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REV. JAMES HAGAN, ORDAINED 1974, ABOUT 47 YEARS OF AGE

PASTOR OF ST. DENIS FROM 1988 TO PRESENT.

ST. GERTRUDE (NORTH SIDE) FROM 86-88,

ST. RICHARDS FROM 81-86,

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA FROM 74-81,

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR AS DEACON BEFORE ORDINATION.

- . 5/9/88 named pastor of St. Denis.
- . 5/13/88 social worker reports that: - Fr. Hagan's sex instruction to jr. high people are far too explicit. Some parents were upset.
- Social worker reports that her daughter said Hagan sat young boys and girls on his lap during confession.
- . 5/14/88 Full inquiry followed. DCFS notified. States Attorney office informed. The girl said, in an interview with Fr. Goedert, that she had not been on his lap. She knew he sometimes had little children on his lap during the Children's Mass. That was all.

In face-to-face confessions with children, Hagan would reach out as they sat before him, hold their hands, and sometimes the back of his hands would be on their knees. This was his only contact.

- . 5/26/88 States Attorney meets with Hagan and finds no cause.
- . 5/31/88 States Attorney signs off on case.
- . 6/6/88 DCFS is said to have reported "unfounded".
- . 12/91 Cardinal's Commission reviews particulars of this case and agreed with the way the case was handled and felt there was no need for further action. Hagan was notified.

