



# *Saint Luke Institute*

November 19, 2002

**Confidential**

Right Reverend John Klassen, OSB  
Abbot  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Re: Reverend Allen Tarlton, OSB  
SLI#: 13404

Dear Abbot John,

Father Allen Tarlton attended a workshop here at Saint Luke Institute the week of October 28- November 1, 2002 as part of his continuing care program. The following assessment of his progress in recovery is based on a structured interview held with him on October 29, 2002, four collateral reports received from members of his support network, and his participation in the workshop week.

**Recovery Program:** This was Father Tarlton's eighth and final workshop week. He continues to experience some compulsive use of the Internet porn sites. As you are aware, Abbot John, the stress and turmoil of recent months have, most likely, worked against his efforts in maintaining sobriety in this area. He has not returned to use of alcohol during this stressful time. This is good news and remains a sign of hope and strength for Father Tarlton.

After he left his last workshop in November 2001, Father Tarlton reported back that he was successful in placing a block on his computer and was feeling better about himself in general. It appears that the painful events surrounding the media exposure concerning Saint John's Abbey in general, and of Father Tarlton, in particular, were unprecedented in your history. This tended to exacerbate some areas of his recovery that were fragile, notably, his tendency to isolate into depression and to use the Internet sites for comfort.

Father Tarlton reports that he attended very few SA meetings over the past six months. He has not met with his support group in a formal way but has interacted

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with the individuals in his group mostly in social situations. In their collateral reports, support group members state that they were painfully aware of Father Tarlton's suffering these past six months but did not initiate a group meeting during this time.

Father Tarlton has been updating the individual members of his support team on some details of his situation and has inquired about legal matters. It appears that there has not been a formal meeting in order for all gathered to offer support. Father Tarlton seems ready to initiate such a meeting and we encourage him to get the meeting scheduled as soon as he can.

Father Tarlton reports that he had no meetings with his spiritual director. His director writes that he is concerned that Father's depression comes across as moodiness and this, in turn causes others to withdraw from him. This creates a vicious circle.

In June, Father Tarlton communicated with us here at the Institute to describe his situation in full. He explained that he felt helpless and frustrated and it seemed that his life was on a downward spiral.

He scheduled monthly sessions in psychotherapy over this period. In his collateral report, Father's therapist writes that his greatest achievement has been that of maintaining and deepening some important interpersonal relations. His greatest struggle has been seeking an answer to his question: "What will I do if I don't have access to the Internet and how will I cope with my life and my emotions?"

During our individual interview for this workshop, we tried to delve deeper into this issue. We resolved that Father Tarlton would need to decide upon a series of "replacements" for the type of comfort he sought through using the Internet. We suggest that he take time with his therapist to develop a series of such replacements. We also suggest that he utilize a behavioral approach by gradually lessening the amount of time he spends on the Internet. He acknowledged the fact that he had struggled for years with alcoholism and was able to be free from this addiction. He knows that he has been able to develop the capacity for sobriety in one area and is pleased with this accomplishment.

We are heartened to read in Dr. Vincent's report, that Father Tarlton has been able to deepen some important interpersonal relationships. This will be a key factor in fostering his abstinence from Internet porn. The need to interact with others, despite residual feelings of unworthiness, will be a challenge for Father Tarlton. And yet, he knows, from experience, that he is capable of reaching out and that others appreciate his presence in their lives.

In summary, Father Tarlton's faith has been tested and tried severely over the past year. He used the opportunity provided by this workshop to be honest and open for the support and challenge of his peers. This always produces the same result: a lifting of the burden of isolation and fear and a sense of renewed determination to face into a new day free of the addictive cycle. He knows that he has the capacity to deal effectively with his addiction to alcohol and that he has the capacity to do likewise with Internet addiction.

**Current Living Experience/Vocational Functioning:** As you are aware, Abbot John, Father Tarlton is currently working in the Oblate office in a less public manner and is able to celebrate Mass weekly in the health facility. He has gone out to movies and dinner on a less frequent basis over the past year.

He shared with us his experience of being affirmed on the occasion of giving a homily at a nearby convent in which he told his story. The response of the sisters present was outstanding as, one by one, they rose in song and prayer for him.

**Medical:** During the course of the workshop we monitor physical health through the use of various laboratory indices. Father Tarlton regained the weight he had lost last year. His lipid levels are mostly within normal levels except for the HDL-cholesterol, which might benefit from exercise. His HA1C (9.5) suggests higher blood sugars than the unusually low one we got when his blood was drawn. His PSA at 6.58 is a little higher than one year ago. Blood pressure at 150/90 is higher as well. He reports that he does no exercise but is faithful to check-ups with his doctor three times a year.

**Recommendations and Treatment Plan:** Father Tarlton was very fatigued as he started out the workshop, partly because his flight was late and he arrived at Saint Luke's at midnight. As the week proceeded he became fully engaged in our discussions and was grateful for the interaction and the support he received from staff as well as participants. He left here with a renewed sense of direction and a hope that he could start back into his recovery activities as a priority. He stated the following goal for the near future: to restore his recovery program by returning to meetings, connect with a sponsor, gather his support group, and continue seeing his therapist and spiritual director. His therapist reports that he would like to increase the frequency of their visits. We concur with this opinion and hope that Father Tarlton will share this report with his therapist. Father Tarlton is willing to return to Saint Luke's one year from now and we heartily support this goal.

We wish to thank Father Tarlton for his active participation in this workshop week. We hope that he will take the opportunity to join us one year from now, the week of October 27-31, 2003. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Father

Tarlton for his reflection. If you have any question regarding this report, please contact us. We encourage Father Tarlton to share this report with his therapist and the members of his support group.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Father Tarlton in his recovery. We ask for your prayers on behalf of the many clergy and religious in our care and promise our prayers for you during this painful time.

Sincerely,

Continuing Care Therapist

Director of Clinical Services

Coordinator, Continuing Care Services

Medical Director and  
Vice-President for Clinical  
Services

cc: Reverend Allen Tarlton

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

BOX 2015

COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA 56321-2015

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 22, 2005

Fr. Allen Tarlton, OSB  
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Allen:

Thank you for your work thus far with  
from Project Pathfinders. I much appreciate your willingness to meet with them  
and speak candidly about painful things in your past as well as your program of  
recovery. This initial phase of the work with them gives me confidence that we  
can accomplish the goals of this process.

As you will recall the second phase of the work with \_\_\_\_\_ is  
a number of group sessions in the Twin Cities. \_\_\_\_\_ wish to  
schedule the first of these for Friday, March 4, from 1-4 p.m. This may be a tight  
fit with your schedule but I know you will do your best to make it work so that we  
move this part of the process along. It is crucial the entire group is able to be  
present for this work.

Please let me know if this will work as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Abbot John Klassen, OSB

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Allen Taylor

P.3 - no historical records that specifically  
mention that sexual misconduct was addressed

P.4 Director of Oslate until 2002 -

This guy is in trouble

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

BOX 2015

COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA 56321-2015

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

August 18, 2005

Father Allen Tarlton, OSB  
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Allen:

Included with this letter please find a copy of the fully signed risk assessment and safety plan that you developed this spring with Project Pathfinders.

First, let me thank you for your participation in the process of risk assessment and safety plan development. Your willingness to share openly with  
as well as with your confreres, surely contributed to a deeper understanding of each other and a heightened level of trust in the group.

With this letter, I am formally putting the safety plan developed as a result of that process into place. Canonically, I am required to do this. As we discussed at the meeting on July 26, 2005, Prior Ray Pedrizetti will be the supervisor for the safety plan. He will meet with you once a month to discuss any concerns that you have, and to see how you are doing with the plan. These plans will be reviewed a year from now by Steve and Jannine, as they are meant to be living documents.

I am copying this letter to Father Roman Paur because he is coordinating our accreditation process for the Hope and Healing project with Praesidium Religious Services.

Blessings and peace,



Abbot John Klassen, OSB

Cc: Prior Ray Pedrizetti, OSB  
Father Roman Paur, OSB

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November 10, 2005

**Update on conversations with Father Allen Tarlton**

On October 27, 2005 I met with Father Allen Tarlton and told him that I needed to have his hard drive checked for any downloaded pornography files. I told him that [redacted] would be checking his C:/ and M:/ drives for pornographic files. Allen told me that [redacted] had cleaned the C:/ drive off earlier and he thought it was still clean.

I complimented Father Allen on taking the initiative to have his computer linked to [redacted] computer so that [redacted] can view any websites that Allen goes to in a two week period. Allen also mentioned that he has been speaking to his therapist regarding the use of pornography. Allen acknowledged that it was a liberation being able to come to my office and not have to confess using pornography.

I asked Allen if he burned any CDs with pornographic material or had any such CDs in his possession. He said no, that he has never used CDs for this purpose.

I also spoke to Allen about a problem with procrastination -- specifically, sending information to inquirers into the Oblate program on behalf of [redacted]. He acknowledged the problem, saying that he had gotten behind and simply let the task slip away from his awareness. I told Allen that this was unacceptable -- that he had to set up a system such that this was a priority and gets done immediately. Allen understood the seriousness of this. If it occurs again, I will have to take this work away from him because it immediately damages the relationship between a potential oblate candidate and Saint John's Abbey.

[redacted] from IT Services scanned Allen's C:/ and M:/ drives on October 31, 2005 and found no pornographic material. He said that he did a very thorough search and found nothing.

I asked [redacted] to another search on Monday, November 14 and to ask Allen at this time where he had stored the material in the past.

Abbot John Klassen, OSB  
November 10, 2005

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## Abbot John Klassen's private account

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2006 9:43 AM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Oblate group meeting

Dear Abbot John,  
Thanks for this response. I regret having to bother you with such things, but I needed to know your view on this matter.  
Thanks.

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**From:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2006 9:10 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Oblate group meeting

Hello — thank you for this information. I have not given permission to Allen to attend these meetings. In fact, I was very explicit in the conversation I had with him after the last such event that this was not appropriate. I will speak to Allen immediately and let him know that he may not attend. I am sorry this occurred — I am sure that it was very upsetting to you and perhaps to the group that was gathered. Thank you for your prompt notice. John

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** Today's Oblate group meeting

Dear Abbot John,,

I must tell you that Allen Tarlton came to today's Collegetown (local) Oblate group meeting. I didn't invite him to this meeting. Have you given him permission to attend these meetings? My understanding was you had told him to avoid these meetings. I feel intimidated when he comes. If he comes again, I will leave the meeting. His presence is just too stressful for me. I hope you can remind him to refrain from participating in these Oblate group meetings.  
Peace,

*Need to meet with  
Allen Tarlton to  
get clear about  
J. Klassen*

Conversation with Alan Toulton

3-11-06

Presence at Oblate events with .....

• Work on communication / Decision-making -  
(e.g. Oblate tool)

• You cannot be present at Oblate gatherings  
unless present under your own name -  
otherwise you are inserting yourself into his life -  
You will set up the wrong word, Jimmy  
demands and our Oblates will suffer;  
our Oblate program will suffer -

purpose of  
• who was there for development

• Example of non-communication  
• ~~Jimmy~~ Claretian card - what is it?

• my Oblate addressed in July -  
Send Jimmy card to Allen

• He treats me as if I don't exist - ..

• ~~He~~ saying what he is ~~not~~ looking for a new assistant..

I suggested a meeting with

Allen Taitman

Robert John

Try to create a clear set of expectations -  
also to work away the kinks of other times

**Skudlarek, William**

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**From:** Tarlton, Allen

**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2006 11:03 AM

**To:** Klassen, John

**Abbot John,**

Sometime ago you suggested that Michael and I meet with \_\_\_\_\_ (and possibly \_\_\_\_\_ to examine our relationship and to determine if the relationship could be improved. I spoke to \_\_\_\_\_ this morning, and he was amenable to the proposal.

However, he indicated the best time for him for such a meeting is this week. He's returning to Japan around 20 May, and for the next two or three weeks he will be conducting workshops around the country.

How should we proceed?

Allen

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4/10/2006

**Abbot John Klassen's private account**

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**From:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2006 10:41 AM  
**To:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Subject:** facilitated meeting...

Hello Allen –

I wanted to get back to you last week but needed to e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ first, to inquire whether he is willing to be part of a facilitated conversation. I have sent this e-mail and will await his response. I do think that this is worthwhile doing because it can model for all of us, myself included, what we hope for in community life. As soon as I have a response from \_\_\_\_\_, I will have \_\_\_\_\_ schedule this conversation, if that is ok with you. John

OSB699

4/18/2006

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*Handwritten signature*

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10/14/06. Most work done - 40 minutes  
to find a way to measure safety, then done - yes

Do not mention 3 pages in this case to  
other people - needs to be confidential.

Just the papers for 2 weeks - if ok  
we purchase & it will install -

People to know: in around Chester's office  
the party

Therapy - to present to the board and the board  
to discuss what you are

about the computer check

Alan mentioned that to have a new computer on a low  
just it is slow in coming. I told him that it would  
take some to delay. We installed it of course  
until the new computer came in place.

People with the computer check the computer check  
is not so. If he was looking up against the computer  
included or storage protection, and he is checked,  
it is a felony - jail time. I told him that there  
has been some work on it, but it is not done  
is very slow on the computer, and it is not done  
and it is not done - the time is slow -

Allen asked to attend

to random checks.

I asked Allen why previous system had broken down. He said that Ron knew he was having difficulty with form set but that Allen would come to Ron with it himself and take responsibility for his behavior. I told Allen that's a problematic view - Ron needs to give Allen a boost in his journey.

I asked Allen if he had his medication adjusted. He said that he had been taking 20mg of Zoloft and another medication.

I asked Allen if it would be possible for me to pay to meet with his therapist in the near future to talk about some plan for your future. I will e-mail me time so that we can meet together.

• pornography

• marijuana use

• community prayer - (exp room, lunch & etc)

• Am. church to be strong

• noon - virtually absent

• evening - some time

• spiritual - virtually always absent

Cyber Patrol - home or small business

Cyber Patrol Conversation with J

10-3-06

Personal protection 30 min  
remote monitoring of use of websites  
need to get a fund!

As we progress, user's will be - other options may be  
made available - available

All Internet

is now personal or self \$40

throughout categorized the website

check - good as well

- to read - not allowable content

- review

every website is tracked - tagged

remotely managed -

letter copy of every IP

① I will purchase with credit card so  
that the purchase is not tracked

② Will try this out for 2 weeks &  
make sure it is usable as it claims

③ Will clean AT's computer of install -  
give a direct readout of every website that  
AT goes to & will parent names.

④ Need to talk to AT to keep  
undercover.

⑤ If this does not work, AT will be all OSBATA

**Abbot John Klassen's private account**

**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2006 10:51 AM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** software

Abbot John,

I have tested and reviewed the CyberPatrol Product that I talked with you about when we met October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It looks like the software will work. I have been working off a 14 day trial version.

In order for me to install the software, I need for you to purchase a license. Without a license the software can be shut off. Here is what you will need to do to purchase a license.

Go to <http://www.cyberpatrol.com>

Click on "How to Buy"

Click on "Buy 1 to 4"

Click on "Buy Now"

Use the email address of [pbenjek@csbsju.edu](mailto:pbenjek@csbsju.edu)

And password of bahamas

Choose the 12 or 24 month subscription and click on "Proceed with Purchase"

Go ahead and fill out any payment info using your Credit card info.

Once this is complete, they will possibly send you or me the license code needed to make the trial version an full version.

As soon as I get this license, I can install the software on his machine. ..

I hope the online registration works...

Thanks,

10/11/2006

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**Abbot John Klassen's private account**

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**From:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2006 10:48 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Software Install

Thank you much for your assistance in this matter. +John

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2006 10:44 AM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** Software Install

Abbot John,

Just a quick note to inform you that I installed the CyberPatrol product this morning on Allen Tarlton's workstation. He received a new PC yesterday and so I waited until the new workstation was in place before configuring the software. I set the Cyberpatrol software to its maximum setting for monitoring and blocking.

Thanks,

10/26/2006

OSB471

12-12-06

Allen, Tolson

The purpose of this meeting is to bring you to prove to  
St. Raphael Hall —

The reasons are for your health,  
in particular, the management of your diabetes

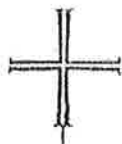
Your ability to handle your weight —  
Diet

1. Also capability of Regular interaction with  
R.H. Staff and Monks —

There is a ~~good~~ problem — ~~I don't know~~  
I don't think the complaints that are being  
made are ~~of~~ —

This week — when we can arrange it —  
1992 → 2006 24 years of sobriety —

If you wish to process this request with Steve,  
Vincent, and Alice Day, that would be helpful.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

Office of the Abbot

January 18, 2007

Prior Raymond Pedrizetti, OSB  
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Prior Ray:

I am writing this letter to bring you up to date in a formal way regarding Father Allen Tarlton and the problem of internet pornography.

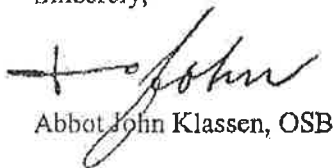
In early November Allen got a new computer and the blocking software program was installed immediately. This software allows the IT person to track which websites Allen is visiting. I have also asked this individual, with Allen's consent, to check Allen's harddrive and other systems on a random basis. I have been clear with Allen that if these steps are ineffective, we will disconnect his computer from the Internet.

I followed up on Steve Sawyer's suggestion and held a joint one-hour meeting with Allen and his therapist on October 19. We discussed the past, current, and future goals of the therapy and also a change in Allen's medication for depression.

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Father Allen Tarlton told me that he had requested IT to completely block his access to the Internet. His temptations to access pornography were so strong that he felt he needed to take this step to protect himself and the abbey.

Please put this letter in the file with Allen's safety plan. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Abbot John Klassen, OSB

Skudlarek, William

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From: Tarlton, Allen  
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2007 8:09 AM  
To: Klassen, John

Abbot John,

Query: As you know, I formed a blog for the group that met at the ABA meeting in August. We don't have a contact person for the group, and the new president, is asking for the name of such a person. Could I volunteer to be the contact person?

at

*yes but Allen needs to get back to  
me on access issues —  
e.g. Intranet access —  
2-13-07*



**Skudlarek, William**

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**From:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2007 3:06 PM  
**To:** Klassen, John

Abbot John,

I can access the blog only on the internet. However, Richard Oliver will work with me on the blog, so I don't have to go on the internet. I accepted the position of contact person.

Allen

Allen Jackson  
4-27-07

① Return to the Internet  
Application -

① How do you use software to  
17 1/2 page program

① Pornography ~~is~~ is ~~not~~ not ~~allowed~~ allowed

① ~~When~~ When ~~sampled~~, ~~some~~ some ~~have~~ have ~~been~~ been ~~found~~ found ~~in~~ in ~~the~~ the ~~past~~ past ~~few~~ few ~~years~~ years.

① Direct - Listening to music  
reading and journal, praying the word

① Special at deacon meeting  
working relationships between Michael R

②

i. MF - college starts

ii. Deacon board members

iii. Worship board

System - what is function

how do we do it

Deacon Plan - if they wrote them

① working on the state program

Sequential booklet - History of State  
WGA

Group at California Plant

Spain

Call Wed Angie

Give you information →

yes credit card

possibility of a trip to Sudan

brother might go along -

• AT will go back on the Internet  
Given the progress he articulated

• Vred him & over communicate with UK

• I promised to follow Howard's decision  
by June 7 vis-à-vis DL's statement  
to AT last December

• AT will speculate to UK about a possible  
trip to Sudan - identify goals -

I said to Helen that this was not off  
the screen - use figures of speech

• AT told me about an incident -  
Anthony Puff comment -  
"he is Ben Glaser Shogou."

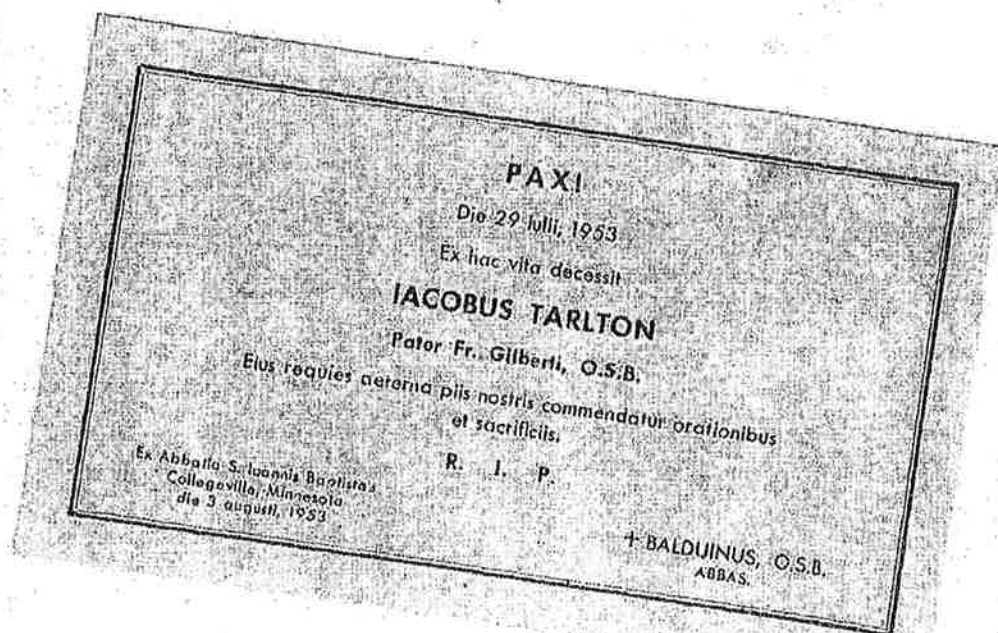
When AT asked to UK about this, he  
blamed it on miscommunication. Gied he  
had made a similar suggestive comment  
in Rome

Klingeman, David

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**From:** Tartton, Allen  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 17, 2007 1:13 PM  
**To:** Klingeman, David

David,



**Skudlarek, William**

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From: Tarlton, Allen  
Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2007 12:57 PM  
To: Klassen, John

Abbot John,

From October 5 – 8, I will visit \_\_\_\_\_ and his wife \_\_\_\_\_ their home in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is a former student of mine.

Address:

Phone:

Allen

**Abbot John Klassen's private account**

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**From:** Andert, Tom  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2007 8:33 AM  
**To:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Cc:** Andert, Tom; Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** RE:

Sounds good. Thanks for checking in and letting me know about your travels.

Tom

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**From:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2007 8:14 AM  
**To:** Andert, Tom  
**Subject:**

Tom,

Two upcoming trips:

Visit former Prep student:

Visit former Prep student:

Abbot John has given permission to leave country; has contact info

Allen T

9 February 2008

Abbot John,

After talking with \_\_\_\_\_ my spiritual director,  
I have decided to renew my commitment to the  
following monastic exercises:

- 1) attendance at daily Eucharist;
- 2) daily attendance at Morning and Evening Prayer;
- 3) daily attendance at lunch and supper;
- 4) daily half hour of lectio divina before Morning Prayer.

I ask your blessing on these resolutions and also  
your prayers for me.

In Christ,



Allen Tarlton

Allen Taylor

2-12-08

- continued isolation and interpersonal contact
- o limited social support
- o wants to stop his internet pornography use "on his own"  
He is not afraid of getting caught
- o did not stay off internet sites
- o did not attend study groups
- o did not get to evening prayer
- o that was notable to his emotional life.

1. Needs to get off the internet for 6 months & deal with this reality in therapy
2. Needs to have his medication / type / level of Depression Monitored.

30 Staring at radiator, sitting on my bed, non-productive domination, sitting in the dark, all alone, watching TV.

Approached to rainy days or melancholic weather in general — I! Pensevos

36 - When you get up in the morning, get off the bed, say a prayer of thanks for a new day — shave, shower — do teeth — come to supper each evening & evening prayer

o Special to therapist regarding emotional state & impact of internet porn pornography.

o More to Raphael Hall until your depression is fully lifted —



## Abbot John Klassen's private account

**From:** Hauser, Nathanael  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2008 1:35 PM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account; Andert, Tom  
**Subject:** The Record

**Importance:** High

Dear Father Abbot John and Prior Tom,

I am very disturbed to see in the current copy of The Record that one of the monks on restriction has violated the Essential Norms by publicly representing himself as a Priest.

The article seems to me to be an attempt for the individual to come into contact with students, which would put minors at risk.

May I ask whether we are following the Essential Norms, and, if so, how this will be prevented in the future?

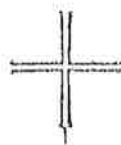
Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons

Approved by the Congregation for Bishops, December 8, 2002

When even a single act of sexual abuse by a priest or deacon is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accord with canon law, the offending priest or deacon will be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants (CIC, c. 1395 §2; CCEO, c. 1453 §1).<sup>4</sup>

2. If the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state has not been applied (e.g., for reasons of advanced age or infirmity), the offender ought to lead a life of prayer and penance. He will not be permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to administer the sacraments. He is to be instructed not to wear clerical garb, or to present himself publicly as a priest.

With thanks for you attention,  
Nathnael Hauser, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

Office of the Abbot

February 27, 2008

Father Allen Tarlton, OSB  
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Allen:

This is a follow-up letter to you, recapitulating our conversation in relationship to your resolutions for Lent, and more specifically in relationship to the review of your Safety Plan.

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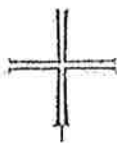
Allen, I really want your life to be better, to be happier, to be more satisfying. I know that there are no easy ways to this kind of internal peacefulness, but I want to assure you that I will be walking with you, to support and encourage you.

Blessings and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Abbat John Klassen, OSB

cc: Prior Tom Andert, OSB



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

Office of the Abbot

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March 28, 2008

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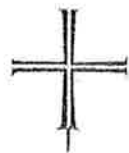
**Confidential**

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*Abbot John Klassen, OSB*  
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Allen Tully

suspend your account  
immediately.

Praxisium Privacy Service was ~~the~~ concerned  
that you wanted to solve this in any way.  
Staff concerned that we have to take this step  
so that we know what we are talking about.

I had a one-half hour conversation with Allen -  
he pushed back very hard - He believes truly that  
he can handle additional Internet porn - he spoke  
to Steve Vincent this afternoon - he has been using  
the Web for a week now and has not used porn.  
He is trying me on another claim -

well, to do random checks, as  
well as secrecy of his home drive at random.  
Allen never downloads porn but there are that  
many websites he goes -

Allen explained partly me - I told him that  
when I return from home we need to have a  
form - very conversation between Steve Vincent,  
Steve Swager, AT & myself -

That this should be a secret deal between  
AT & me because the stakes are so high.  
AT has no imagination of what could happen  
to him & to us if he were caught on PBT  
3 ring! -



Conversation with Allen Jackson  
4/17/08

Allen said he would call,  
but to be taken by the Internet — He was  
really mad — So he is — end of his  
game

\* I should e-mail him, & ask that  
Allen's account be closed

## **Abbot John Klassen's private account**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 9:46 AM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** RE: Confidential -- Internet use for AT

Abbot John,

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> I re-configured his workstation to no longer have internet.

Back on February 26th, Allen Tarlton called me and asked to be taken completely off the internet and requested for up to 6 months.

Shortly thereafter, he placed a call to the helpdesk requesting his workstation be reimaged. Unknown to me, his workstation was reimaged on March 24<sup>th</sup>; removing the blocking software (CyberPatrol) and policies I had in place; and allowing him full access to the internet.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Tom Andert called me informing me that Allen was still getting access to the internet. I went and visited his machine and found that it was reimaged and all of the software was removed.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, I reinstalled the Cyberpatrol software and configured it for no internet access. I also setup a processes to alert me whenever Allen calls the helpdesk with a problem so I am aware of all his calls in case it requires a fix that would remove or change the Cyberpatrol product.

Today, I will pay a visit to his workstation to insure that the product is still installed and all internet activity is being blocked. I will send you a follow-up email later today.

Thanks,

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**From:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 1:43 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Confidential -- Internet use for AT

I am writing this note to ask you to make sure that Allen Tarlton no longer has access to the Internet. I am taking this action to protect him and the institution against possible consequences of inappropriate use. Allen told me that he would ask you to discontinue he service and I am following up to make sure that happened. Thanks for your assistance.  
+John

## Abbot John Klassen's private account

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**From:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 4:26 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Andert, Tom  
**Subject:** RE: Local Oblate meeting today

I am sorry this happened. Your understanding of our agreement with Allen is correct, that he is a man behind the scenes who handles clerical work but is not present at oblate functions like this one. It is a form of public ministry and he knows it. But there is in each one of our men a resistance to this hard fact. And that is what you were seeing in this situation. Of course, Allen knows that he is putting you in a very difficult situation, that there is virtually no graceful way in which to respond to this situation without making a "scene," above all, without dividing the oblates into those who side with Allen and those who are uncomfortable.

I will mention this to Prior Tom as supervisor and we will work together to clarify this situation so that it doesn't occur again. I will make you aware of our conversation, and we can talk through how best to intervene if Allen pulls this stunt again. I am copying Tom so that we are all in this loop together.

Peace and blessings on your head, John

**From:** I  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 4:17 PM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** Local Oblate meeting today

Dear Abbot John,

I have been wrestling with myself about sending you this communication, but I think I need to. Allen Tarlton came to our local Oblate group lunch and meeting today at the Guesthouse. He responded to an invitation sent out to local Oblates by \_\_\_\_\_ who has been reminding members about these meetings. I am wondering if you gave Allen permission to participate in this meeting and future ones. I understood that you had told him that he should not participate in these meetings. I have considered them a form of public ministry from which Allen is restricted. I felt terribly uncomfortable with his presence there this afternoon, as did at least one of the Oblates present. Also, Allen gave a somewhat long monologue that did not serve the discussion well and seemed confusing to me (and others, I think). All of this has given me a severe headache that I can't shake. I would prefer that Allen not come to these local Oblate group meetings, but of course I defer to your judgment. I'm not sure I can go if he is there. I am willing to discuss this matter with you if you desire.

Liturgy Director & Oblate Director  
Saint John's Abbey

Allen Talbot

5-5-09

Your health -  
blood sugar  
diet

sores/skin issues  
both noon that is right  
glucose

costs - \$5,000 - 7000

When will you move to Lopham Hall?

W  
R  
F  
it is not that

Dec 4, 1927  
— 82 in December

Allen will move next week - he has come to  
the realization that he needs to do this for his  
h.o.s.

williamson

Allen then came to me by word of mouth if  
he could get back on the Internet -  
I said no - I he was shocked - he  
accused me of being dishonest - I said  
that no, when I started writing,  
I had learned a lot over the past  
year about his addition - I see  
the danger to him - I offered to have a  
conversation with Steve Sawyer, Steve Vincent &  
him & me to talk about the issues

I realize now that Allan had hooked me  
with his organizing game - within the  
month he would be heading from again.

• Hours really tipped with me - I need to  
go to Henderson to take counsel in flight.

## Meeting with Allan Toulton (Secretariat)

- ✓ ① Evolution of medication for depression - time frame
- ✓ ② Steps with computer technology to block - status  
minimize the possibility of the ascending phenomenon
- ✓ ③ Isolation - support, prayer, recreation
- ✓ ④ Stigmatization - isolate, relationship with MK

✓ John

about Allen's computer

Steve will send me a letter

→ we are meeting. Etc. (2-3 weeks)

2 July 2009

Abbot John,

For approximately a year, I have not had access to the Internet. You indicated that I would be restricted until January 2009. However, when I reminded you in June 2009 of your restriction, you indicated the restriction would remain permanently. You insisted that you did not feel you could lift the restriction. You did not allow any discussion of your decision.

I can understand your reluctance to lift the ban, but I would like to be given the chance to prove I can have access to the Internet, at least with restrictions. One of our monks, \_\_\_\_\_ is under restriction. But he does have limited access to the Internet. He follows a program that allows him to have access to certain websites that are useful to his work or that he finds useful or of interest—websites that are not pornographic. Moreover, his computer is monitored by another person, and this person determines which websites \_\_\_\_\_ can access. I would like to follow this program with the same monitoring system.

Abbot John, I have more interest in the Internet than just in pornography. There are so many more programs that I want to access. I have been a teacher for many years, and have a strong interest in so many different topics. I have been deprived of the active ministry, access to so many interests that are available to me on the Internet are closed to me. I have a strong interest in the intellectual life, in the spiritual life (in spite of appearances to the contrary), in a variety of social issues. I cannot access even websites relating to issues on our own campus.

Abbot John, I'm requesting the chance to have limited access to the Internet as described above.

Peace,

Allen Tarlton

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Abbot John Klassen's private account

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**From:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2009 10:44 AM  
**To:** 'Steve Sawyer'  
**Cc:** Andert, Tom  
**Subject:** request from Allen T

**Contacts:** Sawyer, Steve

Hello Steve,

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**From:** Steve Sawyer  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2009 1:19 PM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Cc:** Andert, Tom  
**Subject:** RE: request from Allen T

Hello John,

From my knowledge, the state of the technology is this -- you have the same basic 4 choices (nothing new here, we have discussed these options)

- 1 - Allen is not allowed any internet access
- 2 - Allen is allowed internet access with regular monitoring of his computer
- 3 - Allen is allowed internet access with some version of the "blocking/filtering" software you have tried
- 4 - Allen has internet access with filter/blocking software and regular monitoring

I am not sure what software you have used but I have assumed your technology folks found the best blocking/filtering software available.

I know that some Corrections departments use software that allows real time monitoring/surveillance, I could get the names of those programs if you would like, but some form of monitoring by another person is still required.

Regarding the question in general, in the end, it seems to me that you have been down this road and you have given Allen ample opportunity to demonstrate his commitment to use the internet according to your guidelines.

I might offer another option -- allow access with the same filters and monitoring you set up last year and give him a 30 day trial to see if he can manage his behavior. If not, then no software will solve the problem (allowing us to sleep peacefully at night!).

I will check with some folks who know about the most recent software options.

Steve

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**From:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2009 10:24 AM  
**To:** 'Steve Sawyer'  
**Subject:** RE: internet software

Thank you Steve, for your response and for following up with the software recommendations. Tom was in touch with our software guy who deals with this issue. I believe that we are going to go the route of specifying sites that AT can go to and ban the rest, test it for a finite period of time, and move from there. I think that this is a way to be accountable and allow room for growth in AT. Thanks again. John

**From:** Steve Sawyer [mailto:ssawyer@projectpathfinder.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2009 9:30 AM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** internet software

John,

Here are some software recommendations from folks I know in the field who do some form of monitoring.

If your technology folks need more information I can connect them with our tech support people.

Steve

Eblaster

<http://www.spectorsoft.com/products/eBlaster Windows/>

Inexpensive filter that can be setup per user or for the complete site. We use it for two IVDesk customers.  
[www.xobe.com](http://www.xobe.com)

Wise Choice.net is another service focusing on Families and addition assistance. Very inexpensive as well.  
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"For personal home use I would recommend NetNanny -- There are also several good monitoring programs - Covenant Eyes - Also filtered ISPs work well."

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

Office of the Abbot

July 27, 2009

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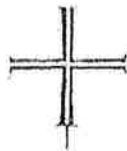
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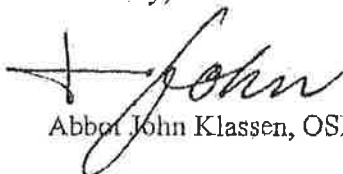
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**Oliver, Richard**

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**From:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009 5:42 PM  
**To:** Klassen, John

Abbot John,

I will continue to remain off the Internet.

at

**Oliver, Richard**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009 5:42 PM  
**To:** Klassen, John

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Senna, Aelred

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From: Tarlton, Allen  
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 10:08 AM  
To: Klassen, John  
Cc: Andert, Tom

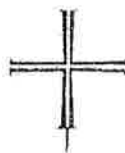
Abbot John,

As I mentioned earlier, I shall continue to remain off the Internet.

Therefore, since St John's Abbey has obtained certification from Presidium Religious Services, and I have continued to remain off the Internet, and I have discussed the issue with Dr Vincent, I don't think it's necessary to remain involved with Presidium and , therefore, withdraw from the program as of today. Doctor Vincent approved of my decision when I met with him on Thursday, 6 August.

Allen Tarlton





SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

Office of the Abbot

October 9, 2009

Father Allen Tarlton, OSB  
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Allen:

I am responding to your e-mail (August 10, 2009) regarding "remaining involved with Praesidium." As you may recall, the monastic chapter as a body overwhelmingly supported our community being accredited by Praesidium Religious Services. This accreditation is the result of years of collaborative work between Praesidium Religious Services and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men. It is the way in which religious communities of men such as ours carry out the canonical requirements of Norms and Charter adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Allen, we use this accreditation process as a way to demonstrate accountability to the larger world. Our work with Steve Sawyer and Project Pathfinder provides us professional guidance in the development of Safety Plans that are grounded in your hard work each day. I am grateful to you for all that you have done to work with Steve Sawyer in the past. The bottom line is this: if we don't continue on this pathway, not even our friends, those who love and trust us, will continue to support us. And our enemies (and believe me, we have them) will rejoice at our downfall.

Allen, I repeat the offer I made in an earlier letter. You have been off the internet for 18 months. I am willing to grant permission for you to be on the internet for a one month period. We will not go with filters this time because they are too easily defeated. *Rather, you need to specify exactly those websites that you wish to use. You will have access to these and only these.* If you need assistance in locating the URLs of such websites that are of help to you in your desire to do pastoral ministry, I am happy to work with you to make this happen. After one month we will review where you have been on Internet and how it is working.

I hope that this letter of clarification is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Abbot John Klassen, OSB

cc: Prior Tom Andert, OSB

Jonna, Aelred

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From: Tarlton, Allen  
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 11:51 AM  
To: Klassen, John

Abbot John,

I greatly appreciate the supportive tone of your letter (9 October 2009). The letter sent prior to your last letter seemed written in anger and with a sense of vindictiveness, especially when you added that in the future I would need to go through [redacted] access even the Help Desk. Try as I may, I couldn't see the Help Desk as being toxic for me. In frustration and something akin to fury and helplessness, I said, "F---k It! I'll get off the Internet permanently, drop out of the Presidium Project, and not be bothered with Abbey superiors, self-help programs, bishops' legislations, and the whole screwed-up mess! It was a no-win situation. And then the Prior called me in for the monthly review session. It was a Kodiatic /grace-filled/epiphanatic moment!

The Prior was relaxed, friendly, humorous, gentle, firm. He made comments that were logical, more or less reasonable, a few ominous. For example, he stated matter-of-factly that neither the Abbot nor Michael Kwatera was going to change their position. He remarked that one monk had threatened to drop from the Presidium Project, but changed his mind when the Abbot said that if he did, he would be invited to leave the community. (I didn't know whether the Prior was yanking my scapular or speaking the gospel. I only know that I wasn't ballsy enough to challenge him.) He confirmed that he was satisfied that I was keeping my safety plan. He spoke very positively to me and made me feel good about myself.

He explained that the Abbot was concerned that some students working at the Help Desk has been instrumental in aiding monks have access to Internet porn; that was the reason he had asked me to use [redacted] to access the Help Desk. He further reminded me that by St John's being certified by the Presidium Project, the Abbey was attesting that those monks who had been publicly accused of sexual abuse and found guilty were under abbatial restrictions.

Therefore, they were not at liberty to freely drop out of the program.

Abbot John, the Prior has been very helpful to me and I thank both you and him.

Have a gentle day.

Allen

## Abbot John Klassen's private account

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**From:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2009 1:50 PM  
**To:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Subject:** an explanation...

Hello Allen –

Thank you for your e-mail of October 13. Let me explain the request regarding your going only through either the Prior or [redacted] because [redacted] is working with the issue of filters and other technology related to pornography. The whole purpose of my request to you is to protect your confidentiality and that of the abbey. If you call the Help Desk, ask for assistance, and the individual remotely controls your computer, anything that is related to this issue is visible to them, including software.

And then because [redacted] is the individual's supervisor, he or she goes back to him and says, what is this all about?! And then [redacted] has to explain. And then depending on the discretion or lack thereof, other individuals in IT come to know about it. Do you see where I am going with all this? By going through [redacted] or the Prior, you maintain confidentiality on this issue. And we as a monastery don't blow [redacted] cover. He needs to stay below the radar to be effective with this work.

Anyway, these are the reasons for this request.

Abbot John

## Abbot John Klassen's private account

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**From:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2009 1:00 PM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** RE: an explanation...

Thanks, Abbot John, for the explanation. Even for contacting the Help Desk, I will go through Tom or

Allen

**From:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2009 1:50 PM  
**To:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Subject:** an explanation...

Hello Allen –

Thank you for your e-mail of October 13. Let me explain the request regarding your going only through either the Prior or \_\_\_\_\_ is because \_\_\_\_\_ is working with the issue of filters and other technology related to pornography. The whole purpose of my request to you is to protect your confidentiality and that of the abbey. If you call the Help Desk, ask for assistance, and the individual remotely controls your computer, anything that is related to this issue is visible to them, including software.

And then because \_\_\_\_\_ is the individual's supervisor, he or she goes back to him and says, what is this all about?! And then \_\_\_\_\_ has to explain. And then depending on the discretion or lack thereof, other individuals in IT come to know about it. Do you see where I am going with all this? By going through \_\_\_\_\_ or the Prior, you maintain confidentiality on this issue. And we as a monastery don't blow \_\_\_\_\_ cover. He needs to stay below the radar to be effective with this work.

Anyway, these are the reasons for this request.

Abbot John

**Senna, Aelred**

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**From:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 10:55 AM  
**To:** Klassen, John  
**Subject:** RE: Hi father

Abbot John,

is from Guinea, but now lives with his wife in Minnesota. On his first visit to SJA he was met by who gave him a tour and introduced him to Midday Prayer. Since then he has visit the Abbey a number of times and feels quite comfortable while he is here. He has spent several stays in the Guesthouse and met several monks.

After you have read the letter below, I will try to answer any questions you are sure to have.

Allen

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

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2010 9:04 PM  
**To:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Subject:** RE: Hi father

-Do you know how long god's test will take? it seems too long to me now.

Anyways; I didn't get back to you soon because I was working two jobs to save some money for the lowyer.

In my langage peace is lila.

Also I got a phone call from a priest of my home town, the bishop of my region in Guinea Mgr Balla Onivogui is in Europe right now and he's planing to go to Canada and eventually come into USA to meet your community.

Since they have all your documentations, he is interested getting some help from you.

Who from your community can send him an invitation letter to come in USA. He will need that to get a visa. He's plan is to be in Canada by the end of the month and here for two or three days.

I will call you tomorrow.

Regards.

## Abbot John Klassen's private account

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**From:** Tarlton, Allen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2010 3:18 PM  
**To:** Klassen, John; Andert, Tom;

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**Cc:** Andert, Tom  
**Subject:** RE:

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Tom

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Allen



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Allen

*3-23-10*  
*I gave AT a copy of websites that he might find about -*  
*.obb.org*  
*.Vatican*  
*.USCB*

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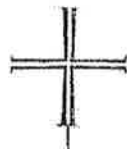
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**To:** Klassen, John; Andert, Tom;  
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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

Office of the Abbot

April 6, 2010

Father Allen Tarlton, OSB  
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Allen:

Five years ago we initiated work with Project Pathfinder in Saint Paul for the process of developing Safety Plans. Since then Mr. Steve Sawyer has been the stable, skilled working partner with you, me and the Abbey Review Board. As of January 1, 2010, Steve left the employ of Project Pathfinder and created his own consulting firm, Sawyer Solutions. In consultation with Prior Tom Andert and the review board, I made the decision to transfer our work to Sawyer Solutions, thus maintaining the working relationship with Steve.

One practical implication of this transfer is that we need to have a release signed by you to transfer the documentation from Project Pathfinder to Sawyer Solutions. Second, we need to have a release signed by you to allow the Safety Plans to come from Sawyer Solutions to me and the Abbey Review Board. I include the two releases, which have been reviewed by Mr. Bob Stich, with this letter, as enclosures. If you have any questions about these releases, please give Bob a call and talk it through.

I believe that more regular contact between Steve and each of the men with a Safety Plan would be helpful in making adjustments and creating greater understanding. As a result I have asked Steve Sawyer to be the supervisor, with Prior Tom acting as superior and pastoral presence and meeting with you on a quarterly basis. I think that this will be a fruitful way to approach this work. Steve will be contacting you to schedule a meeting for sometime in April.

Sincerely,

Abbot John Klassen, OSB

Enclosures: Authorization for Release or Disclosure of Private and Confidential Data  
Request/Authorization to Release Confidential Records and Information

cc: Prior Tom Andert, OSB  
Mr. Steve Sawyer

Senna, Aelred

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From: Tarlton, Allen  
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 3:58 PM  
To: Klassen, John

Abbot John,

I was baited into a conversation with [redacted] in the Lunch Room this morning that could have some serious consequences in the future. Several people witnessed the encounter. I tried to eat breakfast, read a magazine, and avoid speaking to him. But finally I couldn't take any more from him, and lost my temper. You once told me not to speak to [redacted] because it would set him off. Well, I request that you do the same to [redacted]. I discovered a side of [redacted] that is decidedly dangerous, and I don't say this lightly. I don't see myself ever speaking to him again; but I can easily imagine him attempting to provoke me into a fight. I was so angry at him this morning, that I was tempted to throw something at his head. I just ask that you keep him away from me.

Allen T

## Abbot John Klassen's private account

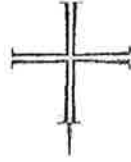
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 01, 2010 7:21 AM  
**To:** Andert, Tom  
**Cc:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** Allen Tarlton

Dear Prior Tom,

Greetings! I need to tell you about a confrontation I had with Allen Tarlton last evening right before the vigil of Sunday. I was sitting in the hospitality host's seat because I was scheduled for evening hospitality. Allen approached me and thumbed me out of that seat, telling me he was scheduled for hospitality. I pointed out the schedule to him with my name down for July 31 and August 1 (I have begun to attach the hospitality schedule to the Order of the Week sheet in the host's stall for this reason; Allen took my spot once before recently, as did [REDACTED]). Allen said he received a different schedule; I told him this was the schedule everyone received, and I asked him to honor it. He refused. Such disputes are not conducive to the spirit of prayer we desire, and so I left. If Allen cannot follow the schedule he receives, I don't think he should serve in this ministry. Please let me know what should be done about this. I do not understand why he should keep me from serving as I have been scheduled. I hope he is not trying to irk me, for I know he holds me in contempt (since he told me this in an email a couple of weeks ago). Thanks for your help.

Liturgy Director & Oblate Director  
Saint John's Abbey



SAINT JOHN'S  
ABBAY

March 8, 2011

Father Allen Tarlton, OSB  
Saint John's Abbey

Dear Allen:

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

## Abbot John Klassen's private account

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011 2:47 PM  
**To:** Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** FW: Fr. Allen Tarlton

Abbot John-

This is what I sent to Tom. I just spoke to the International Diabetes Center in the Twin Cities this afternoon regarding Allen. They told me that again, it is his choice and if he chooses to be non-compliant, we need to let him make those choices while trying to keep him safe. Wish I had a better answer!!

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2011 12:07 PM  
**To:** Andert, Tom  
**Subject:** RE: Fr. Allen Tarlton

Allen was dehydrated on Friday. He was not in need of an IV, but had been told multiple times earlier in the week that he needed to drink more and decrease his sugar intake or he wouldn't feel good. He did neither and when he almost passed out in the hall Friday after lunch, he told me he probably should have taken me seriously. Allen went back to his room and arrived shortly afterward. Afternoons are usually Allen's nap time, so that may have been the reason he was sleepy, but also because he did need to drink more fluids. I have spoken to Steve Vincent about changing Allen's appointments to all being out here so Allen can't do the candy run, but Steve and I always come back to the same principal- Allen is an adult- he has a right to make choice and I will continue to educate him in his choices, but ultimately, the choices are his own. I will continue to adjust Allen's diabetes medication (I have been upping it every 2 weeks for the past 6 weeks!!) and try to keep Allen in the best condition I can with his choices.

OK- now you translate this to !!!

Good Luck!!

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**From:** Andert, Tom  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2011 9:46 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Andert, Tom  
**Subject:** FW: Fr. Allen Tarlton

Anything I can tell him?

Thanks,  
Tom

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 16, 2011 6:07 PM  
**To:** Andert, Tom  
**Subject:** FW: Fr. Allen Tarlton

Hi Fr. Tom!

I sent the message below to Abbot John, but got a bounce-back, saying he would be out of the office until Tuesday. His automatic message suggested I contact you.

Funny Sunday evening!

**From:**

**Sent:** Sunday, October 16, 2011 6:00 PM

**Subject:** Fr. Allen Tarlton

Dear Fr. Abbot,

I spent Thursday night in the guest house (my daughter was experiencing a "discovery day" at the Prep School). I had promised to take Fr. Allen Tarlton out to lunch on Friday, but when I went to pick him up at St. Vincent's hall, I was shocked to see how he has deteriorated since I last saw him in August.

He was extremely dehydrated and couldn't get out of his chair. He couldn't even shake my hand, though he was certainly well aware of his surroundings and spoke clearly. I spent a little over two hours with him, and he never moved out from under his heavy blanket. I left when he simply seemed too tired to talk any more.

On my way back to the Prep School, I stopped by your office, but unfortunately you were not in the Abbey. I am very concerned that Fr. Allen is not receiving complete medical care. I felt that he should probably be hospitalized on an IV to restore his hydration. Also his blood sugar was extremely high.

Hope that I am not stepping on anybody's toes, but I thought you should know about how his condition has deteriorated in just two months time.

I hope that you have had a great weekend!



**Abbot John Klassen's private account**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 3:58 PM  
**To:** Leuthner, Benedict; Andert, Tom; Abbot John Klassen's private account  
**Subject:** Allen

Allen has 3 broken teeth that need to be repaired by an oral surgeon. Yesterday the broken appliance speared his tongue. Today he discussed with me that he doesn't feel comfortable going back to We are a very budget minded community, but I wanted to make sure it was ok with everyone if I sent him for a second opinion.

# StarTribune

## Suit claims St. John's Abbey knew of past abuse

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
July 19, 2012 - 11:12 PM

ST. CLOUD, MINN. - A former student sued St. John's Abbey for fraud on Thursday, alleging that the religious order knew one of its members had been accused of sexual abuse as early as 1958 yet let him continue teaching.

The lawsuit was filed in Stearns County by a former St. John's Prep student who claims he was sexually abused by the Rev. Allen Tarlton in the 1980s.

Tarlton was an English teacher at the school.

According to the St. Cloud Times, the lawsuit alleges at least three abbots knew of the allegations against Tarlton but put him teaching roles at St. John's Prep and at other locations in other states and the Bahamas.

A message left with the abbey was not returned to the Associated Press on Thursday.

In 2002, Tarlton was among more than a dozen priests in the abbey facing restrictions because of abuse allegations. In depositions for previous lawsuits, Tarlton has admitted to prior abuse.

Also in 2002, the abbey removed Tarlton from his position as director of the oblate program, which allows lay people to devote themselves to the Benedictine faith without taking vows or living in a religious community.

The lawsuit claims Tarlton was sent to psychiatric treatment and alcohol and sex offender treatment several times between 1980 and 1983.

Jeff Anderson, the attorney representing the plaintiff, known as John Doe LP, said the way the abbey moved Tarlton around shows an "adherence to the code of secrecy."

The lawsuit claims the abbey committed fraud by not telling students about Tarlton's history and instead holding out the abbey prep school and university as places where children would be safe from abuse.

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# Claim: Abbey knew of abuse

## Lawsuit filed on behalf of former St. John's Prep student

By David Litvak  
davidlitvak@sjnews.com

A lawsuit filed Thursday against St. John's Abbey accuses the religious order of knowing about sexual abuse allegations against a member of the

order as far back as 1958, yet letting him teach at St. John's until 1990.

The lawsuit alleges fraud by intentional nondisclosure and fraud by intentional misrepresentation, and it accuses the abbey of keeping what it

knew about the Rev. Allen Tarlton quiet.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of a former student at St. John's Prep, where Tarlton taught English. Identified in the lawsuit only as John Doe LP, the student was sexually abused by Tarlton in the early 1980s, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit alleges that at least three abbots

of St. John's Abbey knew Tarlton was an abuser, but kept putting him into teaching roles or didn't stop others from letting him teach at St. John's and in other U.S. and Bahamas locations.

According to the lawsuit, Tarlton was sent to psychiatric treatment several times for alcohol

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### Abuse

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and sex offender treatment between 1960 and 1980. The lawsuit accuses Tarlton of sexually abusing students over roughly 1980.

The abbey in April 2002 named Tarlton as one of more than a dozen priests in the abbey who faced reassignment or other measures and were punished because of allegations of sexual abuse against them. In court depositions for previous lawsuits, Tarlton has admitted he sexually abused students, but that year, as abbot of St. John's Prep, he refused to resign. The abuse program allows lay people to form a closer relationship with God by integrating prayer and work in society. Others don't take the program seriously, but they devote themselves to the maintenance of the predilectus faith.

The lawsuit accuses the abbey of knowing about Tarlton's predatory behavior toward children in the abbey's prep school. It accuses the abbey of covering up his behavior by transferring him to different schools in different states and countries.

That pattern of responses allows an abbot, one of the chief officers of St. John's Prep, to represent the abbey in court. Tarlton's history and the sex prep school and university as police, sphere of influence would be wide, as would be the damage.

The lawsuit accuses the man suing Tarlton didn't know about the alleged fraud being committed by the abbey until this year, when he met with him. Information about Tarlton and Tarlton's abuse history.

## Abbot John Klassen's private account

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**From:** Beach, Dennis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012 10:43 PM  
**To:** Andert, Tom; Abbot John Klassen's private account; Licarl, Jonathan  
**Cc:** Earls, JP  
**Subject:**

Mystery solved. Allen ordered some gifts for his brother and sister in law and shipped them to Cincinnati. His computer is not connecting to email correctly, and it looked like nothing was working on the order. I put the tracking numbers into the FedEx tracker on my phone and found one "Cheesecake party Wheel" had been delivered today and one order of "Mistletoe Christmas Cookies" will be delivered tomorrow or Friday. Someone must have helped him order using one of the common computers connected to the Internet. (Allen's apparently has email but no internet). Apparently when he said "trouble over the phone" he meant "computer," unless he ordered by phone and they sent him an email receipt.

Dennis

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**From:** Andert, Tom  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012 5:47 PM  
**To:** Beach, Dennis; Abbot John Klassen's private account; Licarl, Jonathan  
**Cc:** Andert, Tom

He's obviously wanting to reach out to you.....stop by and see what he wants. I do not want to minimize what he has associated with you.....if you need back up, call me.....Tom

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**From:** Beach, Dennis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012 5:06 PM  
**To:** Andert, Tom; Abbot John Klassen's private account; Licarl, Jonathan

Abbot John, Tom & Jonathan. This message is from Allen Tarleton. You might want to listen to it. The transcription below is useless. He says he's "in trouble over the telephone." No idea why he called me. I'll go by the Health Center and alert them.

Dennis

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012 3:31 PM  
**To:** Beach, Dennis

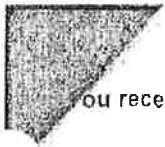
### Voice Mail Preview (confidence is low):

Dennis this is Ellen Johnson.

I'm -- in -- trouble over the trouble form -- to do a -- get so worker I will -- talk to you little R and meet with you -- give me a call a

Kate it's pretty fourth.

Created by Microsoft Speech Technology. [Learn More...](#)



You received a voice

Caller-Id:

Work:

E-mail:

## Abbot John Klassen's private account

From: Andert, Tom  
Sent: Monday, December 31, 2012 2:40 PM  
To: Abbot John Klassen's private account; Licari, Jonathan  
Cc: Andert, Tom  
Subject: poor prior

Abbot John & Jonathan,

I woke up sweating and sneezing this morning, so I immediately got meds and now I am trying to rest for the day. Hope to be at office and pizza party tonight. I would like to catch and stop this cold as fast as possible!

Just a couple notes: we had an incident with Tarleton in the HC last night. I had to go up there and literally force his medications into him; he was cursing and trying to punch the staff being totally belligerent, obnoxious, and non-compliant. I told them we would call security next time. So today is making arrangements to get him to Willmar for the same behavioral program we have used for others. He is just plain awful and our staff is in danger dealing with him. Just an FYI to expect that move very soon, hopefully this week.

Secondly, word on the street is that is having a major major meltdown. You might want to keep eyes and ears open....he has totally isolated himself in his room, no cooking, no office attendance, no joshing around....people are worried about him. I will try to get to him this week yet, but he may need a superior intervention before then.....

Thanks,  
Tom

## Abbot John Klassen's private account

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From:  
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 1:21 PM  
To:  
Subject: St. Cloud Times article 'Sauk Rapids man sues abbey, school, Benedictine order under new law'

<http://www.sctimes.com/article/20130605/NEWS01/306050037/Sauk-Rapids-man-sues-abbey-school-Benedictine-order-under-new-law>

### Sauk Rapids man sues abbey, school, Benedictine order under new law

Written by  
David Unze

A Sauk Rapids man is suing the Order of St. Benedict, St. John's Abbey, St. John's Prep School and a monk who lives at the abbey for sexual abuse he said he suffered in 1977.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday by Troy Bramlage is the direct result of a law passed by the 2013 Legislature that lifted a six-year civil statute of limitations for victims of childhood sexual abuse.

The new law gives victims older than 24 three years to sue for past abuse and anyone younger than 18 an unlimited time to file lawsuits regarding childhood sexual abuse. Previous lawsuits of this nature routinely have been dismissed by district courts as being filed too far after the old statute of limitations had expired.

Bramlage is at least the fifth person to sue the Rev. Allen Tarlton, accusing him of sexual abuse. The other lawsuits either were settled or were dismissed on statute of limitations grounds.

Bramlage said Wednesday that a central motivation for his lawsuit is so others who were afraid to speak about the abuse or unsure their case could be heard in court will know that there is an avenue for them now.

"I want kids to know that if they've been molested by priests, that they can come forward, and they need to get help," he said. "If one person, one kid, comes out and gets help, then this will have been worth it."

The abuse alleged by Bramlage happened when he was 14 and attending the Prep School, he said. It caused him to have great swings in the stability of his life, he said, and still causes him to harbor guilt that not telling someone at the time caused others to be abused later by Tarlton.

Bramlage was joined at a press conference Wednesday in Waite Park by noted clergy sex abuse attorney Jeff Anderson and St. Cloud-area personal injury attorney Michael Bryant.

Anderson reiterated a claim he has made in previous lawsuits against Tarlton, that the abbey knew of his proclivities to offend against young boys as far back at the 1950s and repeatedly allowed him to have access to children, including teaching at St. John's until 1990.

Both Bryant and Anderson stressed that they wanted St. John's Abbey to release an updated list of known offenders so other victims can get the help they need. Anderson said he believes the lists of offenders that the abbey has released in the past are now incomplete.

Tarlton was sent to psychiatric facilities several times for alcohol and sex offender treatment between 1960 and 1983, according to Anderson.

The abbey in April 2002 named Tarlton as one of more than a dozen priests in the abbey who faced restrictions on their movements and work activities because of allegations of sexual abuse against them. In court depositions for previous lawsuits, Tarlton has admitted he sexually abused students.



**Update**  
5 July 2013

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Tarlton                              Allen

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4 December 1927

**Date of First Profession**      **Date of Final Profession**      **Date of Ordination**  
11 July 1949                      11 July 1952                      4 June 1955

**EDUCATION**

B.A.                      1952      St. John's University (Philosophy)

Ordination      1955      St. John's University (Divinity)

**ASSIGNMENTS**

English Teacher  
St. John's Prep School                      1953 – 1957

English Instructor  
St. John's University                      1957 – 1962

Missionary/English Teacher  
St. Augustine's College  
Nassau, Bahamas                      1962 – 1964

Pastoral Associate  
St. Mark's Church  
Cincinnati, Ohio                      1965 – 1969

English Teacher  
St. John's Prep School                      1973 – 1991

Drama Director  
St. John's Prep School                      1973 – 1991

Assistant Guest Master  
St. John's Abbey                      1994 – 2002

**ASSIGNMENTS**

Associate Oblate Director  
St. John's Abbey

1994 – 1996

Oblate Director  
St. John's Abbey

1996 – 2002

Oblate Program Supportive Role

July 1, 2002 – June 1, 2010

**NON- PAYROLL JOB**

Secretary of the Monastic Chapter  
St. John's Abbey

1979 – 1997

**INTERESTS OR HOBBIES**

Reading, Music, Studying History of English Monarchy, Writing Letters,  
Movies, Operas, African American History

**Update**  
5 July 2013

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**ASSIGNMENTS**

English Teacher  
St. John's Prep School                      1953 – 1957  
  
English Instructor  
St. John's University                      1957 – 1962  
  
Missionary/English Teacher  
St. Augustine's College  
Nassau, Bahamas                      1962 – 1964  
  
Pastoral Associate  
St. Mark's Church  
Cincinnati, Ohio                      1965 – 1969  
  
English Teacher  
St. John's Prep School                      1973 – 1991  
  
Drama Director  
St. John's Prep School                      1973 – 1991  
  
Assistant Guest Master  
St. John's Abbey                      1994 – 2002

**ASSIGNMENTS**

Associate Oblate Director

St. John's Abbey

1994 – 1996

Oblate Director

St. John's Abbey

1996 – 2002

Oblate Program Supportive Role

July 1, 2002 – June 1, 2010

**NON- PAYROLL JOB**

Secretary of the Monastic Chapter

St. John's Abbey

1979 – 1997

**INTERESTS OR HOBBIES**

Reading, Music, Studying History of English Monarchy, Writing Letters,  
Movies, Operas, African American History