



Father James R. Porter

- 1952 James Porter graduates from Boston College High School
- 1956 Porter completes Mathematics degree from Boston College
- 4/2/1960 Porter is ordained a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, MA, graduates from Baltimore seminary and is assigned to St. Mary's Church in North Attleboro, MA
- 1963 Parents at St. Mary's make complaints about Porter and he's transferred to Sacred Heart Parish in Fall River, MA
- 1963 A parent from St. Mary's confronts Chancellor Medeiros regarding Porter's new parish assignment and is told the church will take care of the situation
- 8/1964 Porter receives in-patient treatment at Wiswall Hospital under the care of Dr. Norris Flanagan; he continues out-patient care with Flanagan
- 9/1965 Complaints arise at Sacred Heart Parish; Porter transferred to St. James Parish in New Bedford, MA
- 1965-1967 Porter is sent to St. Luke's Institute in Silver Springs, MD
- 1967 Porter is allowed to help out at St. Patrick's in Stoneham, MA where reports of sexual abuse are made to Msgr. Sexton who directs Porter to speak with Fr. Paul Shanley
- 4/29/1967 Bishop James Connolly suspends Fr. Porter and sends Porter to the Servants of the Paraclete facility in Jemez Springs, New Mexico

8/23/1967 Porter is admitted to the Servants of the Paraclete-Via Coeli and begins six month program with Dr. John McCarthy in Albuquerque

Spring 1968 Dr. McCarthy recommends Porter for assignment

Fall 1968 Porter assigned to St. Christopher's in North Las Vegas, NV

12/1968 Porter returns to the Servants of the Paraclete-Via Coeli where Fr. John Feit is now the superior

1/1969 Porter is temporarily assigned to Immaculate Conception in Houston, Texas

2/1969 A "relapse" is reported in Houston and is reported to the Servants of the Paraclete

2/21/1969 Second admission to the Servants of the Paraclete in New Mexico

Spring 1969 McCarthy continues working with Porter and Porter is allowed to perform weekend assignments at Alamogordo, Mountainair, Questa and Truth of Consequences and has a relapse in Truth or Consequences

4/1969 Porter is sent to another Paraclete facility, Our Lady of the Snows, in Nevis, Minnesota

Summer 1969 Porter allowed to work weekend assignments in Northwestern MN

8/1969 Bishop Glenn of the Crookston Diocese assigns Porter as assistant priest at St. Philip's in Bemidji with Father Lemen

1969-1970 Porter sexually abuses Doe 4 as a 3-4th grade student at St. Philips

9/1970 Report of sexual abuse by Porter made to Fr. Lemen

10/1970 Porter sent to St. Louis, Missouri to another Servants of the Paraclete facility

1970 Bishop Connolly suspends Porter and recommends laicization; Porter moves to Hastings, MN

1974 Porter laicized

1976 Porter marries

1982-1991 Porter tutors math at the Transfiguration Catholic School in Maplewood, MN

1990 Survivor Frank Fitzpatrick confronts Porter about sexually abusing him

5/8/1992 Boston TV station reports Porter's history of sexual abuse and in a taped interview Porter admits to abusing 50-100 children

5/14/1992 Seven sexual abuse survivors of Porter file suit in Minnesota

5/22/1992 Authorities in Boston and Oakdale, MN interview Porter but no criminal charges are filed

12/3/1992 68 Porter survivors involved in Fall River Diocese lawsuit

1992 Porter is convicted of sexually molesting a babysitter, serves four months before his conviction is overturned by the Supreme Court

10/4/1993 Porter pleads guilty to sexually assaulting 28 children in parishes in southeastern Massachusetts in the 1960s

12/6/1993 Porter is sentenced to 18-20 years in maximum security prison

2/2005 Porter dies in prison