

Rev. Lawrence Kuntz, c.r.

Summary of Case: From Ontario, Canada. Per his obituary, after ordination Kuntz taught at St. Jerome's College in Ontario and St. Stanislaus College in Chicago. He was next assigned in Louisville KY, then returned to parishes and later St. Jerome's infirmary in Waterloo, Ontario. He died in 1952. Per news in 6/2004, a man said that he was molested at age 7 in 1928 by a "Father Lawrence" at St. Cecilia's in Louisville. The Archdiocese confirmed that a Fr. Lawrence Kuntz worked at the parish 1928-1935. This plaintiff did not file suit against the Archdiocese but is one of three plaintiffs in a class action suit filed against the Vatican. The suit does not include allegations against specific priests. The case against the Vatican was dropped in 8/2010.

Ordained: 1914

Died: 1952



| Start | Start | Assignment | Town/Accusations | State | Position | Notes |
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| 1914 | | St. Jerome College | Waterloo | Ontario | Instructor | |
| | | | | | | Hamilton bishop was Thomas Joseph Dowling (1889-1924), followed by John Thomas McNally (1924-1937) |
| | | St. Stanislaus College | Chicago | IL | Instructor | |
| | | | | | | Chicago archbishop was George William Mundelein (1915-1939) |
| 1928 | 1935 | St. Cecilia's | Louisville | KY | 4/4 , 3/4, 2/4 | St. Cecilia's had a school with 650-798 students. Kuntz is indexed as at St. Cecilia's in the 1936 <i>Directory</i> , but is not listed there in the Louisville diocesan pages. The 1935 <i>Directory</i> is the last in which his name is indexed. The lawsuit against the Vatican was dropped in August 2010. (Courier-Journal, August 13, 2010) |
| | | | | | | Louisville bishop was John Alexander Floersh (1924-1967) • Kuntz was named in a 2004 lawsuit against the Vatican by an 83-year-old man who stated that he was molested as a little boy in 1928 by Kuntz at St. Cecilia's school library. He said he told his mother, who confronted Kuntz' supervisor. (Courier-Journal June 5, 2004) The Courier-Journal August 2, 2007 |

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| Hamilton bishop was John Thomas McNally (1924-1937), succeeded by Joseph Francis Ryan (1937-1973) | | St. Louis Parish | Waterloo | Ontario | |
| | | St. Agatha | Waterloo | Ontario | |
| | 1952 | St. Jerome College Infirmary | Waterloo | Ontario | Kuntz died July 14, 1952. (Waterloo Region Record July 14, 1952.) |

Source: Official Catholic Directory (New York: P.J. Kenedy and Sons, 1929-1936)

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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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