

Reverend John H. McMahon

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1914
YEAR OF DEATH:	1993
ORDINATION:	June 16, 1940

Employment/Assignment History

12/05/1940-1/14/1942	Parochial Vicar, Holy Family, Latrobe, PA
1/15/1942-6/17/1953	Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Mercy, Pittsburgh, PA
1/15/1942-6/17/1953	CCD Assistant, St. Mary Mercy, Pittsburgh, PA
6/18/1953-6/12/1957	Parochial Vicar, St. John the Baptist, Pittsburgh, PA
6/13/1957-2/19/1958	Parochial Vicar, St. Sylvester, Brentwood, PA
2/20/1958-1/19/1960	Parochial Vicar, St. Peter, Pittsburgh, PA
1/20/1960-6/07/1960	Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine, Pittsburgh, PA
6/08/1960-6/14/1970	Pastor, North American Martyr, Monroeville, PA
6/15/1970-6/30/1984	Pastor, Resurrection, Pittsburgh, PA
6/30/1984	Retired

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On June 7, 2004, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a telephone call from a therapist who was counseling an adult female patient. The call was to inquire about the process for bringing a sexual abuse allegation to the attention of the Diocese.

Seven days later, a meeting took place between the therapist, the adult female and Rita Flaherty, Father James Young and Father John Rushofsky. The female explained that between 1969 and 1976, she was molested by Father John H. McMahon and [REDACTED] while she was a student at Resurrection. She advised that her recollection of the events was not completely clear but she estimated that it occurred when she was seven to 15 years of age. She stated that the molestation took place on the second floor of the rectory where the two priests maintained private residences. Some of the abuse occurred during school hours, while other abuse took place during the summer. She stated that she could recall being with McMahon when he was naked. McMahon encouraged her to touch him in inappropriate areas of his body. On other occasions, other children were present and McMahon encouraged them to touch each other.

The female stated that she recalled seeing pictures of naked boys and girls scattered on McMahon's desk.

The female reported that the abuse by McMahon and [REDACTED] progressed over time from touching and fondling to sexual intercourse. She disclosed that on one particular occasion, she

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was in the school cloakroom with [REDACTED]. He exposed his penis to her. He then touched her inappropriately and ejaculated on her underwear.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Diocesan officials stated that they would investigate the allegations and address them with [REDACTED]. Officials advised that should [REDACTED] deny the allegations, a Diocesan Review Board would make a ruling on [REDACTED] suitability in the ministry.