

JOSEPH CASHMAN - TIMELINE



5/31/60 – Ordained (JC000001)

5/31/60 Bishop letter to Cashman appointing him instructor at Cotter High School beginning 9/1 and assistant at the Cathedral in Winona effective 6/13. (JC000233)

6/13/60 – Assistant, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Winona, MN (JC000233; JC000001)

9/1/60 – Instructor, Cotter High School, Winona, MN (JC000233)

4/26/63 Bishop letter to Cashman assigning him to continue graduate studies at St. Mary's College while assisting at the Cathedral. (JC000237)

7/2/63 Bishop letter to Cashman transferring him from Cotter High School and the Cathedral Parish to be an instructor at Lourdes High School effective 8/20. Cashman will also assist at St. John's Church, but have residence at Lourdes rectory. Cashman will also serve as ordinary confessor to the Sisters of St. Francis at St. Francis School convent in Rochester, MN. (JC000238)

7/2/63 – Assisting at St. John's Church (JC000238)

8/20/63 – Instructor, Lourdes High School; Assistant, St. John's, Rochester, MN (JC000238; 000001)

1/13/64 Bishop letter to Cashman asking that due to Monsignor O'Day's death, Cashman assist at St. John's Parish on weekends and for morning mass. (JC000239)

1/13/64 – Assisting at St. John's Church (JC000239)

11/25/64 Bishop letter to Cashman asking him to accept the position of Executive Secretary of the School Board of the Catholic Schools of Caledonia with immediate charge

of St. Mary's grade school as well as Loretto High School, effective 11/30. Cashman will take up residence at St. John's with the position of assistant there, but his position will actually be Superintendent of St. Mary's and Loretto High School. Cashman will also have charge of St. Nicholas Church at Freeburg. (JC000240)

11/30/64 – Executive Secretary of the School Board of the Catholic Schools of Caledonia, MN; Superintendent of St. Mary's Grade School and Loretto High School; Charge of St. Nicholas Church at Freeburg (JC000240)

8/2/65 Bishop letter to Cashman asking him to serve as Deanery Moderator for the development of the Council of Catholic Men in the Caledonia deanery. (JC000241)

8/2/65 – Deanery Moderator for the development of the Council of Catholic Men in the Caledonia deanery (JC000241)

8/6/65 Bishop letter to Cashman asking him to serve as extraordinary confessor to the School Sisters of Notre Dame at Hokah beginning in September. (JC000242)

09/65 – Extraordinary Confessor, School Sisters of Notre Dame at Hokah (JC000242)

4/26/67 Bishop letter to Cashman asking him to serve as director of Loyola High School. (JC000243)

4/28/67 Bishop letter to Cashman appointing him director of Loyola High School effective 7/1, including the responsibility of the Superintendent-Principal of the Catholic School Board. Also appointed to have residence at Good Counsel Academy to provide for early morning mass. (JC000244)

7/1/67 – Director, Loyola High School, Mankato, MN; Administrator, Good Thunder; Residence at Good Counsel Academy (JC000244)

6/1/70 Bishop letter to Cashman appointing him Principal of Lourdes High School in Rochester effective 6/24. Also appointing him Administrator to the Parish of St. Margaret in Mantorville, effective 6/24. (JC000249)

6/24/70 – Principal, Lourdes High School, Rochester, MN; Administrator, Parish of St. Margaret, Mantorville, MN (JC000249)

2/9/77 Bishop letter to Cashman accepting his resignation from Lourdes High School effective 6/30. (JC000255)

5/10/77 Bishop letter to Cashman appointing him Pastor of the Church of St. John the Baptist in Mankato, MN effective 7/1. (JC000257)

7/1/77 – Pastor, Church of St. John the Baptist in Mankato, MN (JC000257)

3/12/77 Watters letter to Cashman expressing appreciation for going to Winona to talk with Fr. Brom and two other men. Watters will make every effort to appoint

Cashman to a parish that will benefit from his dedication to Catholic Education. (JC000256)

- 7/25/84 Letter to Watters discussing Cashman's serious drinking problem. Cashman received a DWI. (JC000031)
- 5/14/85 Bishop letter to Cashman appointing him Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Caledonia, MN, effective 7/2. (JC000259)

7/2/85 – Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Caledonia, MN (JC000259)

- 9/3/86 Watters letter to Cashman indicating that Cashman will go to Guest House for sobriety treatment. (JC000033)
- 10/27/86 Bishop letter to Guest House thanking them for their report on Cashman. (JC000036)
- 11/25/86 Richard Koehn, Executive director of Guest House letter to Rev. Mahon thanking him for the information regarding Cashman and noting it is important for Cashman to be confronted with the damage he caused to another human being. References a letter written by a survivor about the abuse. (Neither Mahon's letter to Guest House or the Survivor's Letter produced.) (JC000038)
- 12/2/86 Apostolic Administrator letter to Cashman indicating Cashman is finishing his program at Guest House. (JC 000042)
- Apostolic Administrator letter to Guest House indicating that Cashman will return to St. Mary's parish after he completes his program at Guest House. (JC000043)
- 12/23/86 Rev. Mahon letter to Watters indicating that someone had an unhealthy experience with Cashman and is struggling with chemical dependency. (JC000045)
- 1/25/91 Rev. Mahon memo to Vlazny indicating allegations of Cashman at a recent meeting centered on his inappropriate sexual behavior with high school students. Cashman had high school boys to his cabin and made aggressive attempts to put suntan lotion on them. He also approached two others while they are in the shower and attempted to touch them inappropriately. (JC000085)
- 12/18/91 Vlazny meets with survivor who says he was abused by Cashman when he was a high school student at Lourdes. Abuse happened weekly for 30 months, usually at Cashman's cabin. They did "everything" including sodomy. (JC000099-100)
- 12/20/91 Vlazny confronts Cashman, who admits misconduct but denies sodomy. (JC000101)
- Bishop Vlazny letter to Cashman confirming his conversation regarding allegations of sexual misconduct. Vlazny removes Cashman's faculties and indicates that Cashman will seek treatment at St. Luke's Institute. (JC000102-03)

- 12/23/91 Vlazny letter to Cashman prohibiting him from performing pastoral duties outside the Diocese of Winona. (JC000105)
- 1/10/92 Survivor letter to Vlazny indicating he was abused by Cashman. Survivor indicates that he spoke clearly and directly to Bishop Watters about the incident, but received only a thanks, which he took as thanking him for handling it quietly and without litigation. Survivor is angry that nothing was done except sending Cashman to alcohol treatment. (JC000110-13)
- 1/13/92 Vlazny letter to St. Luke's enclosing the survivor's letter who discussed the sexual abuse he experienced by Cashman. Asks that the letter be read to Cashman. (JC000114)
- Vlazny letter to survivor apologizing for Cashman's abusive behaviors. (JC000115)
- 1/17/92 Fr. McGrath memo to Vlazny regarding the canonical concerns of Cashman's acts. (JC000272-74)
- 1/20/92 Unsigned Decree that Cashman violated canon 977 and requesting Cashman's resignation from St. Mary's. (JC000286)
- 1/29/92 Rev. Mahon to Vlazny indicating that the Diocese will pay for a survivor's counseling out of discretionary funds. (JC000275)
- 1/30/92 Cashman letter to Vlazny resigning from St. Mary's Parish in Caledonia effective 1/30. (JC000276)
- 1/30/92 – Resignation from St. Mary's Parish, Caledonia, MN (JC000276)
- Undated Cashman letter to St. Mary's indicating that he is taking a leave of absence. (JC000195)
- 2/1/92 Rev. Mahon letter to Rev. Conway discussing Conway's agreement to monitor Cashman. Cashman not to have any contact with minors. (JC000277)
- 2/7/92 Rev. Mahon letter to Cashman that he will receive \$200 less salary while he is in treatment. (JC000124)
- 2/10/92 Vlazny letter to Cashman accepting his resignation from St. Mary's. (JC000278)
- 3/3/92 Vlazny letter to Cashman indicating that Cashman still in treatment at St. Luke's. (JC000137)
- 6/29/92 Vlazny letter to Cashman addressing Cashman's request to serve as Chaplain at the VA hospital in Tomah. Cashman states that he sees no way Cashman can serve as a public minister of the church in the Diocese of Winona and could not support a request for another bishop to minister in his jurisdiction. (JC000147)
- 8/25/92 – Treatment at St. Luke's ends (JC000194)

- 9/1/92 Fr. McGrath letter to Vlazny suggesting that Vlazny ask Cashman to petition for laicization. (JC000281)
- Vlazny letter to Cashman reminding him that he is not to serve in any way as a public minister and repeating his request that Cashman petition for laicization. (JC000194)
- Vlazny memo to Cashman's file. Met with Cashman and his therapist at St. Luke's. Cashman stated, at the advice of his lawyer, that there are no other victims at this time. This indicated a change in his previous statement to Vlazny. There is no diocesan commitment to monitor Cashman. (JC000157-58)
- 9/30/92 Cashman letter to Vlazny refusing to seek voluntary laicization. Cashman is moving to Texas to work in real estate. (JC000163)
- 10/26/92 Vlazny letter to Cashman indicating that the Retirement Board approved full disability for Cashman. (JC000164)
- 11/10/92 Unsigned Decree indicating that Cashman diagnosed as ephebophile. (JC000284)
- 1/31/95 Fr. McGrath memo to Vlazny enclosing a decree and indicating that he should let Cashman know how they will proceed given that Cashman will not voluntarily laicize. (JC000283) Decree. (JC000284)
- 9/18/95 Memo from Rev. Dr. Thomson to Vlazny enclosing information from St. Luke's. (No report produced.) (JC 000184)
- 10/1/96 Vlazny letter to Cashman thanking him for his ongoing participation in St. Luke's aftercare program. (JC 000188)
- 11/4/96 Cashman selling real estate in Dallas, receiving Disability payments from Winona. (JC 000190)
- 1/2/97 Fr. McGrath memo to Vlazny enclosing Decree for Cashman since he will not voluntarily laicize. (JC000285) Decree. (JC000286)
- 5/12/97 Rev. Dr. Richard Thomson memo to Vlazny. St. Luke's recommended Cashman continue individual therapy. Unfortunately he has not done that. His condition will always be there and it will always put him in a vulnerable spot. Cashman has made progress but there is always potential for a slip. (JC000192)
- 4/25/02 Harrington memo to Heoppner, McGrath, and P.J. Thompson indicating he received a call from a survivor who called to inquire about Cashman. Told survivor that Cashman is no longer a priest or working with children. (JC000193)
- 6/27/02 Letter from Bishop Harrington to Cashman asking to meet Cashman. (JC000287)
- 9/11/02 Cashman still selling real estate in Texas and in contact with the Diocese. (JC000288)

- 10/25/02 Harrington letter to Cashman indicating that Cashman does not believe laicization will work for him. (JC000289)
- 8/22/13 Msgr. Heiting e-mail to Shirley Engbrecht indicating that laicization would have no effect on Cashman's retirement benefits.
- 2/26/14 Bill Daniel e-mail to be given to Bishop Quinn indicating that Cashman has entered into a civil union.
- 3/11/14 Sara Evers e-mail to Larry Dose indicating that the Diocese continues to pay for health and dental coverage for Cashman.
- 3/14/14 Bill Daniel e-mail to Fr. Frerichs enclosing draft of the Bishop's votum in the Cashman case indicating that the secrecy of the penal procedure or judicial process in the Diocese would be comprised due to aggressive tactics of civil attorneys in Minnesota. The procedure against Cashman is all the more urgent due to recent legislative amendments regarding the statute of limitations. Also, negligence is more difficult to overcome if the accused priest retains his status as a cleric in the Diocese.
- 3/29/14 Memorandum of the Diocesan Review Board indicates that the charges against Cashman fall within the purview of the Charter, he does appear to be culpable, and Bishop Quinn should ask the Holy Father to dismiss Cashman from the clerical state.