

Michael Weston

The Archdiocese began to receive reports that Weston was sexually abusing boys in the late 1970s, just a few years after Weston was ordained. Weston was allowed to remain in a parish because, as one priest said, unless there were “pictures [of the abuse], nothing would be done.”

When confronted in 1992, Weston admitted the abuse and resigned in 1993. It appears that no report was made to the police or DCFS. Weston was laicized in 2009. The Archdiocese Review Board determined that at least three allegations against Weston were credible.

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS - MICHAEL WESTON

5/9/73 - Ordained

5/9/73 – Associate Pastor, St. Linus, Oaklawn, IL

6/11/75 - Associate Pastor, Newman Center, University of Illinois and St. Teresa

9/1/77 – St. Julie Billert, Tinley Park and Chaplain and Moraine Valley Community

Late 1970’s Fr. Eddy Kaczorowski stated in 2003 that survivors of Weston came to him in the late 1970’s. Fr. Kaczorowski reported information to Father A.J. McDonough. Kaczorowski told review board on November 4, 2033 that his impression was that unless there were “pictures (evidence of fr. Weston sexually abusing)” then there would be no investigation into the matter and “nothing would be done.” Per Father Kaczorowski, Fr. Weston “laid on top of them”. (AOC 006126)

6/8/81 – Associate Pastor, Mater Christi

4/14/84 Vicar for Priests notes of conversation with Pastor Fr. Tom Knavery. “Mike is doing well with the Teens. Tom doesn’t think there is cause for alarm.” (AOC 006149)

6/10/86 – Associate Pastor, Sacred Heart

6/17/88 – Chaplain, Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo Valley College

1991 Survivor contacts Archdiocese with allegation by Weston. (AOC 006140)

1/1/92 – Resident, Resurrection and Consultant, Office of Religious Education.

8/8/92 Rev. John Grathwohl, Chaplain at Western Michigan writes Vicar for Priests that a survivor is writing a letter to him regarding Weston. “There were three or four students (male) with whom he spent a lot of time in his office...” (AOC 006146-006147)

10/11/92 Vicar for Priest, Fr. Patrick O'Malley writes Rev. John Grathwohl, heavily redacted. "Michael faced up to it immediately". (AOC 006144)

9/23/92 – Resident, St. Elizabeth Maywood

1993 - Resigned

3/15/03 Archdiocese Review Board determines there is reasonable cause that Weston abused a minor survivor. (AOC 006103)

3/17/04 Archdiocese Review Board determined there is reasonable cause that Weston abused a minor survivor at an undisclosed Rectory. (AOC 006104)

3/21/09 Archdiocese Review Board investigation of Weston abusing a 5 year old survivor.

10/30/09- Laicized (AOC 006167)