

## Assignment Record– Rev. James F. Talbot, s.j.

**Summary of Case:** James F. Talbot was ordained a priest of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1968. Prior to ordination he worked for five years in Jamaica. He went on to work in Boston, primarily at Boston College High School, as a teacher and wrestling coach. In 1980 he was assigned to Cheverus High School in Portland, ME. Talbot is accused of sexually assaulting at least fourteen teen-age boys. When a former Cheverus High student accused him of sexual abuse in 1998, Talbot was removed from ministry and sent to St. Luke's Institute in MD for treatment. In 2005 he pleaded guilty to the rape and assault of two boys, both former students at Boston College High School in the 1970s. He was sentenced to five to seven years in prison. Registered sex offender. Released from prison 3/18/2011 and sent to live at Vianney Center in Dittmer, MO. Laicized in 2013. Indicted in 11/2017, accused of the sexual assault of an 8- or 9-year-old boy in Freeport ME between 5/1/1997 and 6/14/1998. Pled not guilty 12/1/2017. Pled guilty 9/24/2018. Sentence to 10 years in prison for gross sexual assault, with all but three years suspended, and a three years concurrent sentence for unlawful sexual contact. Reportedly admitted at a Massachusetts Parole Board hearing to abusing 89 boys. Included on the Jesuits Northeast Province list of credibly accused 1/15/2019. New suit filed in 4/2021. Talbot died 2/28/2025 at a hospice center in St. Louis

**Ordained:** 1968

**Died:** February 28, 2025



Start		Assignment	Town/Accusations	State	Position	Notes
1962	1968		W.I. Winchester Park	Kingston, Jamaica		Although ordained in 1968, Talbot is listed at this assignment in the <i>Directories</i> . He joined the Jesuits in 1955.
1968	1971	Immaculate Conception (Collegiate Church)	Boston	MA	<a href="#">27/31</a> , 32/36, 33/36	
Boston archbishop was Richard James Cushing (1944-1970), followed						

by Humberto Sousa Medeiros (1970- 1983).						
1968	1971	<b>Boston City Hospital</b>	<b>Boston</b>	MA		chaplain
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1971	1980	<b>Boston College High School</b>	<b>Boston (Dorchester)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accused in 2002 of having <a href="#">sexually abused "many"</a> B.C. High students during the 1970s. The accusers said Talbot would get them to wrestle him in the locker room on Saturdays, and that he would pin them down and sexually assault them. (Boston Globe January 14, 2003)</li> <li>• Accused of having <a href="#">sexually assaulted</a> two teen-age boys at his home in Boston's South End. (The Associated Press, carried in Providence Journal [Boston MA] Downloaded May 13, 2004)</li> </ul>	MA	teacher, coach	B.C. High had 1,109-1,259 students, all male.
1980	1998	<b>Cheverus High School</b>	<b>Portland</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accused in 1998 of having <a href="#">sexually abused</a> a Cheverus student. (The Associated Press, carried in Providence Journal [Boston MA] Downloaded May 13, 2004)</li> </ul>	ME		Cheverus had 420-265 students, all male.
Portland bishop was Edward Cornelius O'Leary (1974- 1988), succeeded by Joseph						

John Gerry, O.S.B. (1988- 2004).						
1998	2000	<b>St. Luke Institute</b>	<b>Silver Springs</b>	MD	patient	This was a treatment center for troubled priests. Talbot was <a href="#">removed</a> from his position at Cheverus High School in 1998 and sent to St. Luke's, where he remained for 26 months. (Boston Globe April 16, 2003)
2000  Boston archbishop was Bernard Francis Law (1984- 2002), replaced by Sean Patrick O'Malley. O.F.M. (2002-).	2005	<b>Campion Jesuit Community</b>	<b>Weston</b>	MA		Talbot was <a href="#">indicted in 2002</a> , and living at the Campion Center while out on bail. (Associated Press, carried in Telegram & Gazette [Boston MA] January 10, 2005) He pleaded guilty in 2005 to raping and sexually assaulting two B.C. High students and was <a href="#">sentenced to five to seven years</a> in prison. (Boston

						Globe October 1, 2005)
2005		<b>Massachusetts Treatment Center for the Sexually Dangerous</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	MA	inmate	Although the <i>Directories</i> continue to list Talbot as at the Campion Center, he was last known to be a resident of this <a href="#">treatment center</a> within Bridgewater State Prison. (The Patriot Ledger October 20, 2008)
2015		<b>Vianney Renewal Center</b>	<b>Dittmer</b>	MO	resident	The Missouri State <a href="#">Sex Offender Registry</a> in November 2015 shows Talbot's address to be that of Vianney Renewal Center.

**Source:** Official Catholic Directory (New York: P.J. Kenedy and Sons, 1963-2009 )

**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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