

Rev. Stephen J. Muth - Assignment Record

Summary of Case: A Byzantine Catholic priest, Muth was ordained in Toronto, Ontario in 1982. He later worked in several U.S. Roman Catholic dioceses as well as U.S. Byzantine Rite Eparchies. He was accused in 2006 of sexually abusing a 12-year-old boy in Wichita, KS in 1992. The same accuser said Muth abused him again as an adult in 2004, and that he decided to come forward when he found Muth in bed with a young boy. Muth was placed on leave in October 2018 due to a recent credible accusation of sexual misconduct with a vulnerable adult.

Ordained: 1982

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| 1982 Eparch of Toronto bishop was Isadore Borecky (1948-1 998) | | | Toronto | Ontario, Canada | | |
| 1983 | 1985 | St. Mary's | Sault Ste. Marie | Ontario, Canada | Pastor | This assignm ent is per St. Mary's website. |
| | | St. Peter's High School | Peterbo rough | Ontario, Canada | | |

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| 1991 Wichita bishop was Eugene John Gerber (1982-2001) | 1992 | Kansas Newman College | Wichita | KS | Chaplain | |
| 1991 | 1992 | Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita | Wichita | KS | Chaplain | |

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| 1992 | 1993 | Blessed Sacrament | Wichita <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muth was accused in a 2006 lawsuit of the sexual abuse of a <u>12-year-old boy</u> in 1992. The accuser said he was in an altar boy training program at the time, and that the abuse occurred in a swimming pool. | KS | <u>2/2</u> | Blessed Sacrament had a school with 445 students, and a religious education program with 115 students. |
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| 1993 St. Nicholas in Chicago Eparchy for Ukrainians bishop was Michael Wiwchar (1993-2003) | 1994 | Immaculate Conception | San Francisco | CA | 1/1 | This was a Ukrainian Catholic Church. |
| 1993 | 1994 | St. Andrew the Apostle | Sacramento | CA | | This was a mission of Immaculate Conception in San Francisco. |
| July 1, 1993 | April 2, 1994 | St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Center | Santa Clara | CA | | This assignment is per the St. Volodymyr parish website. |

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| 1994 | 2000 | | | | | Muth is not indexed in the 1995 through 2000 <i>Directories</i> . |
| 2000 Eparchy of Parma bishop was Basil Myron Schott, O.F.M. (1996-2002), followed by John Michael Kudrick (2002-) | 2002 | St. Nicholas | Barberton | OH | 1/1 Administ rator | |
| 2002 | 2010 | St. Luke's Byzantine | Sugar Creek • The man who accused Muth of sexually abusing him in 1992 as a boy also said he was abused as an adult by Muth in | MO | 1/1, 1/2 | The lawsuit was dismissed in 2009. |

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| 2002 Kansas City-St. Joseph bishop was Raymon d James Boland (1993-2 005), succeed ed by Robert William Finn (2005-) | 2010 | St. Cyril's | Sugar Creek | MO | Administ rator | This assignm ent is <u>per</u> <u>news</u> rep orts. |
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| Feb. 5, 2010 | Feb. 19, 2010 | St. Basil the Great | Irving | TX | Temporary Administrator | This assignment is <u>per the Eparchy of Parma</u> . Muth began here Feb. 5, 2010, only to be relieved of this appointment Feb. 19, 2010 "for reasons of health". |
| 2010 | 2011 | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Whiting | IN | 1/1 | Assumption of the BVM had a religious education program with 11 students. |

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| | 2018 | | | | | Placed on leave in Oct. 2018 due to a "recent credible accusation of sexual misconduct involving a vulnerable adult (considered a minor under canon law.)" |
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Sources: *Official Catholic Directory* (New York: P.J. Kenedy and Sons, 1983-2011)

- St. Peter’s High School Yearbook, 1988-1989
- [Priest Sued for Alleged Sexual Assault of Kansas City Man](#), By Matt Sedensky, The Associated Press, carried in Belleville News-Democrat, April 4, 2006,
- [Priest Molested Boy, Suit Claims](#), By Joe Lambe, Kansas City Star [Kansas City MO], April 5, 2006
- [Man Accuses Kansas Priest of Sexual Abuse](#), KAKE News [Kansas], April 6, 2006
- [John Doe GS v. Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph et al](#), Cause No. 07-0011-CV-W-GAF, US Dist. Court, Western Dist. of Missouri 4.27.09
- [Official Appointments February 2010](#), Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy
- [St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Center website](#), parish history
- [St. Mary's Ukranian Church website](#), parish history
- [Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma](#), October 22, 2018

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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