

Jerome C. Kern

- 1966 Ordained: December 17, 1966.
- 1966-1969 Assigned to St. Mark's in St. Paul, MN.
- 1969 Kern sexually abused an 11 year old boy, **Victim 1**.
- 1969 Kern sexually abused two boys, **Victims 2 and 3**, on a swimming outing at Lake Nokomis.
- 1969 Parents of the two boys reported Fr. Kern's inappropriate sexual conduct with their minor sons to the Archbishop. Kern met with the family and explained that what he was doing was "Italian wrestling" – something he saw in Italy where men wrestled and grabbed one another's genitals. (**1st and 2nd Reports**)
- Archdiocese officials decide to move Kern to another parish.
- 1969- 1976 Assigned to Our Lady of Grace in Edina, MN.
- 1971 Kern sexually abused **Victim 4**.
- 1971 Kern sexually abused **Victim 5**.
- 1971-1976 Kern sexually abused **Victim 6**.
- 1972-1976 Kern sexually abused John Doe 26 (**Victim 7**) when he was 12-16 years old.
- 1973 Kern sexually abused **Victim 8** when he was 11 years old.
- 1976 – 1994 Assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary in Minnetonka, MN.
- 1977 Kern sexually abused Al Michaud (**Victim 9**) when he was 15 years old.
- 1977-1978 Kern sexually abused **Victim 10** when he was 11 or 12 years old.
- 1980's John Doe 26 wrote a letter to Archbishop Roach reporting that he was sexually abused by Kern as a child. Archbishop Roach did not respond. (**3rd Report**)
- 1987 **Victims 2 and 3** and their mothers met with Archdiocesan officials – Father Michael O'Connell and Bishop Robert Carlson. Both Victims reported that Kern had touched their genitals when they were children. Fr. O'Connell and Bishop Carlson believed that Kern committed these acts.

1987 Fr. O'Connell met with Fr. Rinaldo Custodio. Fr. Custodio was co-pastor with Kern at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Fr. Custodio reported that Kern had a habit of pulling 6-11 year old boys onto his lap and tickling them.

1988 Kern wrote an apology letter to **Victims 2 and 3** and their mothers.

1992 Kern told Fr. Kevin McDonough that **Victim 4** had accused Kern of sexually abusing him as a child. (**4th Report**)

1992 or 1993 Al Michaud met with Fr. Kevin McDonough and reported that Kern sexually abused him as a child. (**5th Report**)

1992 or 93 Al Michaud filed a lawsuit against Kern and the Archdiocese.

1994 Kern's deposition taken. Kern admitted that while swimming he put his hand on **Victim 2's** chest, stomach, lower stomach and inside his swimsuit. Kern also admitted that he touched Al Michaud's genitals on the outside of Al's swimsuit and that he touched his chest and stomach in the sauna.

1994-1995 The Archdiocese settled Al Michaud's lawsuit and promised Al that Kern would not be in another parish or around children.

1995 No assignment listed for Kern.

1996-2002 Assigned to St. Peter's Forest Lake, MN (St. Peter's ran a grade school as well).