacing Father Florian.

This would fulfill the two suggestions given in your letter of February 8th: that you would be close to your mother in the Cities, and that you would not be too far from Saint John's. I hope that this assignment will be pleasing to you, and I would appreciate your reaction soon.

I said above that this was my present thinking. There are still a few unsolved questions, and so I would ask you to keep this letter strictly confidential for the time being. I hope to be able to make some final decisions within the next week or two after I have done a little more checking.

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

Devotedly yours,

John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
Abbot

JE/ev

OSB GILLESPIE 00071

CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD

197 W. Geranium Ave.

ST. PAUL, MINN. 55117

May 5, 1978

Dear Father Abbot,

Thank you for your letter which I received this morning. I am delighted about the possibility of going to Stillwater. I really appreciate your considering the two points I asked you about in my letter of last February.

As you requested I will say nothing about this, even to Mel or the rest of my confreres here.

I suppose with this nice weather you are getting out a little and hitting the golf balls. I've been out a few times, but not as often as I would like.

Thank you again for your kind consideration in keeping me in mind for Stillwater. I'll be waiting for your final decision.

Sincerely and with love,

Thomas Gillespie

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

June 3, 1980



407 South Fifth Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082
612-439-1270

Dear Abbot Jerome,

Hope that you are enjoying this nice weather we are having. I enjoy it by working in the yard, playing some tennis and even a bit of golf. We've built a new garage this year and so that has to be painted. Also the lawn has to be fixed up where the big trucks backed in. Luckily I have a janitor who can do nearly anything.

I would like to ask you for permission to learn to fly. I know this might sound strange, but it is something I've always wanted to do. Stillwater has an airport three miles away (Lake Elmo), and I have several friends who have planes. I didn't write for permission right away since I thought I better try it out first. And believe me, it is tough. But thanks to a friend I have done the preliminary work for a solo. To go on for a license would require about thirty hours more of training. This would cost about 1,200. Half of this price would be donated by the company and a pilot friend. Thus it would cost about 600. It might be of some use to St. John's. I know we have two pilots at present.

Thus I have presented my case. The first couple of times up were sheer terror. But like driving a car, with practice things seem to come easier.

School is over tomorrow with 8th grade graduation tonight. I've spent a lot of time this year in our catholic school and in our rel. ed program. I will miss the contact with the kids during the summer, but hope to spend more time visiting the sick and elderly whom I seem to neglect during the winter months.

Hope all is well with you. I know your job is tough. Will see you during the retreat and celebration.

Sincerely,

Tom Gillespie

OSB GILLESPIE 00073

6 June 1980

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Saint Mary's Church
407 South Fifth Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Father Thomas:

Thank you for your letter of 3 June 1980. Since you have begun and completed much of your preliminary work for a license to fly, I gladly give you permission to take the remaining hours of training. You may charge the price of the flying lessons to your personal account. It is true that we have a number of pilots in our community and at times administrators of the university use their services to fly to various meetings. I believe you know that Brother Barry does this kind of service frequently.

I am sure it is not an easy matter to learn to fly. It is not only the mechanics of the aircraft but also the study of weather conditions and landmarks. One also has to learn how to read an air map.

It seems that you are enjoying your work at Saint Mary's Church. I am happy, too, that you learned how to relax and get physical exercise. This is certainly important for your physical and mental well being.

I have not visited you or your church during this past year. I hope to see you sometime in Stillwater but I cannot say just when. I have already visited most of our parishes and chaplaincies in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. I have done very little visiting in the Crookston diocese but hope to do that next fall.

I will see you at the community retreat and the Benedictine Congress. May the Lord's blessings be with you.

Fraternally yours,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

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OSB GILLESPIE 00074

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

September 9, 1980



407 South Fifth Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082
612-439-1270

Dear Father Abbot,

You called yesterday and said something about lunch. Sorry I didn't get back to you right away. By the time I called you this morning you must have left as there was no answer to your phone.

It would have been difficult to have lunch with you as I had an appointment to take my test for my private pilot certificate and I was pretty worried about it. But all went well and I am now a qualified private pilot. Thank you for letting me go on. I will be happy to be of any service to the community when you need me. I don't have a lot of experience yet, but that comes with time. If anyone thinks it's an easy task to get a pilot's license, let them just try. Including mental and physical tests, there are all sorts of other tests one must take and pass. But it sure was interesting.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you again? Then we can get together for lunch or supper. I do my own cooking, so don't expect anything special. I have a secretary who comes in for about 10 hours a week, and a lady who cleans for me twice a week. Otherwise I'm pretty much on my own. I also have a part time janitor for the church and school.

Again, I'm sorry I missed you when you called.

Sincerely,

Tom Gillespie

OSB GILLESPIE_00075



*St. Mary's Church
407 So. Fifth Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082
439-1270*

August 4, 1982

Dear Father Abbot,

Would it be possible for me to go on a trip such as the one described in the enclosed letter. It sounds like a good deal, but you know much more about it.

Sincerely,

Thomas Gillespie

6 August 1982

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Saint Mary's Church
407 South Fifth Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Father Thomas:

I do not remember whether or not you have visited Europe in the past. In any event it might be well for you to accept the tour that has been offered you, especially since it will not cost you or the abbey any money. You may take your vacation next year in this manner.

I realize that there is the possibility you will not get fifteen or more paid members of the tour. In that case the tour is cancelled. I hope that Father Julian would be able to replace you during the time you are in Europe, at least on Sundays.

It has been a very busy summer on this campus. We have had many groups enjoy the facilities of the campus. This weekend about fifty Oblates of the abbey will make a retreat under my direction. I do not intend to give many conferences but I will provide time for informal discussions. We also have the ordination to the priesthood of Brother Jerome Tupa. This will take place tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

I hope that your summer has been restful and profitable! The Lord's blessings remain with you!

Fraternally,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

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Plane provides priest freedom

By JOY POWELL
Staff Writer

There's a priest in Stillwater who loves to fly and claims that when he's soaring through the heavens, he feels "closer to God."

Father Tom Gillespie of St. Mary's has logged more than 350 hours of flight time in the four years he's been piloting single-engine planes. And though he may feel "closer to God" while in flight, there's no time to talk.

"You're so busy when you're up in the sky, with the instruments and the radio, that all there's really is time to do is tell God, 'Thanks for letting me do this,'" said Gillespie of in-flight praying.

He's experienced no freedom as deep, no beauty as great, as he has from his cockpit, he says.

"It's a freedom you can never feel on land," he says. "I can go pretty much anywhere that I want, without roads..."

"It's hard to describe, but the beauty you see is like a panorama, especially here with the St. Croix River and all the lakes..." he says smiling and wistfully gazing out the window of his rectory office. On the wall among others hang two pictures, one of a Cessna and a Musketeer, the two single-engine planes he owns in a cooperative with 25 others. The cooperative fliers call their group Trailwinds and are based at the Lake Elmo Airport.

He talks of how pretty the fall landscape is from the air. "And a few weeks ago," he continues, "We went flying low, up the St. Croix, and the smells of spring were coming in the plane; you know, from the trees budding below, and the river..."

"One of the most beautiful, spectacular things you'll ever see is the landscape flying toward Winona and La Crosse," said Gillespie, talking of all "the rolling hills."

Now 44, he was ordained at St. John's in 1964. For the first two years of his priesthood he taught at St. Bernard's in St. Paul. Then he traveled in vocational work for two years before going to Puerto Rico. He came back to the U.S. in 1975, worked in various congregations and five years ago came to St. Mary's in Stillwater.

He grew up in Minneapolis with a brother, who is now a priest in St. Louis, Mo., and two sisters. His father passed away years ago, and his mother, who refuses to fly with him in her 83rd year, lives in the family home in Minneapolis.

Gillespie has taken several parishioners for flights already and plans to bring more. He also likes to play golf and tennis in his spare time.

Gillespie said he's heard of a few other brothers that fly, but only knows one personally, who flies in the Bahamas.

The day of the interview, a robin hops on spindly legs across a neatly-cropped lawn, stopping to puff out an orange chest, then skipping away.

Near the door hang twin pots of wildly blooming geraniums. The doors are 12-foot white ones with impressive, ornate handles. Father Gillespie, smiling, opens the door before it is knocked.

Though he has little time to talk to God while in the air, he draws deep feelings from his flights and occasionally directs them into his sermons.

"I remember flying home from a long flight, late at night, and seeing the beacon flashing green and white in the night 20 miles away, and feeling that it's the nicest thing," Gillespie says. "I try to compare that beacon to God, and to safety."

And he sometimes compares the trust that a pilot must place in instrument ratings--and how important that is when you're in clouds of fog or can't see--to having faith in God.

Gillespie got his first taste of flying while working as a missionary in Puerto Rico. He was a teacher in a boarding school there from 1968 to 1975.

"I guess flying is something that I've wanted to do since I was a kid," he says. "I never really had the opportunity to fly, though, until I came to Stillwater and my friend Jim Anderson, who lives in Marine (and owns several planes), kind of goaded me into it."

Gillespie came to Stillwater in 1978 and now has a parish of about 500. He was licensed to fly in 1979.

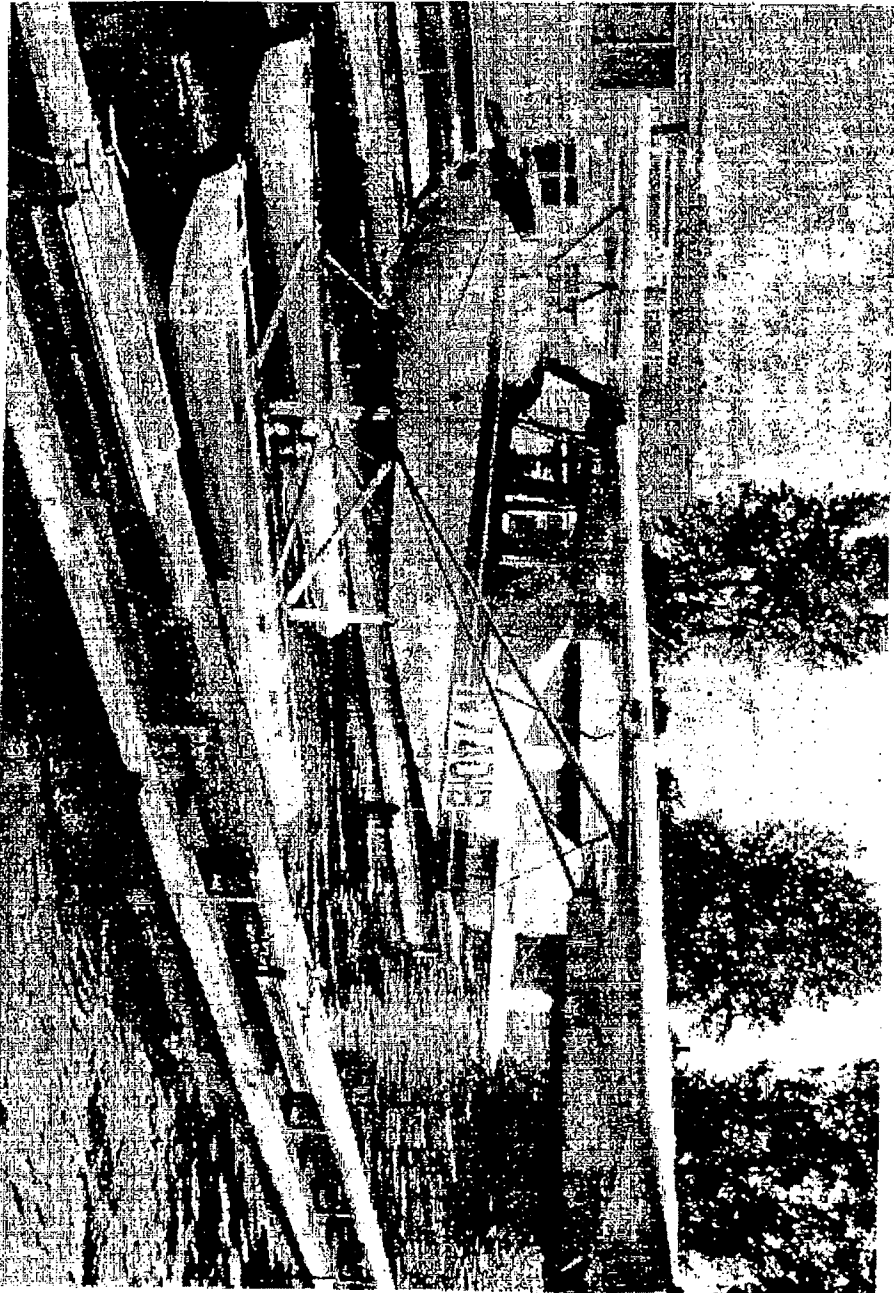
He remembers that his first solo flight unleashed a freedom he never before knew.

"One of the most thrilling moments I've had in flying is when the instructor stepped out of the plane and said 'it's all yours,'" the priest said, smiling again.

He also remembers well touching down after his first solo and how his shirt was ripped off his back in the traditional salute to those who have just earned their wings.

The father lives in a neat brick house behind St. Mary's, amongst pine trees and carefully pruned shrubbery. Flowers bloom colorfully in gardens and around a statue of the Virgin Mary, swathed in light blue stone.

St. Mary's Church sits sedately next door. The huge clock on the steeple announces the time, with pigeons roosting in a hole under the numeral six sent awinging each time.



During the summer months the hangar for Father Tom Gillespie's airplane is a slip at Wolf Marina on the St. Croix River.

9 January 1984

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Saint Mary's Church
407 South 5th Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Father Thomas:

I am attending a committee meeting in Saint Paul on Thursday afternoon, January 19. Would it be possible to come to visit you after this meeting and to hold a conference with you at that time? I would also like to remain overnight in Stillwater, if that is possible. It has been sometime since I visited you in Stillwater and I want to see how your work and life are proceeding.

Blessings for the New Year!

Fraternally,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

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DIOCESE OF JUNEAU

419 Sixth Street Juneau, Alaska 99801
Phone: (907) 586 - 2227

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January 18, 1984

Father Thomas W. Gillespie
407 S. 5th St.
Stillwater, MN 55082

Dear Father Gillespie,

I'm sorry that I missed your call January 11 but delighted that it was an affirmative response to my invitation to come to the Diocese of Juneau for approximately two weeks this winter. I'm sending a round trip ticket to you by way of Monsignor Miller dated January 28 to February 16. Monsignor Miller will be in touch with you when you return from your skiing holiday.

Tom, I am asking you to replace Father James Cronin, rector of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral here in the City of Juneau. Father Cronin will be taking a much needed vacation. He too appreciates your willingness to be of service to us.

I look forward to meeting you. Pray for snow since our local ski area has been closed the last two weeks because of a dearth of the "white stuff." Have a safe trip out.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,

+Michael H. Kenny
Bishop of Juneau

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DIOCESE OF JUNEAU

419 Sixth Street Juneau, Alaska 99801
Phone: (907) 586 - 2227

January 18, 1984

Right Reverend Jerome Theisen
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn. 56321

Dear Abbot Theisen,

I am enclosing with this letter my correspondence to Father Tom Gillespie. I wish also to express my thanks to you for allowing him to spend a couple of weeks in the Diocese of Juneau.

With only fourteen priests handling considerable territory, it is difficult for any of our men to get away for a rest. Father Tom's arrival will allow the pastor of the Cathedral to take a couple weeks vacation.

May God bless you and all your community this new year.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,

+ Michael H. Kenny

+Michael H. Kenny
Bishop of Juneau

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

January 24, 1984



407 South Fifth Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082
612-439-1270

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Mn. 56321

Dear Father Abbot,

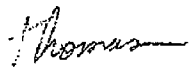
It was a delight to have you here last Saturday, and I am very happy that I will continue as Pastor of St. Mary's. I am very excited about my @xchange pastorship in Alaska. It should be very interesting.

We are delighted that you will be here with us on May 20 for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of our church building. The Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. and not at 1:00 p.m. as I told you previously.

I would ask you to write a letter of congratulations to the parish which we could publish in our booklet. We would also like a picture of you to be printed with the letter.

If you could do this within the next week we would really appreciate it. We would like to go to press in the middle of February.

Sincerely,



OSB GILLESPIE 00084

27 January 1984

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Saint Mary's Church
407 South 5th Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Father Thomas:

Enclosed you will find the letter you asked for your booklet.
I hope it suits your purposes in matters of length and content.

I have noted on my calendar 2:00 p.m. on May 20 for the celebration of the mass at Saint Mary's Church. I believe you wanted me to preach the homily at this mass but I am not sure about this charge. Perhaps later you can indicate what service you want of me.

Yes, it was good visiting with you last Saturday. Sorry about the Thursday night mix-up. Later I thought that your arrival back to Stillwater on Thursday would make it difficult for me to stay overnight. This must have been in my mind when I sought an overnight elsewhere.

I wish you Godspeed in the exchange pastorship in Alaska!

Blessings and peace in the Lord!

Faternally yours,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

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20 September 1985

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Church of Saint Mary
407 South 5th Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Father Thomas:

I am in the process of appointing deans for the deaneries. You received many votes to become dean of the Saint Paul/Minneapolis Deanery. Would you care to accept this office? It involves, as you know, gathering the members of the deanery from time to time and preparing a schedule for meetings. I would appreciate your accepting this task.

Blessings and peace in the Lord!

Fraternally yours,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

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April 2, 1986

Dear Father Abbott,

My family and I are parishioners of St. Mary's Church in Stillwater. We moved to this city and joined this parish about eight years ago. That was about the same time Father Tom Gillespie was transferred here. I might say that it was in large measure due to Fr. Gillespie that we decided to join St. Mary's parish.

During the past eight years, Fr. Gillespie has not only been our priest but has also become our friend. He has had a profound effect on us and our children. We have nine children, five of whom were baptized by Fr. Tom. The four oldest are boys who have become altar boys under his teaching and have become very close to him. Because of this relationship and his example, two of these sons are seriously considering the priesthood.

My concern at this point and my reason for writing you is that I understand it is policy to transfer pastors at eight year intervals within your community. If this is the case, I am asking your consideration. If at all possible, my family and I would like to see Fr. Tom stay on at St. Mary's parish. I know that I am not alone in this hope. The parish has grown and prospered under his guidance, but

also has increased in a sense of community and closeness. I have especially been impressed with his ability to communicate with and reach young people, my family as well as others. I have worked with him as a member of the St. Croix Catholic Board of Education, where he has been a diplomatic and effective member.

Whatever your decision in this matter, my family will accept it. We would certainly work with any new pastor to the best of our ability, yet we feel the need to express our love and appreciation for Fr. Ford, with our hope and prayers that he may continue on in the service of St. Mary's Parish.

Respectfully,

30 April 1986

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Saint Mary's Church
407 South Fifth Street
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Father Thomas:

Enclosed is the letter which I have received from Bishop Speltz approving of your appointment as pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Saint Joseph. I wish to thank you for accepting this assignment which holds many challenges! Saint Joseph is a college town as well as a bedroom community for people who work in Saint Cloud. You will find more diversity in Saint Joseph than in Saint Mary's; at least this is my estimation.

I wish to thank you for your many years of good service at Saint Mary's Parish in Stillwater! It is quite obvious that the people in Stillwater love you and appreciate very much your warm pastoral style. I was sorry to refuse the various petitions that came my way asking to have you remain as pastor in Stillwater. But I thought it best to have you take on this very challenging parish in Saint Joseph.

I wish you the blessings of the risen Lord!

Fraternally yours,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

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May 4, 1987

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321

Dear Abbot Jerome,

I am writing to you about our new pastor in St. Joseph, Fr. Thomas Gillespie. Without consulting the appropriate advisory bodies, he has terminated the contract of our parish's liturgy coordinator. I believe his action was ill-advised and imprudent; moreover, it is causing more discord than it purports to correct.

For the past thirteen years _____ has directed the St. Joseph Church choir; I have known her since college days, have sung in the choir for six years under her direction, and have observed her work firsthand. Mrs. _____ is a professional and decisive woman who has transformed the St. Joseph choir from a mediocre group of amateur singers into an accomplished ensemble with a large repertoire of liturgical music. As a recognized leader in the field of liturgical ministry, she has shown how a small parish can use its talents to become an example of liturgical excellence. She brings to her work a firm belief in the message of the gospels and has inspired the choir to become a microcosm of a loving, forgiving, believing Christian community: we socialize together, pray together, support one another in times of sorrow and pain, as well as sing regularly as part of our church's liturgical celebrations. We are ordinary Stearns County people who have learned how to rise above our own limitations; Mrs. _____ has made us see in ourselves the dignity and goodness we have been created with. She has taught us to act and to sing from those depths.

I describe this at length because I believe to love one another in this manner is what Christianity is all about. It is one of the first purposes of parish leaders, I think, to foster this kind of community.

Yet without warning, _____ has been fired. We choir members have asked why but have been given no satisfactory answers. Mrs. _____ we know, has a strong personality--she is articulate, and she works herself harder than she asks others to work. We in the choir know her strengths and we know her weaknesses. Anyone whose beliefs are this strong and who advocates change as she does disturbs some people. And when some people are disturbed, rather than speak to the issues causing the disturbance, they personalize their disagreements, criticizing individual traits or style. I believe the latter has become the case in our parish. For some it is far easier to turn against a person than to admit their own inflexibility. It is sad that Fr. Gillespie's action has fueled that meaner instinct in our parish and has dignified it with credibility.

How can Fr. Gillespie know the intricate workings of our parish in eight months? Fairness to all demands time to achieve an appropriate perspective for action; common sense requires that other voices be heard before decisions are reached. The standards for justice have been violated in our parish, I think, by an arbitrary exercise of power. For eight months our pastor offered no warning, neither to our director nor to the choir; had he consulted with us, he could have benefited from our

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long relationship with our director, learning how to smooth out rough spots, how to appreciate her talents, and how to learn from her example. Without warning we have had our director taken from us, wrecking havoc with all she has accomplished over the years.

The pastor held an open discussion last week with the choir. He offered no satisfactory explanation of his action. All he would say is that Mrs. _____ has caused "controversy" and "difficulties" in the parish. The allegations were not backed up with evidence. No reasons were given for her dismissal; ironically, he only praised her work.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to intercede in the name of fairness and openness for the St. Joseph Catholic community. Persuade Fr. Gillespie to reverse his decision. Convince him to allow _____ to continue to direct our choir and act as liturgical coordinator. Help him to understand that such swift, ill-advised decisions drag our parish back into the pre-Vatican II mentality that we all have worked so hard to overcome. I ask you to help our community to regain some of its former trust and goodwill.

Thank you for your understanding and help.

Sincerely yours

cc: Fr. Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.

Choir President

MAY 5, 1987

ABBOT JEROME THEISEN
ST. JOHN'S ABBEY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINN 56321

DEAR ABBOT JEROME:

I AM WRITING IN HOPE THAT YOU CAN HELP OUR PARISH. FR.
THOMAS GILLESPIE, OUR PASTOR, HAS DECIDED IT IS IN THE BEST
INTEREST OF OUR PARISH TO DENY THE RENEWEL OF MRS
CONTRACT AS LITURGIST.

I WOULD LIKE AT THIS TIME TO BACK UP A LITTLE AND TELL YOU
ABOUT MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH MRS HAVING LEFT
THE CHURCH FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS, MY MOTHER ASK ME TO SHARE WITH
HER THE EASTER SEASON IN THE ST. JOSEPH PARISH. FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN MY LIFE I FELT AND SAW SOMETHING SPIRITUAL HAPPENING
IN ME AND IN THIS COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE. LATER, I JOINED THE
PARISH AND THE CHOIR TO FIND OUT WHAT CREATES THIS ATMOSPHERE.
TO MY SURPRISE THIS MINISTER (LITURGIST) OF GOD, DURING PRACTICE,
WAS TAKING TIME TO INTERPRET THE GOSPEL FOR THE COMING SUNDAY
AND HAD MUSIC PREPARED WITH THE SAME MESSAGE. NEVER BEFORE
HAD A MASS HAD SUCH MEANING. DURING THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS I'VE
WATCHED THIS GIFT FROM GOD WALK THRU PAIN WITH MANY OF OUR CHOIR
MEMBERS. ALWAYS TO ACCEPT OUR FAULTS AND HUMAN FRAILTIES,
WHILE TEACHING US THE DEPTHS OF TRUE COMMUNITY.

THIS PAST WEEK THE TWENTY EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR MET WITH
FR. TOM GILLESPIE REGARDING HIS DECISION. HE STATES "THIS
WAS SOLELY MY DECISION. I HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH NO ONE ON
THE LITURGY COMMITTEE OR THE COUNCIL". LATER DURING THE MEETING
FR TOM STATED: "THE PARISH FELT IT WAS TIME FOR A CHANGE. SOME
PARISHONERS HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH ME". WE AS A GROUP ASK WHY,
IF HE IS LISTENING TO NEGATIVE COMMENTS, DIDN'T HE COME TO
ANY OF US. OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE WORK CLOSER WITH MRS THAN
ANY OTHER GROUP. IF A CLASH OF PERSONALITIES IS THE ISSUE, THIS
IS UNACCEPTABLE. NO ONE CAN DENY HER QUALITIES AS A LITURGIST.
AS IN ANY FAMILY OR WORKING SITUATION COMMUNICATION IS THE
ANSWER TO THESE DIFFICULTIES.

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AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE THIS ABRUPT ENDING OF
A CAREER IN OUR PARISH IS UNJUST. IN FATHERS WORDS HE SPENT
A GREAT DEAL OF TIME FIRING MRS "I WAS AT HER
HOUSE A GOOD FIFTEEN MINUTES". THIS IS EQUAL TO ONE YEAR
A MINUTE. DOES THIS SOUND COMPASSIONATE?

SUNDAY I RECEIVED THREE CALLS FROM MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO
COULD NOT ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IN OUR CHURCH BECAUSE OF THE
RELATIONSHIP THAT NOW EXISTS WITH OUR NEW PASTOR. WE HAVE LOST
THE STABILITY OF OUR LITURGY. THE STRUCTURE OF OUR CHURCH HAS
BEEN BRUTILY DEMEANED. THIS LACK OF COMPASSION IN OUR PASTOR
LEAVES ONE TO BELIEVE HE IS NOT A TRUE MINISTER OF GOD'S WORD.

FR TOM HAS STATED, " FR MATT AND I ARE LITURGIST WE DON'T NEED
ANOTHER. IF THIS IS TRUE THEN I HAVE TO ASK WHY ST. JOHN'S
CONTINUES TO SUPPORT DEGREES IN LITURGY FOR LAY PEOPLE. OUR
CHURCH WILL ONLY SURVIVE IF PRIESTS STOP THIS STRUGGLE FOR
ABSOLUTE POWER AND LEARN TO SHARE IN COMMUNITY."

FR. TOM GILLESPIE HAS WOKED ONLY EIGHT MONTHS IN OUR PARISH.
IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO EVALUATE AND UNDERSTAND
THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER SPEAKING
WITH FR. AND CONSIDER RENEWING MRS CONTRACT. THESE
TWO ADULTS NEED TO SIT DOWN AND WORK OUT ANY DIFFICULTIES THEY
MIGHT HAVE. I FEAR THE SPLIT THIS DECISION WILL CAUSE
IN OUR PARISH WILL BE AT LEAST AS DESTRUCTIVE AS IT
WAS IN ST. PETERS PARISH IN ST. CLOUD, MINN. THIS PARISH
IS STILL IN GREAT TROUBLE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

PRESIDENT, CHOIR OF ST. JOSEPH

May 7, 1987

Bishop George Speltz
224 South 3rd Ave.
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Dear Bishop:

It is with a heavy heart that I write you this letter. I was looking forward to celebrating with you at St. Joe for Confirmation on May 14.

Unfortunately, I was presented with a letter by the Pastor, Tom Gillespie, this week stating that he did not plan to renew my contract. He made the decision all on his own, with no prior consultation with me, the liturgy committee, or the parish council. The reason he gave was "it's time for a change". He would not offer any explanation, nor had he indicated any difficulty throughout the eight months we worked together. While I recognize that a pastor has that authority officially, to use it, in the way he did strikes me as very unjust and contrary to the command "love one another".

After thirteen years of excellent service to the community, both myself and members of the parish ought to have had an opportunity for discussion to decide if indeed it was time for a change. When people have a choice in their destiny, they are more willing to find creative solutions to difficult decisions. When a single authority uses power to bring about change, no one wins, and it always leads to chaos. The choir and parish members are very upset.

I feel very sad, angry and more and more disillusioned by the priesthood as I believe the whole system perpetuates this kind of "power" attitude. So many similar situations have happened to my peers (most frequently, women) and now myself. All the work, care and desire for good liturgy seems for naught, as the lay people in many cases seem more concerned about good liturgy than the priests. And, there is no accountability for the clergy! It leaves one in a very hopeless position. I feel I deserved better treatment.

Because of the close community and loving relationship we shared as director and choir, we decided we would be unable to finish singing for this year. We would all be in tears and end up being a distraction to the celebration.

Thus, I will not see you at Confirmation. I feel cheated of this opportunity as I wanted to celebrate with you one more time as you retire.

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Bishop George Speltz
May 7, 1987

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I want also to personally thank you for all the good things you gave to the diocese in your years here. One of the things I appreciated most was that I knew you would take time to listen, even when it was uncomfortable.

Enjoy your retirement. You deserve a long and peaceful one.

Sincerely,

cc: Abbot Jerome Theisen
Fr. Tom Gillespie
Fr. Matt Speir
enc.

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St. Joseph Parish Council
St. Joseph, MN 56374

Dear Parish Council Members:

I was stunned by the letter delivered to me by the Pastor of St. Joe Parish stating he would not renew my contract. He stated that it was his decision, Fr. Matt had concurred, and the reason given was, "it is time for a change". I had no prior indication that anything was wrong.

I personally find it terribly unjust to be cut off by the decision of one person who has only been in the parish eight months. While I recognize that the pastor has that authority officially - to use it strikes me as being contrary to the gospel command to "love one another", and to the Parish Council's Constitution, Section I; "The Church, whether in the sense of the universal Church or as an individual parish community, is to be a sign of God's presence...of healing, reconciliation, forgiveness, compassion, love, brotherhood (sisterhood), freedom and human dignity.... The responsibility of the Parish Council is to facilitate the mission of the parish as the sign of God's presence in our midst...."

I find these words empty and hollow in their meaning as applied to me.

If indeed it was time for a change, then at minimum the person involved ought to have had some opportunity for input as well as the liturgy committee and parish council. Here was an opportunity for openness, honesty, and evaluation to be dealt with constructively and with concern for all people involved. Right now there is no structure for this process to occur. When people have a choice in their destiny, they are more willing to find creative solutions to difficult decisions. When a single authority uses power to bring about change, no one wins and it always leads to chaos. The process one uses to achieve an end is as important as the product. (i.e. decision)

I feel very oppressed by the attitude since shared by Fr. Tom with choir members stating that I was difficult to work with. The implication is always that I am at fault. Who ever questions what difficulties the pastor has in a relationship because of what he brings to it? I am so tired of being beaten on.

I know in my heart that I carried out my responsibilities as Liturgy/Music Coordinator with professionalism, dignity and charity. I feel very much at peace with who I am and how I did my work. I feel very good about the fine liturgy and excellent music program that was developed under my leadership. St. Joseph was looked to as a model by parishes in this diocese and beyond. I worked harder than most people would have for the minimal salary I received. When difficulties arose, I was always willing to deal with them openly and honestly. I was willing to acknowledge my inadequacies, to change and to grow. I was thrown many barbs and criticisms over the years, as any innovator usually is. I tried to handle them with dignity and care.

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I am feeling punished for having done a good job. I believe that if there was a breakdown it was often caused by the lack of ability or unwillingness of pastors and parish groups to find the truth or inform the people about why something was done or changed. It became convenient to blame for things I had nothing to do with. I also believe I have been a victim of sexist attitudes against women and the larger issue of jealousy.

Right now I feel angry with God for giving me a gift in liturgy and music and for St. Joe Parish making it so difficult to use. It was always the beautiful people in the choir and a few key parishioners who kept me going. I don't know that I'll ever be able to use these gifts in the church again. I feel too beaten, broken, and hurt to think I could have the courage to do so.

I deserved better from St. Joseph Parish and the clergy who pastor it.

Sincerely,

P.S. Once a parish becomes known for such dismissal practices especially of a person of good reputation, it becomes very difficult to hire other quality people since music/liturgy persons are reluctant to place themselves in that kind of jeopardy.

cc: Liturgical Committee
Abbot Jerome Theisen

OSB GILLESPIE_00097

May 7, 1987

Abbot Jerome Theisen
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321

Dear Abbot Jerome:

I know you have become aware of the situation of not renewing my contract at St. Joe and the manner in which it was handled. I waited until my anger was worked through and the tears over this huge personal loss for me were shed, before writing to anyone.

The enclosed copy of my letter to the Bishop informs you somewhat of where I stand. *Along with my copy to Parish Council.*

The purpose of this letter is to request an opportunity to sit down with you personally to discuss a number of issues. Actually, I've been wanting to do that for several years. This incident has moved me to act.

The issues I wish to discuss include:

1. An opportunity to share my perspective of what has just occurred at St. Joe, as I believe that it is going to create a huge divisiveness in the parish and it might help to be informed of both sides.
2. A possibly larger issue concerning Fr. Tom, which I do not feel free to put on paper, but which I believe influenced this action and which in the long run may present some real difficulty.
3. Discussion of the larger issues of:
 - a) lack of liturgical formation and understanding by clergy at large - Benedictines in parishes specifically - with recommendations and insights from one "in the field" with "grass roots experience".
 - b) need for training pastoral clergy in managerial techniques as lay people become more and more involved.
 - c) brainstorming the idea for possible alternative viable worshipping communities, and possible involvement of Benedictine community in such.

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May 7, 1987

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I would be most pleased to have an opportunity to speak with you at length about these issues. Please let me know if you are interested. I am relatively "free" at the moment and most any day or time is available, except Saturday and Thursday (9:00 - 5:00) and Wednesday afternoon (May 13, only). I may be reached at _____ where I work part-time.

Most sincerely,

Enc.

OSB GILLESPIE_00099

Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Office of the Abbot

14 May 1987

Mrs.

Dear Mrs.

In response to your letter of 5 May 1987 about Mrs. and her non-reappointment by Father Thomas Gillespie, I would like to say that I spoke with Father Thomas about the matter and I am satisfied he acted with a good deal of thought and prudence. Since it was an administrative matter on his part, I do not care to step in to overrule his decision. There is a Parish Council and I suspect that this matter came to the attention of the members of this group.

Each pastor has to work with a specific team; it seems that Father Thomas made a decision about the qualities of Mrs. as a team member.

You obviously have learned much from Mrs. and I am sorry that this relationship had to come to an end. I only hope that you do not give up on many of the ideals that you mention in your letter.

I wish you blessings and peace!

Sincerely yours,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

JT/ev

Phone 612 363-2544

OSB GILLESPIE_00100

Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Office of the Abbot

14 May 1987

Dear Mrs.

Thank you for your expression of concern about the case of Mrs. It is obvious that you are greatly involved in this issue and have deep feelings about the matter.

I spoke with Father Thomas Gillespie about his decision not to renew Mrs. contract for the coming year. I am satisfied that he has made a prudent judgment in the matter. It is the kind of administrative judgment which is not always easy to explain but clear to those who are near the issues.

Since it is an issue that has taken place in the parish, I do not care to get involved in it directly. If there are serious breaches of justice, and I am not convinced of this, the Parish Council will surely bring the matter to Father Thomas.

As pastor and liturgist of the parish he has to make decisions at times which are not easy or apparent to everyone. I hope that you can come to understand this in the future.

I wish you blessings and peace!

Sincerely yours,

Abbot Jerome Thelsen, O.S.B.

JT/ev

Phone 612 363-2544

OSB GILLESPIE_00101

Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Office of the Abbot

14 May 1987

Mrs. ...

Dear Mrs.

As a number of people have suggested, I spoke with Father Thomas Gillespie about his decision not to renew your contract. I do not like to enter into administrative disputes in parishes and schools, but do not mind asking the participants to explain themselves. After listening to Father Thomas, I am satisfied that he has thought through the matter carefully and decided in the fashion that he did for very good reasons. The situation as he saw it was becoming quite impossible.

Your friends have many good things to say about your professional work as a musician and I too have experienced your directing of music at the Cathedral in Saint Cloud. Apparently your knowledge of music is not the issue.

Liturgy is certainly a very delicate area. All of us have seen conflicts arise because celebrants and ministers differ in their view of the nature and practice of liturgy.

This is surely a big shock for you and it will be an issue that you can never forget. But I hope that you can return to some equanimity in your life and work.

I wish you blessings in the Lord!

Sincerely yours,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

JT/ev
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Phone 612 363-2544

OSB GILLESPIE_00102

May 26, 1987

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321

Dear Abbot Jerome,

Thank you for your letter in response to my request for help with the unfair dismissal of _____ as the St. Joseph Parish's liturgical coordinator. I was much saddened by your reply. I attended the Parish Council meeting you spoke of, and I am sorry to report that Fr. Gillespie did not speak one word about his reasons for firing Mrs. _____. In fact, he did not reveal any of his thoughts and did not even enter the discussion about her case when the council considered it. Nor did he say how or whether he would explain her absence to the parish. To date it has not been publicized.

To act in this manner is an error of judgment on the part of Fr. Gillespie. His error has muted the voice of compassion and reason in our town. I am very sorry to think that you support this decision.

In sadness,

cc:

OSB GILLESPIE_00103

Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Office of the Abbot
Phone 612 363-2544

30 July 1987

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Church of Saint Joseph
Saint Joseph, Minnesota 56374

Dear Father Thomas:

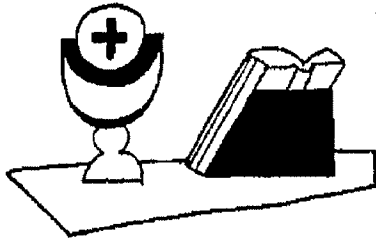
The Senior Council Election Committee has completed its work and recently handed me the tally of the election. You received the most number of votes in your age category. I hope you will find it possible to serve the Senior Council for this two-year period. We meet on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. about three times a month. I know this is extra work for you but I hope it is manageable. It will be good to have you on the Senior Council!

Fraternally yours,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

JT/ev

OSB GILLESPIE 00104



April 7, 1989

On May 7th at the 10:30 mass in St. Joseph's Church, Father Tom Gillespie will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. A committee is in the process of putting together a scrapbook containing letters, photos, etc. in honor of Fr. Tom and his contributions to the school, parish, and community. We would like you to contribute something to the book. It could be one sentiment with all your signatures on it, or individual expressions of gratitude, or..... The possibilities are endless. Whatever you decide, the size of paper (any color) should be 8"x10" or smaller, and printed on one side of the paper. Please send it to the address listed below by April 26th. (*May 2nd is fine. Best*)

Thank you for helping us make this gift a very special one for Father Tom.

Yours truly,

Scrapbook Committee
St. Joseph's Church

SEND TO:

OSB GILLESPIE_00105

April 24, 1989

Dear Abbot,

Enclosed you will find a letter which our committee has sent out to people who have contact with Fr. Tom Gillespie, our pastor. As the letter states, we are putting together a photo/sampler book for Fr. Tom's 25th Anniversary. We realize you are a very busy person, but if you have a little spare time, we would like you to contribute to his book. If you do not have the time, we will understand.

God bless you for all you do for others and for the religious order.

Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Office of the Abbot

28 April 1989

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Church of Saint Joseph
Saint Joseph, Minnesota 56374

Dear Father Thomas:

Congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood! You have served the church in Puerto Rico and the United States in an exemplary manner. Your work at the monastery school in Puerto Rico called forth much energy on your part to adjust yourself to a new culture and language. You did your work there admirably and returned to the United States in the 1970s.

More recently you have served the church in Cold Spring, Saint Paul, Stillwater, and Saint Joseph. You have proved yourself to be a compassionate and wise pastor. I am sure I speak for the people you have served when I say that you have given good leadership and a wonderful example of Christian living.

I wish you well as you continue your ministry for the church in the next twenty-five years of priestly ministry!

Blessings and peace!

Fraternally yours,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

JT/ev

Phone 612 363-2544

OSB GILLESPIE_00107

Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Office of the Abbot

28 April 1989

Miss

Dear Miss

Enclosed you will find a letter addressed to Father Tom Gillespie. You may include it in the scrapbook which you intend to give to Father Thomas on 7 May 1989 as he celebrates his twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. You can see that I appreciate very much his pastoral ministry and his abilities as a leader.

Thank you for your work in making his celebration enjoyable!

Sincerely yours,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

JT/ev
Enclosure

Phone 612 363-2544

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ADDRESSES OF CLOSEST RELATIVES

Name of Monk: Thomas William Gillespie

Date: August 23, 1989

1) * Name: _____
Spouse: _____
How Related: Mother
Address: _____
City and State: _____, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Numbers: Home _____
Work _____ / _____

2) * Name: _____
Spouse: _____
How Related: Sister
Address: _____
City and State: _____, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Numbers: Home _____
Work _____ / _____

3) Name: _____
Spouse: _____
How Related: Sister
Address: _____
City and State: _____, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____

4) Name: _____
Spouse: _____
How Related: Brother
Address: _____
City and State: _____, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____

* To be notified FIRST in case of death or serious illness.

(OVER, PLEASE)

INFORMATION FOR THE ARCHIVES OF SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

NAME: Thomas William Gillespie
(Religious) (Baptismal) (Family)

BIRTH: Minneapolis Hennepin Minnesota July 24 1937
(City) (County) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year)

YOUR PATRON SAINT: St. Thomas Aquinas NAMEDAY: January 28

TRIENNIAL VOWS: St. John's Abbey July 11, 1958 Abbot Baldwin
(Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

FINAL VOWS/OBLATION: St. John's Abbey July 11, 1961 Abbot ~~John~~ Baldwin
(Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

ORDINATION: St. Cloud Cathedral May 30, 1964 Peter Bartholomew
(Place) (Date) (Bishop)

FATHER'S FULL NAME: _____

FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: _____

FATHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: Irish

FATHER'S RELIGION: Cath. DATE OF BIRTH: June 12, 1899

HIGHEST LEVEL OF FATHER'S EDUCATION: 10th grade

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: general foreman deceased
(When You Entered Monastery) (Now)

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: _____

MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Minneapolis, Mn.

MOTHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: Irish

MOTHER'S RELIGION: Cath. DATE OF BIRTH: May 28, 1900

HIGHEST LEVEL OF MOTHER'S EDUCATION: 12th grade

YOUR CAREER BEFORE ENTERING THE MONASTERY:

Incarnation grade school in Mpls., two years at De La Salle High school
in Mpls, 3rd and 4th year at St. John's Prep. Two years of college
at St. John's and then entered the monastery.

EDUCATION	SCHOOL	FROM	TO	MAJOR	DEGREE	DATE
ELEMENTARY:	Incarnation Grade School			Mpls.		
SECONDARY:		2 yrs.		De La Salle, Mpls.		
				2 yrs.		St. John's Prep
UNDERGRADUATE:				St. John's University		
THEOLOGY:				St. John's		
GRADUATE:				none		
POST-DOCTORAL:				none		
OTHER:						

LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY ALL THE MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS (lasting six months or more) YOU HAVE RECEIVED SINCE PROFESSION AND ORDINATION. Give (a) the type or nature of the work, e.g., assistant pastor or plumber or math teacher in Prep School, (b) the location; (c) the duration; (d) any special achievements or items of note, e.g., built parish hall in 1948, or Danforth grant in 1960.

1964-66 assistant at St. Bernard's in St. Paul.

1966-68 Assistant director of vocations with Arnold Weber

1968-75 San Antonio Abad in Puerto Rico. I worked in various

capacities there, from prefect to assistant principal.

1975-76 Assistant in Cold Spring, with Simon Bischoff Peter St. Hilaine and Brennan Maifers (all three were pastor during that year)

1976-¹⁹⁷⁸ Assistant at St. Bernard's in St. Paul under Mel Taylor

1978-86^{Pastor,} Church of St. Mary, Stillwater, Minn.

1986- Pastor, Church of St. Joseph, St. Joseph, Minn.

GIVE YOUR PARENTS' PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING.

LIST YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE ORDER OF THEIR BIRTH. INCLUDE YOURSELF.
For those still living give their present address; for those who have died write "deceased." Put an asterisk
before those whom you want contacted immediately and directly by the Abbey when you die.

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IN THE REMAINING SPACE AND ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY PUT DOWN
ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOURS THAT YOU
THINK SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY RECORDED.

INFORMATION FOR THE ARCHIVES OF SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

DATE: 1-17-80

NAME: William Thomas Raymond Gillespie
(Baptismal) (Religious Where Different) (Middle) (Last)

BIRTH: Mpls Hennepin Mn. 7 24 37
(City) (County) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year)

YOUR PATRON SAINT: Thomas Aquinas NAMEDAY: January

TRIENNIAL VOWS: St John's Abbey 7-11-58 Abbot Baldwin
(Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

FINAL VOWS/OBLIGATION: St. John's 7-11-61 Baldwin
(Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

ORDINATION: St. Cloud Cathedral 5-30-64 Bartholomew
(Place) (Date) (Bishop)

FATHER'S FULL NAME: _____

FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Mpls

FATHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: Irish

FATHER'S RELIGION: Cath DATE OF BIRTH: 6-12-1899

HIGHEST LEVEL OF FATHER'S EDUCATION: 8th grade

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Mpls Moline Tractor Co. deceased
(When You Entered Monastery) (Now)

FATHER'S ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE: _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: _____

MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Mpls. Mn.

MOTHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: Irish

MOTHER'S RELIGION: Cath. DATE OF BIRTH: 5-28-1900

HIGHEST LEVEL OF MOTHER'S EDUCATION: 12th

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION: homemaker retired
(When You Entered Monastery) (Now)

MOTHER'S ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE: -

YOUR CAREER BEFORE ENTERING THE MONASTERY:
Entered monastery after 2 yrs of
College at St. John's

EDUCATION SCHOOL FROM TO MAJOR DEGREE DATE

ELEMENTARY: Incarnation, Mpls 15-8

SECONDARY: 9 & 10th De La Salle, Mpls - 11 & 12th St. John's Prep.

UNDERGRADUATE: St. John's University

PRIESTHOOD STUDIES: St. John's University

GRADUATE: _____

POST-DOCTORAL: _____

OTHER: _____

LIST YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE ORDER OF THEIR BIRTH. INCLUDE YOURSELF

IN THE REMAINING SPACE AND ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY PUT DOWN ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOURS THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY RECORDED.

Learned to speak Spanish while stationed in P.R.
Became a private pilot with an instrument rating & a Float rating in 1950.
Worked a great deal both in the Christian Family Movement (CFM) 1960-70's & in Marriage Encounter 1988-present.
Did a lot of youth work & continue to work a lot with kids.
Did a lot in Photography & Darkroom work.
Love sports. espec. golf, Racquetball, Skiing, Bowling

DATE OF FORM: 1990

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LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY ALL THE MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS YOU HAVE RECEIVED SINCE PROFESSION AND ORDINATION. Give (a) the *type* or *nature* of the work, e.g., assistant pastor or plumber or math teacher in Prep school, (b) the *location*, (c) the *duration*, (d) any *special achievements* or items of note, e.g., built parish hall in 1978, or Danforth grant in 1980.

1964-66 - Assistant - St. Bernard's - St. Paul

1966-68 Asst. Locations Director with Annell Luker

1968-75 worked in Puerto Rico in school & Parish

1975-76 St. Bonifacia - Cold Spring - Assistant

1976-78 Assistant St. Bernard's - St. Paul

1978-86 Pastor St. Mary's Stillwater

1986 Present 1990 St. Joseph's - St. Joseph - Pastor

Jacob is trapped, family believes

By Les Suzukamo
Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH, Minn. — He's alive. He's trapped. And he may be near some water, perhaps a river or lake.

Those are the hopes and fears of the family of 11-year-old Jacob Wetterling, one week after the boy was kidnapped at gunpoint from a road near his home. Despite extensive searches, there still is no clue as to his whereabouts.

Jacob's family shared their beliefs about the missing boy with more than 500 people who attend-

ed Sunday morning Mass at St. Joseph Parish.

After the service, the congregation released 1,000 white balloons with the words "Jacob's Hope" written on them. The balloons were to symbolize the congregation's entreaties to God for Jacob's safe return.

The Rev. Thomas Gillespie told his parishioners it was not uncommon for Biblical figures to get their wishes by being persistent.

"So Lord, here we are today," Gillespie said, "pestering you, asking you for your help.

Please see Jacob/5A

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph, Minnesota 56374

October 5, 1990

Dear Father Abbot,

When I thought of whom I would like to nominate for the job of vicar of parishes and chaplaincies I couldn't help but think that maybe I could do a good job of it. I had some training in a program called priests helping priest which was started in the archdiocese about ten years ago. It didn't really get off the ground in a big way, but it was a good idea.

Anyway, I would like to nominate myself for the job. I think I could handle it along with my parish if I could get some help during the week for daily masses.

I know you don't get too many volunteers for jobs, so if you don't get too many recommendations and nominations I would be interested.

Sincerely,

Tom Gillespie

WILL OF

William Raymond Gillespie

I, William Raymond Gillespie a/k/a Thomas W. Gillespie of
Stearns County, Minnesota, revoke any prior
wills and codicils, and make this my will.

ARTICLE ONE
PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND TAXES

1. My personal representative shall pay from the residue of my estate:
 - 1.1 the expenses of my last illness and funeral, valid debts, expenses of administering my estate, including non-probate assets;
 - 1.2 any estate taxes except to the extent paid from other sources, provided that the estate taxes paid by my personal representative shall be apportioned in accordance with the directions set forth in the General Governing Provisions.

ARTICLE TWO
SPECIAL GIFTS

2. I make the following special gifts:
 - 2.1 I give all my tangible personal property to Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota (Order of Saint Benedict).
 - 2.2 I give to Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, all interests in property used by me for residential purposes and in all real estate contiguous to or used in connection with such property, other than tangible personal property.

ARTICLE THREE
RESIDUE

3. I give the residue of my estate, consisting of all the property I can distribute by will and not effectively distributed by the preceding provisions of this will, except any property over which I then have a testamentary power of appointment, to Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota.

ARTICLE FOUR
FIDUCIARY SELECTION

4. The following provisions shall apply to the selection of fiduciaries:

ARTICLE SIX
GENERAL GOVERNING PROVISIONS

6. In applying the provisions of this document, the following shall govern:

6.1 Definitions.

6.1.1 The abbot of Saint John's Abbey is the person duly elected by the monk of Saint John's Abbey and duly holding the office of abbot at the time of my death according to the norms of the canon law of the Roman Catholic Church.

6.1.2 The administrator of Saint John's Abbey is the person duly appointed if the office of abbot is vacant to govern Saint John's Abbey at the time of my death.

6.1.3 "Tangible personal property" means tangible personal property including money having value in excess of the face value but excluding evidences of indebtedness, documents of title, securities and any property used in a trade or business.

6.1.4 "Estate taxes" means any estate or other death taxes that become due because of my death, including any interest and penalties but excluding generation-skipping taxes.

6.2 Rules of Construction.

6.2.1 *Governing Law.* Except as altered by this will, the law of Minnesota shall govern the meaning and legal effect of this will and the administration of my estate. Except as otherwise provided, all references to applicable law and Minnesota Statutes are to those in force on the date of my death and shall incorporate any amendments and successor provisions. References to the Internal Revenue Code are to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. References to a particular section of the Internal Revenue Code shall incorporate any amendments and successor provisions.

6.2.2 *Captions.* Captions are for convenience only and are not intended to alter any of the provisions of this instrument.

6.2.3 *Gender.* Where appropriate, the masculine includes the feminine, the singular includes the plural, and vice versa.

6.2.4 *Writing.* The requirement that a person act in "writing" requires a dated written document signed by such person.

Self-Proved Affidavit

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF Stearns) ss.

We,

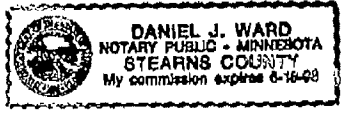
Thomas W. Gillespie
Benjamin Stein and
Robert Koopmann

the testator and the witnesses, respectively, whose names are signed to the attached or foregoing instrument, being first duly sworn, do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that the testator signed and executed the instrument as the testator's last will, that the testator signed it willingly or directed another to sign it for the testator, that it was executed as a free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed, and that each of the witnesses, in the presence and hearing of the testator, signed the will as witnesses, and that to the best of their knowledge the testator was at the time 18 or more years of age, of sound mind and under no constraint or undue influence.

Thomas W. Gillespie, OSB TESTATOR
Benjamin Stein OSB Witness
Robert J. Koopmann, OSB Witness

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by Thomas W. Gillespie OSB the testator, and subscribed and sworn to before me by Benjamin Stein OSB and Robert J. Koopmann, witnesses, this 12 day of June, 1991.

[Signature]
Notary Public



Legal Documents, Healthcare
Forms, Next of Kin,
Baptismal Certificates,
Wills, etc., etc.

Thomas Gillespie

Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Office of the Abbot

11 September 1991

The Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Church of Saint Joseph
Saint Joseph, Minnesota 56374

Dear Father Thomas:

Congratulations! Last evening the monastic chapter elected you to the Board of Overseers of Saint John's Preparatory School. You should know that you were elected on the first ballot.

I am happy that a pastor has once again been selected to serve on the board, especially a pastor from the immediate area. I hope you will not find the work of attending meetings too burdensome. I know that you will bring important information to the discussions of the board.

Blessings and peace in the Lord!

Fraternally,

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

JT/ev

Phone 612 363-2544

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Pastor comforted family during tragedy

by Mick and Zoe Schneider
St. Joseph, MN

Lately we have heard so many sensationalized reports in the press about the Catholic Church and its clergy that we are failing to recognize the good many of the area priests do in today's frightening society.

Approximately six years ago, Father Tom Gillespie OSB came to the St. Joseph Parish. Upon his assignment here, the parish he was currently serving, Stillwater, wrote a petition asking that Father Tom be allowed to remain there. The petition was denied, and Father Tom moved to St. Joseph.

During his stay here, Father Tom has become very close to our family and many other families in the St. Joseph Parish. In August of 1992, our daughter was diagnosed with a brain tumor; a tumor which threatened her life and had to be operated upon immediately. As soon as my husband, daughter and I received this news, we contacted Father Tom. He came first to comfort the other children in our family and then he came to the hospital and spent the evening with us praying and anointing our daughter Jackie.

The next day, during a grueling, frightening seven-hour surgery, Father Tom spent much of his time with us, despite commitments elsewhere.

In the days and months that followed, Father Tom made repeated visits

to our home and to Minneapolis Children's Hospital to comfort us as Jackie endured chemotherapy and the pain of her illness.

Finally on November 13, Jackie was transported from Minneapolis Children's back to the St. Cloud Hospital in a comatose state. Father Tom brought our other children to say their good-byes to Jaclyn, then, once again, anointed her. She died during the night.

Needless to say, he has been a great source of strength for our children, my husband, myself and for Jackie. We do believe that God brought Father Tom into our lives at this particular time to help us through a difficult ordeal. We needed his quiet strength and gentle demeanor.

According to *Psalm 36:11* we must "keep up your kindness toward your friends, your just defense of the upright of heart." We must, on many occasions, defend the clergy who keep "upright of heart." Their goodness and charity to others should not be overlooked, primarily because the press seeks to make headlines about those few members of the clergy who do wrong.

Father Tom is a prime example of an upright man, seeking to do good in a society which makes it almost impossible.

We thank God that he allowed Father Tom to be here with us during these difficult days. ●



Ten years of worship

Members of St. Joseph's Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated the 10th anniversary of the congregation's first service at an open house party in the church on Jan. 16. Joining the festivities were, left to right, Becky Thomas, chair of the celebration committee; the Rev. Tom Gillespie, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church; and the Rev. Martha Halls, minister of Resurrection Lutheran. (photo by Stuart Goldschen)

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

19 July 1993

Cold Spring Committee Members:
Reverend Greg Lieser
Reverend Richard Leisen
Reverend Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.

Dear Fathers:

Your work on behalf of the situation at Cold Spring these past months has been arduous and time consuming, and it was done with a great deal of dedication, persistence, compassion, understanding, and love. Your thoroughness and fairness is evident in what you have reported to the bishop and to me and I am deeply impressed with your dedication to that which builds up the Church, the Body of Christ.

I want to express to you my most sincere thanks for this generous giving of yourselves in a difficult situation. You have shown again the meaning and effectiveness of mutual support among the brotherhood, but a support that is not at the expense of the service we owe to the people of God. I am confident that because of you the church in Cold Spring will have a much better chance to grow in a healthy way and to be reconciled where such is needed.

May God bless you for your service and inspire you in your work for the reign of God.

Sincerely in Christ,

Abbot Timothy Kelly, O.S.B.

TK/kr

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(Abbot Timothy, I submitted these two documents to Jerry and he made some changes. In case I would be unavailable when and if publicity should be necessary, you would have this copy for Daniel and Lee Hanley. This report is meant as a kind of guideline, rather than as something which would be given to the press.)

Collegeville, Mn. (_____, 1996). A civil lawsuit (or civil lawsuits) of sexual abuse has (have) been filed against Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B. and Father Cosmas Dahlheimer, both monks of St. John's Abbey. The lawsuit(s) concerns allegations of sexual abuse of a male minor during the mid 1970's.

When the allegations against the two monks were first reported in late February, 1996, to Abbot Timothy Kelly of St. John's Abbey, he immediately implemented the abbey's policy regarding such allegations without requiring verification of the claims. Counselling has been offered to the young man.

Father Dahlheimer, age 87, has been retired in the monastery's health center at Saint John's for seven years. Because of his frail physical and mental health, he is confined to the health center. Father Gillespie, age 58, was recalled to the monastery from the parish of St. Joseph in St. Joseph, Mn., where he had been serving as pastor, when the Abbey and the Diocese were notified of the accusation. An investigation into the claims is underway.

The Saint John's monastic community is saddened by these allegations and reaffirms its pledge to respond immediately and effectively when any such accusation is made against a member of the abbey. When the allegations were reported, Abbot Timothy reaffirmed, "The first concern of the monastic community is to offer care and counselling for the person making the complaint. Because sexual abuse and exploitation are unquestionably deplorable, this community continues to follow every detail of its 1989 policy on sexual abuse."

**Statement to be Read at All Masses
At St. Bernard's Parish, St. Paul**

The _____ *St. Cloud Times (or St. Paul Pioneer Press or Minneapolis Star Tribune)* reported civil lawsuits of sexual abuse which have been filed against Father Cosmas Dahlheimer and Father Thomas Gillespie, monks of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville. The lawsuits concern accusations of sexual abuse against a minor who was a St. Bernard's parishioner in the mid-1970's when the incidents are alleged to have occurred. Father Cosmas and Father Thomas are former associate pastors at St. Bernard's.

When the allegation of abuse was first reported in late February, 1996, to the Abbot of St. John's Abbey, he immediately implemented the Abbey's policy regarding such accusations. Abbot Timothy has offered counseling to the person making the complaint, who is now an adult. Father Cosmas, age 87, has been retired in the health center at Saint John's for seven years. Because of his frail physical and mental health, he is confined to the health center. Father Thomas, 59 years old, was recalled to the monastery from the parish of St. Joseph's when the complaint became known to Abbot Timothy and Bishop John Kinney of the St. Cloud Diocese. An investigation into the claims has been undertaken.

During the last several years, Saint John's Abbey has undertaken a number of initiatives to intervene immediately when sexual abuse charges are made, regardless of the substantiation of those charges. The goals are to care for a victim's needs to help achieve healing, to deal quickly and responsibly with those accused of perpetrating the abuse and to take every step possible to prevent sexual abuse. Saint John's has announced the availability of victim's advocates to care for the needs of victims.

Today Saint John's Abbey reasserts its pledge to respond immediately when an accusation is made against a member of the monastic community. Sexual abuse and exploitation are unquestionably deplorable.

The Saint John's monastic community wants parishioners of St. Bernard's parish to know of its deep concern for anyone who has been sexually abused, for his or her family, for the parishioners of St. Bernard's. To provide an opportunity to deal with the pain and anger which many of you may be feeling, there will be a meeting for parishionersAbbot Timothy Kelly and Father Kevin McDonough will be present to answer questions, respond to concerns and to pray with the parish.

Please support one another and pray for God's blessing and peace.

Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Office of the Abbot

February 24, 1996

Father Thomas Gillespie is returning
to the abbey today for an indefinite
leave from the parish to take care
of some health problems. Please
keep him in prayer.

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Saint Luke Institute

April 4, 1996

Confidential

Right Reverend Timothy Kelly, OSB
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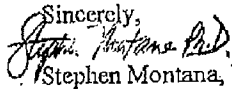
Re: Reverend Thomas Gillespie
SLI #13255
Admission Date: 4-1-96

Dear Father Kelly,

With this letter I would like to inform you that Father Gillespie has arrived at Saint Luke Institute and is adapting to the Inpatient Program. Also, as the Director of Clinical Services I would like to welcome you as the concerned recipient of the progress reports of Father Gillespie's treatment and introduce some of the staff who will be working with him.

Frank Valcour, MD is the monitoring psychiatrist and Caroline Wroblewski, PhD is Father Gillespie's individual therapist. Dr. Wroblewski will coordinate Father Gillespie's treatment and will correspond with you after the Patient Staff Conference, which occurs every six to eight weeks, regarding the progress he is making during his stay at the Saint Luke Institute. Please feel free to contact her if you have any questions about his treatment progress. Length of stay is determined by assessment and by progress in treatment. Our experience indicates that it takes most persons five to seven months to reach treatment goals. We will continue to reassess and alert you accordingly.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and for the fine work you do in the service of Christ's Church.

Sincerely,

Stephen Montana, PhD
Director of Clinical Services

SM/bml
cc: Rev. Thomas Gillespie

April 16, 1996

Dear Timothy,

Well, I've been here for over two weeks now and things seem to be going fairly well. I want to thank you for your support and encouragement. It has been very important to me. I see some here who seem to have very little support back home, especially some who are diocesan priests. So I thank you and the community for backing me.

I am trying to do my best. In a way I think I have to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here and learn a lot about myself. I hope that I can again be a contributing member of St. John's after my return. I am already planning my support system.

I have not heard anything from my lawyer, Bob Stich, so I am hoping that all is going well in some way or another. I am trying to realize that I have no control over that part of my life, only what I am doing right now and in the future. The serenity prayer really helps and I say it over and over again.

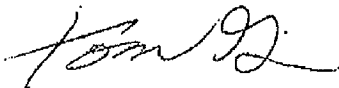
We have had an unusually cool spring here in the Washington area. We are all looking forward to warmer days and less rain. During the first month you are not allowed to go out on weekends to visit Washington, so the weather is not too important to me right now. I have two more weekends that I have to stay here. Then I can go to Washington on Saturday and Sunday and see some of the sights. In a way it is nice being so close to the Nation's Capital. But of course I would rather be in Minnesota.

Brennan will be coming on the 23rd according to what you told me. I am a little bit uneasy about it, but I know it will all work out. Other similar situations have happened here and things are working well. I am working on that with my therapist, Caroline.

My mother is doing well and I call once a week to talk to her and my sister. We didn't tell my mother all the details of why I am here, just talked about depression. But the rest of the family knows some of the story.

Take care now and hope you are doing well with your health. I miss being on all the committees and being vicar.

Love,



OSB GILLESPIE 00132

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

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COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA 56321-2015

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

April 24, 1996

Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of April 16. By now Brennan is with you and getting settled in. Your presence will, I am sure, help him to adjust to his new situation.

Your cooperation and willingness to address issues has been very commendable and I want to thank you for this. Your honesty and willingness to face problems bodes well for your own health. I have been from the beginning impressed with your concern for others as well as for your own welfare. I am confident that your time there will bear fruit in abundance in your healing process.

Today I had a visit from They
fully respect your need for confidentiality, but also want you to know that they and especially the young people they teach are concerned for you and are keeping you in prayer. They strike me as being very nice people with hearts that embrace you with genuine concern. I assured them I would pass on word of their visit.

At Father Brennan's request I posted a note on the board yesterday telling the community that he would be at Saint Luke's to address issues surrounding a gambling addiction. I have not made any public statements about you or your whereabouts. If you decide that you would want me to let the community know where you are I am willing to do this. Several abbot's letters ago I outlined a number of reasons why people go to Saint Luke's, so there is no need to specify the reason for your residency there.

The Sag is about to be totally clear of ice. I guessed April 26 as the date but I think I'll be about two days off. I don't know how it can last longer than the 24th. By now you are in cherry blossom season, maybe it is even over with by now. I hope you will have the

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Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
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chance to see more of D.C. and environs. Most of the time I've been there it has been an in and out trip and I've had little opportunity except in the 60s to sight-see.

You are daily in my prayers and I appreciate yours for me and the community. Let me know if there is anything I can do to help you. I look forward to being able to visit you sometime. Peace and abundant blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,

Abbot Timothy Kelly, OSB

TK/kr

St. Luke's Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, MD 20746
April 28, 1996

Dear Confreres,

I wanted to let you know that I am at St. Luke's, working on some problems and concerns in my life. I have been here a month now and I must say that I am making lots of progress.

I ask for your prayers and support as I continue my journey down a difficult path. I would love to hear from you if you would care to write.

You all are in my prayers and thoughts,

Tom Gillespie

April 28, 1996

Dear Timothy,

Thanks much for your letter and the encouragement in the program. Brennan arrived last Monday night and seems to be fitting right in. You know Brennan. He seems to fit in easily. He is having a few health problems but hopefully they will clear up fast. He has been dizzy and has had some painful headaches. He is having some tests tomorrow. Please don't tell him I told you. Maybe he doesn't want to bother you. Hopefully it is nothing serious. My physical health continues to be fine. My mental and spiritual health are doing much better as I get deeper into the program. It's hard to believe I have been here for four weeks now. The very real possibility of the lawsuit looms ahead of me and bothers me at times.

Yes, I do want to let the community know that I am here, but I really don't care to say why at this point. If the lawsuit becomes public then I will have to disclose more. My close friends know what is going on and maybe it is best to leave it at that for now.

The weekend here has been beautiful and I have taken several walks. Next weekend when I am off restriction I will be able to go on longer walks off the property and maybe even eat some real food.

I am glad the visited you. They are very nice people and I know they support me, but I don't want them at present to know all of the details. It is just too hard to explain. The future is still too uncertain. And of course it is all my fault. I'm not going to blame my parents or anyone else.

Take care now. When you are in the area please stop in. You, Brennan and I could go out to lunch or dinner when Brennan is off restriction. Hopefully Joel Kelly will be stopping by at the end of May for a day or two. Joel has been great sending me all sorts of newspaper clippings. We talk on the phone once a week. Dan has also been great, sending my mail and giving me support.

Take care now. Hope your health continues to improve.

Love,

Tom Gillespie

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

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COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA 56321-2015

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

May 15, 1996

Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
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2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Father Tom:

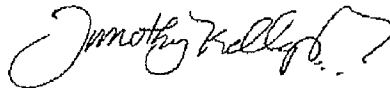
Thanks for your letter of April 28. It came just after my May letter went to press so I couldn't get your note into it, though I did post it on the board for the at-home people to see.

It is gratifying to know that things are going well with you. I'm sure there are times when it is very painful and when you might even regret having agreed to go there. Many have experienced this before you and yet have come out of it with a new appreciation for themselves and for the opportunity provided for them to come to a deeper understanding and acceptance of themselves.

Getting to know DC is a good opportunity as well. Most of the times I've been there it has been on business or for very short visits and I haven't seen everything I'd like to see by any means. I'm sure you haven't that much time either to tramp around all the sights and sites. Enjoy what is available.

I have no plans right now to get to DC in the coming months but if I do you know I'll be by for a visit. You continue in my daily prayer and I'm grateful for the generosity of your response to the offer of this help. Peace, my brother, and know you are truly appreciated and valued as a member of this community and an important part of my life.

In Christ,



Abbot Timothy Kelly, OSB

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Timothy,
I thought you'd get a kick out of this
card. Really, things are going fairly
well - well a crisis here & there.
I miss Mr. Joe, Mr. John's and
all of you.

I have to start thinking of what I
will do when I leave here. Do you
have any suggestions on what for
my future? A lot will depend
on what happens. But I thought
you & the Personnel Committee might
have some suggestions.

Joe's men here & me had a nice
meal. He will be part of my support
team. Take care, Tom Gillespie

Everything's about the same here.
How are things with you?

Tom



The Far Side

By Gary Larson



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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

June 1, 1996

Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Father Tom:

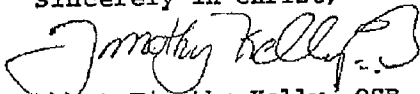
I liked your card and only hope that it isn't too accurate a picture of how things are in Suitland! I'm glad that Joel got there to visit with you and I'm sure it was a good shot in the arm for you and Brennan. I haven't seen him yet but I'll be anxious to hear how his trip was.

On Wednesday I drove to Wisconsin to see my brother who has lung cancer and is in the hospital fighting an infection that continues to cause a low grade fever. He is in good spirits even though it is getting increasingly hard to breathe. Fr. Don Tauscher drove with me and it was good to have some company on that long drive. We returned Friday evening.

Father Finian and I will be getting together to work out some possibilities of work for you on your return. No doubt there will be many opportunities but we will have to do some investigating to see what are the best ones for you. I hope that you don't let future work prospects distract you from your therapy. Your talents are many and there won't be any problem finding some focus for your talent.

You received my June Abbot's Letter by now so I won't repeat a lot of things said there. One thing I would like to reiterate, however, is my thanks to you for your work of the past and your excellent cooperation under these difficult circumstances. You have a rich spirit and you remain a valued member of this community. I keep you in daily prayer. I pray especially that you be at peace through all of this and that your progress be rapid and full. Love ya.

Sincerely in Christ,



Abbot Timothy Kelly, OSB

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**St. Luke Institute
Continuing Care Contract**

Patient: Thomas W. Gillespie, osb
Date of Admission: April 1, 1996

St. Luke Institute: 13255
Date of Discharge: October 8, 1996

I, Thomas W. Gillespie, freely enter into this Contract for Continuing Care with the Continuing Care Department of St. Luke Institute (SLI). This contract takes effect upon my discharge from in-patient care on October 8, 1996.

At the end of six months, this contract will be reviewed in consultation with the Continuing Care Department. Any change that they deem appropriate will be made at that time. In addition, it is understood that this contract will be shared with the abbot of my monastery and the prior.

The terms of the contract are as follows:

Psychosexual Health

1. I will maintain as my bottom line, complete sexual abstinence and sobriety.
2. I will avoid being alone with boys and young men (10-18 yrs old). I will make sure at least one other adult is present. Neither will I associate as a friend with boys.
3. I will attend three or four 12 Step SCA or SAA meetings per week.
4. I will, within thirty days, form a Support Group consisting of 5-8 support persons, including the prior of my community. I will arrange to meet with this Support Group and a member of St. Luke's Continuing Care Department within two months after departure and share with them my story, my Continuing Care Contract, my budding signs and my intimacy needs.
5. I will avail myself of the help and assistance of my Support Group by meeting with at least one of them weekly, via telephone calls, social events, or planned meetings. I will keep them informed of my plans and ask them for reality checks.
6. I will, within 60 days of departure, find an SCA or SLAA sponsor and faithfully utilize his help.
7. I will select a therapist and begin meeting with that person weekly within 30 days.
8. If at all possible I will meet with a bioenergetics therapist once a month.

Emotional and Social Relationships

1. I will continue to deepen my relationships with my close friends through social interaction, sport activities and communication.

2. I will strive to make new age appropriate friends, both men and women, and strive to broaden my friendships and interests.

Spiritual Health

1. I will select a spiritual director within 30 days and will meet with that person at least once a month.

2. I will select a prudent confessor and go to confession monthly.

3. In addition to the monastic schedule of prayer I will set a time in the morning and evening for private prayer and reflection.

4. I will include Twelve Step literature as part of my regular spiritual reading.

Physical Health

1. I will have regular medical, dental and eye checkups as appropriate.

2. For the first six weeks I will limit my weekly work to 25 hours. My work schedule will never exceed 35 hours after that time and for the duration of my contract.

3. I will follow the suggestions of my nutritionist, Karen Stone, in eating and drinking only what is healthy for me. I will seek prudent companions to help me deal with appropriate eating patterns.

4. I will maintain a healthy exercise and sports program by exercising at least three times a week. I will also set aside time for flying and working on airplanes as an important part of my physical and emotional health.

Accountability

1. I will be accountable to the abbot and his delegate, the prior, for my daily routine and my whereabouts. If I am leaving the campus I will inform the prior as to when I am leaving, where and with whom I will be, and when I will return. I will not go to the gym for exercise or playing sports unless accompanied by an appropriate adult. Neither will I go into student dormitories unless visiting a member of the monastic community who will be expecting me at that time.

2. I will also be accountable to my spiritual director, my Sponsor, my therapists and my support group.

Continuing Care

1. I will host a re-entry workshop for myself and my support group to be chaired by my Continuing Care Therapist.

2. I will contact my continuing care therapist once a week in the interval between

my departure and my re-entry workshop as a means of supporting me in the early stages of re-entry.

3. I shall renegotiate the terms of this contract as needed and/or at the time of this contract's expiration. Contract changes will be sent in the form of a letter to my superior following continuing care sessions.

4. I will participate in eight aftercare workshops, the first six semi-annually, the final two annually.

Thomas W. Gillespie 10/8/96
Rev. Thomas Gillespie, D.S.B. Date

Caroline Wroblewski 10/8/96
Caroline Wroblewski, PhD Date

Stephen Montana PhD 10.3.96
Stephen Montana, PhD Date

William F. Stumpf 10.3.96
Rev. William F. Stumpf, PhD Date
Coordinator, Continuing Care
Services

Frank Valcour MD 10/3/96
Frank Valcour, MD Date
Medical Director and
Vice-President for
Clinical Affairs

Tom Gillespie

September, 1996

Budding Signs

1. When you see me feeling alone
2. When you see me dissatisfied with my job
3. When you see me not expressing my needs
4. When you see me not expressing feelings, or keeping secrets
5. When you see me angry and not expressing it appropriately
6. When you see me isolating and failing to relate to others
7. When you see me spending time with children
8. When you see me depressed or on the verge of despair
9. When you see me acting impulsive and not finding time for myself
10. When you see me being obsessive about good times and compulsively wanting more.
11. When I appear being obsessive and maybe thinking about sex or masturbation
12. When I seem estranged from God, and not attending the monastic schedule

Strategies to Stop

1. 12 step meetings
2. Call sponsor or other members
3. Read 12 step literature
4. Prayer
5. Distractions, movies, etc.
6. Exercise or play sports
7. Talk to members of Support team or friends
8. Call therapist

INTIMACY NEEDS

Tom Gillespie

October, 1996

Intimacy needs are a vital part of my recovery and continued sobriety. The goal of intimacy needs is to be connected with myself and others.

1. I need to deepen my relationship with my close friends and to actively seek out friendships with age appropriate adults both male and female, clerical and non-clerical.
2. I need to deepen my relationship with God through prayer, monastic life practices and frequent contact with my confessor and spiritual advisor.
3. I need work and activities which will help me to grow and will fulfill my potential.
4. I need to play sports several times a week.
5. I need to exercise at least three times a week.
6. I need to work on and fly airplanes at least once a week with my flying friends.
7. I need three weeks of vacation each year with friends, family or fellow monks.
8. I need to eat proper foods.
9. I need to accept myself as a gay man, and not look at my attraction to other males as shameful.
10. I need 12 step programs, a sponsor, and program friends as primary in my life.
11. I need to share with others my neurological deficit in both memory and problem solving skills.
12. I need support from friends and family in helping me to overcome my shyness. I need acceptance and hugs.
13. I need to share my story and feelings with my friends, fellow monks and family.

Weekly Schedule for Tom Gillespie

Sunday

6:00 Rising, private prayer
7:00 Morning Prayer in church
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 exercise
10:30 Community Mass
12:00 Dinner with community
1:00 recreation
3:00 leave for Mpls to visit mother and sisters
9:00 return to abbey
10:00 private prayer
11:00 retire

Monday-Thurs

6:00 rising, private prayer
7:00 Morning prayer
8:00 breakfast
9:00 work
12 noon noon prayer and lunch
1-3 work
3:00 exercise or sports
5:00 Mass
6:00 supper
7:00 evening prayer
8:00 12 step meeting
10:00 home, prayer, retire

Friday

6:00 rise, meditation
7:00 morning prayer
8:00 breakfast
9-12 work
1-5 Work on planes or fly
6:00 supper
7:00 evening prayer
8:00 12 step or movie

Saturday

6:00 rising
7:00 morning prayer
8:00 breakfast
9:00 clean room, make bed
11:00 Mass
12:00 Lunch
1:00 play golf or sports
6:00 supper
7:00 evening prayer
8:00 friends, prayer, retire

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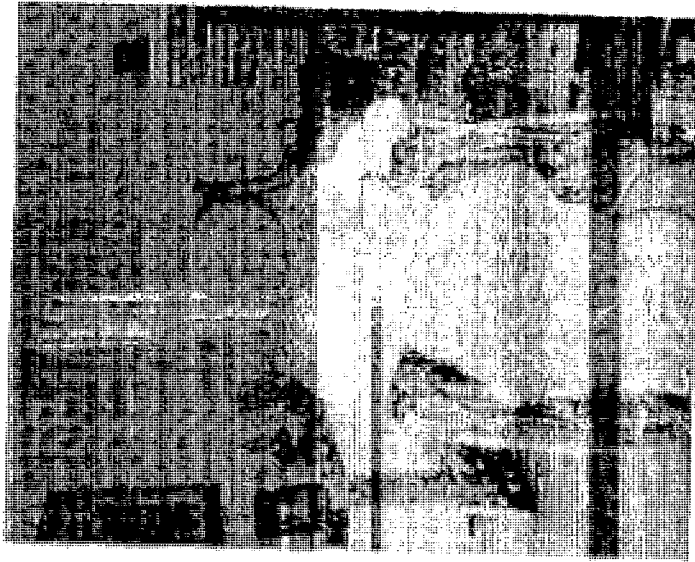
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her home on April 17, 1998. A lifelong resident of Minneapolis, she was born on May 28, 1900 and was married to _____ who preceded her in death on May 28, 1976. _____ affectionately known as '_____' is survived by her daughters,

_____ both of Minneapolis; her sons, Thomas William Gillespie, OSB, of Collegeville and _____

She was a lifelong member of the Dominican Laity and was a generous supporter of church missionary work. She will be missed by her family members (including her faithful dog, Maggie) and many beloved nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, and neighbors. One of her favorite sayings, "You know what? I love you" can easily be said over and over by those who experienced her love and loved her so well.

In Loving Memory



Mass of Christian Burial
Incarnation Church
April 20, 1998

Tom Gillespie
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321

October 5, 1998

Dear Father Abbot:

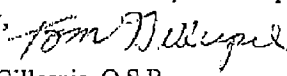
I would like to request the sum of \$500.00 as an educational expense to update my instrument flying skills in aviation.

In addition to my regular license I have an IFR rating (instrument flight rules). This enables me to fly in and above the clouds and in less favorable weather. The plane I fly is equipped with all the equipment for this type of flight. However, I have not kept up the necessary work to be current.

In order to be current I would need a number of hours with an instructor, pass an oral test and I would have to fly four or five instrument approaches. I have several friends who are instructors and they are willing to help me hone my skills and become current.

I believe that this competency study and check-ride would cost around \$500.00 to complete and keep up. There are certain requirements which must be fulfilled every six months.

I would be happy to fulfill any requests which you or members of the community might have for flights.

Sincerely, 
Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.

Kelly, Timothy

From: Fecht, Geoffrey
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 1998 11:32 AM
To: McDarby, Pat
Cc: Kelly, Timothy
Subject: Tom Gillespie's work

Hi Patrick,

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Geoffrey

Kelly, Timothy

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Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 1998 1:33 PM
To: McDarby, Pat
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Subject: Tom Gillespie

One more thing, Tom does do chaplain work which is much appreciated. Currently, he is on the St. Ben's team and St. Raphael's team and he is covering for Fr. Germain at St. Scholastica's. He is also on the Fire Department (his choice).

G.

Kelly, Timothy

From: Fecht, Geoffrey
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 1998 12:41 PM
To: Gillespie, Tom
Cc: Kelly, Timothy
Subject: RE: my job

Tom,

Thanks for your note. But "cold cash" is not the issue. Doing work that the community needs done is the issue, and making sure that the work you do is not work that others are suppose to be doing is the issue as well. Work on the web page for Richard O. or doing lettering for David M. or putting in hours at Physical Plant are all contributions. However, it is important that you be doing the work that you've been assigned, and also getting credit for the time you're spending doing it. Your contribution on the fire department is also a worth while service and is appreciated. But you volunteered for that and it is not in lieu of other work unless Abbot Timothy says so. Benedict Leuthner will testify to that; he is procurator and firemonk. Others with full time plus jobs can testify to that as well. Also, very much appreciated is your chaplain's work. You are given much credit for your help in that area. And that is considered assigned work. I know that and so does Abbot Timothy.

At this point, the work you do, that I'm aware you have been actually assigned to do by the abbot are chaplains work and the Physical Plant (5 hours a week) work. The other things, as far as I know, and I may be wrong about this, you have elected to do. I give you much credit for that but the problem becomes making sure you're compensated, making sure you're not doing someone elses' work, and making sure you're doing what the community needs you to do. As for noon meal serving, the community needed someone to help with that.

It is important for you to see Pat McDarby and the abbot about your work. At least the abbot. He is the one that gives job assignments. We are not to presume our job assignments are our personal choices. You don't have to tell Patrick anything about why you can't do certain jobs. But as Personnel Laison, he should be aware of what you are doing.

Finally, I know you are keeping busy. I don't worry about you in this regard. However, you raised the issue and pushed the issue when you came to see me. As long as you avoid seeing either Abbot Timothy and Patrick McDarby about this, it will remain an issue for you. I really encourage you to make a point to see them both.

Thanks.

Geoffrey

-----Original Message-----
From: Gillespie, Tom
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 1998 11:10 AM
To: Fecht, Geoffrey
Subject: my job

Geoff,

I did not mean to cause you grief the other day. I know you have a tough job and the staff is putting some of these burdens on you.

Sometimes I really feel like I'm in a Catch 22 situation. I can't teach or work in parishes, nor can I work for the university as such or the prep school. How do I earn a salary that brings in cold cash?

I really can't around here. But I am still young enough to get a job outside Saint John's, and I am willing to do that if it would satisfy what the abbot's staff wants. I really don't want to tell Brother Benedict and some others on the staff all about my life and what is happening. Neither do I want to tell Pat MC all my limitations on jobs.

I know that you trust me and you know that I am keeping rather busy. Whether I am doing someone else's work or not-I can't make that determination. But I am becoming a skilled worker in lots of areas. However, if you want me to go in a different direction, I will do it without grumbling.

I appreciate you confidence in me and the abbot and the staff as well-especially in letting me update my instrument skills. I hope I can be of service to the community this way as well.

These are just some of my thoughts after our conversation on Tuesday. I keep your mom in my prayers daily.

See you Saturday for sure.

tom

Kelly, Timothy

From: McDarby, Pat
Sent: Friday, December 04, 1998 3:29 PM
To: Fecht, Geoffrey
Cc: 'The Abbot'
Subject: RE: Tom Gillespie's work

Sorry to be so long in answering, Geoffrey

Herewith some quick reactions--well, really, reaction singular.

Perhaps Tom should keep a type-and-time log of work he does for whomever, and we can, perhaps with Benedict's or Herb Trezn's advice, assign an hourly wage. If his different kinds of work justify different compensation, then the log might be divided into different categories of work. In any case, such a record would give you--and Tom, perhaps especially Tom--a clear picture of how much productive work he actually is doing. What do you think? If it sounds like a good idea to you, I'll talk to him about it Monday.

Maybe the same for Brennan?

Pat

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Kelly, Timothy

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Sent: Sunday, December 06, 1998 9:55 AM
To: McDarby, Pat
Cc: Kelly, Timothy
Subject: Tom G.

Tom will be coming to see you this week, I think. He claims that Finian did have a good file on record about what he does and he claims the abbot knows what he is doing. That is not how the discussions I've been in with Finian or the abbot have indicated in the past. I'm rather unsure of Tom's recollection of this, I may talk to Finian. But regardless, the parts of Tom's work that I feel are worthwhile and need to be documented, recognized, verified and compensated for are:

Five hours for Physical Plant - does he actually work more than this and are we compensated? Linus needs to be contacted for clarification.

Lettering/Signage for Physical Plant - how much time is spent on this a week and how much is he compensated? Does this mean that David Manahan's hours have been cut back in Signage? If so, is David full-time Liturgical Press? or does David still have hours with Signage, too? At one point, I thought Signage was David's job. Linus needs to be contacted for clarification.

Chaplaincy - Tom takes a mass a week at St. Ben's, and one at St. Raphaels. But also substitutes for Germain (and, in fact, Tom is covering for Germain at Scholastica's now -- but this is temporary and should not be considered part of a average week in the long term since Germain will shortly be back on the job). Tom also says mass in our Health Center once a week but this is considered part of community service and not part of a regular work assignment (the same is true of Fire Department volunteering -- although one should be given some consideration for this work).
Serves lunch for a week on a five week rotation basis.

Evidently Tom has been asked to do some work for *Worship* magazine. I'm unsure how much time this would require and how much compensation he would get. But this would be a good service and needs to be included with the above.

In addition to this, Tom does computer work for ISTI, manages internet home pages for people (Magnus and others), and helps with the monastery homepage. I'm unsure whether any of this is "assigned". It may be or it maybe simply volunteer. How much time any of this takes on a weekly basis, I'm unsure. I'm not sure whether the abbot wishes this to be a priority or not. The ISTI part of this may be the most important part of this. The individual home pages probably the least important part. Also, I'm unsure how Richard Oliver fits into any of this.

I reiterated to Tom, but he doesn't here me, that this is not about money or cold cash. It is about accountability and making sure the abbey is getting done what it needs to get done. It is important to have Tom be productive for his sake AND for the abbey's sake. Tom is angry with me right now. But I can live with that.

I'm the only one on abbot's staff that defended Tom and said I don't worry about him, and that he keeps busy and productive. Yet, I'm the one that he ends up getting angry at. Well, it goes with the territory.

Geoffrey

June 11, 2002

Abbot John,

Rene gave me a little bit of what happened at the meeting last night.

I want to thank you for the great job I heard you did in conducting the meeting. I am sure it was not easy.

I am responsible for what happened and I deeply regret the grief and sorrow I have caused so many people, including you and the community.

I hope you know that I am working very hard at my recovery. I love living here at St. John's and being part of the community.

Sincerely,

Tom Gillespie

JBK

From: Tuesday, July 09, 2002 10:35 AM
Sent: JBK
To: St.Mary's/Michael's Stillwater bulletin announcement re: Fr. Tom Gillespie
Subject:

Bulletin Statement for St. Mary's and St. Michael in Stillwater - July 13/14, 2002

I am very sorry to have to report some sad news to you. Recently we received a call from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis notifying us that Father Thomas Gillespie, OSB, a member of the Benedictine Community of St. John's Abbey and a former pastor of St. Mary's Parish, had been accused of sexual abuse. The allegation concerned an incident with a male minor which occurred in 1978 or 1979 when Father Gillespie was pastor of St. Mary's Church in Stillwater, Minnesota between 1978-1986.

When the accusation was first made in 1996, Father Gillespie was pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in St. Joseph, MN. As soon as the Abbey became aware of the allegation in 1996, Father Gillespie was removed from St. Joseph's Parish and he returned to the Abbey. The Abbey offered counseling help to the victim and the matter was settled out of court. Father Gillespie is restricted from having contact with young people. He now resides at the Abbey, and is no longer able to perform any ministerial functions.

The abbey has addressed the following message to the parish: "The Abbey is deeply saddened and apologizes for harm that this incident brought to the victim and to the parishioners of St. Mary's, and once again pledges its unequivocal determination to respond immediately to victims."

Recent allegations of abuse in our Church have been a heavy burden to bear for all of us who love the Church and its sacraments. Yet, decisive actions are being taken to resolve this crisis and to restore trust in our priests and religious.

If anyone in the parish wishes to discuss these concerns, please contact me. Let us all support one another and pray for God's blessing and peace.

Fr. Michael Skluzacek

OSB GILLESPIE_00159

Tom Gillespie
St. John's Abbey/Physical Plant
Collegeville, MN 56321

August 24, 2002

Abbot John,

I am shocked that you want me to pick up another nine hours of work. I couldn't believe what I was reading.

My work schedule includes signage and web work. Combined, these make a full time job. At times I work more than 40 hours a week, at times a bit less, depending on what is happening. I am perfectly willing to help out, to the tune of maybe four additional hours per week, but I sincerely believe that nine hours is asking too much of me. I would like to be assigned to taking care of the bathroom on fourth quad where we monks live. I could probably handle the fifth floor quad bathroom too.

In addition to my work in Physical Plant I spend quite a bit of time on the fire department in training and keeping up my skills in pumping water. This past week I spent an additional ten hours in training. I also direct the TV and sound for our Sunday Masses and other celebrations. I help Bro Mike with driving as time permits and am now in charge of the driving skills test for the abbey.

Tom Gillespie

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Meeting with Tom Callahan

8-30-02

Expose
webware] I was completely in the fluid
leading bonding of how many
hours/week each of these entailed
crucial for your contribution: FD - good
This was not intended as an attack
but is a real need now -

We compromised on 6 hours/week

- I should have met with Tom before sending
the letter - it hit him really hard -
- Context is everything
- Need to be extremely sensitive to Tom
Something came across in mail -
- Learn from this mistake

**Tom Gillespie, OSB
St. John's Abbey
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October 10, 2003

Dear Abbot John,

I am very much interested in doing the Monastic Renewal Program at Sant' Anselmo April 24-May 24, 2004 in Rome.

I feel it would be very beneficial for me in developing a deeper monastic spirituality. I have never been to Rome and would especially like to visit the Vatican, Monte Cassino and Assisi.

I talked it over with Prior Ray and he believes it would be beneficial for me.

Sincerely,

Tom Gillespie

Announcement

Tom Gillespie

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Arrival and departure dates

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Jacques Côté OSB, director

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(Registration will be closed on January 31st 2004)

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

4 July 2003

Father Thomas Gillespie, OSB
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Father Tom:

I feel foolish sending this letter to you but I want you to be aware of something that has come up in the past week.

On June 27, 2003, Mr. John Kerwin from Minneapolis, MN brought an Unlawful Detainer Complaint to the Stearns County Court House. He is claiming that as a Catholic he has part ownership, with the Catholic Church, of the property of Saint John's. Based on this claim of being a stakeholder in Saint John's he is requesting the court to order the eviction of all our men who are on restriction. This is clearly a frivolous legal action.

We have asked Mr. Ron Brandenburg and Mr. Mike Ford from Quinlivan and Hughes law firm to represent us and to argue the case. Specifically, Mr. Mike Ford will appear before Judge Skipper Pearson at the Saint Cloud Courthouse on July 10, at 9:00 a.m. and argue that this legal action should be thrown out immediately.

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Again, I am sorry to intrude into your life but I did not want you to be surprised by news of this legal action.

In Christ,



Abbot John Klassen, OSB

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OSB GILLESPIE 00354

Skudlarek, William

From:
Sent: Sunday, November 02, 2003 10:41 AM
To: Caldey
Cc: Canon City (Holy Cross); Paschal Cheline; Christ In the Desert; Cleveland (Saint Andrew); Klassen, John
Subject: Monastic renewal Program

Dear Father,

2nd Announcement

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November 3, 2003

Father Tom Gillespie
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your proposal for participating in the Monastic Renewal Experience Program at Sant' Anselmo in Rome, April 24-May 24, 2004. I, too, think it would be very beneficial for you. It is good program and I will surely support you in this request.

This is a request that I must take to the External Review Board for input. This is the difficulty that I encountered with Fran's request to go to Africa. In his situation I had already given permission last fall, so in conscience I could not withdraw that permission. However, I knew that the Review Board would need to review Fran's situation before giving a green light. So my permission has to factor in the counsel of the Review Board.

In a different vein, thank you for the hard work you are doing on so many different fronts for the monastery; at physical plant, in housekeeping, with the sound system, and the list goes on. I am deeply grateful to you for your commitment to this community and to monastic life.

Sincerely,

Abbot John Klassen, OSB

cc: Prior Ray Pedrizetti, OSB

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**Tom Gillespie, OSB
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Dear Support Team Member,

I have applied for a monastic renewal program which will take place at a Benedictine monastery in Rome in April of 2004. This program lasts one month. Abbot John Klassen, my superior, is in favor of this spiritual journey, but must seek advice from an advisory board which he set up a number of months ago. He is not sure they will approve of my being part of this program.

I am asking you for a letter of support for this renewal program. You have known me well, especially since you were and still are on my support team. I have worked very hard in recovery these past seven years since returning from St. Luke's Institute. I still attend two support meetings each week in St. Cloud, I see and work with a therapist from time to time, and continue in my recovery by being in contact with you from time to time. I continue to work my program very seriously. I also work hard at being an active member of St. John's Monastic Community.

You could send this recommendation directly to Abbot John and the Review Board, or send it to me if you would like. Please address it to Abbot John and the Review Board.

Abbot John's Address: Abbot John Klassen, OSB
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321

I thank you for your support, help and friendship, especially over these past seven years.

Thomas W. Gillespie, OSB

P. S. I am enclosing a copy of the program

RECOMMENDATION for Father Tom Gillespie

from Prior Ray Pedrizetti

to Abbot John and the Review Board

My relationship with Tom has been as his immediate superior, and also as a member of his support team before I became a superior. I have known Tom for a number of decades.

Tom has been faithful and consistent in his work of recovery, and he is a reliable worker in the assignments given to him at this time, some of them quite menial.

I have talked with Tom about the renewal program in Rome he wishes to attend, and it is my opinion that the program would be a very positive aspect of his ongoing recovery, and that its structure provides safeguards that would assure one that he could handle any difficult situations.

There is every reason to think this would be of benefit to Tom, and so I would recommend he be allowed to participate in it.



Prior Ray Pedrizetti OSB
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville MN 56321

Abbot John Klassen's private account

From: Father Jim Reichert
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2003 3:36 PM
To: Abbot John Klassen's private account
Subject: Fr. Tom Gillespie's request

Dear Abbot John,

Father Tom Gillespie has asked me to write to you supporting his request to enrol in the Monastic Renewal Experience Program at Sant' Anselmo this coming year.

For the past seven years I have been on his support team which met from time to time for several years. From these meetings and from my occasional contact with him it seems that he has done everything asked of him and that his progress has been steady and good.

Early in 1996 Tom and I were planning to take a sabbatical together when his sexual addiction surfaced and he was immediately removed from his position as pastor in St. Joseph. Since we had been close friends for many years, there was no one more surprised and saddened than I was. I think Tom is well on his way to whatever recovery is possible.

Will anyone be accompanying him as a form of support? I wouldn't mind spending a month in Rome!!

Fraternally,

Jim Reichert, OSB

**Tom Gillespie, OSB
St. John's Abbey
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November 19, 2003

'Dear Abbot John and Members of the Review Board,

Abbot John, thank you for your reply and your backing of my request to do the program in Rome. You said you had no reservations, but thought the Review Board might have some.

I have sent letters to my support group asking them to write you and the Review Board about their thoughts on this learning and spiritual journey. I have asked them to support me to you and the Review Board.

I feel there is a big difference between my request and those of Fran and Francisco. I am not asking you to go some place to work, but merely to study and hopefully enhance my spiritual life. I would be happy to share my story with someone trusted by you in Rome. I have also found out there is an English 12-step meeting I could attend while in Rome.

Although I have by no means been a perfect monk since returning to St. John's in 1996, I have tried hard to fit into the community and be a useful and productive member. I have learned new skills and found other ways of "turning a lemon into lemonade."

What am I doing? I spend at least six hours a week in janitorial work. I help maintain and clean our cabins in

spring and fall. I'm also called on to do special jobs in housecleaning from time to time. I am responsible for all the signage on the campus. This can be very demanding at times. I am a web designer and a webmaster for a number of sites, including St. Benedict's Monastery and St. Paul's Monastery. In this I work closely with Bro. Richard Oliver. I very much enjoy the challenge of learning new things in web development. I also am a fulltime first responder on our fire department. My job is driving trucks and providing water. I know my job well and practice often. I also volunteer in the Retirement Center, helping take care of our older fathers and brothers and say mass for them at least once a week. I volunteer as much as time permits with other projects in the community.

I also help my sister in

I am close to my family and find great support from them. My brother is a priest in and I have another sister who lives in

As far as my recovery goes, I attend two 12 step meetings a week, talk to and meet with my support group members individually and see a therapist every several months. I have been very faithful to restrictions I imposed on myself after leaving St. Luke's and have also followed the restrictions you have set up.

I believe I deserve the opportunity to participate in the program in Rome in April. I hope for your approval.

Sincerely,

Tom Willapie



19 November 2003

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

Dcar Abbot John:

Father Tom Gillespie has asked me to write a letter of reference for him concerning the possibility of his taking part in a monastic renewal program in Rome next April. I wholeheartedly support Tom in this possible opportunity for renewal.

A number of years ago, while I still served the community as prior, Father Tom was brought home from his parish assignment in Saint Joe. He was brought home due to accusations of sexual misconduct some years previous. Before he was due to come home, he was scheduled to go on a sabbatical for priestly renewal at the Catholic College in Louvain, Belgium. Due to the circumstances back then, Tom was unable to pursue this renewal.

When Tom returned from Saint Luke's Institute, he was required to put together a monastic support group. I was and continue to be part of Tom's support group. Tom has worked hard not only at recovery but also in the various other expectations of him, including attending faithfully the monastic horarium, his various work assignments at Saint John's, and, while he was able, helping with ministry at Saint Benedict's Monastery and the Convent of Saint Scholastica. From my observation, Tom has continued to be a wonderful and supportive presence at the abbey.

I hope he will be able to go on this monastic renewal venture. If so, I would suspect that the monastery there would be able to continue supporting him spiritually, emotionally and mentally as we have here at Saint John's.

If you have any concerns or questions, I would be happy to discuss them further with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Geoffrey Pecht, OSB
Pastor of Saint Augustine's Parish

Cc: Father Thomas Gillespie, OSB

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY



November 22, 2003

To: Abbot John Klassen
Members of the Review Board

From: Joel Kelly, OSB *Joel Kelly, OSB*

Concerning: Application of Thomas Gillespie, OSB, for the Monastic Renewal Program
at San Anselmo College in Rome

I have been connected with Tom Gillespie since 1960 when we were young monks of the abbey; later we worked together on the staff of St. John's Preparatory School and we were together for four years at Monasterio San Antonio Abad as confreres working in the Abbey's School; during his treatment time at St Luke's Institute I visited him and the program and I have continued as a member of his support group since he completed the program at the Institute. I attended all of his support group meetings since his return from St Luke's. Tom has been a positive force in our community during the last ten years as well as exemplary in the way he continues to move forward regardless of the limitations placed upon him.

At every turn Tom has used the restrictions put upon him as a way to find new avenues for a life of quality as a monk of the Abbey. He has done a good job of making sure his social relationships are with adults. He has discontinued completely any contact with younger acquaintances as he has followed the guidelines that he developed in his St. Luke's program.

The renewal program at San Anselmo will enhance his efforts at forming relationships with other other adults. He will be living in a more structured community during this month than he currently lives in as the participants do the program as a group. And the program itself will have its interaction time when Tom can continue to receive and give the support to which he is currently accustomed.

The program will be an added boost for Tom as he refreshes his monastic journey with the lectures and the pilgrimages which will allow him his first visit to the key sites for the origin of the Benedictine tradition. A key component of his treatment has been spiritual renewal and this program will be an important part of that.

There is no reason why Tom should not do this structured program. It would be unnecessarily punishing not to let him at this time participate in the program. I recommend his participation.

COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA 56321-2015

OSB GILLESPIE_00174

THE LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS

8812 Cameron Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Office of the Executive Director

23 November 2003

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

Re: Father Thomas Gillespie, OSB

Dear Abbot John:

I am writing this letter to you concerning Father Thomas Gillespie's request to participate in the Monastic Renewal Experience Program at Badia Primaziale Sant'Anselmo.

As you know, I have been a close friend of Tom's for many years. We have shared many things over the years. He drove to visit me when I was Administrator of St. Gregory's Abbey, OK, and when Prior at St. Augustine's Monastery, Nassau. He helped me move to my present location in metropolitan Washington, DC. We have spent many hours together talking, playing golf and bridge.

When he was first accused of sexual abuse of a minor he chose me as his support person. I visited him while he was at St. Luke's Institute and was part of his support group when he returned. Even after my leaving for Nassau and then Washington, DC, we have stayed in close contact and spent time together each time I come home.

As you know, I have worked with many persons who have sexually abused minors. My current position continues to involve this work on a national level and also to work with superiors of individual communities. I am part of the mixed commission of bishops and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men in deciding how the Charter and Essential Norms will apply to men religious. I process for religious superiors cases of dismissal or dispensation of religious who have abused minors.

I am also very well acquainted both with the Monastic Renewal Program at Sant'Anselmo and with Father Jacques Cote, OSB, the director.

I strongly recommend that you give permission to Tom to attend this program. He was accused of one incident of sexual abuse some years ago. There has never been a repeated

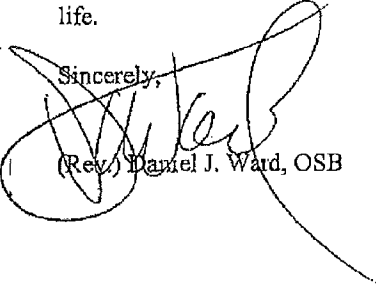
incident. He has worked hard on his program while at St. Luke's and thereafter. After returning from St. Luke's, Tom integrated well into the monastic life here. He has continued to contribute in so many different ways to the work and the life of the community. For seven years Tom has proven that he is not a danger to children. He has grown in his own understanding of his sexuality. His friendships are with adults. They are strong and healthy.

Tom lived and worked most of his life away from St. John's and most of these years in pastoral ministry. He has now been back for seven years living the life at the monastery and growing more aware of his monastic vocation. The renewal program at Sant'Anselmo is meant for a monk like Tom who is renewing his understanding and commitment to the monastic way of life.

From my own knowledge and experience of Tom, from my working on what the foundational principles of the Charter and Essential Norms are (the protection of children and young people), I find no reason that Tom should not be allowed to participate in the Monastic Renewal Program. In fact, I believe that it would be a positive continuation of his recovery program. It would help him deepen his monastic vocation and the reasons why he chooses to remain a monk.

It is my understanding, Abbot John, that you present such requests to the External Review Board for their input and recommendation. I hope that you will share this letter with them so that they may make a recommendation based on the present facts of Tom's life.

Sincerely,



(Rev.) Daniel J. Ward, OSB

Nov. 28, 2003

To Abbot John Klassen,

I have known Tom Gillespie for over twenty years. I met him through my brother in Stillwater. I respected his job of being a pastor with good energy. I respected his work as a personnel person for both the Benedictin Community and the St. Cloud diocese.

I was honored to be involved with his difficulty several years ago and his determination to correct that difficult time.

He has asked me to contact you to request permission to the Monastic Renewal Experience Program. I ask you to consider all the other positive things he has done for people.

Sincerely,

December 2, 2003

**Abbot John Klassen
St. John's Abbey Review Board-
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321**

Re: Tom Gillespie Monastic Renewal Program Application

**Tom has asked me for my support of his application for the referenced
Renewal Program in Rome in 2004.**

**I have been in regular contact with Tom, over the last few years, in person at our
airport and at lunch meetings, and via telephone and email. In my opinion he has been
extremely diligent in fulfilling his obligations as discussed by his personal support
committee, of which I have been a member. He has continuously demonstrated the self
discipline to perform his duties and to continue his participation in other support groups.**

**In reviewing the Program Announcement, I feel it would be very worthwhile for
him to attend, both as a benefit to him and to your Monastic Community. I am sure that
the experience will help him to contribute to society in more ways for many years to come. I
will be glad to make a contribution to help cover his expenses.**

Yours truly,

Abbot John Klassen's private account

From: Gillespie, Tom
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2003 11:53 AM
To: Abbot John Klassen's private account
Subject: Rome Program

~~Tom Gillespie~~

Abbot John,

I dropped by your office today, but found out you were busy all day.

Hopefully you have made a decision about the Rome program that I wrote you about. The deadline for registration is in January and only eight participants will be accepted.

I asked my support team members to write you since they know me better than you do. I hope you didn't mind.

I would also like to ask you for permission to resume going down to the gym at noontime to work out.

Respectfully,

Tom Gillespie

Meet with Tom Gillespie

12/17/03

Should go for asking members of your support
team to look for letters.

Board

Byron - I cannot go along with that.

Apply board will need a guarantee from the Board
letter file for

Without some program of supervision
I can't go forward with this -
some sense of when the danger starts see,
this can't happen

Tom was ~~frustrated~~ by that I didn't e-mail
him - try a program message

Really has problem with Jim Tomington, Charles
Fisher & with Pat Walker

Tom asked to see - I gave him permission to
do this -

Tom was immediately pissed that I said it
was complicated - wanted to know what the
complication was - I talked to him of the
two worlds, the world we live in & the
world of the Board Council.

Tom heard that ~~that~~ as coming July
about the University. I'll set they don't even know
that there is a community here. I said that this was not true
that all we hope done over the last 4 years is talk
about the abbey & the community. After Dave G.
of the specifically about the abbey leadership in
building the abbey church.

I must give Tom a clear answer in
January.

**Tom Gillespie, OSB
St. John's Abbey**

**H
W**

February 15, 2004

Dear Abbot John,

Thanks for your response to my request. I am not angry.

I need to think over what you are asking. I also need to share your letter with some of my support group and at least one lawyer. I very much value their opinions.

Sincerely,


Tom Gillespie

THOMAS GILLESPIE, OSB

Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321



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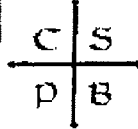
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Thomas Gillespie, OSB


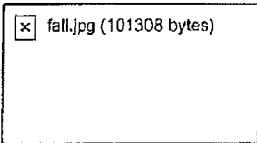
I am a monk of Saint John's Abbey and have been since 1958. I am also a priest. I was ordained to the priesthood in 1964.

Many people get confused about monks and priests. All of us here who are members of Saint John's Abbey are monks. But not all monks are priests. Some of us, after becoming monks, study for the priesthood and are ordained. Usually non-ordained monks are called brothers and ordained monks are called father. But in reality we are all equal, priest or brother. In our community we usually refer to each other by first names, leaving off the name "father" or "brother."

We live under the rule of Saint Benedict, our founder. Our leader is called an abbot. Abbot John Klassen is currently our abbot or superior.

Our community conducts Saint John's University, Saint John's Prep School and The Liturgical Press. Some of our members also serve in parishes and chaplaincies and several missions. Most of us live and work at Saint John's.

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<p>your name and comments.</p>	 <p data-bbox="698 655 925 688">Tom Gillespie, osb</p>  <p data-bbox="958 583 1266 613"><i>A Fall View of St. John's Area</i></p>
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If you would like to learn more about Benedictine monks you can find information at: **Benedictines** or you could check out **Saint John's Abbey** or **Saint Benedict's Monastery** for women religious.

You could also check "The Rule of Saint Benedict" under which we live.

Tom Gillespie, O.S.B.
Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321

email:

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**Tom Gillespie, OSB
St. John's Abbey/Physical Plant
Collegeville, MN 56321**

8/5/2005 1:20 PM

Abbot John,

Several years ago I asked to go to the Benedictine Program in Rome with Fr. Jim Reichert. You told me it was a good idea, but it could not happen because the Review Board did not think it a good idea. Last year Fr. Jim Reichert asked if I could go with him this past April. Again you turned our request down.

Now I am asking for the third time if I could go next April with Fr. Wilfred Theisen. (We are fellow golfers.) I have talked with him and am willing to share more of my story with him. I think he would be a good companion for me.

I have sincerely worked hard on my spiritual development in these past nine years and I believe the program would help me grow even more. I have never been to Rome. I was in Germany for a brief tour of "Catholic Germany" about twenty-five years ago. I also visited Ireland, "God's Country," with my brother about thirty years ago.

I am also asking that you remove the restriction about assisting at community mass, especially during the week, but also eventually the weekends as well. You told us, "This was a temporary measure."

I would also like to use the exercise equipment in the Palaestra when accompanied by other monks.

Sincerely,



12 Twin Towers Road – Collegeville MN 56321

OSB GILLESPIE_00185

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

BOX 2015

COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA 56321-2015

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

August 18, 2005

Father Tom Gillespie, OSB
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Tom,

I am responding to your letter of August 5, 2005 in which you request permission to participate in the Recyclage program at Sant' Anselmo in April-May of 2006. With the risk assessment and safety plan work now accomplished and in place, I am granting you permission for this trip. Please understand that it was never an issue between you and me. Without the work with Project Pathfinders in place, I didn't have solid ground for making an affirmative decision in these crazy times.

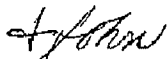
Father Wilfred, your companion, needs to be in the role of supervisor on this trip. That is, he needs to know enough about your situation and the safety plan that he can verify that your conduct is in agreement with that plan.

You made two additional requests, the first regarding assisting at community Eucharist during the week and eventually on weekends as well; the second, being allowed to use the exercise equipment in the Palaestra when accompanied by other monks. I need additional time to respond to these two requests but will do so within a month.

Per our meeting in July, I would like to meet with you and Bob Stich to have a fuller conversation about the past and how you understand what happened.

Tom, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership role in moving forward with the Project Pathfinders risk assessment and the development of a safety plan. There is no question in my mind that you were a positive force in getting the process going. In addition, you risked a great deal by being honest and forthcoming. Finally, you are a solid contributing member of our community, by your presence and by your daily contributions.

Blessings and peace,



Abbot John Klassen, OSB

PHONE 320 363-2544 FAX 320 363-3082 E-MAIL abbot@osb.org

OSB GILLESPIE_00186

Tom Gillespie, OSB
St. John's Abbey/Physical Plant
Collegeville, MN 56321

8/25/2005 8:05 PM

Dear Abbot John,

Thank you very much for permission to go to Rome next April/May for the Recyclage. I am on cloud nine as I told you the other day. I also appreciate what you said about my participation in Pathfinders and my honesty. Wilfred and I are starting to get the wheels moving and getting our reservations in.

I told my support group about your decision. They were all very happy that I had your permission and blessing. Dan Ward called to congratulate me and also asked me if I could get permission to stay for two more weeks after the program was over and do some sightseeing with him. He would like to come over and meet me at the end of Recyclage. He of course knows my story well. Please let me know if this would be possible.

I also thank you for considering the other two topics that I brought up: assisting more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist by reading, serving and helping with communion; and going to the Palaestra with other monks at other times than early in the morning.

I have one more request: You had me disconnect my Web site from the Abbey Web site. I would like to reconnect it as I am a monk and am part of St. John's Community. The internet has never been a problem for me. I had asked you at one time to have my computer profile checked for pornography or risky email. I am not sure if you did this, but if you did you know that there has never been any problem in regards to the computer.

Right now I am taking another course in Web design. I find it very exciting and challenging for an "old goat" of my age. This is conducted over the web and both the teachers and students have been very helpful in learning new things. Signage has also kept me very busy, but luckily I am the socius so I can get help from novices and candidates.

Thanks for your understanding. I am sorry for all the trouble I have caused you and the community.

Sincerely,



12 Twin Towers Road - Collegeville MN 56321

OSB GILLESPIE_00187

November 16, 2005

Father Tom Gillespie
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Tom:

I hope that your hand is healing from the surgery. First, let me thank you for two things: for setting up the meeting with Bob Stich and me, and giving me the whole story with such candor. Secondly, thank you for the way in which you handled the situation with Allen Tarlton. I am hopeful that this painful episode provided an impetus for some clearing of the air and will lead to a sustained improved relationship.

I want to respond to your request regarding your Web site. I am working on this request, especially knowing that the Internet has never been a problem for you. I would like to have Mr. [redacted] from IT services check your computer to verify that it is free from pornographic material. In addition, I think that a flag for the Review Board regarding your Web site was the *Visitor Log Book*. I need time to explore these issues and come to some clear consensus. I should be able to accomplish this within the next six weeks. I apologize for the long delay in getting this response to you.

Sincerely,

Abbot John Klassen, OSB



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

Office of the Abbot

December 8, 2005

Father Tom Gillespie, OSB
Saint John's Abbey

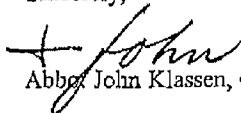
Dear Tom –

I am writing this to you in your role as socius. As you know from my December letter we have been working diligently to find a different way to do all the work that was packed into the former position of Liturgy Coordinator. At this point we have almost all of it taken care of, except for the systematic distribution of reminders and schedules.

My request is to have one novice available on each Thursday afternoon who would take care of this weekly distribution. This job would involve using the computer in the liturgy room, making up the reminders for prayer leader, all Eucharistic celebrants, acolytes, morning, evening and Eucharistic readers, picking up the song sheets for the week and for Sunday and getting them into the right boxes, and the list goes on. It would not be an overwhelming job, but it would take a work period.

Let me know what you think of this proposal.

Sincerely,


Abbot John Klassen, OSB

cc: Michael Patella, OSB

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OSB GILLESPIE_00189

Tom Gillespie, OSB
St. John's Abbey/Physical Plant
Collegeville, MN 56321

8/23/2006 10:37 AM

Abbot John,

I wanted to say this last night, but just didn't have the guts to do so.

I want to thank you for all you have done in the Sexual Abuse Crisis. I know you have worked your hardest to help victims, but also to help your troubled confreres. No one could ask you to do more. Putting up with _____ must have been difficult. I am sure there were many other times when you wanted to give up. But please stay in there. You have my full support and prayers.

And personally I wish to thank you for how you have respected me and trusted me, especially on my trip to Rome. It was a wonderful experience and I will never forget how important my Benedictine roots are.

I love my work in signage and web design, but if you want to make me a janitor in the Guest House I will be happy to do so. Whatever you want me to do, that I will do. Thank you also for letting me be socius. I keep my boundaries and take orders from JP and Paul Vincent, two wonderful confreres. I am awed by some of the young people we have in the novitiate and candidacy program.

Again, thank you for your wonderful work as abbot and leader of our community.

Respectfully,



12 Twin Towers Road – Collegeville MN 56321

OSB GILLESPIE_00190

Abbot John Klassen's private account

From: Oliver, Richard
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 10:59 AM
To: Abbot John Klassen's private account
Subject: FW: SJA_Website - No webcam!

I will have to turn over some functions of the SJA Website to Fr. Tom Gillespie OSB before I leave campus. As far as I know he is the only monk who has taken a series of online courses directly related to maintaining websites. He is approaching certification. What his eventual position will be is to be determined. Below I discuss with him a current Web problem, no webcam.

It is not at all clear to _____ or me who is actually responsible for the Webcam. Since the abbey purchased the original camera, do we bear the maintenance alone forever? The construction at SBH amuses some to watch, especially among the SJU alumni.

...
Bro. Richard Oliver osb * _____ | Administrative Assistant to the Abbot Saint John's Abbey * www.saintjohnsabbey.org/

-----Original Message-----

From: Oliver, Richard
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 10:53 AM
To: 'Tom'
Subject: FW: SJA_Website - No webcam!

_____ should change the work order below to ITS since _____ is giving the order. I will probably be gone when the bill comes, but that's another thing about the website that you might be assigned, the budget.

The SJA Web person reports to Fr. Geoffrey Fecht OSB. Bro. Aaron is responsible for final check on new SJA Web content. The Abbey Communications and Publications Committee also offers oversight of the website. Normally the SJA Webmaster may sit ex-officio on that committee.

...
Bro. Richard Oliver osb * _____ | Administrative Assistant to the Abbot Saint John's Abbey * www.saintjohnsabbey.org/

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 10:36 AM
To:
Cc: Oliver, Richard
Subject: FW: SJA_Website - No webcam!

Could you have _____ or somebody power off and power on that webcam in the library? Thanks.

Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: Oliver, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2009 2:19 PM
To: Sis, Daniel; Hammond, Randy; Gramke, Jim
Subject: FW: SJA_Website - No webcam

No SJA webcam. <http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org/media/camera.html>
Temporary problem?

...
Bro. Richard Oliver osb *
John's Abbey * www.saintjohnsabbey.org/

Administrative Assistant to the Abbot Saint

-----Original Message-----

From: [mailto:
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2009 2:09 PM
To: Info OSB
Subject: SJA_Website

Hello,
Do you still use your webcam? I look periodically, but the screen is always black.
Thanks,
Dave

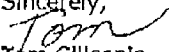
**Tom Gillespie, OSB
St. John's Abbey/Physical Plant
Collegeville, MN 56321**

9/17/2009 10:06 AM

Abbot John,

I would like to resign from my job as Socius for the Novices. I talked it over with Bro. Paul Richards this morning. I just don't feel there is much for a socius to do in the present situation, and as Paul's plans move along. Paul was comfortable with my leaving the position. I'm not even sure a socius is needed at present. But that is up to you and Bro. Paul Richards.

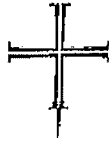
I would like to continue working with Bro. Paul Vincent with the candidates and vocations guests, if that is okay with you.

Sincerely,

Tom Gillespie

CC: Paul Richards and Paul Vincent

12 Twin Towers Road -- Collegeville MN 56321

OSB GILLESPIE_00193



SAINT JOHN'S
ABBAY

March 8, 2011

Father Tom Gillespie, OSB
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Tom:

As you may remember, Saint John's Abbey was engaged in mediation with Mr. Jeffrey Anderson from January 24-27. In the course of those four days, the abbey team (Mr. Bob Stich, Mr. Mike Ford, Brother Brad Jenniges, Father Jonathan Licari, and me) listened to the stories of twelve survivors. We worked with a mediator in order to arrive at financial settlements, nine of which came to resolution. The others are still in process.

In addition, Mr. Anderson came to the mediation with what he calls "non-economic" demands. A central one of these demands is the publication of the names of monks who have had credible allegations brought against them. As a team we have struggled mightily with this issue and have not come to resolution.

I am asking you to come to a meeting with Mr. Bob Stich on **March 11, Friday afternoon, at 1:00 PM in the Abbot Alcuin Conference room**. As legal counsel, Bob wishes to meet with you to explain our situation, to answer questions, and to listen to your concerns. At some point, Mr. Mike Ford, Father Jonathan, and I will join you to conclude the meeting, which will end by 3:00 PM. I realize that this is short notice for such a meeting but the need for it became apparent today. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Abbot John Klassen, OSB

Tom Gillespie
1-14-13

That session

• good sleep

• lots of walking - 3 times / day to Plant
firming on the bag - brought in own
bag -

• doc suffered from some dysthymia -
but knows how to manage it -

• Pornography - computer

• goes to SRA - completely honest

• got hooked on it with the use of funds -

• destroyed the Kindle & showed away -

• after spending & mourning

• only goes to plant catch otherwise there

• of buses the front computer

• Dashed him of to understand how

• had the situation could be if he were

• ever caught & images on a company

• computer - he said yes -

• Tom's fingers no longer straighten -
• arthritis



SAINT JOHN'S
ABBEY

February 25, 2013

Father Tom Gillespie
Saint John's Abbey

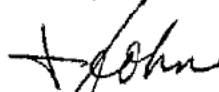
Dear Tom,

I am sending this to you as a letter than by email because I want to get off that crazy system.

Per our conversation please do not congratulate students by email regarding their concert performance.

The following is the email from [redacted] to me following up on the incident. By reading this report from [redacted] you can see how sensitive this student is. Please cease all contact with this student as well. I have shared the email message you sent to [redacted]; so that question should be answered for [redacted] and this matter should come to a close.

Sincerely,



Abbot John

cc: Steve Sawyer
Prior Tom Andert

From:
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 11:25 AM
To: Abbot John Klassen's private account
Cc:
Subject: Tom Gillespie

Abbot John,

I received a phone call from Fr. Doug this morning. Fr. Doug said that (student Human Rights Officer) did reach out to the student regarding Fr. Tom Gillespie. The student emailed her back and said he is busy and doesn't want to pursue this now or in the future. He just wants it to stop. Although, we do not have a copy of the alleged email, Fr. Doug thinks that Fr. Tom should be informed to cease sending any further emails to the student. We understand that Tom attends his concerts as well, possibly he should cease all contact with the student?

Will you have a conversation with Fr. Tom?

Please let me know if you want me to do anything else.

HR - OSB

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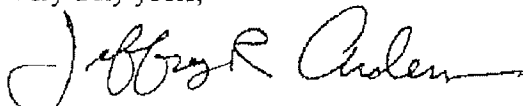
Father Thomas Gillespie
Church of St. Joseph
St. Joseph, MN 56374

Re: Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.

Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that I represent [redacted] who this week has disclosed and reported for the first time that Father Thomas Gillespie sexually molested him when he was 14 years old. At that time, Father Gillespie was serving at St. Mary's parish in Stillwater, Minnesota. Father Gillespie came to know this youth through his former parish, St. Bernard's in St. Paul. [redacted] is currently 32 years old. I bring this to your attention so that you can take appropriate action. I further expect that Father Gillespie will not attempt to make contact with [redacted] directly or indirectly in any way, manner or fashion.

Very truly yours,


Jeffrey R. Anderson

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February 23, 1996

VIA FAX: 297-6543

Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson
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Filed : Jerry
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Re:

Dear Mr. Anderson:

As indicated in my voice mail message, St. John's Abbey has retained me to represent its interests in this matter. Bob Stich has been retained to represent Father Gillespie.

I wanted to discuss the following:

1. It is unclear from your letter whether or not more than one incident was reported. Would you please clarify.
2. Would you provide me with the available specific information regarding what happened, where, and when for the incident(s).
3. If Mr. is receiving counseling or treatment, would you please identify the provider and indicate whether or not pastoral assistance is desired.
4. Your letter indicates that Father Gillespie was at a parish in Stillwater at the time. I believe that would be within the Archdiocese of St. Paul. If that is correct, have you notified the Archdiocese and what is the involvement of the Diocese of St. Cloud?

The above information is necessary to identify the liability insurer and provide it and St. John's with the details of the information currently available. I expect that Continental Insurance will be the liability carrier involved for St. John's, but the coverage situation still has not been resolved and I know that it will want more specific information before it responds.

Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson
February 23, 1996
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At this time, would you please withhold any further direct contact with St. John's Abbey or Father Gillespie and communicate directly with my office and Bob Stich's office regarding our respective clients.

If you are able to return my call today, please do so. Otherwise, please call me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your courtesies and assistance.

Yours very truly,



Jerome R. Klukas

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cc: Father Rene McGraw
Robert T. Stich (via Fax)

MEMORANDUM

TO: To File
FROM: Abbot Timothy Kelly, O.S.B.
RE: Father Thomas Gillespie, O.S.B.
DATE: March 2, 1996

On February 23, 1996, I received a letter from Jeffrey R. Anderson of Reinhardt & Anderson law firm dated February 21, 1996, advising that [redacted] was reporting sexual molestation by Father Thomas Gillespie 18 years earlier when [redacted] was 14 years old. He is now 32 years old. I immediately asked Father Rene McGraw to come to my office so that we could contact our lawyer about the case. Father Rene is the one who handles such cases for the abbot with the attorneys.

I then called Father Thomas Gillespie at the parish in St Joseph, Minnesota where he was pastor, and asked him to come to see me right away. He came within about 20 minutes. I showed him the attorney's letter. I asked him to choose some other person, another monk if possible, to be his support person and when he had done so to tell me who that person was. He named Father Dan Ward.

Father Thomas remained at the monastery until we could reach Father Dan and when he arrived at my office I showed him the letter as well. (A letter had arrived at the parish in the mail that morning as well but he had not as yet received his mail.) Father Dan Ward is an attorney. Until such time as we could contact the bishop of the Diocese of St Cloud and learn of his wishes I asked Father Dan if he would be willing to stay with Father Thomas and he agreed to do so. This was also agreeable to Father Thomas.

I called the chancery office of the diocese to speak with Bishop John Kinney but he was away that morning. I then talked with the Vicar General of the diocese, Msgr. Daniel Taufen. He said he would talk with the bishop when he returned later that morning and would get back to me. He called around 12:20 or 12:30 P.M. to inform me that he and the bishop would call me that afternoon at 2:30.

When we talked at 2:30 P.M. on the telephone it was the bishop's decision that Father Thomas be relieved of pastoral responsibilities immediately and be placed on administrative leave. I informed Father Dan Ward of this since he was at the rectory with Father Thomas at St Joseph. Father Thomas was not immediately available for a conversation but I did repeat the message to him some minutes later. Father Dan remained with Father Thomas at the rectory over-

night and after packing necessary belongings Father Thomas returned to the monastery Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday morning I called Msgr. Taufen and asked if he could contact the bishop and tell him I was nominating Father Dan Ward as temporary administrator of the parish and asking if the bishop would appoint my nominee. Shortly thereafter Bishop Kinney called me and agreed to the appointment.

The following week I made arrangements with St Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland, to do an evaluation of Father Thomas. They have accepted him for evaluation and he will leave for the Institute on March 16, 1996; the evaluation will begin on March 18 and will end on March 22.

Since then Father Thomas, has been living in the monastery.

Friday, February 23, 1996, was the first I had ever heard of any allegations of sexual misconduct against Father Thomas Gillespie. It came as a total surprise to me. I did a thorough investigation of his files and found nothing that would suggest any prior knowledge or hint of misconduct on his part.

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ORDER OF ST BENEDICT
ST JOHN'S ABBEY
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April 9, 1996

ATTN: FATHER RENE MCGRAW

Insured: Order of St. Benedict
Claimant:
Claim Number: 845-3-A1304
Policy Number: CBP 411747

Dear Father McGraw:

The above-mentioned matter has now been referred to the law offices of Christenson & Stocco for defense. Joseph M. Stocco will defend the Order of St. Benedict. Mr. Stocco's address is 222 South 9th Street, 18th Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55402. His telephone number is 612-336-2523.

As you know, Continental Insurance Company insured the Order of St. Benedict from June 30, 1977 to June 30, 1980 under policy number CBP 411747. You will note in reviewing said policy, specifically Page GL2, Paragraph 2, that:

The company will pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become legally obligated to pay as damages because of:

- A. *Bodily Injury or*
- B. *Property Damage*

to which this insurance applies, caused by an occurrence, and the company shall have the right and duty to defend any suit against the insured seeking damages on account of such bodily injury or property damage, even if any of the allegations of the suit are groundless, false or fraudulent, and may make such investigation and settlement of any claim or suit as it deems expedient, but the company shall not be obligated to pay any claim or judgment or to defend any suit after the applicable limit of the company's liability has been exhausted by payment of judgments or settlements.

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April 9, 1996

You will note further in reviewing Page GL7, specifically Paragraph 2, that "occurrence" means:

An accident, including continuous or repeated exposure to conditions, which results in bodily injury or property damage neither expected nor intended from the standpoint of the insured.

It is our understanding that the Summons & Complaint has not yet been served upon the Order. We, therefore, do not have knowledge of the specific allegations being presented by However, given the aforementioned language concerning bodily injury neither expected nor intended from the standpoint of the insured we will not be able to defend or indemnify either Father Cosmas Dahlheimer or Father Thomas Gillespie. The allegations clearly involve acts of an intentional nature which are not covered by the insurance policy.

With respect to defense of the Order of St. Benedict, we must remind you that CNA accepts the defense under a full and complete reservation of rights. If during the course of our investigation it is determined that the Church had prior knowledge of the alleged sexual propensities of either priest and that no steps were taken to prevent such abuse from occurring, we will have no alternative but to withdraw from the defense of this lawsuit.


We would also like to remind you that the insurance policy in question affords liability insurance coverage of \$500,000 per occurrence. The Order, therefore, faces exposure over and above the policy limit. You may wish to retain separate counsel, at your own expense, to protect your interests over and above the limit of insurance.

Please advise immediately upon service of the Summons & Complaint.

Finally, please provide us with the personnel files of both Father Dahlheimer and Father Gillespie.

Thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,


Dan Johnson

cc: Father Thomas Gillespie

Father Cosmas Dahlheimer

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Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
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CONFIDENTIAL

April 16, 1996

Karen A. Kruger
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RE: **Therapy Payment Request**

Dear Ms. Kugler,

This letter is a response to your letter dated June 6, 1996 regarding therapy costs for

The therapy is considered necessary because he presently suffers from Post-traumatic Stress Disorder related to past sexual abuse by members of the Order of St. Benedict. It has an impact on his ability to do his job comfortably, using the bathroom with others, sleeping comfortably, not being preoccupied with recollections of the past abuse, guilt, shame, etc.

I saw initially on 2/22/96 and it is my professional opinion that he would benefit from therapy treating the PTSD symptoms and issues resulting from the past abuse. His insurance does not cover this therapy and so a request is made for authorization of therapy related to this issue.

The therapy generally runs in three stages with the first being weekly one-hour sessions for assessment, review of the abuse story and treatment of related symptoms. This should last about six months. Second stage is bi-weekly to continue the first stage's process and should last about six months. Stage three is once per month for follow-up to maintain the gains made in therapy and should last about one year. Total length of therapy will probably last up to two years. Cost per therapy hour is \$95. Other therapy related services are also charged and are detailed in the enclosed Fee Schedule.

This total therapy could be longer or shorter depending on other strengths or stresses that may occur during the treatment period. In the years to come, it has been observed that survivors will return to therapy for a brief period in response to developmental stages or stressors that are reminiscent of the abuse scenario.

If there are any other questions feel free to call or write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter H. Bera". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Walter H. Bera, Ph.D.

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FEE SCHEDULE
Effective September 1, 1995

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PSYCHOTHERAPY/CONSULTATION*:

One Therapist (Per 50 Minute Session)	\$95.00
One Therapist (Per 25 Minute Session)	\$47.50
Group Therapy (Per 1.5 to 2 Hour Group Session)	\$47.50
Appointments Cancelled/Missed (With Less than 24 Hours Notice)	Cost of Session

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING*:

Administration, Scoring and Interpretation:	\$95.00
Report Writing (Per Hour):	\$95.00

GROUP CONSULTATION/WORKSHOP/TRAINING*

Presentation (Per Hour):	\$160.00
Travel/Preparation Time (Per Hour):	\$95.00

COURT TESTIMONY/DEPOSITIONS*:

Portal to Portal (Per 60 Minutes):	\$160.00
Preparation/Retainer (Per 60 Minutes):	\$95.00

TELEPHONE CONSULTATION*:

With Clients (Per 50 minute hour)	\$95.00
With Attorney/Professionals (Per 50 minute hour)	\$95.00

MISCELLANEOUS*:

Preparing Correspondence (Per 50 minutes)	\$95.00
Copying records, documents, etc. (Per 50 minutes plus 25 cents/page)	\$95.00

*All charges are per 50 minutes unless otherwise specified or negotiated.
Prepayment for some services; others due upon receipt of claim.

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May 16, 1996

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Filed Jerry
Eisenzimmer
Fallon
v Cosmas
v Gillespie

Re:
Our File No. 10123

Dear Mr. Eisenzimmer:

I spoke with Mr. Fallon on May 15th in response to his letter of May 6, 1996. He asked that I write to you detailing the additional information which Mr. Anderson provided by phone to me on February 23rd, shortly after his written claim notice.

Mr. Anderson stated that his client was abused on one occasion in the rectory of St. Mary's, Stillwater. The incident involved rubbing and simulated anal intercourse, with ejaculation, by Fr. Gillespie. Penetration did not occur. According to Mr. Anderson, the incident happened sometime during the summer following Fr. Gillespie's transfer from St. Bernard's to St. Mary's. That would have been the summer of 1978.

Mr. Anderson also claimed that _____ had been fondled several times at St. Bernard's by Fr. Cosmas Dahlheimer, a year or two before the Gillespie incident.

_____s allegations are the first ones made regarding Fr. Gillespie. I believe that you are aware that three other individuals have made claims and commenced lawsuits against Fr. Cosmas Dahlheimer, with the first one that of _____ made in about 1989 against the priest, the Archdiocese, St. Bernard's and St. John's. The other two cases involve the Diocese of St. Cloud. Fr. Cosmas provided deposition testimony in the St. Cloud

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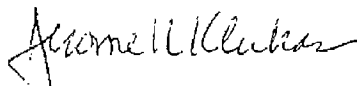
Andrew J. Eisenzimmer, Esq.
May 16, 1996
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cases wherein he stated that he had never been involved in sexual abuse activities with anyone. Fr. Cosmas is now about 87 years old and very feeble. I don't know the current state of his memory and mental capabilities.

I hope that the information is of assistance to you in identifying coverage and arranging for pastoral assistance.

At his request, I am enclosing for Mr. Fallon, a copy of my April 16th letter to Dr. Bera. Other than Mr. Anderson's February 21st letter notification of the claim and his March letter requesting immediate pastoral assistance, I have received no correspondence from him. Dr. Bera has not responded. The only telephone conversation I had with Mr. Anderson was that of February 23rd detailed above. I don't know if has sought any treatment following the initial evaluation by Dr. Bera at the direction of attorney Anderson.

Yours very truly,



Jerome R. Klukas

JRK:kn
Enclosure

cc: w/encl. William S. Fallon
Fr. Rene McGraw, O.S.B.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

John Doe 19A,

Plaintiff,

vs.

The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman
Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey,
The Archdiocese of St. Paul and
Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer,
and Father Thomas Gillespie,

Defendants.

Court File No. _____

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*v. Gillespie
v. Dahlheimer*

COMPLAINT

Jerry

Plaintiff, for his cause of action against Defendants, alleges as follows:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff John Doe 19A (hereinafter referred to as "John Doe"), whose identity is made known to Defendants by separate cover letter, is an adult male resident of the State of Minnesota. Plaintiff was a minor at the time of all sexual abuse and sexual exploitation alleged herein.

2. At all times material, Defendant the Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey (hereinafter referred to as "Order"), a Roman Catholic religious order of priests, was and continues to be a non-profit religious organization authorized to conduct business and conducting business in the State of Minnesota with its principle place of business at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota.

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3. At all times material, Defendant Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis (hereinafter referred to as "Archdiocese"), was and continues to be a non-profit religious corporation, authorized to conduct business and conducting business in the State of Minnesota, with its principle place of business at 226 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

4. At all times material, Defendant Father Cosmas Dahlheimer (hereinafter referred to as "Father Dahlheimer"), was a Roman Catholic priest educated by, ordained in and under the direct supervision, authority, employ and control of Defendant Order. Further, at all times material, Father Dahlheimer was contemporaneously under the direct supervision, employ and control of Defendant Archdiocese.

5. At all times material, Father Gillespie (hereinafter referred to as "Father Gillespie"), was and continues to be a Roman Catholic priest, educated by, ordained in and remaining under the direct supervision, authority, employ and control of Defendant Order. Further, at all times material, Father Gillespie was contemporaneously under the direct supervision, employ and control of Defendant Archdiocese.

FACTS

6. Plaintiff John Doe was raised in a devout Roman Catholic family, was baptized, confirmed, regularly celebrated weekly mass and received the sacraments through the Roman Catholic Church and, specifically, through St. Bernard's Catholic Church, a church within the geographical confines of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

7. From approximately September 1973 through May 1982, Plaintiff John Doe attended St. Bernard's Catholic Elementary and High School. At all times material, Defendant Archdiocese owned, financed and operated St. Bernard's Catholic Elementary and High School.

8. From 1973 through 1978, Defendant Father Dahlheimer, at the direction of Defendant Archdiocese and approval of Defendant Order, was assigned to St. Bernard's Church as a parish priest and was required to provide periodic religious instruction at St. Bernard's Catholic School.

9. Plaintiff John Doe came to know, trust, admire, respect and revere Defendant Father Dahlheimer as a Roman Catholic priest, his teacher and spiritual advisor.

10. From September 1974 through May 1976, Plaintiff served as an altar boy for St. Bernard's Church and, in particular, served as an altar boy under the supervision of Defendant Father Dahlheimer. In September 1975, during Plaintiff's fifth grade year at St. Bernard's Catholic Elementary School, Defendant Father Dahlheimer sexually abused Plaintiff John Doe on at least two occasions. This sexual abuse occurred at St. Bernard's Catholic Church Rectory.

11. Prior to the sexual abuse of Plaintiff, Defendant Order had received prior reports of misconduct similar to the misconduct alleged herein involving other Order priests. Defendant Order received at least one prior report of sexual misconduct by Defendant Cosmas Dahlheimer.

12. At all times material, Defendant Father Gillespie was employed as a priest at St. Bernard's Catholic Church and as a photography teacher at St. Bernard's Catholic Elementary School. Plaintiff John Doe came to know, trust, admire, respect and revere Father Gillespie as a Roman Catholic priest and as his teacher, mentor, and counselor.

13. In 1977, Defendant Father Gillespie was transferred from St. Bernard's Church to St. Mary's Church in Stillwater, Minnesota, a church within the geographical confines of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. After his transfer, Defendant Father Gillespie continued his relationship with Plaintiff John Doe.

14. During the years 1977 and 1978, Plaintiff John Doe visited Defendant Father Gillespie at St. Mary's Church. In the course of their relationship, Defendant Father Gillespie engaged Plaintiff John Doe in sexual contact on the premises of St. Mary's Church Rectory.

15. Prior to the wrongful acts committed upon Plaintiff John Doe 19A, Defendant Archdiocese received numerous reports of misconduct similar to the misconduct alleged herein involving other priests within the Archdiocese. Despite these reports, Defendant Archdiocese failed to take reasonable measures to properly supervise priests assigned to the positions within the Archdiocese.

16. As a direct result of the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, Plaintiff John Doe has suffered and continues to suffer severe emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self esteem, humiliation and psychological injuries, was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing his normal daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, has sustained loss of earning capacity and has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy and counseling.

17. The sexual abuse of Plaintiff John Doe and the circumstances under which it occurred caused Plaintiff to develop various coping mechanisms which prohibited him from knowing or having reason to know that he was a victim of sexual abuse and, as a result, suffered injury. Plaintiff did not know he was a victim of sexual abuse, or that he suffered injury by reason of sexual abuse, until within six years of the commencement of this lawsuit. Plaintiff's action is therefore timely pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 541.073.

COUNT I: DEFENDANT FATHER DAHLHEIMER - BATTERY

Plaintiff, for his first cause of action against Defendant Father Dahlheimer, alleges as follows:

Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

18. In approximately 1975, Defendant Father Dahlheimer engaged in unpermitted, harmful and offensive sexual contact upon the person of the minor Plaintiff John Doe.

19. As a direct result of the sexual battery, Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages described herein.

**COUNT II: DEFENDANT FATHER DAHLHEIMER -
BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

Plaintiff, for his second cause of action against Defendant Father Dahlheimer alleges as follows:

Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

20. By holding himself out as a qualified Roman Catholic priest, religious instructor and counselor, and by undertaking the religious instruction and spiritual and emotional counseling of the minor Plaintiff John Doe, Defendant Father Dahlheimer entered into a fiduciary relationship with the minor Plaintiff John Doe. Defendant Father Dahlheimer breached his fiduciary duty to the Plaintiff by engaging in the wrongful conduct described herein.

21. As a direct result of Defendant's breach of his fiduciary duties, Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages described herein.

**COUNT III: DEFENDANT ORDER - NEGLIGENT RETENTION
AND/OR SUPERVISION OF DEFENDANT DAHLHEIMER**

Plaintiff, for his first cause of action against Defendant Order, alleges as follows:

Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

22. Defendant Order by and through its agents knew or should reasonably have known of Defendant Father Dahlheimer's dangerous and exploitive propensities as child sexual abuser and/or an unfit agent, and despite such knowledge, Defendant negligently continued to employ Defendant Father Dahlheimer in the position of trust and authority as a priest where he was able to commit the wrongful acts against the Plaintiff. Defendant failed to provide reasonable supervision of Defendant Father Dahlheimer.

23. As a direct result of Defendant's negligent conduct, Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages described herein.

**COUNT IV: DEFENDANT ARCHDIOCESE -
NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION OF DEFENDANT DAHLHEIMER**

Plaintiff, for his first cause of action against Defendant Archdiocese, alleges as follows:

Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

24. Defendant Archdiocese by and through its agents knew or should reasonably have known of Defendant Father Dahlheimer's dangerous and exploitive propensities as child sexual abuser and/or an unfit agent, and despite such knowledge, Defendant failed to provide reasonable supervision of Defendant Father Dahlheimer.

25. As a direct result of Defendant's negligent conduct, Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages described herein.

COUNT V: DEFENDANT FATHER GILLESPIE - BATTERY

Plaintiff, for his first cause of action against Defendant Father Gillespie, alleges as follows:

Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

26. In approximately 1977 and/or 1978, Defendant Father Gillespie engaged in unpermitted, harmful and offensive sexual contact upon the person of the minor Plaintiff John Doe.

27. As a direct result of the sexual battery, Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages described herein.

**COUNT VI: DEFENDANT FATHER GILLESPIE -
BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

Plaintiff, for his second cause of action against Defendant Father Gillespie alleges as follows:

Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

28. By holding himself out as a qualified Roman Catholic priest, religious instructor and counselor, and by undertaking the religious instruction and spiritual and emotional counseling of the minor Plaintiff John Doe, Defendant Father Gillespie entered into a fiduciary

relationship with the minor Plaintiff John Doe. Defendant Father Gillespie breached his fiduciary duty to the Plaintiff by engaging in the wrongful conduct described herein.

29. As a direct result of Defendant's breach of his fiduciary duties, Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages described herein.

**COUNT VII: DEFENDANT ORDER - NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION
OF DEFENDANT GILLESPIE**

Plaintiff, for his second cause of action against Defendant Order, alleges as follows:

Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

30. Defendant Order by and through its agents knew or should reasonably have known of Defendant Father Gillespie's dangerous and exploitive propensities as child sexual abuser and/or an unfit agent, and despite such knowledge, Defendant failed to provide reasonable supervision of Defendant Father Gillespie.

31. As a direct result of Defendant's negligent conduct, Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages described herein.

**COUNT VIII: DEFENDANT ARCHDIOCESE -
NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION OF DEFENDANT GILLESPIE**

Plaintiff, for his second cause of action against Defendant Archdiocese, alleges as follows:

Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this Count and further alleges that:

32. Defendant Archdiocese by and through its agents knew or should reasonably have known of Defendant Father Gillespie's dangerous and exploitive propensities as child sexual

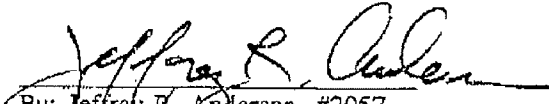
abuser and/or an unfit agent, and despite such knowledge, Defendant failed to provide reasonable supervision of Defendant Father Gillespie.

33. As a direct result of Defendant's negligent conduct, Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages described herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants individually, jointly and severally in an amount in excess of \$50,000 plus costs, disbursements, reasonable attorneys fees, interest, and whatever other relief the Court deems just and equitable.

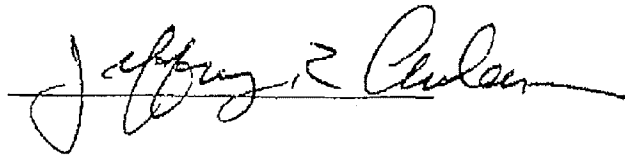
Dated: 6/9/96

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney and witness fees may be awarded pursuant to Minn. Stat. §549.21, subdivision 2, to the party against whom the allegations in this pleading are asserted.



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June 18, 1996

ATTN: JEROME R KLUKAS

Insured: Order of St. Benedict
Plaintiff: (John Doe 19A)
Claim Number: 645-3-A1304-A16

*filed: Johnson
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Dear Mr. Klukas:

We acknowledge receipt of the Summons & Complaint entitled "John Doe 19A, Plaintiff, vs. The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey, The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer, and Father Thomas Gillespie, Defendants."

As indicated in our previous correspondence, CNA (Continental) will not afford a defense to Father Dahlheimer or to Father Gillespie given the intentional nature of the alleged acts. It is our understanding that both will be represented by Bob Stich. Further, CNA (Continental) will not afford a defense to the Archdiocese. As you know, the Archdiocese is separately insured.

No coverage is afforded for the following counts:

- Count I Defendant Father Dahlheimer - Battery
- Count II Defendant Father Dahlheimer - Breach of Fiduciary Duty
- Count IV Defendant Archdiocese - Negligent Supervision of Defendant Dahlheimer
- Count V Defendant Father Gillespie - Battery
- Count VI Defendant Father Gillespie - Breach of Fiduciary Duty
- Count VIII Defendant Archdiocese - Negligent Supervision of Defendant Gillespie

CNA (Continental) reserves all rights and defenses which it may have under its policy or under the law with respect to the following counts:



Transcontinental Technical Services, Inc.

June 18, 1996

Count III Defendant Order - Negligent Retention and/or Supervision of Defendant
Dahlheimer
Count VII Defendant Order - Negligent Supervision of Defendant Gillespie

With respect to your June 12, 1996 letter addressed to Joseph M. Stocco, specifically with regard to your inquiry as to potential conflict of interest issues, we are of the opinion that no such conflict exists. We trust Mr. Stocco will provide you with his recommendations for avoiding such a conflict in the very near future.

We agree with your recommendation that Dr. Bera's records be obtained and that the plaintiff be deposed as soon as possible with an eye toward bringing an early summary judgment motion.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns with respect to our position.

As always, thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Johnson

cc: Order of St. Benedict
Attn: Father Rene McGraw
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Joseph M. Stocco, Attorney at Law

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filed Jerry
Anderson
" " Cosmas
" " Tom G.

Re: Claims
My File No. 10123

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Enclosed is St. John's executed Admission of Service. I believe that Mr. Stich will be admitting service on behalf of both of the defendant monks.

Joe Stocco will be providing the defense of St. John's Abbey at the request of CNA Insurance, which is defending under a reservation of rights. I will be representing St. John's as its personal attorney, in view of the reservation of rights. I also will be assisting St. John's in the arrangements for the pastoral benefits extended to Mr. Would you please direct all correspondence relating to pastoral benefits to me. I will be relying upon Mr. Stocco to provide me with the pleadings and information necessary to remain informed about the progress of the litigation.

Would you please secure and forward Mr. treatment notes and records so that the arrangements for counseling can be coordinated with the Archdiocese and finalized.

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Re: Claims
Our File No. 10123

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your information and consideration are the following:

1. Attorney Anderson's June 18, 1996 letter and attached two statements of Dr. Bera.
2. Mr. Anderson's June 24th letter and attached letter report of Dr. Bera.

It appears to me that Dr. Bera's letter should have been dated June 16th, as it refers to a June 6th request for the information.

I have renewed the request for the treatment records, which have been promised.

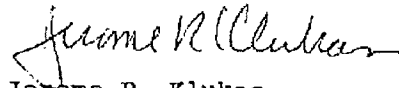
Would you please advise regarding the Archdiocese's position and commitment for payment of pastoral benefits. Again, St.

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John's view is that both entities have made promises and implemented programs to assist alleged victims, without consideration of liability. If a battle has to be fought over the issues of institutional liability, I believe it should be waged in the context of the lawsuit and not over responsibility for pastoral benefits.

Yours very truly,



Jerome R. Klukas

JRK:kn
Enclosures

cc: Fr. Rene McGraw, O.S.B.
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Re: Claims
Our File No. 10123

Gentlemen:

Karen Kugler's June 10th letter indicates that she didn't forward copies of Dr. Bera's treatment records. I am enclosing copies of the same for each of you.

A formal agreement regarding these benefits remains necessary. Mr. Eisenzimmer and I have exchanged forms used in the past, which have been approved by Mr. Anderson's office and our respective clients and their insurers. My reading of the treatment records is that Mr. is somewhat ambivalent about the situation. I believe that failure to make good on the public promises made to provide these benefits is a sure way to turn this into a totally adversarial situation. Hopefully, the long

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awaited treatment records will allow for a resolution of these issues. I request that Mr. Eisenzimmer advise at his early convenience.

Yours very truly,



Jerome R. Klukas

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Enclosures

cc: Fr. Rene McGraw, O.S.B.
(w/encls. Bera treatment records)

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July 15, 1996

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filed Jerry

Re: Our File No. 10123

Dear Dr. Bera:

In payment for the services you provided on May 20, June 3, and June 17, 1996, I am forwarding St. John's check in the sum of \$332.50.

Payment is made pursuant to St. John's pastoral policy and commitment to assist persons who claim to have been sexually abused. It does not constitute an acknowledgment of responsibility or fault on the part of my client.

Thank you for the assistance you have been providing. Karen Kugler has sent copies of your treatment records through the June 17th session.

Yours very truly,


Jerome R. Klukas

JRK:kn
Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey R. Anderson, Esq.
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Robert T. Stich, Esq.
Andrew J. Eisenzimmer, Esq.
Fr. Rene McGraw, O.S.B.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

John Doe 19A,

Court File No.

Plaintiff,

vs.

**DEFENDANT ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT'S
INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF**

The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman
Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey,
The Archdiocese of St. Paul and
Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer,
and Father Thomas Gillespie,

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Defendants.

TO: PLAINTIFF, AND HIS ATTORNEY, Jeffrey R. Anderson, Reinhardt & Anderson, E-1000 First National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, MN 55101:

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 33 of the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure, you are requested and required to submit written Answers, under oath, to the following Interrogatories, within the time provided in the Rule. These Interrogatories are hereby expressly made continuing, requiring supplemental Answers thereto as information is acquired through the time of trial.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

When the following terms or names are used, the Defendant intends the meanings hereinafter described to be associated with such terms and names.

1. The singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular where appropriate to the sense of the Interrogatory.
2. As used herein, "document" shall mean, without limitation, every writing or record of every type and description that is or has been in the possession, control or custody of the Defendant or of which the Defendant has knowledge, including without limitation, correspondence, memoranda, tapes, stenographic or handwritten notes, certificates, receipts, photographs, films, voice recordings, graphs, reports, minutes or statistical computations, agreements, negotiations, or statements; every copy of such writing or record where the original is not in the

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possession, control or custody of the Defendant to whom this required is directed and every copy of every such writing or record where such copy is not an identical copy of an original or where such copy contains any commentary or notations whatsoever that does not appear on the original.

3. "Identify" or "identity" when used in reference to:
 - a. an individual, shall mean to state his full name, present or last known residential address, and present or last known employment position or business affiliation, indicating name of company, job title, employment address, and telephone numbers;
 - b. a firm, partnership, corporation, proprietorship, association or other organization or entity shall mean to state its full name, present or last known address and telephone number (designating which, the legal form of such entity or organization, and the identity of its chief executive officer);
 - c. a "document" shall mean to state, if applicable, the date of the document, the name of the person who prepared the document, the name of the recipient of the document, and the subject matter of the document; and
 - d. "Date" shall mean the exact date, month and year, if ascertainable, or if not, the best available approximation including relationship to other events.

INTERROGATORIES

1. State your full name, age, date of birth, weight, height, present residential address, marital status and Social Security number.
2. State your current business, occupation or vocation. Identify your present employer, the date you started this employment, and describe in detail the type of work that you do.
3. Please describe in reasonable detail each incident of sexual contact alleged to have occurred between you and defendant priests including:
 - a. As accurately as possible, the date of each incident;
 - b. Where each incident occurred;
 - c. A description of the circumstances or events leading up to each incident;
 - d. Whether any physical contact occurred, and if so, a description of same.
4. Prior to the incidents described previously herein, did you have any evidence, awareness, knowledge, or suspicion of a propensity or tendency on the part of defendant priests to

engage in sexual contact with persons of either sex? If so, please describe the basis for your awareness, knowledge, or suspicion, and identify all persons who provided such information to you, or otherwise were a source of said information.

5. Were alcohol or drugs used or consumed by you or defendant priests prior to, or in connection with, any of the incidents described previously herein? If so, please describe.
6. Identify all persons with whom you have discussed, either generally or in detail, the sexual incidents involving defendant priests previously described herein, from the date of the first incident to the present date, including an approximation of the date on which each conversation or discussion took place.
7. Identify all other persons, including the parties to this action, as well as their employees or representatives, whom you claim or allege have, or had, information, from whatever source, that defendant priests had made inappropriate sexual contact of any other persons, either before the incidents described in the Complaint, or after.
8. Please describe the nature and extent of each and every injury you claim to have sustained as a result of the incidents involved herein.
9. Please indicate and describe any and all permanent injuries you claim you have sustained as a result of the incidents involved herein.
10. Please identify each and every hospital, doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, counselor, or other health care professional or facility who has examined or treated you for the injuries or damages alleged in the Complaint, including the dates of each examination or treatment, and the inclusive dates of any hospitalization.
11. Please itemize the medical, hospital and health care expenses that you claim to have sustained as a result of the incidents. Please attach copies of all bills or statements to support the claimed medical expenses.
12. If you claim that you lost any time from work as a result of your injuries, and if you claim that you suffered any wage loss or income loss because of your injuries, please state:
 - a. The name and address of your employer;
 - b. All dates you were off work;
 - c. Your wage rate at that time;
 - d. The total amount of wages or income loss claimed by you, and how you compute same.
13. Set forth the names, addresses and occupations of any experts as follows:

- a. Whom you have consulted regarding the subject matter of this litigation;
 - b. Whom you expect to call as an expert witness at trial;
 - c. Whom you retained or specifically employed in anticipation of litigation or preparation for trial, but not listed in Subsection (a) or (b) of this Interrogatory.
14. As to each individual named in Answer to Interrogatory No. 14.b. above, describe in detail and state:
- a. The subject matter on which the expert is expected to testify;
 - b. The substance of the facts and opinions to which the expert is expected to testify;
 - c. A summary of the grounds for each opinion; and
 - d. Attach a copy of any and all reports prepared by such expert.
15. State whether you have been arrested or convicted of any crimes or misdemeanors. If so, state:
- a. The county of each such arrest and conviction;
 - b. The date of each such arrest and conviction;
 - c. The name under which you were charged;
 - d. The nature of the crime of which you were charged or convicted.
16. Please state when you first contacted an attorney regarding your claims in this lawsuit, stating the name of the attorney and the date in which contact was first made.
17. Please state the date on which you retained your present attorney regarding the claims of the present lawsuit.
18. At anytime prior to the date(s) of the incidents involved herein, had you been treated by a doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, counselor or other health care professional or facility? If so:
- a. Identify each doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, counsel, or other health care professional or facility;
 - b. The nature of the injury, or other reason for the treatment received by each;

- c. Identify all doctors or other health care professionals or facilities who have treated you for this aggravated condition.
19. Identify by name, address, and dates of enrollment all schools you have attended, and also:
 - a. Identify by name, address and grade all teachers you believe you had in class during each year of school;
 - b. Describe all school records or documents you possess, or attach copies of all such school records or documents.
20. List the names, addresses and dates of attendance of all churches, synagogues or places of worship which you have regularly attended, have been a member, or are a member, and:
 - a. Identify the head pastor, priest, rabbi, etc. of each such place of religious worship;
 - b. The time period in which you were a member or regularly attended such place of worship.
21. List all activities (i.e., Sunday school, youth group, altar service, Bible study, religious schooling or training, etc.) in which you have participated at the places identified in Interrogatory No. 19, and identify the church, the date of involvement, the nature of involvement and the church staff member or volunteer who supervised such activity.
22. Describe in detail all social, religious and educational contact you had with defendant priests:
 - a. Prior to any of the alleged incidents or sexual abuse;
 - b. During the time period of this alleged sexual abuse; and
 - c. After the last act alleged sexual abuse.
23. Describe all school or community social clubs, service clubs or athletic organizations in which you participated or were a member from grade school up until the present time.
24. Identify each person that you, your agents, representatives, or attorneys have contacted, or have been contacted by, who have provided information about alleged inappropriate sexual contact or behavior by defendant priests, either before the dates of the incidents involved herein, or since. As to each such person, state the substance of the facts or information obtained.
25. State whether you, your agents, representatives or attorneys have obtained statements from any person or persons concerning alleged inappropriate sexual contact or behavior

on the part of defendant priests, or relating to any other issues which are the subject of this litigation. If so, please state:

- a. Identify each person from whom a statement has been obtained;
 - b. Identify the person who obtained the statement;
 - c. The date of each such statement;
 - d. Identify who currently possesses the statement, or a copy thereof.
26. Identify all persons that you have reason to believe are sexual abuse victims by defendant priests, including:
- a. The last known name, address, and telephone number of each victim and his guardian;
 - b. The approximate dates on which each victim was abused;
 - c. The places at which each victim was abused; and
 - d. Identify by last known name, address, and telephone number, each witness to such abuse and the nature of the abuse witnessed.
27. Identify all persons known to you or your counsel who have either reported sexual abuse or received direct reports of sexual abuse by defendant priests, including:
- a. The name, address, and telephone number of each such person and his/her guardians;
 - b. The dates on which each such information was reported or received;
 - c. The dates on which the sexual abuse allegedly occurred;
 - d. The places in which the sexual abuse allegedly occurred;
 - e. The nature of each sexual abuse alleged.
28. List in chronological order all addresses where you have lived during the past 20 years.
29. List in chronological order the name, address, phone number, and dates of employment of each place you have been employed or provided volunteer personal work or services during the past ten years. As to each such employment or service, state the nature of the work or service you provided and the name of your immediate supervisor or superior.

30. List by date, place, and people involved, all incidents of personal or social trouble or difficulty for which you report to school, church or policy authority from the time you were four years old to the present time. This is to include such incidents as shoplifting, reported fights, sexual problems, attempts at self-injury, etc.; and is not limited to the following:
- a. Give the name and address of each person or place of authority where such difficulty or trouble was reported, investigated, treated, or managed; and
 - b. Attach copies of all documents in your possession concerning such incidents.
31. Describe the extent or nature of all sexual activity, whether homosexual or heterosexual, and whether initiated by yourself or someone else, you have experienced:
- a. Prior to any social contact with defendant priests;
 - b. After becoming acquainted with defendant priests, but prior to any alleged sexual abuse by defendant priests;
 - c. During the time period of sexual abuse by defendant priests; and
 - d. After the alleged sexual abuse by defendant priests to present.
32. Set forth in detail an itemized list of all payments related to the injury or disability in question made to the Plaintiff, or on the Plaintiff's behalf by or pursuant to:
- a. A federal, state or local income disability or Workers' Compensation Act; or other public program providing medical expenses, disability payments, or similar benefits;
 - b. Health, accident, and sickness, or automobile accident insurance or liability insurance that provides health benefits or income disability coverage;
 - c. A contract or agreement of a group, organization, partnership, or a corporation to provide, pay for or reimburse the cost of hospital, medical or other health care services; or
 - d. A contractual or voluntary wage continuation plan provided by employer or any other system intended to provide wages during a period of disability except benefits received from a private disability insurance policy where the premiums were wholly paid for by the Plaintiff.
33. With regard to the payments referred to in your answer to Interrogatory No. 32 above, set forth a list of all such payment for which a subrogation right has been asserted.

34. With regard to the payments referred to in your answer to Interrogatory No. 32 above, set forth a specific and detailed list of all amounts that have been paid, contributed, or forfeited by, or on behalf of, the Plaintiff or member of the Plaintiff's immediate family for the two-year period immediately before the date of the incident to secure the right to any such benefits that the Plaintiff is receiving as a result of loss of cause by the occurrence in question.
35. Describe in detail, and not in summary fashion, all facts which support your claim that defendant priests were under the direct employment and supervision of the Order of St. Benedict at the time of the alleged sexual misconduct.
36. Describe in detail, and not in summary fashion, all facts which support your claims in Paragraph 11 of the Complaint that Defendant Order had received prior reports of misconduct similar to the misconduct alleged in the Complaint.
37. Identify the witnesses who will testify in support of your answers to Interrogatory Nos. 35 and 36 providing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of these witnesses.
38. Describe any documents which support your answers to Interrogatory Nos. 35 and 36 providing a summary of the contents of such documents.

Dated: July 19 1996

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
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John Doe 19A,

Court File No.

Plaintiff,

vs.

The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey, The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer, and Father Thomas Gillespie,

Defendants.

**SEPARATE ANSWER OF DEFENDANT
THE ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT OF THE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, A/K/A
ST. JOHN'S ABBEY'S ANSWER TO
PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

filed:

✓ Cosmas

v. Tom 6

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COMES NOW Defendant The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey (hereinafter "Order") as and for its Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, states and alleges as follows:

I.

That except as may be herein or hereinafter admitted, explained, or otherwise answered, this answering Defendant denies each and every matter, allegation, averment, and thing contained in said Complaint.

II.

That Defendant admits the allegation contained in paragraph 1 of said Complaint but denies that part of said allegation relating to sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

III.

That Defendant admits that allegations contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Complaint.

IV.

That with respect to paragraph 4 of the Complaint, this answering Defendant admits that Defendant Father Cosmos Dahlheimer was a Roman Catholic Priest educated by Defendant Order but denies that at all times material herein, Father Dahlheimer was under the direct supervision, authority, employ, and control of Defendant Order. Further admitting that at all times for the purposes of this Answer, Father Dahlheimer was under the direct supervision, employ, and control of Defendant Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

V.

That with respect to paragraph 5 of the Complaint, this answering Defendant admits that Defendant Father Thomas Gillespie was a Roman Catholic Priest educated by Defendant Order but denies that at all times material herein, Father Gillespie was under the direct supervision, authority, employ, and control of Defendant Order. Further admitting that at all times for the purposes of this Answer, Father Gillespie was under the direct supervision, employ, and control of Defendant Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

VI.

With respect to paragraphs 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Complaint, this answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said paragraphs of the Complaint and, therefore, denies same and puts Plaintiff to strict proof thereof.

VII.

With respect to paragraph 11 of the Complaint, this answering Defendant specifically denies said allegation in its entirety.

VIII.

With respect to paragraph 12 of the Complaint, this answering Defendant admits that Father Gillespie was employed as a priest at St. Bernard's Catholic Church but states that it has insufficient knowledge or information as to the truth of the balance of said allegation

contained in said paragraph of the Complaint and, therefore, denies same and puts Plaintiff to strict proof thereof.

IX.

With respect to paragraph 13 of the Complaint, this answering Defendant admits that Father Gillespie was transferred from St. Bernard's Catholic Church to St. Mary's Church in Stillwater, Minnesota, but states that it has insufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the balance of said allegation contained in said paragraph of the Complaint and, therefore, denies same and puts Plaintiff to strict proof thereof.

X.

With respect to paragraph 14 of the Complaint, this answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation contained in said paragraph of the Complaint and, therefore, denies same and puts Plaintiff to strict proof thereof.

XI.

With respect to paragraph 15 of the Complaint, this answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation contained in said paragraph of the Complaint and, therefore, denies same and puts Plaintiff to strict proof thereof.

XII.

With respect to paragraphs 16 and 17 of the Complaint, this answering Defendant specifically denies said allegations in its entirety.

XIII.

With respect to Counts I and II of the Complaint, as same relate to Defendant Father Dahlheimer, this answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said Counts of the Complaint and, therefore, denies same and puts Plaintiff to strict proof thereof.

XIV.

With respect to Count III of the Complaint, this answering Defendant specifically denies said allegation in its entirety.

XV.

With respect to Count IV of the Complaint, this answering Defendant states that it has insufficient knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation contained in said Count of the Complaint and, therefore, denies same and puts Plaintiff to strict proof thereof.

XVI.

With respect to Counts V and VI of the Complaint as same relate to Father Gillespie, this answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said Counts of the Complaint and, therefore, denies same and puts Plaintiff to strict proof thereof.

XVII.

With respect to Count VII of the Complaint, this answering Defendant denies said allegation in its entirety.

XVIII.

With respect to Count VIII of the Complaint, this answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said Count of the Complaint and, therefore, denies same and puts Plaintiff to strict proof thereof.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

I.

That Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim against this answering Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

II.

That any damages or injuries suffered by Plaintiff were caused by or contributed to by Plaintiff's own negligence, assumption of risk or wrongful conduct.

III.

That this answering Defendant has insufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the character and extent of any injuries or damages alleged by the Plaintiff and, therefore, denies the same and puts the Plaintiff to strict proof thereof.

IV.

That any claims for damages or injuries suffered by Plaintiff are barred by the applicable statute of limitations, including Minn. Stat. §541.073.

V.

That the Plaintiff has misjoined separate party defendants in one legal action for alleged conduct arising out of separate and distinct occurrences and, accordingly, pursuant to Rule 21 of the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties have been misjoined. This answering Defendant hereby moves the Court to sever and separate the respective claims of the Plaintiff against each of the party Defendants in order that they may properly proceed in separate actions.

WHEREFORE, Defendant The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey prays that Plaintiff take nothing against it by his pretended claim herein, and that Defendant have judgment for its attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements.

Dated: July 19, 1996

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DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

John Doe 19A,

Court File No.

Plaintiff,

vs.

**DEFENDANT ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT'S
REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF
STATEMENTS TO PLAINTIFF**

The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman
Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey,
The Archdiocese of St. Paul and
Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer,
and Father Thomas Gillespie,

Filed: Stocco

Defendants.

TO: PLAINTIFF, AND HIS ATTORNEY, Jeffrey R. Anderson, Reinhardt & Anderson, E-1000 First National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, MN 55101:

In accordance with Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure 26.02(3), you are hereby requested to furnish and provide to the undersigned, within thirty (30) days:

1. Copies of all statements made by parties, non-parties, witnesses, and expert witnesses concerning the above-entitled action or its subject matter.

For the purposes of this request, a statement is:

- a. A written statement signed or otherwise adopted or approved by the person making it, or
- b. A stenographic, mechanical, electrical, or other recording, or a transcription thereof, which is a substantially verbatim recital of an oral statement by the person making it, and contemporaneously recorded.

Dated:

July 19, 1996

LAW OFFICES OF CHRISTENSON & STOCO

By: 

Joseph M. Stocco, #105727
Attorneys for Defendant
1870 Piper Jaffray Tower
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

John Doe 19A,

Court File No.

Plaintiff,

vs.

**DEFENDANT ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT'S
REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF
DOCUMENTS TO PLAINTIFF**

The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey, The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer, and Father Thomas Gillespie,

Defendants.

Filed:

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: Stocco

✓ Cosmas
✓ Tom Gillespie

TO: PLAINTIFF, AND HIS ATTORNEY, Jeffrey R. Anderson, Reinhardt & Anderson, E-1000 First National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, MN 55101:

Pursuant to Rules 26 and 34 of the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant, The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey, requests that Plaintiff, John Doe 19A, produce the following documents and tangible things, and permit Defendant, The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey, through its attorney, Joseph M. Stocco, to inspect and copy each of said documents and tangible things in Plaintiff's possession, custody, or control. It is further demanded that said inspection take place within 30 days of service of this Request at the offices of the undersigned attorney for Defendant.

With regard to those documents which are subject to photocopying, you are hereby requested, in lieu of inspection, to serve complete copies of said documents upon Defendant's attorney along with your written response to this Request, said response to be provided within 30 days in accordance with Rule 34.

1. All photographs, slides, films, moving pictures, videotapes or other visual representations which relate to this lawsuit.

2. Copies of all drawings, models, charts, or other similar types of illustrative or demonstrative items which relate to this lawsuit.

3. All items which may be offered as exhibits in the trial of this lawsuit. If inconvenient to produce an item, a photograph, photocopy, or detailed description of each such item is demanded.

4. Copies of any and all reports prepared by expert witnesses, whether such expert is to be called as a witness or not in this lawsuit.

5. Copies of all medical and/or chiropractic bills you relate to the accident or incident alleged in the Complaint and copies of all other documents which support your claim for medical expense.

6. All documents which support any other claim for damages claimed.

7. All documents identified in your Answers to Interrogatories.

8. All other documents or tangible things which have not been specifically requested in the foregoing requests, but which are in your possession and relate to the subject matter of this litigation or any item of Plaintiff's claims.

This is a continuing Request for Production of Documents now in existence or hereafter taken or obtained any time prior to entry of judgment in the above-entitled matter.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant, The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey, intends to object to the introduction of any evidence at trial relating to any of these requests for production which have not, in a timely manner, been disclosed by an appropriate response to this request for production.

Dated:

July 19, 1996

LAW OFFICES OF CHRISTENSON & STOCCO

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

John Doe 19A,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO
DEFENDANT ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT'S
REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION
OF DOCUMENTS**

The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman
Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey,
The Archdiocese of St. Paul and
Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer,
and Father Thomas Gillespie,

Defendants.

Court File No. _____

TO: Defendant Order of St. Benedict and its attorneys, John M. Stocco, 1870 Piper Jaffray
Tower, 222 South Ninth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

Plaintiff, for his responses to Defendant Order of St. Benedict's request for production
of documents, states the following:

1. All photographs, slides, films, moving pictures, videotapes or other visual
representations which relate to this lawsuit.

RESPONSE:

None at this time. Investigation is continuing.

2. Copies of all drawings, models, charts, or other similar types of illustrative or
demonstrative items which relate to this lawsuit.

RESPONSE:

None at this time. Investigation is continuing.

3. All items which may be offered as exhibits in the trial of this lawsuit. If inconvenient

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to produce an item, a photograph, photocopy, or detailed description of each such item is demanded.

RESPONSE:

It has not yet been determined what exhibits will be used at trial. This response will be supplemented pursuant to Rule 26.02 of the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure.

4. Copies of any and all reports prepared by expert witnesses, whether such expert is to be called as a witness or not in this lawsuit.

RESPONSE:

None at this time. This response will be supplemented pursuant to Rule 26.02 of the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure.

5. Copies of all medial and/or chiropractic bills you relate to the accident or incident alleged in the Complaint and copies of all other documents which support your claim for medical expenses.

RESPONSE:

Itemization of _____'s treatment is attached, Document No. 031.

6. All documents which support any other claim for damages claimed.

RESPONSE:

Plaintiff objects to this Request on the basis that it is vague, ambiguous, overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Without waiving said objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: See medical records from _____ attached to Plaintiff's Response to Demand for Medical.

7. All documents identified in your Answers to Interrogatories.

RESPONSE:

Attached.

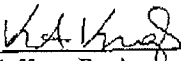
8. All other documents or tangible things which have not been specifically requested in the foregoing requests, but which are in your possession and relate to the subject matter of this litigation or any item of Plaintiff's claims.

RESPONSE:

Plaintiff objects to this Request on the basis that it is vague, ambiguous, overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Without waiving said objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:
None at this time.

Dated: 8/12/96

REINHARDT AND ANDERSON



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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

John Doe 19A,

filed:

" v Cosmas
" " Gillespie

Plaintiff,

**PLAINTIFF'S ANSWERS TO
DEFENDANT ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT'S
REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT**

vs.

The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman
Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey,
The Archdiocese of St. Paul and
Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer,
and Father Thomas Gillespie,

Defendants.

Court File No. _____

TO: Defendant Order of St. Benedict and its attorneys, John M. Stocco, 1870 Piper Jaffray
Tower, 222 South Ninth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

Plaintiff, for his responses to Defendant Order of St. Benedict's request for employment,
states the following:
a. Copies of all employment records pertinent to Plaintiff's employment with his
employers for the last ten (10) years; and

RESPONSE:

Plaintiff is not in possession of any employment records at this time.

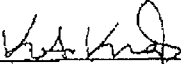
b. Signed releases to obtain employment records.

RESPONSE:

Limited Employment Authorizations for the following employers are attached:

Dated: 8/12/96

REINHARDT AND ANDERSON


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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

John Doe 19A,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO
DEFENDANT ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT'S
REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF STATEMENTS**

The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman
Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey,
The Archdiocese of St. Paul and
Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer,
and Father Thomas Gillespie,

Defendants.

Court File No. _____

Filed: Cosmas v

- v Gillespie

TO: Defendant Order of St. Benedict and its attorneys, John M. Stocco, 1870 Piper Jaffray
Tower, 222 South Ninth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

Plaintiff, for his responses to Defendant Order of St. Benedict's request for production
of statements, states the following:

1. Copies of all statements made by parties, non-parties, witnesses, and expert witnesses
concerning the above-entitled action or its subject matter.

For the purposes of this request, a statement is:

- a. A written statement signed or otherwise adopted or approved by the person
making it, or
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transcription thereof which is a substantially verbatim recital of an oral
statement by the person making it, and contemporaneously recorded.

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RESPONSE:

No statements have been obtained in the course of this lawsuit. In other lawsuits against Father Dahlheimer, numerous depositions have been taken. The following depositions were taken in the cases of John J. Doe v. Father Cosmas Dahlheimer, et al., (Court File No. CX-94-330, Stearns County); John Roe v. Father Cosmas Dahlheimer, et al., (Stearns County); and C.T., C.R. and C.M. v. Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minnesota, et al., (Court File No. C4-90-006462):

Father Cosmas Dahlheimer, taken 1/23/90 and 7/26/94.

taken 9/1/94 and 11/3/94.

aken 12/19/94.

taken 11/23/94 and 12/19/94.

taken 11/3/94.

Father Aloysius Michels, taken 12/20/94.

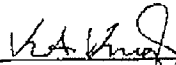
Father John Eidenschink, taken 11/23/94.

Bishop George Speltz, taken 10/24/94.

These documents are available for inspection and copying at the office of Reinhardt and Anderson pursuant to Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: 01/12/96

REINHARDT AND ANDERSON


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August 16, 1996

Ph.D.
Kenwood Professional Building
1111 West 22nd Street
Suite 210
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Re: Our File No. 10123

Dear Dr. Bera:

I am enclosing St. John's check in the sum of \$190.00 in payment for your services through your statement of 7-12-96.

St. John's Abbey will be concluding its initial commitment for payment of treatment expenses when the total sum of \$1,250 is reached. The enclosed payment brings St. John's total to \$902.50. I expect that the Archdiocese of St. Paul will be taking over through the implementation of its pastoral counseling program. I expect that the attorney for the Archdiocese, Mr. Andy Eisenzimmer, will be in contact with your office and Mr. Anderson's regarding the specifics.

It is believed that this action will not interfere with Mr. access to your services or your treatment plan. St. John's Abbey will continue to monitor the progress and remains committed to assuring that required treatment remains available to , regardless of considerations involving legal liability or responsibility.

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Thank you for your professional courtesies and the
assistance you are affording .

Yours very truly,

Jerome R. Klukas

JRK:kn
Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey R. Anderson, Esq.
Andrew J. Eisenzimmer, Esq.
Fr. Rene McGraw, O.S.B.

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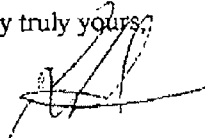
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" Gillespie

Re: *John Doe 19A v. The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, et al*
Your File: 41702-S
Our File: 17575STJA

Dear Mr. Haws:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 6, 1996. I am certainly willing to reschedule the deposition of the plaintiff to accommodate you and all parties. Pursuant to your letter, I request that you coordinate the rescheduling of deposition. If you attempt to reach me and get my voice mail, please press "0" and ask the receptionist to connect you with my secretary, Candy, or you can call her directly at 305-4566.

Very truly yours,


Robert T. Stich
RTS/cjl

cc: Jeffrey R. Anderson, Esq.
Joseph M. Stocco, Esq.
Jerome Klukas, Esq.
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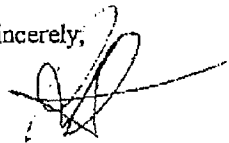
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Re: John Doe 19 v. Father Dahlheimer and Father Gillespie
Our File: 17575

Dear Ms. Kugler:

Enclosed and served upon you by United States Mail is an Amended Notice of Taking
Deposition of resetting his deposition from September 27, 1996 to November 14,
1996 at 9:00 a.m.

Sincerely,



Robert T. Stich

RTS/cjl

cc: Mr. Jerome Klukas
Mr. Joseph Stocco
Mr. Daniel A. Haws
Mr. Andrew Eisenzimmer
Father Rene McGraw

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Personal Injury
DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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the Roman Catholic Church,
a/k/a St. John's Abbey, The
Archdiocese of St. Paul and
Minneapolis, Father Cosmas
Dahlheimer, and Father Thomas
Gillespie,

AMENDED
NOTICE OF TAKING DEPOSITION

Defendants.

TO: Plaintiff above named and his attorney Karen A. Kugler, E-
1000 First National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, St.
Paul, MN 55101:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the deposition of
will be taken by oral examination by and before a notary public,
or some other officer qualified to administer oath, at the
offices of Reinhardt & Anderson, E-1000 First National Bank
Building, 332 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, MN 55101, on the 14th
day of November, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., and thereafter by
adjournment until the same shall be completed.

Dated this 16 day of September, 1996.

STICH, ANGELL, KREIDLER, BROWNSON &
BALLOU, P.A.

By RS
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cc: Shaddix Court Reporting

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November 7, 1996

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Filed: Jerry

Re: John Doe 19A v. Order of St. Benedict
DOL: 01/01/78
LFN: 196230042-C
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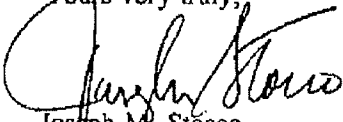
Stocco

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Enclosed herewith and served upon you by United States Mail please find Answers to Defendant The Order of St. Benedict to Plaintiff's Interrogatories in the above-referenced matter. We are currently in the process of gathering information responsive to your Request for Production of Documents and will serve these responses shortly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,


Joseph M. Stocco
Writer's Direct Line: 336-2523

JMS/jkt

Enclosure

cc: Dan Johnson, CNA Insurance Companies
Daniel A. Haws, Esq.
Robert T. Stich, Esq.

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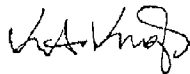
Re: John Doe 19A v. The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, The
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Father Dahlheimer and Father Gillespie

Dear Counsel:

You have now had an opportunity to depose _____ and gain some insight into his claims. Prior to getting further into the litigation process, and conducting additional depositions which we are currently scheduling in addition to motions to compel the medical records of the defendant priests, I thought that perhaps this is a good time to explore the possibility of early resolution.

I think that mediation of this case is appropriate at this time, given the fact that all of the attorneys involved are well aware of the various claims and defenses of the parties. Please let me know if you are interested in mediation. If all parties agree, we will make the necessary arrangements.

Very truly yours,



Karen A. Kugler

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Re: Claims
My File No. 10123

Dear Counsel:

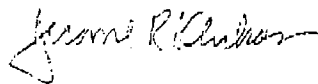
In response to Karen's January 13th fax, St. John's Abbey is agreeable to the mediation arrangements described, with Mark Nolan serving as the mediator.

Fr. McGraw has just returned from New York, where he was attending to his mother who is in very critical condition and likely to die at anytime. If Fr. McGraw is unable to attend the mediation, Joe Stocco and I will make other suitable arrangements. I will not be personally involved in the mediation

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conference, so you don't have to concern yourselves with contacting me regarding the arrangements.

Yours very truly,



Jerome R. Klukas

JRK:kn

cc: Joseph M. Stocco, Esq.
Father Rene McGraw, O.S.B.

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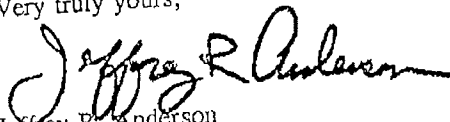
Re: John Doe 19A v. The Order of S. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, The
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Father Dahlheimer and Father Gillespie

Dear Counsel:

Our demand on behalf of
at the mediation on January 30, 1997.

We look forward to meeting with you

Very truly yours,


Jeffrey R. Anderson

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Re: John Doe 19A v. The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, The
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Father Dahlheimer and Father Gillespie

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed and served on you by facsimile and U.S. mail is Notice of Taking Depositions of
Father Thomas Gillespie and Father Cosmas Dahlheimer in regard to the above matter.

Very truly yours,


Jeffrey R. Anderson

JRA:jlr

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

John Doe 19A,

Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF TAKING DEPOSITION

vs.

The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman
Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey,
The Archdiocese of St. Paul and
Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer,
and Father Thomas Gillespie,

Defendants.

Court File No. _____

TO: Defendant Order of St. Benedict and its attorneys, Joseph M. Stocco, 1870 Piper Jaffray Tower, 222 South Ninth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402; Defendant Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and its attorney, Defendant Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and its attorney, Daniel A. Haws, 1800 Piper Jaffray Plaza, 444 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101; and Defendants Dahlheimer and Gillespie and their attorney, Robert Stich, The Crossings, Suite 120, 250 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55401-2122.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following depositions, by oral examination, will be taken before a qualified notary public on the dates and times indicated below:

Father Thomas Gillespie	February 24, 1997	9:00 a.m.
Father Cosmas Dahlheimer	February 24, 1997	1:00 p.m.

The depositions will be taken at Great Hall, St. John's Abbey, City of Collegeville,

Minnesota, State of Minnesota.

Dated: 1/30/96

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RE: John Doe 19A v. The Order of St. Benedict, et al.
Our File No. 16,836

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed with this letter please find our bill for mediation services.

I regret we were unable to move this case forward. Since I understand this case has not been filed and thus this was not a court-scheduled mediation, I obviously will not be advising the court of its occurrence or outcome. I will leave it to you to advise the court as you see fit.

With regard to the bill, the sum displayed is the total. I did not secure an agreement from the parties as to how the bill is to be split. I'd ask that you discuss that among yourselves and pay the total however you see fit.

*CERTIFIED AS A SPECIALIST IN CIVIL TRIAL ADVOCACY BY THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY
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**REAL PROPERTY LAW SPECIALIST, CERTIFIED BY THE MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
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January 31, 1997

Yours very truly,

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Mark M. Nolan

MMN/jhd
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Re: John Doe 19A v. The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, The
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Father Dahlheimer and Father Gillespie

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed is an Amended Notice of Taking Deposition of Father Thomas Gillespie and Father
Cosmas Dahlheimer. The depositions previously set for February 24, 1997 are rescheduled
for **Wednesday, April 30, 1997** beginning at 9:00 a.m. at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville.

Very truly yours,


Jeffrey R. Anderson

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Defendants.

File: Jerry
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TO: Defendants above-named and their attorneys.

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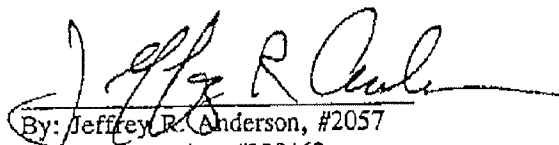
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Minnesota, State of Minnesota.

Dated: 2/18/97

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

Jean L. Raway, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on February 18, 1997, she served the attached document(s):

Amended Notice of Taking Deposition of Father Thomas Gillespie and Father Cosmas Dahlheimer

upon the following attorneys for defendants by placing a true and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

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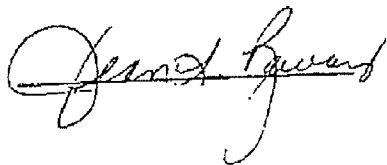
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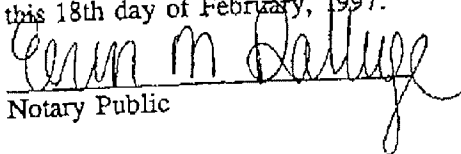
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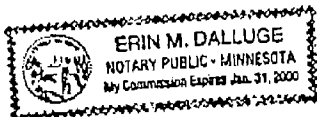
(which is the last known address of said attorneys) and depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.



Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 18th day of February, 1997.



Notary Public



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April 11, 1997

BY FACSIMILE

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St. Paul, MN 55101

Filed: Bob
Jerry
Gillespie
V
Cosmo

Re: John Doe 19 v. Father Dahlheimer and Father Gillespie
Our File: 17575

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I left a phone message for you which is confirmed by this letter that we have a settlement of this case for which will be paid by the defendants to your client for a release of all claims. It is understood that the settlement will be subject to the usual confidentiality agreement.

An issue was raised about your client meeting or confronting my client. I will make my client available to accommodate your client in the event that he wishes to pursue this issue.

Very truly yours,



Robert T. Stich
RTS/cjl

cc: Daniel Haws
Jerome Klukas
Joseph Stocco

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Re: John Doe 19A v. Order of St. Benedict
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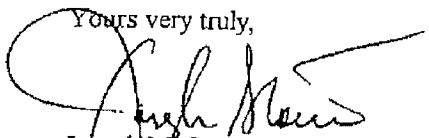
Dear Mr. Anderson:

Enclosed is the Release and Confidential Settlement Agreement and a settlement draft in the sum of _____ made payable to you and your client on behalf of defendants The Order of St. Benedict and Fathers Cosmos Dahlheimer and Thomas Gillespie. The Archdiocese will forward to you their share of the settlement under separate cover. My apology for the delay in getting this draft and Release and Confidential Settlement Agreement to you.

Our settlement draft is sent to you with the understanding that the draft will not be negotiated until such time as the Release and Confidential Settlement Agreement has been signed and returned to our office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,



Joseph M. Stocco
Writer's Direct Line: 612-336-2523

JMS/jkt
Enclosures

cc: Dan Johnson, CNA Insurance Companies
Daniel A. Haws, Esq.
Robert T. Stich, Esq.
Jerome R. Klukas, Esq.

RELEASE AND CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

FOR THE SOLE CONSIDERATION of

the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I fully and forever release and discharge The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey, The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahlheimer, Father Thomas Gillespie, and their agents, employees, heirs, administrators, executors, successors, insurers, and assigns, and all other persons and organizations who are or might be liable, from all claims for all damages which I claim as a result of incidents which are or could be the subject of the lawsuit brought against the above parties commenced and filed on my behalf under the name and designation of _____, plaintiff, and as is further described in the discovery and pleadings in the case venued in Ramsey County, State of Minnesota.

I.

By executing this Release, I agree that:

1. "Claims" includes demands, actions, and rights of action also includes all claims which I now or hereafter may have arising out of, in consequence of, or on account of said incidents.
2. "Damages" includes past, present and future damages for personal injury; bodily injury; sickness; disease; pain; suffering and emotional or psychological injury and damage; death resulting from such injury, sickness, disease, or damage; damage for care and loss of services arising from such injury, sickness, damages, or disease; and all other damages of whatever kind or nature.
3. "Attorneys" include their staff, employees, investigators and agents.
4. "T" includes both _____ his wife.

II.

I expressly intend and agree that this Release applies to all of my claims arising from said incidents, including, but not limited to, claims or entitlements to payment of pastoral counseling and treatment expenses, claims for known, unknown, latent, developed and undeveloped injuries; anticipated and unanticipated consequences, and known and unknown developments of any of such injuries; and claims as respects the nature, extent and permanency of any of such injuries.

III.

I expressly agree to satisfy any liens, now claimed or which could be claimed relative to this matter, from the above noted proceeds of settlement and to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the released parties from any such claims.

IV.

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V.

I acknowledge that said sum is paid in compromise and settlement of disputed claims, that payment thereof shall not be construed as admission of any liability whatsoever by any of the parties herein released by whom liability is expressly denied.

VI.

The parties agree that the fact of this settlement and the existence of the Release Agreement and its terms and conditions are to be held in strict confidence. I and my attorneys agree not to disclose to any person the fact that a settlement has been made, the existence of this agreement, and/or its terms and conditions, beyond stating that "the matter has been resolved" in the event an inquiry is made of me/them, except as may become necessary to my attorneys, accountants, tax consultants, state and federal tax authorities or as may be required by law; and the parties released herein and their respective attorneys, also agree not to disclose the fact that a settlement has been made, and/or the existence of this agreement, and/or its terms and conditions, beyond stating that "the matter has been resolved" in the event an inquiry is made of me/them, except as may become necessary to their accountants, auditors, state and federal tax authorities, their managers, officers and board of directors, or board of trustees, insurers, attorney or as may be required by law.

VII.

Understanding that I and the other parties to this Agreement each have rights to peace and privacy which should not be disturbed or affected by one another, I, _____, and _____

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As to the form of the Agreement and as to its confidentiality provisions:

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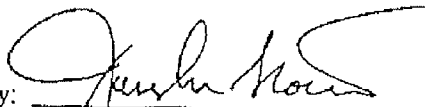
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Dated: May 30, 1997

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June 6, 1996

Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson
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*filed: Jerry
Anderson*

Re: My File No. 10123

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Pursuant to its pastoral policy and in response to your letter request of May 29th, on June 5th St. John's Abbey paid Dr. \$380 statement in full.

The treatment notes and information previously requested remain necessary in order to provide and continue providing these benefits and to inform the insurers.

Yours very truly,



Jerome R. Klukas

JRK:kn

cc: ✓ Father Rene McGraw, O.S.B.
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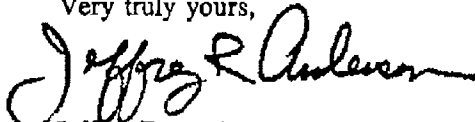
Dear Mr. Klukas:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated April 16, 1996 from _____ which sets forth necessity for therapy, how long he will likely need therapy, and the anticipated frequency of the sessions. Also enclosed is a fee schedule.

We anticipate receipt of _____ therapy records in the near future and will provide a copy to you at that time.

If anything additional is needed to grant complete authorization for payment of therapy expense, please let us know immediately.

Very truly yours,


Jeffrey R. Anderson

JRA:jlr

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JUN 25 1996

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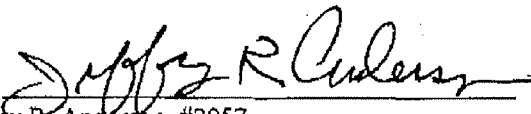
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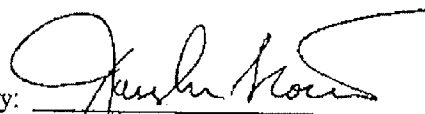
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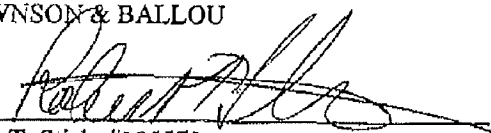
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Re: John Doe 19A v. The Order of St. Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church, a/k/a St. John's Abbey, The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Father Cosmas Dahiheimer, and Father Thomas Gillespie
Our File No. 41702-S

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find copies of the fully-executed Release and Confidential Settlement Agreement. I have returned the original executed Release and Confidential Settlement Agreement to Mr. Stich so that he can distribute that to whomever he believes should receive it.

I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation and professionalism in resolving this matter amicably for all of the parties.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Haws

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Lawyer: Archdiocese not billing

■ Notices of costs are routinely sent to victims, he says

CLARK MORPHEW STAFF WRITER

An attorney representing the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis says his law firm has no intention of seeking repayment of costs for the appeal of a sexual abuse case brought by a Prior Lake man.

Attorney Andrew Eisenzimmer of the St. Paul firm Meier, Kennedy and Quinn said his office did notify the victim's attorney, Jeffrey Anderson, that there were more than \$6,000 in costs in the case of Dale Scheffler, who was 14 when he was sexually abused by the Rev. Robert Kapoun, known as "the Polka Padre."

But Eisenzimmer says the archdiocese and the priest are not asking Scheffler to pay the legal expenses.

"My assumption is that no attempt would be made to collect the costs," Eisenzimmer said. "We have never made any attempt to collect the costs in any of the cases I've handled for the archdiocese. If we were to attempt to collect, we would first consult the client (the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis)."

But Anderson, who represents Scheffler and has represented others in sexual-abuse cases brought against the archdiocese, says the letter detailing the costs was an

attempt to intimidate sexual abuse victims.

"It is a conscious decision by a client and his lawyer to commit an act," Anderson said. "You don't bring a motion by accident. You don't tax costs by accident. It is one more attempt by the archdiocese and Father Kapoun to victimize Dale Scheffler. When I see that being done, I just say, 'Shame on them again.'"

Tim Anderson, director of communication for the archdiocese, said Tuesday the claim was filed by Gallagher/Bassett Insurance Services, a Chicago firm that administered the archdiocese's insurance program in the 1980s. The archdiocese is now covered by Catholic Mutual Insurance Co.

Last year, Scheffler, 29, successfully sued Kapoun and was awarded damages of more than \$1 million. Two weeks ago, however, the Minnesota State Court of Appeals overturned the ruling, saying Scheffler had waited too long to file the case.

In the wake of a minor protest at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Sunday, the archdiocese said no local official had any knowledge of the letter.

"If Archbishop Flynn would have known the letter from the insurance company was going out, he never would have approved it," Tim Anderson said. "The insurance company did not ask Archbishop Flynn for approval to send the letter to Jeffrey Anderson.

"We're talking about \$5,000, and

we've provided much more than that for therapy for Dale Scheffler," Tim Anderson said. "We're willing to continue that therapy even though the appeal failed. It's very upsetting to me and I'm sure, it's upsetting to Archbishop Flynn. It's a very unfortunate situation."

Eisenzimmer, the archdiocese's attorney, confirmed that Flynn knew nothing of the letter and said it was a routine practice for a law firm to tax the costs of litigation.

According to Minnesota law, the prevailing party in a civil suit can ask the court to make the plaintiff pay for out-of-pocket costs associated with the litigation. But Tim Anderson said Catholic officials have no interest in the money.

"We're not interested in collecting that money," Tim Anderson said. "And the insurance company has said they are not going to collect the money. It's just a routine action when a case may go to a higher court."

Earlier this week, SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, issued a news release severely criticizing Flynn for vindictive behavior against a known victim of sexual abuse.

"This type of harassment will scare others who are suffering, and prevent them from coming forward and getting the help they need," said David Clohessy of St. Louis, national director of SNAP. "It's a newer, more vicious way for the church to keep abuse victims trapped in silence, secrecy, and shame."

■ MAIL BRIEFING

Tom Gillespie — 8-21-01

I apologized to Tom for not getting back to him sooner -
The request was made in late June -

Especially I denied his request to be interviewed
St. John's office - At this time there is the possibility
of too much negative publicity, even if nothing happens
Tom

In addition, I think it is better to be away
from Tom if we are not sure even though he has
done a great job -

I also asked Tom to avoid talking with anyone
St. Joe or any other parish situation -

Tom feels that he has been in recovery for 6 yrs
& has done a good job. I explained that the pain
of victims is great that they are not sure an offender
should ever be in recovery again. Tom would be
responsible with his victim, that he made amends
to the community -

In addition he indicated that he would always have a
responsibility -

Tom said he would continue to pressure, in a gentle way
to get back into recovery. I said that as long as
we can build more confidence in recovery,
and I would like to set up task force. A

Tom pointed out that athletes go back into surgery
after treatment. The problem here is a decrease in the
leveling. And a "slip" with a foot is not nearly
as debilitating as a slip with a knee —

We pointed on friendly forms —

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY
BOX 2015
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA 56321-2015

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

June 12, 2002

Father Tom Gillespie
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Father Tom:

I know that this has been a very difficult and challenging time for you and for the whole community.

Because Saint John's is a very beautiful place with great facilities, we attract and have developed outstanding programming for young people each summer. Thus, thousands of kids and teenagers come to our campus each summer. Because of all the negative publicity that we have received this spring, leaders of these various programs contacted me and asked me to speak directly to the issue of safety for the young people involved in these programs, specifically the Leadership Camps at Prep School, Youth in Theology and Ministry (YTM), National Catholic Youth Choir (NCYC), and AmericaFest 2002. So I made some promises to these groups, such as the following:

It is the policy and commitment of Saint John's Abbey to protect all children and vulnerable adults from abuse by members of the monastic community. When it does occur, our primary concern is that victims of abuse are taken seriously and receive support and healing. In addition, steps are taken to insure that those who have abused receive psychological treatment, face their issues, change their way of living, and respect the restrictions placed on them. If they are given work assignments, their contact with others who are vulnerable is restricted and their supervisors and colleagues are informed of the allegations that were made against them.

All monks who have restrictions on them because of past allegations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or inappropriate behavior, will have the following restrictions placed on them during the time that the National Catholic Youth Choir (or AmericaFest or YTM or Leadership Camps) is on campus. They will not be allowed at practices or performances by the choir. They will not be allowed in the dining spaces, classroom spaces, or the living areas that the choristers use. As a community we are looking forward to this third year of the National Catholic Youth Choir, (or AmericaFest...) to the wonderful growth and positive energy that is already part of its tradition.

PHONE 320 363-2544 FAX 320 363-3082

OSB GILLESPIE 00350

I am sorry to have to write this to you and make this request. However, no matter how I have tried to communicate how abuse occurs, that it is not random, that you are not a sexual predator, that you are in recovery and acting with the highest integrity, this does not fit the media's template and goes right out the window.

Furthermore, travel has been a huge concern on the part of the media in relationship to those on restriction. **So apart from your routine assignments, I ask that you obtain permission from your immediate superior for all travel off campus.** This is a real change from our present situation and, no doubt, it will pinch. However, we do need to attend to those issues that are most alarming to the public.

We will get through this together and in a way that is consistent with the Gospel and the Rule.

Blessings and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Klassen".

Abbot John Klassen, OSB

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

BOX 2015

COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA 56321-2015

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

August 1, 2002

Father Thomas Gillespie, OSB
Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321

Dear Tom:

As you know, a few weeks ago, we approved an abbey budget for FY '03 that was a few hundred thousand dollars in the red. We are in the process of studying the budget further, trying where possible to cut costs and increase revenues in order to achieve a balanced budget. Vehicles are a major expense, to maintain and to insure, and I have recently been reviewing the assignment of cars.

At this time I am asking you to give up the car that has been assigned to you. There is no work that requires you to have it and it is a significant expense to the monastery. I realize that this will be difficult for you because it means using the community of goods. However, I know that I can count on your good will and commitment to the good of the whole community. Please turn in the keys to Prior Ray Pedrizetti by August 15, 2002.

Sincerely,



Abbot John Klassen, OSB

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OSB GILLESPIE 00352

Sisters of the 
Order of Saint Benedict

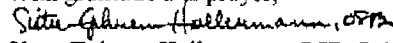
August 8, 2002

Dear Father Tom,

It has been a little over a month since Abbot John informed our community that you would no longer be a Eucharistic presider for our community. On behalf of the community, I wish to acknowledge the pain and agony you have suffered as a result of this decision, and to thank you for your service to us in the past.

We thank you particularly for your commitment and faithfulness, your sensitivity to the needs of a women's community, and your flexibility in responding to our unexpected needs. Thank you also for the many times you responded in service to us for the sacraments of reconciliation and anointing.

We pledge our continued prayer for you individually and for your community, as you move forward in the healing process, wherein God provides the grace, strength and courage that will lead to deep and lasting peace.

With gratitude and prayer,

Sister Ephrem Hollermann, OSB, Prioress

cc. Abbot John Klassen, OSB
Sister Elaine Schroeder, OSB

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OSB GILLESPIE 00353

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

BOX 2015

COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA 56321-2015

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

November 29, 2003

Father Thomas Gillespie, OSB
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Tom:

This Tuesday afternoon, December 2, from 4:00 to 4:45 I am requesting you and other monks on restriction to meet with three members of the External Board (, two members of the Senior Council (Prior Ray Pedrizetti and Father Roger Botz) and me. The meeting will be in the Abbot Alcuin Conference room.

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce you to some Board members, to speak about efforts over the past three months to build a working relationship between the members of the Review Board and the Senior Council, and to spell out in broad terms how we are planning to proceed.

Tom, the road that we are on is long and painful. For you, I am sure that it has been almost unbearable. I am convinced that we are on a path that will lead to a new day, for the community and for you.

Sincerely,



Abbot John Klassen, OSB

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OSB GILLESPIE 00355

Parish Statement for St. Joseph's Parish [St. Mary's in Stillwater]

During the past week, Father Thomas Gillespie was referred to in an article on sexual abuse reported in the area media. At the time of the accusation in 1996, Father Thomas was pastor of the St. Joseph Parish [in St. Joseph, Mn]. The allegation which was settled out of court concerned an incident with a male minor which occurred in 1978 ~~or 1979~~ when Father Thomas was pastor of St. Mary's Church in Stillwater, Minnesota

As soon as the Abbey became aware of the allegation in 1996, Father Thomas was removed from the St. Joseph Parish and he returned to the Abbey. The Abbey offered counseling help to the victim. Father Thomas is restricted from having contact with young people.

The Abbey is deeply saddened and apologizes for harm that this incident brought to the victim, to the parishioners of St. Joseph [St. Mary's], and once again pledges its unequivocal determination to respond immediately to victims.

In an effort to deal with the anger, pain, and loss which people may be feeling in our parish, there will be a meeting in the dining room of the lab school on this Monday evening, June 10 at 8:00 p.m. This meeting is only for parishioners. Abbot John Klassen of St. John's Abbey and Father Marvin Enncking, the Vicar General of the Diocese will be present here [at St. Joseph] to answer questions, respond to concerns and pray with the parish for those involved.

Please support one another and pray for God's blessing and peace.

Update
December 31, 2007

ID M0060

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Date of Birth
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Date of First Profession **Date of Final Profession** **Date of Ordination**
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B.A. 1960 St. John's University (Philosophy)

Ordination 1964 St. John's University (Divinity)

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Associate Pastor
St. Bernard's Parish
St. Paul, Minnesota 1964 - 1966

Assistant Vocation Director
St. John's Prep School 1966 - 1968

Missionary/Teacher
San Antonio Abad
Humacao, Puerto Rico 1968 - 1975

Associate Pastor
St. Boniface Parish
Cold Spring, Minnesota 1975 - 1976

Associate Pastor
St. Bernard's Parish
St. Paul, Minnesota 1976 - 1978

Pastor
St. Mary's Church
Stillwater, Minnesota 1978 - 1986

Pastor
St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph, Minnesota 1986 – 1996

Vicar of Parishes and Chaplaincies
 St. John's Abbey 1990 - 1996

Chaplain (Team member)
 St. Raphael's Convent
 St. Cloud, Minnesota 1996 – 1999

Chaplain (Regular Substitute)
 St. Scholastica Convent
 St. Cloud, Minnesota 1996 – present

Chaplain (Team member)
 St. Benedict's Monastery
 St. Joseph, Minnesota 1996 - present

Computer Graphics/Signage (Signs R us)
 Physical Plant
 St. John's Corporation 1987 – present

Assistant
 Website manager 1996-2003

AWARDS

Several different Awards in Puerto Rico
 Golf and Tennis awards and Trophies
 1st Prize in the St. Cloud Priests' Golf Tournament with Abbot Jerome's

comment:

“We are not pleased.”

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OTHER EXPERIENCES OF LEADERSHIP:

Abbey Fireman
 TV and sound tech for Abbey Masses
 Chaplain – St Raphael's Hall – Saturday Night
 1 term on Senior Council
 1 term on Prep School Board

INTERESTS OR HOBBIES

Flying airplane: License plus 2 degrees (a- Float Rating and b) Instrument Rating
 Logged over 2,000 hrs
 Tennis

Golf
Canoeing
Hiking
Fishing
Photography
Sports of all kinds, active and passive

AWARDS

SOME DAY I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- To see the Holy Land and Rome before I die

MY MAIN ASPIRATION OR FAVORITE DREAM IS LIFE IS TO:

- To get a hole-in-one in golf
- Become a holy monk

SOME SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL GROWTH EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN:

- spending 6 months at St. Luke's