

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING RONALD ENGEL¹

5/28/77 – Ordained

5/27/77 Appointed Associate Pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Milwaukee, WI effective June 14, 1977. (8722)

6/14/77 – Associate Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Milwaukee, WI

1/7/83 Letter from Fr. Hornacek, Personnel Board, to Engel recommending that he transfer from current assignment in June 1983, even though the previously set term was until 1985. Policy adopted in 1980 that required that an associate pastor transfer after 6 years in his first or second assignment; however, the policy allowed every associate to set his first term from the date of the policy. (8841)

5/31/83 Appointed Pastoral Coordinator at Messmer High School, Milwaukee, WI effective June 21, 1983. (8840)

6/21/83 – Pastoral Coordinator, Messmer High School, Milwaukee, WI

5/14/84 Appointed Pastoral Team Member at St. Matthias Parish in Milwaukee, effective June 5, 1984. (8833)

6/5/84 – Pastoral Team Member, St. Matthias Parish, Milwaukee, WI

Mid 80s Engel approached at St. Matthias and advised not to have sleepovers. (8701)

2/20/84 Vicar Log Entry No. 177. Entry reflects that Engel's counselor was told about some of the concerns that have recently come to light from the Messmer High School faculty about Engel. Counselor said that the best thing to do is to move Engel back into parish ministry in the spring. (8761)

7/30/84 Periodic review resume for Engel says that he had a year's leave of absence after college because of a "conviction" that he needed to work on and have more experience in socializing skills. (8834-8838)

1/13/89 Vicar Log Entry No. 46. Sklba met with Engel to discuss some of the recent problems Engel is encountering. Engel has been surprised by the reaction of teachers and some parents to his method of work with junior high school students. Engel also wonders if he should apply for a pastorate or if there is a possibility of youth ministry in an inter-parish setting within the near future. (8760)

5/4/92 Appointed Pastor at St. Mary Parish in South Milwaukee, effective June 23, 1992. (8825)

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6/23/92 – Pastor, St. Mary Parish, South Milwaukee, WI

- 12/16/97 Vicar Log Entry No.106 - Notes that Engel requests a spiritual leave for 6 months. (8760)
- 3/8/99 Email from Engel to Fr. Hornacek regarding Engel's next assignment but also says that his mentor, Fr. Gene Merz, recommended Engel go to Southdown Center of Ontario to help deal w/and better integrate some personal issues. (8749)
- 4/28/99 Appointed Associate Pastor at St. Veronica Parish in Milwaukee, effective June 15, 1999. (8750)

6/15/99 – Associate Pastor, St. Veronica Parish, Milwaukee, WI

- 4/29/04 Handwritten notes describing Engel being met by 4 police officers with a search warrant for allegations of child porn. They searched his home and found that he visited subscription sites and adult gay sites. Notes also say that there were some overnights with youth and families in the late 70s/early 80s, and at times there were kids in rectory, mid 80s at St. Matthias he was approached and advised not to have sleepovers. (8701)
- 4/30/04 Precept signed by Dolan placing Engel on restrictions including: no contact with minors, cease all public ministry, cease any pastoral counseling. The reasons motivating the decree are allegations of sexual activity. (50339)
- 5/8/04 Letter from Dolan to Parishioners of St. Veronica saying that Engel was arrested for child pornography, he was placed on leave, and is fully restricted from ministry. Notes: "Engel has assured us that he has never had sexual contact w/minors and the investigation has not shown otherwise." (8782-8783)
- 5/28/04 Entry for Engel file reporting that Engel sent a young boy letters when he was at St. Matthias in the 1980s. (8698)
- 12/6/05 Deferred prosecution agreement and waiver of statute of limitations signed by an Assistant United States Attorney and counsel for Engel. (50381-50389)
- 02/06 Confidential Sexual Abuse Investigation by Robert F. Beyer. Engel admits to looking at nude photos of boys, but did not know it was illegal. Engel says he has not had unsupervised minor contact in 20 years. Engel said he approached then Weakland about attending the Southdown Institute to deal with his issues, but it never happened. (50368- 50378)
- 3/7/06 Memo documenting meeting between Dolan and Engel. Dolan informed Engel that the Review Board recommendation is he not be returned to active ministry. Dolan reminds Engel that using computer to view child porn is a violation of the Charter. Engel's options are to seek voluntary laicization, request a life of prayer and penance, which is usually reserved for the old and frail, or the Archdiocese will petition the CDF. (50400-50401)

- 9/7/10 Letter from Listecki to Engel saying he cannot return to ministry and requesting that Engel seek voluntary laicization. (50342)
- 9/14/10 Letter from Engel to Listecki saying he previously asked for a life of prayer and penance but no response was heard. He will not request voluntary laicization. (50397-50399)
- 3/14/11 Letter from Listecki to the CDF submitting Engel's case for consideration. (50344-50345)
- 4/9/11 Letter from CDF to Listecki saying that the CDF has reviewed Engel's file and requests that Listecki issue a decree and initiate a penal process. (50348)
- 5/17/11 Decree issued by Listecki, which opens a penal process. (50350)
- 9/30/11 Documents related to the penal process against Engel are forwarded to the CDF. (50338)

Due to his serious health concerns, a penal process was put in abeyance. He is fully restricted and is living a life of prayer and penance.