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# Wisconsin Alcoholism & Drug Counselor Certification Board, Inc.

August 16, 1991

TO: Board of Directors

Wisconsin Alcoholism & Drug Counselor Certification Board, Inc

The Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Alcoholism & Drug Counselor Certification Board, Inc. (WADCCB) having results of the investigation into the alleged misconduct of James Mason on now makes the following:

#### Findings of Fact

- 1. James Mason admitted to sexual misconduct with clients during 1986 while the priest at the Roncalli Newman Center in Ladrosse.
- 2. An intervention was done by the Archbishop, and Father Mason placed himself in therapy at Servants of Paracle 6. Jenez Springs, MM.
- 3. Jay R. Feierman, M.D., Consultung reschiatrist, Servants of Paraclete states that "As a result of treatment, I believe that James Mason is <u>less likely</u> to engage in future sexual misconduct than another person who has never gone through such treatment."
- 4. The Servants of Paraclete refused the Wisconsin Alcoholism & Drug Counselor Certification Board, Inc. (WADCCB) access to James mason's client file after presentation of a duly authorized request from Mason.
- 5. Mr. Lester Brown, Mr. Mason's present supervisor, has submitted testimony to the appropriateness of Mr. Mason's present conduct with clients.

#### CONCLUSIONS

- 1. James Mason did perform acts of sexual misconduct during his pastoral counseling.
- 2. James Mason appears to have successfully completed treatment.

Therefore, James Mason did violate portions of the Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct as follows:



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#### RULES CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY

 b. A counselor shall not have a sexual relationship with a client at any stage in the client's treatment process, nor for one year following discharge from all elements of the treatment continuum.

#### DECISION

Based on the above findings and conclusions, James Mason may now continue in the WADCCB certification process.

The following condition is placed upon Mr. Mason: For a period of time beginning August 16, 1991 and ending on the late Mr. Mason has been certified for a period of two years, Mr. Mason will ask his emptyer/supervisor to submit to the Executive Committee a letter which describes the nature and extent of one-to-one client contact and a report on his professional conduct. These letters shall be submitted at 6 month intervals.

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Executive Committee

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