

Reverend Joseph D. Flannery

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1928
YEAR OF DEATH:	2005
ORDINATION:	May 30, 1953

Employment/Assignment History

6/1953 – 6/1959	Asst. Pastor, St. John, Honesdale, PA
6/1959 – 4/1963	Asst. Pastor, St. John, Pittston, PA
4/1963 – 6/1963	Asst. Pastor, Holy Savior, Wilkes-Barre, PA
6/1963 – 9/1966	Asst. Pastor, Ascension, Williamsport, PA
9/1966 – 9/1967	Asst. Pastor, Sacred Heart, Jermyn, PA
9/1967 – 9/1970	Asst. Pastor, St. Jude, Mountain Top, PA
9/1970 – 9/1980	Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi, Mildred, PA
9/1980 – 9/1985	Pastor, St. Patrick, Nicholson, PA
9/1985 – 3/2000	Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Taylor, PA
3/2000	Pastor Emeritus, Immaculate Conception, Taylor, PA

Summary

In 1964, 1965 and 1966, the Diocese of Scranton received letters about Father Joseph D. Flannery's affairs with women, his dating a young girl and getting her pregnant, and, being seen on vacation in Atlantic City with this female. The letters were received from a member of the clergy, a parishioner and the mother of the young girl.

Nothing was found in the file reflecting an investigation or questioning of the priest.

The matter was not referred to the District Attorney's Office.

On May 6, 2016, the Diocese sent a certified letter to each of the District Attorney's Offices within the Diocese. The letter included a list that contained the names of all priests against whom complaints of sexual abuse of minors had been made. Flannery was included on that list.