

## Assignment Record– Rev. Michael Brennan, T.O.R.

**Summary of Case:** Michael Brennan was a Third Order of Regular Franciscan priest, ordained in 1950. He was assigned to parishes in the Baker OR diocese, the T.O.R.'s monastery in the Altoona PA diocese, and at a parish as well as a boarding school for elementary school children in the St. Cloud MN diocese. Brennan's name was included on the St. Cloud diocese's list released January 3, 2014 of 33 clergy members “who were likely involved in the sexual abuse of minors.” His whereabouts after 1968 are unknown.

**Ordained:** 1950

Start	Stop	Assignment	Accusa- tions/Town		Position	Notes
1951  Baker bishop was Francis Peter Leipzig 1950- 1971	1952	<b>Our Lady of the Valley</b>	La Grande	OR	<a href="#">2/2</a>	
1951	1952	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Union	OR		This was a mission of Our Lady of the Valley in La Grande.

1951	1952		<b>Pamela, Perry, Cove Elgin</b>	OR		These were stations of Our Lady of the Valley in La Grande.
1952	1953	<b>St. Alphonsus</b>	<b>Dufur</b>	OR	2/2	
1952	1953	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>Maupin</b>	OR		This was a mission of St. Alphonsus in Dufur.
1952	1953	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Grass Valley</b>	OR		This was a mission of St. Alphonsus in Dufur.
1952	1953	<b>St. Michael's</b>	<b>Wasco</b>	OR		This was a mission of St. Alphonsus in Dufur.
1952	1953		<b>Antelope</b>	OR		This was a station of St. Alphonsus in Dufur.

1953 Altoona bishop was Richard Thomas Guilfoyle (1936-1957), followed by Howard Joseph Carroll (1957-1960).	1958	<b>St. Bernardine Monastery</b>	<b>Hollidaysburg</b>	PA		This was the Novitiate of the Immaculate Conception Province of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis.
1958 St. Cloud bishop was Peter William Bartholome (1953-1968.)	1962	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Belle Prairie</b>	MN	1/1, 1/2 Administrator	

1958	1968	<b>Our Lady of the Angels Academy</b>	<b>Belle Prairie</b>	MN		This was a private elementary school with 80-49 boys and 85-41 girls.  Brennan is not indexed beyond the 1968 <i>Directory</i> .
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**Sources:** *Official Catholic Directory* (New York: P.J. Kenedy and Sons, 1952-1968)

- [Press Release from Donald J. Kettler Bishop of Saint Cloud](#), Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Cloud via WJON, January 3, 2014
- [The Diocese of St Cloud Release Their List of 33 Priests Accused of Sexually Abusing Minors](#), By Mike Bryant, Legal Examiner, January 3, 2014
- [St. Cloud Diocese Releases List of Clergy Accused of Abuse](#), By Frank Lee, St. Cloud Times, January 4, 2014

**Priests in a Parish:** We use the following convention to show a priest's place among the clergy of a parish: 1/2 means that he is the first priest listed in the *Official Catholic Directory* (usually the pastor) and that there is a total of two priests at the parish. The shorthand 3/4 means that the priest is listed third on a four-priest roster. See our [sample page from the Directory](#).

**Note:** The *Official Catholic Directory* aims to report the whereabouts of Catholic priests in the United States on January 1 of the *Directory's* publication year. Our working assumption is that a priest listed in the *Directory* for a given year was at the same assignment for part of the previous year as well. However, Kenedy and Sons will sometimes accept updates well into the year of publication. Diocesan clergy records are rarely available to correct this information. The *Directory* is also sometimes misleading or wrong. We have tried to create an accurate assignment record, given the source materials and their limitations. Assignment records are a work in progress and we are always improving the records that we post. Please [email us](#) with new information and corrections.

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