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Dear Rep. Cynthia Schaefer

I'm writing to thank you
for picking the state of
Minnesota from 3-10 yrs. and
the open window of 2 yrs for
CIVIL lawsuit.

I'm going to tell you I
am an adult victim/survivor of
Cath. Clergy abuse

I made my complaint to the
Targe diocese when Fr. Capula was
our bishop. It took 2 to 3 yrs

for them to send report back to me.
I was 1st of this same priest
abuse. 3 more Relig. Sisters in
Rapid City SD. This priest is
Dennis Gunkel OSB - (Benedictine)

Blue Cloud Abbey which is now
closed. He was my spiritual director
when he was at Fort Totten, ND at
Devon Deters Church.

No one has been in contact
with me from the diocese. Only
thing was I was told I could
go to Cath. Family Services for counseling

any things laid on in case.
I live in Devils Lake, at that
would be 200 miles to go. I never
did. Then I was thanked for
keeping the disease safe.
Seems like Quinlet was a
great in good standing, other were
couldn't get into the disease.
The Abbot in charge at Blue Cloud
thinks he knew Henry.
I was already in trouble by
sending complaint to the disease,
say it was the Abbot's secret and
mine, well it wasn't.
I never saw Dr. Ogden but when
he came here for meeting and I was
there, he looked at me and said "I know
who you are". He didn't say only say
my complaint. There was no
follow up. Yet I know other
women have been abused (page 3)
don't know who they're but others
as well. Women fear coming
forward, stigma!
18 months is not a long enough
investigation.

I am in Irish/Polish Cath.
Born and raised in Grand Forks.
Quints have been going on
Sabbaticals for treatment for abuse.
Then come back and move again.
Then you get a print on TV
saying he has nothing to feel guilty
about after abusing a child. This
Ja Martin was my teacher at James HS.
Grand Forks.

Other states have done you &
in investigating, ND is very behind in
tracking. Where Nations are in
have NO Restoration where people
aren't talking. They have to look
at this.

I am going to send my report I
received from Fargo discussing they
work.

I apologize for being kinda
assembled in my writing but had
to get this out to you.

Sincerely
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Dear Peggy,

I thank you for the concern that you have expressed to me regarding the suitability of Father Denis Quinkert, O.S.B., retired abbot of Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, South Dakota, to exercise priestly ministry. Your concern came to me through the written report of January 24, 2008, and papers that Father Dale Kinzler, your pastor, sent to me and through your own letter of March 19, 2008. I took your concern as genuine and serious because of your account of being touched inappropriately by Father Quinkert during spiritual direction while he was serving the parishes on the Fort Totten Indian Reservation in the Diocese of Fargo in the late seventies and early eighties.

I checked into the standing of Father Quinkert by questioning Abbot Thomas Hillenbrand, O.S.B., the present abbot of Blue Cloud Abbey, about the life and ministry of Father Quinkert. Abbot Hillenbrand told me that there was a period of time that Father Quinkert was struggling with celibacy, and that he acted inappropriately with women by breaking boundaries that he was obligated to uphold. After you reported the misconduct that you experienced to the Church in the Diocese of Fargo and the Diocese of Sioux Falls, Blue Cloud Abbey was informed and addressed Father Quinkert about his misconduct with women. In 1991, Father Quinkert participated in a sabbatical during which he received counseling and spiritual direction.

Abbot Hillenbrand told me that Father Quinkert has never been accused of sexual abuse against youth and children. Abbot Hillenbrand told me that Father Quinkert has never been accused of any other actions of touching women inappropriately at any other time during his priestly ministry than the period of time he was exercising ministry in Fort Totten which ended in 1982. Since 1983, he has served in parishes in Marty, Greenwood, Wagner, and Milbank, all in South Dakota. Abbot Hillenbrand has never received any report of misconduct regarding Father Quinkert from anyone from any of



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these parishes. Abbot Hillenbrand said that in the last parish where he served in Milbank that the people were very favorable toward Father Quinkert.

Abbot Hillenbrand has sent a letter of good standing to me testifying that Father Quinkert is a priest in good standing, and that he is suitable to exercise priestly ministry. This means that Father Quinkert presents no harm to women and anyone else in his ministry to the people. Father Quinkert was in good standing when he substituted at St. Aloysius Parish in Lisbon last year. It is the policy of the Diocese of Fargo that priests from outside the Diocese must have letters of good standing testifying to their fitness to exercise ministry before they are given permission to serve here.

Peggy, I thank you again for your concern that the members of our Church are safe, and that they be treated with dignity by our priests. I hope that this letter responding to your concern about Father Quinkert will put your mind at rest and give peace to your soul.

God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Dennis A. Skonseng

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Vicar General and Vicar for Clergy

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Abbot Thomas Hillenbrand, Abbot of Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, South Dakota
Rev. Dale H. Kinzler, Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Devils Lake, North Dakota

*I was one of 4 women
being religious Sister - what Blessed Sacrament
He is a Son Addit!*