

REVEREND FRANCIS HOEFGEN, OSB TIMELINE

- August 29, 1950 Francis Frederick Hoefgen born.
- July 11, 1973 Fran Hoefgen professed monastic vows as a monk at Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville Minnesota.
- June 22, 1979 Fran Hoefgen OSB ordained a priest and assigned to Saint Boniface in Cold Spring, Minnesota under the pastorate of Father Brennan Maiers OSB.
- 1979-1983 Father Hoefgen sexually abused victim 1, victim 2 and victim 3.
- Spring 1983 Father Hoefgen met victim 1 while making pastoral visits to the Saint Cloud Hospital.
- June 1983 Father Hoefgen provided short term housing at Saint Boniface rectory in Cold Spring for victim 1 until Stearns County social services arranged foster home. Father Hoefgen repeatedly sexually molested victim 1.
- March 3, 1984 A Stearns County social worker called Cold Springs Police Department regarding sexual abuse of a minor by Father Hoefgen. (Chief Konz 2-9-93 sworn statement)
- March 17, 1984 The Stearns County Sheriff's Department took statement from victim 1 in the principal's office at Rocori High School.
- March 18, 1984 Police informed Father Mel Taylor OSB, pastor at Cold Spring that he was going to take a statement from Father Hoefgen.
- March 19, 1984 Police take statement from Father Hoefgen at law offices of Willenbring, Lickteig & Dahl so as not to "cause speculation." Father Hoefgen admitted to orally copulating a minor twice in June 1983.
- March 20 Police met with Stearns County DA Roger Van Heel and turned in a report, Chief Konz never heard back from Van Heel.

Page 34 of Chief Konz statement: "I talked to Mel Taylor (monk and pastor) first. And then he called the Abbot over there (St. John's) and informed him, and Dan Ward (priest and professor at SJU) is the attorney for St. John's, Ward called me back then. I told Ward they can send him over to St. Luke's, but before they do that, I wanted assurance that Hoefgen would be made available to answer any charges that may be

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forthcoming. So where Hoefgen went then I don't know, but the next day I received an airmail special delivery from St. Luke's, and they told me a little bit about their place out there and what was going to happen, and they assured me that he would be made available to answer any charges. Okay, then they let him go. That is where they sent him."

- March 22, 1984 Father Fran Hoefgen OSB admitted to Saint Luke Institute - March 23-30, 1984.
- March 23, 1984 Father Michael Peterson M.D. of Saint Luke Institute wrote Chief Konz. "My strong recommendation to Father Hoefgen and his religious superior, Father Jerome Theisen, of St. John's Abbey that he leave the State of Minnesota for the psychiatric evaluation immediately." "I would also appreciate it if you could inform me as to the status of formal charges against Father Hoefgen subsequent to the formal statement he made to you and the County Police Officer."
- 1985 Father Fran assigned to Saint John's Abbey.
- June 1985 US Bishops met at Saint John's Abbey, discussed child abuse in executive session. Bishops received the Doyle, Peterson and Mouton Report.
- July 1985 Father Hoefgen granted faculties by Archbishop of Saint Paul Minneapolis, Associate Pastor, Saint Boniface, and Hastings, MN.
- 1986 Memo from Stearns County DDA, Patrick Strom: "the allegations did not fit the statutes and the priest had completed treatment."
- 1987 Archbishop John Roach merged Saint Boniface and Guardian Angels parishes into the new Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton putting Benedictines from Saint John's in charge.
- 1989-1992 Father Hoefgen sexually abused victim 4 in Hastings.
- October 28, 1992 Father Hoefgen was quietly removed from Hastings just prior to filing of civil lawsuit. Father Jonathan Licari OSB removed Father Hoefgen from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.
- February 9, 1993 Sworn statement by former Cold Spring Police Chief Konz.
- Page 36 "Well, as it turns out, it was a closed case when I took the paperwork to the county attorney. I expected to appear on my investigation but that never happened, so it was a closed case."

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- 1992-2002 Father Hoefgen continued working at Villa Maria in Frontenac, assigned as Guest Master of Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse and Personnel Coordinator for Saint John's Abbey.
- April 5 2011 Father Hoefgen wrote letter of apology to victim 2.
- 2011 Saint John's posted list of 17 monks with credible allegations of sexual abuse, exploitation, or misconduct.