Monsignor John Richard Feiten was born on April 23, 1924, in Winona, Minnesota. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Winona on June 6, 1948. Msgr. Feiten served at the following parishes throughout his tenure:

1948-1950 - Saint John, Rochester, MN
September 1950 - Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, MN
November 4, 1957 - June 16, 1967 - Precious Blood, LaMoille, MN
June 28, 1973 - Saint Peter, Hokah, MN
July 11, 1974 - Saint Pius X, Rochester, MN
August 18, 1982 - Saint Felix, Wabasha, MN
March 1, 1983 - Immaculate Conception, Kellogg, MN and Saint Joseph, Theilman, MN
October 1, 1988 - Immaculate Conception, Kellogg, MN and Saint Joseph, Theilman, MN.
December 1, 1988 - Saint Elizabeth Hospital, Wabasha, MN
June 29, 1990 - Sacred Heart, Hayfield, MN
June 29, 1994 - Saint Anne Hospice, Winona, MN

Msgr. Feiten died on July 9, 2001. In July of 2002 Diocese of Winona received a report that in approximately 1969 Msgr. Feiten had sexually abused a minor male. An additional report was received in April of 2006 that Msgr. Feiten had sexually abused a minor male. No reports of child sexual abuse were made to the Diocese of Winona while Msgr. Feiten was alive.