

## JOHN RICHARD FEITEN - TIMELINE



6/6/48 - Ordained

7/29/48 – Assistant Pastor, St. John’s Church, Rochester, MN (JF000094)

6/6/50 Letter from Bishop of Winona to Feiten appointing him Director of Catholic Charities and Business Manager of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, effective July 10, 1950. (JF000100)

7/10/50 – Director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Winona, and Business Manager, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, MN

4/14/51 – Vice President, Catholic Recreational Center of Winona, Winona, MN (JF000101)

8/19/53 – Director, Displaced Persons Program, Diocese of Winona, Winona, MN (JF000102)

10/24/57 Letter from the Bishop of Winona to Msgr. Feiten appointing him Administrator of the Church of the Most Precious Blood at LaMoille, effective November 4, 1957. (JF000105)

11/4/57 – Administrator, Church of the Most Precious Blood, La Moille, MN

11/4/59 Fitzgerald letter to Feiten appointing him to the Curial office of an approved Advocate and as Notary for the Diocesan Tribunal, and to be a Synodal Examiner. (JF000110)

1/23/60 Fitzgerald letter to Feiten appointing him as the official representative of the Diocese of Winona to the White House Conference in 1961. (JF000112)

9/24/62 Letter from Bishop of Winona to Feiten requesting he serve as Chaplain to the Children’s Home and provide daily mass, effective October 10, 1962. (JF000135)

10/10/62 – Chaplain, Children’s Home, Winona, MN

6/6/73 Letter from the Bishop of Winona to Feiten appointing him Pastor of St. Peter Parish, Hokah, MN, effective June 28, 1973. Also asked to continue as consultant with Catholic Charities. (JF000138)

6/28/73 – Pastor, St. Peter Parish, Hokah, MN

6/22/74 Letter from Feiten to Bishop Watters resigning as pastor of St. Peter, Hokah effective July 11, 1974 and accepting pastorate of St. Pius X Church, Rochester on July 11, 1974. (JF000143)

6/24/74 Letter from Bishop of Winona to Feiten appointing him pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Rochester, effective 7/11/74. (JF000144-145)

7/11/74 – Pastor, Parish of St. Pius X, Rochester, MN.

6/1/77 Bishop Watters letter to Feiten discussing the addition of an associate pastor at St. Pius due to the pastoral needs of the parishioners. (JF000149-150)

5/29/79 Watters letter to Feiten affirming the appointment of Al Gortner and apologizing to Feiten for how much he will miss [redacted]. This letter is in response to letter from Feiten that is missing from the file. (JF000151)

7/28/82 Letter from Bishop of Winona to Feiten appointing him Pastor of the Church of St. Felix, Wabasha, effective August 18, 1982. (JF000154)

7/31/82 Feiten resignation from St. Pius X, effective August 18, 1982 and acceptance of pastorate at St. Felix Church, Wabasha, effective 8/18/82. (JF000155)

8/18/82 – Pastor, Church of St. Felix, Wabasha, MN

3/1/83 Watters letter to Feiten appointing him the temporary administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Conception, and St. Joseph Parish, Theilman. (JF000158)

9/13/88 Feiten letter to Rev. Donald Schmitz resigning as Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Kellogg and St. Joseph Parish, Theilman, effective 10/1/88. (JF000162)

12/7/88 - Director of Pastoral Care, St. Elizabeth Hospital (Wabasha). (JF000164)

5/9/90 Letter from Bishop Vlazny to Feiten appointing him Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Hayfield, effective 6/29/90. (JF000165)

6/29/90 – Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Hayfield, MN

4/26/93 Letter from [redacted] to Vlazny regarding Feiten's health concerns. (JF000168)

10/5/93 Vlazny letter to Feiten appointing him for a 5-year term as member of newly created College of Consultors, effective 11/1/93. (JF000169)

11/1/93 – Member, College of Consultors

5/23/94 Letter from Vlazny to Feiten addressing Feiten's resignation from Sacred Heart as a result of an "aggravated visual impairment," and appointing him Chaplain of Saint Anne's Hospice, Winona, effective 6/29/94. (JF000172)

6/29/94 – Chaplain, St. Anne's Hospice, Winona, MN

4/17/2000 Memo from Bishop Bernard Harrington to Rev. Michael Hoepfner indicating that Feiten has agreed to resign. St. Anne's staff don't feel he's capable of celebrating Mass; they are afraid he will fall over and injure self and others. (JF000174)

6/17/2000 Letter from Feiten to Harrington resigning as Chaplain of St. Anne's Hospice and requesting Senior priest status in the Diocese of Winona. (JF000178)

6/19/2000 Harrington letter to Feiten accepting his resignation as Chaplain and granting his request to move to Senior Status retaining full faculties. (JF000176-178)

6/19/2000 – Retires

7/9/01 – Dies

Undated "Relay call" from survivor to the Diocese of Winona requesting information about Feiten's work at the Children's Home. The survivor is directed to file a formal abuse complaint or, due to the legal nature of the matter, have his attorney contact the Diocese's attorney, George Restovich. (JF000025)

Undated Formal allegation of abuse to Diocese of Winona. Writer states he was sexually abused by Feiten twice in 1969 at the Children's Home. Writer provides graphic detail of anal molestation. Writer details how the abuse has affected him and requests a monetary settlement. (JF000026-27)

7/30/02 E-mail from [Redacted] to Chancellor Michael Cronin indicating abuse by Feiten at the Children's Home. The survivor is curious about Feiten's whereabouts and what the Children's Home is being used for today. (JF000029)

7/30/02 Cronin e-mail to [Redacted] signaling that he will investigate the matter and should respond within a week. The original emailer's response indicated that he was curious how the Diocese would help. He is seeking closure and treatment at the expense of the Diocese. (JF000028)

7/31/02 E-mail from [redacted] to Cronin: "No response at all is about what I expected from the church." (JF000030)

- 8/1/02 Cronin e-mail to [Redacted] suggesting an in-person meeting to ascertain “the facts as you see them” so that there can be an appropriate investigation. (JF000031)
- 8/2/02 [Redacted] email to Cronin stating that his attorney ok’d a meeting with the Diocese but needs more information about what that meeting might entail before he makes and appointment. (JF000032)
- 8/10/02 [Redacted] e-mail to Cronin expressing frustration that the Diocese has not responded to his last inquiry. It bothers him that Diocese allowed the priest to abuse children and then does nothing about when caught. (JF000034)
- 8/12/02 Memo from Catholic Charities to P.J. Thompson, HR director, identifying the location and connection to the Children’s Home where the abuse occurred. The Catholic Charities operated at the location from 1962-1976. “In accord with statutory requirements,” case record files for children who resided there have been destroyed, unless the child was adopted. (JF000036)
- 8/16/02 [Redacted] email to Cronin wondering why the church is ignoring his inquiries. (JF000038)
- 8/16/02 Thompson e-mail to [Redacted] stating the Diocese does not process this type of information via email and that the matter must be handled by the respective legal representatives. (JF000037)
- 8/27/02 Restovich letter via e-mail to [Redacted] concerning the reported abuse by priest in Diocese of Winona while resident [Redacted] resided at the Children’s House. Restovich indicates that all future communications are to be directed to his office. The letter requests a detailed description of abuse in writing before an investigation into the matter can be conducted. (JF000039)
- 3/29/06 E-mail from [Redacted] to Thompson concerning abuse by Feiten. The survivor cannot remember specific dates but memories of the incidents are still vivid. The proper forms have been sent to the Diocese and the survivor is interested in setting up a meeting with the Bishop and the Executive Director of the Catholic Charities. Email response by Thompson states that a meeting will be conducted following a review of the documentation. (JF000043)
- 4/2/06 E-mail from [Redacted] to Thompson proposing a possible settlement free from legal hands and publicity, but only if “both of [Redacted] requirements for rectification of being raped by one your priests be met in full.” (JF000045)
- 4/5/06 E-mail from [Redacted] to Thompson seeking a face-to-face meeting and compensation that Diocese is not in control of. The email states, “My requests for rectifying the incident involving Father Feiten are so minute compared to his

actions of bending me over his desk and sticking his penis in my anus when I was (age redacted) old, that is why I made them.” (JF000047)