

Chester Przybylo

Called “Chester the Molester”, he is still working as a pastor

Chester Przybylo was a “textbook” child predator. Within five years of ordination, Przybylo had been shuttled between four different dioceses, all of which didn’t want the priest working in the parishes.

In Chicago, Przybylo worked at St. Turibius for a little less than a year before he was asked to leave because he was accused of sodomizing a 17-year-old. Przybylo did not deny the charge. At his next assignment, Przybylo was witnessed hitting children and had propositioned another priest at the parish. He was also caught in his room at the rectory with a child wearing only underwear and was accused of molesting other kids.

Sometime around 1991, Przybylo left the Catholic Archdiocese and began working as a pastor in other non-Catholic churches located in the Diocese of Joliet, passing himself off as a priest. Although the Archdiocese and Diocese of Joliet tried to get him to come back and “reconcile” with this own bishop, they have done nothing to warn the current churches where Przybylo works of the danger the admitted predator poses.

In an August 2008 deposition, Bishop Raymond Goedert denied having any knowledge of Przybylo abusing children.

Przybylo was last known to be working at the Shrine of Christ the King (unaffiliated with the Archdiocese). He is no longer listed on the website.

This file is being re-released.

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS - CHESTER PRZYBYLO

1976 - Ordained

1976 – St. Stanislaus, Syracuse Diocese

1977 – St. Mary’s, Allentown Diocese

6/80 Przybylo comes to Milwaukee [Document 2]

11/80 Przybylo told he could not return to Milwaukee by Vicar Janicki.
[Document 2]

2/81- Resident, St. Turibius

5/ 81 Przybylo is asked to leave the parish.

8/14/82 In a May 26, 1999 letter from Bishop of Joliet, Bishop Kaffer, regarding his conversation with Bishop Abramowicz of Chicago Abramowicz told Kaffer that he knew of one incident involving Przybylo from 8/14/1982 in which a 17 year old said he was sodomized by Przybylo. When Abramowicz confronted Przybylo he did not deny it [Document 5]

1983 – Five Holy Martyrs, Chicago Diocese

4/22/83 Reports from concerned parents at Five Holy Martyrs to Cardinal Bernadin asking for his intervention because Przybylo “struck seven children in the sacristy” because “Father Chestra said they were talking.” [Document 1]

7/13/84 Janicki writes that Przybylo has “innuendos about immortality, homosexuality, a priest who lived in the rectory claimed Chester tried to proposition him” [Document 2]

According to a 2006 Report, when Przybylo was at Five Holy Martyrs, there was an occasion where a priest walked by Przybylo’s room and saw a boy only in his underwear. [Document 8]

1987 – 1992 Przybylo sexually abused a 13-year-old boy at the rectory of Five Holy Martyrs, the Chicago Health Club and the River City Apartment Complex.

4/27/90 Memo of Vicar for Priests regarding phone call in which he learnt that Przybylo has been taking young boys up to his room and in the parish office. Vicar for priest advises that it is not fair to move Przybylo on gossip and innuendo. [Document 3]

5/4/90 Memo of Vicar for Priests stating that Przybylo was confronted and denies the allegations and is known by different priests as “Chester the molester.” [Document 4]

8/27/99 Letter from Bishop Imesch, Diocese of Joliet to Przybylo stating that he was misleading people by advertising the Shrine as celebrating a Roman Catholic Mass since he is not in union with the Church in Rome through the local bishop. [Document 9]

5/16/05 Letter from Vicar General in the Diocese of Joliet to Cardinal Stritch Retreat House stating that Przybylo should not be incardinated into the Diocese of Joliet and should instead be reconciled with his own bishop. [Document 6]

Pastor, Shrine of Christ the King – Not Affiliated with the Archdiocese