

Assignment History– Rev. John Paul McManus, S.S.

Summary of Case: John P. McManus was ordained for the Diocese of Cleveland in Baltimore. In 1942 he joined the Society of St. Sulpice. He worked in the Archdioceses of Baltimore MD, Washington DC, San Francisco CA, Detroit MI, and Seattle WA. Most of his career was spent as a faculty member for seminaries, including almost 20 years at St. Edward's minor seminary in Kenmore WA. He died in 1986. McManus's name was included on the Archdiocese of Seattle's list January 15, 2016 of clergy and religious with admitted, established or credible allegations against them of sexual abuse of a minor.

Ordained: 1940

Died: June 21, 1986

Start	Stop	Assignments	Town/ Accusations	State	Position	Notes
1940 Archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington D.C. Archbishop was Michael Joseph Curley (1921-1947).	1943	St. Mary Seminary	Baltimore	MD	Philosophy Dept.	
1943 Archdiocese of San Francisco Archbishop was John Joseph Mitty (1935-1961).	1945	St. Joseph College	Mountain View	CA		This was a preparatory seminary of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, conducted by the Fathers of the

						Company of St. Sulpice (Sulpicians).
1945 Diocese/ Archdiocese of Seattle (Archdiocese as of June 23, 1951) Bishop was Gerald Shaughnessy, S.M. (1933-1950), followed by Archbishop Thomas Arthur Connolly (1950-1975).	1954	St. Edward Seminary	Kenmore	W A	In residence.	This was a major and preparatory seminary for the Provinces of Seattle and Portland in OR. -Sulpician Fathers, Society of St. Sulpice, with 158-243 students.
1954 Archdiocese of Detroit Archbishop was Edward Aloysius Mooney (1937-1958).	1958	St. John Provincial Seminary	Plymouth	MI		This was the theological seminary for the five dioceses of the Province of Detroit, Priests of the Society of St. Sulpice.
1958 Archdiocese of Seattle Archbishop was Thomas Arthur Connolly	1968	St. Edward Seminary	Kenmore	W A		This was a minor seminary for the Provinces of Seattle and Portland in OR. -Sulpician

						Fathers, Society of St. Sulpice, with 237-171 students.
1968 Archdiocese of Baltimore Archbishop was Lawrence Joseph Sheehan (1961-1974).	1973	Sulpician Fathers' Residence	Baltimore	M D		
1973 Archdiocese of Washington DC Archbishop was William Wakefield Baum (1973-1980).	1978	Catholic University	Washington	DC	Coordinator of Spiritual Program; Director of Basselin Students 1974-78	
1978	1979	The Schools of the University	Washington	DC		
1979 Archdiocese of Seattle Archbishop was Thomas Joseph Murphy (1991-1997).	1983	St. John Mary Vianney	Kenmore	W A	3/3	Residence was St. Thomas Seminary in Kenmore 1979-80; St. Thomas Center in Bothell 1980-83.

1983	1986	St. Thomas Center	Bothell	W A	In residence.	This was a retreat house. McManus died June 21, 1986.
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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](#).

Source: *Official Catholic Directory* (Kenedy & Sons, 1941-1987).

- [List of Clergy and Religious Brothers and Sisters for Whom Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor have been Admitted, Established or Determined to be Credible](#), Archdiocese of Seattle, January 15, 201
- [Here Are All the Seattle Catholic Priests Who Have Been Accused of Sexually Assaulting Children](#), By Sydney Brownstone, The Stranger, January 15, 2016

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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